INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION



TECHNICAL DELEGATE EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament: 2015 Para Oceania Regional

Championships

Factor Applied for: 50

Responsible Federation: OTTF & Table Tennis Australia

Chairman of Organising Committee: Sue Stevenson

Dates of Play: 10th – 12th April 2015

Name of Technical Delegate: Steven W.H. Lee

Report submitted to ITTF PTT: 20th April 2015

1- The venue

The 2015 ITTF PTT Oceania Para Table Tennis Regional Championships was held in conjunction with the 2015 ITTF-Oceania Cup and Pacific Cup.

The Bendigo Stadium is a venue that hosts a wide variety of sporting, entertainment and conference events. The 2014 ITTF-Oceania Cup & Championships were held in the same stadium.





2- Accommodation and Meals

The organiser arranged for 5 hotels for the players.

Quality Inn Colonial (2 wheelchair accessible beds)

Quest Bendigo (3 wheelchair accessible beds)

Quest Bendigo Central (4 wheelchair accessible beds)

The Schaller Studio (Art Series) (4 wheelchair accessible beds)

Central City Caravan Park (no wheelchair accessible beds)

The rooms for the disabled are located at the ground floor and is easily accessible by wheelchairs. Players from Fiji stayed at their relatives' home. All the hotels are located near the stadium.

All rooms have TV, fridge and WiFi connection.









Some accommodation has cooking facilities. The playing stadium has a restaurant and a convenience store. Shopping can be done at a nearby supermarket.

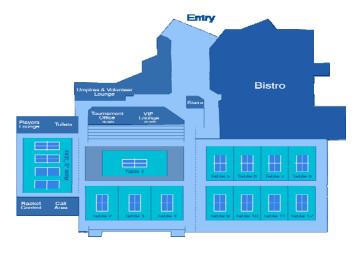
Breakfast, lunch and dinner were arranged by the teams themselves. The reason meals are not offered for all participants is due to the extra costs involved, so most of the national associations prefer to manage their own meals to reduce costs.

Water is provided at the venue.

3-Playing Venue

The stadium has 7 netball courts (30m x 15m), of which 4 are used for competition, 1 TV Show court (20m by 10m) and 11 international standard size courts.

The venue was divided into two parts. The main hall has 4 tables with teraflex flooring. The second hall has 8 tables including 4 tables for wheelchairs. Some of the matches were played on the TV court.











A practice area is located at the back of the arena with 5 tables.

There is a spectator stand on one side of the stadium, seating about 600 for the participants and spectators. An area for wheelchairs is on the floor level.

Floor: Telex for Main hall / Wooden floor for second hall

Lighting: Approximately 1000 lux

Spectator seats: about 600

Rooms for Official: TD, Referee's room and Office

Umpire's room

Toilet and change rooms: 4









The racket testing and call area was adjacent to the training hall. The control table for Officials was in the playing hall.

An office and function room with bar facilities is located above the spectator stands, with views to the matches through glass windows

Overall the facilities were very satisfactory.

4-Equipment

- Tables: 4 tables – Double Happiness T1818W

7 tables - Double Happiness T1223

1 table - Double Happiness Silver Rainbow

Training area: 5 tables - Double Happiness T1818W

- Nets: Double Happiness

- Balls: Double Happiness (40+ White)

- Score boards: Double Happiness

- Surroundings: Blue

- Towels Box: Double Happiness









5-Competition Days

- 7 & 8 April Classification Seminar

- 8 April Team Arrival & Classification

- 9 April Classification / Practice

- 9 April Technical meeting- 10 April Individual Singles event

- 11 April Teams event

- 12 April Teams event / Medals presentation

- 13 April Departure

6-Number of Participants

A total of five countries participated.

Mens Wheelchair players: 4

Mens Standing players: 15 Womens Wheelchair players: 5 Womens Standing players: 4 Mens ID players: 3

There were only five participating nations with 31 athletes. Therefore only four individual events were official matches:

Men's Class 3-5 Men's Class 6-10 Women's Class 3-5 Women's Class 6-10

To provide opportunities for competition for players, unofficial mixed team events were also conducted so that players could get maximum benefit from the competition.

It is hoped that there will be more nations and players participating in the next Regional Championships.

7-Transport

The organisers arranged for transportation for the officials to and from the playing venue. Travel time and distance from the hotel to the venue is within 10 minutes. Bendigo is a quiet town. As it is also the Easter holidays, there is no problem with traffic.





8-Officials

Organizing committee:

Chair person: Sue STEVENSON Tournament Director: Michael BROWN

Classifiers: Sheng WU (TPE)

Tah Fatt ONG (MAS)

Dr Seiichi SUZUKI (JPN)

Referee: Dave DELPRATT (AUS)

Deputy referee: Cyril SEN (MAS)

Neil MONTFORT (AUS)

Results and Computer: Graeme IRELAND (AUS)

There were 17 umpires assisting in the tournament, 12 from Australia and 5 from overseas. Among the overseas umpires, 2 were from Japan, 2 from New Caledonia and 1 from Malaysia. They were all very professional and did a great job.

The Referees team was very professional and most helpful in the smooth running of the tournament.

Peter Marriott, the CEO of TTA, Sue Stevenson, National Development and Inclusion Manager of TTA and Michael Brown were attentive to all aspects of the tournament and their involvements were much appreciated.





9-Meetings

The Technical meeting was held at 6.00pm on 9th April. The Referee considered matters that needed to be attended to and made changes to the player's list in the team events.

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 done on 9 April before the Manager's meeting.

11-Classification

Three Classifiers were responsible for classifying the players and they were very efficient. A total of 11 players were required for classification and one for review. Classification commenced on 8 April at 3.00pm and finished on 9 April at 12.00pm.

12-Racket Control

Voluntary Racket Testing was conducted on 9 April for the players. The majority of players did not have experience of racket testing.

Compulsory testing was conducted on 10 April during the competition. All tests were satisfactory and there was no instance of breach of the VOC regulations.



13-Doping

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority conducted doping tests for the champions of the four official singles events. All tests were passed.

14-Broadcasting

During the competition period, YouTube broadcasted the matches on the show court everyday.

15-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.

Digital results were sent to the PTT website.



16-Other Staff

The Bendigo Table Tennis Association provided great assistance and support to make the competition successfully.

Also volunteers from Bendigo Table Tennis Association provided assistance in the set up and pack up. This is greatly appreciated.

17- Entertainment

A simple but grand opening ceremony was held on the 10th April night with lion dancing. The atmosphere was great.





18- Evaluation:

Accommodation: Very good
Transport: Very good
Meals: Good
Playing venue: Excellent

Sport equipment: Excellent, ITTF approved

Light in the hall: Excellent Information: Good

Referee: Excellent professional work

Umpires: Very good work
Computer: Excellent work
Organization: Very good
Medal presentation: Very good

19- Conclusion and recommendations:

Disabled matches were held at the same time as able-bodied matches. Resources were well arranged. As disabled table tennis is still developing in the Oceania region, this is great assistance in the promotion of the sport.

The tournament progressed smoothly throughout in a great atmosphere. Overall, this tournament was very successful and the players were satisfied.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee, officials, staffs and volunteers for the great work done.