

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament:	Irish Open 2007
Ranking Factor Approved for:	20
Name of the National Federation:	Irish Wheelchair Association - Sport
Chairman of Organising Committee:	Ms. Mairéad Farquharson
Dates of Play:	19th to 23rd of April, 2007
Name of Technical Delegate:	Leandro Olvech - ARG
Report submitted to IPC and ITTC:	May 9th, 2007

<u>Participants:</u>	21 Nations:	27 Men WC
		66 Women WC
		15 Coaches
		15 Support Staff
	Total Staff:	30
	Total:	123 People

Previous Communications with the OC

The Organising Committee (OC) was very communicative. No complains were received from the nations arising this matter.

Reception at the airport: Very Well organized. Not any problem.

Accreditation: It worked very well. They gave a portfolio to each delegation including all necessary information, meals coupons and back numbers.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel located in Malahide, a town 20/30 minutes from Dublin. The quality of the hotel is like a very good 4 stars, with very nice services, it is accessible inside the rooms, in elevators, lobby and restaurant.
<http://www.thegrand.ie/>



Meals: Breakfast was served at the hotel with very good quality. The lunch was in the venue, they prepared some tents and as there was nice weather people could eat outside. The OC delivered lunch-bags with sandwiches, fruits and some snacks. Some players said it was insufficient.

The dinner was served in the canteen of the Venue, quality was ok and service was very friendly. They settled up a coffe shop in building near the venue.

Transport:

It was correctly organised with fully adapted mini vans from the Irish Wheelchair Association. Started at 7am each day until end of the competition. The distance to the venue is up to 30 minutes on Friday and around 20 during weekend. I have received no complains from the teams.



Communication:

The OC provided the sport and logistic information to the participants with reasonable anticipation and there were no complains, anyway the results could be updated more frequently. The schedule for teams was delayed and the teams were waiting for it a couple of hours.

Main Venue:

IWA Sport Center



Floor: Wooden, nice quality

Lighting: between limits of enough and poor 500 Lux aprox

Temperature: I personally found it correct but some players told me that it was a little cold

Spectator Seats: Not foresee

Referee's Table: On OC Office in same building of the sport hall

Gluing Room: A table with a tent outside the competition hall

Officials Rooms: None

Toilets: More than enough accessible toilets inside and outside the building



Equipment:

Tables: 14 pcs. Tibhar Smash 28 dark green, ITTF app.
+ 2pcs. for warming up, all accessible.

Net: Tibhar, ITTF Approved

Scorers: Tibhar

Surroundings: Tibhar, Joola

Balls: Lion ***, ITTF Approved

Programme:

Apr 19th: - Arrivals of Teams and classifications
- Technical meeting in the evening

Apr 20th: - Open and Teams

Apr 21st: - Teams

Apr 22nd: - Singles and Awards Presentations

Apr 23rd: - Departures

Competition started at 9/9:30hs and finished around 19/20hs, and 17:30hs on last day.

The timetable was good organised by the referee considering the small chances to make a more realistic one. It was difficult to follow up the schedule

Meetings:

A technical meeting was held in the evening of 19th and included some words from the organizers. The open draw was made prior to the meeting leaded by the referee using Dr. Wu´s software. The meeting was short and the delegates received the schedule by player.

Ceremonies:

No opening ceremony or closing ceremony.

Medals presentations were at the end of the competition in the restaurant of the venue after the meal..

Classifications:

4 Players were classified.

EDP:

N/A

Results:

All results were given to each nation at the end of the competition in a CD. Electronically results were sent during the week after the tournament.

Officials:

Classifiers:	Yael Shalef – ISR
Referee:	Steve Welch – GBR
Deputy Referees:	Kiron Choudhury - IRL
Technical Delegate	Leandro Olvech - ARG
Umpires	Around 20 totally (but never at the same time!)

Organizing Committee:

Tournament Manager:	Mairéad Farquharson
Tournament Director:	Martin Hannon
Finance & Accomodation:	Clare Fitzgerald
Volunteers:	Auveen Wilson
Catering:	Clare Fitzgerald/Sheila McAuliffe
Information:	Sheila McAuliffe
Umpires:	Mark Barry
Transport:	Jimmy Byrne & Denis Lynch
Equipment:	Ed Niland
Sport Centre:	Nicky Hamill



Evaluation:

Accommodations: Excellent level!

Transport: Very Good!

Venue: Not big enough for such a quantity of players, some additional lighting should be necessary, good temperature, fully accessible not any complain.

Sport Equipment: Very Good!

Umpires: Some with good level and some not enough but they worked very hard! The work for them was not distributed in any order, the deputy just did it when the match should already had to start (it means mostly delayed) and not previously organised.

Ball Retrievers: A lot of school kids, they were very helpful.

Competitions: Most of the matches were delayed. Details on conclusions.

Information: The information was distributed by OC. Results and draws for second stage could be updated sometimes faster. The draw of teams was delayed.

Spectators Attendance: Not any special place for them was foreseen.

Medal Presentations: The atmosphere was very familiar and friendly, but the players require a more professional environment mostly to be able to take pictures with the medals and opponents. Many of them need it for the sponsors, government or media. The medals must have the name of the tournament.

Computer: Very good job.

Org. Committee: The OC was very enthusiastic and cooperated very well, there were two different aspects to evaluate, the logistical and administrative part were very professionally executed but it was not the same level in the sport specific technical issues. The roles must be clearly specified. The routine with the score cards from the printing to the score inputting changed so much.

Some small issues to review:

- Prepare big clock for the referee's table.
- Scorers for team events
- Medal presentations inside the Venue, with podiums!
- Medals with the name of the tournament
- Would be nice to have a final banquet to bring all teams and staff together for the last night.
- Update the information more frequently.
- Transport to the venue during the arrival day must be organised to let them train

Some important issues that MUST be changed for the next edition

- Define clearly the roles and keep same people doing that or with as many changes as possible.
- Appoint two deputies to assist the referee
- Invite and get more umpires, and real umpires!
- The limit for this very nice venue MUST be 80 players. PLEASE NOT MORE!

CONCLUSION: *The tournament was very well organized and I would like to thank the OC on behalf of the IPTTC for the work done, I have received not any significant complain.*

The Venue is may be the best I ever seen in terms of accessibility, it is just especially prepared for athletes with disability BUT it is not big enough to host an event for more than 80 players. I know you tried to be friendly and reject as less entries as possible but it is necessary. The hotel is great as well and the transport worked very efficiently.

It is only a matter of taking more care of the table tennis matters. I realised that most of the people is highly experienced in sports organization and they just need a stronger support from the table tennis community. As a justification I can tell that there was an able body event at the same time.

To finalize I would like to wish the best for this very nice people for the next editions of this tournament, I must say that they gave their best.



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