



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

PARA TABLE TENNIS

INSPECTION REPORT – Margarita Island -
VENEZUELA

Name of Tournament : Para Pan-American Championship
2009 - For class 1-10 players

Ranking Factor Applied for : 50

Name of the National Federation : NPC – Venezuela

**Name of the Chairman of the
Organizing Committee :** Ahiquel Hernandez

Tournament Director : Dilia Olivares

Dates of the Tournament : Sept. 28 – October 4, 2009
Test Event – factor 20 Tournament: Nov. 19 – 23, 2008

Name of Bid Inspection Delegate : Karol Ziduliak, Canada

Report submitted to ITTF : June , 2008

Location:

Margarita Island – 45 minutes flight from Caracas, Venezuela

Airport:

Porlamar, Margarita Island, Venezuela.

Note: There is a special tax collected at each airport before departure.

Caracas – Porlamar and Porlamar – Caracas it's 18,40 Bolivars. Caracas – a destination outside of Venezuela 115 Bolivars.

Transport:

The transport between the airport and the hotel and the hotel and the venue shall be provided by eight KIA PREGIO VANS. They can carry a maximum of 12 people; when rear seats are removed and only front seats left the VAN can carry up to 6 wheelchairs. Wheelchairs can roll into the VAN through the rear door. Four ramps 90 cm wide, 245 cm long will be constructed. In addition special stops for wheels inside VANS will be installed. Time between the airport and hotel takes 30-45 minutes depending on the traffic.

Transport between the hotel and the venue takes 20-30 minutes, depending on the traffic.

Accommodation:

There were 3 hotels inspected – Flamingo Beech Hotel, Margarita Village Hotel, Portofino Hotel. All of them similar service – all meals inclusive. None of them has rooms suitable for wheelchair users. At the end Flamingo Beech Hotel owners were the only ones willing to rebuild/adapt their rooms for wheelchair users. 20-25 rooms for the November 2008 factor 20 Tournament and 40-45 rooms for the Para Pan-American Championship in September 2009 will be /rebuilt/adapted.

Doors to bathrooms will be enlarged to 90 cm, holders/supports next to toilets and in showers will be installed as well as leavers on taps of sinks and showers will be installed.

There are 2 elevators. Each can carry 2 wheelchairs.

Toilets on the main floor will be rebuilt for wheelchair users.

Access to swimming pool and to the beach will be adapted for wheelchair users as well – ramps with smaller angles than they are now will be provided.

The meeting room for up to 150 people with LPG projector will be set up on the main floor.

Room for classification will be provided in the hotel.

Progress of the above mentioned rebuilding/adaptation of rooms will be monitored by the organizers regularly and report sent to TD Nico Verspeelt with cc to Karol Ziduliak on the last day of each month starting July 31.

Meals:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner in the restaurant of the hotel will be provided - buffet style.

Breakfast 7:00-10:00, Lunch 12:00-15:00, Dinner 19:00-22:00

Lunches will be prepared in lunch boxes, if needed.

Venue:

CIUDAD La Asuncion playing hall.

Dimensions: 34m x 22m of wooden parquets; additional area of 16m x 20m of concrete flooring for wheelchair courts will be created by removing mobile bleachers.

Lighting: 1000-1200 lux, 700 lux on the corners of wooden parquets and on concrete floor. Note: all burnt out lights have to be replaced.

Two cubicles of toilets in each of the change rooms will be adapted for wheelchair users (doors enlarged to 90cm and holders installed). Access to showers will be adapted by installing one ramp in each of the change rooms for access by wheelchairs and 2 showers adapted for using by wheelchair users. Taps in two sinks in each of the change rooms will be equipped by leavers to be wheelchair users friendly.

Control desk and the Referee's desk will be situated in the centre behind the wooden parquets. PA system will be rented.

Classification room will be in a large room under the bleachers.

TD room will be in another room under the bleachers.

Gluing area will be set up outside of the playing hall (still covered by the roof of the hall).

Medical support with doctor, medical nurses and ambulance will be available.

There are seats for approximately 2000 spectators.

Space for approximately 40 wheelchair spectators will be available in front of seats for spectators.

There will be 1 meeting room for technical meetings and draws.

Smoking will be prohibited inside the playing hall.

Note: Progress of adaptations of change rooms for wheelchair users will be monitored by the OC with reports sent to TD Nico Verspeelt with cc to Karol Ziduliak by the end of each month starting July 31.

Verder Rojas playing hall.

Dimensions: 30m x 17m of wooden parquets.

Lighting – presently 300-400 lux. The lights can be positioned under different angles. The lighting would be increased to approximately 800-900 lux.

One cubicle of toilets in each of the change rooms will be adapted for wheelchair users (doors enlarged to 90cm and holders installed). Access to showers will be adapted by installing one ramp in each of the change rooms for access by wheelchairs and 2 showers adapted for using by wheelchair users. Taps in two sinks in each of the change rooms will be equipped by leavers to be wheelchair users friendly.

There are approximately 500 seats for spectators.

Control desk and the Referee's desk will be situated in the centre behind the wooden parquets. PA system will be rented.

Gluing area will be set up outside of the playing hall.

Classification room, if necessary will be set up in a temporary tent on the floor of the hall.

TD room will be on the second floor in office area.

Note: All the adaptations for wheelchair users will commence in September only, if the total number of players would be more than 110.

Equipment:

Tables: 20 Butterfly and Stiga tables will be provided by Venezuela Table Tennis Federation (VTTF). 10 of the tables will be wheelchair accessible.

Nets: Butterfly

Surrounds: 150 Butterfly and Donic surrounds provided by VTTF.

Tables for umpires: 20 specially constructed by VTTF.

Towel holders: 40 provided by VTTF.

Balls: White Stiga***

Score indicators: 20 Butterfly brand provided by VTTF.

Umpires:

There will be a need for approximately 36 umpires for the Factor 20 Tournament in November and approximately 52 umpires for the Para Pan-American Championships in September 2009. 40% of the total number of umpires will be invited from foreign countries in both cases.

The organizers will send an invitation letter to all participating countries for sending of up to 2 International Umpires to the Tournament.

I have been present at the meeting of organizers with the President of Venezuelan Table Tennis Federation (VTTF), Mr. Oswaldo "Papelon" Borges representative of Ministry of Sport, Mr. Juan Carlos Medina and

Representative of Wheelchair Federation, Mr. Francisco Suarez on June 13.

I am pleased to report, that the VTTF has assured me, that they will be in the position to provide up to 30-40 International and National Umpires for both tournaments and as mentioned above provide all the equipment needed. Mr. Juan Carlos Medina is an International Referee and will be the Deputy Referee for the November 2008 Tournament.

Ball Boys and Girls:

There will be a need for approximately 15-20 ball boys and girls. The organizers have contacted a local school. The school has promised to provide needed volunteer boys and girls for picking up the balls in courts.

Classification room:

A table tennis table with privacy room for medical investigations and secretary table will be provided in the hotel.

A room for eventual further medical investigation will be available at the venue

Provisional Schedule and the number of accepted athletes:

Factor 20 Tournament - November 2008:

Arrival: November 19 afternoon – dinner

Classification: November 19 – 16:00

Opening ceremony: November 20 – 9:30

Open Events: November 20 – 10:00-16:00

Singles Events: November 20 – 17:00-21:00, November 21 – 9:00-16:00

Teams Events: November 21 – 16:00-21:00, November 22 – 9:00-17:00

Closing Ceremony/Medals Presentation/Farewell party: November 22 – 18:00

Departure: November 23 after breakfast

The number of **wheelchair players** will be **limited to 50** on first come first served basis, because of the limited capacity of accommodation suitable for wheelchair users.

The total number of players is expected to be around 110.

Factor 50 – Para Pan-American Championships – September 2009:

Arrival: September 28 afternoon (before 04:00 p.m. if possible) – dinner.

Classifications: September 28 starting at 04:00 p.m.

Opening ceremony: September 29 – 9:30

Open events: September 29 – 10:00-21:00

Singles events: Sept. 30 – 10:00-21:00, Oct. 1 – 10:00-18:00

Team events: – October 2 – 10:00–21:00, October 3 – 10:00-16:00

Closing ceremony/Medal Awards – October 3 – 16:00

Farewell party – October 3 – 18:00-22:00.

Departure: October 4 after breakfast.

The total number of players is expected to be around 120.

Note: The draft of this report was presented to the organizers before I have left for Vancouver. The dates for both Tournaments are acceptable for the organizers.

June 15, 2008

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Karol Ziduliak - for Nico Verspeelt - ITTF PTT Technical Delegate