

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : IWAS Games 2007

Ranking Factor Approved for : 20

Responsible Federation : Chinese Taipei Paralympic
Committee

Chairman of Organising Committee : Dr. Lee-Chou CHEN

Dates of Play : 12-18 September 2007

Name of Technical Delegate : Steven Lee

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IWAS (International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation) is a vibrant and constantly growing Federation providing opportunity for persons with a physical disability to participate in sport from grass roots to elite.

World Wheelchair & Amputee Games were held from 11 to 19 September, 2007. Table Tennis is one of the events. Other sporting events include: Archery, Athletics-Track & Field, Badminton, Fencing, Powerlifting, Shooting and Swimming.

1-Accommodation

- Sunworld Dynasty Hotel Taipei
No.100, Dun Hua N. Road, Song Shan District, Taipei City

Accommodation was very good. The hotel has good facilities for wheelchair players. The hotel has 6 wide lifts. Special “bridges” were located at the entrance of the hotel to allow easy access for the wheelchairs users.

Breakfast and dinner were eaten in the hotel and in buffet style which included a great variety of eastern and western food. Breakfast was provided at the restaurant downstairs. Dinner was provided at the restaurant on 3rd floor. The players were very satisfied in that regard.

Lunch was provided by way of lunchboxes and was taken in the stadium. Fresh drinking water was provided at the playing venue.

2-Venue

The playing venue (Taipei Municipal Gymnasium) was the venue for the World Championship in 2002. The lighting was good. The floor is made of timber and complies with competition regulations. Twelve tables were placed in the stadium with adequate space for spectators’ access. Overall it was satisfactory.

The training venue was located in the 7th floor with eight tables. However there are only two small lifts so wheelchair players had to spend time waiting for the lifts.

There is an office with telephone, photocopier and computer in the ground floor.

There are 3 accessible toilets in the hall, a very important point for tournaments with players in a wheelchair.

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| Floor: | Wooden floor with sports floor |
| Lighting: | 800 lux, suitable, without daylight |
| Spectator seats: | about 150 for the participants and spectators For wheelchairs – directly on the area |

Gluing area: Outside the gymnasium
Officials' room: OC room, meeting room
Classification room
Results/computer room

3-Equipment

- 10 Tables: 10 Tables – DONIC World Champion TC (Blue)
- Balls: Donic 3 stars Orange
- (All ITTF approved)
- Surroundings (DONIC) and Score boards

All 10 tables can be used for wheelchair play. This is very convenient for the schedule.

4-Competition Days

- 12 September (Mon) Team Arrival & Classification
- 12 September (Tue) Classification & Training
- 12 September (Wed) Open Singles
- 13 September (Thur) Open Doubles
- 14 September (Fri) Team Event
- 15 September (Sat) Team Event
- 16 September (Sun) Singles Event
- 17 September (Mon) Rest Day
- 18 September (Tue) Farwell Party
- 19 September (Wed) Departure

Due to the limited number of players, the competition starts at 9:30am to approximately 6:00pm – 6:30pm. The players were able to get back to the hotel together. The morning traffic of Taipei was also avoided.

5-Number of Participants

The number of participants was less than expected in this tournament. The entries were not satisfactory, especially only 4 players entered in the womens standing event.

A total of ten countries participated. Australia, France, Germany, India, Iraq, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Qatar and Chinese Taipei.

Mens wheelchair players: 26
Mens Standing players: 30

Womens wheelchair players: 10
 Womens Standing players: 4
 With a total of **70** players.

| Country | Total N. of Athlete | Male (Class) | | | | | | | | | | Female (Class) | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| AUS | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 7 | | | |
| FRA | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GER | 4 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IND | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRQ | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| ITA | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KOR | 16 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| MAS | 5 | | | | | | | 2 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QAT | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TPE | 31 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | |
| Subtotal | | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 70 | 26 | | | | | 30 | | | | | 10 | | | | | 4 | | | | |

6-Transport

The hotel was close to the playing venue. It was about 5 minutes walk. Therefore transport was not a problem. Most players chose to walk. If necessary, additional transport could be arranged.

Choosing accommodation close to the playing venue is very important and this benefits the organizers and the players. Lots of transport problems and time can be saved, especially in Taipei where traffic is busy during peak hours.

The organisers arranged volunteers to assist players getting on and off vehicles.

7-Officials

Organising committee:

- Chairperson: Dr. Lee-Chou CHEN
- Vice Chairperson Mr. Fou Hwan LAI
- Executive Director: Mr. Chao Shen CHANG
- Vice Executive Director: Mr. Pei Ling LIU
- Competition Chairman: Mr. Chi Pin SHEN
- Secretary: Mr. Heng CHANG
- Competition: Ms. Qiu Dan CHEN
- Information: Mr. Norman YANG
- Equipment: Ms. Hsiu Li TSUI

Classifier: Dr. Sheng-Kuang WU (TPE)
Mrs. N A Patino Marquez (MEX)

Referee: Mr. Lim-Hai LEOW (MAS)
Deputy Referee: Mr. Yih-Shun HUANG (TPE)
Mr. Chi Tien WU (TPE)

Umpires: 25

There were a total of 24 umpires from Chinese Taipei. Amongst them, 13 are international umpires, the other 11 being national umpires. There was also 1 international umpire from Japan. The number of umpires and their workload is reasonable as the matches are quite relaxing.

The Chinese Culture University provided great assistance in this tournament. Apart from the teachers, there were 89 students assisting in the tournament acting as ball collectors, helpers etc. They showed a serious attitude.

The staff from the Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee was very helpful in providing assistance. The tournament was run in a smooth fashion.

8-Meetings

Team Manager's meeting was held at 10:00am on 11 September. As most of the matters had been arranged and prior notices given to all the participating nations, the meeting finished quickly with a short briefing from Chairman of Competition, TD and the Referee regarding matters that needed to be attended to and changes to the player's list in the doubles and team events.

9-Draws

The tournament was run by using Dr Wu's computer programme which was most helpful to the referee as it saved a lot of time and was accurate. The draw was conducted under ITTF and IPTTC regulations. The Open draw was done on 11 September after the Managers' meeting. The team event and individual events were done the following afternoon.

Dr Wu's software had some small problems due to Microsoft Excel operation problems. Fortunately Dr Wu was present and this was rectified immediately. Special thanks to him for his assistance.

10-Classification

2 classifiers were responsible for classifying players. They were very efficient. A total of 7 players were required to be classified, commencing on 11 September from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Two players from Iran arrived at midnight on 11 September due to late flight arrival, so classification had to be arranged on the morning of 12 September.

11-Education

An umpire's seminar was well conducted by Steven Lee (IR, AUS) in this competition. There were 13 umpires taking the IPTTC umpire test after the seminar.

12-Results

The competition results group was fairly efficient. All the results were printed in result books and even CDs were produced for all the teams in the closing function.

13-Other Staff

Administration

- Ms Su-Chen Lu
- Ms Chin-Chieh Lu
- Ms Mei-Chuan Hsia

Information and Recordng

- Mr. Norman Yang
- Mr. Chih-Hau You

Liaison

- Ms Su-Chan Teng
- Mr. Chih Jung Chen

Venue

- Mr. Chieh-Chui Chen
- Mr. Chih Jung Chen

Medical Care

- Mr. Chen-Liang Chou

Ceremony

- Mr. Long-Ren Chuang

Transportation

- Mr. Chin-Ku Chen

Reception

- Mr. Ming-Yao Chen

Ball Boy / Girl:

- There were 27 volunteers from Chinese Culture University during the whole competition.

There was one doctor on duty at the playing venue.

Wheelchair repair service was also offered.

At the entrance to the venue, volunteers were there to help the players to enter the venue and to get in and out of the coaches.

14- Other Matter

As IWAS Games only accept member units for entry, some players who belong to NOC and are not IWAS members have difficulties in entering the tournament. It is hoped that players can liaise with the relevant organization as early as possible to avoid any problems in entering.

There is still lack of communication throughout the event although this is acceptable in such a big event. Overall, the table tennis competition ran smoothly.

As a conclusion, this tournament was very successful. All players paid tribute to the service attitude of the staff and volunteers.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee for the great work done.

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