

International Table Tennis Federation – Para Table Tennis Division

TD Evaluation Report on

International Taipei Table Tennis Championships (a Factor 40 Tournament)

Background

This was the first Factor 40 Championships held in Asia. The TD Inspection visit was conducted on 26-28 February and in general the Organizer was considered capable to of doing a good job and no progress report was therefore requested from them.

Mr. Chang Chao-Shen (張昭盛), a senior member of the Federation and Mr. Chen Chin-Jung (陳金榮), the Secretary-General accompanied me for the visit and also for a meeting where Ms Grace Hwang (黃郁涵) of the Federation and Ms Lisa Ma (馬維清) of the Venue jointed us for discussion.

1. Confirm Endorsement & Support by the Taipei Table Tennis Association in the Application as ITTF rules require

- This was confirmed and a copy of the signed document was provided to ITTF Para TT Division;

2. Technical Officials

2.1 Referee - Ms Cindy Leung

2.2 2 Deputy Referees - Mr. Leow Lim Hai (to replace Steven Lee), the other Deputy nominated by from the Taipei Federation was Mr. Chen Ching-chin (陳井金);

2.3 Umpires – we had 14 from overseas and 44 from local;

2.4 Computer Officials in charge was Mr. Yang Zheng-Long (楊正隆) while Dr Wu acted as Adviser who was present during the Draw and preparation sessions on request; and assisted in the training of computer operators;

2.5 Ball boys and helpers totaling 150 were recruited from Taiwan Cultural University and they were all very organized and committed;

2.6 Mr. Paul Schiltz who was IU to the Championships, and a member of ITTF Equipment Committee, was willing to act as Racket Control officer, to educate local officers as well as to provide some racket control for players during the Championships;

2.7 Cindy Leung, the Referee made lots of effort to invite International Umpires from overseas;

3. Organizing Committee Officials

- 3.1 Chairman - Mr. Lai Fou-Hwan (賴復寰), President of the Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee;
- 3.2 Secretary/Convenor - Mr. Roger Chen Chin-Jung (陳金榮)
- 3.3 Organization Manager - Mr. Chang Chao-Shen (張昭盛)
- 3.4 Tournament Director - Mr. Kan Kwang-Hsi (甘光熙)
- 3.5 Accommodation & Transportation Manager - Ms Chen Mei-Ju (陳眉如)
- 3.6 Venue Manager - Mr. Huang Chun Hwa

4. Schedule of the Competition

- 4.1 Events : Open, Singles and Teams
- 4.2 4 Competition Days from 19-24 July were as follows :
- 4.3 July 19 (Mon) – Arrival of Teams/Practice/Technical Meeting & Draws for Open Events;
- 4.4 July 20(Tue) – Open events and Draw for Singles Events;
- 4.5 July 21(Wed) & 22(Thu)– Singles Events & Team Events, and Draw for Team Events on July 21;
- 4.6 July 23 (Fri) – Team Events
- 4.7 July 24(Sat) – Departure of Teams

5. The Competition

- 5.1 Open – Knock out, best of 3 games up to quarter-finals and then best of 5 games till the finals;
- 5.2 Singles – Group and knock out, all in best of 5 games;
- 5.3 Team – Group and knock out, all in best of 3 games;
- 5.4 At the Team meeting, the above play format was explained and I took the opportunity to elaborate the issue of merge of NPC and NTTA at the national level, and asked all team leaders to assist in their NPCs;

6. Racket Control

- 6.1 Voluntary racket test was arranged for the first day of competition, while mandatory tests were conducted by random on the other competition days. Details were as follows: -
 - July 20 – 20 voluntary tests;
 - July 21 – 29 mandatory tests;
 - July 22 – 40 mandatory tests; and
 - July 23 – 30 mandatory tests;

A total of 20 voluntary tests and 99 mandatory tests were conducted during the Championships and all tests were passed and the local officials were competent doing the job, as commented by Mr. Paul Schiltz;

7. Competition Venues

Taipei Gymnasium, a multi-storey sports complex with 1st floor for wheelchair play, 4th floor for standing play while additional 6 tables for practice on 7th floor. 4 large lifts were serving all the playing halls, with an additional office lift, and a cargo lift for use if necessary;

- 7.1 Area size was over 40m x 40m for each hall, and 10 tables on each of the 1/F and 4/F were placed;
- 7.2 Floor nature-wood, on 1/F with mattress Gerflor Taraflex of dark red. It was recommended that the mattress be best use for standing play.
- 7.3 Not many spectators were in the venue throughout the competition;
- 7.4 Lighting - same for 1/F and 4/F, yet due to the different ceiling height, 1/F recorded an average lighting of 645 lux while that for 4/F 855 lux;
- 7.5 Airflow - was a bit strong and air-condition was turned off for a while on July 22. Air-conditioning was not available on July 23 due to failure of electricity power room for air-conditioning. Teams were very considerate;
- 7.6 Ice Machine Available on both floors, which was particularly useful during the air conditioning failure on the last day;
- 7.7 Control table during competition for Officials & Computer Operators all in the playing halls; Umpires area was arranged next to it;
- 7.8 Official rooms : TD & Referees Room on 1/F, Umpires Rest room in Media room on 1/F, Results Room on 1/F, Meeting Room for Teams on 3/F, Medical/ First Aid on each of 1/F and 4/F; Glue Area on 1/F and 4/F;
- 7.9 Players Marshal areas were in the corridor adjacent to the halls;
- 7.10 Wheelchair accessible toilets with shower facilities, 2 on each floor plus other toilets newly renovated;
- 7.11 Glue area for players on the corridor with open windows and good ventilation.

8. Equipments

- 8.1 Tables - Donic World Champion TC (blue); tables were very strong and considered the best that I have seen
- 8.2 Nets - Donic
- 8.3 Balls - Nittaku ***(white)
- 8.4 Scores Device - Chanson/Nitaku
- 8.5 Surroundings - Sponeta (blue)
- 8.6 Towels Support - Green baskets

9. Accommodation

Sunworld Dynasty Hotel, with over 700 rooms. The Hotel very friendly and willing to make minor alterations to suit our use

- 9.1 Most rooms were accessible to wheelchair players. Room doors 85 cm wide while doors in bath rooms 71 cm and became 75.5 cm wide when doors were taken down. Strong plastic chairs were provided for use in the bathroom as they were used for the IWAS Games in 2007. Players in TT1-3 were advised to bath outside the bath tub, however the shower hose was found not long enough for wheelchair users who had to bath outside bath tub;
- 9.2 Lifts available- 6 in total. Each being big enough for 3 wheelchairs at a time;
- 9.3 Organizers Office on 1/F (equivalent to ground floor);
- 9.4 Electricity Supply - 110V, adaptors and transformers were provided when needed.
- 9.5 Internet Service- available at cost of local dollar 300 (app. 7 Euro) per 24 hours except free for TD and Referee;
- 9.6 Currency Exchange was available in Hotel 24 hours;
- 9.7 Dual Room Capacity- some teams booked for extra single rooms at Euro 40 per day; For extra stay, Organizer charged at Euro 80 per day per person (including breakfast);

10. Transportation

- 10.1 Distance from the Airport to Hotel some 45-50 minutes by bus;
- 10.2 Arrival and Departure Pick-up were arranged with buses accessible to wheelchair players;
- 10.3 No transportation required between hotel and venue, and no contingency plan was required ready for unforeseen situations like rainy days during competition days. The walking time from Hotel to Venue only took 5-8 minutes;
- 10.4 Extra Volunteers and Transport Police were arranged at the crossings in the morning to assist participants and control traffic;
- 10.5 The Metro Rail Transit system in Taipei being wheelchair accessible for teams tours if so required and tour information was available in the hotel;

11. Meals Arrangements

- 11.1 Breakfast in hotel in buffet style which was very welcomed;
- 11.2 Lunch in venue in lunch boxes. More variety preferred;
- 11.3 Dinner in buffet style in hotel. More choice preferred;
- 11.4 Drinking water in fountain (with hot / warm / cold water supply) and in bottles for players available in hotel rooms and venue;

12. Ceremonies

- 12.1 Opening Ceremony was organized on the first competition day;
- 12.2 No closing ceremony nor farewell dinner were organized; according to the Organizer, this was to save money as to minimize entry fees;
- 12.3 Medal Ceremonies were arranged for Open events after the morning session on the second competition day, those for Singles (standing) at noon on the third day and for Singles (wheelchairs) in the afternoon; For teams, they were presented at the conclusion on the fourth day of competition;
- 12.4 All medal ceremonies were well organized;

13. Expenditure borne by the Organizing Committee were as follows :

- 13.1 Travel Expenses for overseas Officials (TD, Referees);
- 13.2 Daily Allowance for TD, Referees (Euro 15 per day from 18th July to 24th July. Totaling 7 days, Euro 105 each), and Umpires (Euro 15 from the first day to the last day of competition, totaling 4 days, Euro 60 each);
- 13.3 Travel expenses for overseas umpires were to be borne by themselves or by their NPC/NFs;
- 13.4 Participation details were faxed to PTTD Office on the first day of competition and invoice was received for capitation tax on 22nd July, the third day of competition;

14. **Insurance** – all teams were to cover their own medical and accident insurance during their stay in Taipei. The Organizer only covered the Tournament with Public Liability. Team were asked to sign the Indemnity Waiver and Release documents and managers were also asked to inform each of their team members;

15. **Entry Fee per Participant** for 6 day-5 night stay in Taipei was Euro 550 per person, inclusive of the capitation fee of Euro 25 per person for Capitation tax;

16. **Contract was signed with ITTF upon approval of the Tournament;**

17. **A simple questionnaire to collect comments from participating teams were conducted on 22nd & 23rd July, and the ratings and views collected were on the attached.**

In general, teams were happy with the arrangements of the Championships

and also the amount of entry fee of Euro 550 per person per team for the 6 day-5-night Championships;

18. Recommendations for Improvement for future Competitions to be held in Taipei are :-

- 18.1 Computer officers were to be identified and they should be familiar with Dr. Wu's programme in the Draws as well as production of result sheets and other functions;
- 18.2 Transportation should be provided for Classes 1-3 and 6-7 players even the distance between hotel and venue is close, as it is very difficult for them to get there everyday by feet or in wheelchairs;
- 18.3 Lunch be offered more choice, like sandwiches etc.
- 18.4 Best of 5 games be organized for team events for standing Classes, or at least for semi-finals and finals when time allows;
- 18.5 Floor Mats is more necessary for standing play than wheelchair player if limited mattress is available; and
- 18.6 Closing ceremony be organized, as it provides a social gathering for players, and the Organizer can make use of the occasion to conclude the Championships;
- 18.7 Walkie-talkies are to be used if there are 2 competition halls for easy communication among officers.

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Questionnaire findings attached