

**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**

**PARA TABLE TENNIS**

**INSPECTION REPORT – Etxebarri – Bilbao - SPAIN**

**Name of Tournament:** I Open Internacional Fekoor (Wheelchair)

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**Ranking Factor Applied for:** 10

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**Name of the National Federation:** NPC – Spain

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**Name of the Chairman of the  
Organizing Committee :** Javier Cueva

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**Dates of the Tournament:** November 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2008

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**Technical Delegate:** Leandro Olvech, Argentina

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**Technical Delegate Inspection:** July 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2008

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**Report submitted to ITTF:** 24 July 2008

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### **Location:**

Etxebarry – suburbs of Bilbao – North of Spain

### **Airport:**

Bilbao Airport, Bilbao  
Fully accessible and very modern.

### **Transport:**

The transport between the airport and the hotel and the hotel and the venue shall be provided by

- 1 or 2 buses depending on the needs (45 people)
- 3 minivans + a minibus (9 people)

All are fully accessible as shown on pictures.



### **Accommodation:**

I stayed in the hotel that was expected for the tournament (**Barceló**), the quality and service was very good, the access to the hotel and rooms of common use were accessible. There were 4 accessible rooms with best conditions.

Unfortunately and as many times happens, the problem is with the “normal” rooms, those not expected to be used by someone in a wheelchair. The doors to the bathroom are not big enough (58cm)

Then we had to look for other alternatives, I have inspected four more hotels:

**Ibis \*\***

**Hesperia Bilbao \*\*\*\***

**Hotel Indautxu \*\*\*\***

**Barceló Avenida \*\*\*\***

The last one is the best option:

**BARCELO AVENIDA will be the Hotel of the tournament instead of the Barceló Hotel informed in the invitation.**

Located in the way from the city to the venue. Less than 10 minutes to the Venue and same distance to the downtown of the city. Also 10 minutes to Guggenheim museum. There are accessible metro stations on walking distance.

The hotel was renovated on 2005 and there is part of the hotel that is totally new.

It has 189 rooms, 16 meeting rooms, Restaurant, Snack bar, piano bar, Turkish bath, Wi Fi, Spa, Fitness Centre and car park.



- Entrance to the hotel: accessible.
- Elevators: 2 units. 75cm doors. 1 wheelchair per elevator.

There are **3 accessible rooms** with these characteristics:

- Fully Accessible
- Room entrance door width: 85cm
- Bathroom door width: 80 cm



Then there are 2 types of **"normal"** rooms, those in the **"old"** area with the following characteristics:

- Room entrance door width: 74 cm
- Bedroom entrance door width: 68 cm
- Bathroom door width: 61 cm
- Bathtub height: 57 cm



**This are NOT recommended**

Then there are the **"normal"** rooms in the **"new"** area:

- Room entrance door width: 76 cm
- Bedroom entrance door width: 82 cm

- Bathroom door width: 70 cm
- Shower Door width: 72 cm
- Shower Step height: 9 cm



Bedroom and Bathroom



Shower

**This is the type of room where most of the participants will stay.**

## **Meeting Rooms**

There are plenty possibilities for the meetings as they can just move the walls of a huge room. **The classification will be done at the hotel.**

For more information about the hotel please visit:

<http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/en-GB/Hotels/Spain/Bilbao/Avenida/Home>

## **Meals:**

Breakfast and dinner in the restaurant of the hotel will be provided - buffet style. Lunch will be provided by a catering company in the venue. It was requested to be done from 12:00 to 15:00



## **Venue:**

### **Polideportivo Etxebarri**



View from outside



View from the door

Very modern sport complex

The playing area is around 40x20 meters

Floor: Hard Rubber (harder than taraflex)

Lighting: 23 lights on each side (tables will be located in order to have them by the sides)

Spectators Seats: 1400

Places for wheelchair spectators: around 100

Dressing Rooms: 4 for players + 2 for Umpires and Referee

Accessible Restrooms: 4 close to the field of play + 2 in cafeteria + 2 in outside area

Gluing Area: In a corridor close to the field of play

Distance to the nearest hospital: 10km

Control desk and the Referee's desk will be situated in a side of the field of play.

The access to the cafeteria is through an elevator with capacity for 2 wheelchairs

Smoking will be prohibited inside the playing hall.

There will be a free physiotherapist service in the sports hall during competition days.



The hall has many windows and there is a risk of sunshine getting inside. The OC will cover them as necessary.

### **Equipment:**

**Tables:** At least 12 tables for competition. Brand to be determined.

**Balls:** Tibhar orange \*\*\*

## **Umpires:**

There will be at least 16 umpires

## **Ball Boys and Girls:**

There are volunteers from the Fekoor that is the NGO for people with disability that organises the tournament.

## **PTT Officers**

Technical Delegate: Leandro Olvech (ARG)

Referee: Patrick Ringel (FRA)

Deputy Referee: Fernando Oteo (ESP)

Classifier: Aart Kruimer (NED)

## **Organising Committee:**

There was long meeting on Friday with the OC to clarify many issues and procedures related to the organisation.

The members seems to have a very good knowledge about special needs as many of them work full time for a association for people with disability.

I have asked them to work establishing from the beginning an OC with clear roles of each person.

They would need also to have an experienced competition manager and a computer person. They will use the Dr. Wu´s software.

## **Schedule:**

### **Classification Seminar:**

#### **12.11 Wednesday**

- Arrival Classification Seminar participants and Lecturer (during the morning)
- Theoretical component of the Seminar (afternoon)

#### **13.11 Thursday**

- Theoretical component of the seminar (Morning)
- Classification: November 19 – 16:00

#### **14.11 Friday**

- Observation

#### **15.11 Saturday**

- Observation and exam

#### **16.11 Sunday**

- Departure (or on Monday)

## Delegations:

The competition format has been changed from Open-Teams- Singles to Open-Singles-Teams

### 13.11 Thursday

- Arrival Delegations (Players to be classified must arrive as soon as possible)
- **Classification at the hotel**

### 14.11 Friday

- Open Events and Singles

### 15.11 Saturday

Singles and Teams

### 16.11 Sunday

Teams

Closing Ceremony

### 17.11 Monday

Departure

## Conclusions:

- The OC seems to be composed by very responsible people.
- The transport system is very good
- Accommodation will be in a very good hotel and location
- The venue has very good conditions, the sunshine in the playing area is the only thing to be fixed
- Bilbao is a very nice city to visit.

For all above mentioned reasons I would recommend the delegations to take part in this tournament and I am glad that Spain is again in the PTT calendar after some years of inactivity as organisers.

# Para Table Tennis

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Leandro Olvech  
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