



Agreement of Understanding
between
**International Table Tennis
Federation (ITTF)**
and
**Latin America Table Tennis
Union (LATTU)**
for the
**2006-2008 Latin America
Table Tennis Development
Program**

2006-2008 Agreement of Understanding between the ITTF and the LATTU

- Whereas the ITTF supports the development of table tennis world-wide by:
- creating development opportunities for athletes, coaches, and match officials,
 - providing equipment assistance to its developing member associations
 - increasing the quality of the human resources needed to better market, administer and showcase table tennis.
- Whereas the ITTF has approved a Development Plan with the following general objectives:
- To provide the skills and pathways for all Continental, Regional and National member associations, to satisfy their own development needs.
 - To impart, through educational strategies, the required knowledge to developing associations in order to ensure the long-term sustainable development of our sport.
 - To assist in achieving world-wide mass participation.
 - To improve the technical level of our athletes, coaches and match officials.
 - To improve the quality of human resources needed to better market, administer and showcase table tennis.
 - To provide multi-skilled Continental and Regional Development Officers in the developing regions to facilitate co-ordination of all aspects of development.
 - To actively educate member associations on, and create links with, the IOC's Olympic Solidarity Program, to further assist Continental Federations and National Associations in their own Development Programs.
 - To increase the participation of women at all levels and to improve the technical level of women competitors.
 - To provide the youth with a structured pathway for development through to Olympic level.
 - To provide equipment to developing associations and to organisers of major events in developing associations.
- Whereas the LATTU is the recognised Continental Federation created with the purpose of promoting and regulating table tennis within Latin America.
- Whereas the ITTF constitution states that the Continental Federations shall be supported and encouraged.

Whereas the LATTU aims to accelerate the development of table tennis in its continent in close collaboration with the ITTF,
the LATTU aims to improve the structure of its member associations,
the LATTU aims to provide training and coaching opportunities to talented players from various countries in a centralised and concentrated manner.
the LATTU educates and actively encourages applications for all available Olympic Solidarity Programs, so as ITTF funding enhances rather than replaces Olympic Solidarity funding

The following clauses constitute the agreement between the ITTF and the LATTU for the years 2006-2008, to which extensions and annexes may be added.

According to the “Continental Development Program Formula 2006-2008”, approved by the ITTF EC on 29 April, 2005, which forms an annex to this agreement, and the decisions of the EC Meeting in Linz, December, 2005, Latin America has the following budget for 2006-2008:

ITTF Formula Contribution-US\$80,701
ITTF World Cadet Challenge Contribution-US\$16,500
Continental Contribution-US\$16,191[50% of Olympic Allocation]
Umpires Courses-US\$6000
TOTAL: US\$119,392

ITTF at the EC Meeting in Linz, December, 2005, additionally agreed to fund one Women’s Forum in the period 2006-2008 with a budget of US\$9000.

Guiding Principles

- a.** The ITTF will provide up to US\$119,392 [US\$113,392+ US\$6000-Umpires Courses] for the LATTU Development Program annually for the period 2006-2008 as outlined below. ITTF will hold the 50% of the Olympic Allocation and allocate funds directly as reports are received.
- b.** No carryover of funds is permitted from one year to the next.
- c.** All actions, including country, dates and experts must be approved by ITTF in advance, and full reporting, financial justification provided prior to payment.
- d.** No transfer of funds between actions within the agreement is permitted except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of ITTF
- e.** All ITTF-ULTM members must have access to actions within the ITTF-ULTM Agreement and offered on a rotating basis. Countries must be financial members of ITTF-ULTM or have outstanding fees deducted from assistance given.
- f.** Countries not currently members of ITTF-ULTM should be offered the opportunity through their National Olympic Committee to become members.

Clause 1. Equipment assistance-US\$20000

- 1.1.** With the aim of providing associations from developing countries with table tennis equipment, 10 Latin American Associations will receive a table tennis equipment package up to a maximum total including shipping of US\$2000, and a maximum total overall of US\$20,000 annually.
- 1.2.** The equipment assistance will include 10 equipment packages to Latin American Associations to include: tables, nets, scorers, beginner rackets, or balls[or as agreed with ITTF] including shipping up to the maximum US\$2000 per country.
- 1.3.** Distribution will be based on needs and rotation using the ITTF databases. LATTU will report to the ITTF Development Program Manager after each donation and will send photos of each donation activity to ITTF for use in the ITTF Website and Table Tennis Illustrated.

Clause 2. Courses-Training Camps-US\$47000

- 2.1.** The ITTF will support 1 Women's Course up to US\$4000 annually. This US\$4000 will include up to US\$2500 for expert salary-airfare, and up to US\$1500 for host association to cover expert hospitality and course costs.
- 2.2.** The ITTF will support 2 base level Umpire's Courses up to US\$3000 per course and up to US\$6000 annually. This US\$3000 will include up to US\$2000 for expert salary-airfare, and up to US\$1000 for host association to cover expert hospitality and course costs.
- 2.3.** The ITTF will support 2 Junior Training Camps prior to World Junior Circuit events + 2 additional LATTU Junior Training Camps in Latin America to include:
 - a. Host contribution-US\$1500[host to cover coach hospitality and all training camp costs]
 - b. LATTU Junior Hospitality-US\$1000[hospitality for LATTU Juniors attending the camp. Juniors to be nominated by LATTU and approved by ITTF]
 - c. ITTF Coach-airfare up to US\$2000
-indemnity up to US\$500[5 days x US\$100]
 - d. LATTU Coach-airfare up to US\$1000
-indemnity up to US\$250[5 days x US\$50]
 - e. TOTAL Budget: US\$25,000 [US\$6250 per training camp]
 - f. Elite Player-Coach: One of the above 4 camps will include an elite player-coach [such as Peter Karlsson]
-airfare up to US\$2000
-indemnity up to US\$1000[5 days x US\$200]

- 2.4.** The ITTF will support 4 “Structure and Planning” Courses annually up to a maximum of US\$6000 per year, including up to US\$1000 airfare and up to US\$500 indemnity per course. Host is responsible for hospitality and course costs.
- 2.5.** The ITTF will supply 20 “ITTF Level 1 Coaching Manuals” to each ITTF Development Program and Olympic Solidarity ITTF Level 1 Coaching Course. 10 courses x 20 manuals x US\$15=US\$3000
- 2.6.** LATTU must inform ITTF, before each course about:
- Dates and venues.
 - Number of participants.
 - Name of the expert/s conducting the course.
 - Budget and partners.
- 2.7.** After each activity, the LATTU will submit the “ITTF Development Project-National Association Report” to the ITTF Development Program Manager. Payments will be made after receipt of each report.

Clause 3. Latin American Development Officer-US\$21376

- 3.1.** The ITTF will contribute an amount of up to US\$928 per month for each of the years 2006-2008, up to an annual maximum of US\$11,136 to cover the salary and insurance of a Development Officer who will be in charge of:
- Implimentation of the ULTM-ITTF Development Program
 - Proposing to LATTU and to ITTF, yearly, the Latin American Development Program.
 - Conducting activities in Latin American countries for players, coaches and umpires under the guidance and supervision of LATTU and ITTF.
 - Co-ordinate attendance and planning at the ITC’s
 - Conducting Olympic Solidarity Courses.
 - Conducting Umpires Courses.
 - Assisting countries with development plans, Olympic Solidarity applications and building a sustainable structure
- 3.2.** The ITTF will pay the expenses of the LATTU Development Officer up to US\$10,240 annually which will include a minimum of 10 airfares-courses, any hospitality requirements, and all expenses relating to the role
- 3.3.** The Development Officer will present the “ITTF Development Project-Expert Report” at the conclusion of each activity, and a quarterly summary report to the LATTU and to the ITTF Development Program Manager about all the activities held, the program for the next quarterly period and update about the LATTU Development Program.
- 3.4.** Payments of salary and expenses will be made quarterly following receiving the quarterly report, together with receipts.
- 3.5.** LATTU will send the ITTF a complete plan for each year regarding the activities of the Development Officer by March 1 of each year.

Clause 4. International Table Tennis Centres[ITC] for Latin America-US\$9000

- 4.1.** The ITTF will support 2 LATTU ITC's at Venezuela and Dominican Republic by providing up to 300 person-days of training per ITC, including training, accommodation and meals for Latin American players @ US\$15 per person per day up to a maximum of US\$9,000.
- 4.2.** All ULM member countries must be offered the opportunity to attend the ITC's, and if demand exceeds player days that this be offered on a rotating basis, calculated from previous years attendance. The Latin American Development Officer will co-ordinate attendance and provide details to ITTF for prior approval.
- 4.3.** Payment will be made at the completion of the last activity for the year on receiving the report from the ITC's regarding the countries attending the ITC.

Clause 5: World Cadet Challenge-US\$16500

- 5.1** ITTF will provide US\$16500 to LATTU for the World Cadet Challenge based on 11 members[8 players, 2 coaches, 1 manager] x US\$1500/person.
- 5.2** Full participation is required to access the full amount. Less than full participation will result in a proportional decrease in funds.

Clause 6: ITTF Goodwill Fund-US\$5670

- 6.1.** 5 % of the total budget will be used for an ITTF Solidarity Fund to be used for all continents as required. This will be retained by ITTF for Goodwill Fund applicants.

Agreed on this 25th day of April, 2006

On behalf of the Latin American Table Tennis Union

Signature
Melicio Rivera
President LATTU

On behalf of the International Table Tennis Federation

Signature
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