



2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEIJING: 6 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

Introduction: the Selection Committee met in La Louvière, Belgium from 7 to 8 March 2014.

The Selection Committee was chaired by the Selection Officer, Nico Verspeelt, and comprised:

- Dorte Darfelt (Chairperson, PTT)
- Georgios Seliniotakis (Technical Delegate)
- Jolanda Paardekam (Players' Committee Chairperson)
- Alison Burchell (Director: Operations and PTT)

Criteria: as with previous selection meetings, the Committee confirmed the criteria as used in previous selections including:

- a) Eligibility: in terms of the qualification process, a tournament credit was set at:
 - i) 150 for Europe including the regional championships.
 - ii) 90 for the other regions including the regional championships.The players achieving the tournament credit were confirmed by the Selection Officer, the Webmaster and the rating consultant. All regions held regional championships including the newly established Oceania region.
- b) Submission of entries from the national association: various documents were confirmed as being submitted by the national association. Unfortunately, the entry from the Kenya Table Tennis Association (the president and secretary general nominating themselves) for Disabled was not submitted by the Kenya Table Tennis Association.
- c) Increasing the number of teams: this was considered in terms of ensuring maximum benefit for players at the World Championships i.e. that they can, where possible, play both singles and team events.
- d) Universality and increasing the number of countries: the domination of Europe continues both in terms of numbers of players qualified and the number of tournaments organised in that continent although there is an improvement with Asia. Thus, in order to promote the development of table tennis world wide, ensuring participation from countries from other continents was considered.
- e) Potential: to encourage the participation of countries with new players, this area was also considered to ensure continuity.
- f) Quality: underpinning all the above is the need to ensure quality at the World Championships.
- g) Guaranteed host wild card requests: the host country is guaranteed 4 wild cards (one each in men and women standing and sitting classes and at the discretion of the Selection Committee).
- h) Medical and other issues: a few players had submitted medical reports giving reasons why they had not been able to participate in events and thus

did not meet the tournament credit requirement. This was investigated in detail including whether the second entry for various tournaments included the player in question.

On this basis, several players were not considered particularly as they had not met the eligibility requirement.

Context: prior to the selection process, the selection slots accepted by countries (295) were reflected as follows:

Continent	Countries	Slots	% slots (2012)	Countries	Slots	% slots (2014)
Africa	2	10	4%	2	10	3,5%
Americas	5	19	8%	5	22	7,5%
Asia*	8	63	26%	10	80	27%
Europe	25	150	62%	26	178	60%
Oceania*	2	2	<1%	2	5	2%
Total	42	244	100%	45	295	100%

*indicates in 2012, Asia was combined with Oceania so these figures are now separated.

The total number of slots available for the World Championships is 330 with 295 slots being accepted in the pre-selection process. This left 35 wild cards to be allocated against 82 applications.

Selections: the host country wild cards were allocated (women's standing, men's sitting and standing classes) as part of the process. All selections were checked for eligibility in terms of the tournament credit and that an application for a wild card had been submitted where the motivation was considered.

Women

Class	Slots	Selected player	Rationale
SF1-2	1	Azevedo, Carla BRA	First alternate and wild card request
SF3	2	Alaqrabaw, Alaa JOR Patel Sonalben Manubhai IND	Universality and adds a team TF1-3 Wild card request and adds a team in TF4
SF4	1	Thinjun, Piyawan THA	Only request for wild card, first alternate, adds a team TF4
SF5	1	No allocation	No application and no wild card request
SF6	1	Grebe, Stephanie GER	Wild card request, adds a team to TF6-8
SF7	1	Constantin, Gabriela ROU	First alternate and wild card request
SF8	1	Kim, Sung Ok KOR	First alternate and wild card request
SF9	1	Jankowska, Malgorzata POL	Wild card request and a confirmed medical certificate
SF10	2	Bicsak, Bettina HUN Partyka, Natalia POL	First alternate, wild card request and adds a team TF9-10 Wild card application and had met the criteria set by PTT
SF11	1	Cateau, Veronique FRA	Wild card request and adds a team TF11

Men

Class	Slots	Selected player	Rationale
SM1	2	Al Rashidi, Eisa KUW Sieger, Markus GER	Wild card request, universality and adds a team TM1 Wild card request and adds a team TM1
SM2	2	Perlic, Goran SRB Poddubny, Sergey RUS	Wild card request and adds a team TM5 Wild card request
SM3	2	Rodriguez, Geovanni CRC Geva, Liran ISR	Wild card request and universality Wild card request, adds a team TM3 and a confirmed medical certificate
SM4	2	Astan, Adios INA Wyndham, George SLE	Wild card request and universality Wild card request and universality
SM5	2	Cao, Heng CHN Zenati, Ayman EGY	Wild card request for host country and adds team TM5 Universality and adds a team TM5
SM6	2	Chen, Chao CHN Hirth, Trevor AUS	Wild card request for host country and adds team TM7 Wild card request, universality and adds TM8
SM7	2	Shur, Shmuel ISR Dettoni, Cristian CHI	Wild card request and adds a team TM7 Wild card request and universality
SM8	2	Kent, Ian CAN Bech, Kenneth DEN	Wild card request and universality Wild card request and adds a team TM8
SM9	2	Heijnen, Tonnie NED Iwabuchi, Koyo JPN	First alternate, wild card request and adds a team in TM10 Wild card request and alternate
SM10	2	Bakar, Mohamad Azwar MAS Mohamed Mahmoud, Ibrahim EGY	First alternate and universality Wild card request and adds a team TM10
SM11	2	Hadden, Benjamin USA Huang, Ta-Yu TPE	First alternate Wild card request

In relation to SM11, 4 players are under review at the tournament to happen in Hungary. With 2 wild cards available, these were allocated but should any player not have their classification confirmed, the number of slots in the SM11 event would consequently be reduced.

Teams: the combination of classes in team events is due to the total number of team entries predicted for the World Championships noting, however, that the situation may change after countries confirm by 15 April 2014.

Women's team classes	Number of teams proposed	Men's team classes	Number of teams proposed
TF1-3	7	TM1	6
TF4	5	TM2	4
TF5	7	TM3	9
TF6-8	6	TM4	6
TF9-10	9	TM5	8
TF11	4	TM6-7	9

TM8	7
TM9	4
TM10	9
TM11	4

Conclusion: in the final analysis, the allocations by continent were:

Continent	2012				2014			
	Countries	%	Slots	%	Countries	%	Slots	%
Africa	2	4%	11	4%	3 (2)	6%	13 (10)	4%
Americas	6	13%	24	9%	7 (5)	14%	27 (22)	8,5%
Asia*	12	28%	78	28%	11 (10)	22%	91 (80)	27,5%
Europe	26	55%	163	59%	26	53%	190 (178)	58%
Oceania*	1		2		2	4%	6 (5)	2%
Total	47	100%	276	100%	49	100%	327	100%

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() indicate the numbers prior to the selection process.

The Selection Committee was able to add 4 countries to the table tennis competition including 1 for the first time (SLE) and 2 for the second time (CHI and MAS) and Indonesia made it this time on its own merits, having received a wild card in 2012. The number of slots, being an event under the ITTF, was increased by 10% over the previous world championships, and all singles classes filled the quota allocated except for SF4 and SF5. Overall in the team events, the number of teams fluctuates over 2010 per class although men's team 1 and 2 has successfully been separated.



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