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B.0.2. INFO

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B.0.3. HANDBOOK

B.0.3.1 The 'HANDBOOK' means the official ETTU manual, in principal published annually by the General Secretary and including, in particular, the Constitution, the Regulations and a list with the Member Associations.

B.0.4. Office

B.0.4.1 The 'Office' means the official address of the Headquarters, to be published in each edition of the INFO and of the HANDBOOK

B.0.5. Observer

B.0.5.1 At a Meeting, an observer is a person entitled or authorised to attend that meeting in an advisory capacity, with the right to speak but not to vote.
B.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

B.1.1. LEGAL FORM

(1) Pursuant to the relating unanimous decision of the Congress at its Meeting on 27th April 1997 in Manchester (England), ETTU has been incorporated in Luxembourg as a non-profit-making association ('association sans but lucrative', abbreviated as 'a.s.b.l.').

(2) The Luxembourg law of 21st April 1928 (the 'LAW') is applicable in its version as amended by the particular laws of the 22nd February 1984 and 04th March 1994.

(3) Following the deposit and the registration of the Constitution, the address of the Seat and the list of the Member Associations with the head of the Luxembourg 'Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés', ETTU has been granted civil and juridical personality as from the 19 February 1993 (*).

(*) date on which the Constitution has been published in the Luxembourg 'MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations'

(4) In order to uphold the civil and juridical personality of ETTU, the General Secretary shall:
   a) notify the head of the Luxembourg 'Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés' of all changes to the Constitution, to the Seat, to the list of the Member Associations as well as to the members of the Executive Board or to their addresses, latest within three months after the Congress Meeting where the relating changes have been decided or ratified;
   b) ensure the publication in the Luxembourg 'MEMORIAL - Recueil Spécial des Sociétés et Associations' of all amendments to the Constitution, latest within three months after the Congress Meeting where such amendments have been adopted.

B.1.2. SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS

(nil)

B.1.3. AUTHORITY AND NEUTRALITY

(1) The power to authorise the organisation of a 'European' table tennis event shall be with the Executive Board.

B.1.4. OBJECTS

(1) The development and promotion activities of ETTU shall, in particular, include courses, conferences and/or camps upon the following items, in relation with the table tennis sport:
   - playing
   - coaching
   - refereeing and umpiring
   - sport administration
   - organisation of Events
The 'European' table tennis Events(*) organised shall, in particular, be the following:

- the European Senior Championships
- the European Youth Championships
- (the European Junior Championships)
- (the European Cadet Championships)
- the European Veteran Championships
- the Europe Senior Top-12 Tournament
- the Europe Youth Top-10 Tournament
- the European Nations Cup
- the European Olympic Qualification Tournaments
- the European Champions League
- the ETTU (Nancy Evans) Cup
- the European Para Table Tennis Championships

(*) the provisions ruling each one of these Events shall be laid down in a relating Specific Regulation

In order to reach and fulfil the Objects, ETTU shall among others:

- encourage and support table tennis development and promotion activities in the territories controlled by the Member Associations;
- identify and evaluate the needs of the Member Associations and give them whatever possible support;
- communicate with the Member Associations and enable a continuous information exchange between the Member Associations and between the Member Associations and other parties interested or involved in the Objects and Activities, particularly through the publication in the INFO of the Meeting minutes, of the results of the 'European' table tennis Events and of other news relevant to the Objects and Activities;
- co-ordinate, in strong collaboration with ITTF, the dates for all the Events, and harmonise the conditions of these Events;
- consider and propose recommendations which might become the basis for international table tennis laws or regulations.

B.1.5. DURATION

(nil)

B.1.6. LANGUAGE

(1) At Meetings, any authorised speaker may address the meeting in any other language than English, subject to his providing interpretation into English at his own costs.

(2) A Member Association may, for national purposes, translate or have translated any Document in its national language (at its own costs). Upon a relating request of ETTU, a Member Association shall provide ETTU - free of charge - with the national translation, if available, of any Document.

B.1.7. COLOURS, BADGE AND LOGO

(nil)
B.2. MEMBERSHIP

B.2.1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(1) The continental areas, as fixed by ITTF, shall determine the conditions applicable for the application for Membership submitted to ETTU by a National Table Tennis Association ('NTTA').

(2) An application for Membership submitted by a NTTA from outside the geographical area of Europe shall include written evidence as to the support of ITTF and of the concerned Continental Table Tennis Confederation to that application.

B.2.2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

(1) If the number of Member Associations becomes less than three (3), ETTU shall, according to the LAW, be considered as having ex officio been dissolved as a non-profit-making association governed by the LAW.

(2) The General Secretary shall publish the list of the Member Associations at least once annually, either in the INFO or in the HANDBOOK.

B.2.3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

(1) An application for Membership shall be sent, preferably by registered mail, to the Office.

(2) An application for Membership shall at least include the following elements concerning the NTTA applying for Membership:
   a) the Statutes and Regulations of that NTTA;
   b) a declaration whereby that NTTA states to respect and observe at all times the Constitution, the Regulations and the decisions made under them by the Authorities;
   c) documents giving information about the internal organisation of that NTTA as well as about the events staged by it;
   d) the names of the members of the executive body of that NTTA.

B.2.4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

(1) Unless otherwise decided by the Congress, the Events shall be open only to representative teams of Member Associations respectively to players and clubs affiliated to Member Associations.

(2) Every Association shall be responsible for its clubs and players, for example with regard to entry fees, penalties, eligibility etc, in compliance with the ETTU constitution and regulations.

(3) The withdrawal or exclusion of a Member Association from Membership does in no way prejudice any right of ETTU towards that Member Association, which keeps full liability for the settlement of all outstanding financial obligations due to ETTU prior to the termination of its Membership.

B.2.5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

(1) The notification from a Member Association concerning its withdrawal from Membership or its dissolution shall be sent by registered mail to the Office.
B.2.6. SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

(1) The suspension of a Member Association may, in particular, include the restriction of its rights, in whole or in parts, as follows:

- the right to vote, in general and/or at Congress Meetings;
- the right to nominate candidates for elections and/or for appointments;
- the right to enter its representative team(s) as well as club teams or players affiliated to it in one, more or all of the Events.

(2) Unless otherwise decided upon by the Executive Board, the suspension of a Member Association shall take effect twenty (20) days after the date where that Member Association has been notified by the General Secretary, through registered mail, of the relating decision of the Executive Board.

In the event the suspension of a Member Association decided by the Executive Board is not confirmed and endorsed by the Congress at its next following Meeting, that suspension shall cease with immediate effect as from the date of the Congress Meeting concerned.

(3) Prior to any decision upon the exclusion of a Member Association from Membership, the Member Association subject to the exclusion procedure shall be convened to a Congress Meeting in order to plead its cause and to ensure its defence. The relating convening letter shall be sent to the Member Association by the General Secretary, through registered mail, not later than three months before the opening date of the respective Congress Meeting. It shall include the precise reasons for the intended exclusion.

(4) If a Member Association subject to an exclusion procedure will not use its right to plead its cause at a Congress Meeting, the Congress may decide upon the exclusion of that Member Association even in its absence.

(5) The exclusion of a Member Association from Membership shall take effect immediately after the relating decision has been taken by the Congress Meeting.

B.2.7. HONORARY MEMBERS

(1) A Honorary Member is entitled to get free hospitality at the European Senior Championships and to attend the Congress Meetings as an observer.
B.3. GOVERNING RULES

B.3.1. APPLICABLE GOVERNING RULES

(nil)

B.3.2. SET-UP AND AMENDMENT

(1) *Regulations* shall especially be set up in order to:
- provide detailed specifications for the implementation and the practical application of the *Constitution*;
- settle the 'Terms of Reference' of the *Structural Entities* as well as other provisions concerning their composition, the appointment of their members and their proceedings;
- provide overall technical specifications for the organisation of the *Events*.

(2) *Directives, Guidelines* or *Internal Regulations* shall be set up in order to provide detailed provisions especially for:
- the practical daily work inside ETTU, such as e.g. the activities of the *Officers*, the *General Secretary*, the *Committee Chairpersons*, the *Officials* and the other staff working for ETTU either on employment or on honorary basis;
- the practical aspects concerning the organisation of the *Events*.

B.3.3. COMING INTO FORCE

(nil)
B.4. STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

B.4.1. ACTING STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

(nil)

B.4.2. ELECTIONS AND VOTINGS

(1) The nomination of a candidate for a position in a Structural Entity subject to an election shall be entered using exclusively the relating nomination form circulated by the General Secretary.

(2) In order to be receivable, such a nomination form shall:
   a) be duly signed by the candidate and by his nominating Association;
   b) be sent by registered mail to the Office, before the relating deadline (*) (**).

   (*) to be set and published by the General Secretary, at least six (6) weeks in advance to the deadline

   (**) to be set not later than six (6) weeks before the date of the relating election

(3) Where a Member Association nominates more than one candidate for a specific position where only one nominated candidate per Member Association is allowed, all nominations of that Member Association for the position concerned shall be declared null and void by the General Secretary.

(4) A list including all the eligible candidates for an election shall be circulated by the General Secretary to the Member Associations at least four (4) weeks before the date of the relating election.

(5) A ballot by roll call shall be held in alphabetical order, the Association to start with the voting process being drawn by lot by the scrutineers.

(6) Where scrutineers are appointed (as e.g. at a Congress Meeting), they are responsible for the correct organisation of a ballot, including in particular:
   - the distribution of the ballot papers;
   - the draw by lot of the Member Association to be started with for a ballot by roll call;
   - the count of the votes cast;
   - the validation or the rejection of votes cast;
   - the proclamation of the ballot result;
   - the draw by lot in the event of a tie voting result in the second ballot, etc..

   For the administrative part of their task, the scrutineers shall be assisted by the General Secretary.

(7) Before starting to count the votes of a secret ballot, the scrutineers shall announce to the Meeting attendants the number of ballot papers distributed.

   If more ballot papers are handed in than had been distributed, the relating ballot shall be declared null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

(8) After the announcement of the result of a secret ballot, the ballot papers cast for the voting concerned shall be placed by the scrutineers in envelopes specifically prepared for that purpose. Once the ballot papers placed in the envelopes, these shall be closed on the spot and be signed by the scrutineers.

   The General Secretary shall keep the closed envelopes in the Office and destroy them not earlier than one hundred (100) days after the closing date of the Meeting concerned.

(9) A postal ballot, if convened by the Executive Board, shall be conducted by the General Secretary, who shall also settle and publish, duly in advance, the conditions applicable to the postal ballot concerned (ballot paper, deadline for voting, return of the ballot paper, etc.)
B.4.3. CONGRESS

B.4.3.1. General Provisions and Decisions

(1) Only a duly convened Congress or Congress Meeting shall have the required power to take binding decisions.

B.4.3.2. Representation and Eligibility for Voting

(1) In any case of doubt, a delegate of a Member Association at a Congress Meeting may be asked to provide the Meeting scrutineers with documented evidence of his entitlement to represent that Member Association.

(2) The Officers and the General Secretary shall, other persons under employment contract with ETTU may attend the Congress Meetings. None of these persons shall, at a Congress Meeting, neither act as delegate of a Member Association nor be eligible to vote.

(3) To be receivable, a proxy shall:
   a) be established exclusively on the relating form issued and circulated by the General Secretary;
   b) be duly signed by the President of the Member Association having issued the proxy or his deputy;
   c) be handed over to the General Secretary latest before the opening of the relating Congress Meeting.

(4) The Honorary Members have the right to assist to the Congress Meetings as observers.

(5) The Congress may entitle any persons to attend a Congress Meeting as observers.

B.4.3.3. Convening, Agenda and Organisation

(1) Convening requests for an extraordinary Congress Meeting as well as propositions for the agenda of any Congress Meeting (either ordinary or extraordinary) shall be sent, by registered mail, to the Office.

   A proposition for the agenda of a Congress shall be sent to the Office not later than twelve (12) weeks before the date of this Congress that has officially be announced (e.g. in the INFO or in the Calendar). Moreover, the proposition shall be clearly formulated and should be completed with a brief description of its reason and motivation.

(2) The date, the venue and the agenda of a Congress Meeting shall be set by the Executive Board.

(2a) A Congress Meeting shall be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the venue of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, etc.

(2b) The agenda of an extraordinary Congress Meeting shall, except the minutes of the preceding Congress Meeting, not include any other business than those specified in the convening request.

(2c) The agenda of the Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting shall include at least the following items of business:
   a) Roll call
   b) Approval of the agenda
   c) Appointment of scrutineers (3)
   d) Adoption of late entered propositions
   e) Approval of the Minutes of the preceding Congress Meeting (*)
      (*) if so required by the provisions of § (5)
   f) Consideration of the reports from the Officers, the Committee Chairpersons and the Officials
   g) Consideration of the Financial Statements
   h) Consideration of the reports from the Financial Experts and from the Auditor
   i) Release (Discharge) to the Executive Board
j) Elections for the Executive Board
k) Appointment of Financial Experts and of an auditor
l) Elections for the Board of Justice and for the Board of Appeal
m) Elections for the European delegates in the ITTF Board of Directors
n) Consideration of propositions
o) Settling of the annual Membership subscription
p) Budget of income and expenditure
q) Miscellaneous

(*) except for the filling of eventual vacancies, these elections are held in the years of Olympic Summer Games only

Moreover, the agenda of the Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting may include, as far as given or required and up to the discretion of the Executive Board, one or more other items of business, as particularly:

- Consideration of applications for Membership
- Consideration of proposals concerning the exclusion of Member Associations
- Amendments of the Constitution
- Decision upon the continuation or lifting of the suspension of Member Associations
- Consideration of proposals concerning the dismissal of members of the Structural Entities
- Appointment of Honorary Members

(3) Notice of the final date, time and venue as well as of the agenda of a Congress Meeting shall be given to all Member Associations by the General Secretary, in writing, not later than one (1) month before the opening date of the Meeting concerned.

As far as relevant for the agenda of the Congress Meeting, the convening notice shall at least include the following documents:
- the reports of the Officers, Committee Chairpersons and Officials;
- the Financial Statements;
- the auditor's report;
- the propositions duly submitted before the statutory deadline;
- the model form for the proxy;
- the form for the nominations for the elections, if given;
- any other relevant documents.

(*) some or all of these reports and/or documents may be circulated separately from the convening notice, but in no case later than three (3) days before the opening date of the Meeting

(4) The chairperson of a Congress Meeting is holding the domestic authority. He shall open, conduct and close the Meeting, keep order during the Meeting and ensure that the relevant rules of procedure are respected.

The chairperson may, in particular for security reasons, take all required measures to ensure a smooth and correct progress of the Meeting, as e.g. breaking the Meeting, exclude a person, limit the number of speakers, set a time limit for speakers, etc..

(5) The Minutes of a Congress Meeting shall be drafted by the General Secretary and be circulated by him to the Member Associations (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site) before the relating statutory deadline.

The Minutes of a Congress Meeting shall be considered as approved if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching, no Member Association has raised fundamental objections, through registered mail, to the General Secretary. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following Congress Meeting for re-consideration and definitive approval.
B.4.4. EXECUTIVE BOARD


(1) The Executive Board shall normally conduct its business in Meetings.

If required or otherwise indicated, the Executive Board may conduct its business also either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

(2) Four eligible Officers shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Board.

(3) Between the Executive Board Meetings, the current correspondence and the other current matters shall be managed by the General Secretary, in regular consultation with the President.

(4) In accordance with a set of organisational Internal Regulations, the Executive Board may delegate, either fully or partly, one or more of its own duties to the General Secretary or to a staff member under the authority of the General Secretary, to one or more Officers individually or to a panel composed of Officers.

The afore mentioned organisational Internal Regulations shall clearly outline the delegated duties and govern the management and the reporting structure.

(5) The Executive Board is entitled to introduce detailed technical, commercial, marketing and media directives for ETTU Events, which must be in accordance with the ETTU Constitution and Regulations. Such directives may be changed or amended by the Executive Board, whenever necessary, however latest 3 months before an event takes place. Such directives must be published before they are legally binding.

(6) An Officer, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the Constitution, shall have one vote in the Executive Board.

In the Executive Board, the representation of an Officer by another Officer respectively the transfer of the voting right between Officers by means of a proxy is not allowed.

(7) Except where otherwise specified in the Constitution, the decisions of the Executive Board shall be taken with the majority of the votes cast.

(8) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the Executive Board, a decision of the Executive Board shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the Member Associations (e.g. through a relating mail or through publication in the INFO).

(9) An Officer shall carry out his duties in a neutral and independent way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(10) Where the Executive Board considers a member of a Structural Entity to have committed a gross or serious dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct, it may, with the two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast:

- suspend an Officer or an elected member of a Structural Entity until the next Congress Meeting, where the Congress shall take a definitive decision upon the (non-)continuation of the suspension;
- remove from office an appointed member of a Structural Entity and appoint a replacement member for the remaining period of the running term.

B.4.4.2. Election of Officers

(nil)

B.4.4.3. Meetings

(1) As a general rule, the Executive Board shall meet four times per year for an ordinary Meeting.

(2) A convening request for an extraordinary Executive Board Meeting shall be sent, by registered mail, to the Office.

The convening request for an extraordinary Executive Board meeting shall clearly specify the business for which that Meeting has to be convened as well as the items of business to be put on its agenda.
An extraordinary Executive Board Meeting convened by Officers according to the relating provisions of the Constitution shall be held within six (6) weeks after the entry at the Office of the last required convening request.

(3) A proposition for the agenda of an ordinary Executive Board Meeting may be submitted either by a Member Association, the General Secretary, an Officer, a Committee or its Chairperson or an Official; any such proposition shall be sent to the Office in due time.

(4) The President shall - in strong consultation with the General Secretary and the other Officers - set the date, the venue and the agenda of any Executive Board Meeting.

An Executive Board Meeting should be held, as far as possible, at the time and at the venue of an important table tennis event, such as e.g. European Championships, World Championships, European Youth Championships, Europe Top-12 Tournament, etc.

To set the agenda of an Executive Board Meeting, the President shall give due consideration to any item submitted in writing according to the provisions of either §(2) or §(3). Furthermore, the agenda of each Executive Board Meeting shall include the item 'Miscellaneous', where the Officers may put forward any subject of minor importance, not requiring the prior study of relevant documents.

(5) The President may invite those Committee Chairpersons and/or those Officials and/or those ETTU staff members who are able, through their specific knowledge and experience, to give useful advice on one or more items of the agenda of an Executive Committee Meeting as observers, to whole or part of that Meeting.

The Executive Board may entitle other persons to attend an Executive Board Meeting as observers.

(6) Notice of the date, the venue and the agenda of an Executive Board Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary in writing to the Officers (and to the persons to be invited to that Meeting as observers), not later than one (1) month before the date the Meeting is due to take place.

All documents relevant to the agenda of an Executive Board Meeting shall either be annexed to the convening notice or be sent by separate mail, but, as far as possible, not later than ten (10) days before the date that Meeting is due to take place.

(7) The chairpersonship of an Executive Board Meeting shall be hold by the President or, in his absence, by the Deputy President or, in the absence of both, by the longest-serving Vice-President.

The chairperson of an Executive Board Meeting shall hold the domestic authority.

(8) At an Executive Board Meeting, Minutes of all business settled at that Meeting shall be drafted by the General Secretary and shall be circulated by him to the Officers for consideration, not later than one (1) month after the date the Meeting has taken place.

The Minutes of an Executive Board Meeting shall be considered as approved if, within thirty (30) days of their official dispatching to the Officers, none of them has raised fundamental objections in writing to the General Secretary. In the event that such fundamental objections are raised, the Minutes shall be set on the agenda of the next following Executive Committee Meeting for re-consideration and definitive approval.

After their definitive approval by the Executive Board, the Minutes of an Executive Board Meeting shall be circulated by the General Secretary to the Member Associations (e.g. through a publication on the ETTU Web-Site).
B.4.5.  GENERAL SECRETARY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

(1) The General Secretary shall report and be answerable to the President.

(2) As far as not specified in the Constitution and in the Regulations, the duties and tasks of the General Secretary shall be defined in detail in his employment contract and/or in a relating Internal Regulation.

(3) Among other duties, the General Secretary shall in particular:
   • manage the Office and execute the operational business of ETTU, included that one of the Juridical Boards;
   • manage the administrative staff in the Office;
   • lead the persons under employment contract with ETTU and co-ordinate their work;
   • ensure the regular publication of the INFO and the HANDBOOK;
   • initiate and manage - in strong consultation with the Vice-President for Finances - expenditures within the framework of the Budget;
   • prepare - in strong consultation with the President - the Congress and Executive Board Meetings;
   • attend all Congress and Executive Board Meetings and take in the deliberations of these entities a significant advisory part (with the right to speak to each agenda item but not to vote);
   • act at the Congress and Executive Board Meetings as the secretary, draft the Minutes of these Meetings and circulate them according to the relating statutory and regulatory provisions;
   • initiate and coordinate the implementation of the decisions taken by the Congress and by the Executive Board;
   • compile a written report for presentation to the Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting;
   • report regularly about his activities to the Executive Board, etc..

B.4.6.  COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND EXPERT PANELS


(1) Committees and Officials shall and Expert Panels may be appointed with, as a general rule, the following duties and tasks:
   • to deal - in strong co-operation with the General Secretary - with one or more particular aspects of the Activities;
   • to advise and assist the Executive Board and the General Secretary on all practical and organisational issues related to those particular aspects of the Activities they are responsible for;
   • to elaborate propositions in order to improve the technical or organisational quality of the Events.

(2) The following Committees and Officials shall be appointed:
   • a Technical Committee, in charge of the short-term Senior Events;
   • a Youth Committee, in charge of the Youth Events;
   • a Veterans Committee, in charge of the Veteran Events;
   • a Ranking Committee, in charge of all European Ranking Lists;
   • a Referees and Umpires Committee, in charge of matters concerning the appointment of referees and umpires in Events and the improvement of the European referees and umpires;
   • a Teaching and Training Committee, in charge of measures to improve the teaching, training and coaching in Europe;
   • a Club Cup Competitions Official, in charge - in strong co-operation with the General Secretary - of the supervision and the management of the Club Cup Competitions;
   • a Medical Official, in charge of all medical aspects, and particularly of the anti-doping policy;
   • a Media Official, in charge of the media aspects and the contacts to the press;
   • a Para Table Tennis Committee, in charge of the PTT events in cooperation with other relevant committees, in charge of promoting integration of PTT within Member Associations, and ensuring full integration into ETTU committees;
   • an Athletes Commission, in charge of representing the athletes and of defending those interests, in particular by working out proposals to improve conditions for the athletes at the major events.
As a general rule, Expert Panels shall deal, principally during a limited period of time, with specific aspects of the Activities, which are not under the responsibility of either a Committee nor an Official.

More detailed ‘Terms of Reference’ may be laid down for the Committees and the Officials and shall be laid down for the Expert Panels in Internal Regulations.

A Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, up to five (5) supplementary full members and up to six (6) corresponding members.

An Official shall be neither Chairperson, nor Deputy Chairperson, nor member of a Committee, but he may attend any Committee Meeting as an observer.

An Expert Panel shall consist of a co-ordinator and of three to five (other) members.

The Chairperson of a Committee (or his deputy) respectively the co-ordinator of an Expert Panel shall, in particular:

- represent and manage his Committee or Expert Panel;
- be responsible for the proper conduct of the business of his Committee or Expert Panel;
- regularly report to the Executive Board on the Committee's work and activities.

The Chairperson or his deputy and three full members shall constitute a quorum for a Committee.

The co-ordinator and three members shall constitute a quorum for an Expert Panel.

A Committee Chairperson or member, an Official or an Expert Panel co-ordinator or member shall carry out his duties in a neutral an independent way, for the best of table tennis in Europe, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

A Committee resp. an Expert Panel shall principally conduct its business by correspondence.

As far as possible, a Committee Chairperson should organise a Meeting of his Committee at the venue of any important table tennis event.

Upon a duly motivated written application, the Executive Board may allow a Committee Chairperson to organise a Meeting of his Committee at the costs of ETTU, at least for the full members of the Committee. However, no Committee Meeting will be funded by ETTU if the Executive Board's approval has not been requested and given prior to the organisation of such a Meeting.

Principally, the decisions of a Committee resp. of an Expert Panel shall be taken by consensus.

If a consensus may not be reached on an item, the relating decision shall be taken by voting of the full members, with the majority of the votes cast.

ETTU Member Associations may object against decisions of a Committee and take the matter to the Executive Board. The Executive Board may cancel or change decisions of a Committee.

B.4.6.2. Appointments

The Committee Chairpersons and the Officials shall be appointed by the Executive Board, principally for a term of two (2) years; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

The coordinator of any Expert Panel shall be appointed by the Executive Board, principally for a term equal to the time of duration of the Expert Panel concerned, this term to be set by the Executive Board in accordance with the object of the Expert Panel.

Each Member Association may nominate one or more candidates for appointment as Committee or Expert Panel members, but no Member Association may nominate more than one candidate for one specific Committee or Expert Panel.

The Deputy Chairperson, the full members and the corresponding members of the Committees, the Deputy Officials and the members of the Expert Panels shall be appointed by the Executive Board, giving due consideration to the relating proposals submitted by the respective Committee Chairpersons, Officials and Expert Panel co-ordinators; they are eligible for re-appointment without any limitation.

B.4.6.3 ATHLETES COMMISSION
B.4.6.3.1 MISSION
The mission of the ETTU Athletes’ Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ETTU.

B.4.6.3.2 OBJECTIVES
(a) The objectives of the Commission are to
   (a.1) Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU
   (a.2) Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
   (a.3) Maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes’ Commission, EOC and EPC Athletes’ Commissions.
(b) The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:
   (b.1) to establish a means of seeking athletes’ opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
   (b.2) to keep the ETTU EB regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT;
   (b.3) to report to the EB on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ETTU umbrella;
   (b.4) to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ETTU;
   (b.5) to promote a “healthy image” and “fairplay” including anti-doping, anti-corruption and illegal betting;
   (b.6) to be the link between active athletes and ETTU
   (b.7) to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate;
   (b.8) to contribute to the promotion and fostering of the European and worldwide development of TT.

B.6.3.3.3 COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION
(a) The Commission is composed of 5 members:
   (a.1) 4 athletes elected during the European Championships
   (a.2) 1 athlete elected during the PTT EC
(b) They must be at least 16 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
(c) It will not be possible to have more than 1 representative of the same National Association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes Commission.
(d) The term of office is 4 years. It may be renewed. Inactive members may be replaced after 1 year. A minimum 75% of the members must vote in favour of replacing an inactive member provided that such member has had an opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. Such inactive member shall be replaced by the athlete who placed next on the results of the election, if still available, provided that he or she shall not come from an association already represented on the Commission and that the gender representation is maintained.

B.6.3.3.4 ELECTED MEMBERS
(a) Elections: the athletes in collaboration with ETTU organise the election on the occasion of the:
   (a.1) European Championships (EC)
   (a.2) The PTT European Championships (PTT EC)
         in the year following the election of the ETTU EB. The first elections will be held in 2013 at the EC in Vienna and PTT EC in Lignano. Then the next elections will be held in 2017 and every 4 years thereafter.
(b) Organisation of elections: in cooperation with the athletes’ commission the ETTU Secretariat will send the information to all European NAs.
(b.1) Eligibility criteria: candidates must meet the following criteria:
   - must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the EC and PTT EC where the election takes place and having participated at the previous EC and PTT EC during the period of the last 4 years.
   - must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place
   - must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting
   - must have been selected by his/her NA
   - a NA may present up to 2 candidates
The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the EB.
(c) Presentation and submission of candidatures:
   To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be
   received by the ETTU by the date set in the invitation:
   - a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
   - a complete biography form
   - a recent passport photo

(d) Election process
   - Electorate: all athletes taking part in the EC and PTT EC have the right to vote
   - Information: the ETTU will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates
     and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)

(e) Voting procedure: is described in the election manual and shall in any case comply with
   the following principles:
   - each player has one vote
   - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
   - voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed
   - abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of
     the required majority.

(f) Elected athletes: one male and one female athlete who obtain the highest number of
   votes are elected to the Commission; thereafter 2 more athletes who obtain the highest
   number of votes are elected to the Commission; the Para TT athlete who obtains the highest
   number of votes is elected to the Commission at the PTT EC.

(g) Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:
   - to a candidate to balance gender equity
   - finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

B.6.3.3.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION
   He/she will be proposed by the Commission to the EB.

B.6.3.3.6. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE ETTU
   (a) The Chair of the Commission is a co-opted member of the EB, with no voting rights.
   (b) The Chair can be replaced by an AC member to attend the EB meetings.

B.6.3.3.7. MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
   (a) The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or immediately after the
       European Championships at the same place.
   (b) The ETTU is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.
   (c) Travel: the ETTU is responsible for 100% of the agreed economy air fare for the Chair and
       for the Para TT member of the Commission should they not otherwise be at the EC.
   (d) Accommodation: the ETTU is responsible to provide full board accommodation for the Chair
       and for the Para TT member of the Commission for the official dates stated in the invitation
       to the meeting.
   (e) The working language of the Commission will be English.
B.4.7. JURIDICAL BOARDS


(1) A *Juridical Board* shall normally conduct its *business* either by correspondence or through telephone conferences or using other communication means.

If required or otherwise indicated, a *Juridical Board* may conduct its business also in a *Meeting*.

(2) A member of a *Juridical Board*, whose voting right has not been suspended according to the relating provisions of the *Constitution*, shall have *one vote* in the *Juridical Board* concerned.

In a *Juridical Board*, neither the representation of a member by another member nor the transfer of the voting right between members by means of a *proxy* is allowed.

(3) A member of a *Juridical Board* shall carry out his duties in a *neutral and independent* way, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

(4) Unless otherwise stated or specifically decided by the *Juridical Board* concerned, a decision of a *Juridical Board* shall take effect the day of its official dispatching to the *Member Associations* and/or to the persons concerned (e.g. through mail or a publication in the *INFO*).

B.4.7.2. Election of Members

(nil)

B.5. JURISDICTION

B.5.1 (nil)

B.5.2 The provisions and rules governing the jurisdiction and the proceedings of the Juridical Boards are specified in the Annexes BA, BB and BC to Regulation [B] as follows:

* Annex BA: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Justice
* Annex BB: Rules governing the legal procedure of the Board of Appeal
* Annex BC: Catalogue of disciplinary measures and sanctions.

The Annexes BA, BB and BC are to be considered as an integral part of Regulation [B].
B.6. FINANCES

B.6.1. Financial Accounts

(1) In accordance with the relevant Regulations, the Revenue shall, in principal, consist of the following income:
   a) the annual subscription fee due by each Member Association;
   b) the levies for Events;
   c) the entry fees for Events;
   d) the levies for media transmissions and for advertisement rights;
   e) the income from marketing and promotion activities.

(2) The bank accounts shall be held in a country to be decided upon by the Executive Board. If there are however no fundamental objections to do so, the bank accounts should be held in the country of the Seat.

(3) The Vice-President for Finances shall submit to the Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting:
   • the Financial Statements relating to the year preceding the year of the Meeting;
   • a Budget for the next following (i.e. the running) year.

(4) The auditor as well as the Audit Commission shall each year submit to the Annual Ordinary Congress Meeting a written report concerning their audit(s) of the Finances in general and of the Financial Accounts in particular.

(5) If necessary for specific or urgent reasons, extraordinary expenditures not included in the Budget may be authorised by the Executive Board, with the two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

B.6.2. Membership Subscription

(1) The annual Membership subscription fee is fixed to three hundred and fifty (350,-) euro.
B.7. MEDIA TRANSMISSIONS

(1) The exclusive rights hold by ETTU concerning the media transmissions in relation with all Events include all television and radio transmissions as well as all transmissions via INTERNET or similar electronic means and/or networks.

(2) The Executive Board has the exclusive power to settle the (financial and technical) provisions governing the implementation of the media transmission rights, either in the Regulations relating to the different Events or in specific Directives.

B.8. CONTRACTS

(nil)

B.9. DISSOLUTION

(nil)
B.10. VARIOUS

B.10.1. ITTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS


(1) In this chapter, the 'ITTF Board of Directors' is designated by 'ITTF-BoD'.

(2) A European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall carry out his duties in a neutral an independent way, for the best of the world and particularly the European table tennis, without regard to the particular interests of his nominating Association.

B.10.1.2. Appointments and Elections

(1) Depending upon the number of Member Associations, there shall be from six to twelve delegates to be appointed respectively to be elected as 'European representatives in the ITTF-BoD'.

(2) As far as he is not yet member of the ITTF-BoD through a specific position he holds in ITTF, the Deputy President shall ex-officio be appointed as a European representative in the ITTF-BoD, provided he accepts this appointment.

(3) A Member Association may nominate only one candidate for the elections of the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, thus the European representatives in the ITTF-BoD (i.e. the one appointed by the Executive Board according to § (2) as well as those elected by the Congress) all are delegates from different nominating Member Associations.

Provided the Deputy President has accepted his appointment as ITTF-BoD member, his nominating Association shall not be allowed to nominate another candidate for the afore-mentioned elections.

A candidate for the position as European representative in the ITTF-BoD shall be nominated only with the written consent of the candidate himself and of the nominating Association.

(4) The European representatives in the ITTF-BoD shall be appointed respectively elected by the Congress at its Annual Ordinary Meeting in the years of the Olympic Summer Games for a term of four (4) years; they are eligible for re-election without any limitation.

In order to ensure the maximum number of European representatives in the ITTF-BoD, European candidates elected by the Congress shall automatically be replaced by the next candidates on the reserve list (*) if they have been or if they will be co-opted as ex-officio members to the ITTF-BoD on the basis of their appointment as ITTF Committee Chairperson.

(*) i.e. the list with the candidates who had not been elected, ranked in the sequence of the votes they had cast in their favour at the last election for the ITTF-BoD

In the event the position of a European representative in the ITTF-BoD becomes vacant in the first three years of the term of office, that position shall be taken for the rest of the term by the next candidate from the reserve list (').

B.10.2. LIABILITY

The liability and the responsibility of any person acting on behalf of ETTU is limited only to faults committed in relation with the execution of this person's mandate or professional task.
B.10.3. INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

The ITTF eligibility regulations for World Title events shall apply to all ETTU team and individual Events, except as provided in the chapters B.10.3.1. to B.10.3.4.

B.10.3.1. European Veterans Championships

(1) A player shall register with the Organising Committee under the name of the country he is a national of, and/or his country of main residence in Europe. If requested by the Organising Committee or the referee, the player shall provide documentary evidence of his eligibility.

B.10.3.2. European Youth Championships

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent in the European Youth Championships a Member Association having jurisdiction in a country, if:

a) the player either
   a.1. is a national of that country;
   a.2. has been born in that country without being a national of it;
   a.3. is resident in that country since at least five years (the concerned player shall provide official documentary evidence of his residence, if so required by ETTU);

and

b) the player has never before represented any other Member Association in the European Youth Championships.

B.10.3.3. Europe Youth TOP 10

(1) Only players eligible to represent a Member Association in the European Youth Championships are eligible to participate in the Europe Youth TOP 10.

B.10.3.4. European Club Cup Competitions

(1) A player shall be eligible to represent a club as a 'non-foreign' player in the European Champions League or in the ETTU Cup if he is eligible to represent the Member Association to which the club concerned is affiliated in international team competitions in which the team represents an Association.

Besides, a player having the nationality of a state whose National Table Tennis Association is a Member Association shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of any Member Association.

(2) A player who has represented a club as a 'non-foreign' player in one of the Events mentioned in the first section of § (1) shall have the right to represent as a 'non-foreign' player any club of the Member Association to which the club he last represented is affiliated.

(3) A club shall, through the Member Association to which it is affiliated, register with the General Secretary all proposed representative players who previously have represented a club of another Member Association, not later than two (2) months before the start of the first event in which the players concerned are to represent it.

B.10.4. VISAS

It shall be the responsibility of a visiting Member Association or club to obtain any visas necessary for its members to travel to Meetings or to Events, but the host Member Association or club shall assist the visiting Member Association or club in every possible way to ensure that the required visas are made available to the visitors in due time.
B.10.5. PLAYING CLOTHES

In any Event, except those implying only club teams, a player's clothing shall be authorised by the Member Association that has nominated him.

B.10.6. ANTI-DOPING RULES

For all competitions authorised or governed by ETTU, the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (*), based on the WADA Code, shall apply in their entirety.

(*) References:  a) Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook,
                   b) ITTF Technical Leaflet T13

B.10.7. RACKET CONTROL

In any Event (EC, EYC, EVC, TOP-12, TOP-10), a control of rackets may be established according to general and specific rules laid down and published by the Executive Board and including adequate disciplinary sanctions for racket failures. If requested by the ETTU, the Host Association shall provide free hospitality for the chief racket controllers, set up a racket control centre and arrange for local helpers.

B.11. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

(nil)