



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS
TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT**

Tournament:	PTT SPANISH OPEN 2018
Ranking Factor Applied:	40
Responsible Federation:	Spanish Table Tennis Association
Chairman of Organizing Committee:	David Valero (ESP)
Technical Delegate:	Matej Hamran (SVK)
Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:	December, 2018

Airport: **Almeria Airport (LEI)** – 15 minutes from the venue by shuttle bus organized by the LOC

Malaga Airport (AGP) – 2 hours and 30 minutes from the venue by shuttle bus organized by the LOC

Accreditation: At the reception of the HOTEL BARCELO CABO DE GATA. Participants received all necessary information and meal tickets



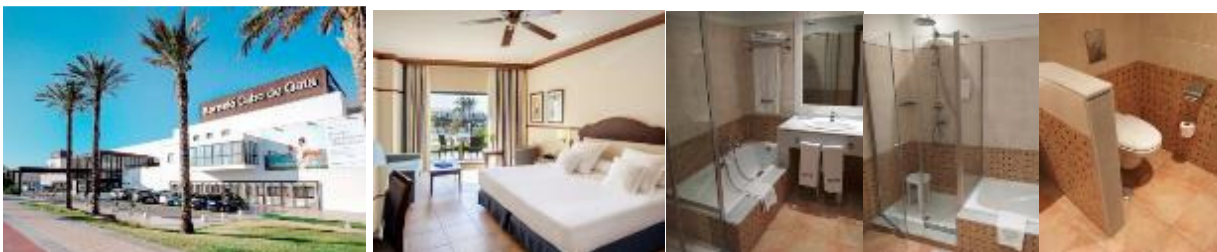
Accommodation:

Overall considered as excellent. Accommodation was provided in 2 hotels: Hotel Barcelo Cabo de Gata and Hotel Tryp Indalo Almeria. Both Hotels of 4 stars quality.

1. HOTEL BARCELO CABO DE GATA

https://www.barcelo.com/en-gb/barcelo-hotels/hotels/spain/andalusia/almeria/barcelo-cabo-de-gata/?gclsrc=aw.ds&gclsrc=aw.ds&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIjZzG-K-T3wIVROJ3Ch1K-Q5JEAAYASAAEgI0k_D_BwE

Majority of all the participants were accommodated in this hotel. The rooms were adopted for participants in wheelchairs. The hotel provided meeting room for the technical meeting and for the Umpires’ briefing. The hotel also provided exterior swimming pools for all the guests and wellness for additional payment. The hotel is situated right across the street from the playing hall which is very convenient for all participants, no obstacles for wheelchairs, walking distance from the venue and also there is direct access to the beach which is right behind the hotel.



2. HOTEL TRYP ALMERIA

<https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/almeria/tryp-indalo-almeria-hotel/index.htm>

4 stars Hotel, of excellent quality. Approximately 30 minutes by shuttle bus from the venue. The accommodation was provided here for the referees, umpires, LOC and a number of teams only with standing players. For the participants accommodated in this Hotel the breakfast was provided here, other meals at the Hotel Barcelo close to the venue. Shuttle bus was working very well.



Meals:

Breakfast were held separately in Hotel Barcelo and in Hotel Tryp Indalo. Lunch and Dinners were only in Hotel Barcelo. All meals were served as buffet. Overall, meals were of excellent quality with great variety of food. Always available fruits, hot & cold drinks, juices, vegetable and meat options. There were always options for vegetarians, and also local and international cuisine. The menu was alternated every day. Meal times were sufficient for all participants.



Transport:

As the venue was right across the Hotel Barcelo where majority of the participants were accommodated and all meals were provided, the shuttle bus was necessary only for those participants who were at the Tryp Indalo Hotel, which was provided approx. every hour as per timetable, which was sufficient. The LOC also provided transport from:

Almeria Airport – 8 km

Malaga Airport – 237 km



Venue:

Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos Cabo de Gata – Ciudad de Almería
Complejo Deportivo Municipal “EL TOYO – RETAMAR”



Multisport venue used for many events, the main entrance to the venue was through a platform, accessible for wheelchairs, however a volunteer support might be requested for wheelchairs from lower classes. The main entrance led to the practice hall, call area and spectators' area. The playing area was accessible by stairs or by elevator. The second entrance was direct to the playing hall with no barriers.

Lighting: Sufficient with issues, the light in the playing hall was unevenly distributed 600-900 lux in the playing area, corner tables with less light. More light adjusted after highlighting the issue to the LOC. The playing hall was not fully covered from the daylight. Problem were visible in the morning.



Spectator seats: +/- 400
Spectators in wheelchairs had enough space upstairs in the spectator area



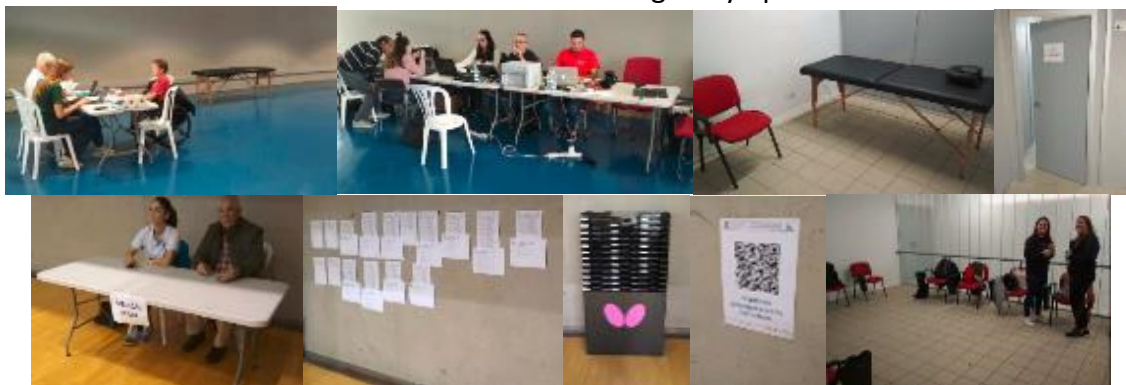
One wheelchair adopted toilet. Two movable adopted toilets added outside of the hall. However due to the very close distance to the hotel with adopted rooms, the added toilets were not used by the participants. Vending machines available in the lobby.

Officials' areas:

- Classification room was available at the venue. It had a lot of space for medical examination, interview and table tennis table for the movement examination
- LOC and TD had office with all necessary technical requirements as copier, scanner and wi-fi available. Good accessibility to the playing hall by exterior entrance.
- Referee's office available right next to the playing hall (no wi-fi accessibility)
- Internet access: No Wi-fi available in the playing hall. No wired connection to the referee/TD desk

In the playing hall there was an internet line available only for the purposes of the Live streaming. For the purposes of the TD and the LOC Wi-Fi was provided in the LOC office which had a separate external entrance different from the field of play. Free Wi-Fi was provided at the Hotel Barcelo across the street from the venue for all participants.

- Dressing rooms for players, volunteers and umpires where next to the field of play.
- First aid available all day long during the competition days, specific medical room available
- Massage room equipped with a medical couch
- Information boards at the entry of the playing hall, near the offices and the entry lounge with a cafe and water distribution. Results were regularly updated online



Field of Play:

Total 14 tables used. Non-standard measures of playing courts
8 tables with measurements 10mx5m
6 tables with measurements 13,33mx6m
4 tables were used by wheelchairs.

Standing players used 6 courts of bigger size and also 4 tables of smaller size. 4 tables of smaller size were used only for lower standing classes.

The center corridor was not used, instead there were two short corridors between tables for standing.



Call Area:

The location of Call Area was moved upstairs due to better accessibility and bigger space for the players. The original space for Call Area was used as a room for volunteers. The Call Area was situated upstairs next to the spectators' area with enough space. The Call area, Spectators area and Practice hall were on the same level so they were all directly accessible to each other. The access to the playing hall was via staircase and elevator (capacity 2 wheelchairs). The players, coaches and umpires had no problem to proceed any of the Call area procedures.



Practice Hall: Practice hall was located above the playing hall, 10 practise tables, accessible for wheelchairs by the main entrance, and elevator from the ground floor. Also staircase for standing. On the same level as spectators area and call area



Racket control:

At the Call Area

Gluing area:

Outside the hall

Water Distribution:

Distributed in bottles during the whole tournament in the lobby

Live streaming:

2 tables under live streaming during the whole tournament. Both tables for standing.

Equipment:

Tables: 14 tables Butterfly Europe 25 blue. Tables **were not wheelchairs accessible with table legs not 40 cm form the end line**. This issue was highlighted to the LOC.

Practice hall: 10 tables

Nets: Butterfly

Floor: Taraflex red

Balls: Butterfly 3* white G40+

Scorers – Umpire's tables - Towel boxes: Butterfly

Surrounds: Butterfly



Competition days:

12 th November 2018:	Arrival Day
13 th November 2018:	Arrival Day and Classification
14 th November 2018:	Arrivals and Classification, TD and referee meetings
15 th November 2018:	Competition day – single event
16 th November 2018:	Competition day – single event, team event
17 th November 2018:	Competition day – team event
18 th November 2018:	Competition day – team event, award ceremony
19 th November 2018:	Departures

Competition hours:

15 th November 2018:	9:00 -20:00
16 th November 2018:	9:00 - 12:30, 15:30-19:00
17 th November 2018:	9:30 - 20:00
18 th November 2018:	10:00- 16:00

Participants:

Nations:	32
Participants:	Male 158 Female 26
Coaches:	48
Team Leaders and Support Staff:	31
Participants total	263

Officials:

Technical Delegate:	Matej Hamran SVK
Classifiers:	Hans Zwerina AUT, Lisa Lundell SWE
Referee:	Francesco Nuzzo ITA
Deputy referee:	Carlos Zapata ESP
Assistant referee:	Claudio Izquierdo ESP
Computer:	Gemma Sayol ESP
Umpires:	38 (33 ESP, GER 2, NIR 3)

Umpire team consisted of experienced umpires, team consisted of international umpires from several countries, Spanish national umpires and Spanish Regional umpires. Overall there were no problems with the performance. Special thanks to the umpires for their performance and dedication and to Francesco, Carlos, Claudio and Richard for their leadership and management of the umpires.

Ball pickers: Ball pickers were always present during the whole tournament. The responsible person organized them very well. There were approximately 10 ball pickers available per day.

Volunteers: There were present sufficient number of volunteers.



Meetings: The Technical meeting was held at the Hotel BARCELO. Necessary information was given to the delegations, including the draws. The umpire's briefing took place on the 14th of November at 20:00

Racket control: provided at the call area

Classification: A total of 9 players were classified and reviewed. The classifiers reviewed the classified players throughout the whole event. Classification room was provided at the venue next to the LOC office. The room was very good, with sufficient space for the examination. I would like to thank to the Classifiers for their excellent work and great cooperation with the referee team and the TD.

Competition: The tournament progressed smoothly. Players and umpires gathered in the Call Area and after the pre-match preparation they went to their court. No significant delays occurred in the previewed schedule.

Referees team: Very professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament. All umpires were helpful and worked well. Unfortunately, the LOC did not provide coffee for umpire's team at the venue, although requested. Only vending machines in the lobby for the public.



Results: Results posted regularly at the information board near the entry of the playing hall. The results were uploaded to the ITTF website throughout every competition day. Final results were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster immediately after the end.

Medical service: Professional medical support was available throughout the whole time of the event and was always ready to provide necessary medical help. No major injuries occurred during the tournament.

Photo service: Official photographer of the Spanish Table Tennis Association was provided.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/rfetm_tenismesa
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rfetm/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RealFederacionEspanolaTenisMesa/>
Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/people/rfetm/>
Website: www.rfetm.com

Articles on ITTF Website:

<https://www.ittf.com/2018/11/19/team-medals-decided-polish-duo-raise-eyebrows/>
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/11/19/surprise-winners-final-day-almeria/>
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/11/16/jose-ruiz-jorge-cardona-course-host-nation-medal-hopes-alive/>
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<https://www.ittf.com/2018/11/19/ukraine-indonesia-justify-status-french-duo-causes-surprise/>

Ceremonies: Medal ceremony was organised after the end of all events on the last day of the competition.



Farewell party: No farewell party was organised

Organizing Committee:

Tournament Director:	Daniel Valera
Venue:	Ángel Nieto
Accreditation:	Antonio García
Accommodation:	David Corral
Transport:	Mónica Hortal
Drivers:	Salvador Cara, Ramon Echanove
Press:	Álvaro Díaz
Volunteers:	Fernando Bermejo
Results:	Gemma Sayol
Executive Assistants:	Cristina Sobaler, Isabel Molina

Overall Evaluation of the Event:

Accommodation:	Excellent, very convenient distance from the hall
Transport:	Excellent
Meals:	Excellent, always variety of options
Venue:	Good. Issues with daylight, Call area upstairs, platform to the main entrance might require assistance for wheelchairs
Sport equipment:	All ITTF approved, however tables not wheelchairs accessible. Courts of non-standard size
Light in the hall:	Playing Hall not fully covered from the daylight. Uneven lighting in the hall
Information:	Excellent, information board, QR code available in the hall with tournament photos, pigeon boxes, excellent cooperation in results management
Referees:	Excellent
Umpires:	Excellent
Computer person:	Excellent
Organization:	Satisfactory
Medal presentation:	Good

CONCLUSION

The Overall evaluation of the Spanish Para Open F40 2018 is satisfactory seeing the fact that generally the players were satisfied with the tournament and the meals and accommodation were of excellent quality. I would also like to highlight that the umpires were provided with accommodation of excellent level in 4 stars Hotel as well as all other participants.

Nevertheless, the LOC was not able to fix some issues which have risen in the course of the tournament at the venue, mainly covering the daylight in the hall and providing tables not accessible for wheelchairs. Despite the mentioned issues, the local volunteers were very helpful and the whole team accomplished smooth running and finalisation of the tournament. There was also very experienced referee and umpires' team who were leading the tournament successfully.

To conclude, I would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee, officials, staff and volunteers for their cooperation during the Spanish Para Table Tennis Open 2018 in Almeria.

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