



**INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS**  
**COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED**

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE**  
**EVALUATION REPORT**

**Name of Tournament:** **U.S. Paralympic Table Tennis Championships**

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**Ranking Factor Applied for:** **20**

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**Name of Responsible Federation:** **U.S. Paralympic Association**

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**Name of Chairman of Organising Committee:** **Mrs. Jennifer Johnson**

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**Dates of Play:** **December 13 – December 18, 2005**

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**Name of Technical Delegate:** **Margita Homolova**

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**Report submitted to IPC and IPTTC the:** **December 22, 2005**

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**Accommodation:** in Stratosphere Hotel and Casino:

The Stratosphere Hotel is about 20 minutes' drives far from the venue. The rooms, bathrooms and dining room were acceptable for wheelchairs. In hotel were more lifts, acceptable for wheelchairs. We had the breakfast and dinner in the hotel. In the hotel were no barriers for the wheelchairs (bars, restaurants, café and so on). Meals were served on the basis self-servis in very good quality. Only lunch boxes were served at the venue in low quantity (one small sandwich, chips and one bottle of drink), in the hall was possible to drink water from water boxes.

**Venue:** Las Vegas Convention Centre, approximately 20 min. by bus far from the hotel  
**Playing hall:** Sport hall with 20 tables 12 x 8 m and 2 - 3 for practising.  
**Floor:** Red rubber – for standing only 4 courts and concrete for the wheelchairs in not good quality.  
**Lighting:** suitable, with no daylight  
**Referee's table:** in the playing hall for Referee + computer staff – no special room  
**Officials' room:** No special room for them.  
**Umpires:** Only 18 umpires – 6 JPN, 3 CAN rest from USA

**Equipment:**

**Tables:** 22 Butterfly - All of them ITTF approved  
**Balls:** NITTAKU\*\*\* orange  
**Scorers:** only few score boards – not for each table  
**Net/Post:** Butterfly, ITTF approved  
**Surroundings:** official ITTF approved  
**Gluing area:** There was gluing area close to the playing hall.

**Competition days:** **Playing days December 14 – 17, 2005**

<b>December 13</b>	Arrival of the participants / classification
<b>December 14</b>	Classification / start of competition open
<b>December 15</b>	Open singles and draw for Team event, draw of Singles in classes
<b>December 16</b>	Teams events and start of Singles in classes
<b>December 17</b>	Finale Singles and medal ceremony
<b>December 18</b>	Departure day

<b>Number of Participants:</b>	women	<b>28</b>
	Men	<b>101</b>
	Staff	<b>35</b>
	<b>Together</b>	<b>129 + 35 = 164</b>

The players from the **26** countries participated on the tournament

Americas Region: BRA, CAN, CRC, MEX, PER, USA - 6

EU Region: AUT, BEL, CRO, DEN, FIN, FRA, GER, GBR, ITA, LIE, NED, RUS, SVK, SWE, TUR - 15

Asian/Oceania Region: AUS, HKG, JPN, KOR, and TPE - 5

**Transport:** Both of transport (from Airport to hotel and back and between hotel and sport area) was organized good. The organizing committee had possibility to use the sufficient number of wheelchairs acceptable buses – each can take few on board (2-3).  
Schedule buses time schedule (15 minutes).

**Officials:**

**Referee:** Mr. Ray Cavicchio - USA  
**Deputy Referee:** Mr. Karol Ziduliak - CAN  
**Umpires:** National and international IPTTC from USA, JPN and CAN  
**Classifiers:** Dr. Norma Angelica Patino Marquez - MEX  
Mrs. Gina Maggio - USA

**Meeting:** There was not the meeting for team leaders.  
**EDP:** Umpiring course for umpires held on December 13, 2005

**Classification:**

Total number of athletes classified: 19  
Number of classification changes: 9  
Number of players not shown on classification: 10 (GHA, TJK and USA)  
Number of additional players: 2  
Number of reviewed players: 2

**Results:** The Tournament Director, Mrs. Jennifer Johnson passed these Results on CDs to countries. The Results in digital form were sent to Ranking Officer, Gael Marziou.

**Organizing Committee:**

**Tournament Chair** : Mrs. Jennifer Johnson  
**Tournament Directors** : Mr. Michael Lo Russo, Mrs. Sharon Frant Brooks - USA  
**Entries, Accommodation** : USA TT  
**Transport and Volunteer manage** : Mr. Eilan Leskowitz  
**Computer Centre** : David Del Vecchio  
**Responsible for ball boys** : Mrs. Sharon Frant Brooks  
**Hospitality** : Mrs. Carolynne Bethka, Mrs. Marie Lewis  
**Media and Press** : Mrs. Danielle Brooks

**Medical services:** No nurse or doctor was present in the playing hall, but there were presented security personnel who have first aid course.

**Wheelchair service:** No evadible in sport hall

**Important Note!**

On the second day of the tournament we have got information by e-mail about Mexico and Costa Rica, that they are not in good standing with IPC and they can not take part nor on US Open Tournament nor on other sanctioning events of IPC.

After discussion with the representatives of IPTTC {Mr. Christian Lillieroos and Vincent Boury} with players from Mexico (1) and Costa Rica (2), we add they results into the World Ranking list of IPTTC under the condition if they NPC will pay membership ASAP, otherwise will deleted they from the ranking list completely.

**Finals evaluations:**

It is possible to reprehend to Organizers some deficiencies, like for example:

1. Few and ball boys all along the tournament (5-6)
2. Flags of participating countries were not in sport hall from beginning of the tournament.
3. During the tournament we have only 9 -18 umpires
4. Lunch was not in enough quantity

I would like to say thank you to all umpires, which were working very hard during tournament in two shifts 9 mornings and 9 afternoons.

The timetable was prepared well and we always finished in approximately planed time. Accommodation was very good. For the transport were buses suitable for wheelchair users – on board for 2 - 3 wheelchairs only. We had playing plan from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

During the tournament we had some protest from the participants about boll boys, self-umpiring matches and concrete flooring in not good condition.

Margita HOMOLOVA  
TD of the tournament

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