

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

NAME OF TOURNAMENT : **2010 - 4TH ROMANIAN OPEN**

Ranking Factor approved for : **20**

Name of the Organizer: ***Lamont Centre and Little People Association***

Name of the Chair Person **Sally Wood-Lamont**

Dates of the Tournament: **May 20 – 22, 2010**

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

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters on May 23, 2010

Accommodation: GOLDEN TULIP HOTEL – 10 minutes drive to venue
HOTEL TOPAZ – 20 minutes drive to venue
HOTEL SPORT – 10 minutes walk to venue
Accommodation was wheelchair accessible where needed.
I have to mention an interesting initiative made by organizers.
In order to have enough wheelchair friendly accommodation they
have purchased special bath tub benches and shower chairs which
they have lent to hotels – effectively in control of choosing best
possible accommodation. The hotels have constructed ramps over
bridging the stairs for wheelchair access where needed.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner served in hotels.
Hot lunch served in tents, next to the venue.

Venue: The Horea Damian Sports Hall, Grigorescu, Cluj - Napoca
Lighting – good – 600-700 lux



Washrooms and showers: wheelchair accessible.





Floor – wood – good quality
Bleachers – for approximately 2000 spectators
Control desk, Referee’s desk – elevated – at the first and second level of bleachers rows.
Medical service – set up in a separate room in the hall.

Transport:

Transport was on schedule and also on request when needed.
Very well organized.
The organizers have had at their disposal a relatively large number of vehicles:
4 buses for standing players – capacity 78 players in total
3 so called special vans – capacity 23 wheelchair and 19 standing
3 so called sprinters – capacity 12 wheelchair and 19 standing

Equipment:

Tables: 17 Donic blue (all wheelchair accessible)
Nets: Donic Stress



Balls: Donic*** white
Score indicators: Donic

Surrounds: Donic
Umpires tables: Donic
Towel holders: Donic

Officials:

Referee: Jacky Simon (FRA) – IR
Deputy Referees: Jozef Golan (SVK) – IR
Mirko Budincevic (SRB) - IR

Classifier: Aart Kruimer (NED)
Evgeniya Dimitrova (BUL)

Umpires: PTT IUs and NUs:
5 (ROM), 4 (CZE), 8 (HUN), 2 (JOR),
3 (SVK), 6 (SRB), 1 (CRO)
29 in total

Note: The number of umpires according to regulations should have been 38. They had to put in long hours.

Open Invitation to larger number of Associations should be posted on the Web site next time, so the organizers could select more umpires from nominated by Associations.

Ball boys/girls: This is another nice story. I understand that under the leadership of Katie and Shajjad Rizvi of Little People Association there were up to 300 volunteers prepared to work as ball boys and girls and in other areas. Something unheard of.

Organizing Committee:

Chair person: Sally Wood-Lamont

Vice Chair person: Katie Razvi

PR & Marketing: Shajjad Razvi

Technical Director/Floor Manager: Anca Chereches

Assistant to Chair person: Aileen Wood

Transport: Serghei Pinzaru

Accommodation: Elisabeta Vuscan

Computer persons: Ileana Aciu, Elisabeta Serbanescu

Results Secretary: Allegra Roccato (ITA)

Results: All the draws and the results given to all countries in a timely fashion. Very efficient work of the computer team. As a novelty all delegations were given the results on memory sticks.
Results in electronic form sent to Ranking director by E-mail right after each event.

Participants: 116 male athletes
34 female athletes
26 coaches
2 team leaders
3 supporting staff

181 in total from 22 countries.

Classification: Two classifiers have tested and classified

10 male and 1 female new players:

F9 – Pek Karolina (POL)

M1 – Major Endre (HUN)

M2 – Czuper Rafa (POL)

M3 – Duman Hatice (TUR)

M4 – Kian Meng Tan (SIN)

M4 – Vural Suleyman (TUR)

M6 – Safiullin Dinar (RUS)

M7 – Garifullin Valeriy (RUS)

M7 – Otte Patrick (DEN)

M9 – Cataloglu Ali Haydar (TUR)

M10 – Bordea Alexandru (ROM)

Changes of classifications:

Scazzieri Davide (ITA) from M7 to M6

Frommelt Peter (LIE) from M8 to M7

McKibbin Aaron (GBR) from M9 to M8

Puiu Marian (ROM) from M9 to M8

Not eligible:

M10 – Gayfullin Ilyas (RUS)

No show:

M4 – Kovacs Tamas (HUN)

M4 – Rudnev Vladimir (RUS)

Classification forms prepared properly with translators present.

Classification itself was done professionally.

Meetings:

Technical meeting:

May 19 – 20:00 – meeting room in the Golden Tulip hotel.
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 May 20 at noon time.

Jury meeting:

May 22 – 8:30 in the office of the Chair person.

In attendance:

Sally Lamont – chair person (Chair person of the Tournament)

Karol Ziduliak – member (Technical Delegate)

Jozef Golan – member (Deputy Referee)

Subject – protest against decision of the referee in a team match
GER-HUN versus POL.

Decision – Protest denied, result of the match confirmed as decided by the Referee.

Competition Days:

May 19: Arrival of teams

May 19: Classifications

May 20: Open Singles and Singles events competition

May 20 – 14:30: Opening ceremony

May 21: Singles and Teams events competition

May 22: Teams competition

May 22 – 16:00 - Awards Presentations

May 23: Departures of delegations

Evaluation:

In general the tournament was very well prepared with incredible number of volunteers - good schedule, matches on time.

The opening ceremony was an example of an excellent public relation and a good promotion of table tennis.

There were many distinguished special guests and speakers:

Robin Barnett – Ambassador of Great Britain in Romania

Nigel Hayward – Director, British Counsel,

Michael Bird - Regional Director, British Counsel,

Sally Wood-Lamont – President of National Paralympic
Committee

Sorin Apostu – Mayor of Cluj – Napoca

Otila Badescu – National Authority for Sport and Youth,

Felician Rus – regional director of E.ON Romania

Katie Rizvi – Little People Association of Romania



Equipment – all ITTF approved tables, suitable for wheelchair players - good condition.
The award ceremony was prepared also very well.
The medals were awarded by a pair of young people in national costumes. Very nice.



I would like to point out a few areas where the organizers could improve to make the tournament even better. It is not meant as a criticism, rather as a suggestion for improving the tournament even more.

1. Venue – In order to allow players to show all their capabilities without restriction, the courts should be larger. Many “let” calls had to be called, because the ball from neighboring table entered the court. It should be done even at the expense of using fewer tables in the gym.
2. Training tables – There should be a serious thought given to having them next time.
3. Meals in hotels – if possible to have more variety of meals.
4. Since a well organized successful tournament attracts more and more players, there will be most likely a need to limit the number of players, or extend playing days to 4, or try to secure one more gym somewhere close by. 150 players over 3 days caused a little crowded competition.
5. Send Invitations to Associations for umpires at least 3-4 months ahead of time. Then the organizers will be able to select enough umpires for the tournament.

Sally was always ready to listen to all requests for making the tournament better and has followed through with corrections right away. Sometimes before the request was placed.

CONGRATULATION SALLY FOR THE WELL ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT.
PLEASE EXTEND MY THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN
OUTSTANDING JOB TO ALL THE OFFICIALS, YOUR STAFF, TO ALL YOUR
VOLUNTEERS.
I KNOW THE PLAYERS HAVE ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. MANY OF THEM
EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO COME BACK AGAIN.

Submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

June 17, 2010.