

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

NAME OF TOURNAMENT : **2009 PTT COPA TANGO VII**

Ranking Factor Approved for : **20**

Name of the Organizer: **FADESIR (Federación Argentina
de Deportes Sobre Sillas de Ruedas)**

Name of the Chairman **Vitaliano Brandoli**

Dates of the Tournament: **November 18 – November 22, 2009**

Name of Technical Delegate **Karol Ziduliak - CAN**

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters on December 7, 2009

Accommodation: CRISTAL PALACE HOTEL*** - about 15 minutes from the venue by bus; quite a nice accommodation, no wheelchair friendly
HOTEL CeNARD – accommodation in the same object as the venue – wheelchair friendly, but rooms for 5-6 people, no air conditioning. No need for transportation to the venue.

Meals: Lunch, afternoon snack and Dinner served to all in the CeNARD’s dining room. Breakfast for those accommodated in Cristal Palace hotel served in the hotel, for those accommodated at CeNARD hotel in the CeNARD’s dining room.
Food nutritional, but more variety would be appreciated.

Venue: CeNARD – Argentinian National sport Centre gymnasium
Lighting – good – 600-700 lux
Floor – wood – good quality
Bleachers – concrete – for approximately 800 spectators
Control desk, Referee’s desk & TD desk – in a separate room at the level of gymnasium floor.
Washrooms: 1 cubicle wheelchair accessible in both Men and Women washrooms; adequate for standing players.
Medical service – secured by Dr. Miyagi, the classifier.

Transport: By a big bus with lift for wheelchairs and smaller VAN and truck. There was a little confusion on the first day - day for training. The transport from hotels not coordinated properly.
Transport was generally on schedule during the tournament and also on request when needed.

Equipment: Tables: 14 DHS T1223 blue (9 wheelchair accessible)
Nets: DHS P104 – Butterfly Europa
Balls: DHS 40*** white
Score indicators: DHS F505
Surrounds: home made blue 1.20 x 0.70 meters each
Umpires tables: small school desks
Towel holders: shopping baskets

Officials:

Referee:	Hernan Brizuela, ARG – PTT NR
Deputy Referee:	Fernando Moleda, URU – NR, PTT IU
Classifier:	Dr.Horacio Miyagi, Cintia – ARG
Umpires:	PTT IUs 1 of Paraguay, 4 of Uruguay 1 of Chile, 1 of Colombia

8 National PTT Umpires
28 Nationals Umpires
43 in total

Note: Thanks to the number of umpires, almost each match had an umpire and Assistant umpire (AU). Good for you organizers that you were willing to invite so many umpires, good for the umpires as well that they were willing to umpire long hours.

Ball boys/girls: Most of the time sufficient number, sometimes AUs had to step in and help with picking up the balls.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Vitaliano Brandoli
Manager:	Liliana M. Diez
Floor Manager:	Daniel Pacheco
Medical person:	Dr.Horacio Miyagi
Transport:	Prof. Marcelo Oleac
Meals co-coordinator:	Miguel Mansilla
Balls Boys & Girls coordinator:	Daniel Pacheco
Awards presentation manager:	Alejandro Leveroni
Results:	Hernan Brizuela

Results:

All the draws and the results given to all countries in a timely fashion. Very efficient work of the computer team. All delegations were given the results in CD form during the Award ceremony. Results in electronic form sent to Ranking director by E-mail right after each event.

Participants:

97 male athletes
29 female athletes
24 coaches
5 leaders
5 supporting staff
160 in total from 29 countries.

Classification:

Two classifiers have tested and classified
9 male new players:

M1 Denis HATTORI MATIAS (BRA)
M2 Andre BANDEIRA (BRA)
M2 Anderson KAISS (BRA)
M3 Cincler TREVISAN (BRA)
M4 Leonardo MIGUEL (ARG)
M6 Rodrigo DEMOOR (ARG)
M9 Fabian SELVAGGI (ARG)
M10 Gabriel GARCIA (ARG)
M10 Jose David GIL BERNAL (COL)

Classification was done very well and professionally.

Meetings:

Umpires briefing:

November 18 – 18:00 – meeting room in CeNARD building
Conducted mostly in Spanish, since all the umpires speak Spanish.

Technical meeting:

November 18 – 20:00 – meeting room in CeNARD building.
Information about the transport and meals and the draws for Open Singles given to all delegations. All managers asked for submitting the composition of teams on November 19 at noon time.

November 19 – 10:00 – Draws for Singles events given to all delegations.

November 20 – 10:00 – Draws for Team events given to all delegations.

Competition Days:

November 18: Arrival of teams

November 18: Classifications

November 19: Open Singles and Singles events competition

November 20: Singles and Teams events competition

November 21: Teams competition

Awards Presentations

November 22: Departures of delegations

Evaluation:

In general the tournament was very well prepared from the point of view of running the tournament - good schedule, matches on time.

Equipment good – all ITTF approved tables, 9 of them according to requirements for wheelchair players. Set up of the gym good. The award ceremony was prepared quite well also.

The Copa Tango VII was designated as one of the two tournaments for testing of the proposed change of service rule for wheelchair singles play.

Perhaps for now I can say, that especially the second test event during the Copa Tango VII has shown, that players and coaches feel, that there are not many attempts for serving intentionally a few services in such way, that the ball leaves the side line and then serving correctly. If it happens, it is unintentional.

Instead of introducing a new rule, the vast majority of the respondents said, that we should concentrate on enforcing of the law already in the books - article 1.1.1.3: **If the umpire believes that the server is deliberately serving fast let services before serving correctly, this should be interpreted as gamesmanship and the ITTF's Penalty point system shall be used** (ITTF regulation 3.5.2)

I would like to thank everybody, who was willing to express their opinion about the proposal. It was a big help in decision making. In any case I believe that testing of the proposal was a good exercise - to test first a proposal and then to make a decision.

Now I would like to point out areas where the organizers could improve. It is not meant as a criticism, rather to make suggestions for improving the tournament even more.

1. Accommodation – arrange wheelchair friendly accommodation for all wheelchair players in hotels. Ask CeNARD to install air conditioning in their hotel, so economy accommodation could be offered for those participants with lower budget.
2. Venue – Ask CeNARD to install air conditioning and elevator access to the gym - too steep a hill to get to the gym. It is to the credit of organizers that they have arranged for volunteers helping to wheel wheelchair players up and down the hill.
3. Information – post clear information about the meetings, meals and transportation at each hotel and possibly hand it at the airport to delegations as they are arriving.

Mr. Vitaliano Brandoli was always ready to listen to all my requests for making the Tournament better and has followed through with actions right away.

CONGRATULATION VITALIANO FOR THE WELL ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT. I KNOW THAT AFTER A FEW PROBLEMS AT THE BEGINNING VISITING PLAYERS HAVE ENJOYED IT.

Submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

January 5, 2009.