

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament: 2do Abierto Mexicano de Tenis de Mesa

Ranking Factor Approved for : 20

Name of the National Federation : Asociacion de Deportes sobre Silla de Ruedas del Edo. De Mexico

Chairman of Organising Committee : Mr. Ignacio Santacruz

Dates of Play : 2-3-4th December, 2004

Name of Technical Delegate : Leandro Olvech - ARG

Report submitted to IPC and ITTC the : December 16th, 2004

<u>Participants:</u>	7 Nations:	16 Men WC
		15 Men ST
		8 Women WC
		4 Women ST
	Total Players:	43
		5 Coaches
		0 Team Leaders
		1 Support Staff
	Total Staff:	49
	Total:	49 People

*** 2 Nations didn't showed, Chile and Nigeria**

Previous Communications with the OC

There were many problems on that issue the OC confirmed the flights for IPTTC officers just one week before tournament. Some countries complained about delay to answer some emails.

Reception at the airport:

My personal experience was very positive, the OC received me and the referee right on time and we used a van to go to Toluca, about 1.20 hour from Mexico city. But dutch and canadian team expressed a big delay on the service.

Accommodation:

San Francisco Hotel, rated as 4*, but looking as a 3* level. The accomodation was just good but not fully accessible, the main entrance has a step and some meters inside a ramp very difficult to climb or a ladder without handrail. The bar and restaurant of the hotel was not used for oficial meals, only for socializing but it has a ramp impossible to climb for wheelchair users without help. The doors of the rooms and bathroom were big enough (80 cm) but it was very difficult for wheelchair users to access to the bathroom. The elevators were not big enough to be used by two wheelchair users at the same time. The service at the reception was good and kind but no one speak fluent english. I met the manager of the hotel, who is an architect and they will take in consideration all this details for the future, they are planning to renovate the hotel next january. The accommodation is located at 900 meters from venue in a very centric area.

Meals:

Breakfast, lunch and Dinner were in the venue. A big tend were mounted in the yard, it was nice to have breakfast and lunch with sunny days but some days during the dinner it was was cold for those who took it late in the evening when sun went down. It was a little bothersome to go for every meal to the venue, it was very close to the hotel but some players had to go there sometimes in the morning only for the breakfast. The positive side was that the lunch that usually is a lunchbox, in this tournament was a warm meal like the dinner. The level of the food was good with mexican and non mexican food.

Transport:

3 Shuttle Vans from Airport to Hotel loaded without ramp.
3 Shuttle Vans from – to venue loaded without ramp.
A bus and 2 Shuttle Vans from Hotel to Airport.
Good enough service from and to Airport and Venue with no complains received. Distance from Mexico city Airport to Toluca of 60/80 minutes.

Main Venue:

Agustin Millan Sport Hall, 15m x 30m

Floor: Concrete Floor

Lighting: Good during the day, poor in some tables starting at 5pm. There was sunshine over the tables at 9.30am and 3pm during the practice day, the OC covered all the windows for the competition.
About 600 Lux

Spectator Seats: 700

Referee's Table: In the middle of the sport hall, a balcony with perfect view.

Gluing Room: A table outside the sport hall

Officials Rooms: - TD Room
- Doctor and Classification Room
- Computers Aerea (close to referee's table)

Equipment:

Tables: 8 Stiga

Net: Stiga

Scorers: Stiga
Surroundings: Stiga
Balls: Stiga Orange ***

Competition Days:

December 1st: Arrivals – Classification
December 2nd: Open event and Start of Teams
December 3rd: Teams
December 4th: Singles

Competition started at 9 am and finished around 6pm first day, 9 am to 5pm second and third days. The first day was scheduled to finish at 8pm but the poor lighting forced to change the last matches to morning of second day. Fortunately it worked because of the tournament was not so big.

Good timetable foresee by the referee but there was a delay of about 15 minutes first and second day.

Meetings:

A technical meeting was held in the evening of arrival day and included some words from the organizers. The open event draw was handmade by referee but showing it with a beamer in presence of TD and OC Competition Manager. The schedule of the open was given to the teams during the meeting.

Press:

A press conference was perfectly held 2 days before start of competition in a building of sport ministerium of State of Mexico. There were about 6 media represented from newspapers, and TV. During the competition many reporters were present.

Opening Ceremony:

Very Short but amazing, there were about 500 noisy cheerful school kids, a police group marched accompanied by a militar music band, very very nice.

There were some speeches of following people:

Honorary Personalities: Lic. Crisoforo Zarate Machuca

Edo. De Mexico Gov.

Lic. Jose Luis Munoz

Chairperson Federación Mexicana de
Dep. S/silla de ruedas

Education Program:

An IPTTC Umpires seminar was held, the lecturer was Mr. Delano Lai Fatt the referee. All the umpires had attended. Mr. Lai Fatt made a great effort to do the seminar in spanish.

Classifications:

2 classifiers were present
7 players were tested.
Very good and professional classifications!
15 Players from MEX were inscribed to be classified but finally only 5 showed up, the classifiers had to wait for that players and no one had the certitude of who comes and who not.

Results:

All results book was given to each Nation on Saturday evening with a copy in CD.
All electronical results will be sent to the Ranking Director in term of 1 week after tournament.
Very good and professional work by computer people.

Officials:

Classifier: Dr. Rafael M. Cayere – PUR
Prof. Nadia Vaccaro - ARG

Referee: Mr. Delano Lai Fatt – CAN

Deputy Referee: Mr. Juan Carlos Martinez – MEX

Umpires: 12 from MEX

Organizing Committee:

Chairman: Ignacio Santacruz
Treasurer: Alfredo Espinoza
Sports T. Director: Yolanda Martinez
Protocol: Jude Okoh
Info Center: Mauricio Mancilla

General Evaluation

Questionnaire:

A new document was developed to be tested in this tournament, it is a kind of questionnaire to be given to all delegations and IPTTC officers with about 20 points to give an opinion about the tournament. This project was introduced in the technical meeting and the gave it back to me during last day of competition. The OC made copies for them to be considered for next tournament edition and I kept the originals to be considered for this report. The evaluation of the use of this document was highly positive. The delegations were very satisfied with this oportunity to have a feedback with OC and TD. The OC had a deeper scope of the quality of the tournament and I had the chance to have a lot of information that can be impossible for me to know without this feedback. I would like to suggest IPTTC to continue developing and using this formulary in the future. Also I have asked delegations to criticise the document and many positive ideas were expressed to improve it.

Formal Protest:

A formal protest was presented by the player from Liechtenstein, Peter Frommelt. There were not enough players in class 6 to play a single event so they were combined with class 7. There were not enough players in class 8, so they were combined with class 9. There were enough players in class 10. His protest was based on the combinations. He asked us (Referee and TD) to combine classes 6 to 8 and 9 with 10. The arguments of his protest were as follows:

1. He expressed that the differences between classes 8 and 9 are bigger than classes 6 and 8.
2. He said that it is unusual to combine 8 and 9 when there are other chances.

The protest was of course accepted but the request refused as an agreement of TD and referee. As justifications:

1. The combinations are made only when needed according IPTTC rulebook. Rules: 3.8.4.2.1 (page 26) and 3.8.4.2.9 (page 27)
2. As jurisprudence there was a situation like this one this year in the Emmen tournament.

As an answer to the player I offered to bring this topic to be discussed in the IPTTC technical subcommittee.

Fair Play:

After an apparently mistake from the umpire in a double match NED Vs. ESP, that benefited ESP, the Spanish player Enrique Agudo served incorrectly on purpose to give the point back to NED. The match was 11-11. A letter of congratulations was sent to the Spanish Sport Federation to inform the situation.

Evaluation:

Accommodations: good, but not fully accessible. Some complains were received.

Transport: Very good from and to Airport stations. From/to Hotel and Venue with good service.

Venue: Regular. Place enough for only 8 tables. Problems with the lighting, poor and sunshine thru windows. Poor hygiene in toilets.

Tables: Some in regular conditions and not accessible for wheelchair.

Umpires: Some with very good level and some with good enough. But they worked very hard!

Ball People: There was not always enough but they made good work.

Competitions: Good organisation. Most of the matches started as scheduled.

Information: The information was distributed in very good conditions, there was pigeon boxes in venue. There was a blackboard of results in the main entrance of the venue and it was updated very oft .

Computer: very professional work!

Org. Committee: The people worked very hard and they tried always to find quick solutions but not enough people were involved during the competition.

Conclusion: *In General, the tournament was organised with acceptable quality, but just because not so many players were there.*

The initial list of players sent to the Referee in advance was further decimated by withdrawals from Mexican players resulting in a disappointing number of entries of only 43 players. The Mexican team must be treated like the other ones, with a deadline to be inscribed. Also they have to be the first to contribute with the OC.

The OC cooperated very much but most of the problems could be avoided if they work with more anticipation.

The people from OC were very pleasant.

For next edition:

- 1. More people must be involved and with clear roles!*
- 2. Start working earlier to ANTICIPATE AND AVOID PROBLEMS!*
- 3. Respect your deadlines and make countries do the same!*
- 4. When you organise tournaments in Mexico but with different people in the Organising Committee, please, share the past experiences.*

I think this four issues can be easily changed for next edition!

I would like to encourage Mexico to organise tournaments every year, the first experience is not always the best but with work and perseverance it will be better next year, I am sure of it.

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