



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

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament:

2016 PTT US OPEN

Ranking Factor Applied for:

20

Name of Responsible Federation:

USA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Name of Tournament Organizers:

JASNA RATHER

Dates of Play:

December 14 – 16, 2016

Name of Technical Delegate:

Constantina CROTTA GRE

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:

January 2017

Airport:

McCarran International Airport Las Vegas – around 20 min distance from the hotels by mini bus, car. The airport consists of four runways and two passenger terminals: Terminal 1 and Terminal 3. The airport has nonstop air service to destinations in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Accommodation: The accommodation was organized in, **Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel**.
<https://www.caesars.com/flamingo-las-vegas>

Flamingo Las Vegas is a hotel located on the Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Las Vegas, Nevada. The property includes a 77,000-square-foot with 3,626 hotel rooms(a lot of them wheelchair accessible) and with a garden courtyard housing a wildlife habitat featuring flamingos. It was the third resort to open on the Strip, and it is the oldest resort on the Strip still in operation today. The Flamingo has a Las Vegas Monorail station.

Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel



Distance between Hotel and Venue: 20 minutes totally (10 minutes by monorail and then, 10 min walking distance).



Accreditation: Accreditation in the venue at the entrance.

Transportation: The Flamingo has a [Las Vegas Monorail](#) station. Participants who paid the full entry fee received from the organizers free tickets for the Monorail.



Venue: **Las Vegas Convention Center**
LVCC 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109



The center is well known for its versatility, size, and amenities. Fully accessible for wheelchair users.

Playing area



Lighting: Approx. 800 Lux over tables
Referee and TD Table: Close to the playing area in the hall
Call area: Close to the playing area in the hall

Referee and TD table



Call area



Equipment:

Tables: 20 tables Joola 3000 SC blue all wheelchair accessible, (10 for standings, 10 for wheelchairs).
Nets: Joola
Balls: Nittaku*** White (Plastic)
Scoreboards and Umpire's tables: Joola
Towel boxes: Nittaku
Surrounds: Joola
Floor: Taraflex (Blue and red)



Accessible toilets: Enough wheelchair accessible toilets



Water: Distributed in bottles. Every participant received two bottles per day.

Other services:

- Computer center, print service and staff were situated at the TD – Referee desk. Unfortunately, only one printer was available for everybody and the computer that it was used for inputting the results was an old one.
- Wi-Fi Internet available to everyone, but very weak signal. Every 30 min we had to reconnect.
- Reserved area for the ball pickers in a specific area next to the Call Area.
- **Results Service:** A volunteer **Karl Anthony Willis** was inputting the results.



Medical service: Available everyday throughout the tournament.

Information Board: Close to the playing area in the hall



Meals: There were several places with various choices of food in the hall and in the hotel which was very convenient.



SCHEDULE:

12th December	Arrivals and classification.
13th December	Arrivals and classification. Draw for Single event. Technical Meeting.
14th December	Single event and Draw for Team Event.
15th December	Completion of Single event. Team event. Medal presentation of Single event.
16th December	Completion of Team event and Medal presentation.
17th December	Departures.

Participants USA Open Tournament

Players from 25 nations were present.

(ARG, AUT, BEL, CAN, CHI, ECU, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HKG, IRL, ISR, ITA, KOR, NED, NOR, PHI, POL, PUR, SGP, SWE, TPE, TTO, USA)

Male ♂ : 107

Female ♀ : 20

Staff: 22

Total: 149

Officials:

Technical Delegate: Constantina CROTTA (GRE)

Referee: Karol ZIDULIAK (CAN)

Deputy Referee: Deepak SOMARAPU (USA)

Joseph YICK (USA)

Classifiers: Sharon BROOKS (USA)

Zahra YOUSEFI (IRI)

Umpires: 33 International and National umpires from 7 countries

CAN	COL	ESA	JPN	KOR	TRI	USA
5	1	1	7	1	1	17



Ball Boys / Girls: Few, not enough.

Volunteers: Always very helpful and friendly, but not enough

Classification: In the convention center, on 12th and 13th of December. Both classifiers made an excellent work. 24 players were classified.



Competition: It was the first time that Para Open tournament was organized in Las Vegas. Generally, the competition run very well. At the same time the USA Open was taking place, giving the chance to everybody to see both tournaments.

Results: During the tournament results were regularly published on the information board in the playing hall, also updated more than 3 times a day on the IPTTC website.

Articles to ITTF Website:

All the articles were published by Ian Marshall on the ITTF website:

<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/13/strong-challenge-across-atlantic-europeans-heading-las-vegas/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/15/aiming-emulate-father-ian-seidenfeld-causes-opening-day-surprises/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/15/last-eight-rio-de-janeiro-caroline-tabib-secures-first-title-decided-las-vegas/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/15/scotland-brave-martin-perry-moving-new-heights/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/16/rio-form-repeated-josephine-medina-upsets-seeding/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/16/rule-britannia-british-pair-emerge-unexpected-winners-las-vegas/>
<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/17/norwegian-duo-surprise-winners-scandinavia-dominates-concluding-day/>

Ceremonies:

The **Medal ceremony for Single Events** was held on 15th December at the hotel in a very nice organized banquet in the evening.



. The **Medal ceremony for Team Events** was held in the Hall after the completion of the events.



Technical Delegate Seminar:

A Technical Delegate Seminar was also organized in Las Vegas USA from 13th till 14th December. Responsible of the seminar was Mr. Gorazd Vecko. Venezuela's Francia Rojas, Colombia's Alex Figueroa and Ecuador's Freddy Almendariz attended successfully the course.

<http://www.ittf.com/2016/12/17/new-recruits-successful-technical-directors-course-stage-prior-united-states-para-open/>



Organizing Committee:

Event Manager:	Jasna Rather
Technical advisor:	Gorazd Vecko
Finance / IT:	Teresa Benavides/Gordon Kaye
Results Service:	Karl Anthony Willis
Support Staff:	Jennifer Johnson / Shu Chen
Transportation:	Hasibullah Aimaq

Evaluation:

Accommodations:	Very Good
Transport:	Sufficient
Meals:	Very good and big variety.
Venue:	Very good
Sport equipment:	Good, all ITTF approved, but 2 colors flooring.
Light in the hall:	Good
Information:	Good, both on the information board and in IPTTC website
Referee Team:	Very good
Computer person:	Very good
Medal presentation:	Good

CONCLUSION

It was the first Para Tournament that USA Table Tennis Federation organized in Las Vegas. Valuable experience was gained. Generally all were satisfied and enjoyed the games.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organizing committee, officials, staffs and volunteers for their great work.

A special thanks to Jasna and her team for their help and support.

**Constantina CROTTA – GRE
Technical Delegate**