

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION



SITE INSPECTION

Name of Tournament _____	Mike Dempsey Memorial Championships
Ranking Factor requested _____	Fa20 for 2012; Fa40 for 2013
Name of the National Association _____	USA Table Tennis
Chairperson of the Organizing Committee _____	Andre Scott
Dates of Play _____	29 November to 1 December 2012 5 to 8 December 2013
Name of Site Inspection Delegate _____	Alison Burchell
Report submitted to ITTF _____	20 March 2012

Situation	<p>Weather: November is the beginning of San Diego's rainy season, bringing the most unpredictable weather of the year. Although the rain does not peak until January, monthly rainfall often comes all on the same day, especially during winter storms.</p> <p>Average High Temperature: 70°F/21°C Average Low Temperature: 54°F/12°C Rain & Clouds Index: 1.10 inches (2.79 cm) rain, 75% sunshine</p> <p>What Pack, What to Wear in November: pack an umbrella or rain jacket with hood for rainy days and a warm jacket if no rain is predicted. You will not need a heavy winter coat. Long-sleeved shirts and sweaters in layers work best (reference: http://gocalifornia.about.com)</p> <p>History: although Columbus discovered the “new world” in 1492 and Vasco Nuñez de Balboa was apparently the first European to see the Pacific Ocean, there seems to be some evidence of human life in the area from 20 000 BC. The links to Spain continue although various people of Indian origin also inhabit the area of San Diego. In 1821, San Diego falls under Mexican rule until about 1846 when it was taken by the Americans in their war against Mexico just in time for the California Gold Rush in 1848. In 1850, California became an American state.</p> <p>It is a cosmopolitan city with access to beaches, mountains and snow and desert – all accessible in daylight of one day.</p> <p>The organisers have undertaken to establish this event as a regular on the PTT calendar not only to promote table tennis in the USA but as importantly, to remember Mike Dempsey, a well-known player in PTT for decades. Mike is also remembered as a good sport who promoted fair play even though at his own cost.</p> <p>The event will be preceded by a training camp to which all participants will be invited and coaches from the participating teams cooperating to provide coaching sessions for all participants. The USA is expected to have the largest number of participants.</p>
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Airport	<p>Number of airports: one San Diego international airport.</p> <p>Accessibility: good.</p> <p>Distances: 11 kms, about 11 minutes without traffic and 20-30 minutes in rush hour.</p> <p>For those coming through a transit airport, time to change planes in addition to pass through immigration and collect and re-check in baggage needs to be considered. To date, Philadelphia has been the best experience</p>
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Transport	<p>Airport - hotel</p> <p>Schedules: will be finalised after the second entry after travel details have been received.</p>
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Number of vehicles: will be finalised after second entries.
Accessibility: the example below takes 3 wheelchair users who transfer out of their chairs (chairs stored in the back of the vehicle) and 2 wheelchairs with users still seated in them. Generally, it takes about 10 minutes to load this vehicle and tie downs are used with discretion. Additional luggage will have to be transported in another van.

Similarly, for ambulant players and officials, a regular bus will be used.



Example of accessible van – airport to hotel and back

Hotel - venue

Not necessary although 6 golf carts (seating about 6) and some vans are available to take people around the hotel premises, which includes the venue (conference centre).

Emergency

Ambulance: on call

Accessibility: emergency vehicles are accessible

Other

Site seeing: transport possible at the team's cost. If teams stay on in preparation for the tournament in Costa Rica, some training would be possible together with site seeing. The Mexican border is within a 30 minute drive of the hotel

Public transport, including the "trolley" (metro type train), is easily accessible.

Accommodation

Teams and officials: Town and Country Resort and Convention Centre

www.towncountry.com

Number of rooms: 966 possible in the whole complex

Accessibility: generally good. The hotel has 320 rooms which could be adapted to have better accessibility in the bathroom if the sliding door is removed or the handle is removed from the sliding door. This would increase the doorway to 68cms from 60cms

ADA room with bath (19 available, most in block 3500):

Width of entrance passage: 83cms

Width of bathroom door: 83cms

Grab rails, seat: available

Step or doors to bath or shower: neither

Bath or shower combined: only bath but with shower hose

Height of bath: 36cms

Taps or levers: levers



Bath with grab rails



Sink in the bathroom



Bath in ADA room



Double bed in ADA room to be changed for 2



Toilet in ADA room



Another ADA bedroom set up

ADA room with shower (part of the 19):

Width of entrance passage: 83cms

Width of bathroom door: 83cms

Grab rails, seat in shower: grab rails and fold down seat
Step or doors to shower: neither
Bath or shower or combined: shower only
Taps or levers: levers



Roll in shower



Double beds leading to bathroom



Bed area

Inaccessible rooms in Regency (could be used if necessary)

Width of entrance passage: 73cm

Width of bathroom door: 52cm

Grab rails, seat in shower: none

Step or doors to shower: none

Bath or shower or combined: bath with shower hose

Height of bath: 36cm

Sink: outside bathroom

Taps or levers: taps



Bath and toilet



Sink outside bathroom



Bedroom area

Accessible suite (Royal Palm Tower):

Width of entrance passage: 83cm

Width of bathroom door: 86cm for accessible; 60cm on guest bathroom (if the sliding door is removed, 68cm)

Grab rails, seat in shower: grab rails, seat

Step or doors to shower: none

Bath or shower or combined: roll in shower; separate bath in guest area but not accessible

Height of bath: 42cm

Taps or levers: taps in bath; levers in shower



Bedroom area



Furniture could be moved and 2 beds added



Roll in shower



Toilet area



Sink outside in sitting room part of the suite

Regular suite (Royal Palm Tower):

Width of entrance passage: 80cms

Width of bathroom door: 60cm with sliding door, 68cm without sliding door

Grab rails, seat in shower: none

Step or doors to shower: none

Bath or shower or combined: bath with shower hose

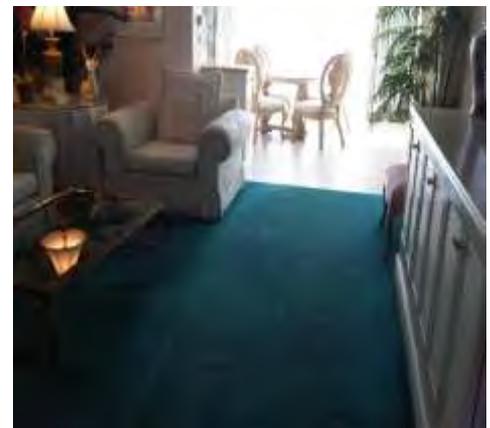
Height of bath: 42cm

Taps or levers: both

Inter-leading door: 72cm



Bedroom area – 2 beds can be installed



Guest area – 2 beds can be installed



Bathroom



Sink in bathroom in the main bedroom



Sink also outside the main bathroom



Bathroom and sink in the bathroom of the guest area



Change of linen: as required

Elevators (number and access for wheelchairs): in the Regency Tower, a maximum of 2 wheelchairs but this building is generally not accessible. In the Royal Palm Tower, there are 3 elevators which can take 3 wheelchairs (doors 106cm).



Elevator in the Royal Palm Tower

TV: in all rooms plus pay movies

Airconditioning: in all rooms

Internet facilities: wireless available at US\$9,95 per day but free in public areas

Safes: none in any room so valuables have to be stored in reception

Laundry facilities: available

Ice machines: available on each floor

Swimming pools: 3 are available although there are no life-guards; 1 is wheelchair accessible

Jacuzzi: is wheelchair accessible

Golf course: is right next door to the hotel

Electrical plugs: USA style:



Shop: 10 minutes easy walk, 600m to a shopping mall with a number of shops

Banking or teller machine: in the shopping mall

Maximum number of players

40 class 1 and 2 players in shared rooms (20 accessible rooms)

160 class 3, 4 and 5 in relatively accessible rooms

150 players for a 3 day competition

Meals	<p>Venue: no meals are planned here Hotel: there are 5 restaurants on site Packed meals: none are planned The organising committee has proposed a novel idea of providing each participant with a credit card pre-loaded with a sum of money to enable everyone to purchase their own meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) at the hotel or at the shopping centre or wherever the participant chooses. This applies to players, team officials and technical officials.</p> <p>The Terrace Café is the closest restaurant to the competition venue, is probably the most economical and opens from 06h00.</p> <p>Water, beverages: lounges for athletes, officials will have water. Tap water is drinkable. It is likely that water fountains will be available in the convention centre. In the bedroom, water is available at US\$1,00 per bottle and vending machines (Pepsi) are available for US\$2,00 Variety: of food is available, including room service, and other food types are available at the shopping mall Assistance to carry trays: is available Meal times: vary from restaurant to restaurant</p>
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Travel time and distance hotel to sport venue	5 to 10 minutes easy walk depending on where the hotel rooms will be; 500m on average
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Sport Venue	<p>Size: 4 000m² (225 ft x 185ft or about 68m x 56m) Accessibility: fully accessible; 2 accessible toilets for each of men and women within metres of the venue and some additional ones along the corridor Playing area: 1 100m² Training area: 490m²</p>  <p>The venue</p> <p>Gluing area: none available but outside the convention centre is possible Call room: has been planned Classification: meeting room with close access to the training venue for the table is planned Meeting rooms: will be available for the classification seminar; another in the convention centre for the technical meeting; in the officials' lounge for the</p>
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	<p>umpires' briefing</p> <p>Offices (TD, referees): will be provided in the convention hall (see attachment)</p> <p>Rest areas (umpires, players): both will be provided</p> <p>Change rooms: none as bedrooms are in close proximity</p> <p>Wheelchair storage: will be available next to the athletes' lounge</p> <p>Lighting: 700 lux</p> <p>Media facilities: will be provided linked to a mixed zone and with seating provided dedicated to media</p> <p>Layout: see attached</p>
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Equipment	Equipment to be used
Floor	Terraflex for competition standing courts; green carpet for sitting competition and all training courts. If funding is available, sitting competition courts will have concrete floor (green carpet would be raised).
Tables	
Competition + number	12 Joolla all wheelchair accessible (to be confirmed) Competition court size: 12m x 6m for standing and 8m x 6m for sitting
Warm up + number	12 Joolla all wheelchair accessible likely (to be confirmed) Training court size: 7,5m x 5m for standing and sitting
Balls	Nittaku 3 star premium white (to be confirmed)
Lighting	700 lux
Classification	Medical beds: will be provided Screens: will be provided Desks and chairs: will be provided Table tennis table: will be provided
Physio	Physio beds: will be provided for use of teams

Administration	<p>Forms to be used for entries: will adapt the templates</p> <p>PA: will be available in the venue</p> <p>Production of results (photocopier): 3 will be available</p> <p>Pigeon holes: information will be available through the sports information centre</p>
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Medical First aid	<p>Physio support: no physiotherapists will be provided</p> <p>Medical/emergency services: sports medical trainer (sports first aid professional) will be available who is trained to deal with emergencies</p> <p>Doctor at the venue: sports medical trainer will be onsite during the event and a doctor will be on call</p> <p>Hospital: linked to the university, the medical facility is ranked the 3rd best in the world and is 10 minutes away</p>
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Classification	<p>Room size: 10-15 people can be accommodated school-room style with projector and screen for the seminar. The table will be a training table in the venue.</p> <p>The room for classification: will be the same as that used for the seminar.</p>
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Technical officials	<p>Referees: an IR from Canada as referee and an IR from USA are planned</p> <p>Umpires: will be invited, local umpires will be provided; 2 umpires for quarter-finals on are planned; 30 umpires in total</p>
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	<p>Computer operators: will be provided with a good knowledge of Dr Wu's programme</p> <p>Technical officials from ITTF: TD, referees and classifiers will be appointed</p>
Volunteers	<p>Ball boys and girls: will be available during the week</p> <p>Results: will be available</p> <p>Other operational areas: extensive work has already been done on identifying needs</p> <p>Student journalist: will be investigated to see if it is necessary</p> <p>Team assistants (language): will be investigated but with little need, they may not be provided</p> <p>Transport: volunteers will be available to help with luggage and transport at the airport</p>
Repair services	<p>A technician will be available onsite; a local parts company is within 5kms of the venue</p>
Medal ceremonies	<p>Opening: a simple ceremony is planned</p> <p>Medal ceremonies: in 4 sessions if possible with some at the final dinner</p> <p>Medal design: will be submitted for approval</p> <p>Podium: will be designed appropriately and accessible</p> <p>Closing: will be combined with the final dinner</p>
Visas	<p>Will be necessary. Teams will have to provide necessary information early to the organisers so that USATT can provide the invitation letters. Plenty of time for this process will be needed</p>
Spectators	<p>Seating for 200-250 spectators is planned</p>
Media	<p>Public relations: the plans have been developed for this to attract spectators as well as media</p> <p>TV: will hopefully be present but video will be taken for onward distribution to television stations. The possibility of live streaming is being investigated together with live scoring on up to 4 tables</p> <p>Radio: will be investigated</p> <p>Newspapers, magazines: are being investigated</p> <p>Website: a website designer has been approached to develop the initial site already established</p> <p>Design of logos: to be finalised</p> <p>Internet connection: will be available in the convention centre for the media as well as for officials</p>
Stay	

Training camp	This is proposed for 23 November 2012 (check in) 24 to 27 November 2012 with Stellan Bengtsson and other coaches with teams attending
Classification seminar	26 November 2012
Arrival days	27 November 2012
Practice days	28 November 2012
Technical meeting	28 November 2012 16h00
Umpires briefing	28 November 2012 18h00
Opening Ceremony	29 November 2012 09h30
Competition days	29 November to 1 December 2012
Closing Ceremony	Dinner on 1 December 2012
Departure day	2 December 2012
Fa40	
Classification seminar	None officially required but the organisers would like to have a seminar to train US classifiers who would then classify the US players during the training camp. This could be opened to other classifier trainees
Arrival days	3 December 2013
Practice days	3 and 4 December 2013
Technical meeting	4 December 2013
Umpires briefing	4 December 2013
Opening Ceremony	To be decided
Competition days	5 to 8 December 2013
Closing Ceremony	8 December 2013
Departure day	9 December 2013
AUT course	To be investigated with the URC
Costs	Maximum of US\$900,00 (equivalent now of €675,00) for a double room with a single supplement will be determined; this is for 5 nights Fa20
Experience in organising events	Various members of the organising committee have wide experience in organising large events including the annual California State Games and a number of PTT and able-bodied TT events
Organizing Committee	Structure of the organizing committee: will include some part-time appointments and a large number of volunteers Link to the National Association: the organising committee is endorsed by the USATT Link to the NPC: there is no direct link as the association is integrated
Budget	Income: has been sought through sponsorship and the balance will be entry fees <i>Expenditure including</i> Sanction: will be paid Capitation fees: will be included in the entry fee

	Daily allowances: will be paid Insurance: will be ensured due to the strict conditions in the USA
Support	Sponsorship has been secured for the event The hotel is supportive as the event will take place in its low season USATT also supports the event being hosted as this is now a requirement in terms of its bye-laws
Entertainment	Downtown San Diego is about 10 to 15 minutes away and the shopping mall close by has a cinema and other “attractions”
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the training camp be discussed to see what can be added value e.g. women’s participation, development countries, coaches seminar etc. 2. That, should any surplus be made, the organising committee be encouraged to put it back to the benefit of the players 3. That the green carpet be lifted for the Fa20 4. That the full floor area for warm up and competition be tarraflex for the Fa40 5. That the sliding doors to bathrooms be removed if necessary 6. That the hotel be encouraged to continue to increase the number of accessible rooms through its renovation programme 7. That the lighting be upgraded to 1000 lux for the Fa40 8. That, as discussed, entry deadlines be considered carefully due to the Paralympic Games 9. That every effort be made to facilitate the issue of visas on time for those participants who need 10. That a dedicated lane through immigration be investigated at least at San Diego airport for the event 11. That the Fa20 event be approved once other conditions have been met 12. That the arrangements for the Fa40 be confirmed during the Fa20 event