INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE

PARALYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004

1. Allocation of slots by category:

Regional slots :   30 % of 240 =   72 → adjusted to   **72** slots
Ranking slots :   60 % of 240 = 144 → adjusted to **144** slots
ITTC – WC slots :   10 % of 240 =   24 → adjusted to   **24** slots

1.1 Regional slots

Priority :   **GOLD** in all classes in each Region for Men and Women
SILVER in M3 – M4 – M5 – M8 (Europe)

- maximum slots allowed :   **72** slots
- 44 men slots as maximum
- 28 women slots as maximum

1.2 Ranking slots

144 slots to be shared for the remaining 60% allocation in each event for Men and Women.

- 113 men slots as maximum
- 31 women slots as maximum

1.3 ITTC – WC slots

24 slots include Wild Cards and Team Target Players to be determined by the ITTC Selection Committee. These athletes have to have as a minimum an International Classification Card and current valid ranking points on the ITTC ranking list as of December 1st, 2003.

- 17 men slots as maximum
- 7 women slots as maximum

- 4 of the total of slots shall be proposed to the Host Country (GREECE) but only 1 slot can be used for a the same category/class as maximum !

1.4 Comments

In case an athlete/NPC does not accept a selection of a Regional Winner or medallist (injury, or rejected by NPC), the next highest finisher in that event takes the Regional slot.
Example : If the Regional winner in the Pan-Am Championships – men class 6 did not accept the selection, he would be replaced by the Silver medallist in the Pan-Am Championships-men class 6.
If the Bronze medal winner is also rejected, the Regional slot shall go over to the Ranking slots and the respective Alternate player shall be moved up in order of ranking.

If medal winners are missed because no Regional Championships was organized, or an event did not have enough minimum entries, all those Regional slots are converted into Ranking slots and the respective Alternates are moved up in order of ranking.

If in the Ranking category, players are rejected by their NPC, the Alternates go up in order of ranking.
An NPC does NOT have the right to replace a selected ranked athlete !

1.5 Selection conditions

To can be selected, an athlete has to have :
- an International Classification Card
  (new system in effect on December 1st, 2002 for standing players),
- current ranking points as of December 1st, 2003
- his/her Country has to be in good standing with the IPC

2. Deadlines

March 2003   by ITTC Selection Committee

Publishing of the Selection Information on the ITTC web site

June, 2004   by IPC TT SAEC

Nomination of 2004 Paralympic Games Selection Protest Board.

December 1st , 2003   by ITTC Selection Committee

Date of the Ranking to be used for Selections in the Ranking category.

- Regional and Ranking **pre-selections.**

-   Acceptance form of Regional and Ranking Selections
-   Team application form – requested by NPC's
-   ITTC-WC application form – requested by NPC's

December 15th , 2003   by ITTC Selection Committee

Publishing of single pre-selections and all needed documents on the
ITTC web site.

January 30th, 2004   by NPCs

Deadline for NPCs to submit to the IPC TT SAEC the acceptance or rejection forms,
the propositions of team compositions and the applications forms for WC/TTP.

February 20th, 2004   ITTC Selection Committee Final Approval Meeting

Selection Officer
Athletes Representative
Representative of Advisers Selection Committee
Main TD of 2004 Paralympic Games

By vote: Regional and Ranking : **selections**
                    ITTC – WC :   **pre-selections**

March 19th, 2004   by ITTC Selection Committee

Publishing of :   - selections for Single and Team events
                           - pre-selections ITTC-WC – acceptance or rejection form
                           - protest application form ITTC - WC

April 2nd, 2004   by NPC's

Return to IPC TT SAEC :   - acceptance of all allocated qualification slots
                             (regional – ranking – ITTC WC – team)
                           - protest application form for ITTC-WC

April 15th, 2004   2004 Paralympic Games Selection Protest Board Meeting

Selection Officer
One Elected Member of the IPC appointed by the IPC
Two Elected Members not on Selection Committee and appointed by SAEC

By vote: **Final selections ITTC-WC**

April 23rd, 2004   By ITTC Selection Committee

The Selection Committee confirm to the NPCs in writing the list of athletes by name, gender and class who attain **final qualification slots** in Singles and Teams events.

May 21st, 2004   by NPCs

Deadline for Athens 2004 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms

June 14th, 2004   by NPCs

Deadline for Athens 2004 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms

3. To all Regional Championship Organizers in 2003

All Regional Championships must use the same event format as the Paralympic Games.

If for any reason, a Regional Championship ~~will~~ uses another format of events and will combine other classes, the Main TD of that Regional Championship must send a report to the Selection Officer.

Final decisions about splits or mergers of classes are taken by the ITTC Selection Officer.

That decision can **not be protested!**

4. **Organized events**

a) **Single events**

Men - Singles		Women - Singles	
Classes	**Nber of players**	**Classes**	**Nber of players**
Class 1	12		
Class 2	16	Class 1 - 2	7
Class 3	24	Class 3	11
Class 4	20	Class 4	11
Class 5	22	Class 5	11
Class 6	16		
Class 7	12		
Class 8	20	Class 6 - 8	10
Class 9	18	Class 9	8
Class 10	14	Class 10	8
	174		**66**

b) **Team events**

Men - Teams		Women - Teams	
Classes	**Nber of teams**	**Classes**	**Nber of teams**
Class 1 - 2	Min 6 – Max 12		
Class 3	Min 6 – Max 12	Class 1 - 3	Min 4 – Max 8
Class 4	Min 6 – Max 12		
Class 5	Min 6 – Max 12	Class 4 - 5	Min 4 – Max 8
Class 6 - 7	Min 6 – Max 12		
Class 8	Min 6 – Max 12		
Class 9	Min 6 – Max 12		
Class 10	Min 6 – Max 12	Class 6 - 10	Min 4 – Max 8

March 7th , 2003
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