

# INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

## DIRECTIVES FOR HOSTING ITTF PARA TABLE TENNIS EVENTS

### 1. PARALYMPIC GAMES (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)

#### 1.1 Technical Delegates:

- 1.1.1 A Technical Delegate (TD) and deputy TD will be appointed by the Olympic and Paralympic Commission (OPC).
- 1.1.2 The TD will undertake site inspections as agreed with the Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and in conjunction with the TDs appointed for the Olympic Games.

#### 1.2 Appointment of other officials:

- 1.2.1 All officials will be appointed according to the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions and ITTF Sanctioned Events.
- 1.2.2 A Classification Panel, if necessary, will be appointed by the OPC on the recommendation of the Para Table Tennis (PTT) Division.

#### 1.3 Qualification:

- 1.3.1 A qualification guide will be submitted to the IPC Governing Board for approval on the recommendation of the OPC and PTT Division.

#### 1.4 Limit of entries:

- 1.4.1 Only 3 players per class per Association may be entered.
- 1.4.2 Only 1 team per event per Association may be entered.

#### 1.5 Jury:

- 1.5.1 The ITTF representative and two (2) persons with relevant expertise in technical matters will be the jury.

#### 1.6 Medals:

- 1.6.1 Gold, silver and bronze medal will be awarded.
- 1.6.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event
- 1.6.3 No medals will be awarded to coaches or managers.

### 2. WORLD PTT CHAMPIONSHIPS (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)

#### 2.1 Application:

- 2.1.1 The application for the World PTT Championships should be submitted to the ITTF Headquarters a minimum of 2 years before the World PTT Championships.
- 2.1.2 The application must be endorsed by the National Association.

#### 2.2 Sanction and capitation fees.

- 2.2.1 A sanction fee of €1,500.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted for both World Championships.
- 2.2.2 Capitation fees of €40.00 per participants must be paid on receipt of invoice for Individual and Team Para World championships.

#### 2.3 Site inspections:

- 2.3.1 After the World PTT Championships have been awarded, two site inspections by a person/s nominated by the PTT Division shall take place.
- 2.3.2 The first inspection should take place at least 24 months before the competition.
- 2.3.3 The second inspection should take place at least 12 months before the competition.
- 2.3.4 For both inspections, a report shall be submitted within 2 weeks.
- 2.3.5 The Organizer's shall pay for the travel expenses, provide hospitality and a daily allowance of USD 30.00 per person during the period of the inspection.

#### 2.4 Limit of entries:

- 2.4.1 Only 3 players per class may be entered in individual Para Word Championships.
- 2.4.2 The PTT Division shall publish 24 months, before the individual Para Word Championships , the selection system to confirm eligible entries on the basis of players achieving the Tournament Credit, (a

minimum requirement for participation in competitions ) international classification and ranked in January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of Individual PTT World Championships

2.4.3 Only 1 team per event per Association may be entered with maximum 3 players in Team Para World Championships.

2.4.4 No Selection system will be used in Team World Para TT Championships.

## **2.5 Jury:**

2.5.1 The ITTF representative, and two persons with relevant expertise in technical will be the jury.

## **2.6. Medals.**

2.6.1 Gold, silver and bronzes medal will be awarded in both World Championships (Individual and Team).

2.6.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event

2.6.3 Medals will be awarded to coaches in Team World PTT Championships

## **3. Continental PTT CHAMPIONSHIPS (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

### **3.1 Application:**

3.1.1 The application for the Continental PTT Championships should be submitted to the ITTF Headquarters a minimum of 2 years before the Continental Championships.

3.1.2 The application must be endorsed by the National Association.

### **3.2 Sanction and capitation fees.**

3.2.1 A sanction fee of €700.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted for Continental Championships.

3.2.2 Capitation fees of €36.00 per participants must be paid on receipt of invoice.

### **3.3 Site inspections:**

3.3.1 After the Continental PTT Championships have been awarded, two site inspections by a person/s nominated by the PTT Division shall take place.

3.3.2 The first inspection should take place at least 18 months before the competition.

3.3.3 The second inspection should take place at least 12 months before the competition.

3.3.4 For both inspections, a report shall be submitted within 2 weeks.

3.3.5 The Organizer's shall pay for the travel expenses, provide hospitality and a daily allowance of USD 25.00 per person during the period of the inspection.

### **3.4 Limit of entries:**

3.4.1 Only 3 players per class may be entered.

3.4.2 Only 1 team per event per Association may be entered with maximum of 3 players.

3.4.3 More information's in the part: 7.7 Format of Play.

### **3.5 Jury:**

3.5.1 The ITTF representative, and two persons with relevant expertise in technical matters will be the jury.

### **3.6. Medals.**

3.6.1 Gold, silver and bronzes medal will be awarded.

3.6.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event

3.6.3 Medals will be awarded to coaches

## **4. Factor 40 PTT Competition (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

### **4.1 Application:**

4.1.1 The application for the Factor 40 Tournament should be submitted to the ITTF Headquarters a minimum of 18 months before the competition.

4.1.2 The application must be endorsed by the National Association.

### **4.2 Sanction and capitation fees.**

4.2.1 A sanction fee of €500.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted.

4.2.2 Capitation fees of €30.00 per participants must be paid on receipt of invoice.

#### **4.3 Site inspections:**

4.3.1 After the Fa 40 have been awarded, one site inspections by a person/s nominated by the PTT Division shall take place.

4.3.2 The Organizer's shall pay for the travel expenses, provide hospitality and a daily allowance of USD 25.00 per person during the period of the inspection.

#### **4.4 Limit of entries:**

4.4.2 Up to 4 players with an international classification card per Association in an event.

4.4.3 The Host Association may have up to 6 classified players in an event.

4.4.4 More information's in the part: 7.7 Format of Play

#### **4.5 Medals.**

4.5.1 Gold, silver and bronzes medal will be awarded.

4.5.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event

### **5. Factor 20 PTT Competition (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

#### **5.1 Application:**

5.1.1 The application for the Factor 20 Tournament should be submitted to the ITTF Headquarters a minimum of 18 months before the competition.

5.1.2 The application must be endorsed by the National Association.

#### **5.2 Sanction and capitation fees.**

5.2.1 A sanction fee of €300.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted.

5.2.2 Capitation fees of €25.00 per team member must be paid on receipt of invoice.

#### **5.3 Site inspections:**

5.3.1 After the Fa 20 have been awarded, one site inspections 6 months before by a person/s nominated by the PTT Division shall take place.

5.3.2 The Organizer's shall pay for the travel expenses, provide hospitality and a daily allowance of USD 25.00 per person during the period of the inspection.

#### **5.4 Limit of entries:**

5.4.1 Up to 6 players per Association per event.

5.4.2 The Host Association may have up to 6 players in an event.

5.4.3 More information's in the part: 7.7 Format of Play.

#### **5.5 Medals.**

5.5.1 Gold, silver and bronzes medal will be awarded.

5.5.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event

### **6. Junior PTT Competition (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

#### **6.1 Application:**

6.1.1 The application for the junior Tournament should be submitted to the ITTF Headquarters of 12 months before the competition.

6.1.2 The application must be endorsed by the National Association.

#### **6.2 Sanction and capitation fees.**

6.2.1 A sanction fee of €300.00 must be paid at the time the application is submitted.

6.2.2 Capitation fees of €25.00 per team member must be paid on receipt of invoice.

#### **6.3 Site inspections:**

6.3.1 After the junior have been awarded, one site inspections 6 months before by a person/s nominated by the PTT Division shall take place.

6.3.2 The Organizer's shall pay for the travel expenses, provide hospitality and a daily allowance of USD 25.00 per person during the period of the inspection.

#### **6.4 Limit of entries:**

6.4.1 Up to 6 players per Association per event.

6.4.2 The Host Association may have up to 6 players in an event.

6.4.3 More information's in the part: 7.7 Format of Play.

#### **6.5. Medals.**

6.5.1 Gold, silver and bronzes medal will be awarded.

6.5.2 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event

### **7. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS (to be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 and 4 of the ITTF Handbook)**

#### **7.1 Cycle of sanctioned international PTT competitions:**

7.1.1 Year 0: Paralympic Games

7.1.2 Year 1: one Continental Championships in each ITTF PTT continent/s and World Team PTT Championships

7.1.3 Year 2: World PTT Championships individual

7.1.4 Year 3: one Continental Championships in each ITTF PTT continent/s and World Team PTT Championships.

7.1.5 Every year one factor 20 and one factor 40 tournament may be organized in the same country not in the same city only after agreement by **ITTF PTT SOC.**

#### **7.2 Other competitions sanctioned:**

7.2.1 No other competitions will be sanctioned within a period of 2 weeks prior to or following:

7.2.1.1 the Paralympic Games

7.2.1.2 World PTT Championships

7.2.1.3 continental PTT championships

7.2.1.4 Other international PTT competitions except in the same region one week before, or one week after the competitions in this region as well as a multi-sports games in the continent.

#### **7.3 Sanction and capitation fees:**

7.3.1 Should an application be declined, the sanction fee will be refunded;

#### **7.4 Appointment of technical officials:**

7.4.1 Officials will be appointed by the PTT Division as follows:

7.4.1.1 a TD and a deputy TD for competitions with 201 and more players or more than 1 playing hall;

7.4.1.2 a classification panel:

7.4.1.2.1 3 classifiers (chief classifier, 1 medical and 1 technical classifier) for World PTT Championships if needed;

7.4.1.2.2 3 to 5 classifiers (chief classifier, 1 or 2 medical and 1or 2 technical classifiers) for continental PTT championships;

7.4.1.2.3 1 classifier for Fa40 international competitions.

7.4.1.2.4 2 classifiers (chief classifier [medical] and technical classifier) for Fa20 international competitions.

7.4.1.2.5 2 classifier (chief classifier [medical] and technical classifier) for junior competitions.

7.4.2 Officials (referees, umpires, and other officials) will be appointed according to the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions and ITTF Sanctioned Events. Continental and international PTT competitions are defined as ITTF Sanctioned Events in terms of those Directives.

7.4.2.1 Umpires:

- 7.4.2.1.1 for World Championships: the number of tables x 4 plus 4, of whom 50% should be from the Host Association and 50% from foreign Associations; of those from the Host Association, 50% may be national umpires;
- 7.4.2.1.2 for continental, Fa40 and Fa20 international competitions: the number of tables x 3 plus 4, of whom 75% may be from the Host Association and at least 25% from foreign Associations representing at least 3 Associations.
- 7.4.2.2 officials managers as necessary;
- 7.4.2.3 computer operators for Dr Wu's program as necessary;
- 7.4.2.4 Field of play manager for Continental and World Championships.

## **7.5 Expenses for technical officials:**

- 7.5.1 The Host Association shall cover the following costs for officials appointed by the PTT Division (TDs, referees, classifiers and those specified in 7.4 ):
  - 7.5.2 international economy class travel (including costs of getting to and from the airport of origin, visa and airport parking);
  - 7.5.3 daily allowance of : US\$25.00 per day for the days the officials in 7.5.1 and umpires who are present at the competition and : US\$30.00 for officials at the PTT World Championships (or equivalent in Euros);
  - 7.5.4 local travel costs for umpires;
  - 7.5.5 Full hospitality for:
    - 7.5.5.1 TDs:
      - 7.5.5.1.1 from dinner 3 days before the first day of the World PTT , Continental , Fa20 Championships and Junior competition to dinner on the day after the end of the competition;
      - 7.5.5.1.2 from dinner 2 days before the first day of the Fa40 international competition to breakfast on the day after the end of the competition;
    - 7.5.5.2 the classification panel:
      - 7.5.5.2.1 From dinner 1 day before the first day of the World PTT Championships and to breakfast on the day after the end of competition.
      - 7.5.5.2.2. from dinner 3 days before the first day of Continental, Fa20 and Junior international competitions to breakfast on the day after the end of the competition;
    - 7.5.3.3 Referees, dinner 2 days before the first day of the PTT World, Continental, Fa40 , Fa20 Championships, and Juniors competitions to breakfast on the day after the end of the competition.
    - 7.5.3.4 Umpires: dinner 1 day before the first day of the competition to breakfast on the day after the end of the competition.
    - 7.5.3.5 Field of play manager: dinner 2 days before the first day of the PTT world and Continental Championships, to breakfast on the day after the end of the competition.

## **7.6 Prospectus and entry forms:**

- 7.6.1 Once the competition is confirmed, the Host Association shall submit the prospectus, the entry form by number and name as well as other information to ITTF PTT for approval and publication on the website.
- 7.6.2 Entries:
  - 7.6.2.1 The Organizers
    - 7.6.2.1.1 The organizers should NOT accept the entries if they are not sent to the ITTF PTT at the same time. The final entries by names can be accepted only if they are approved by the ITTF PTT. The organizers can never accept changes on the final entries without preliminary approval of ITTF PTT
    - 7.6.2.1.2 Used the entries only for own needs (hospitality, payment, transportation etc ). All information needed for the special software system used by ITTF PTT will be prepared automatically by ITTF PTT.
    - 7.6.2.1.3 Don't accept entry after the publication of players list on ITTF PTT website.
    - 7.6.2.1.4 Accept to keep the player list confidential until publication on ITTF PTT website.
    - 7.6.2.1.5 Don't accept any entry without Date of Birthday.
  - 7.6.2.2 The Participant Associations

7.6.2.2.1 Must send all entries to ITTF PTT and to organizers.

In the case ITTF PTT don't received the entry, this entries will not been approved.

7.6.2.2.2 For participation of new players in a tournament, you must firstly sent a scan copy of passport to ITTF PTT together with player's personal details.

You will receive from PT an ID number for your player. This ID number will be used in the Final entry.

7.6.2.2.3 Changes in the final entry are similar as new entry with need to follow the procedure for entries by names..

7.6.2.2.4 Final entry must include the player Date of Birthday, without the entry will not be accepted.

## 7.7 Events:

7.7.1 The singles events played in the Continental Championships in year 1 should be the same as those played in the World PTT Championships and in the continental championships in year 3 should be the same as those played in the Paralympic Games. Reference to 7.1

7.7.2 The events in competitions specified in 7.2. shall be:

7.7.2.1 class singles for men and women in classes 1 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11;

7.7.2.2 team events for men and women in classes 1 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11;

7.7.2.3 Junior single event in classes 1 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11

7.7.2.4 Fa 20 competitions, the following events may be selected:

7.7.2.4.1 all classes 1 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11; or

7.7.2.4.2 all classes 1 to 5, combined as necessary; or

7.7.2.4.3 all classes 6 to 10, combined as necessary plus class 11; or

7.7.2.4.4 classes 1 and 2 combined as necessary;

7.7.2.4.5 class 11 and

7.7.2.4.6 team events in the classes organized;

7.7.2.5 any other event decided by the PTT Division from time to time for international competitions, combined as necessary.

7.7.3 The singles events will be played before the team event.

7.7.3.1 In all events, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded except:

7.7.3.2 Bronze medals will be awarded in Fa20, Fa40, Fa50 and Fa80 events to both players and teams without a play off.

7.7.3.3 Medals will be awarded to all player in a team event.

7.7.3.4 Where a round robin involving 5 players or 5 teams in an event is played, only one bronze would be awarded.

7.7.3.5 Medals will be awarded to one coach or team leader per team in the team event at World and Continental championships.

Singles	Medals awarded	Teams	Medals awarded
4 players	Gold and silver only	4 teams	Gold and silver only
5 players	Gold, silver, 1 bronze	5 teams	Gold, silver, 1 bronze

7.7.3.6 In Fa 20, Fa40, continental championships and junior competition only Single events with entry of 4 or more players from two association can be organized. Singles events with an entry of 3 or less players must be combined by the referee in consultation with the TD such that the lower classes are given priority.

7.7.3.7. Only team events with an entry of 4 or more teams will be played and events with less must be combined by the referee in consultation with the TD such that the lower classes are given priority. Rating points will be awarded together with the title but not medals will be awarded.

7.7.3.8

Example:

Entry for event	No of teams	Event possible
TF1	0	No event possible
TF1-2	1	No event possible
TF1-3	5	Event must be organised
TF4	2	No event possible
TF4-5	3	Event organised, rating points and title will be

**7.8 Format of play:****7.8.1 Singles events:****7.8.1.1 In continental championships:**

7.8.1.1.1 only 3 players per Association per class may enter;

7.8.1.1.2 if 2 classes are combined, there may be up to 4 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class;

7.8.1.1.3 if 3 classes are combined, there may be up to 5 players per Association with a maximum of 3 players from the same class;

**7.8.2 In all competitions:**

7.8.2.1 When after the 1<sup>st</sup> entry by number events are combined due to low entries in one event and the combination gives an Association more than the number of players allowed in the combined event, the Organizers will inform that Association that only the number of competitors allowed per event may be entered and its entry for that event will be revised;

7.8.2.2 After the Final Entry (by names) if one player is withdraw for any reason will lost points according the ITTF "Ranking Default Policy" (7.16)

7.8.2.3 if a singles class 5 or 10 does not have 4 entries, the TD must combine this with the next lower class or with the next lower combination of classes to make a minimum of 4 entries;

7.8.2.4 the first stage of the event will be played in round-robin groups and the second by knock-out; the number of players in a group shall be 4 where possible but there shall not otherwise be less than 3 and more than 5 players in a group and priority must be given to groups of 4 players. If there are 5 or less players the event will be played in a round-robin group only.

7.8.2.5 the numbers of groups will be decided by the referee in consultation with the TD;

7.8.2.6 if the number of groups in an event is not a multiple of 2, winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded players shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in seeding order;

7.8.2.7 the winner and the runner-up of each group will advance to the second stage which will be played as a knock-out;

7.8.2.8 a player may only play in the class indicated on his/her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his/her class is combined with the next class when he/she may play in the event for the next highest class.

7.7.2.9 all matches will be the best of 5 games.

**7.8.3 Teams:**

7.8.3.1 In Fa40 and Fa20 competitions, a maximum 2 teams per Association may be entered where all players are from the same Association.

7.8.3.3 Players from different Associations may form a team in the team event in Fa40 and Fa20 competitions, but if there are 3 players in the same event from the same Association, only the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rated player may form a team with a player from another Association.

7.8.3.4 Mixed class teams are allowed but the team must play in the class of the player with the highest class the highest class player, must play in every team match in singles or in doubles.-

7.8.3.5 No player may represent more than one team in competition.

7.8.3.6 Where events are combined due to low entries in an event and the combination gives an Association more than 2 teams in a combined event, the Organizer's will inform that Association that only 2 teams per event may be entered and its entry for that event is to be revised.

7.8.3.7 The team event format , for the 2017 PTT championships: Best of 3 matches (1 doubles and 2 singles) A team shall consist of 2 or 3 players. The order of play shall be:

1. Doubles

2. Single 1 (A-X)

3. Single 2 (B-Y)

All players shall be selected from those nominated for the event. Before a team match the right to choose A, B or X, Y shall be decided by lot and the captains shall name their teams to the referee or his representative, assigning a letter to each singles player. All names must be nominated before start the team match.

7.8.3.7.1 Individual matches are played best of 5 games.

7.8.3.7.2 In all Para TT events under the authority of PTT ITTF the team competition system will be organized in group system in the 1st stage with priority given to groups of 4 teams with the winner and runner-up in each group advancing to play in the knock-out rounds, without team match for bronze medal. If there are 5 or less teams, the event will be played in a round-robin format without knock-out.

7.8.3.8. Should a big number on team put troubles in time schedule, the TD in cooperation with the Referee and the organizing committee may decide to played the team event under the knock out format only.

#### **7.9. Seeding:**

7.9.1 For all competitions, the latest world rating list published on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month or as soon as possible thereafter will be used for seeding.

7.9.2 In a team event, the list of seeds will be decided by combining the rating points of the 2 strongest players in the team.

7.9.3 Alterations to the draw may be made if a player is re-classified provided that:

7.9.3.1 In Continental Championships and international competitions, changes in classification will not take effect earlier than 24 hours before the draw of any event. The competition jury has the right to change the time limit to less than 24 hours in special circumstances.

#### **7.10 Draw:**

7.10.1 For all competitions, the draw must be done by the referee, before the technical meeting, using the required competition management program and distributed at the technical meeting

#### **7.11 Jury:**

7.11.1 The independent jury for Fa 20, Fa40 championships and junior competitions, will be decided by the TD on arrival.

#### **7.12 Discipline:**

7.12.1 Walk over rules: if the match is not played for any reason, no ranking points are given to opponent.

7.12.1.1 If the match started, even if only 1 point is played, then points are given to opponent;

7.12.1.2 If the player is unable to play temporarily due to the nature of his/her disability or condition, the referee may, after consulting a medical classifier or doctor at the competition, allow a medical recovery time of the shortest practical duration, but in no circumstances more than 10 minutes.

#### **7.12.2 Cancellations**

7.12.2.1 If a player cancels his/her participation

7.12.2.1.1 Before the second entry deadline, the entry fee paid in the first entry will be forfeited.

7.12.2.1.2 After the second entry deadline, an additional 30% of the entry fee must be paid, except for circumstances beyond his/her control.

7.12.3 If the penalties are not paid, the ITTF will publish the name of the Association and player on its website.

#### **7.13 Wheelchairs:**

7.13.1. Wheelchairs must have at least two large wheels and one small wheel.

7.13.2 In all competitions, no part of the body above the knees may be attached to the chair. However, should a player require strapping or binding for medical reasons, this will be noted on his/her international classification card (ICC).

7.13.3 The height of 1 or maximum 2 cushions is limited to 15cm in playing conditions with no other addition to the wheelchair.

7.13.4 Should additions of supporting structures be made to the wheelchair, whether attached to the wheelchair or not (except cushions), players must be classified or re-classified in this modified wheelchair. All additions to the wheelchair without authorization written on the ICC, shall be considered illegal and the player will be disqualified.

#### **7.14 Classification:**

7.14.1 In World PTT Championships, all classification changes made before or during the competition will not take effect until the next competition.

- 7.14.2 Following classification, the classification panel will indicate on the ICC:
- 7.14.2.1 whether the classification is Confirm (C) or for Review (R);
  - 7.14.2.2 any limitations a player has in making a legal serve;
  - 7.14.2.3 permission to use a belt around the waist and/or a corset and whether it is:
    - 7.14.3 permanent; or
    - 7.14.4 temporary where the player must provide a full explanation signed and dated by his/her doctor certifying the period in which the belt and/or corset is/are required.

#### **7.15 Seminars:**

- 7.15.1 Four days classification seminar will be organized before classification at continental championships and may be organized at Fa20 international competitions on request of the organizers to the Classification Secretary. A seminar fee of €50 per person will be paid by participants to the PTT Division.
- 7.15.2 One day Advanced Umpires Training seminar may be organized at the continental and world championships which may be combined with umpire evaluations. Seminar fee per person set by the URC will be paid by participants to the URC.
- 7.15.3 Two day technical delegate seminar may be organized at the continental championships. A seminar fee of €50 per person will be paid by participants to the PTT Division.
- 7.15.4 The Organizers shall provide a conference room, meals, refreshments and accommodation for the participants;
- 7.15.5 The Organizers shall pay hospitality and daily allowance to the trainers for the duration of their stay;
- 7.15.6 The participants shall pay their own travel and accommodation expenses.

#### **7.16 RANKING DEFAULT POLICY FOR NO-SHOWS**

##### **PRINCIPAL**

When a player does not show up for a competition or for a match, the player will be penalized by a flat 35 penalty points per “no-show” per Tournament.

The “no-show” will start directly after the draw is published.

This would, however, affect only the first non-played match scheduled for that player within the tournament.

The flat 35 penalty points remain valid for a period of 15 months from the date of implementation.

#### **1. Extent of the Ranking Default Policy effective 1 October 2016 at:**

- All ITTF PTT Events and Paralympic Games

- a) PARALYMPIC GAMES
- b) ITTF PTT World Titles Events
- c) ITTF PTT Continental Titles Events
- d) ITTF PTT Sanctioned Events

#### **2. Ranking Default Commission**

A Ranking Default Commission will be in charge of this policy.  
This Commission is composed of:

- PTT Chairperson
- ITTF PTT EC Representative
- PTT Selection Officer
- PTT TD on duty at the event

#### **3. No-Show or withdrawal before the start of a competition**

### **(single and team events)**

	<b>DECISION</b>
A player nominated for a competition	
1. Informs the organizers <b><u>before the draw is made</u></b> that she/he will not play for whatever reason	NO
2. Informs the organizers <b><u>after the draw is made</u></b> that she/he will not play for whatever reason	YES
3. Does not show up without any information to the organizers	YES

The Technical Delegate on duty at a competition shall report to the Ranking Default Commission all cases covered by this regulation, submitting detailed explanation for each case subject to consideration by the Commission.

The Commission will then confirm or reverse the proposal.

### **4. No-show or withdrawal during a competition (single and team events)**

	<b>DECISION</b>
a) At a certain stage of an event, a player still in the run, does not play the next match in the same event	YES
b) A player cannot start a match because the player's racket has been found illegal and the player does not have a spare one	YES
c) A player does not show up for a match because of political reasons	YES
d) A player entered in more than one event does not show up for a match in one of these events	YES
e) A player does not show up for a match or an event because the player has been disqualified for the remainder of a competition for her/his misbehavior in another event	YES
f) A player does not show up for a match because she/he has to leave before the end of the competition (because of commitments to a club or Association, or because the time of return flight, or for any other reason)	YES
g) A player, who has to give up in a match because of injury or illness does not show up for the next match she/he has to play ( <b>* no multiple penalizations</b> )	NO*

### **5. Team events**

When it concerns only part of the team, the regulations above would also apply (for instance when a player cannot play a singles match of the team-match because the racket was found illegal and the player had no other suitable one, or when the player was disqualified by the referee for the rest of the match).

When the whole team does not show up or is not allowed to play by the referee because of the color of their shirts or for any other reason, no individual penalty shall be applied to the players.

### **6. Appeals**

When a player or his Association does not agree with a decision taken by the Ranking Default Commission an appeal may be made to the Executive Committee whose decision will be final.