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Technical Officials :

	BEL	Nico VERSPELT	Technical Delegate
	ENG	Richard SCRUTON	Deputy Technical Delegate
	MAS	Cyril SEN	Referee
	ITA	Francesco NUZZO	Deputy Referee
	SLO	Matija KRNC	Deputy Referee
	FRA	Jacky SIMON	Deputy Referee
	GRE	Georgios SELINIOTAKIS	Field of Play Manager
	PHI	Rachel RAMOS	Racket Controller
	JPN	Emiko KAJIHARA	Racket Controller
	SVK	Juraj STEFAK	Classifier
	TPE	Sheng Kuang WU	Classifier
	ARG	Nadia VACCARO	Classifier
1	AUS	Carol Margaret POOLE	IU
2	AUS	Maurice Henry POOLE	BB
3	BRA	Leonor DEMARIO	BB
4	BRA	Maria Jose Ferrer FERREIRA	BB
5	CHN	XU Si Hong	BB
6	CHN	XU Ying	BB
7	COL	Luis Felipe CASTANO	IU
8	CRO	Zdenko ANDRASEVIC	BB
9	ESP	Salvador SIMON	IU
10	IND	Rishi Jagdishkishore Sharma	IU
11	IRI	Hossein KARIMPOURZIA	BBIP
12	IRI	Vahid NIKFARJAM	BBIP
13	ITA	Sauro MALTA	BB
14	JPN	Tsuru YOSHIDA	BB
15	JPN	Yoshiyo KITA	BB
16	MAS	Luan Foon WANG	BB
17	NZL	Valerie SCARR	BB
18	POL	Zbigniew Stefan ZALESINSKI	BB
19	RSA	Nigel ADAMS	WB
20	RUS	Harry PENOV	BBIP
21	RUS	Igor BORODAVCHENKO	BBIP
22	SLO	Milana KRMELJ	BB
23	TUR	Sait YUCEL	IU
24	KOR	Bun Young Soon	IU

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25	KOR	Cho Tae Soon	IU
26	KOR	Choi An Na	IU
27	KOR	Choi Young Ran	IU
28	KOR	Chung Soo Sam	IU
29	KOR	Han Mi Ok	IU
30	KOR	Hwang Chun Soo	IU
31	KOR	Jang Ki Young	IU
32	KOR	Jang Sun Hong	IU
33	KOR	Jo Young Mi	IU
34	KOR	Jung Hae Ok	IU
35	KOR	Jung In Sook	IU
36	KOR	Jung Young Baek	IU
37	KOR	Jung Young Sub	IU
38	KOR	Kim Jong Suk	IU
39	KOR	Kim Jung Ja	IU
40	KOR	Kim Soon Rae	IU
41	KOR	Kim Sung Tae	IU
42	KOR	Kong Hee Ja	NU
43	KOR	Lee Dae Woo	BBP
44	KOR	Lee Kye Soom	IU
45	KOR	Lee Kyoung Yeo	NU
46	KOR	Lee Soon Ju	BBP
47	KOR	Nam Bo Ok	IU
48	KOR	Nam Eun Woo	IU
49	KOR	Whang Soon Rye	IU

Venue : Competition: Yeom-ju Gymnasium, Gwangju, South Korea
Practice: Bitgoel Sport Complex (adjacent building approx. 100M from the main building)

Accommodation : Prado Hotel (All technical officials, except Umpires)
Green Tourist Hotel (Foreign Umpires)

Equipment : Competition Tables (12 nos.) : Donic Skyline (blue)
Practice Tables (18 nos.) : Donic Skyline (blue)
Nets : Donic (blue)
Balls : Donic*** (white)
Towel Boxes : Donic (black)
Score Indicators : Donic (black)
Asst. Umpire's Table : Donic (blue)
Surrounds : Donic (blue)

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Flooring : Taraflex (brick red)
Team Names on surrounds : Plastic (blue)
Team match scores on surrounds : Donic (black)

Referee's Briefing :

- Chaired by Referee: Cyril Sen
- Meeting Room in Yeom-ju Gymnasium
- 26 October @ 1030 hrs
- All, except two foreign umpires were present. (The two arrived later that night). As almost all the Koreans had little knowledge of English, the briefing was done in 2 languages.
- Emphasis was placed on:
 - New / amendments to the Rules
 - Clothing
 - Illegal advice
 - Hand signals
 - Use of score indicators
 - Field of Play procedures
 - Racket Control (Racket Controller, Ms Rachel addressed the gathering)
 - Presentation (more so as we now had a Field of Play Manager who also addressed the gathering)
- Pre-session briefings were held on the mornings of the 2nd, 4th and 6th days

Managers' Meeting & Draws :

- Chaired by TD: Nico Verspeelt
- Meeting Room in Yeom-ju Gymnasium
- 26 October @ 1330 hrs
- No. of Countries: 46 (most were present)
- Referee's principal instructions/comments:
 - Open Events:
 - ✓ Draw made at meeting
 - ✓ Start @ 0930 on 27th Oct
 - ✓ Last session starts @ 1515 on 28th
 - ✓ Followed by medal ceremony
 - Class Singles Events:
 - ✓ Draw to be made at 1100 on 27th
 - ✓ Start @ 1730 on 28th
 - ✓ Last session starts @ 1215 on 31st
 - ✓ Followed by medal ceremony
 - Tem Events:
 - ✓ Composition of teams to be given to TD by 12 noon of the 28th
 - ✓ Draw to be made at 1100 on 29th

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- ✓ Start @ 0900 on 1st Nov
- ✓ Last session starts @ 1530 on 2nd
- ✓ Followed by medal ceremony, Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner @ 1840

- Emphasis was placed on:
 - ✓ New / amendments to the Rules
 - ✓ Playing Clothing: Colours
 - ✓ Racket Control
 - ✓ One advisor for individual events and a maximum of 4 advisors in team events
 - ✓ Players to be ready at Call Area at least 30 minutes before scheduled start of match for individual events, and at least 45 minutes before scheduled start of Team events
 - ✓ Match Procedure, including:
 - Team Events: if team captain or representative does not come to the draw conduct area by 40 minutes before the scheduled time of the match, his team would be considered to have forfeited the right to a choice in the line-up draw, the choice of ball(s), and the selection by lot in the case of similarity of shirt colours

- Racket Control Procedures:
 - ✓ As both the RCs were busy with the voluntary testing, this topic was covered by the Referee

Referee's Log :

Playing Clothing:

- A number of Teams / players did not have their names on the back of the shirts. They were given a grace period of the Open Event period to have this corrected. Most did, and the few exceptions who did not have the names printed on, used marker pens to write the names on the shirts.
- In almost every session, there was at least one table where players were required to change their shirts because of colour

The Racket (where there was no Racket Control):

- On numerous occasions, rackets were disallowed as the covering material was abnormally sticky having very high friction properties. Players either changed the racket or cleaned the rubber surface.
- On a few occasions, rackets were disallowed because the covering material was excessively damaged

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The Racket (where there was Racket Control):

- Post Match Tests:
 - ✓ VOC: there were 2 failures, viz: Rena Mc Carron Ronney (IRL) (F2), and Egon Kramminger (AUT) (M3)
 - Results of both matches were recorded as forfeits and players informed of the consequences
 - ✓ Thickness: This was a major issue as it was discovered that there were many coverings (ordinary pimped rubber) of more than one brand that exceeded the 2mm limitation in thickness. After some discussion with the Referee team and the TD team, it was decided to not impose any penalty and to permit the use of these coverings. This matter will be a part of a separate report by me on Racket Control.
- On a few occasions, rackets were disallowed because the covering material was excessively damaged

Medical Services:

- On the 4th day of competition, at about 2030 hrs, a Class 1 female player injured her hand causing it to bleed slightly. It was then discovered that the medical services team had left the venue. The match was suspended for approximately 5 minutes during which time a first aid box was located and a plaster applied to the wound.
- The next day the Referee informed the medical services head of what had occurred, and henceforth, the medical team only left after the last match was over.

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PPS:

Date	Pl. No.	Assoc	Name	PPS	PPS	PPS	Event	Table	Time	Offence
26-Oct	265	SWE	Andersson, Robert	Y			OM1-5	T3	1330	banging the able
	401	FRA	Seringnat, Francois	Y			OM6-10	T7	1500	kick the table
	105	FRA	Boumedovha, Karim	Y			OM6-10	T11	1930	kick the table
	45	KOR	Cho Kyoung Hee	Y	YR+1		OF1-5	T6	2000	kick the table; wasting time
27-Oct	178	KOR	Moon Sung Hye	Y	R		OF1-5	T6	2000	advisor (illegal advice)
28-Oct		POL	Grdzien, Piotr	Y			SM8	T7	1850	threw racket to floor
		FRA	Fle-Vry, Yannick	Y			SM8	T11		
29-Oct		USA	USA Advisor	Y			SM7	T12	1320	advisor (illegal advice)
	257	SVK	Jambon, Mishar	Y			SM8	T11	1400	hit net with racket
		SRB	SRB Advisor	Y			SF4	T3	1400	
	41	CHN	Chen Chao	Y				T10	1840	kick the table
	179	KOR	Jung Ji Nam	Y	YR+1	YR+2	SF4	T6	2040	time wasting
	272	TPE	Lui Pi Chun	Y			SF4	T6	2040	time wasting
30-Oct	193	KOR	Choi Kyoung Sik	Y			SM4	T3	1720	kick the table
	40	CHN	Quo Xing Yuan	Y			SM4	T3	1720	unnecessary towelling at the wrong time
31-Oct	90	FRA	Merrien Florian	Y			SM3	T2	1000	hit the umpire's table with the racket
01-Nov	16	BEL	Duquesne, Arnoud	Y			TM6-7	T8	0900	misbehaviour

General Comments :

: Call Area (which was incorrectly called the 'Rule 51 Room' as the Rules applied in this room were ITTF Rules 3.2.2 and 3.2.5):

- This proved to be very useful as it allowed for the resolving of playing and racket issues to be resolved before going to the FoP
- This room was also used as the Waiting Area before going to the FoP. Though the room was fairly large, it was not large enough to cater for the team events, where there were standing and wheelchair players involved. It was not possible to use the corridor between the room and the FoP as it was too cold.

Practice Hall:

- To get from this to the Call Area, one had to move across an open roadway for approx. 100M. As the weather outside was rather cold (often times less than 10°C , taking into account wind-chill), players were unhappy as they had cooled down by the time they arrived at the Call Area.

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- On the last day of competition, the LOC closed the Practice Hall to allow it to prepare for the closing ceremony and farewell dinner (which were held in this hall). This deprived the teams playing in the last 2 sessions, viz. 1300 hrs and 1530 hrs the opportunity to practice before competition.

Racket Control:

- Due to the large number of players wishing to have their rackets voluntarily tested and the availability of only one set of equipment, besides having only one experienced RC person, players had to queue for up to 3 hours to get their rackets tested.

Local Organising Committee:

- Volunteers: though there were many in the venue, none were allocated for the Referee team or the Racket Control team. After repeated requests, the RC team was allocated 3 volunteers, whilst the Referee team had to make do with ad hoc volunteers.
- General Support: this was good and much appreciated

Field of Play:

- Having a person appointed to manage this did ease the pressure on the Referee team
- It is important to ensure that requests for any activity on the FoP which involve the duties of the Referee are directed to the Referee in the first instance (Ref. Reg. 3.3.1)
- It was unclear as to who is responsible for ensuring the correctness and timeliness of announcements (as part of the presentation)

Umpires:

- Having a total of 49 umpires for 12 tables with matches starting at 0900 and ending at 2100 hrs, on average, without a break, was definitely insufficient, causing umpires to express their frustration by the 2nd day.
- The competition programme provided for only a half-day off on the 5th day of competition. So as to provide principally the foreign umpires a little more time off, umpires had to work double time at least once each day.
- Ref HMO Appendix B: "Umpires shall be on duty for no more than 8 hours in a day and shall receive at least a 20 minute break every 3 hours on duty. At World Championships each visiting umpire shall have 1 free day".

Unless there are sufficient umpires, this will not be possible.

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- If the intention to require IUs to be RCs is to be implemented, it will be necessary to take this into account when deciding the total number of umpires required. At least 2 RCs are required to be on duty every time RC is in operation.
- With the exception of 2 umpires who were NUs, all the rest were IUs with approx. 40% being either BB or BBIP umpires. This quality of the umpires was evident in their presentation, but the excessively relaxed interpretation of the service rule indicated possible inexperience in managing para matches.
- The cooperation extended by almost all the umpires was excellent.

Referee Team:

- As per HMO Appendix B, the recommended number of referees = number of playing halls x 2 + 1.
Where there is a Call Area, it is suggested that this be considered as a 'playing hall' when determining the number of referees required as one member of the referee team is required in that room at all times.
- The support, cooperation, responsibility to duty, and knowledge of the Deputy Referees was excellent, and one couldn't ask for more.

Appreciation:

This being a World Championships, the expectations and demands were high, both from the players and teams, as well as from the public.

The LOC is to be congratulated for having made the effort to ensure things were done right, and whenever there were additional requests, to try and accede wherever possible. Refreshments were always available to one and all, and the meals provided were of a good standard. The warmth of its people made the cold weather bearable and sometimes, seem non-existent.

The support, advice and cooperation extended us by the TD and Deputy TD helped make our task so much easier and for this we are grateful and extend our heartfelt thanks.

Finally, a word of thanks to the many volunteers who were there ready and willing to push wheelchairs, assist us in the administration work, help with interpretation, and to be there to offer a warm smile and friendly chatter. Because of them we were able to accomplish so much and to do it so well.

CYRIL SEN
(Referee)

9 November 2010