

## TECHNICAL DELEGATE EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament : **Taichung Table Tennis Open for  
the Disabled 2013**

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Ranking Factor Approved **20**

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Name of the Organizer: **Taichung Disabled Persons Sports  
Federation (TDPSF)**

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Technical Delegate: **Mr. Silas CHIANG (Hong Kong,  
China)**

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Dates and Venue: **20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013  
National Taichung Industrial High School, Taichung, Taiwan**

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Chief Organizer: **Dr. Chi-shih WU (Chinese Taipei)**  
Referee: **Mr. Leow Lim-Hai (Malaysia)**

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Report submitted to PTTD of ITTF **29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Taichung Table Tennis Open for the Disabled 2011**  
**20-25 November, 2013**  
**TD Evaluation Report**

**1. AUTHORITY:** the Taichung Table Tennis Open for the Disabled 2013, endorsed by the Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee and the Chinese Taipei Table Tennis Association, and organized by the Taichung Disabled Persons' Sports Federation under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation (Para Table Tennis Division).

**2. OFFICIAL ORGANIZER**

Name: Taichung Disabled Persons' Sports Federation

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**3. TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENT**

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**4. REFEREES**

Name: **Leow** Lim Hai ( Referee, Malaysia )

Email: [leowhai@yahoo.com](mailto:leowhai@yahoo.com)

Names: **Ho** Hsin-Min (Deputy Referees, Chinese Taipei )

(**Lai** Chien Ming, **Sung** Chia Ming and Tony **Shaw** assisted the Referees in areas of Umpire schedule, Call area and Venue management during the Tournament.)

## **5. CLASSIFIERS**

The classifiers were **Cannie Leung** (Hong Kong, China) and **Dr. Suzuki Seiichi** (Japan)

## **6. The OFFICIAL TEAM**

A total of 2 International Umpires from Thailand and 45 local Umpires were involved and they were all helpful, dedicated to their job. No one complained about having to umpire for long hours.

## **7. DATE AND PLACE:** 20-25 November, 2011

22 November – Singles events

23-24 November – Team events

National Taichung Industrial High School (191 Kao-Kung Road, Taichung, Taiwan)

## **8. EVENTS:** the following events were played:

Men's singles (class 1- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11)

Women's singles (class 2- 3, 4, 5, 7-8, 9, 10 & 11))

Men's team (class 1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6-7, 8, 9-10 & 11)

Women's team (class 2- 3, 4- 5, 7- 8, 9-10 & 11)

## **9. SCHEDULE:**

Arrivals: 20 November

Practice days: 21 November (0900-1900)

Classification: 21 November (0900-1300)

Technical meeting: 21 November (2000-2130)

Opening ceremony: 22 November (1100-1200)

Competition for the Singles events: 22 November (0900-2030)

Competition for the team events: 23 Nov. (0900-1900) & 24 Nov. (0900-1530)

Players Night: 24 November (1830-2130)

Departures: 25 November

**10. RULES:** the event was conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and specific PTT directives.

## **11. EQUIPMENT:** the following equipment were used:

Tables: 9 Donic World Champion TC, Blue accessible for wheelchair play; and  
6 TSP, Dark Green only for standing play

Nets: Donic

Balls: Nitaku (white)

Floor: Wood Plank

We arranged 15 tables in the playing hall on 2/F, with 10 larger courts.

The Practice Area on 1/F, with 12 tables to be used at any time.

## **12. CLASSIFICATION**

A total of 8 players were classified plus 2 review cases as requested from Korea. The classes of the reviews remained unchanged, though the classifiers had to spend long time to explain to the two players.

## **13. PARTICIPATION QUOTAS**

Due to limited space in the playing venue and with only 2.5 competition days, the Organizer planned to only take in not more than 120 players. We finally took 11 more though the actual number of players attended and competed were 126, with 83 male and 43 female players.

## **14. ENTRY PROCESS**

Only entries submitted by or endorsed by the national association were accepted.

National Paralympic Committees were requested to contact the national association to confirm their entries.

The first entry (entry by number) deadline was: 30 June, 2013

The second entry (entry by name) deadline was: 23 August, 2013

## **15. SYSTEM OF PLAY & COMPETITION**

*Singles events:* the first stage was played in a round-robin basis in groups. For those events with 5 or less players, the events were played as a round-robin without knock-out. The second stage which was played in a knock-out format.

*Team events:* the first stage was played in a round-robin basis. For events with 5 or less teams, they were played in a round-robin format without knock-out.

We had a total of 214 Singles matches and 102 Team matches.

All matches in Singles and Team were played to the best of 5 games.

Medals were awarded for gold (1<sup>st</sup>), silver (2<sup>nd</sup>) and bronze (3<sup>rd</sup>) places. There were no play off for bronze medal in the knock-out stage, both losers in the semi-final won a bronze medal.

For events with only 3 entries only gold and silver medals were presented.

## **16. SEEDING**

Seeding for all the events was done according to the latest ITTF PTT ranking list at the time of the draws.

### **17. TEAM/TECHNICAL MEETING**

The technical meeting was held on 21 November in the Hotel at 2000.

### **18. DRAWS**

The draw for the Singles was conducted at the Team Meeting on 21 November while that for Team events was held on 23 November at 1330.

The start list for Singles were handed out to teams at around 2130 on 21 November and that for teams in the late afternoon on 22 November in the Venue.

### **19. PERSONS ON THE BENCH**

The following persons on the bench were executed :

1. In singles events, 1 seat for a coach on the playing field (behind the surrounds).
2. In the team events at most 5 seats per team for those involved in the match.
3. No other players or personnel may have access to the bench areas.

Spectators were asked to stay at the side seating area, or at the rear or in the front of the Venue. Special provisions was made for **medical personnel** adjacent to the entrance of the lift on 2/F.

### **20. ENTRY FEES**

Entry fees had included accommodation and capitation fees. Entry fees were paid in Euro to the organizers as set out below:

Entry fee: € 300 per person sharing (2 in a room)

€ 500 per person in a single room

30% of total entry fee was submitted by 30 June, 2013

70% of total entry fee submitted by 23 August, 2013

Entry submitted with the first entry = €90 per person sharing (2 in a room).

€150 per person in a single room.

€ 150 /person was charged additionally for entries to be received after the Final Entry Deadline (13 September). There was one case of late entry and charged extra.

Payments were made to :

Name of organization: Taichung Disabled Persons' Sports Federation

Bank name: Cathy United Bank, West Taichung Branch, Taiwan

Account name: Taichung Disabled Persons' Sports Federation

Account number: 013-03-500171-3

SWIFT: UWCBTWTP013

## **21. OFFICIAL HOTEL**

The Official Hotel for teams and officials being :

Name: Taichung Plaza International Hotel

139 km to Airport (about 2 hr 15 min)

16.1 km to Venue (about 40 min)

Physical/postal address: 431, Ta Ya RD., Taichung Taiwan R.O.C.

E-mail: [service@taichung-plaza.com](mailto:service@taichung-plaza.com)

Phone: +886-4-22956789

Website address: <http://www.taichung-plaza.com>

The Hotel management was very cooperative in that they took down the bath room doors and replaced them with curtains for every request we made. We received no complaint at all in the accessibility issue in hotel.

## **22. MEALS ARRANGEMENT**

Lunch boxes were arranged for all the three competition days. The lunch box was of high quality. Those who wished to have different meal of their choice, they were given 80 local dollars and guided to nearby restaurants.

Afternoon Snacks were also available at 1500 on the three competition days, and this was very welcome by all team players and officials as well as all the competition officials and volunteers. The same was arranged in the 2011 Tournament.

Dinner was in buffet style in the Hotel from 1800 to 2200 from 21-24 November.

## **23. TRANSPORTATION**

The organizers had provided sufficient transportation, 3 big coaches and 10 rehab-buses for teams and officials between airport and Hotel and between Hotel and Venue during competition and practice days. Hotel cars and taxis were also used when needed.

Shuttle was arranged at regular hours, more frequent in the morning and in the late afternoon. Buses were also helpful to take teams to nearby shopping areas when so requested.

The volunteers responsible for transportation were very efficient and though it was more than 25 minutes by vehicles from Hotel to Venue, they managed to take players to Venue on time. No delay had occurred. Teams were also cooperative as the first shuttle from Hotel to Venue was 0700.

## **24. OBLIGATIONS AND NEEDS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT & PASSPORT**

## **COPIES**

Teams were made to be aware that it was the responsibility of the association, player or team member to ensure that he or she has adequate medical, travel and other appropriate insurance.

A total of 113 Code of Conduct were signed by team members, competition officials and Organizers. They were sent to the ITTF Office by post.

28 Passport copies were requested from players. 22 were collected and sent to Georgios by e-mail on 23 November while the remaining 6 from TPE were sent on 27 November.

**There was one request for correction of name spelling from THA** and the corresponding passport copy was forwarded to Georgios.

**And also a request of name change from a female THA player.** She was advised to make a written request from her National Table Tennis Association to ITTF PTTD, as it involved the change of entire family and given names of the player.

## **25. TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND INTERNET COVERAGE CONDITIONS**

All teams were made to understand that by entering the event, all participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the organizers. All associations, teams and individual players agree to be abide by the rulings of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during the event. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by the ITTF and the organizers.

## **26. CANCELLATION POLICY by Participating Teams**

The policy applied as follows:

1. Cancellation after the first entry but before the second entry: the first entry fee is forfeited.
2. Cancellations after the second entry: the first entry fee plus an additional 30% of the entry fee is forfeited i.e. a total of 60% of the total entry fee.
3. Cancellations within 10 calendar days of the arrival date will be decided by the organizers in consultation with the TD.

This was provided that the player was not able to prove circumstances beyond his or

her control e.g. admission to hospital.

There were a number of cancellations due to sick or other reasons, either a full or 40% refund was made to the teams concerned.

## **27. VISAS**

The Organizer had provided sufficient advice on the visa application for some nations/territories that required visa to enter Taiwan.

## **28. WEATHER**

The temperature was between 19-27 degree Celsius. It rained on 22 November, the first competition day. It turned fine for the following two competition days.

## **29. QUESTIONNAIRE & COMMENT**

We received 9 out of 13 questionnaires sent to the Teams. The findings are :

1. Very thorough and well preparation;
2. Volunteers are excellent, as they are all working from their heart;
3. All Staff including Referees, Umpires, TD, Classifiers, Medical and Ball pickers received highest remarks;
4. Not a “Bad” remark was received;

In general, the Taichung Table Tennis Open was very well organized in nearly all aspects.

The only drawback is the insufficient IT support at the playing venue in the afternoon of the first competition day..

Taichung’s determination and the incredible passion from all the volunteers and staff under the capable leadership of Dr. WU Chi-shih had made Tournament a memorable one to all who participated in it, as commented by all the participating teams after the Players’ Night held on 24 November.

Teams were asked that their players or officials could submit questionnaires online. The Findings of the Questionnaire is attached to this Report.

## **30. OBSERVATION FOR FOLLOW UP**

We had found increasing withdrawals prior to competition and they were mostly from high lesion players TT1. I had some conversations with the teams and also the classifiers with medical background, and found that the withdrawals were mainly due to pressure sore as TT1-2 players are more vulnerable to suffering from it.

The worse situation being that the players may not be aware till the last minute, or they don't want to give up the competition opportunity due to tournament credit as required by ITTF PTT and had to withdraw prior to departure.

**I suggest that some adjustments in the tournament credits be made for TT1-2 players, so that they don't have to travel long distance very often and yet still be able to qualify for World Championships or Paralympic Games.**

Prepared by Silas CHIANG, Technical Delegate, 29 November, 2013