

ITTF Tribunal Member – Position Description

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), founded in 1926, is the world-governing body of the sport of table tennis with 226 member Associations in the world.

The ITTF supervises the staging of World Championships annually, and several other world title events. Around 120 international tournaments are sanctioned by the ITTF yearly. Its main function is to govern and develop the sport for the benefit of over thirty million competitive players in all parts of the world.

Table Tennis is an Olympic and Paralympic sport and is in the programme of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as of all Multisport Games.

Applications are now invited from experienced legal professionals and sports subject matter experts to form a Panel of Tribunal Members in ITTF.

Tribunal Members of the ITTF will play a central role in ensuring the effective provision of dispute resolution services for sports participants, support personnel and sporting organisations internationally, forming a diverse panel of independent arbitrators, legal and subject matter experts that may be called upon on a case-by-case basis.

Positions

- 1 ITTF Tribunal Chair
- Up to 7 ITTF Tribunal members at large

Term

The term for all members of the inaugural ITTF Tribunal is 2 years or until the next ITTF Tribunal members are appointed at a general meeting of ITTF (whichever is earlier).

ITTF Tribunal Chair – Qualifications

- A qualified lawyer;
- Is fluent in English; and
- Has at least 10 years of professional legal experience in litigation or arbitration and in governance, integrity, table tennis, competition, officiating, athlete safeguarding, anti-harassment or such other relevant areas in sport.

ITTF Tribunal Chair – Responsibilities

- Lead and represent the ITTF Tribunal in official matters within and outside of ITTF;
- Propose resources necessary for the ITTF Tribunal to operate in accordance with the ITTF Tribunal Regulations;
- Propose amendments to the ITTF Tribunal Regulations or any other part of the ITTF Handbook for the effective and efficient administration of justice within ITTF;
- Perform or supervise the performance of operational tasks of the ITTF Tribunal;
- Prepare annual reports of the ITTF Tribunal for the AGM or EGM;
- Convene ITTF Tribunal meetings, as they deem necessary;
- Appoint a deputy to fulfil their responsibilities in their absence, as deemed necessary;
- Manage the caseload of the ITTF Tribunal and assign (or reassign) cases to ITTF Tribunal members, according to their specific needs, such as subject matter expertise;

- Monitor the performance and conduct of the ITTF Tribunal members, investigate (or assist in the investigation of) complaints made against them and suspend or remove them from office, if necessary, in accordance with the ITTF Handbook;
- Work with the ITTF Tribunal Secretariat and all other ITTF Tribunal members on all other matters necessary of the operation of the ITTF Tribunal; and
- Assume the responsibilities that of an ITTF Tribunal member.

ITTF Tribunal Member – Qualifications

- A qualified lawyer or former judicial office holder with substantial expertise and experience in legal issues affecting sport; or
- A person with substantial experience in legal, governance, integrity, table tennis, competition, officiating, athlete safeguarding, anti-harassment or such other relevant areas in sport.

ITTF Tribunal Member – Responsibilities

- Read and be familiar with the documents submitted by the parties in each case;
- Ensure that parties who are not represented by counsel are able to present their cases and have it considered fully and fairly;
- Manage and conduct proceedings fairly, effectively and efficiently;
- Maintain impartiality throughout proceedings and take adequate notes;
- Deciding issues of fact, law and procedure that may arise in each case;
- Make orders and interim reliefs in each case, in accordance with the ITTF Tribunal Regulations;
- Write and issue decisions after deliberating on the parties' submissions;
- Keep abreast of developments within table tennis or sport in general, particularly in the areas of legal, governance, integrity, competition, officiating, athlete safeguarding, anti-harassment and such other relevant areas; and
- From time to time serve on a Committee, Commission, Working Group or such other bodies of the ITTF, where services of a judicial member are required, particularly in cases of substantial public interest.

Independence

If appointed, no ITTF Tribunal member themselves and their immediate family members may:

- hold any official function in ITTF, a member association of ITTF or an associated organisation of ITTF; and
- have any material business relationship with ITTF, a member association of ITTF or an associated organisation of ITTF, during their term of office as ITTF Tribunal member and for four years prior to their initial appointment to office.

Application Process

- The period of application is from 06 November 2020 till 05 December 2020.
- Please complete your application at <https://www.ittf.com/job-opportunities/> within the application period.
- Suitable applicants will be reviewed by the ITTF Nominations Committee and appointed by the ITTF Board of Directors by 31 December 2020.
- The inaugural ITTF Tribunal's term of office will commence on 01 January 2021.