



**9<sup>th</sup> Al Watani Championships 2017**  
**Factor 20**  
**18-23 November 2018**  
**Amman, Jordan**



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

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S REPORT**

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**Name of Tournament:** 9th Al Watani Championships 2017

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**Ranking Factor:** 20

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**Name of the National Association/Organizer:** Al Watani Club

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**Name of Chairperson of the Organizing Committee:** Suleiman Al - Rousan

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**Venue:** Jordan Paralympic Committee – Prince Ra`ad bin Zaid complex, Amman, Jordan

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**Dates of play:** 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

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**Name of Technical Delegate:** Cyril SEN (MAS)

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**Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:** 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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**Airport:** Queen Alia International Airport (AMM) is about a 45-minute drive to the place of accommodation. The organisers arranged transport from the airport to the accommodation and back.

**Accreditation:** This was not found to be a necessity as almost all the people present were those involved in the competition.

### Accommodation

The Al Fanar Palace Hotel is more or less a 3.5-star hotel. The rooms were fairly comfortable as it appears that they were renovated not too long ago. However, the bathrooms were not fully suitable for wheelchair users or for those in Classes 6 & 7. Drinking water is not provided in the rooms, and only on request, during meals.



The Hotel Lobby



Bedroom and Bathroom

Distance between Accommodation and Venue: about 25 minutes because of the heavy traffic.

Free wifi was available throughout the hotel, including the rooms, though at times the signal was too weak or not available.

### Meals & Refreshments

- ❖ Breakfast and Dinner were at the Hotel, whilst Lunch was at the venue.
- ❖ At the hotel, the meals did not sufficiently cater for an international group of participants. Lunch was served in boxes.



The Hotel Dining Hall

Breakfast : 07:00 ~ 10:00  
Lunch : variable  
Dinner : 19:00 ~ 22:00

### Transportation

- ❖ The organisers provided suitable transport, including accessible vans and busses, for athletes and officials from the airport to the venue and back to the airport at the end of the championships, as well as from hotel to venue and back.



## Venue



**Venue:** Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid Sport Complex is fully accessible for wheelchair users. Whatever facilities and rooms that were available were located in the same building within a short walk of each other. As such, it was very convenient for everyone. Wifi was not available for anyone in the playing area.

## **Competition Hall**



Lighting:

Approximately 600 Lux over the tables

No. of Tables:

8 (all for wheelchair)  
[the size of each playing area was 6.9M x 10.5M]

Referee and Result  
Management Tables:

On raised platform in between the spectator seating in the middle of the long side of the hall

### **Spectator Seating:**

Elevated terraced seating for about 150 was available on 2 sides of the hall with a good view of the Field of Play. The total space for spectators was more than sufficient for the number of spectators and players who were present.



### **Practice Hall:**

Located almost adjacent to the Competition Hall, 9 tables were made available for practice. The space around the tables was limited and there were no surrounds between the tables.



### **Call Area:**

There were 8 tables spread along 3 sides of a large room located a very short distance from the main hall. It was more than adequate.



### **Racket Control Center:**

This was not setup as there was no official racket control in this competition.

### **Medical Services:**

The medical service was available in the venue during the competition hours. Two medics were present and an ambulance was on standby, however, there was no fixed location for the medics.



## **Work Rooms:**

### Technical Delegate & Referee:

A wheelchair accessible room, adjacent to the Practice Hall and equipped with a printer with sufficient tables and chairs was made available for the use of the TD.

The Referees had a room of their own with sufficient tables and chairs next to the TD's room.

A wifi service (available from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of competition only) was installed in the TD's room for the use of the TD and Referee.



### Wheelchair Service:

This service was not available.

### Classification:

This was conducted in an area set up at one end of the playing hall by one team of two classifiers.



### Broadcast Area:

To provide the music for the march-ins and to manage the announcements for the ceremonies, a simple PA system was made available.

### Changing/Wash Rooms:

There was one for males and another for females, located close to the competition hall.

In each of these rooms there were showers, toilets and washbasins.





**Lounges:**

VIP, TD, Referee & Match Officials

There was no facility available for VIPs.

A couple of snacks and, coffee and tea were available in the meeting room for the TD, Referees and Umpires. However, these were not always available.

Players:

There was no facility available for players.

Drinking Water:

This was in adequate supply. Teams and officials were provided with cartons of bottled drinking water each day.

**Sports Equipment:**

- Floor : Concrete with a blue coating with basketball court lines on it. A portion of one court was left uncoated.
- Tables : Donic SC (Blue)
- Balls : Stiga 40+ (white)
- Nets : Donic(Blue)
- Surrounds : Principally, Donic (Blue)
- Umpire’s Table : Nil
- Umpire’s Chair : Banquet-type Chair
- Asst. Umpire’s Table : Donic (Black)
- Towel Boxes : Donic (Black)
- Score Indicators : Double Happiness (Black)
- Team Names & Team Scores :



## Competition Programme

### **Competition Days:**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 : Arrival day for some; Practice; Classification; Inspection & Preparations
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 : • Arrival day for some; Practice; Classification; Preparations  
• Referee's Briefing for umpires; Technical Meeting; Opening Ceremony
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 : Singles Events; Draw for Team Events
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017 : Singles Events; Team Events
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017 : • Team Events; Awards Ceremonies for Singles & Team Events  
• Closing Ceremony
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017 : Departure of teams & officials

### **Competition Hours:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 : 09:30 ~ 19:00
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017 : 09:30 ~ 19:00
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017 : 09:30 ~ 17:30

## Participants

- Countries: : 8 (ALG, CIV, EGY, IND, JOR, MAS, PLE, TUR)
- Male: : 56 (Wheelchair: 24)
- Female: : 12 (Wheelchair: 7)
- Total Athletes : 68

## Events Contested

- Class Singles: SF3-5, SF6-10  
SM2-3, SM4, SM5, SM6, SM7, SM8, SM9, SM10
- Class Teams: TF3-5  
TM2-3,, TM4-5, TM6-8, TM9, TM10

## Organising Committee

- Tournament Director: Suleiman Al - Rousan
- Main Contact: Jasser AL -Nuweiran

### Match Officials

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|--------------------|------------------|-----|
| TD:                | Cyril SEN        | MAS |
| Referee:           | Mohamed Bassyoni | EGY |
| Deputy Referees:   | Nabil Al Maamoun | EGY |
| Classifiers:       | Zeljko COP       | CRO |
|                    | Taha DARDIR      | EGY |
| Computer Operator: | Ahmad Hattab     | JOR |
| Photographer:      | Mohammad Alsmadi | EGY |

### Match Officials:

18 umpires officiated in this competition, but at most times, only about 12 were available at any one time. Almost all the umpires were National Umpires. There were no foreign umpires in this competition. The standard of umpiring was average.



### Volunteers

#### Ball Persons:

There were some most times.  
Their quiet contribution was most welcome.

#### Liaison:

No liaison personnel were available.

## Meetings

### **Technical Meeting:**

This was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> November from 15:00 to 16:00 hours in the Meeting Room at the Venue. The LOC was represented by Ms. Maysoon Hamarshah and the meeting was chaired by the TD. It was well attended and the good cooperation given by all those present is very much appreciated.



### **Referee's Briefing:**

The briefing, which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Meeting Room at the Venue, began at 13:30 hours.



## Information, Communication & Results

- ❖ An information board was set up at the hotel lobby.



- ❖ At the venue, information and results were communicated by posting them on the wall between the TD's and Referee's rooms.
- ❖ Twice a day, the 'Live Results' were updated on the IPTTC website by the Referee.

### Photographer & Reporter:

Mohammad took some fairly good photographs. As there was no reporter available, the TD did what he could.

### Live Streaming:

Not available.

ITTF Website Articles:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Marshal for the following articles he published:

21<sup>st</sup> November

- <https://www.ittf.com/2017/11/21/keeping-calm-fourth-gold-year-khetam-abuawad/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2017/11/21/abdullah-ozturk-adds-collection-hamza-caliskan-reaches-milestone/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2017/11/21/titles-malaysia-chee-chao-ming-mohamad-bakar-strike-gold/>

22<sup>nd</sup> November

<https://www.ittf.com/2017/11/22/team-titles-decided-india-egypt-surprise-winners-final-day/>

Ceremonies

**Awards Ceremonies:**



**Singles & Team Events:**

These were held in the Venue immediately after the completion of the Class Team Events on the last day of competition.



## Evaluation

| By Team Managers / Head Coaches (2 per nation)<br>of each of the participating teams |   | Survey Results<br>(% of sum total of<br>V.Good & Good) |
|--|---|--|
| Information  |   |  |
| Accreditation Procedure  | : | 33   |
| Prospectus / Website   | : | 50   |
| Timetable  | : | 58   |
| Internet Services  | : | 17   |
| Sports Hall  |   |  |
| Flooring   | : | 17   |
| Lighting   | : | 33   |
| Heating / Air Condition  | : | 17   |
| Cleanliness  | : | 17   |
| Accessible toilets   | : | 17   |
| Meals / Refreshments   | : | 0  |
| Practice Hall  | : | 17   |
| Changing rooms   | : | 0  |
| Massage room   | : | 0  |
| Gluing room  | : | 0  |
| Awards ceremonies  | : | 0  |
| Farewell party   | : | 0  |
| Hotel : Al Fanar   |   |  |
| Accommodation  | : | 58   |
| Lobby  | : | 17   |
| Accessibility - Room   | : | 17   |
| Accessibility - Bathroom   | : | 17   |
| Meals  | : | 0  |
| Human Resources  |   |  |
| Technical Delegate   | : | 75   |
| Referees   | : | 33   |
| Classifiers  | : | 33   |
| Umpires  | : | 42   |
| Racket testers   | : | 0  |
| Secretarial staff  | : | 25   |
| Medical Services   | : | 0  |
| Ball-persons   | : | 33   |
| Volunteers   | : | 25   |
| Transportation   |   |  |
| Transfer Airport / Hotel   | : | 50   |
| Transfer Hotel / Sport Hall  | : | 33   |

## **Observations and Recommendations**

- Wifi** : ➤ To improve the quality of the wifi in the hotel rooms.  
➤ To provide wifi for all at the venue beginning from the practice days  
➤ To provide wifi for the TD and Referee offices at the venue beginning from the practice days  
➤ With the need to use Dropbox, etc., to consider providing the TD with a better bandwidth
- Meals & Refreshments** : ➤ It would be good to have some foods cooked in a style other than Middle Eastern to cater for the multicultural athletes and officials  
➤ To improve the quality of the meals provided at the hotel and the venue  
➤ To ensure complimentary water is provided in the hotel rooms and at meal times in the hotel
- Venue** : ➤ The size of the playing area for each table was less than desired for the standing players, even with only 8 tables. This was because the playing hall is limited in size.
- Reporter** : ➤ It is necessary that greater attention is paid to having someone capable of interviewing players during the competition. This is to help promote the sport, and especially, the event.
- Medical** : ➤ Though it was available, there was no Medical Station and hence not many knew that this service was available.  
➤ To setup a Medical Station that can be clearly identified.
- Wheelchair Service** ➤ An on-site service is necessary so as to reduce delays should the service be required.
- Lounges** ➤ It is necessary that these are made available for Players and Match Officials, especially as these personnel are at the venue for long hours  
➤ To ensure the lounges are kept operational at all times when the competition is on  
➤ To provide fruits, snacks and drinks.
- Referee Team** ➤ It would be an advantage to have at least one member from a different country of the other
- Umpires** ➤ The number available at any one time was inadequate resulting in some semi-finals having only one umpire  
➤ Attempts should be made to have the recommended 25% of umpires from foreign countries to help ensure neutrality
- Liaison Officers (English speaking)** ➤ It is recommended to have these services available for those Match Officials who do not speak the local language.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, the event was conducted to a satisfactory conclusion. The small number of participants was unfortunate, whilst the lack of spectators did not help matters, either. However, the good spirit of the athletes who gave their best made the event an enjoyable championships.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank all those involved: the members of the LOC, the Referee and his team for their dedication and cooperation; and all the volunteers, for their commitment and support.

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Technical Delegate