



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS
TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Tournament:	IVth Para TT Spanish Open 2017 – El Prat de Llobregat
Ranking Factor Applied:	20
Responsible Federation:	Spanish Table Tennis Association
Chairman of Organizing Committee:	Ms. Isabel Molina (ESP)
Technical Delegate:	Matej Hamran (SVK)
Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:	July, 2017

Airport:

Barcelona International Airport – Barcelona International Airport – 15 minutes to the hotels. Tryp Hotel provides shuttle bus. Very convenient distance to the hotels and to the venue.

Accreditation:

At the hotels. The participants received a small plastic bag with the tournament logo and meals tickets

Accommodation:

1. Hotel Tryp Aeropuerto ****

<https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/barcelona/tryp-barcelona-aeropuerto-hotel/index.html>



About 15 minutes from the venue by the official transport. Used for participants, staff and officials. Very good standard. Good accessibility for wheelchair users. Very good internet connection. Excellent connection to the International Airport. Very helpful staff. Breakfast and dinner provided. Close to the city transport (bus stop, metro)

2. Centre Esplai Hostel (Youth Hostel)

C/ Riu Anoia, nº 42-54, El Prat de Llobregat

<http://www.albergueesplaibarcelona.com/en/>

About 10 minutes to the venue by the official transport. Used for participants. Quality average. comfort rooms- separate beds, bunkbeds and singles and doubles

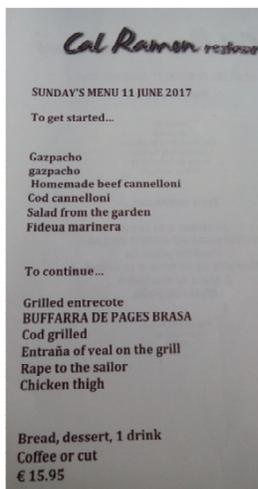


Meals: Breakfast and Dinner served at the hotels. The level was excellent in Tryp Aeropuerto Hotel, Centre d'Esplai was ok.



Lunch were served in two different restaurants:

Cal Ramon and Restaurant right at the venue (sandwiches, snacks and assorted dishes)



Good Quality and service including the possibility to choose from various meals and different kind of drinks instead of plain water.

Transport:

Transport was provided from the hotels to the hall and vice versa with big busses equipped with a load elevator system for wheelchairs. The transport was regularly scheduled and it ran circularly from the hotels to the venue. The schedule has been adjusted in accordance to the need of all participants. Overall, the organization and communication with the organizers related to transport was very good.



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			19:45	20:05	20:25	28:15	28:15	

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Venue:

CEM ESTRUCH El Prat de Llobregat

Multisport venue used for national and some international events, enough accessible toilets.

<http://www.elprat.cat/esports/installacions-esportives/cem-estruch>



Floor: Wooden floor – good



Lighting: Good

Spectator seats: Retractable seats along one side of the hall (+/- 250).

Wheelchair spectators area on the same side near wheelchair competition tables.

Officials' areas:

- T.D, secretariat, transport manager shared a meeting room right next to the field of play. Good accessibility to the playing hall. Meeting room was also used for the technical and umpires briefings.



- Referee, deputy referee and competition management table in the field of play near to the Call Area.



- Internet access: Excellent wired connection for insiders use. No public Wi-Fi.
- Dressing rooms for players and umpires where next to the field of play.
- First aid available all day long during the competition days, doctor was either on site or in the organisation committee room, where he/she provided care to the players.



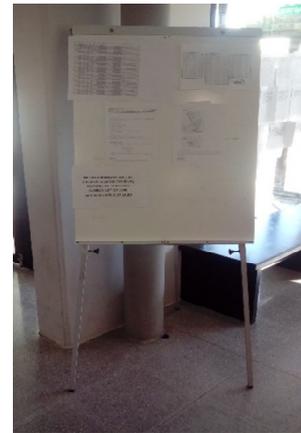
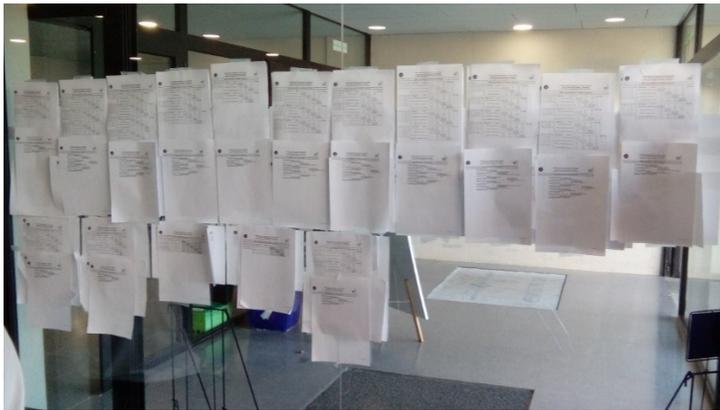
- Mechanical service for wheelchairs on call.
- Resting area reserved for Class 1 players in one half of the secretariat room (air-conditioned and equipped with mats).



- Massage room equipped with a medical couch.



- Pigeon boxes and information boards at the entry of the playing hall, near the Call Area and in both hotel receptions.



Call Area:

Well arranged, direct access to the field of play, next to the meeting room, although generally a bit small. Even though the space was limited, the players, coaches and umpires had no problem to proceed any of the Call area procedures.





Practice Halls:

Practice Hall No.1: Located at the back of the arena with 4 tables, direct access to the Call Area. Partially shared with the classification room. Table used for classification was separated with the removable wall divider. The part of the practice hall used for classification had a separate entrance.



Practice Hall No.2: Located upstairs, above the field of play. Accessible only for standing players. Available 2 tables.



Gluing area: Outside the hall

Water: Distributed in bottles during the whole tournament.



Equipment:

Tables: 12 tables Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue accessible.

6 Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue for practice.

Nets: Butterfly Tokyo

Balls: Butterfly *** White

Scorers – Umpire's tables - Towel boxes: Butterfly

Surrounds: ENEBE



Competition days:

5th June 2017: Arrival Day and Classification

6th June 2017: Arrival Day and Classification, draw for singles events, Technical and Umpire's meeting

7th June 2017: Competition Day Junior Single Event, Arrival of senior participants, Classification

8th June 2017: Competition Day Junior Single event, Event; draw for team events, Classification

9th June 2017: Competition Day Open Single event

10th June 2017: Competition Day, Completion of Open Single Event. Start of Open Team event

11th June 2017: Completion of Team Events; Medal ceremony and Farewell party in Tryp Aeropuerto Hotel

12th June 2017: Departure of delegations

Competition hours:

June 7th: 09.00 – 18:00

June 8th: 09.00 – 11:30

June 9th: 09.00 – 18:00

June 10th: 09.00 – 11:30, 12:30-20:00

June 11th: 9:00 – 13:00

Participants:

Nations:	19
Participants:	Male 119 Female 28
Coaches:	30
Team Leaders and Support Staff:	25
Participants total	202



Officials:

Technical Delegate:	Matej Hamran SVK
Classifiers:	Ingrid van Veldhoven-Hegge NED, Zwerina Heinz AUT
Referee:	Maria Tsipou GRE
Deputy referee:	Katja Brandt SUI, Carlos Zapata ESP
Computer:	Albert Arcos Asencio ESP
Umpires:	29 in total but not all were always present (ESP - 28, CUR - 1)

Umpires officiated matches individually in single event and in pairs in team event. Some umpires lacked experience at international table tennis level. There must be highlighted the effort of Deputy Referee Mr. Carlos Zapata, together with the very experienced referee team, who managed the umpires in a great manner and due to their ongoing support, there were no

misunderstandings in communication and the performance of umpires in the field of play was well.



Ball pickers: Ball pickers were always present during the whole tournament. The responsible person organized them very well. There were approximately 15 ball pickers available per day.

Volunteers: There were present sufficient number of volunteers. They were friendly and always willing to help. Very good work.

Meetings: The Technical meeting was held at the Sport Hall on the 6th of June at 20:00 for the Junior Event and on the 8th of June at 20:00 for the Open Event. Necessary information was given to the delegations, including the draws. The umpire's briefing took place at 19:00 at the same place on the relative dates. Team event draw was prepared on the 9th of June after confirmation of the team list.

Classification: The Classifiers were responsible for classifying the players and they were very efficient. A total of 10 junior players and 13 senior players were classified and reviewed. Classification commenced Monday on the 5th June in the afternoon and evening until Tuesday the 6th of June in the morning. The Classification for the Open tournament started on the 7th of June in the afternoon and evening until the 8th of June in the morning. The classifiers overviewed the classified players throughout the whole event. I would like to thank Classifiers for their excellent work and great cooperation with the referee team and the TD.

Competition: The tournament progressed smoothly in a great atmosphere. Overall, this tournament was very successful and the players were satisfied. Players and umpires gathered in the Call Area and after the pre-match preparation they went to their court. No significant delays occurred in the previewed schedule. Marching procedure with music for Semi-Final and Final matches was in place.

Referees team: Very professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament. All umpires were helpful and worked well.

Results: Results posted regularly at the information board near the entry of the playing hall and in both hotel receptions. The results were uploaded to the

ITTF website in the end of every competition day and even during the day when possible. Final results were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster immediately after the end.

Medical service: Professional medical support was available throughout the whole time of the event and was always ready to provide necessary medical help. No major injuries occurred during the tournament.

Photo service: Official photographer of the Spanish Table Tennis Association was provided. Photos were published on ITTF website and there was also a volunteer photographer who published photos on Facebook page of the local association, therefore high-quality photos were instantly available for all participants as well as for public.

Photos published on official ITTF Flickr page:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157682052877303>

FB page of the Catalan Table Tennis Association:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/fctt.cat/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1496854247002114

Spanish Table Tennis Association website

http://www.rfetm.es/leer.php?id_noticia=5591&id_categoria=9&id_subcategoria=21&id_subcategoria2=25

Articles on ITTF Website:

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/08/united-states-norway-major-challengers-honours/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/08/first-titles-decided-spain/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/08/successful-bratislava-now-seeking-honours/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/08/honours-shared-titles-decided-spanish-para-junior-open/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/09/standard-set-top-seeds-reach-last-four/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/09/adding-silverware-collection-leading-names-assured/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/11/judged-merits-court-battles-decide-verdicts/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/11/first-international-titles-experienced-add-collection/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/11/first-team-titles-decided-gold-united-states/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/06/11/surprise-gold-medallist-three-titles-sweden/>

Ceremonies: No Opening Ceremony. The Medal ceremony for all events including Junior Single Event, Open Single Event and Open Team event was held together in the Hall immediately after the completion of the final event on Sunday on the 11th of June. Farewell party was organised on Sunday on the 11th of June at the Tryp Aeropuerto Hotel.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman: Isabel Molina

Treasurer: Santi Navarro

Equipment: Jordi Morales

Transport Manager: Francesc Ordoño
Accommodation: Jesús David Corral
Results management: Albert Arcos
Photos: Antonio Alvarez

Overall Evaluation of the Junior and Open Event:

Accommodation: Very Good
Transport: Very Good
Meals: Very good
Venue: Very Good
Sport equipment: Very Good, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall: Good
Information: Very good, information board, pigeon-boxes, excellent cooperation in results management
Referees: Excellent
Umpires: Good
Computer person: Excellent
Organization: Excellent organization with very welcoming people
Medal presentation: Very Good

CONCLUSION

The Overall evaluation of the 4th Spanish Para Open is very good. The Organising committee was very experienced and has done everything to provide and manage all issues which have risen throughout the Junior and Open event.

TRANSPORT

There was a regular schedule starting on Monday the 5th of June at the noon when the first participants were arriving for accreditation, practice, and classification. All buses were adopted to wheelchairs with an elevator at the back of the bus. During the Junior event buses started at 8 am. During Open Event at 6:45. Additional bus rides were added when necessary. Very good communication.

ORGANIZATION

Excellent organization with many local volunteers. Everyone was very helpful and the team accomplished smooth running and finalising of the tournament. Although more international umpires mainly from other countries are suggested. To conclude, I would like to express my sincere thanks and to congratulate the Organizers, officials, staff and volunteers for well-organized ITTF PTTD Fa 20 Tournament 2017 in El Prat de Llobregat.

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