***INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION***

***PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION***

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT**

**Name of Tournament: 2017 PTT US OPEN**

**Ranking Factor Applied for: 40**

**Name of Responsible Federation: USA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**

**Name of Tournament Organizers: JASNA RATHER**

**Dates of Play: December 12 – 16, 2017**

**Name of Technical Delegate: Gorazd Vecko SVN**

**Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: January 2018**

**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.**

**Accomodation:**

The accommodation was organized in**, Harrahs Las Vegas Hotel**.

<https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-las-vegas>

Harrahs Las Vegas is a hotel located on the Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Las Vegas, Nevada. Theproperty includes a 91,000-square-foot with 2,677 hotel rooms( a lot of them wheelchair accessible). The hotel consists of 2 towers, Mardi Gras and Valley Towers (Formerly named the Carnival Tower), the tallest of which, Valley, has 35 stories.

The Harrahs has a Las Vegas Monorail station.

**Distance beetwen hotel and venue:**

20 minutes totally **(**10 minutes by monorail and then,

10 min walking distance).

**Acreditation:**

Accreditation in the venue at the entrance.

**Transportation:**

The Harrahs has a Las Vegas Monorail station. Participants who paid the full entry

fee received from the organizers free tickets for the Monorail.

**** 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.

**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

 Call area

**** Referee s desk

**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 ( red)



**Accesible tables:**

Enough wheelchair accessible toilets

**Water:**

Was in the hall in large water coolers.

**Other services:**

Computer center, print service and staff were situated at the TD – Referee desk. We somehowe established WI-FI , but just for referee s desk. There was public wi-fi, but outside the playing hall. We also have cable internet.

Reserved area for the ball pickers in a specific area next to the Call Area.

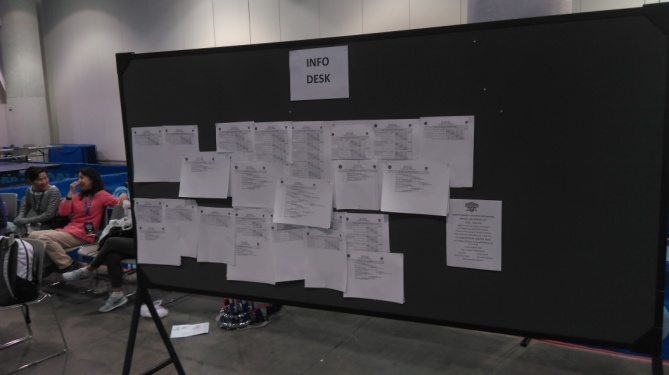
**Results Service**: A volunteer girlswere inputting the results.

**Medical service:**

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Available everyday throughout the tournament.

**Information board:**

Close to the playing area in the hall. 

**Meals:**

All participants got a vouchers for meals at the hotels.

**SCHEDULE:**

12TH December Arrivals, Draw for Single Event, Technical Meeting

13Tth December Single Event, Draw for Team Event

14TH December Single event and Team Event, Medal ceremony Single Event

15TH December Team Event, Medal ceremony for Team Event

16TH Decenber Departures

**Participants USA Open Tournament:**

Players from 24 nations were present.

AUT, BRA, CAN, CHI, DEN, ECU, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GUY, INA, ISR, ITA, JPN, KEN, KOR, MEX, NED, NOR, PUR, SWE, THA, USA

**Male: 81**

**Female: 19**

**Staff: 31**

**Total: 131**

**Officials:**

**Technical Delegate:** Gorazd Vecko (SVN)

**Referee:** Francesco Nuzzo (ITA)

**Deputy Referee:** Deepak SOMARAPU (USA), Kagin Lee (USA)

**Classifier:** Cintia Marino (ARG)

**Umpires:**

31 International and National umpires from 6 countries ( 1 COL, 1 GER, 1 MAL, 6 JPN, 13 CAN and 9 USA )

**Ball boys/girls:** enough, always available



**Volunteers**: Always very helpful and friendly

**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:**

[**https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/enforced-break-will-bayley-aiming-march-return/**](https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/enforced-break-will-bayley-aiming-march-return/)

[**https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/worthwhile-journey-gold-david-jacobs-united-states-debut/**](https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/worthwhile-journey-gold-david-jacobs-united-states-debut/)

[**https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/celebrated-names-beaten-jack-hunter-spivey-shock-winner-las-vegas/**](https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/15/celebrated-names-beaten-jack-hunter-spivey-shock-winner-las-vegas/)

[**https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/16/success-notable-names-leave-las-vegas-individual-team-titles/**](https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/16/success-notable-names-leave-las-vegas-individual-team-titles/)

[**https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/16/destination-las-vegas-eventually-netherlands-arrive/**](https://www.ittf.com/2017/12/16/destination-las-vegas-eventually-netherlands-arrive/)

**Ceremonies:**

The **Medal ceremony for Single Events** was held on 14th December at the venue.

The **Medal ceremony for Team Events** was held in the upper floor of the Convention centre, with some drinks and snacks after the completion of the events.



**Organizing committee:**

**Event Manager:** Jasna Rather

**Technical advisor**: Gorazd Vecko

**Finance / IT:** Teresa Benavides/Gordon Kaye

**Results Service:** Shu Chen

**Support Staff:** Daniel Rutenberg

**Transportation**: Hasibullah Aimaq

**Evaluation:**

**Accommodations:** Very Good

**Transport:** Sufficient

**Meals**: Very good and big variety

**Venue**: Very good

**Sport equipment:** Good, all ITTF approved

**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

**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.**