

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament : **MARGARITA ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008**

Ranking Factor Approved for : **20**

Name of the National Federation : **Venezuelan Sport of Wheelchair
Federation - FEVESRUEDAS**

**Name of the Chairman of the
Organizing Committee** **Dilia OLIVARES**

Dates of Play : **November 19 – 23, 2008**

Name of Technical Delegate : **Nico VERSPEELT - BEL**

Report submitted to ITTF and PTT : **January 28, 2009**

Accommodation : **FLAMINGO BEACH HOTEL******

Hotel accessible for wheelchair users but not completely suitable.
Air-conditioning problems on sea side.
About 35 minutes from Venue by bus

Meals :

Breakfast, lunch and dinner in the hotel – good food with a lot of choice
Lunch boxes in playing venue possible when needed.

Farewell dinner

Organized in the Hotel

Participants : 15 nations were present 46 men
 17 women
 14 escorts **77 participants in total !**

Transport : With small buses (some adapted for wheelchairs) between
the airport - the hotel – the airport.
Departure to the sport Venue with 5-6 small buses – no problem and every
body was well on time in the sport venue.
During the day, shuttle buses to hotel – time schedule and on request.

Venue : **CIUDAD LA ASUNCION PLAYING HALL**

Floor : concrete for wheelchair players,
Gerflor for standing players
Lighting : good
Spectator seats : foresee all around the hall (+/- 2000 seats or more)
Referee's table : very good view on the playing hall
Gluing room : outside near by the competition hall
Officials rooms : - TD area and Referee area linked to the computer
area
-doctor, first aid and ambulance available all day
long during the competition days
-dressing rooms
-special area for ball boys and girls
-special area for Umpires

Equipment : Tables : 13 Butterfly Europe accessible for wheelchairs
Nets : Butterfly
Balls : Nittaku*** white
Scorers : Butterfly
Surroundings : Butterfly + Giant Dragon
Umpire's tables : Butterfly
Towels support : plastic baskets

Competition days : November 19 : arrivals – classifications
November 20 : opening ceremony
open events – single events

November 21 : single events – team events
November 22 : team events
Farwell dinner with medal presentation
November 23 : departures

Meeting : November 19 : meeting foresee with the nations in the Hotel,
each nation have received information about transport ,
breakfast, lunch, dinner, competition programme,
Draw for the open events - Draw for single events.
November 20 : Draw for team events

Classifications : Two classifiers have tested 11 new players.
Very good and very professional classifications !

Results : Very good computer team and very efficient work !
All results were given to the nations, end of the competitions during the
farewell party on CD.
All electronic results were sended to the Ranking Director in term of
15 days.

Officials : Classifiers : Dr Norma Angelica PATINO MARQUEZ - MEX
Ms Cintia Natalia MARINO - ARG
Referee : Mr Karol ZIDULIAK - CAN
Deputy referee : Mr Juan Carlos MEDINA - VEN
Computer : Mr John ROJAS - VEN
Umpires : 28 Umpires
- 21 IU from VEN, ARG, COL
- 7 RU from VEN
Ball boys : about 50 girls and boys every day
from TT sport clubs
Medical : doctor and ambulance available every day

Organizing Committee : Chairman : Dilia OLIVARES
Organisation Manager : Luis NOGUERA
Ball boys and girls Manager: Russel WHITE
Transport Manager : Agency TIO VEN
Hotel Manager: Agency TIO VEN

Evaluation : Accommodations : not suitable for wheelchair players at all.
When inspection of venues and accommodation was made in June,
management of the Flamingo Beach Hotel promised, that there would
be 20-25 rooms for the November 2008 factor 20 tournament
rebuilt/adapted for wheelchair users. Doors to bathrooms would be
enlarged to 90 cm, holders/supports next to toilets and in showers
would be installed as well as leavers on taps of sinks and showers
would be installed. It was not done. At the last day before the
tournament, when players were arriving they have made a few
adaptations in showers of a few rooms, putting there chairs, so a

wheelchair player could get under the shower, but without a help he/she would not be able to get back to the wheelchair.

The hotel seems to have a structural problem. Rooms on the side facing the sea had a very bad problem with condensation. The bathroom was continually wet with ceilings and walls dripping water. The walls in the room were damp.

Because of the above problems, perhaps the organizers could try to search for other accommodation for the future. Some of the wheelchair players were suggesting, that there are other hotels suitable for wheelchair users.

They have named LTI Coste Caribe beach, Pueblo Caribe, Isle Caribe, Hesperia Isle Margarite.

Venue :At the end of the day players seemed to be exhausted, because no air conditioning in the hall. Perhaps having a 4-day, instead of 3 day tournament could help. It should not be a problem for the regional championships, because it will be more than 3 days.

Toilets not adapted for wheelchair users.

The organizers have promised during the inspection in June, that two cubicles of toilets in each of the change rooms would be adapted for wheelchair users (doors enlarged to 90cm and holders installed).

Access to showers would be adapted by installing one ramp in each of the change rooms for access by wheelchairs and 2 showers adapted for using by wheelchair users. Taps in two sinks in each of the change rooms will be equipped by leavers to be wheelchair users friendly.

At the last day before the tournament only 1 toilet's door was enlarged.

Transport :	very good
Meals :	very good in the hotels
Referee :	international level – professional work
Deputy Referee :	international level – professional work
Umpires :	good international, national and regional levels
Computer :	very good professional work !
Organisation :	good organisation with very welcoming people
Medal presentation :	good presentation for the open, single and team During the Farewell party.

Some other suggestions for improvement

- making of signs with names of teams and numbers for indicating of scores of teams in teams events,
- make more room inside the hall, so the practise tables could be inside the hall
- try to get tables with legs 40 cm inside from the end line of the table. Those used at the tournament were not equipped that way, but at least did not have a crossbar under the end line.

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