

PERMISSION TO PLAY/TRAIN OUTSIDE THE ISLAND OF IRELAND: Introduction of Player Passports(PP)

The ITTA has reviewed its system for the consideration of applications for permission to play and/or train outside the country and has decided to introduce Player Passports(PP).

Subject to certain requirements including entering into a commitment with the Association to follow an agreed programme for training and competition, a 12 month permission will be granted, on request, to qualifying players. These are as follows:

- a. **Underage Players:** Any boy or girl ranked in the Top 5 in their respective age groups in the immediately preceding season
- b. **Senior Players:** Any male or female player ranked in Top 8 in Ireland in the immediate preceding season
- c. **Professional & Other Players:** Please see attached Player Passport Scheme

Players qualifying for the award of a Player Passport should apply in writing stating their intended programme for the season 2013/14 to Ken Strong ITTA International Director (international@irishtabletennis.com).

Players who do not qualify for the award of a PP must apply to the ITTA for permission in the normal way.

Should you have any queries on the new PP scheme please contact Mr. Strong at the email address listed above.