

**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED**

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

**EVALUATION REPORT**

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| <b>Name of Tournament :</b>               | <b>FESPIC Table Tennis Ranking<br/>Tournament Series 2001 – Chinese<br/>Taipei</b> |
| <b>Ranking Factor Applied for :</b>       | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>Responsible Federation :</b>           | <b>Chinese Taipei Sports Federation<br/>For the Disabled</b>                       |
| <b>Chairman of Organising Committee :</b> | <b>Ms Lee-Chou CHEN</b>  |
| <b>Dates of Play :</b>                    | <b>09-11 November 2001</b>   |
| <b>Name of Technical Delegate :</b>       | <b>Steven LEE</b>  |
| <b>Report submitted to IPC and ITTC :</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2001</b>  |

## **1-Accommodation**

Baguio Hotel:

- 367, Pa-Teh Road, Sec 2 Taipei
- up to 5 min. from the venue

The hotel was very close to the stadium with a walking time of about 5 minutes. The hotel has only one lift operating which requires some waiting time. Some wheelchairs have problems accessing the bathroom of some of the rooms; the problem solved when the doors were taken away.

## **2-Venue**

The playing venue is the gymnasium of Taipei Physical Education College. The lighting was adequate. The flooring has been recently replaced and complies with standards. The only drawback being the size of the venue having to accommodate 14 tables, thus leaving very narrow spaces for access. Overall it is satisfactory. The stadium has a viewing capacity of 2400 but was rarely occupied.

The organising committee arranged for wheelchair repair and maintenance for the tournament. A health clinic was also there with a full time doctor.

There were 2 accessible toilets in the hall.

Due to the large number of matches, all lunches and dinners have to be taken at the venue. Asian styles lunch boxes were provided which were most welcomed by the Asian players.

Water and tea were available in the hall for free.

## **3-Equipment**

- (all ITTF approved)
- 12 Tables – Joola    2 Tables - Nittaku
- Balls (3\*) - Joola
- Surroundings and Score boards

There were 6 tables for wheelchairs players, 6 tables for standing players with 2 spare back up tables for reserve and practice. The tables for wheelchair players complies with regulations.

## **4-Competition Days**

- Thursday 8th November: Arrival, classifications
- Friday 9th evening and Saturday 10th morning: Team event
- Saturday 10th: Single event

- Sunday 11th: Open event
- Sunday evening: Closing Ceremony and Farwell Party

The tournaments was scheduled to commence on 10<sup>th</sup> November. However due to the large number of players, the tournament commenced at 5pm on 9<sup>th</sup> November and finished at 3:30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The presentation dinner ceremony was held at 5pm at Asiaworld Plaza Hotel.

The Guests of honor were as follows:

Mr. Fou Hwan LAI - Vice Chairman of National Council on Physical Fitness and Sport, Executive Yuan.

Mr. Chih-Cheng LI - Deputy Director of International Department of National Council on Physical Fitness and Sports -

Dr. Ching-Hu CHANG - President of Chinese Culture University

Dr. Mao-Fa CHIEN - President of National Taiwan Normal University

Dr. Ming-Te LAI - Vice President of National Taiwan Normal University

## 5-Number of Participants

A total of six countries participated.

China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Malayisa.

Mens wheelchair players: 46

Mens non-wheelchair players: 26

Womens wheelchair players: 15

Womens non-wheelchair players: 7

With a total of 94 players.

One player from India entered but did not arrive.

## 6-Transport

The organising committee arranged minibus in double shifts in the morning to transport players to the stadium and back after completion of matches. Other times the minibuses are on call.

However most players prefer arriving by themselves.

NB. Taipei's traffic is very busy especially during office peak hours. The selection of hotels close to the stadium was a wise choice made by the organising committee.

## 7-Officials

Classifiers: Sheng-Kuang WU , Shung-Ping CHENG

Referee: Ching-Chin CHEN

Deputy referee: Chao-Sheng CHANG

There were a total of 23 umpires from Taipei. Amongst them, 13 are international umpires, the other 10 being national umpires. There were also 5 umpires from other nations; two from Japan, one from China, one from Malaysia, and one from Korea.

Ms Lee-Chou CHEN, the Chairperson was very concerned with every aspects of the tournament. Her involvement is much appreciated.

They were highly helped by the staff of Chinese Taipei Sports Federation For the Disabled.

## **8-Meetings**

Team Manager's meeting was held at 3pm on 9th November. As most of the matters have been arranged and prior notices were given to all the participating nations, the meeting finished soon with a short briefing from TD and the referee regarding matters that need to be attended to and changes to the player's list in the team events.

## **9-Draws**

The draw was made according to rules and regulations of ITTF & ITTC.

## **10-Classification**

Two ITTC classifiers were responsible for classifying players. They were very efficient. A total of 20 players was required to be classified, commencing on 9<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 4pm.

Classification for 20 players.

## **11-Results**

The draw and results of the Preliminary group matches were not presented in a normal way used in table tennis. It is quite difficult to read and needs time to understand. It is hoped that this can be improved in future.

The competition results group was fairly efficient. The results of the day's matches were delivered to the hotel on the night. The results for the whole tournament were ready before departure of the teams.

## **12-Other Staff**

Chinese Culture University sent 40 students as volunteers in assisting the tournament. There was no shortage of staff. The organising committee also arranged for reception and translation services.

The staff from Chinese Taipei Sports Federation For the Disabled were very helpful in providing assistance. The tournament was run in a smooth fashion.

Ball Boys: They were 20 during the whole competition.

## **14- Other Matter**

This is the first time this type of tournament was held in the FESPIC region. The first stop was played in Hong Kong in September. Taipei was the second stop. All the players seemed to enjoy the occasion even though the playing schedule was tight. Most players found it satisfactory and expressed wish to have more like tournaments run in the future.

Malaysia participated in this tournament as well as the one in Hong Kong. They felt that they have gained a lot of experience.

I did a 1 ½ hour umpiring seminar before the tournament. I also arranged for umpires tests with 27 umpires taking part; 23 umpires taken the tests in Chinese and 4 in English.

The playing schedule was quite tight for this type of tournament. Some players suggested that the Open event be cancelled. Class 1 & 2 Class 6 players felt that the open event is meaningless. A lot of time can be saved if the event is cancelled. This is one issue worth discussing by the ITTC.

Overall, the tournament was successful.

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