

**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION**



**TECHNICAL DELEGATE  
EVALUATION REPORT**

<b>Name of Tournament:</b>	<b>Asian Youth Para Games 2017</b>
<b>Factor Applied for:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Responsible Federation:</b>	<b>Asian Paralympic Committee</b>
<b>Chairman of Organising Committee:</b>	<b>Mr Tarek SOUEI</b>
<b>Dates of Play:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>
<b>Name of Technical Delegate:</b>	<b>Steven W.H. LEE</b>
<b>Report submitted to ITTF PTT:</b>	<b>23<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>

## 1- Background

Asian Youth Para Games is a multi-sports youth sporting event with the first Games held in Tokyo, Japan in 2009 and the second Games held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2013. This is the third time the Games is held. There are 30 countries and 800 athletes participating in the event. Sports events include Athletics, Swimming, Boccia, Goal Ball, Badminton, Powerlifting and Table Tennis.



## 2- Accomodation and Meals

All the athletes stayed at Al Bustan Hotel while the staff and technical officials stayed at Movenpick Hotel.

Address: Al Nahda Road, Al Towar Dubai UAE

Al Bustan Hotel has a total of 640 rooms, including Single, Double, Triple and Quadruple rooms. The hotel has enough rooms for wheelchair persons.

Alongside the hotel, there is a mall with several restaurants. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all served on-site and in a buffet style, offering a variety of different foods, and if needed, lunch boxes can be arranged in the restaurant.





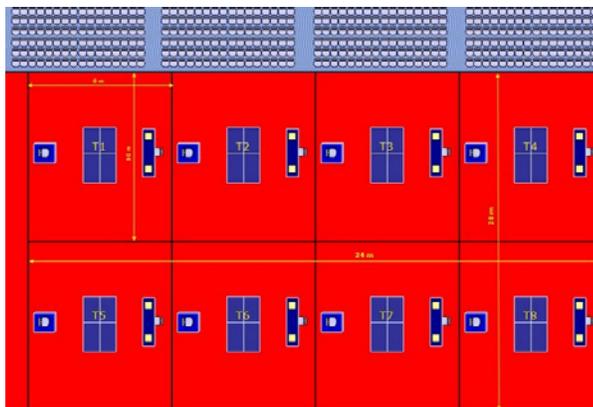
Wi Fi service is available.

Free water is also provided at the venue.

### 3-The Venue

Table Tennis was played at the Dubai Club for People of Determination, a sports center for the handicapped, with playing fields, track and field, conference halls and offices. Table Tennis, Athletics, Goal ball and Powerlifting were all held here.

The size of the venue is not big enough, only 24M x 20M for 8 tables. The size of the field of play in the preliminary rounds is 6M x 10M. For the last day of the competition, only 4 tables were used, each field of play size is 6M x 12M.



The venue is shared with the Goal Ball. Goal Ball was played in the morning while table tennis was played in the afternoon i.e. from hours 15:30 to 22:00 because of the need to remove the Goal Ball facilities and to set up the tables and surrounds.



The spectators stand is located on the side of the stadium and can accommodate about 200 people with the wheelchairs persons watching the matches on the side. Owing to the small size of the venue, the passage way is very narrow and crowded.

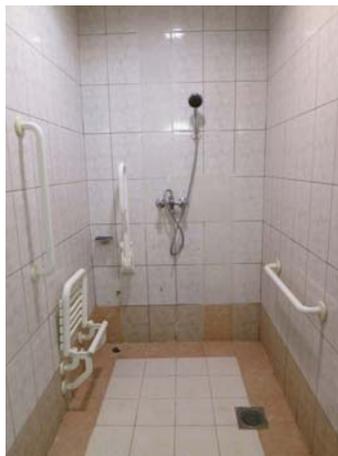
There is no warming up venue, so practice sessions were held on the 8th and 9th December, 2017. For other days (10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017) players were allowed to warm up for 1 hour before the start of the matches.

The organiser originally planned to cancel the team competition because of the tight time factor. However the countries appealed and it was finally decided to carry out the team events. The teams agreed to play the matches until 11 pm or even later.

Floor:	Rigid floor with PVC flooring
Lighting:	Approximately 1000 lux
Spectator seats:	Accommodate for about 200 persons.
Official rooms:	TD and Referee room OC Office Meeting room Medical room
Call area:	located in the entrance
Gluing area:	outside of the venue
Toilet and change rooms:	4
Internet access:	Wi-Fi connection in the hall for everybody

The Control tables for Officials and Computer Operators were all in the playing hall. Medical/ First Aid was located at the back of venue.





#### 4-Equipment

- Tables: Stiga Expert Roller - 4 tables  
DHS T1223 - 4 tables
- Nets: Double Happiness
- Balls: Stiga Optimum 40+ \*\*\* (white)
- Score boards: Double Happiness
- Surroundings: Stiga



#### 5-Competition Days

- 8 December Team Arrival
- 8-10 December Classification
- 10 December Technical meeting / Umpire briefing / Opening Ceremony
- 10-13 December Individual Singles event
- 11-12 December Teams event (night session after the completion of the singles session for the day)
- 13 December Medals presentation / Closing Ceremony
- 14 December Departure

#### 6-Number of Participants

A total of thirteen countries participated in the competition.

Men's Wheelchair players: 13  
Men's Standing players: 41  
Women's Wheelchair players: 7  
Women's Standing players: 18  
Men's ID players: 6  
Women's ID players: 7  
Grand Total: **92** players.

## 7-Transport

Travel to the Hotel from the Dubai International Airport is 20 minutes by car..

The hotel is very close to the venue; it is about ten minutes walk. Traffic is not much of a problem, just a longer waiting time for the wheelchair persons.



## 8-Officials

TD: Steven W.H. LEE (AUS)  
Classifiers: Ms Cannie LEUNG (HKG)  
Keith MUNDY (AUS)  
Referee: Ms Ying Qui ZHANG (CHN)  
Deputy referee: Lim Hai LEOW (MAS)  
Senior Sport Manager: Fathi LASHEHAB (UAE)  
Competition Manager: Mohsen ELDEMERDASH (UAE)  
Assistant CM: Walied MUSTAPHA (UAE)  
Computer Controller: Mohsen ELDEMERDASH (UAE)

There were 22 umpires serving in the tournament, 5 from UAE and 17 from overseas. Among the overseas umpires, 7 were from EGY, 1 from ALG, 3 from SYR, 1 from JOR, 2 from BRN, 2 from KUW and 1 from LIB.

The Referees, Ms Yingqui ZHANG and Lim Hai LEOW, were very professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament.

## 9-Meetings

The Technical meeting was held at 10.00 am on 10th December. The meeting finished quickly with a short briefing from the Organiser, the Technical Delegate and the Referee regarding matters that needed to be attended to.



## 10-Draws

The tournament was run with the use of Dr Wu's computer program which was most helpful to the referee, as it saved a lot of time and was accurate. The draw was conducted under ITTF PTT regulations. The Singles draw was carried out on 10th December after the Team Manager's meeting. The Team events draw was carried out on the following morning.

## 11-Classification

This time there are many new athletes participating in the competition with a total of 40 athletes needing classification. Classification started from 3:00 pm on the 8th until 10:00 am on the 10th. There were only two classifiers and this make the classification process a bit tight. Four athletes didn't turn up.

## 12-Results

All the schedules and results were generated by the computer program which was very quick and efficient.

All information was given to the teams at the venue and via instant message. Digital results were sent to PTT website.



### 13-Other Staff

There were 15 ball boys/girls on duty each day. They are university students.

There were two medical officials on duty at the playing venue.

There was TV broadcast in the last 2 days of the competition.



### 14- Entertainment

Opening Ceremony – 10<sup>th</sup> December evening

Closing Ceremony – 13<sup>th</sup> December evening

Stalls were set up in the venue to promote the local culture. Athletes were given the opportunity to try Arab food, beverages, apparels and also appreciate the Arabian handicrafts and so on.



## **15- Evaluation:**

Accommodation:	Good
Transport:	Good
Meals:	Good
Playing venue:	Unsatisfactory
Sport equipment:	Good, ITTF approved
Light in the hall:	Good
Information:	Fair
Referee:	Excellent and professional work
Umpires:	Good work
Computer:	Good work
Organization:	Fair
Medal presentation:	Excellent

## **16- Conclusion and recommendations:**

I know that the Organising Committee has been given a very short period of time to take over the games, so I understand all aspects of the deficiencies. We are utilizing the resources available and making every effort to run the competition smoothly. From the number of participants taking part, a lot of young athletes took part this time. This is good and beneficial for the promotion Para Table Tennis.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the organizing committee, officials, all staff and volunteers for the great work done.

Suggestions for future improvements are as follows:

1. In the early stages, most of the information was not circulated until very late, especially the registration of participants as NPC directly send the registration to LOC. LOC is advised to check with ITTF with the list as soon as possible so as to avoid time constraints which is causing some new players difficulties to register in time.
2. The competition venue is too small. Furthermore another sports – Goal Ball share the same venue in the morning session. Time allocated for table tennis is from 3.30 pm to 10.00 pm. As such, the time allocated for table tennis is insufficient for the competition proper as well as for the warming up sessions. Hopefully special attention is given to this matter so as to overcome this problem in the near future.

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