



***INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS***

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament:

**2nd Spanish Open
-El Prat de Llobregat-**

Ranking Factor Applied for:

20

Name of Responsible Federation:

**Spanish Table Tennis
Association**

**Name of Chairman of Organising
Committee:**

Mrs. Isabel Molina

Dates of Play:

June 18 – 22, 2015

Name of Technical Delegate:

Francesco Nuzzo ITA

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:

July, 2015

Airport:

Barcelona International Airport – only few km. to the hotels.
(The proximity of airport to the place of the competitions was a big convenience, a strong point whose potential has not been fully capitalised.
Waiting times of more than two hours at the airport complained by some teams were excessive. Also lack of signs to easily identify a meeting point at arrival in the airport it could have been easily remedied from the first day)

Accreditation:

At the hotels. The participants received a small plastic bag with the tournament logo and meals tickets.

Accommodation:

Best Western. Hotel Alfa Aeropuerto****

Calle K. Entrada Mercabarna, Zona Franca

<http://www.bestwestern.es/hotel-alfaaeroporto/>

About 5 minutes to the venue by the official transport. Used for participants, staff and officials.

Very good. Good accessibility for wheelchair users.

Very good internet connection.



Wi-Fi free - Good connection.

Centre Esplai Hostel (Youth Hostel)

C/ Riu Anoia, n° 42-54, El Prat de Llobregat

<http://www.albergueesplaibarcelona.com/en/>

About 10 minutes to the venue by the official transport.

Used for participants. Quality average.



Meals:

Breakfast served at the hotels.
The level was excellent in Alfa Hotel, ok in Centre d'Esplai.



Meals were served in three different restaurants:
Cal Ramon and Restaurant La Capsa (near the hall). Menu service,
Restaurant at the playing hall (sandwiches, snacks and assorted dishes).



Quality, assortment and service very good.

A plus the possibility to choose with meals
different kind of drinks instead of plain water.

Transportation:

Transport was provided from the hotels to the hall and vice versa with big busses equipped with a load elevator system for wheelchairs. The transport was regularly scheduled and it ran circularly from the hotels to the venue, but overall it has proved to be inadequate for a too wide schedule of bus rides and some delays.



Venue:

CEM ESTRUCH El Prat de Llobregat

Multi sports venue used for national and some international events, enough accessible toilets.





Floor: Parquet floor – good

Lighting: Good

Spectator seats: Retractable seats along one side of the hall (+/- 250).
Wheelchair spectators area on the same side near wheelchair competition tables.

Officials' areas:

- T.D, secretariat, transport manager shared a big room a little bit detached from the FOP.



- Referee, deputy referee and competition management table in the field of play near to the Call Area.



- Internet access: Excellent wired connection for insiders use. No public Wi-Fi.
- Dressing rooms for players and umpires.
- First aid available all day long during the competition days, but doctor not on site.
- Mechanical service for wheelchairs on call.

- Resting area reserved for Class 1 players in one half of the secretariat room (air-conditioned and equipped with mats).



- Massage room equipped with a medical couch.



- Pigeon boxes and information boards at the entry of the playing hall, near the Call Area and in both hotel receptions.



Call Area: A little bit small, well arranged, adjacent to the training hall and with direct access to the FOP.



Practice Hall: Located at the back of the arena with 6 tables and direct access to the Call Area.



Gluing area: Outside the hall

Water: Distributed in bottles during the whole tournament upon voids return.
A benefit was the free distribution of different drinks also with the same process as above.



Equipment:

Tables: 12 tables Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue accessible.
6 Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue for practice.

Nets: Butterfly Tokyo

Balls: Butterfly *** White

Scorers – Umpire’s tables - Towel boxes: Butterfly

Surrounds: ENEBE

Competition days:

16th June 2015	Classification
17th June 2015	Classification
18th June 2015	Arrival day; draw for singles events; Technical meeting and Umpire's briefing
19th June 2015	Singles events; draw for team events; Medals ceremony for singles events
20th June 2015	Team events
21st June 2015	Completion of Team Events; Medals ceremony for team events and Farewell party
22nd June 2015	Departures of the delegations

Competition hours:

June 19	09.00 – 20.00
June 20	09.00 – 20.00
June 21	09.00 – 17.30

Participants:

Nations:		23
Participants:	Male	98
	Female	24
	Staff	39
Participants total		122

Officials:

TD:	Nuzzo Francesco	ITA
Classifiers:	Wu Sheng Kuang	TPE
	Lundell Lisa	SWE
	Perez Pablo	ESP
Referee:	Tsipou Maria	GRE
Deputy referee:	Brandt Katja	SUI
Computer:	Sayol Gemma	ESP

Umpires: 22 in total but not all were always present (ESP - 21, JAP - 1)

The number of the umpires was poor (average attendance 19) and only 7 of them were present at the umpires' briefing. Only one umpire per table was appointed except for the teams' finals.



Ball people:

Ball people were always present during the whole tournament. The responsible person organized them very well.

Volunteers: There were enough volunteers present. They were friendly and always willing to help. Very good work.

Meetings: The Technical meeting was held on 18th of June at 8:00 p.m. at the Sport Hall. Necessary information was given to the delegations. The team partner composition form and the Singles draw were distributed. The umpire's briefing took place at 9:00 p.m. at the same place. The draw for Team events was prepared on 19th of June after confirmation of the team list.

Classification: Three Classifiers were responsible for classifying the players and they were very efficient. A total of 36 players were required for classification and review. Classification commenced on 16th June at 5.00pm and finished on 18th at 4.00pm. I feel compelled to point out that in this tournament the Classifiers have had a very long and hard job and I would like to thank them for the excellent work done and their engagement.

Competition: The tournament progressed smoothly throughout in a great atmosphere. Overall, this tournament was very successful and the players were satisfied. Players and umpires gathered to the Call Area and after pre-match preparation went to their court. No significant delays occurred in the previewed schedule. The Referees team was very professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament. All umpires were helpful and worked well.

Results: Results posted regularly at the information board near the entry of the playing hall and in both hotel receptions at evening. Upload of results to the ITTF website and to the tournament website was done more often than usual. Final results were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster immediately after the end. Definitely an impressive quick and efficient work has been done by Gemma Sayol the results management responsible.

Photo service: Good, but a post processing of the photo is required for an higher level service.

Articles to ITTF Website:

A total of four articles were published by Ian Marshall in the ITTF website:

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=40156&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=40174&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=40181&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=40194&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

Ceremonies: No Opening Ceremony. Brief speech during the Medals Ceremony for singles events. The Medal ceremony for singles events was held in the Hall immediately after the completion of the events. Medals Ceremony for the team events was organized on the last day after completion of the tournament. To conclude a Farewell party at La Capsa restaurant.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Isabel Molina
Treasurer:	Santi Navarro
Equipment:	Jordi Morales
Transport Manager:	Francesc Ordoño
Accommodation:	Jesús David Corral
Results management	Gemma Sayol
Photos:	Fernando Vecino

Evaluation:

Accommodations:	Good
Transport:	Sufficient
Meals:	Very good
Venue:	Good
Sport equipment:	Good, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall:	Good
Information:	Very good, both on the information board and in the pigeon-boxes
Referees:	Very good
Computer person:	Very good
Organization:	Good organization with very welcoming people
Medal presentation:	Good

CONCLUSION

Definitely the 2nd Spanish Open was a well-organized competition with many improvements compared to the first edition, however there is still space for improvement in a few areas.

TRANSPORT

Transport was the weak point of the competition. Additional bus rides must be previewed. An half an hour ride schedule will improve the efficiency extremely. In the morning from 7 till 9 a.m. and in the evening from 6 p.m. till the end at least every 30', the rest of the day every hour. This schedule the same for all the days. A better solution is also to have a different kind of busses with a ramp instead of an elevator.

ORGANIZATION

Another rest room can be set up on the first floor for all players maintaining the solution adopted this year for class 1 players in the same space of the secretariat room. More umpires are needed and mainly foreigner ones. A doctor should be always present at the venue.

To conclude, I would like to express my sincere thanks and congratulate with the Organizers, officials, staff and volunteers, for the well organized ITTF PTTD Fa 20 Tournament 2015 in El Prat de Llobregat.

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