

ITTF Para Table Tennis Division

TD Inspection on 1st Taichung Table Tennis Open 2011

Background

This is the first time the City of Taichung of Taiwan plans to organize an ITTF PTT sanctioned event as all previous events were held in Taipei. This will be their courageous attempt to influence the city government on the provision of more funding support, more accessible facilities and better transportation to people with a disability in the City. We hope to make the best use of the existing facilities for the Open while also giving some Dr. Wu Chi-shih a push in his tremendous effort in promoting sports for people with a disability there over many years.

We expect the Open to attract 100 players of all Classes for Men and Women, and the period will be from 10th – 15th November, 2011.

1. Hotel – (International Plaza Hotel)

- with 250 rooms on 23 floors, 3 lifts each carries 2 wheelchairs at a time. 6 rooms on each floor are with wider bath room door and enough space inside for wheelchair players; Door width 69cm and becomes 73cm when the door is taken away and replaced by curtain. The Organizer will provide some smaller wheelchairs for players whose wheelchairs are too big to get in bath room; Strong plastic chairs will be provided for bath outside the bath tub;
- Large meeting room and dining area are available and they are accessible by lifts; There is one wheelchair toilet on 1/F (equivalent to ground floor G/F);
- Bus depot at the main entrance of the hotel. The loading and unloading area is not very spacious, and need some more volunteers to organize;
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2. Transportation

- Taichung is some 1.5 hours travel by bus from the International Airport;
- More than 2 buses with wheelchair facilities will be used for pick up at the airport, and they will be serving as shuttle, every one hour to and from the hotel to venue during competition days;

3. Meals

-Breakfast and dinner in hotel while lunch boxes in venue; sandwich will be provided upon request the day before for lunch;

4. Ceremonies

- Opening, Closing and Farewell Dinner will be organized.
- Medal ceremonies will also be arranged during competition days;

5. Venue – National College of Physical Education

- Floor area is 29.5m x 40m, and 10 tables will be used for competition;
- Wooden floor;
- Fairly accessible to the Arena and other facilities except the spectator stand which is on the raised level. No lift available;
- Sufficient toilets, yet mobile toilets will need to be arranged in the Car park area for wheelchair players. Players rest area will be in the covered corridor around the Arena plus a large classroom identified for players dining;
- Air flow will be alright in November when no air conditioning will be required;
- Lighting is a bit not enough, as the Arena is mainly used for basketball. Yet it should alright with some 400-500 lux;
- A Classification room is identified and the room can be used for players rest area afterwards when mattress are to be placed there and also a Massage corner with bench there;
- A small TD-Referee room at the entrance is identified, and the Competition Office will be in the VIP Room on the other side of the Entrance of the building;
- Umpires rest area will on the raised level right above the Control Table which will be set at the Entrance to the Arena;
- Glue area and players Marshal area are also identified;
- Training tables (6) will be arranged in the Gymnasium adjacent to the Arena, and it is accessible to wheelchair players with the assistance of volunteers;

6. Equipment

- Table - Donic World Champion TC, blue;
- Nets - Donic
- Balls - Nitaku *** white

7. Competition Schedule

- 6 day and 5 night for the Open as from 9th - 14th November;
- 9th November : Arrival & Classification
- 10th November : Arrival & Classification & Practice, Team Meeting and Draw for Open events, Umpires seminar;
- 11th November : Competition for Open events, and Draw for Singles & Team events;
- 12th November : Competition for Singles;
- 13th November : Competition for Teams;
- 14th November : Departure of participating teams

8. Competition Officials

- International Technical Officials : 1 TD & 1 Referee plus 10 IUs are to be invited from overseas;
- 2 Deputy Referees and 2-3 Classifiers and Computer Officials to be from local;
- 14 Umpires (7 IU and 7 NU) are to be from local;
- More trained officials are expected to take up various positions in the Open;
- Trained Volunteers/ Assistants including ball persons expected 100 from local;

9. Entry & Entry Fee

- Expected to be not over Euro 350 including the capitation tax of Euro 25 per person per team;
- As the maximum number of players is 100, the Organizer may advise participating teams to reduce team size when necessary after the first entry ;

To keep the Entry fee low, the Organizer will use local officials as many as possible, and in this respect they propose to invite local classifiers Mr. Sheng-kuang WU, Dr. Jau-jia LIN and Dr. Shun-ping CHENG; they also propose to invite Mr. Silas CHIANG and Ms Cindy LEUNG/ Mr. Cyril SEN to be TD and Referee respectively. As language is a problem in Taichung City, it is better to have someone who can speak their language to assist.

A progress Report from the Organizer will be required at the time the first Entry is to be sent out.

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