

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



Technical Delegate Report

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: **2018 COPA TANGO XVI**

Ranking Factor: **20**

Name of the Organizer: **FATEMA**

Name of the Chairman **Santiago Mercade**

Dates of the Tournament: **November 30 – December 2, 2018**

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

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters: **December 1, 2018**

Report submitted to ITTF PTT OFFICE: **December 7, 2018**

Accommodation: CRISTAL PALACE HOTEL, MANUEL PREDRAZA HOTEL
- about 15 and 20 minutes from the venue by bus; quite a nice accommodation, no wheelchair accessible showers and toilets.
HOTEL CeNARD – accommodation in the same object as the venue – wheelchair access to showers and toilets.
No need for transportation to the venue.

Meals: Breakfasts for those accommodated in Cristal Palace and Manuel Predraza hotels served in the hotel, for those accommodated at CeNARD hotel in the CENARD’s dining room (7:00 – 9:00).
Lunch (12:00 – 14:00), afternoon snack (16:00 – 18:00) and Dinner (20:00 – 22:00) served to all in the CENARD’s dining room.
Food nutritional, but more variety would be appreciated.

Venue : CENARD – Argentina National sport Centre gymnasium
Ramsay 2.250 Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires
Lighting – 300-450 lux
Floor – Hao Kang blue on wood floor – good quality
Bleachers – concrete – for approximately 800 spectators
Control desk & TD desk – well positioned above the level of gymnasium floor in the center of the gym.
Referee room – above the level of gymnasium
Washrooms: 1 cubicle wheelchair accessible in both Men and Women washrooms; adequate for standing players. Needs more attention for cleanliness.
Medical service – by
An ambulance was available outside of the venue – attended when needed.

Transport: By a small bus for 5 standing and 5 wheelchair players and large bus for 20 standing players and up to 6 wheelchair players.
Transport was generally on schedule during the tournament.

Equipment: Tables: 12 SAN Ei blue (6 wheelchair accessible)
Nets: SAN Ei
Balls: DHS 40+*** white
Score indicators: DHS F504
Surrounds: by DHS
Umpires tables: by DHS
Towel holders: by DHS
Floor: Hao Kang blue

Officials: Technical Delegate: Karol Ziduliak (CAN)

Referee: Freddy Almendariz (GUA) - IR

Deputy Referee: Gabriel Levisman (ARG) - IR

Classifiers: Nadia Vaccaro (ARG), Cristina Sequera (CRC)

Umpires: 3 IU - BB (ARG)
6 IU – WB – (5ARG, 1CHI)
8 National Umpires
17 in total

Ball boys/girls: Most of the time enough. It looked good, that they were wearing same Copa Tango shirts

Organizing Committee:

President: Ricardo Perdiguero

Honorary President: Fernando Joffre

Chairman: Santiago Mercade

General Secretary: Balviano Patricia

Computer Person & Results: Hernan Brizuela

Logistics Manager: David Marino

Transportation: Daniel Pacheco

Medical person: Cenard Staff

Balls Boys & Girls: Sol Pacheco

Awards presentation: Sol Pacheco

Results:

All the draws and the results given to all countries in a timely fashion. Very efficient work of the computer person.

I have sent the results to Gael Marziou and Dimitrios Katis by E-mail immediately after completing of Singles and Teams events. I was uploading the draws and results of Singles and Teams on live results of PTT website and downloading the same to drop box, created by Ian Marshall.

Participants: 72 male athletes, 12 male athletes in Junior Events
8 female athletes,
16 coaches, 8 coaches in Junior Events
5 leaders, 3 leaders in Junior Events
7 supporting staff
108 in total from 14 countries,
23 in total from 6 countries in Junior Events.

Classification: The classifiers have tested and classified
11 players (1 cl.1, 2 cl.2, 4 cl.3, 1 cl.7, 2 cl.9, 1 NE)
2 junior players (1 cl.9, 1 cl.10)
Classification was planned and done very well.
Exception: Nandra Chairunisa (INA) was classified on Nov. 30,
because of late arrival due to problems with visas.

Meetings: *Umpires briefing:*
November 30– 9:00 – in the gym, Nov. 28-9:00 for Junior Events
Conducted in Spanish, since all the umpires speak Spanish.

Technical meeting:
November 27 – 20:00 for Junior Events
November 29 – 20:00 – VIP meeting room in CENARD building.
Information about the transport and meals and the draws for
Singles given to all delegations.

It was very disturbing, that representatives of Chile reported
missing of 6 players after the draws for Singles were distributed.
This is unacceptable. We had to redraw 2 classes. In order not to
change the scheduled tables and times of other classes, we had to
scatter the groups of the 2 classes to different time slots.
I understand, there is a punishment for reporting a player that late
in non-PTT Tournaments. Perhaps something similar could be
introduced also in PTT Tournaments.

All managers were asked for submitting the composition of teams
on November 30 at 11:30 am.
November 30 – 17:00 – Draws for Teams events given to all
delegations.

Competition Days:
November 26 & 27 Arrival of teams for Junior Events
November 28 & 29: Arrival of teams
November 28 & 29 (except Nandra Chairunisa): Classifications
November 28 Singles events for Junior Events
November 30 & Dec 1: Singles events competition

December 1 & 2: Teams events competition

November 28 Awards presentation for Junior Events

December 2 – 13:00 Awards Presentations

December 3 & 4: Departures of delegations

Evaluation:

Considering, that longtime leader in organizing Copa Tango, Vitaliano Brandoli was not here anymore, in general, the tournament was well prepared - good schedule, enough umpires, enough ball boys and girls, matches on time.

Work of the computer person Hernan Brizuela flawless.

Call area organized well.

There was an official photographer - Ariel Popiolek and interviewer – Nicolas Otermin. They have submitted many pictures and interviews to drop box organized by Ian Marshall. Ian then as always prepared and posted excellent articles with pictures on PTT web site. I have submitted draws and results to drop box as well as soon as they were produced by the computer person.

Accommodation – good, except for no wheelchair accessible showers and toilets in hotels, except at CENARD hotel

- Transport - good
- Meals - good nutritional, need more variety
- Venue - good
- Equipment – good – all 12 ITTF approved tables, 6 of them wheelchair accessible. Opening Ceremony – not done, next year should be done, the players are expecting and looking forward it
- Water distribution – good – souvenir bottles distributed to all participants – could be used for pouring water into them.
- Referee and DR - excellent
- Equipment – all 12 ITTF approved tables – 6 of them wheelchair accessible
- Set up of the gym - good;
- Call area - good
- Awards Ceremony – needs improvement. Players would appreciate, if it was with music.
- Distribution of complete results to delegations done via email, perhaps consider making memory sticks next time.

Note: There was a short ceremony dedicated to long time president and founder of Fatema, Vitaliano Brandoli, who passed away not a long time ago. Current President Ricardo Perdiguero's speech in Spanish has shown Vitaliano as an outstanding athlete, representing his country many years at Paralympic Games, World Championships and other championships. Ricardo has shown Vitaliano also as a visionary volunteer, founding Fatema and Copa Tango.

Same was done by TD Karol Ziduliak in English.

Vitaliano will be missed and remembered at the same time for many years to come.

Now I would like to point out areas where the organizers could improve:

- Accommodation – try to arrange wheelchair friendly showers and toilets for all wheelchair players in hotels.
- Venue – Ask CENARD to install an elevator access to the gym - too steep a hill to get to the gym. Organizers have arranged for volunteers helping to wheel wheelchair players up and down the hill – a concrete ramp.
- Although results were posted on ITTF PTT web site, you may consider making memory sticks, or CDs for delegations.
- Small part of flooring was different color. Should be same color.

Mr. Santiago Mercade was always ready to listen to all my requests for making the Tournament better and has followed through with actions right away.

CONGRATULATION SANTIAGO & TEAM FOR WELL-RUN TOURNAMENT.

A few pictures



march-in



transport of wheelchair players



Cenard restaurant



typical dish



ready for the team match



remembering Vitaliano



Medals for Singles standing women



Medals for Singles wheelchair men



Team matches in progress



MT2-3 medalists



MT9-10 medalists



Trophies for countries with most medals

Respectfully submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

December 7, 2018.