

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : Taipei Open for the Disabled 2005

Ranking Factor Approved for : 30

Responsible Federation : Chinese Taipei Paralympic
Committee

Chairman of Organising Committee : Dr. Lee-Chou CHEN

Dates of Play : 22-28 August 2005

Name of Technical Delegate : Steven Lee

Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC : 12 September 2005

1-Accommodation

- Santos Hotel
No.49 Sec.3 Cheng De Road, Taipei, Taiwan

All the officials and players stayed at the same hotel. The hotel is 4 star standards with good facilities. Before the arrival of the players, the bathroom doors have been taken off and platforms have been installed for the bathroom to enable wheelchairs access. The hotel has four wide lifts. Accommodations were very good.

Breakfast and dinner were eaten in the hotel and in buffet style which includes a great variety of eastern and western food. The players are very satisfied in that regard. The dining room is located at the ground floor and is easily accessible by wheelchairs.

Lunch was provided by way of lunchboxes and were taken in the stadium. Fresh drinking water was provided at the playing venue.

2-Venue

The playing venue (Taipei Municipal Gymnasium) was the venue for the World Championship in 2002. The lighting was good. The floor is made of timber and complies with competition regulations. Twelve tables were placed in the stadium with adequate space for spectators' access. Overall it is satisfactory.

The training venue was located in the 7th floor with eight tables. However there are only two small lifts so wheelchair players have to spend time waiting for the lifts.

There is an office with telephone, photocopier and computer in the ground floor.

There are 3 accessible toilets in the hall, a very important point for tournaments with players in a wheelchair.

Floor:	Wooden floor
Lighting:	700 lux, suitable, without daylight
Spectator seats:	about 150 for the participants and spectators For wheelchairs – directly on the area
Gluing area:	Outside the gymnasium
Officials room:	OC room, meeting room Classification room Results/computer area (close to Referee's table)

Water, snacks were available in the hall for free.

The Farewell Party was held at 7:00pm at the hotel.

3-Equipment

- 12 Tables: 8 Tables – DONIC Formula SC (Blue)
2 Tables – DONIC J.P.22 Roller (Blue)
2 Tables – NITTAKU 3250 (Blue)
- Balls: NITTAKU *** Orange
- (All ITTF approved)
- Surroundings (DONIC) and Score boards

There were 8 tables for wheelchairs matches, 4 tables for standing matches. The tables for wheelchair players complies with regulations.

4-Competition Days

- 22 August (Mon) Team Arrival & Classification
- 23 August (Tue) Classification & Training
- 24 August (Wed) Competition (Open & Team Event)
- 25 August (Thur) Competition (Team Event)
- 26 August (Fri) Competition (Team& Singles Event)
- 27 August (Sat) Competition (Event)
Evening - Farwell Party
- 28 April (Sun) Departure

Due to the limited number of players, the competition starts at 9:30am to approximately 7:30 – 8:30pm. The players can get back to the hotel together. The morning traffic of Taipei is also avoided.

5-Number of Participants

The number of participants was less than expected in this tournament.

A total of seven countries participated. Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Thailand.

Mens wheelchair players:	50
Mens Standing players:	30
Womens wheelchair players:	15
Womens Standing players:	8
With a total of 103 players.	

Team leader and coach:	5
Coach and Support staff:	25

Total:	133
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Country	Total N. of Athlete	Male (Class)										Female (Class)									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AUS	1						1														
CHN	14				2	2		2	2	2									1	2	1
HKG	11			2	2	2	1			1						3					
JPN	8		1	3	1	1								1		1					
KOR	20	1	3	4	1	3		1	3		1			2	1						
THA	5			2		2	1														
TPE	44	2	1	4	6	5	1	4	4	3	3			1	3	3			1	2	1
	103	3	5	15	12	15	4	7	9	6	4	0	0	4	4	7	0	0	2	4	2
		50					30					15					8				

The Iraq team was scheduled to arrive on the evening of 22 August, but they did not appear even at 12 midnight. Due to the problems of connecting flights, they have to withdraw from the tournament.

It is also regrettable that another seven players from China could not come because of passport and visa problems.

6-Transport

The travel time from hotel to the playing venue is about 25 minutes. The organisers arranged for coaches to transport the players to and from the hotel. Smaller vehicles were organised for transportation for the rest of the time. The coach's schedule were as follows:

Hotel – Venue	Venue - Hotel
07:40	17:00
08:00	19:30
08:30	19:40
10:30	
15:00	

7-Officials

Organising committee:

- Chairperson: Dr. Lee-Chou Chen
- Convenor: Mr. Kuang-Hsi Kan
- Deputy Convenor: Mr. Chao-Sheng Chang
- Executive Director: Mr. Pei-Ling Liu
- Technical Advisor: Mr. Fou-Hwan Lai
Mr. Chi-Ping Shen
- Competition: Mr. Chen-Hua Huang
Ms Shu-Chuan Hsieh

Classifier: Dr. Sheng-Kuang Wu (TPE)
Dr. Chi-Ping Shen (TPE)
Mr. Arthur Wilks (AUS)

Referee: Mr. Lim-Hai Leow (MAS)
Deputy Referee: Mr. Chao-Sheng Chang (TPE)
Mr. Yih-Shun Huang (TPE)

Umpires: 25

There were a total of 21 umpires from Chinese Taipei. Amongst them, 11 are international umpires, the other 10 being national umpires. There was also 4 umpires from other nations; two from Australia, one from China and one from Japan.

As there were 12 tables, the number of umpires is a bit short. There was only one umpire for the preliminaries and two for the following rounds and final. The organisers should pay more attention to the arrangements on the umpiring officials. Some of the umpires were not very experienced and should improve their standards.

Dr. Lee-Chou Chen, the Chairperson was very concerned with every aspects of the tournament. Her involvement is much appreciated.

The Chinese Culture University provide great assistance in this tournament. Apart from the teachers, there were 40 students assisting in the tournament acting as ball collectors, helper etc. They showed serious attitude.

The staff from the Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee was very helpful in providing assistance. The tournament was run in a smooth fashion.

8-Meetings

Team Manager's meeting was held at 16:00 on 23 August. As most of the matters have been arranged and prior notices were given to all the participating nations, the meeting finished soon with a short briefing from ASP Representative, TD and the Referee regarding matters that need to be attended to and changes to the player's list in the team events.

9-Draws

The tournament was run by using Dr Wu's computer programme which was most helpful to the referee as it saved a lot of time and accurate. The draw was conducted under ITTF and IPTTC regulations. The Open draw was done on 23 August after the Manager's meeting. The team event and individual events were done the following afternoon.

Dr Wu's programme was most helpful to the competition group and statistic group. There was a small error in the round robin matches in the team events but was immediately corrected by Dr Wu. I take this opportunity to thank him for his assistance. I recommend his programme for future IPTTC competitions.

10-Classification

3 IPTTC classifiers were responsible for classifying players. They were very efficient. A total of 21 players were required to be classified, commencing on 23 August from 9:00pm to 4:00pm. One player from China failed the classification test and 17 players' classification remains unchanged.

11-Results

The competition results group was fairly efficient. All the results were printed in result books and even CDs were produced for all the teams in the closing function.

12-Other Staff

Administration

- Ms Su-Chen Lu
- Ms Chin-Chieh Lu
- Ms Mei-Chuan Hsia

Information and Recording

- Mr. Norman Yang
- Mr. Chih-Hau You

Liaison

- Ms Su-Chan Teng
- Mr. Chih Jung Chen

Venue

- Mr. Chieh-Chui Chen
- Mr. Chih Jung Chen

Medical Care

- Mr. Chen-Liang Chou

Ceremony

- Mr. Long-Ren Chuang

Transportation

- Mr. Chin-Ku Chen

Reception

- Mr. Ming-Yao Chen

Ball Boy / Girl:

- There were 18 volunteers from Chinese Culture University during the whole competition.

There was one doctor on duty at the playing venue.

Wheelchair repair service was also offered.

At the entrance of the venue, volunteers were there to help the players to enter the venue and getting in and out of the coaches.

13- Other Matter

This tournament was reported by the Taiwan media. The Competition committee did not communicate well enough with the Information and Recording committee; therefore the Information and Recording group could not provide the latest information to the media.

In the past, there were not many competitions held in the Asian region, apart from the regional championships. This year is the exception. There was the Hong Kong Open in May, then this (Taipei Open) tournament and the Korea Open in October. It is hoped that these tournaments can be scheduled on a regular basis in the future so that players from the Asian region can have more opportunities for competitions. There were many new Korean and Chinese Taipei players in this tournament which is very encouraging.

As a conclusion, this tournament was very successful. All the arrangements were very well planned. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee for the great work done.

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