INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament: 2018 PTT US OPEN

Ranking Factor Applied for: 20

Name of Responsible Federation: USA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Name of Tournament Organizers: JASNA RATHER

Dates of Play: June 27 – 30, 2018

Name of Technical Delegate: Gorazd Vecko SVN

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: July 2018
Airport:

McCarran International Airport Las Vegas – around 20 min distance from the hotels by mini bus, car. The airport consists of four runways and two passenger terminals: Terminal 1 and Terminal 3. The airport has nonstop air service to destinations in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Accommodation:

The accommodation was organized in, Westgate Las Vegas Hotel. Westgate hotel Las Vegas is a hotel located right behind the Las Vegas convention center witch is the nearest hotel to the convention center. The hotel is 1km from the main street Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Las Vegas, Nevada. The property includes a 97,000-square-foot with 2,214 hotel rooms( a lot of them wheelchair accessible). The hotel consists of 3 towers which, the hotel has 15 stories (coffee shop, food and drink shop, clothing and souvenir shop).

Distance between hotel and venue:

10 min walking distance.

Accreditation:

Accreditation in the venue at the entrance.

Transportation:

No need of transportation because the hotel was only 10 minutes walking distance.
Venue:

Las Vegas Convention Center
LVCC 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109

The center is well known for its versatility, size, and amenities. Fully accessible for wheelchair users.

Lighting: Approx. 800 Lux over tables
Referee and TD Table: Close to the playing area in the hall
Call area: Close to the playing area in the hall

Equipment:

Competition Tables: 14 tables Joola 3000 SC blue all wheelchairs accessible.
Training tables: 20 tables Joola 3000 SC Blue all wheelchair accessible
Nets: Joola
Balls: Nittaku*** White (Plastic)
Scoreboards and Umpire’s tables: Joola
Towel boxes: Nittaku
Surrounds: Joola
Floor: Taraflex ( red)
Accessible tables:

Enough wheelchair accessible toilets.

Water:

Was in the hall in large water coolers.

Other services:

Computer center, print service and staff were situated at the TD – Referee desk. We had a good WI-FI connection, but just for referee s desk. There was public wi-fi, but outside the playing hall. Reserved area for the ball pickers in a specific area next to the Call Area.
**Results Service:**

We had two big billboards for the results at the field of play.

**Medical service:**

Available everyday throughout the tournament.

**Meals:**

All participants got vouchers for meals for the Westgate hotel.

- Breakfast from 7am – 11am
- Lunch from 12am – 2pm
- Dinner from 6pm – 11pm

**SCHEDULE:**

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Classification:

We had 18 players from 7 different countries for classification which started on 23rd of June and finished on the 24th of June.

2 players was classified as not eligible to play PTT tournaments.
3 players was not present on the classification.

Participants on USA Open Tournament:

Players from 18 nations were present.
AUS, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, ESA, FIN, FRA, GBR, IND, ISR, JPN, KOR, PUR, SWE, THA, USA, URU

Male: 81
Female: 19
Staff: 31
Total: 131

Officials:

Technical Delegate: Gorazd Vecko (SVN)
Referee: Francesco Nuzzo (ITA)
Deputy Referee: Joseph Yick (USA)
Classifier: Aleksander Wieteska (POL) and Attarit Srinkapaibulaya (THA)

Umpires:

18 International and National umpires from 7 countries (1 COL, 1 TTO, 1 MAL, 2 JPN, 4 CAN, 7 USA, 1 LAT, 1 RUS)
**Ball boys/girls:** enough, always available

**Volunteers:** Always very helpful and friendly

**Results:** During the tournament results were regularly published on the information board in the playing hall, also updated more than 3 times a day on the ITTF PTT website.

**Articles to ITTF Website:**


Ceremonies:

The **Medal ceremony for Single Events** was held on 29th June at the venue.

The **Medal ceremony for Team Events** was held in the hall on the 30\(^{th}\) of June.

Organizing committee:

**Event Manager:** Jasna Rather  
**Technical advisor:** Gorazd Vecko  
**Finance / IT:** Teresa Benavides/Gordon Kaye  
**Support Staff:** Daniel Rutenberg  
**Transportation:** Hasibullah Aimaq
Evaluation:

Accommodations: Very Good

Transport: Good

Meals: Good

Venue: Very good

Sport equipment: Good, all ITTF approved

Light in the hall: Good

Information: Good, both on the information board and in ITTF PTT website

Referee Team: Very good

Computer person: Very good

Medal presentation: Good

Conclusion:

We had a big issue in the tournament with a virus which was in the Westgate hotel where the most of the athletes was staying because of the virus 13 of the athletes was effected by the virus was not able to finish the tournament or in the single event or the team event because of healthy issues. The latest news on TV in USA they did say that it was on the same time like the tournament effected with the virus more than 300 guests in the Westgate hotel. As the TD of this tournament my proposal because of this issue that we had in the Westgate hotel to ITTF would be to try not to punish this 13 athletes with the no show up penalty -35 points.

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I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to USATT and to the organizing committee of the US Open, officials, staffs and volunteers for their great work.
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