

Update of Petitions against New Rules for Factor 20/40 competitions and Regional Championships in 2009 regarding the KO System in the Team event

In Slovenia and in Romania further player meetings took place regarding the petitions set up in Slovakia. In Romania it was decided that an Executive Players Committee be established and more news about this will be announced in Genoa. It is intended to have another player's meeting at the European Championships and all teams will be informed regarding this.

Other countries have handed in their signed petitions and the table below is an update of all signed petitions. Copies of the completed petitions will be brought to the IPTTC Executive Board in Genoa.

It is absolutely clear that the majority of international players are against the KO system in the Team event and want it to be reinstated to its former status of Round Robin + KO. The players would like this decision to be overturned with immediate effect for the Regional Championships in Genoa.

Country	KO System Signatures		Country	KO System Signatures
Argentina	3		Italy	9
Austria	12		Japan	7
Belgium	5		Jordan	8
Brazil	Team Leader		Korea	6
Canada	2		Netherlands	11
Croatia	7		Norway	1
Czech Republic	11		Poland	10
Denmark	4		Romania	4
France	23		Russia	14
Germany	5		Slovakia	
Great Britain	17		Slovenia	3
Hong Kong	2		Spain	5
Hungary	8		Sweden	14
Iceland	3		Switzerland	10
Ireland	7		Taipei	12
Israel	18		Turkey	12
Total countries 32 Signatures - KO system = 254				

Update of Petitions against the decision regarding the New Service Rule

The new service rule was tried out in the Romanian International Open to mixed reactions and we hope that our comments will be invited regarding this rule and subsequently be taken into consideration by the IPTTC Executive Board. Definitely all umpires and players require more training in this rule before it can be totally effective.

Country	Service Rule Signatures		Country	Service Rule Signatures
Argentina	3		Italy	9
Austria	10		Japan	4
Belgium	5		Jordan	8
Brazil	-		Korea	-
Canada	2		Netherlands	11
Croatia	7		Norway	1
Czech Republic	-		Poland	6
Denmark	-		Romania	4
France	12		Russia	15
Germany	4		Slovakia	8
Great Britain	15		Slovenia	5
Hong Kong	-		Spain	3
Hungary			Sweden	14
Iceland	2		Switzerland	10
Ireland	7		Taipei	11
Israel	14		Turkey	6
Total countries 32 Total Signatures - <i>Service rule</i> = 196				