



Date: 24 January 2012

TO: THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL ITTF ASSOCIATIONS

COPY: PRESIDENTS OF CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

Re: Entries for Para Table Tennis Events 2012

Dear Friends,

The Para Table Tennis Division held its meeting from 20 to 22 January 2012 and considered issues relating to the integration of PTT into ITTF structures, including national associations. The PTT Division recognized that the dispensation given from 2008 for associations to nominate a representative to submit entries was not being fully enforced and resolved that this should be correctly applied for all tournaments organised under the umbrella of the ITTF through the PTT Division.

As a consequence, I would like to draw your attention to the following clause of our Handbook with my added emphasis:

3.7.1.3 Players from affiliated ITTF member Associations, ***when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF events, ITTF approved events and ITTF registered events entered through their national Association***, as well as in ITTF recognised events entered through their National Olympic Committee or National Paralympic Committee respectively. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national Association of the player or the ITTF; permission to players will be considered given unless a specific or general notification is made by the national Association of the player or the ITTF withholding the permission to participate in an event or series of events.

Note: ITTF recognized events for which entries may be submitted by the NOC or NPC are the Olympic, Paralympic Games and other multi-sport games.

Therefore, I request that you submit to Alison Burchell (burchell@ittf.com) as soon as possible, confirmation who from your association, with their email address, will submit entries for Para Table Tennis players in your association.

Please note that as this is a long-standing regulation, it will be implemented stringently from today.

Please note that if the national association does not submit the entries of PTT players, the entry of these players will not be accepted for any PTT related event. As this is a year of the Paralympic Games, I hope sincerely that you will continue to support Para TT players to achieve their potential.

Should you have any enquiries about this, please contact Alison or myself.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordi Serra', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jordi SERRA

Executive Director

(Operations and Olympic Games)