

ITHF statement on Russian membership status

The ITHF Executive Committee (EC) has ascertained that Russia does not have a national table hockey association. The EC agrees that Russia therefore does not currently meet the requirements of active ITHF membership as defined in the ITHF Constitution (art. 5.1 "The member of the ITHF can only be national associations of STIGA tablehockey").

In order to retain its active member status, Russia must set up a national association. According to art. 6.2.1.1 of the ITHF Constitution, this national association must "either be officially registered by the national authorities as an organization connected with table hockey, or else have a clearly defined system for democratic decision-making and/or periodic democratic elections of a decision-maker".

The loss of active member status would mean that Russia would not be entitled to vote at the ITHF Delegates Conference (DC), but Russian players/teams would still be entitled to compete on the World Tour and at ITHF international championships, and Russian organisers would still be entitled to host ITHF tournaments.

The next DC is likely to be held towards the end of this season. If Russia fails to comply with the active membership requirements by then, Russia will not be entitled to vote at that DC and can at most be granted observer status.

ITHF Executive Committee
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