

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE DISABLED



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament :	TROFEO DEL MEDITERRANEO

Ranking Factor Approved for :	20

Name of the National Federation :	FISD

Name of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee :	Giuseppe VELLA

Dates of Play :	December 5 - 8, 2002

Name of Technical Delegate :	Nico VERSPEELT - BEL

Report submitted to IPC and ITTC :	January 2nd, 2003

- Accommodations** :
- **Gand Hotel de Tempoli ******
 - (only for CZE team with own car) – good hotel !
 - **Hotel Tre Torri *****
 - for a small part of the delegations with only one lift for one wheelchair !
 - no problems due to the low number of wheelchairs in this hotel !
 - good breakfast and good dinner !
 - **Beach Hotel - Baia de Ulisse *****
 - for the most important part of the delegations with only one lift for two wheelchairs – dining room in underground – problems !
 - to new hotel not completely finish, no heating in dining room !
 - breakfast, not any choice, every day the same cold “croissant” not any possibility to find some warm meal !
 - dinner, good meal, but not enough persons with experience makes that people have to wait a very long time to be served in this cold dining room !
 - accessibility to the bathrooms possible with taking off of the doors !
- Breakfast and dinner in the Hotels for all the teams.
Farwell party for everybody in Beach Hotel !
- All the lunches for everybody were taked in the sport hall .
The lunches consist of warm meal (pasta, meat, vegetables) with a fruit juice, a fruit and cake as dessert.

Participants :

17 nations were present	92 mens	
	26 womens	
	38 escorts	<u>156 participants in total !</u>

2 registrated nations were not present : Japan and Mexico

- Transport** :
- With 3 busses between the airport - the hotel – the airport.
- 3 hours at minimum needed between Catana Airport and the hotels makes the transport difficult to organize and makes that some teams have to wait more than 3 hours in the airport before to start !
 - the changes of destination to Palermo Airport due to the Etna problems and closing of Catana after 4.00 p.m., makes also a lot of bad transport organization and a to long waiting time , some delegations have taken taxis or normal buses to come to Agrigento !
 - about the departure transport organization, the closing of Catana airport makes that all the delegations were sended to Palermo but there, not any confirmation of registration was made and Alitalia will not be responsible because the Etna is a natural disaster that everybody know 1 month before !
 - result : some delegation has to stay in Palermo one night more and have to find an hotel and transport on own costs !!!
 - **WHY HAVE THE ORGANIZERS NOT ASK, ONE MONTH BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT, TO ALL THE DELEGATION TO CHANGE THEIR DESTINATION TO PALERMO ???**

During the competition days, with 3 busses between the hotels and the sport venue, each morning and evening

- the 30 minutes needed to transfer the wheelchairs in the busses, the 45 minutes to go to the hall, the 30 minutes for transfer again and the 45 minutes to go back to the hotels makes that 3 hours were needed between two transports !!!!!
- this long distance between the hotels and the sport venue was due to the cancelling, 15 days before the date of the tournament, of the previous sport hall in Fanara (last year) at that the organizers have find this new hall in Racalmuto ! Reason of the cancelling ????

During the day, when needed but due to the long distance, the players have to wait that the bus was complete before to start ! Again, very long waiting time !

Sport Venue :

IMPIANTO SPORTIVO POLIVALENTE - RACALMUTO

Floor :	something like parquet floor
Lighting :	good
Spectator seats :	a lot of but not finish (concrete with a lot of dust !)
Referee's table :	in the middle of the venue
Gluing room :	in special room
Officials rooms :	- TD room + secretary room - computer room
Cloakrooms :	not finish, without shower possibility and only some cold water accessible !
Toilets :	one special toilet for wheelchairs with possibility to use some toilets in the cloakrooms but without a closing system !
Bar :	a small bar was organized with possibility to buy some very very small warm coffees (difficult to find a cup of tea !) and some snacks !

This sport venue was to new, not completely finish and without a heating system ! Moreover, on the top, after the spectactor seats, all was open to the wind and the very cold outside temperature !

In the afternoon of the second day when I have see a lot of "blue" wheelchair players, I have stop the competitions and have obliged the organizers to close the open windows on the top and to find a heating system for the beginnig of the next day !

Without a heating system, the tournament should be cancelled !!!!

The next day, a heating system was in the sport venue !!!

WHY HAVE THE ORGANIZER NEVER THINK ABOUT A HEATING POSSIBILITY BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT ????

Officials :

Classifier : Dr Heinz Zwerina - AUT
Mr Winnie Pape - GER

Referee : Mr Roberto Rossi

Deputy referee : Mr Enzo Bertotto

Computer man : Mr G.S. Vella

Umpires : **not any official umpire !
Only a lot of young people without any
understanding of table tennis and informed
about how to lead a match 15 minutes before
the start of the competitions !
INTOLERABLE !!!!**

Ball boys and girls : some young people from Racalmuto but also
without experiences about where to stay, what
to do, etc...
Moreover, this young people go home around
1.00 p.m. and don't come back !

Medical : Presence of the Ambulance and a doctor during
the four competition days with presence of the
medical people in the hall !

Interpreters : Some young ladies from an interpreter school
were walking around in the hall !
Not a lot of experience !

Organizing Committee :

Chairman : Giuseppe Vella
Vice Chairman : G.S. Vella
Secretary : M. Rao
Transport : V. Falzone
Meals and volunteers : I. Di Vincenzo
Logistical and tourism : Cooperativa Mediculture
TT regional technical FISD : L. Bentivegna
TT national technical FISD : D. Gallo

Evaluation :

Accommodations : **not correct to put people in a non finish hotel with
not enough experiences about kitchen and table
services !**

Transport : **to long way between airports and hotels makes that
the waiting time in the airport is to long !
to long way also between the hotels and the sport
venue ! same problem : waiting time !**

Meals : **not possible for players to receive only some
“croissant” on breakfast before a sport competition !**

Venues : **if for any reason, the sport venue have to be changed some days before the start of the competition, the organizers have to be sure that the new hall have all possibilities : toilets, showers with warm water, cloakrooms, spectator seats in good conditions, an HEATING SYSTEM !!!!!!!!, a.z.o.....**

Tables : **OK accessible for wheelchair users but have to be cleaned before the competition and during all the days due the dust of this new hall !!**

Umpires : **INTOLERABLE that not any official umpire is present during an international tournament !!!!!**

Ball people : **not any experience about what to do and to be a ball boy !**

Competitions : **without umpires or with some young people with not any understanding and experiences of table tennis, a time schedule can never be respected !
If only the deputy referee with the help of a staff lady have to make all the draws before the team matches, the last match start 40 minutes late !!!**

Computer : **if your computer man is also one of the most important people of the organization and when your organization likes to be something like a non professional organization, this man have never the time to finalize his computer job !**

Organizing Committee : **fortunately I have to thanks the three ladies of the secretary, G.S. Vella and V. Falzone for all their investment to try to make from this bad tournament something acceptable !**

Delegations : **Thanks to all, players, coaches, physiotherapists, escorts for your help during this four very very difficult and very very cold days that we have shared in Agrigento ! Without your help as umpire, ball boys/ghirls, this tournament should never be finish ! I have see some wheelchair players to be ball boy during some matches !!!!!**

Conclusion : **THE TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS WERE VERY VERY BAD !!!**

DURING THE ITTC E.C. IN JANURAY, WE HAVE TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF OUR ITTC TOURNAMENT !!!

NEXT YEAR 2003 SHALL BE AGAIN A COMPETITION'S YEAR DUE TO THE SELECTIONS FOR ATHENS !

ITTC MAY NOT ACCEPT TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT THE CERTAINTY OF THE LEVEL !

SORRY PEPPE BUT I CANNOT APPROVE YOUR 2002 ORGANIZATION AND MY PROPOSITION TO THE ITTC TOURNAMENT OFFICER SHALL BE THE CANCELLING OF YOUR 2003 ORGANIZATION !

I don't like to make so a very bad report !

January 2nd, 2003

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