

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

TECHNICAL DELEGATE EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament

2011 ITTF PTT China Open

Ranking Factor **40**

Name of the National Association/Organizer

**National Paralympic Committee of China,
China Administration of Sports for Persons with Disabilities**

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee

Mr. JIA Yong, Vice-President of NPC China

Venue

China Administration of Sports for Persons with Disabilities

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Period of Competition

21st – 27th July, 2011

Name of Technical Delegate

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Report submitted to ITTF

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Background

This was the first Para Table Tennis (Factor 40) ever staged in China. The Inspection visit was conducted on 29 April by Ms Alison Burchell and it was for three tournaments including an Factor 20 event already held in 2010 and the 2013 Regional Championships.

1. Confirm Endorsement & Support by the China Table Tennis Association(CTTA) in the Application

This was confirmed by the Organizer though the name of CTTA was not included in the souvenir program book.

2. Technical Officials

- 2.1 Technical Delegate – Mr. Silas CHIANG
- 2.2 Referee- Mr. LEOW Lim Hai
- 2.3 Deputy Referee – Ms Zhang Yingqiu;
- 2.4 Competition Manager – Ms SHI Guilan;
- 2.5 International Umpires – we had **none** from overseas;
- 2.6 Computer Officials in charge was Ms ZHU Ke and Dr Wu's program was adopted;
- 2.7 Ball pickers over 60. Local officials and helpers including those for first aid and wheelchair repair over 40.

The picture of the Referee-Umpire Team :



3 Chief Organizing Committee Officials

- 3.1 Chairman - Mr. JIA Yong, Executive Vice President of the China NPC;
- 3.2 Vice Chairman – Mr. LI Xi, Vice Secretary-General of China NPC;
- 3.3 Secretary General - Ms ZHAO Sujing, Secretary General of China NPC
- 3.4 Contact Person – Mr. Michael Jiang, CASPD

4 Schedule of the Competition

- 4.1 Events : Individuals and Teams
- 4.2 Competition Days from July 23-26, as follows :
- 4.3 July 21 – Arrival of Teams /Practice /Technical Meeting & Draws for Open Events;
- 4.4 July 22 – Practice/Team Meeting /Draw for Individual Events /Opening
- 4.5 July 23 – Individual events /Draw for Team Events;
- 4.6 July 24 – Individual Events Finals / Medal Ceremonies/Team Events;
- 4.7 July 25-26–Team Events /Medal Ceremonies for Team Events /Closing;

4.8 July 27 – Departure of teams;

5. The Competition

The ITTF PTT Rules were followed and all matches were played best of 5;

6. Racket Control & Doping Test

No control/test were necessary for Factor 40 competitions;

7. Competition Venues

The China Administration of Sports for Persons with Disabilities located in Shunyi District of Beijing was opened in 2007. This is a specially build sports complex for people with disabilities and accessibility was not a problem in all the facilities there.

There are a number of indoor gymnasia and the competition was held in the Table Tennis Hall. The Weight-lifting Hall which was also close to the playing hall was used for training and warm up while the area in between used as the Call Area.

7.1 Floor -wood and was covered with mattress (Qijian), of dark red in color;

7.2 Not many spectators were in the venue throughout the competition, as it was quite far away from town;

7.3 Lighting - between 1100 to 1200 lux;

7.4 Airflow - no problem

7.5 Temperature – quite warm and very humid even air-conditioning was on;

7.6 Control table during competition for Officials & Computer Operators were all in the playing hall; Umpire Area was behind the Call Area and that of Ball pickers' in the spectator stand on the left;

7.7 Medical/ First Aid located at the right corner of the Playing Hall;

7.8 Glue area for players at the end the corridor next to the Playing Hall;

7.9 There are 4 roof windows in the Playing Hall and they were all covered;

7.10 It rained very hard in the afternoon of the second day of competition and some leakage was found, resulted in water drops coming down in the Table 1 Coach area. Luckily rain stopped the following day and no more leakage found.

7.11 CCTV was arranged to link up to the big screen in the hotel lobby, all the rooms, the restaurant and the Playing area;

- 7.12 Members of the France and Germany teams came from different parts of their countries, and they had no co-ordination among themselves. This made the Organizer difficult to liaise with them.

8 Equipments

- 8.1 Tables - Double Fish 328A (blue); tables were very strong, however the height would need to adjusted as most of them were some 2-3mm lower from 76cm
- 8.2 Nets - Double Fish
- 8.3 Balls - Double Happiness ***(white)
- 8.4 Scores Board- Double Fish
- 8.5 Surrounds - blue
- 8.6 Towels Support - red and yellow plastic baskets on stands
- 8.7 Electronic Timing for time-out – Double Fish

9 Accommodation & Meal Arrangement

- 9.1 This is part of the Sports Complex and there are over 282 rooms and is able to accommodate over 500 athletes with Disabilities. Accessibility is not a problem in the Complex;
- 9.2 All meals were served in the dining area, large enough to cater for some 300 persons, or a little less when we have more wheelchair users dining at the same time. The meal service is very flexible and can cope with competition schedule on special occasions. A big banquet hall has been built on the top of the indoor athletics stadium since last December, with a maximum capacity of 600 persons. As lifts are limited to go up to the Hall, teams were scheduled to get there for the Welcoming and Opening Ceremony on July 22.
- 9.3 Wi-Fi was provided free in the lobby and the playing area;
- 9.4 A 5 minutes free international calls was offered to every member of the participating team by China Mobile, as a gesture of their support to the Tournament;

10 Transportation

- 10.1 Distance from the Airport to CASPD is only some 25 minutes by bus;
- 10.2 Arrival and Departure Pick-up were arranged with mini buses accessible to wheelchair players;

- 10.3 No transportation required between Hotel and Playing Hall. The walking time is only 4-5 minutes;
- 10.4 A shuttle schedule was available for those Class 6 players from Hotel to the Hall. Vans were also available during rainy hours to transport members in between Hotel and Playing Hall.

11 Ceremonies

- 11.1 Opening Ceremony was organized together with the Welcoming Reception in the evening the day before competition started;
- 11.2 Medal Ceremonies were arranged for Individual Event at noon on July 24 while for Team events they were held at the conclusion at around 17:30 on the last competition day on July 26;
- 11.3 Closing Ceremony was organized together with the Medal Ceremonies for Team events on July 26;

12 Expenditure borne by the Organizing Committee

- 12.1 Air tickets for overseas Officials, the TD, Referee and Classifier were arranged by the Organizer direct;
- 12.2 Daily Allowance at Euro 15 per day were given to all international technical officials and classifiers according to the ITTF regulations;
- 12.3 Participants Form was sent to PTTD Office on the first day of competition;

- 13. **Insurance and Liability** – all teams had covered their own medical and accident insurance during their stay in China. The Organizer only covered the Tournament with Public Liability. Team members were asked to sign on the Indemnity Waiver and Release form.

14. Entry Fee per Participant

Team was charged a total of Euro 560 each inclusive of their capitation fee. Euro 660 was charged for each additional member.

15. Classification of Players

No classification of players were necessary for a Factor 40 event. Mr. Keith Mundy was invited to observe players in the Tournament, in particular players who were Class 5.

14 copies of citizen ID or passports were sent to David on his request. The Chinese players had no passport with them.

Mr. BAI Gang and Ms REN Guixiang did not take part in the competition and therefore no copies of their citizen ID were collected.

16. A Simple questionnaire

A simple questionnaire was given to all participating teams as to collect their views on all the aspects of the Tournament.

In general, teams were happy with the arrangements of the Championships and also the amount of entry fee of Euro 540 per person per team for the 7 day-6-night Tournament was considered acceptable; Some comments received on meals and accommodation and others on umpire as only one was arranged per match till the team finals. Luckily we received no complaint on the impartiality of umpires. Definitely we need more umpires as daily competition period has been much longer than before when we only scheduled some 6 to 8 hours per day and moreover, overseas International Umpires were offered some half or whole day tour during their stay in the competition before. Some improvement is needed urgently.

17. Recommendations for Improvement for future Competitions to be held are :-

- 17.1 Players in Class 7 who took much longer time to walk from accommodation to the Playing hall should also be provided with shuttle as those in Class 6 during competition days;
- 17.2 Medal ceremony platforms were too steep for wheelchair medalists to push up themselves;
- 17.3 Spectators are to be organized as the Sports Complex is too far away from town;
- 17.4 I had written an article on Macau players on the specially arranged Training Programme under a China-Macau Government Co-operative Agreement. More media issues are to be required if PTT events are to be known to more people in the ITTF website;
- 17.5 For teams with members coming from different parts of their countries, it is suggested that they should nominate a contact person during the Tournament;

- 17.6 The months of July-August are considered rainy and humid season, and not suitable for international competition in Beijing. For the Regional and World Championships in 2013 and 2014 respectively, it would be good to have them in autumn in September-October;
- 17.7 About the Indemnity Waiver & Release form, most teams considered it not necessary as they had signed one already in previous competitions this year. It will be good if some wordings be changed to make it an once-a-year document;
- 17.8 Frequent change of classes as a result of review of some wheelchair players had made the player list not easy to confirm. We had a case of re-draw as a mistake was discovered only after the draw was made and competition schedule had been circulated to teams. The change was so often that even the Classification Secretary was unable to up-date them in time for the player list. It is recommended that for any change of classes, publicize them in the PTT website at the soonest possible; and
- 17.9 There were no International Umpires coming from outside China. I can see some reasons for this.

Firstly, they had to pay for their own travel and secondly the competition schedule has been very long, very often over 12 hours a day for 4 days. They have no time for rest and this in turn may also affect their judgment and may make wrong decisions when umpiring. In the old time, IUs worked only some 6 hours a day and moreover, with a full day break for organized tour. Now that we have more and more players and they have to work harder and harder, with no time for rest or tour even if they really wanted. Foreign IUs are usually asked to umpire semi-finals and finals in view of their impartiality.

Thus, some improvement is expected in the very near future. My views are :

1. Increase the number of IUs in view of the increasing number of players and long daily competition schedule;
2. Increase the number of competition days from 4 to 5;
3. Increase the allowance of Euro 15;
4. Sufficient rest and a one-day tour be offered to IUs; and

5. Offer travel subsidies to them where possible;

Only when improvements as are made that we are able to attract sufficient and good quality umpires to international events. At present, we are more like taking advantage of their voluntary service.

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Questionnaire findings attached