INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS
TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Tournament: LIGNANO MASTER OPEN 2018

Ranking Factor Applied: 20

Responsible Federation: Italian Table Tennis Association

Chairman of Organizing Committee: Ms. Allegra Roccato (ITA)

Technical Delegate: Matej Hamran (SVK)

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: March, 2018
Accreditation: At the hall. The participants received a bag with the tournament logo and other documents.

Generally considered as very good. Accommodation was provided in 3 residences for tourists (Alle Vele, Santa Maria, Sole e Mare) in Complex ‘Bella Italia Village’ with good standard, which includes also swimming pool and access to the beach, all walking distance to the playing hall and there were no obstacles on the way to the playing hall. If necessary, the organizers were ready to provide supporting transport. Rooms are wheelchair accessible.

Meals:
Breakfast were held in all 3 hotels as buffet. Fruits, hot and soft drinks available. Lunch and Dinners were held at Alle Vele. Generally considered as very good. Every day there were 3 options for Lunch and Dinner, meat, pasta and also vegetarian option. Water, vegetables and extra bread and cheese always available.

Transport:
At the venue no transport was necessary as accommodation and the playing hall are in complex, everything was walking distance. The organizer provided transport from: Venezia Marco Polo airport – 93 km, Treviso Antonio Canova airport – 112 km, Latisana train station – 17 km. Transport by vans was also available on request if necessary.

Venue: Palazzetto dello Sport - Multisport venue, enough accessible toilets and elevators
[https://lignanosabbiadoro.it/it/strutture/208-palazzetto-dello-sport-getur/](https://lignanosabbiadoro.it/it/strutture/208-palazzetto-dello-sport-getur/)
Floor: Stag red carpet taraflex
Lighting: Good, 800 -1000 lux, no day light
Spectator seats: +/- 2000
Wheelchair spectators area near wheelchair competition tables.

**Officials’ areas:** TD, referee and organisers had an office with all necessary technical requirements as copier, scanner, wi-fi available. The accreditation and transport manager had a separate office. Good accessibility to the hall

- Referee, Deputy referee and competition management table was in the playing hall, on a higher stage, good visibility on the whole field of play
- Internet access: Wi-fi available all around the playing hall and official areas
- Changing rooms for players and umpires where next to the field of play
- First aid available all day long during the competition days, specific medical room provided
- Information boards at the entry of the playing hall, near the offices and the entry lounge with a cafe and water distribution. Results were regularly updated online

**Call Area:**
Well arranged, direct access to the field of play, it was held in a corridor connecting the back entrance, medical room and changing rooms with the playing hall. Even though the space was limited, the players, coaches and umpires had no problem to proceed any of the Call area procedures.

**Practice Halls:** 2 Practice halls located above the playing hall, both accessible for wheelchairs by elevators from the ground floor

- **Practice Hall No.1(Orange floor):** 8 tables
- **Practice Hall No.2(Blue floor):** 6 tables
Gluing area: Outside the hall

Water Distribution: Distributed in bottles during the whole tournament in the lobby

Live streaming: Excellent during the whole tournament with commentary. Available on FB, ITTF Youtube channel, FITET TV

Equipment:
Tables: 12 tables Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue accessible.
Nets: Butterfly
Balls: Stag Supreme*** 40+ (white color)
Scorers – Umpire’s tables –
Towel boxes: Butterfly
Surrounds: Butterfly

Schedule:
13th March 2018: Arrival Day and Classification
14th March 2018: Arrivals and Classification, TD and referee meetings
15th March 2018: Competition day – single event
16th March 2018: Competition day – single event, team event, award ceremony
17th March 2018: Competition day – team event, award ceremony, farewell party
18th March 2018: Departures

Competition hours:
15th March 2018: 9:30 -20:00
16th March 2018: 9:00 - 12:30, 14:00- 18:00
17th March 2018: 9:00 - 16:30

Participants:
Nations: 27
Participants: Male 141
Female 40
Coaches: 43
Team Leaders and Support Staff: 23
Participants total 24

Officials:
Technical Delegate: Matej Hamran SVK
Classifiers: Emre Baskan TUR, Aleksander Wieteska POL
Referee: Constantina Crotta GRE
Deputy referee: Spasoje Matijevic CRO, Pietro di Pinto ITA
Umpire Director: Sergio Turco ITA
Computer: Biagio Ferrara D.Co ITA

Umpires: 37 (Italy 22, ROU 1, Lux 2, ALG 1, SRB 4, GBR 1, TUN 2, SLO 4)

Umpires team consisted of experienced umpires, mainly international umpires from several countries, but also Italian national umpires and Regional umpires. Overall there were no problems in performance and communication with all participants. Special thanks to the umpires for their performance and dedication and to Constantina, Spasoje, Pietro and Sergio for their management.

Ball pickers: Present during the whole tournament. The responsible person organized them very well. There were approximately 20 ball pickers available per day.

Volunteers: Sufficient number of volunteers. They were friendly and always helpful.
Meetings: The Technical meeting was held at the Alle Vele Hotel. Necessary information was given to the delegations, including the draws. The umpire’s briefing took place on the 14th of March at 19:00.

Racket control: No racket control was provided, only call area procedures.

Classification: A total of 13 players were classified and reviewed. The classifiers reviewed the classified players throughout the whole event. Classification room was provided at the 1st Floor Hotel Alle Vele in one of the meeting rooms. It is suggested that the classification will be conducted in one of the practise halls where appropriate flooring is provided, covered and discretely separated from the rest of the practise hall or in other room with appropriate sport flooring, as in the hotel, there was slippery floor which is not appropriate for examination of movement of the players. I would like to thank to the Classifiers for their excellent work and great cooperation with the referee team and the TD.

Referees team: Professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament.

Results: Results posted regularly at the information board near the entry of the playing hall. The results were uploaded to the ITTF website throughout every competition day. Final results were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster immediately after the end.

Medical service: 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. Red Cross provided ambulance car.

Photo service: Photos were published on ITTF Flickr website, FITET FB and FITET official website.

Photos published on official ITTF Flickr page:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157692838300391
https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157694608332905
https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157693855506834

FB page of the Italian Table Tennis Association:
https://www.facebook.com/fitet.org/

Italian Table Tennis Association website

Articles on ITTF Website:
https://www.ittf.com/2018/03/14/high-number-high-level-lignano/
Ceremonies: Excellent Opening Ceremony. There was a separate medal ceremony after the singles and after team event. All the ball pickers were involved which created a very nice atmosphere.

Farewell party: Organised on Sunday on the 17th of March after dinner at the Alle Vele.

Organizing Committee:
Tournament Director: Allegra Roccato
FITET Paralympic Department Director: Luca Rizzoli
Entry Forms Manager: Giuseppe Vella
I.T. & C. Manager: Ioanni Koutas
Accreditation: Daniela Scillato
Accommodation & Transport: Massimo Magini
Volunteers: Simona Floreani, Olga Redigonda, Aliona Gurita
Medical doctor: Alberto Caldaret
Sport Venue & Equipment: Roberto Montaperto, Ioan Nechita, Michele Zonca, Angelo Coppa
Administration: Alessia Aureli
Photography: Michele Castellani
Live Streaming Commentator: Antonio Poli
FITET Press: Roberto Levi
Ball Boys/Girls: Istituto Stringher Udine, ISIS Savorgna’ di Brazza Lignano, IC Carducci Lignano

Overall Evaluation of the Junior and Open Event:
Accommodation: Very Good, very convenient distance from the hall
Transport: Excellent
Meals: Very good, always variety of options
Venue: Excellent
Sport equipment: Excellent, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall: Very good, no daylight
Information board: Excellent
Referees: Excellent
Umpires: Excellent
Computer person: Excellent
Organization: Excellent organization with very welcoming people
Medal presentation: Excellent

CONCLUSION
The Overall evaluation of the event is excellent. The LOC together with the referees and umpires were experienced and have done everything to manage all issues which have risen throughout the event. Everyone was very helpful and the team accomplished smooth running and finalisation of the tournament. I would like to express also my special thanks to Allegra and Giuseppe for their excellent cooperation and to congratulate all the organizers, officials, staff and volunteers for well-organized Italian Para Table Tennis Open 2018 in Lignano Sabbiadoro.

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