



Delegate's Conference of ITHF (May 2023) Minutes

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Minute keeper: Mykhaylo Shalomayev, ITHF Secretary General

Members eligible to participate: Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA

Votes

Vote 1

ITHF election

Information

The following candidates are running for election to the ITHF's Executive Committee and Legal Committee for the next two seasons.

1a President

Bjarne Axelsen (DEN)

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	0	

Result: Bjarne Axelsen is **elected** President ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1b Secretary General

Mykhaylo Shalomayev (UKR)

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	0	

Result: Mykhaylo Shalomayev is **elected** ITHF Secretary General for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1c Continental Manager for North America

Kevin Rafferty (USA)

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	0	

Result: Kevin Rafferty is **elected** ITHF Continental Manager for North America for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1d Members of Executive Committee

Information

Candidates:

Igor Saveljev (EST), Gustaf Hermansson (SWE), Vladislav Momat (RUS)

Based on the voting results, two members of the ITHF Executive Committee could be elected.

1di Should Igor Saveljev (EST) be a Member of the Executive Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, USA
NO	2	Germany, Ukraine

Result: Igor Saveljev is **elected** Member of the Executive Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1dii Should Gustaf Hermansson (SWE) be a Member of the Executive Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	0	

Result: Gustaf Hermansson is **elected** Member of the Executive Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1diii Should Vladislav Momat (RUS) be a Member of the Executive Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	0	
NO	11	Canada, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA

Result: Vladislav Momat is **not elected** Member of the Executive Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1e Members of Legal Committee

Information

Candidates:

Michael Toft Nielsen (DEN), Rolf Locher (SWI), Gergely Regula (HUN)

The approved candidate with the most Yes votes will become Chair, the next 2 will be Members.

1ei Should Michael Toft Nielsen (DEN) be on the Legal Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	2	Germany, Latvia

Result: Michael Toft Nielsen is **elected** Member of the Legal Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1eii Should Rolf Locher (SWI) be on the Legal Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	11	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, USA
NO	1	Ukraine

Result: Rolf Locher is **elected** Member of the Legal Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

1eiii Should Gergely Regula (HUN) be on the Legal Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	11	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Germany

Result: Gergely Regula is **elected** Member of the Legal Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2024/2025.

Vote 2

Change to Tournament Rule 2.5

Information

In qualification for the International Championships (World and European), one way to qualify for open class is to be in the WR (World Ranking) top 25 by the date of May 1st. There can be an unlimited number of players from each nation qualifying this way, as long as they are in the WR25.

Another way to qualify is via the WTHT, after the tour is finished.

Today, for open class, there is a limitation saying only the best 3 players/country (still in the top 20) can qualify this way.

And in special categories (Ladies, Veterans, Juniors, Kids and Super Veterans) the top 3 players in each category qualify. But only the best 1 per nation.

Today, if one of the best WTHT players from a country is already qualified via WT25, that country cannot replace him/her with another player who actually also fulfills the conditions (being WTHT top 20 in open class or top 3 among special category players).

For example: player A1, A2, A3 and A4 are all WTHT top 12 players from the same country "A". Player A1 is also WR top 25 and thereby automatically qualified for a championship. Player B1, from another nation "B", is #18 in the WTHT. Today player A2 and A3 will qualify to the Championships. Players A4 (#12) will not, because there are already 3 players from the same country in better positions, although one of them (A1) is not qualifying via WTHT. But player B1 (#18) will qualify, although placed lower in the WTHT standings.

Question

In the paragraph 2.5 iv) of the Tournaments Rules, delete the following words: "Up to 3 players from each nation can directly qualify in this way" and "Up to 1 player from each nation can directly qualify in this way in each of these 5 categories".

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Canada, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	2	Estonia, Germany

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force **on July 1, 2023**.

Vote 3

Host of the World Championship - 2025

Information

Applications for the World Championship - 2025 were submitted by Tallinn (Estonia) and Umeå (Sweden). Both cities are famous for holding tournaments at a very high level.

The capital of Estonia held the European Championship - 2016, the World Championship - 2021 and annually successfully holds the Tallinn Cup. Recently, tournaments in Tallinn have been held at *"Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn"*. The capital of Estonia is ready to host the World Championship - 2025, as this year Tallinn will have the title of "Sports Capital of Europe 2025". This was stated by the Mayor of the city at the opening of Tallinn Cup - 2023.

The World Championship in table hockey has not been organized in Sweden since 1995. Now 30 years later, it is time for the World Championship to be held again in table hockey's homeland. Umeå was named sports city of the year in Sweden 2018, 2020 and 2021. Umeå as a city has extensive experience of major sporting events. The Junior WC in ice hockey has been arranged in Umeå several times. In addition, Sweden's largest recurring public event is being arranged in Umeå since 2022 - Rally Sweden. Umeå also has the world's oldest table hockey club, which has extensive experience in arranging major table hockey tournaments. The Umeå Open has been organized since the early 80s. Furthermore, the Swedish Masters have been arranged in Umeå in 2020 as well as the Swedish championships in 2019 and 2023. Venue of the World Championship - 2025 will be *"Thorén Arena"* close to the city center.

Question

Where will the World Championship - 2025 be held?

Options

Tallinn (Estonia)

Umeå (Sweden)

against all

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
Tallinn	3	Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
Umeå	8	Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Sweden, USA
against all	0	

Result: The World Championship 2025 will be held in **Umeå (Sweden)**.

The Executive Committee of ITHF, Monday the 28th of May 2023