

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : **Hong Kong Table Tennis Open
2007**

Ranking Factor Approved for : **20**

Responsible Federation : **Hong Kong Paralympic
Committee & Sports
Association for the Physically
Disabled**

Chairman of Organising Committee : **Mr Silas Chiang**

Dates of Play : **19-23 July 2007**

Name of Technical Delegate : **Steven Lee**

Name of Deputy Technical Delegate : **Ms Cindy Leung
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Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC : **28 August 2007**

1-Accommodation

- Regal Riverside Hotel
34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong

Accommodation was at the Regent Riverside Hotel in Shatin. The facilities were very good. There are 8 lifts and the rooms have wheelchair facilities.

Overall accommodation was very good.

Meals were served on the 2nd floor. Other than breakfast, there was late supper between 10pm and 12pm for players who finished late. Lunch and dinner in buffet style were served at the venue with plenty of choices.

2-Venue

The competition venue was the gymnasium of The Hong Kong Institute of Education. The stadium is the same as the 2005 Hong Kong Open and is very satisfactory. However due to the large number of players, only 12 tables could be placed in the main stadium and another 2 tables in another table tennis room. The lighting in the table tennis room was not as good as the main venue, but was otherwise acceptable. Tables were also placed in the four squash rooms for practice purposes.

Overall it was satisfactory.

There was an office and meeting room with telephone, photocopier and computer on the 2nd floor.

There are 2 accessible toilets in the hall, a very important point for tournaments with players in a wheelchair.

Floor:	Wooden floor
Lighting:	900 lux, suitable, without daylight
Spectator seats:	about 150 for the participants and spectators For wheelchairs – directly on the area
Gluing area:	Outside the gymnasium
Officials room:	OC & TD room Classification room Results/computer area (close to Referee's table)

Water available in the hall for free.

3-Equipment

- 14 Tables: 2 Tables – Joola 2000-S
2 Tables – Cornilleau 640

2 Tables – Donic Champion TC
2 Tables – Stiga Expert VM
4 Tables – Stiga Expert Roller
2 Tables – Stiga Automatic Roller

- Balls: DHS *** White
- (All ITTF approved)
- Surroundings and Score boards

There were 8 tables for wheelchairs matches, 6 tables for standing matches. The tables for wheelchair players complies with regulations.

4-Competition Days

The scheduled timetable was for 3 days. However the organiser brought forward the open events half a day early to ensure the schedule was not too tight and allow players adequate rest

- 19 July (Thur) Team Arrival & Training
- 20 July (Fri) Classification & Competition (Open Event)
- 21 July (Sat) Competition (Open & Team Event)
- 22 July (Sun) Competition (Team & Singles Event)
- 23 July (Mon) Competition (Singles Event)
Evening - Farwell Dinner
- 24 July (Tue) Departure

The tournaments lasted for 3 and a half days. The Farwell dinner cum Prize Presentation Ceremony was held at 7pm at the Ballroom of the Regal Riverside Hotel.

5-Number of Participants

In this tournament there were far more entries in the Second Entry than the First Entry. Considering the size of the venue to place more tables and ensure the maintenance of the competition facilities and rest time for the players, the organiser could not accept more players who had not entered in the First Entry. At the end, there were 129 players participating.

A total of seventeen countries participated.

Australia, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Czech, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovak, Sweden, Ukraine and Hong Kong China.

Men's wheelchair players:	48
Men's Standing players:	52
Women's wheelchair players:	18
Women's Standing players:	11

With a total of **129** players.

Team leaders and coaches:	44
Support staff:	7
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Total:	180

6-Transport

The hotel is 25-30 minutes drive from the stadium. There were several mini buses transporting players to and from the hotel. The staff paid careful attention to the players. Other than the normal timetable, the organiser also arranged for specific transportation if required.

7-Officials

Organizer: Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD)

- Chairman: Mrs. Jenny Fung
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Martin Lam, Dr. James Lam
- Hon. Secretary: Mr. Patrick Ng
- Hon. Treasure: Mr. Henry Lam
- Executive Director: Ms Iris Mak

Organising committee of the tournament:

- Chairman: Mr. Silas Chiang
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Patrick Ng
- Member: Ms Cindy Leung
Dr. Chung On Ming
Mr. Victor Chan
Ms Chim Mei Fan
Mr. Lo Mun Ho

Classifier: Dr. James Lam (HKG)
Mr. Ong Tah Fatt (MAS)

National Classifier: Mr. Victor Chan (HKG)

Deputy TD: Ms Cindy Leung (HKG)
Ms Wendy Chim (HKG)

Referee: Mr. Lo Mun Ho (HKG)

Deputy Referee: Mr. Sun Qi Lin (CHN)

Umpires: International Umpire - 14
National Umpire - 23

As for the umpiring, only 2 umpires came from China, one was the Deputy Referee.

As not all umpires were present at the same time, some sessions were tighter than others. The umpire resources were a bit stretched leading to inadequate time for rest and meals. Other than 38 official umpires, there were 18 student umpires assisting in the umpiring which was good experience for them.

Tournament Secretariat: Ms Iris Mak
Ms Anyetty Chow
Ms Irene Chung
Ms Maggie Tse
Ms Bowie Ngan
Ms Fion Yu
Ms Shirley Chen
Mr. Glen Lam

The staff from the HKPC&SAP were very helpful in providing assistance. The tournament was run in a smooth fashion.

8-Meetings

Team Manager's meeting was held at 10:30am on 20 July. As most of the matters had been arranged and prior notices had been given to all the participating nations, the meeting finished quickly with a short briefing from Chairman of OC, TD and the Referee regarding matters that needed to be attended to and changes to be made to the player's list in the team events.

9-Draws

The draw was made according to rules and regulations of ITTF & IPTTC by Dr. Chi-Shih Wu's computer programme which was fast and accurate. Special thanks to Dr Wu's contribution.

10-Classification

Two IPTTC Classifier and one National Classifier were responsible for classifying players. They were very efficient. A total of 7 players were required to be classified, commencing on 20 July from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
Classification for 7 players.

11-Education

An umpire's seminar was well conducted by Ms. Cindy Leung (IR, HKG) in this competition. There were 38 umpires taking the umpire test after the seminar.

12-Results

As Dr Wu's programme was used, there was no problem with recording of results. The secretarial group assisted in updating the results and produced all the results in the CD format. The CDs were handed over to the teams before they left.

13-Other Staff

Medical Support

- St Johns Ambulance team and Physiotherapists were present at the venue and provided massage services to the players.

Volunteers:

- There were plenty of volunteers during the tournament with a total of 171. Students from four schools acted as ball boys/girls. Police Volunteer Service Corp also had volunteers attending.

14- Other Matter

As the competition venue was located at the gymnasium at The Hong Kong Institute of Education, the whole campus was non-smoking area. There were quite a number of smokers amongst the players. They did not adhere to the requirements which led to complaints by the campus management. It is hoped that all smoking players can pay attention to the non-smoking restrictions as smoking is a health hazard.

15- Conclusion

As a conclusion, this tournament was very successful. All the arrangements were very well planned. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee, umpires and referee, volunteers and staff of HKPC&SAP for the great work done.

28 August 2007
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