

CEO National Council Report

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1. CEO Monthly Update

There has been one CEO update since the last National Council meeting and the link can be found below:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/chief-executives-update-may-2023/>

2. Governance

As part of our Sport England funding, we are required to undertake an external assessment by the Child Protection in Sport Unit. This took place on the 16 May 2023. In due course we will receive a written report, however, we have been verbally informed that we have met the requirements.

3. Board Meetings

There has been no meeting of the Board since the last National Council meeting. The next Board meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

4. Russian and Belarussian Participation in International Competition

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recently published a series of recommendations for International Federations regarding the future participation of Russian and Belarussian nationals as neutrals in international sport. The full IOC statement, including their list of recommendations, can be found [here](#).

The UK Government is currently considering the detail of this announcement and we will be engaging with the IOC as they decide how best to respond. UK Sport will keep sports updated with any further guidance from the Government.

In the meantime, the Government's 'Neutral Athlete Guidance', which can be found [here](#), continues to apply and it remains the case that UK athletes are able to compete overseas against Russian and Belarussian nationals where they meet the Government's neutrality criteria.

We know that the ITTF will be considering how the IOC's recommendations should be applied to our sport and we continue to stay close to this.

5. Major Event Strategy

We continue to make positive progress towards the development of our major event strategy, including our interest to host the 2026 World Team Table Tennis Championships.

We are on track to present our bid to UK Sport to secure public investment and we expect to hear the outcome in July. We are also seeking to secure support from the Greater London Authority.

We are now working through Stage 2 of the ITTF process and this will be submitted by the deadline of 28 June.

We now have confirmation that the ITTF Summit will be held in Bangkok and the AGM will decide the host for the Championships on 24 August 2023.



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This is an extremely busy period in respect of pulling together all required documentation and evidence that supports our bid, and the wider event strategy. With this in mind, I have established a task force group, consisting of internal and external stakeholders, to manage the coordination of required information for the respective submissions.

6. Actions from the previous National Council Meeting in October

Action	Owner	Timeline
Select Committee report on Premier Club voting to go to the Board	AC/SD	Completed. The report will be discussed by the Board on 6 June 2023
The National Council Select Committee Paper on the Competition Review was endorsed to be discussed at the Competition Advisory Committee	RV	Completed. The paper was discussed by the Competition Advisory Committee at its meeting on 3 May 2023 and the Board will receive recommendations on 6 June 2023
EW to provide a paper at the June National Council regarding Select Committee reappointments and TORs.	EW	Completed. Paper sent to NC for the meeting
Code for Sports Governance Action Plan to be shared with Council once finalised with Sport England.	AC	Likely August/September 2023
Update on the status of Russian and Belarusian Nationals to be provided when available	AC	See Point 4 in this report
A survey to be sent out asking for meeting preferences by the members.	JKB/SW	Completed. Vast majority wanted online only.

In Memoriam

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/obituary-mike-short-shorty-plymouth-stalwart/>