



INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

REPORT

Name of Tournament: 2007 U.S. Paralympics Table
Tennis Championships

Ranking Factor Applied for: 20

Name of Responsible USOC Paralympics Division

**Name of Chairman of
Organising Committee:** Mrs. Jennifer Johnson and David Del Vecchio

Dates of Inspection: 27 – 30 December 2007

Name of Technical Delegate: Margita Homolova

**Report submitted to IPC
and IPTTC the:** January 4, 2008

Airport: Chicago O'Hare International Airport - 40 to minutes to the Hotel

Accommodation: The Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago

Accommodation is reachable at walking distance to the venue. Some rooms, bathrooms are acceptable for wheelchairs and other facilities around the hotel are accessible too (restaurants, lifts...)

Lifts in the hotel: 4 lifts, which can take on board 4-5 wheelchairs

Meals: Breakfast and diner were served in the hotel, lunch at the venue – lunch boxes.
At the venue were lots of restaurants and buffets.

Transport from/ to airport / Hotel:

Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for the People with Disabilities offers to provide accessible busses and vans for transport from/to airport / Hotel.

Earliest arrivals were provided by taxis and the organizer reimbursed the bills.

Venue: McCormick Place, Chicago - Hall B1
Playing hall: Sport hall with 19 tables - 14 x 8 playing area
Floor: Concrete - for wheelchair players
Taraflex - for standing players – 6 tables
Lighting: Suitable, with no daylight
Rest rooms: 3 for women 3 for men with accessible toilets
Elevators/lifts: 3 lift for wheelchair users

Water was available during whole tournament.

Referee's table: In the playing hall for Referee, computer staff,
Medical service: First aid and paramedical presented all the time in the sport hall
Wheelchair service: On call duty only
Officials' room: No office for TD, no room for umpires
Umpires: CAN – 6
JPN – 1
COL – 1
USA – 21
Umpires were on different levels.

Equipment:

Tables: 13 KILLERSPIN TRUE BLUE - blue – for standing players.
(14 x 8 m). TARAFLEX - all tables. Tables ITTF approved
6 RAD KILLERSPIN, blue – for wheelchair – 9 x 7 m – two tables has
TARAFLEX flooring.
Balls: KILLERSPIN *** orange
Scorers: KILLERSPIN, ITTF approved
Net/Post: KILLERSPIN, ITTF approved
Surroundings: KILLERSPIN, ITTF approved

Gluing area: Gluing area was close to the playing hall

Programme: Playing days December 28 – December 30 2007

December 27 2007	Participants arrival / classification at 12, 00. Draw of Open event made by Referee and TD + team leaders meeting at the evening 1930
December 28 2007	Start of competition Open Singles and draw for Singles and start of Singles events
December 29 2007	Finals of Singles Events and beginning of Team events
December 30 2007	Team events and Medal Ceremony at the Farewell Diner Farewell Diner at 17:15
December 31 2007	Departure day of teams

Competition hours:	December 28:	10:00 – 22:00
	December 29:	09:00 – 21:30
	December 30:	09:00 – 14:00

Number of Participants:	Women	40
	Men	83
	Staff	44
	Together	167

The players from the **28** countries were participated at the tournament:

<u>Americas Region:</u>	BRA, CAN, CRC, ESA, MEX, USA – 6
<u>EU Region:</u>	AUT, ESP, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, ITA, IRL, ISL, ISR, MDA, NED, NOR, POL, RUS, SWE, UKR – 17
<u>Asia Region:</u>	HKG, KOR, JPN TPE - 4
<u>Oceania Region:</u>	AUS - 1

Transport: Transport (from Airport to hotel and back,) was organized well. The organizing committee had possibility to use the sufficient number of wheelchairs acceptable buses and vans. At the airport were welcome volunteers to meet the participants.

Meeting: There was the meeting for team leaders on December 27, 2007 at the evening at 1930.
EDP: Umpiring course for 28 umpires held on December 27, 2007 at 1700 evening.
7 umpires took the test after seminar and 4 of them past the test.

Classification:

Total number of athletes classified	:	11
Number of classification changes	:	4
Number of not showing up	:	3
Total number	:	11

Results: The Tournament Director, Mr. David del Vecchio passed in digital form to the ITTF PTT Ranking Officer, Mr. Gael Marziou on 30th December.

Organizing Committee : USOC Paralympics Division

Tournament Director : Mr. David Del Vecchio
Event Manager : Mrs. Jennifer Johnson
Entries, Accommodation : Mrs. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Dean Nakamura
Transport : Mrs. Emily Ford
Volunteer manager/ : Mrs. Shana Anderson
Computer Center : Mr. David Del Vecchio

Officials:

Referee : Mr. Larry KESSLER - USA
Deputy Referees : Mr. Karol ZIDULIAK - CAN
Technical Delegate : Mrs. Margita HOMOLOVA - SVK
Classifiers : Mrs. Norma PATINO MAQUEZ - MEX
Mrs. Cintia MARINO - ARG

Umpires: 29 National and international IPTTC from CAN, COL, JPN &USA

Medical services: Medical service was on base first aid present the whole time during the tournament at the venue.

Wheelchair service: Evadible - based on call.

Ball boys: During the tournament were enough ball boys presented for wheelchair players.

Final evaluation:

The timetable finished in approximately planned time. We had playing plan from 9 a.m. to 21:30 p.m.
In the sport hall was possible to drink water from barrels.
Accommodation and transport was in very good quality.

Only one complain was from some players: Too noisy at the venue – more other sports activities runs besides the Table Tennis but by the another hand – players had good chance to see more sport events and some other activities.

Thank you and congratulation to the organizers for nice and well running tournament.

Margita HOMOLOVA - SVK
TD of the tournament

January 4, 2007