

***INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION***

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT**

**Name of Tournament:** 2018 PTT US OPEN

**Ranking Factor Applied for:** 20

**Name of Responsible Federation:** USA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

**Name of Tournament Organizers:** JASNA RATHER

**Dates of Play:** June 27 – 30, 2018

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

**Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:** July 2018

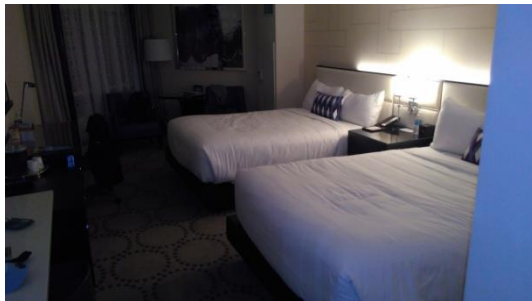
## **Airport:**

**McCarran International Airport Las Vegas – around 20 min distance from the hotels by mini bus, car. The airport consists of four runways and two passenger terminals: Terminal 1 and Terminal 3. The airport has nonstop air service to destinations in North America, Europe, and Asia.**

## **Accommodation:**

The accommodation was organized in, **Westgate Las Vegas Hotel.**

Westgate hotel Las Vegas is a hotel located right behind the Las Vegas convention center which is the nearest hotel to the convention center. The hotel is 1km from the main street Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Las Vegas, Nevada. The property includes a 97,000-square-foot with 2,214 hotel rooms( a lot of them wheelchair accessible). The hotel consists of 3 towers which, the hotel has 15 stories (coffee shop, food and drink shop, clothing and souvenir shop).



## **Distance between hotel and venue:**

10 min walking distance.

## **Accreditation:**

Accreditation in the venue at the entrance.

## **Transportation:**

No need of transportation because the hotel was only 10 minutes walking distance.

**Venue:**

**Las Vegas Convention Center**

LVCC 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109



The center is well known for its versatility, size, and amenities. Fully accessible for wheelchair users.

**Lighting:** Approx. 800 Lux over tables  
**Referee and TD Table:** Close to the playing area in the hall  
**Call area:** Close to the playing area in the hall



Call area

**Equipment:**

Competition Tables: 14 tables Joola 3000 SC blue all wheelchairs accessible.

Training tables: 20 tables Joola 3000 SC Blue all wheelchair accessible

Nets: Joola

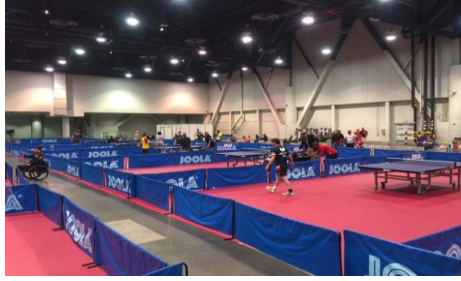
Balls: Nittaku\*\*\* White (Plastic)

Scoreboards and Umpire's tables: Joola

Towel boxes: Nittaku

Surrounds: Joola

Floor: Taraflex ( red)



**Accessible tables:**

Enough wheelchair accessible toilets.

**Water:**

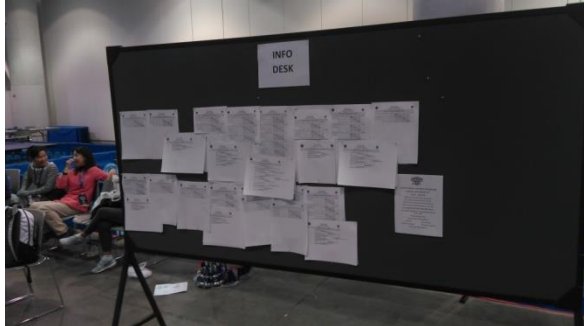
Was in the hall in large water coolers.

**Other services:**

Computer center, print service and staff were situated at the TD – Referee desk. We had a good WI-FI connection, but just for referee s desk. There was public wi-fi, but outside the playing hall. Reserved area for the ball pickers in a specific area next to the Call Area.

## Results Service:

We had two big billboards for the results at the field of play.



## Medical service:



Available everyday throughout the tournament.

## Meals:

All participants got vouchers for meals for the Westgate hotel.

Breakfast from 7am – 11am

Lunch from 12am – 2pm

Dinner from 6pm – 11pm

## SCHEDULE:

23 <sup>TH</sup> June	Classification
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25 <sup>TH</sup> June	Official Arrivals, Draw for Single Event, Technical Meeting
28 <sup>TH</sup> June	Single Event, Draw for Team Event
29 <sup>TH</sup> June	Single event and Team Event, Medal ceremony for Single Event
30 <sup>TH</sup> June	Team Event, Medal ceremony for Team Event
1 <sup>ST</sup> July	Departures

### **Classification:**

We had 18 players from 7 different countries for classification which started on 23th of June and finished on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

2 players was classified as not eligible to play PTT tournaments.

3 players was not present on the classification.

### **Participants on USA Open Tournament:**

Players from 18 nations were present.

AUS, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, ESA, FIN, FRA, GBR, IND, ISR, JPN, KOR, PUR, SWE, THA, USA, URU

**Male: 81**

**Female: 19**

**Staff: 31**

**Total: 131**

### **Officials:**

**Technical Delegate:** Gorazd Vecko (SVN)

**Referee:** Francesco Nuzzo (ITA)

**Deputy Referee:** Joseph Yick (USA)

**Classifier:** Aleksander Wieteska (POL) and Attarit Srinkapaibulaya (THA)

### **Umpires:**

18 International and National umpires from 7 countries ( 1 COL, 1 TTO, 1 MAL, 2 JPN, 4 CAN, 7 USA, 1 LAT, 1 RUS )

**Ball boys/girls:** enough, always available



**Volunteers:** Always very helpful and friendly

**Results:** During the tournament results were regularly published on the information board in the playing hall, also updated more than 3 times a day on the ITTF PTT website.

**Articles to ITTF Website:**

<https://www.ittf.com/category/para-table-tennis/>

<https://www.ittf.com/2018/06/29/paralympic-games-gold-medallists-compete-las-vegas/>

<https://www.ittf.com/2018/06/29/swedes-make-presence-felt-host-nation-provides-notable-upset/>

<https://www.ittf.com/2018/06/29/leading-names-assert-authority-3/>

## **Ceremonies:**

The **Medal ceremony for Single Events** was held on 29th June at the venue.

The **Medal ceremony for Team Events** was held in the hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.



## **Organizing committee:**

**Event Manager:** Jasna Rather

**Technical advisor:** Gorazd Vecko

**Finance / IT:** Teresa Benavides/Gordon Kaye

**Support Staff:** Daniel Rutenberg

**Transportation:** Hasibullah Aimaq



**Evaluation:****Accommodations:** Very Good**Transport:** Good**Meals:** Good**Venue:** Very good**Sport equipment:** Good, all ITTF approved**Light in the hall:** Good**Information:** Good, both on the information board and in ITTF PTT website**Referee Team:** Very good**Computer person:** Very good**Medal presentation:** Good**Conclusion:**

We had a big issue in the tournament with a virus which was in the Westgate hotel where the most of the athletes was staying because of the virus 13 of the athletes was effected by the virus was not able to finish the tournament or in the single event or the team event because of healthy issues. The latest news on TV in USA they did say that it was on the same time like the tournament effected with the virus more than 300 guests in the Westgate hotel. As the TD of this tournament my proposal because of this issue that we had in the Westgate hotel to ITTF would be to try not to punish this 13 athletes with the no show up penalty -35 points.

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**I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to USATT and to the organizing committee of the US Open, officials, staffs and volunteers for their great work. A special thanks to Jasna and her team for their help and support.**

