

Officials View

By Dr. Azmy

Propositions Decided at the AGM 2006 in Bremen

Comments by Dr. Azmy

3) There is only a slight change, the word “and” has been replaced by “or.”

5-6) They have been withdrawn. There is a promise that the wording will be changed and will be submitted next year.

7) This is in line with the new rules for playing Wheelchair players. It made it clear that the rule refers to the service only.

8-10) These are all changed to be effective on Sept. 1, 2008. The idea is to postpone the implementation until after the 2008 Olympics.

13) Advertising only on the front and the sides of shorts or skirt.

14) Makes it clear that you cannot call a time-out when the score is 0-0. It has to be called between rallies during a game.

15) This is a basic change, and it was introduced by USA. The umpire will hold the Time-Out card in his hand during the time-out. No one needs to put a card on the table or stand by the table till it is over.

16) There was great support for this, yet it did not pass. Once again there is promise of introducing it next time.

19-20) These are regarding the new Team format and its approval.

A) This is regarding of the uniformity of rubber surface.

Propositions

Changes are signified by asterisks

1) Proposed by the French Table Tennis Federation

1.5.3.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and *6* Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be *appointed by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be appointed by the Executive Committee *responsible for finance.

Defeated

2) Proposed by the French Table Tennis Federation

1.18.6 Elections

Voting procedure of the Executive Committee: One round vote, elected by the relative majority:

The candidates are elected in a decreasing order of the number of votes gathered by each of them not exceeding the number of available positions.

Withdrawn

3) Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association

2.6 THE SERVICE

2.6.4 From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver by the server or his doubles partner *or* by anything they wear or carry.

Passed

4) Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association

2.13 THE ORDER OF SERVICE, RECEIVING AND ENDS*

2.13.7 The player or pair starting at one end in a game shall start at the other end in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a match the players or pairs shall change ends, *if either player or pair wants to,* when first one player or pair scores 5 points.

Defeated

5) Proposed by USA Table Tennis

2.6 THE SERVICE

2.6.1 Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the *flat* open palm of the server's stationary free hand.

Withdrawn

6) Proposed by USA Table Tennis

2.6 THE SERVICE

2.6.4 From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver, *the umpire or the assistant umpire* by any part of the body or clothing of the server or his doubles partner.

2.6.5 As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net.

Withdrawn

7) Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee

2.9 A LET

2.9.1 The rally shall be a let

2.9.1.5 if the receiver is in wheelchair due to a physical disability and *in service* the ball, *provided the service is otherwise correct*

2.9.1.5.1 leaves the receiver's half after touching it in the direction of the net; ...

Passed

8) Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee

3.2.4 GLUING

3.2.4.1 Coverings may be attached to racket blades only by means of pressure-sensitive adhesive sheets or adhesives that do not contain a prohibited solvent; a list of prohibited solvents is available from the Secretariat.

Passed

9) Proposed by the Japanese Table Tennis Association

3.2.4 GLUING

3.2.4.1.1 Adhesives containing volatile organic solvents shall not be used from 1st September *2008* on.

3.2.4.3 A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of racket coverings to rackets and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else *at the playing venue*.

“Playing venue” means the whole establishment in the playing building and the ground where the playing building stands, which contains the doorway, the parking lot and related facilities.

Passed

10) Proposed by the ITTF Athletes' Commission

3.2.4 GLUING

3.2.4.1.1 Adhesives containing volatile organic solvents shall not be used at the playing venue from 1st September 2006 on and shall not be used at all from 1st September *2008* on.

Passed

11) Proposed by the Japanese Table Tennis Association

3.2.4 GLUING

3.2.4.2 Tests for prohibited solvents will be carried out at World and Olympic title competitions and major Pro-Tour tournaments and a player whose racket is found to contain such a solvent *and a player when forbidden act in the “playing venue” of the preceding clause is discovered by the competition staff from 1st September 2006*, is liable to be disqualified from the competition and reported to his association.

Defeated

12) Proposed by the German Table Tennis Federation

3.2 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.2.5.10 Advertisements on playing clothing shall be limited to

3.2.5.10.1 the maker’s normal trademark, symbol or name contained within a total area of 24cm² *50* *cm²*;

Defeated

13) Proposed by the German Table Tennis Federation

3.2 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.2.5.10 Advertisements on playing clothing shall be limited to

3.2.5.10.4 not more than 2 advertisements, contained within a combined total area of 80cm² *120 cm², only on the front and the sides of* shorts or skirt.

Passed

14) Proposed by the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee

3.4.4 INTERVALS

3.4.4.2.3 The request for a time-out, which can be made only *between rallies in a game* shall be indicated by making a “T” sign with the hands.

Passed

15) Proposed by USA Table Tennis

3.4.4 INTERVALS

3.4.4.2.4 On receiving a valid request for a time-out the umpire shall suspend play and *he, while seated, shall* hold up a white card *with the hand on the side of the player/pair who requested it till the end of the time-out*.

Passed

16) Proposed by USA Table Tennis

3.5.2 MISBEHAVIOUR

3.5.2.1 Players and coaches shall refrain from behavior that may unfairly affect an opponent, offend spectators or bring the sport into disrepute, such as abusive language, deliberately breaking the ball or hitting it out of the playing area, kicking the table or surrounds, *wiping the hands on the surface of the table* and disrespect of match officials.

Defeated

17) Proposed by the ITTF Junior Commission

3.8 INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

3.8.4 A player is eligible to represent a Continental Federation (1.17.1) in *senior and/or junior events* of continental teams only if he is eligible to represent a member Association of this Continental Federation according to 3.8.3. *For cadet events in which Continental Federations enter continental teams, Continental Federations may enter players who are eligible to represent a member Association of this Continental Federation according to 3.8.3 and/or players who, on the first day of a competition, have been permanent residents for at least three years in a country over which a member Association of this Continental Federation has jurisdiction.*

Defeated

18) Proposed by the European Table Tennis Union

(to omit 4.1.9.2 completely)

4.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1.9 Events

4.1.9.2 In doubles events, both players shall be from the same Association.

Defeated

19) Proposed by the German Table Tennis Federation

4.3 OLYMPICS COMPETITION

4.3.2 Events

4.3.2.1 The Olympics competition shall include at least men's singles, women's singles, *men's team events and women's team events*.

Passed

20) Proposed by the German Table Tennis Federation

(to insert a new paragraph 4.3.2.2)

4.3 OLYMPICS COMPETITION

4.3.2 Events

4.3.2.2 The Team Match System in team events and the system of play in both team and individual events including any qualifying competitions shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Olympic Commission, and shall be notified to all Associations *in accordance with the IOC schedule*.

Passed

21) Proposed by the European Table Tennis Union

(to omit 4.4.9.1.1 completely)

4.4 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.4.9 Events

4.4.9.1.1 With the exception of mixed doubles events, both players of a doubles shall be from the same Association.

Defeated

A) Put forward by the ITTF Equipment Committee

Technical Leaflet T4A

A requirement that for the racket coverings the rubber surface should be uniform and without coating shall be included in the Technical Leaflet.

Passed