

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED

Name of Tournament / Championships : Irish Open TT Tournament

Ranking Factor Applied for : 20

Name of Responsible Federation : Irish Wheelchair Association

Name of Chairman of Organising Committee : Mairead Farquharson

Dates of Play : April 21 – 25, 2005

Name of Technical Delegate : Margita Homolova - SVK

Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC : May 6, 2005

Accommodation : Grand Hotel****, Malahide.

Rooms, bathrooms, dinning room and lifts accessible for wheelchairs. Breakfast was possible served in the rooms but also possibility to take it in the restaurant.

Lunches were taken in the sport hall (packets with sandwich, fruit, juice)

Dinners in the restaurant of the University Campus Dublin (very good level of meals, 3 different choices!)

Venues :

1. Sport hall from the University Campus Dublin, approximately 25 min. by bus from the hotel.

Friday and Saturday: Floor : wood

The size of the hall 48m x 26m - 18 playing tables with the play field 7m x 6m

Lighting: acceptable

Spectator seats : gallery, possibility to use a lift for wheelchair users

2. Sport hall of Irish Wheelchair Association, approximately 25 min. by bus from the Hotel.

Sunday: Floor : rubber, green

Lighting: nor really good

The size of the hall 40m x 20m – 10 tables with the play field of 8m x 10. Accessible bathrooms for wheelchair users, separate for male and women.

Referee's table : wasn't in playing hall directly

Tournament director and referee worked in the special office, next to the playing hall

Gluing room : not the best, next to the referee's and TD room

Officials room : no any official room was there, the TD use a part of the referee room, OC was in some hall's store.

Practising tables : no extra tables, players used playing tables, between the matches

Equipment :

Tables : 18 tables 12 TIBHAR SMASH 28 + 6 STIGA ELITE

All of them ITTF approved and accessible for wheelchair players.

Balls : LION 40mm *** ITTF, WHITE

Scorers: DONIC + STIGA, ITTF approved

Net/Post : 12 TIBHAR + 6 STIGA, ITTF Approved

Surroundings : JOOLA + TIBHAR, ITTF approved

Competition days :

Playing days April 22 - 24, 2005

April 21, 2005 - arrival and classification for the new players, draw of Open event by Tournament Director and TD

April 22, 2005 - Open singles and start of Team events, draw for Team and Single events

April 23, 2005 - continue of Teams events

April 24, 2005 - Singles in classes

Medal ceremony in restaurant close to the hall, after the dinner

April 25, 2005 - Departure of delegations

Number of Participants : **11** Nations were present
 61 wheelchair men
 17 wheelchair women
 28 escorts
 106 participants in total

| | | FEMALE | MALE |
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| PLAYERS | 78 | 17 | 61 |
| STAFF | 28 | | |
| TOTAL | 106 | | |
| NATIONS | 11 | | 1. |

Transport : Good transport from Airport to hotel and back and good local one between the hotel and the Venue organised each day. The organising committee had possibility to use 1 big bus and some of small vans accessible for wheelchairs users.

Officials:

Classifiers : Heinz Zwerina - AUT

Spyros Stavrou - GRE, he can not coming to the tournament so Margita Homolova – SVK, the Technical Delegate took part at classification.

Referee : Tommy Martin - IRL

Umpires : 19 umpires from Irish Umpires Association
 2 umpires from IWA

TD : Margita Homolova - SVK

Meeting : Meeting of team leaders was on April 21 at 22 o'clock.
The Organizers gave there the last information and draw of OPEN.

EDP : No education program during the tournament

Classification : 3 new players were applying for the classification and one for re-classification, 2 players were observed during the tournament.

Results : The Results CDs were given to delegation during the closing dinner.
The electronic results were send to Ranking Officer in time and complete.

Ball boys : There were 50 ball boys and ball girls from school and scouts.

Organizing Committee :

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| Chairman of Irish Open 2005 | Mairead Farquharson |
| Tournament Director | Martin Hannon |
| Accommodation, Catering | Eileen O'Mahony |
| Transport and Hall manage: | Jimmy Byrne |
| Volunteers and Ball boys: | Auveen Wilson |
| Entries, Flags, General Administration: | Claire Fitzgerald |
| General Tasks: | Mark Barry |
| Medical services: | Telephone number of the doctor was available |
| Possibility to use the medical service of the University if needed. | |

Evaluation :

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| Accommodation: | good hotel accessible, good breakfast |
| Transport: | very good organization |
| Meals: | lunches in hall and dinner in University's restaurant - good meals. |
| Drink programme: | 2 bottles of water per day during the tournament for all of the participants |
| Venue: | acceptable with accessible toilets (for men and for women) |

I would like to recommend to Organizers only:

1. to invite for the next tournament some umpires from the surroundings countries

The Organizers made very good job. The whole Irish Open 2005 was prepared well and the people from OC worked very hardly for it. I would like to thank all of them for it.

Margita Homolova
IPTTC – Technical Delegate
May 6, 2005