

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE DISABLED

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : **Irish Open TT Tournament**

Ranking Factor Applied for : **20**

Name of Responsible Federation : **Irish Wheelchair Assotiation-
- Sport**

**Name of Chairman of Organising
Committee :** **Pat Connelly**

Dates of Play : **April 18 – 22, 2002**

Name of Technical Delegate : **Jiri Danek**

Report submitted to IPC and ITTC the : **May 12, 2002**

Accommodation : in hotel Grand **** in Malahide.

The rooms, bathrooms and dining room were acceptable for wheelchairs. In hotel were two lifts, acceptable for wheelchairs. There we had the breakfasts only there. There was possible to ask a breakfast to bed there too. In the hotel were no barriers for the wheelchairs (bars, restaurants, café and so on).

Other meals were served in the venue area and in the good quality.

Venue :

The Sport Hall was in Chúchulain Area (Irish Wheels Assotiation – Sport Centre) in Dublin, approximately 25 min by bus from the hotel Grand

Playing hall : the size of the hall was quite minimal for 16 tables for wheelchairs (but no protest !)
Floor : linoleum, acceptable for the wheelchairs
Lighting: suitable, with a little daylight from the dormers (no protest for that one)
Spectator seats : only a few, for the participants only for wheelchairs – directly in the playing area
Referee´s table : in the playing area was only check point of referee. Referee + computer man worked in the special office, 10m from the playing hall
Gluing room : was near from the playing area, but a lot of players didn´t know about it and tried to glue their bats anywhere. The next time, the gluing room will have to marked better.
Officials room : no special room for it, officials used the office of the club, only for classification and First aid was special one.
Practising tables : no extra, players used playing tables, between the matches

Equipment :

Tables : 16 tables : JOOLA, TIBHAR, STIGA, IMPERIAL
All of them ITTF approved
Balls : LION 40mm *** ITTF, WHITE
Scorers: JOOLA, ITTF approved
Net/Post accordant with tables, ITTF approved
Surroundings : different, but acceptable for the tournament and ITTF approved

Competition days :

Playing days May 19 – 21, 2002

May 18, 2002 Arrival and classification days for the participants, draw of Open singles and Team events
May 19, 2002 Open singles and start of Team events, draw of Singles in classes
May 20, 2002 Teams events and start of Singles in classes + Medals ceremony
May 21, 2002 Singles in classes + Medals ceremony
May 22, 2002 Departure day

<u>Number of Participants :</u>	wheelchairs players men	60
	“ “ women	23
	Staff	26
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	together	109

The players from the 14 countries participated on the tournament.

Transport : Both of transport (from Airport to hotel and back and between hotel and sport area) were organised excellently. The organising committee had possibility to use the sufficient number of wheelchairs acceptable buses. The timetable of buses were made very well.

Officials : Classifier : MUDr. Aart Kruimer NED
 Referee : Nico Verspeelt BEL
 Umpires : from Ireland only and not the sufficient number of them all along the competitions.

Meeting : In the arrival day evening, before the draw of Open competitions, was meeting of managers of teams and coaches in the hotel.

EDP : No education program during the tournament

Classification : During the classification were classified five new players and the two next were confirmed.

Results : The Tournament Director, Pat Connely, worked like computer man too. He prepared Results in the book form for all countries. The Organizers passed these Results to countries during the closing dinner. The Results in digital form were sent to Ranking Officer, Gael Marziou in time.

Other staff : There were about 30 ballboys there, but never from the start of matches in the morning.
 The Organizing committee had some next collaborators for the organisation of the refreshment and lunch in the hall. Some next peoples helped them with the next organizing problems (transport, tables in the hall a.s.o.)

Any other matter : Irish Open was the first ITTC tournament, which followed new ITTF Rules. It was very important for the next our tournament to know the change in time table of the competiton. We used it and watched timing of particulare matches in the different classes. Now we can use these experiences for the all next ITTC tournaments.

Organizing Committee :

Tournament Director	Pat Connelly
Entries, Accommodation	Clare O'Neill
Transport and Hall manage	Jimmy Birne
Group co-ordinator	Martin Hannon
Group co-ordinator	Marie Hughes
Group co-ordinator	Noel Brennan
Admin	Claire Fitzgerald
Catering	Carmel Flanagan

Medical services : the nurse in the hall . She had the telephone number of the doctor.

Finals evaluations : Irish Open is one of the traditional ITTC tournament of wheelchairs. It is possible to reprehend to Organizers some deficiencies, like for example :

1. daylight in the playing hall
2. different types of tables
3. few umpires and ballboys all along the tournament
4. minimal area of tables
5. not all flags of participated countries in the playing hall

Of course, on the opposite side, I was nicely taken by very friendly surroundings of all participants and Organizers. The timetable was prepared well and we always finished in approximately planed time. Accommodation was very good and transport was perfect.

During the tournament we had no some protest from the participants and the Organizers tried to solve each small pertinent problem quickly and with the smiling face.

I spoke with the Organizers about the problems add 1.- 5., for the next year and they promised to try to change them in 2003.

Regardless of these problems, Irish Open 2002 was very well organized ITTC tournament, with the family strain and I would like to thank to all of the Organizers for it.

Jiri Danek,

TD of the tournament
May 12, 2002