



## **INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION**

### **PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION**

#### ***Technical Delegate's report***

***Name of the tournament:*** Panamerican Championships San Jose, Costa Rica 2013

***Ranking factor:*** Fa50

***Name of responsible:*** Costa Rican Table Tennis Association

***Name of Chair of Organising Committee:*** Alexander Zamora, Domingo Arguello

***Dates of play:*** 11.12-15.12.2013

***Name of Technical Delegate:*** Gorazd Vecko SLO

***Report submitted to ITTF PTT:*** 19 December 2013

**Accommodation:** All players and officials stayed at Park Inn in San Jose which is 15 minutes drive to the venue and it was excellent. The hotel is fully accessible for wheelchair players.



Hotel Park Inn in San Jose



Room in the Hotel

**Accreditation:** They gave a map with information, water bottle, table tennis ball and accreditation to all delegations.



Accreditation



Info board and pigeon boxes



Water supplies



Powerade stand

The accreditation card had a photo and a bar code which was scanned during lunch in the venue.

**Meals:** Breakfast and dinner were served in the hotel and lunch in the venue. The quality of food was very good. Water was provided for everybody in the venue. Also there was a free powerade stand and free coffee in the venue.



Restaurant in hotel

**Transport:** Transport between airport in San Jose was well organised. Also transport between the Hotel and Venue was good. There was a big bus and small vans running all the time.



Transport

**Venue:** Competition was held BN Arena, also training hall was in the same hall. The main hall was big enough.



Competition hall



BN Arena



Training hall and lunch area in the Arena



Entry into the BN Arena

- Lightning: good aprox. 900 lux, no day light
- Spectator seats: aprox. 3000
- Referee's and official's table: in front of competition tables
- Computer table: at the referee's desk
- Meeting room: hotel Park Inn second floor in Green Room
- Racket control room: together with call area but separated with a curtain. The ventilation was good
- Medical and Physician: all the time on the venue
- Wheelchair storage: in the main hall's special room
- Internet access: There was Wi-Fi connection in the hall for everybody
- Toilets: In each corner of the hall there were toilets all wheelchair accessible
- Info desk and pigeon boxes: was updated by organisers all the time
- Mechanical service: was in the hall

### Equipment:

- Tables: 2 STAG 1000DX and 8 STAG Americas for competition and 10 for training in the special place in the hall, all approved by ITTF
- Net/posts: Stag approved by ITTF
- Balls: Butterfly \*\*\* white approved by ITTF
- Scorers: Double Fish approved by ITTF
- Towel boxes: Stag
- Surroundings: Black and Blue Stag
- Floor: Special Table tennis floor (Tarkett Tarraflex, colour: red) in competition hall and concrete in training area.



Stag 1000DX



Stag



Stag umpire table and towel holders



TV table monitor



TV Table

**Umpires:** International Umpires

20 umpires from 3 countries

- Panama 2, El Salvador 4 and Costa Rica 14
- Call room: Yelena Karshstedt USA



Call Room

**Competition days:**

8.12-11.12.2013 Classification and arrival days

11.12.2013 Technical meeting, Umpires briefing, Draw for Single Event

11.-12.12.2013 Single Event

12.12.2013 Draw for Team Event and Medal Ceremony for Single Event

14.12.2013 Free Day

13.12 and 15.12.2013 Team Event

15.12.2013 Medal Ceremony Team Event, Closing Party

16.12.2013 Departures for delegations

**Competition hours:** from 10am till 8pm

**Number of participants:**

112 players from 11 countries

22 women (11 wheelchairs) and 90 men (38 wheelchairs)

21 staff

2 team leaders

20 coaches

Total participants: 155

**Officials:** TD: Gorazd Vecko SLO

**Referee:** Sylvia Garro CRC

**Deputy Referees:** Esteban Maroto CRC, Yelena Kerhstedt USA

**Field of Play Manager:** Aleš Letonja SLO

**Classifiers:** Jim Beckford USA, Nadia Vaccaro ARG

**Racket control:** Mercedes Velenzuela CRC

**Computer person:** Esteban Zamora CRC



Referee's desk



Racket control room

**Ball boys/girls:** Every day approximately 20 boys and girls were at the venue from Liceo de Moravia school and Humboldt Schule. They worked very good.



Ball boys/girls



Medical stand

**Meetings:** A Technical meeting was held on 10th December in the second floor room at hotel Palm Inn. Organisers gave general information, Draws and Timetable for Singles Event for the first day of competition to delegations. Also the umpires' meeting was held before the Technical meeting, and general information and entering the field of play procedure instructions were given.



Meeting room

**Classification:** There were classifiers in the venue, who observed players during the competition days. Also they had to classify 9 players, 3 reviews of players at our request. So total number was 12 players.

During the tournament 2 appointed classifiers observed and controlled the consistency of classification in all classes according the classification allocation criteria, profiles of classes and using the 3S technical approach. The observation findings were discussed and some actions will be done.

**Doping control:** After finishing single event 15 players were taken to doping control.

**Results:** All went well, the results were on time at the info desk and pigeon boxes. The results were also put on the IPTTC PTT web site.

There was also live streaming during the competition on ITTF's YouTube site.

We also nominated best players of the Americas Championship: Best standing women athlete is Jennifer Parinos from Brasil; in men's category is Miguel Ariff Vazquez from Mexico. Best player in wheelchair is Gabriel Copola from Argentina and Joyce Oliviera from Brasil. Fair Play went to Luiz Medina from Brasil. Youngest player was Roman Steven 13 years old from Costa Rica and oldest player was Barry Butler 67 years old from Canada.

**Ceremonies:** On 12.12.2013 the ceremony for the Singles Events was held at the end of the playing day in the Venue. For the Team Event ceremony was held in the Venue hall after the last matches.



Medals for single events



Podium

## **Evaluation:**

- Accommodation: excellent
- Transport: very well organised from Airport to San Jose and back, without any problems
- Sport equipment: good, ITTF approved
- Information: good information on the info board, pigeon boxes
- Referee: good and professional work
- Deputy referees: good and professional work
- Umpires: very good
- Computer operator: very good
- Racket control: good work
- We would like to thank Costa Rican Table Tennis Federation for all the help and very well organised Championships.
  
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