

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

NAME OF TOURNAMENT : **2008 PTT COPA TANGO VI**

Ranking Factor Approved for : **20**

Name of the Organizer: **FADESIR (Federación Argentina
de Deportes Sobre Sillas de Ruedas)**

Name of the Chairman **Vitaliano Brandoli**

Dates of the Tournament: **November 6 – November 10, 2008**

Name of Technical Delegate **Karol Ziduliak - CAN**

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters on November 23, 2008

Accommodation: CRISTAL PALACE HOTEL*** - about 15 minutes from the venue by bus; quite a nice accommodation, no wheelchair friendly
HOTEL CeNARD – accommodation in the same object as the venue – wheelchair friendly, but rooms for 5-6 people, no air conditioning. No need for transportation to the venue.

Meals: Lunch, afternoon snack and Dinner served to all in the CeNARD’s dining room. Breakfast for those accommodated in Cristal Palace hotel served in the hotel, for those accommodated at CeNARD hotel in the CeNARD’s dining room.
Food nutritional, but more variety would be appreciated.

Venue: CeNARD – Argentinian National sport Centre gymnasium
Lighting – good – 600-700 lux
Floor – wood – good quality
Bleachers – concrete – for approximately 800 spectators
Control desk, Referee’s desk & TD desk – in a separate room at the level of gymnasium floor.
Washrooms: 1 cubicle wheelchair accessible in both Men and Women washrooms; adequate for standing players.
Medical service – secured by Dr. Miyagi, the classifier.

Transport: By a big bus with lift for wheelchairs and smaller VANS.
Since many players and staff were accommodated at CeNARD not known problems with transportation.
Transport was generally on schedule during the tournament and also on request when needed.

Equipment: Tables: 14 DHS T1223 blue (9 wheelchair accessible)
Nets: DHS P104 – Butterfly Europa
Balls: DHS 40*** white
Surrounds: home made blue 1.20 x 0.70 meters each
Umpires tables: small school desks
Towel holders: shopping baskets

Officials:

Referee:	Hernan Brizuela, ARG – PTT IR
Deputy Referee:	Leonor Demario, BRA – NR, PTT IU
Umpires Manager:	Gabriel Levisman, ARG – PTT IU
Classifier:	Dr.Horacio Miyagi, Nadia Vaccaro – ARG
Umpires:	7 PTT IUs (4 foreign umpires) 11 PTT National Umpires

17 Regional Umpires
35 in total.

Note: Thanks to the number of umpires, each match had an umpire and Assistant umpire (AU). Most likely the very first time this kind of umpiring at a Fa 20 tournament. Good for you organizers that they were willing to invite so many umpires, good for the ARG URC Chairman Gabriel Levisman and good for the umpires as well that they were willing to umpire long hours.
Ball boys/girls: Most of the time sufficient number, sometimes AUs had to step in and help with picking up the balls.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Vitaliano Brandoli
Manager:	Liliana M. Diez
Floor Manager:	Daniel Pacheco
Medical person:	Dr.Horacio Miyagi
Transport:	Prof. Marcelo Oleac
Meals co-ordinator:	Miguel Mansilla
Balls Boys & Girls co-ordinator:	Laura Pagola
Awards presentation manager:	Prof. Mariel Scartazzini
Results:	Hernan Brizuela

Results:

All the draws and the results given to all countries in a timely fashion. Very efficient work of the computer team. All delegations were given the results in CD form during the Award ceremony. Results in electronic form sent to Ranking director by E-mail right after the tournament.

Participants:

70 male athletes
16 female athletes
10 coaches
3 leaders
9 supporting staff
108 in total from 15 countries.

Classification:

Two classifiers have tested and classified
16 male and 1 female new players,
reviewed 1 male player

Total 18 players.
Classification was done very well and professionally.

Meetings:

Umpires briefing:

November 6 – 18:00 – meeting room in CeNARD building
Conducted mostly in Spanish, since all the umpires speak Spanish.

Team Managers/Jury meeting:

November 6 – 20:00 – meeting room in CeNARD building.
Information about the transport and meals and the draws for Open Singles given to all delegations. All managers asked for submitting The composition of teams on November 7 at noon time.
November 7 – 10:00 – Draws for Singles events given to all delegations.
November 8 – 9:00 – Draws for Team events given to all delegations.

Competition Days:

November 6: Arrival of teams
November 6: Classifications
November 7: Open Singles and Singles events competition
November 8: Singles and Teams events competition
November 9: Teams competition
Awards Presentations
November 10: Departures of delegations

Evaluation:

In general the tournament was very well prepared from the point of view of running the tournament. When I have asked a few players why they like to come to this tournament all said, because of the organization of the tournament – good schedule, matches on time. They had a few suggestions how it could be improved even more. I will mention later on.

Equipment good – all ITTF approved tables, 9 of them according to requirements for wheelchair players. Set up of the gym good.

The award ceremony was prepared quite well also.

I have already mentioned, that there were enough umpires for having an umpire and assistant umpire for all the matches. It is a luxury even at higher than Fa 20 tournaments.

This was a shining example of very good co-operation with the chairman of Umpires and Referees Committee (URC) of able bodied federation, Gabriel Levisman.

Good on you both the organizers for willing to pay for so many umpires and the URC of Argentinian Table Tennis Federation.

Now I would like to point out areas where the organizers could improve. It is not meant as a criticism, rather to make suggestions for improving the tournament even more. After being able to improve in following areas I believe they could be a very good candidate for consideration for Fa 40 tournament in the future:

1. Accommodation – arrange wheelchair friendly accommodation in hotels. At the same time ask CeNARD to install air conditioning in their hotel, so economy accommodation could be offered for those participants with lower budget.
2. Venue – Ask CeNARD to install air conditioning and elevator acces to the gym - too steep a hill to get to the gym. It is to the credit of organizers that they have arranged for volunteers helping to wheel wheelchair players up and down the hill. Another option of course is to try to get another suitable gym already with air conditioning. Perhaps the organizers could also consider holding a tournament at the time when it is not so hot.
3. Meals – perhaps a larger variety of food would be appreciated by participants.

At the end I have to mention one very pleasant experience.

Mr. Vitaliano Brandoli was always ready to listen to all my requests for making the tournament better and has followed through with promises right away.

CONGRATULATION VITALIANO FOR THE WELL ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT. I KNOW THAT VISITING PLAYERS HAVE ENJOYED IT.

Submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

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