

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: **2011 PTT SLOVAKIA OPEN**

Ranking Factor Approved for: **40**

Name of the Organizer: **Slovak sports Association for the
Disabled**

Tournament Director: **Jan Riapos**

Dates of the Tournament: **May 25 – 28, 2011**

Name of Technical Delegate **Karol Ziduliak - CAN**

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters on May 29, 2011

Accommodation: **Sňava Hotel**, Hlboká 47, 921 01 Piešťany. Rooms are not wheelchairs accessible. Each floor has 2 fully accessible toilets and showers. Next time the arrangement should be made for being able to lock them up.

Máj Hotel, Hlboká 49, 921 01 Piešťany. Rooms are wheelchair accessible. Used for class 1 & 2, because of limited number available.

Helen Relax Club Pension – accommodated all the umpires.

Meals:

All the meals – due to very close proximity to the venue, breakfast, lunch and dinner were provided in hotels.

This arrangement was much appreciated by players, coaches and officials. Food was good, but more variety in general would be appreciated. Vegetarian meals should alternate daily.

The organizers were prepared to provide lunch boxes at request.

Venue:

Ice Rink, Hlboka 92, 921 01 Piestany



Transport:

For transportation from the airports to hotels 3 large buses for 25 people, 12 minivans each for 4 wheelchair and 3 standing players were used.

In spite of close proximity of hotels to venue during the competition there were 2 minivans for transport of class 1 & 2 and 6 & 7 ready.

Equipment: Tables: Butterfly Centrefold
Nets: Butterfly Europa & National League
Balls: Joola 40*** white
Score indicators: Butterfly
Surrounds: Butterfly
Umpires tables: Butterfly
Towel holders: Butterfly

Officials: Referee: Mladen Solar (HVT) – IR
Deputy Referee: Jan Vaniak (SVK) – NU
Mirko Budincevic (SRB) – IR
Jiri Olbricht (CZE) – NR
Classifier: Dr.Heinz Zwerina, M.D. (AUT)
Umpires: IUs: 6 (CZE), 2 (HRV), 2 (HUN), 2 (ITA),
2 (JAP), 2 (SVN), 7 (SRB), 18 (SVK)
NUs: 2 (CZE), 2 (HUN), 12 (SVK)
57 in total
Ball boys/girls: Sufficient number all the time.

Organizing Committee:

Director: Jan Riapos
Manager: Martin Capla
Floor Manager: Jozef Miklovic
Medical service: Juraj Stefak, M.D.
Peter Ondrus, M.D.
Accreditation & Accommodation: Margita Homolova
Martina Nemcikova
Ingrid Cicuttova
Transportation: Matus Stankovic
Balls Boys & Girls coordinator: Michal Urban
Awards presentation: Margita Homolova
Zita Ziakova
Marketing & Web site: Pavel Bilik

Results: All the draws and the results posted on the Results boards in the venue, in the hotels and given to all countries in a timely fashion. Very efficient work of the computer staff.
Results in electronic form sent to Ranking director by E-mail right after each event. Results were also posted on the Competition's website accompanied by a large number of pictures.

Participants: 169 male athletes
70 female athletes
43 coaches
8 team leaders
6 supporting staff

296 in total from 30 countries.



The youngest player – Artem Iakovlev (RUS) – born in 1999

Classifier: Heinz Zwerina, M.D. - AUT
Mr. Zwerina has observed many players. He is going to submit a detailed report to Nico Verspeelt.

Meetings: Technical meeting:
May 24 – 21:00 – in hotel Sĺňava

Information about the transport and meals, Draws of Singles given to all delegations. All managers handed out forms for composition of teams – asked to fill in and return on May 25 at noon time and Participants Report forms – asked to fill in and return on May 26. Draws for Teams events distributed on May 26 – 10:00. All the draws were posted on the Results board in the venue and in both hotels - Sĺňava and Máj and in pigeon holes for countries.

Umpires briefing:

May 24 – 19:30 – in hotel Sĺňava

Competition Days:

May 24: Arrival of teams
May 25- 26 Singles events competition
May 26 – 15:00: Presentation of Singles events Awards
May 26 – 16:00: Start of Teams events competition
May 26 - 28: Teams competition
May 28 – 17:00 Presentation of Teams events Awards
May 29: Departures of delegations

Awards Presentation:

Awards presented in the venue:
- after the end of Singles events – on May 26 at 15:00.
- after the end of Teams events - on May 28 at 17:00.
Awards presented very efficiently in relatively short period of time.



Evaluation:

Overall level of organization of the tournament was very good. Organizers have had a large number of volunteers in all areas. There is an exemplary co-operation between the organizers and the Slovak Table Tennis Association. The Association arranged invitation of umpires and their managing during the competition. The Association has supplied the equipment. The computer persons were also supplied by the Association.

Equipment good – all 25 tables ITTF approved 23 of them suitable for wheelchair players. Set up of the playing field good.

Transportation was well organized.

The players and coaches liked very much keeping the Time Schedule. There were very minimal delays in starting of matches.

There was sufficient number of umpires and ball boys and girls.

There were 4 mobile toilets set up outside the Ice rink for players in wheelchairs. The toilets were emptied every day. That was good.

Having hotels in such a close proximity to the venue is a huge asset. It is appreciated most of all by the players, because they are able to go to the hotel between matches to take a rest. Although hotels were so close there was transportation available for players of class 1-2 and class 6-7 when needed.

There was a very good service provided for the competition's web site by Mr. Pavel Bilik. Besides results he has provided a huge number of pictures every day during the competition.

Now I would like to point out areas where the organizers could improve. It is not meant as a criticism, rather as suggestion to make the tournament even better.

Venue: It should be used only up to the number of 230 entries. The Time schedule was tight at times. If there would be more than 230 entries I would recommend using an additional hall. Lighting was not even all over the field of Play. Light intensity above some tables around the perimeter of Field of Play was lower than above tables in the centre. I understand from the organizers the lighting will be redone before the next edition of Slovak Open. It will be replaced by a modern lighting with much higher light intensity as it is now. I understand it will be 1400 lux.

In order to avoid concentration of players, especially wheelchair

players in the area of Field of Play it would be good, if an area similar to the one available in the centre of one side outside of the Field of Play could be set up around the whole perimeter of the arena. That way also the wheelchair players would be able to watch the matches from outside of the Field of Play. The Manager Martin Capla said, that it would be possible to arrange.

Flooring made up from blue plastic squares seems to be hard especially for standing players. I understand from the organizers the flooring will be replaced by Taraflex, or similar material.

Mr. Martin Capla and his team was always ready to listen to all the requests for making the tournament better and have followed through with actions.

CONGRATULATION MARTIN TO YOU AND TO YOUR STAFF FOR THE VERY WELL ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT.

Submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

May 31, 2011