INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION PARA TABLE TENNIS



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: 2013 MIKE DEMPSEY MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ranking Factor Approved for: 20

Name of the Organizer: USA Table Tennis

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Name of the Tournament Director: Andre Scott

Dates of the Tournament: December 3 – December 8, 2013

Name of Technical Delegate Karol Ziduliak - CAN

Participants Report submitted to ITTF Headquarters on December 10, 2013

Accommodation: Town and Country Resort Hotel

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

No need for transportation to the venue.

Meals: All accredited players, coaches, team leaders and additional staff

were issued \$270 Gift Certificates, which they could use for meals

in any restaurant of the hotel and the Shopping mall

Venue: Convention hall of Town and Country Resort Hotel

Lighting – 220-340 lux

Floor – Teraflex – good quality

Bleachers – made – for approximately 400 spectators Control desk & TD desk – at elevated platform Referee's desk - at the level of playing field.

Washrooms: both Men and Women wheelchair accessible. Medical service – available all the time during the competition

Transport: By a big bus and smaller vans with lift for wheelchairs.

Transport was provided from and to the airport. There was no need for transportation between the hotel and the playing venue, because

both are in the same complex.

Equipment: Tables: JOOLA – all ITTF approved - wheelchair accessible

16 competition tables, 14 warm – up tables

Nets: JOOLA

Balls: Nittaku*** white

Officials: Referee: Norman Tang – IR - CAN

Deputy Referee: Joseph Yick – IR – USA

Classifier: Sharon BROOKS – USA

Jasmine KEPPLER - GER

Umpires: JPN-7, RUS-2, ESA-1, NGR-1, CAN-1,

USA-10. Total of 22.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman: Andre Scott

Floor Manager: Joe Rubendall

Medical person: Nancy

USATT liaison: Jasna Rather, Ph.:

Transport and accommodation: Ales Letonja, Lisa Hauck,

Danielle Brooks

Sandi Hill Awards presentation manager:

Computer Person: Larry Bawly

Web master & Results: Alexandros Ioannidis

Live video feed: David DelVecchio

Results:

The draws were updated regularly after each round on the Results Board. In addition the draws were posted on electronic board. All the draws and results were distributed to all countries to pigeon holes in a timely fashion. All delegations were given the results in

a booklet form during the Award ceremony.

Results in electronic form sent to ITTF PTTD website 2 times daily. The files of Singles and Teams sent to Ranking director for posting the results on the website after all the events had been finished.

There was a very extensive live video feed:

Dec. 5: morning – 3:14:33, afternoon – 3:41:57, evening – 2:59:21 Dec. 6: morning – 2:30:42, afternoon – 3:03:27, evening – 4:15:34

Dec.7: morning – 4:06:44, afternoon & evening – 4:49:14

The feeds are of a very good quality, available at

mdmtt.org/tournament-info/live-feed/

There were interviews with 10 players and 2 coaches. Most of them were posted on the IPTTC web site.

Participants: 112 male athletes

27 female athletes

22 coaches 3 leaders

26 supporting staff

190 in total from 30 countries of 5 continents.

Classification: Classifiers have tested and established the classes as follows: BEL MARIEN François M 7

CAN MOJTAHED Masoud M 7

CAN CARON Curtis M 8

CAN CHAN Stephanie F 8

CAN CHRISTIE Alex M 10

FRA MESSI Stephane M 7

FRA BOUVAIS Thomas M 8

GBR KARABARDAK Paul M 7

GBR SHILTON Billy M 7

IRL ROONEY Ronan M 2

KOR HA Hee Yuen M 2

KOR KIM Kwang Chun M 3

KOR KIM Young Duk M 4

KOR LEE Myung Keun M 2

KOR SEOK Seong Hwan M 9

NGR NICK Emmanuel M 4

NGR Obiora Chinenye F 5

NZL Kamizona Victor M 9

USA CEJUDO Jesse M 3

USA PATTISON Eric M 5

USA ROSENFELD Daniel M 7

USA SCRIVANO Daniel M 8

USA MCALOOSE Hunter M 7

Classification was done very well and professionally.

Meetings:

Umpires briefing:

December 4 – 19:00 – meeting room in the venue

Technical meeting:

December 4 - 18:00 – meeting room in the venue.

Meeting chaired by TD according to the provided Agenda.

Organizers have given information about the accommodation and meals.

All delegations were given the Singles Draws, asked for submitting the composition of teams to the Referee by 12:00 (noon) on Dec. 5 and composition of their delegations to TD by 16:00 on Dec. 5.

Draws for Team events given to all delegations at 20:00 on Dec.5 to distribution boxes (pigeon holes).

Competition Days:

December 3 - 4: Arrival of teams

December 3 - 4: Classifications

December 5: Singles events competition

December 5 - 6: Singles and Teams events competition

December 6 - 7: Teams events competition

December 7: Awards Presentations
December 8: Departures of delegations

Evaluation:

In general the tournament was very well prepared - good schedule, matches on time. According to many players and officials this year edition was much better than the last year's.

Equipment good – all ITTF approved tables, wheelchair accessible.

Set up of the gym good. Accommodation: very good Transport: very well organized

Information: very good information on the info board, pigeon

boxes

Referee: very good and professional work

Deputy referees: very good and professional work

Umpires: good

Computer operator: very good

I would like to point out areas where the organizers could improve. It is not meant as a criticism, rather than suggestions for making the next year's tournament even better.

- 1. Try to get VIPs from the city of San Diego to be present at the Opening Ceremony..
- 2. The number of umpires according to PTT Directives should be 14(tables)x2+4=32.
- 3. Lighting measured between 240 340 lux is not enough. It should be better than that, at least 600 lux.
- 4. Awards Ceremony Individual and Teams Awards should be done separately. It was too much doing all at the end. It should be done also more appropriately than this time.

Mr. Andre Scott was always ready to listen to all requests for making the Tournament better and has followed through with actions right away.

CONGRATULATION ANDRE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE WELL ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT. I KNOW THAT VISITING PLAYERS HAVE ENJOYED IT.

Note to medal awards: According to 3.9.3.1.2 of Directives to PTT events "If a singles event has fewer than 4 players or a team has fewer than 5 teams, no bronze medal will be awarded". It effectively means that all 4 players in singles events of 4 players will get medals. I believe it diminishes the value of medals. I would like to propose for consideration by PTTD something like: if 4 players 2 medals, if 3 players 1 medal, 6 players 4 medals, etc. Similarly awarding of medals in teams.

Submitted by Karol Ziduliak, Technical Delegate

December 21, 2013.

Pictures:



Marching in of the Players for Opening ceremony



Addressing the audience by the judge



Official Opening by the Tournament Director Andre Scott



1minute silence in memory of Nelson Mandela



The youngest players – Jenson Van Emburgh (13) and Ian Seidenfeld (12)



Athletes after being awarded the medals



Transportation vans by Metropolitan Transit System



Wheelchair players getting in the vans