

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament : _____	Jordanian Open 2007
Ranking Factor Approved for : _____	30
Name of the National Federation : _____	Jordan Paralympic Committee
Name of the Chairman of OC _____	Basel al Hourani
Dates of Play : _____	16. – 21. March 2007
Name of Technical Delegates : _____	Jiri Danek CZE
Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC : _____	

Scorers : Stiga and Stag, ITTF approved
Surroundings : Stiga and Stag, ITTF approved

Competition days : March 15th : arrival of delegations – classifications
March 16th : classification, Opening Ceremony in the Venue, Technical meeting
March 17th : Open single + medals Ceremony and start of Single in Classes
March 18th : Single in classes, medals ceremony, start of Teams
March 19th : Teams, medal ceremony, farewell dinner in Al-Fanar hotel
March 20th : departure of delegations

Meeting : March 16th at 14:00 in Venue : technical meeting - OC with the managers of all delegations. There OC explained problems with the very big number of the players and asked delegations for the help during the tournament. They proposed some solving of the main problems (lack of the place in two playing halls - number of the tables, the size of playing fields, the time keeping following the timeschedule a.s. o.) . In the evening all of the delegation got the programme and the timeschedule for the Open single.

Classifications : Three classifiers (Aart Kruimer, Ingrid Hegge and Marwan Dia). 24 players were classified, 4 were under revision. After the classification, 12 players were still observed during the competition, for the confirming of the given class. Classifiers had prepared needed equipment in the classification room.

Results : during the competition were Results on the inform desk and during the Farewell dinner, all of Delegations got the full Results in the Results books.

Officials :

Referee :	PATRICK RINGEL	FRA
Deputy referees :	QAIS KHRESAT	JOR
	KHAMEES ABDELFAH	JOR
Classifiers :	AART KRUIMER	NED
	INGRID HEGGE	NED
	MARWAN DIA	JOR
Computermen :	MUHAMMAD SMADI	JOR
	AMMAR ALGADI	JOR
Technical Delegate :	JIRI DANEK	CZE
Medical :	doctor and ambulance available in Venue the whole time of tournament	
Umpires :	31 umpires	JOR
Ball children :	about 50 local girls and boys	

The Honourable organizing committee :

President of OC : H.R.H PRINCE RAAD BIN ZEID
Vice president : SULEIMAN AL-ROUSAN
Director of Championships : BASEL AL-HORANI
Medical committee : Dr. ALI AL-HADEED
Members : Dr. HUSAIN ABU AL-RUZ
FARUQ NAGWAI
BAKER SALAMEH
MAHER MADADHA
ADNAN OBEIDALLAH
MANSOUR SABIELAISH

The Executive organizing committee :

Director of Championships: BASEL AL-HORANI
Director of Sport activities : JASSER NUWAIIRAN
Director of Venue : DAOUD SHEHADEH
Transport Coordinator : AHMAD HIASAT
Technical Officer : MAYSOON HAMARSHEH

Evaluation :

Accommodations : very good in the hotels Al Fanar, Region and Grand Palace, but in hotel Palmyra were a lot of problems. OC tried to solve them, but some of them were not possible to solve. OC promised wont use this hotel for the accommodation of the next tournaments.

Meals : very good in three hotels and only not bad in hotel Palmyra. In hotels were served breakfasts and dinners. Good lunches were served in the special place in Venue.

Transport : The transport from Airport to hotels was without some bigger problems, although the number of participants was very big, but the Delegations arrived during two days.
The local transport between hotels Al Fanar, Region, Grand Palace and Venue was without problems. Worse it was between hotel Palmyra and Venue. The first two days were no some correct timeschedule of shuttle there and players had to use sometimes a cab, when they need to go to Venue. Next days it was already better.
The transport from hotels to Airport, during the departure of delegations had some big problems. Buses were coming sometimes too late to hotels and some participants had the problems to catch their flights. Two French players had to use even next flight connection. Therefore they had to buy new tickets, they asked now OC to pay out them the airtickets.

<u>Venue :</u>	Was too small for 22 tables and we had to use the size of the field for the standing only 10 x 5m and for the wheelchairs only 6 x 5m. We spoke about this problem with the managers during the Technical meeting and they promised wont protest against the size of field during the tournament. Nevertheless we had the problem with the too small hall for three days tournaments only, but OC in cooperation with the Officials and all of the participants managed the whole programme of the tournament and finished it in the normal time.
<u>Tables :</u>	We used 20 – 22 tables. It was a pity we had to use two different mark of tables – Stiga and Stag. Once again, we warn of the problem during the Technical meeting too. We had the right number of accessible tables for wheelchair players.
<u>Referee :</u>	Patrick Ringel was excellent referee for the job there. He worked daily maybe 16 – 18 hours, to prepare all perfectly. From him it was the best possible professional work!! Without the referee of his quality, we never were able to finish well and in time so big tournament there.
<u>Deputy Referees :</u>	Both of deputies cooperate perfectly with referee and they made there professional work too.
<u>Umpires :</u>	nevertheless we had there only 31 umpires for 20 – 22 tables, they worked very hard and well, no some official protest during the tournament.
<u>Computermen :</u>	both of them, very good cooperation with referee – perfect work.

In conclusion :

Before I started to write this part of my Report I read or heard a lot of comments about the OC of Jordan Open 2007. Yes, Organizers made some mistakes and some of them really bad for some of the participants. It is true, but I cannot agree, they were as bad as some people tried to speak about them.

Why?

1. OC organized before this tournament already four next tournaments, but no one of them had more than 80 players - this year were there 209 players
2. In OC are very hardworking people, which the whole time try to learn from officials how to organize better their tournaments. The size of this tournament took them by surprise and therefore probably they made most of the mistakes
3. They were unlucky with the very cold weather and snow-fall too which handicapped their transport and made problems with the heating in the Venue and hotel Palmyra
4. Jordanian PC is only one in the Middle East, who is able to organize our

tournaments and we really need somebody in this part of Asia & Oceania Region. Silas Chiang, which came there for short visit during the Jordanian Open 2007, had very similar opinion about the Organizers.

5. I agree, OC of Jordanian Open 2007 didn't manage the tournament well, but I am sure, if we give them the opportunity to organize some next tournaments, they will organize them already in much better level, like this year
6. I think, the too negative appreciation of the work of OC won't help us, only we could lose good OC, which only didn't know to manage very big tournament. Most of the organizers are enthusiasts, which like the work for our tournaments, we need to teach them only, to be able to organize the big our tournaments too. Here could help us some good education of the Organizers of the tournaments

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