

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE DISABLED



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : **Irish Open TT Tournament**

Ranking Factor Applied for : **20**

Name of Responsible Federation : **Irish Wheelchair Association**

Name of Chairman of Organising Committee : **Jimmy Byrne**

Dates of Play : **April 12 – 14, 2002**

Name of Technical Delegate : **Nico Verspeelt - BEL**

Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC : **June 4th , 2002**

Accommodation : Grand Hotel** Malahide.**

Rooms, bathrooms, dining room and lifts accessible for wheelchairs.
Breakfast was served in the rooms but also possibility to take it in the restaurant.

Lunches were taken in the sport hall (lunch packets, with bread, fruit, juice)
Dinners in the restaurant of the University (good choice and good meals)

Venue :

Sport hall from the University Campus in Dublin, approximately 25 min by bus from the hotel Grand

Playing hall : the size of the hall 45m x 27m
18 playing area from 7m x 6m
Floor : linoleum, acceptable for the wheelchairs
Lighting: acceptable
Spectator seats : gallery, possibility to use a lift for wheelchair users
Referee´s table : not foresee in playing hall
Referee + assistant worked in the special office, next to the playing hall
Gluing room : not foresee, possibility outside or in the entry hall
Officials room : no any official room foresee, the TD use a part of the referee room
Practising tables : no extra tables, players used playing tables, between the matches

Equipment :

Tables : 18 tables : JOOLA, TIBHAR, STIGA, IMPERIAL
All of them ITTF approved but only 9 accessible table for wheelchair players.
This tables were foresee firstly for classes 1-2-3.
Balls : LION 40mm *** ITTF, WHITE
Scorers: JOOLA, ITTF approved
Net : accordant with tables , ITTF approved but not everytime in good state
Surroundings : different, but acceptable for the tournament and ITTF approved

Competition days :

Playing days April 11 – 12 – 13 , 2003

April 10, 2003 Arrival and classification days for the participants, draw of Open event by referee, TD and Tournament Director
April 11, 2003 Open singles and start of Team events , draw for Team and Single events
April 12, 2003 Teams events and start of Singles in classes
Medal ceremony in restaurant after the dinner
April 13, 2003 Departure after breakfast

Possibility to use the medical service of the University if needed.

Evaluation :

Accommodations : good hotel accessible, good breakfast

Transport : very good organization

Meals : lunches in hall and dinner in University's restaurant
good meals.

With lunches some juice but **not any water available during the 3 days of competition !!**

Venue : acceptable with accessible toilets

Tables : only 9 accessible tables is not enough! For a wheelchair tournament, **the 18 tables are to be accessible ! To see for next organization !!**

Some nets assembly are also to be change !

Umpires : not enough official umpires during the 3 days if some years before, the tournaments were more friendship's tournaments, today, all is more professional and **the organizers have to foresee a lot of umpires to conduct the matches.**

Conclusion : To foresee for the next organization :

- **All tables accessible**
- **some new net assemblies**
- **water during the competition days**
- **enough umpires during the competition days**

Except this comments , the tournament was a good organization with good hotel, meals and transport.

June 4th , 2003

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