



# 2012 LONDON PARALYMPIC GAMES

## TABLE TENNIS

**Introduction:** the Selection Committee met in La Louvière, Belgium from 2 to 5 March 2012.

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

- Steven Lee (Deputy Technical Delegate),
- Jolanda Paardekam (Players' Committee Chairperson),
- Gaël Marziou (ranking director) by phone meeting,
- Alison Burchell (Deputy Executive Director: Operations)

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

- a) Eligibility: in terms of the qualification guide, a tournament credit was set at 80 including the regional championships.
- b) Increasing the number of teams: this was considered in terms of ensuring maximum benefit for players at the Paralympic Games i.e. that they can, where possible, play both singles and team events.
- c) Universality and increasing the number of countries: it is important to note the domination of Europe both in terms of numbers of players qualified and the number of tournaments organised in that continent. Thus, in order to promote the development of table tennis world wide, ensuring participation countries from other continents was considered.
- d) Potential: to encourage the participation of countries with new players, this area was also considered to ensure continuity.
- e) Quality: underpinning all the above is the need to ensure quality at the Paralympic Games.
- f) 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).

On this basis, several players were not considered particularly as they had not met the eligibility requirement. In some instances, several attempts were made to encourage new countries to the Paralympic table tennis competition to respond to the invitation to apply for Bipartite Commission Invitation Qualification (BCIQ) slots.

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

<b>Continent</b>	<b>Countries</b>	<b>Slots</b>	<b>% slots</b>
Africa	2	10	4%
Americas	5	19	8%
Asia-Oceania	10	65	27%
Europe	25	150	62%
Total	42	244	100%

The total number of slots available for the Paralympic Games is 276 with 244 slots being accepted in the pre-selection process (2 players were replaced as a result of their NPCs declining the slots). This left 30 BCIQ slots to be allocated against 139 applications.

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

## **Women**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Slots</b>	<b>Selected player</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
SF1-2	1	Profitt, Tara	BCIQ request and adds a team SF1-3
SF3	2	Cho, Kyoung Hee Muzinic, Andela Duman, Hatice	First alternate to replace RSA rejection BCIQ request and adds a team SF1-3 BCIQ request and adds a team TF1-3
SF4	1	Al Azzam, Fatemah	BCIQ request, adds strength to the team TF4-5 (currently team class 1 and 5)
SF5	1	Passos, Maria Luiza	BCIQ request and adds a team TF4-5
SF6	1	McDonnell, Rebecca	BCIQ request and adds a team TF6-10
SF7	1	Barneoud, Anne	BCIQ request and adds to a team TF6-10
SF8	1	Medina, Josephine	BCIQ request and universality
SF9	1	Liu, Meng	BCIQ request and first alternate
SF10	1	Alexandre, Bruna	BCIQ and adds a team TF6-10
SF11	1	Bromley, Victoria	BCIQ for GBR host country

## **Men**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Slots</b>	<b>Selected player</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
SM1	1	Eberhardt, Fernando	BCIQ request and adds a team in TM3
SM2	2	Rooney, Ronan Janfeshan, Hassan	BCIQ request and adds a team in TM1-2 BCIQ request and universality
SM3	2	Hadrava, Jaroslav Maksin, Dacian	BCIQ request and adds strength to the team TM4-5 BCIQ request and universality
SM4	2	Ko, Kun Nan Gomes Sanchez, Edson	BCIQ request and adds to team TM4-5 BCIQ request and universality
SM5	1	Robertson, Scott	BCIQ for GBR host country
SM6	2	Kusiak, Thomasz Choy, Hing Lam Itai, Junki	First alternate to replace RSA rejection BCIQ request and universality BCIQ request and universality

SM7	2	Yuttana, Namsaga Scazzieri, Davide	BCIQ request, adds a team TM6-8 and universality BCIQ request
SM8	2	McKibben, Aaron Saeed Mousa Ali, Saeed	BCIQ for GBR host country BCIQ request and universality
SM9	2	Cabestany, Cedrik Karlsson, Linus	BCIQ request BCIQ request and adds a team TM9-10
SM10	2	Bakar, Mohamad Azwar Abdel Rahman, Abdel Wahab	BCIQ request and adds a team TM9-10 BCIQ request and adds a team TM9-10
SM11	1	Kinoshita, Yuki	BCIQ request and best ranked player on INAS list

**Teams:** the combination of classes in team events is due to the total number of medal events predicted for the Paralympic Games

Women's team classes	Number of teams proposed	Men's team classes	Number of teams proposed
TF1-3	10	TM1-2	8
TF4-5	10	TM3	7
TF6-10	10	TM4-5	10
		TM6-8	15
		TM9-10	11

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

Continent	Countries	%	Slots	%
Africa	2	4%	11	4%
Americas	6	13%	24	9%
Asia-Oceania	13	28%	78	28%
Europe	26	55%	163	59%
Total	47	100%	276	100%

The Selection Committee was able to add 5 countries to the table tennis competition including 3 for the first time (CHI, INA and MAS) while losing 4 (CUB, CRC, LIB and RSA). With the addition of a medal event in the women's standing classes, there has been a pleasing increase in participation and thanks are reflected to the IPC for encouraging this development. Overall in the team events, there has been a significant increase in the number of teams competing.

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