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Report



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2nd IWAS World Championship Electric Wheelchair Hockey (WC 2010) was held in Italy, Lignano Sabbiadoro from 1 – 8 November 2010. Eight Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) nations participated:

1. The Netherlands
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. Australia
5. Finland
6. Belgium
7. Denmark
8. Switzerland

The atmosphere was great. Each match day about 200 spectators visited this championship (in total 800 spectators). As delegates were present: the president of the Italian Paralympic Committee Luca Pancalli, the IWAS Vice President Karl Vilhelm Nielsen and the ICEWH Chairman John Teunissen. As special guests two representatives from Canada showed their interest by visiting this major event to look for more cooperation. The teams showed a professional performance and the matches were of a high level (technically and tactically). Many matches gave close results, which realised a very exciting competition. Germany became World Champion for the first time in a terrific final, with a golden goal in the extra time, against the previous World Champion: the Netherlands.

2. GENERAL ORGANISATION

The WC 2010 was very well organised with the endorsement of the Italian Paralympic Committee, member organisation of the IWAS. The organising committee (OC) consisted of members of the FIWH, the national organisation for EWH in Italy. Everything was organized professionally, from opening ceremony (with the Italian Federation of Dance) till closing ceremony (with the Italian National Models Soccer Team), from Control Days till Finals. The drawing to divide the nations into the A and B group was organized in July 2010 during the Swiss Development Event of Electric Wheelchair Hockey in Nottwil, Switzerland.

Right after the opening and closing ceremonies a formal reception for delegates, vips and sponsors was arranged. The cooperation between the Organizing Committee and ICEWH went regular and smoothly by mail contact. The ICEWH Technical Delegate steered and supported the Organizing Committee by providing information and useful checklists and forms, by answering their queries and supervising stated deadlines.

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Italian organisation for EWH (FIWH) formed the Organising Committee for this event.

Function	Name
President	Antonio Spinelli
Vice President	Claudio Bortolini
Secretary	Fabio Rodo
Member	Anna Rossi
Member	Michela Mantiero
Member	Marco Lazzari
Member	Grazia Biundo
Member	Luca Vittadello
Member	Cristian Locatelli
Member	Rino Cestari
Member	Andrea Vacchetti
Member	Paolo Cifronti
Finance Member	Riccardo Merlino
Promotion	Barbara Piancana

4. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

The Team Delegations were accommodated in Ge.Tur. Hotel Alle Vele, a fully accessible accommodation for wheelchair users. Every team had their own unit with sleeping rooms, living room, and bathrooms.

Also swimming pool, sports hall for practice and meeting rooms were available. Positive was that all the special requests made from the Team Delegations were respected (rooms size and facilities, electric beds and so on). The Officials (Technical Delegate, Jury Members, Referees and Classifiers) were accommodated in the same hotel.

Transportation was arranged between the airports of Venice, Treviso and Trieste and from the railway station of Latisana.

5. SPORTS HALL

The matches took place in the main sports hall of Ge.Tur. This was right next to the hotel accommodation Alle Vele, which gave a great advantage, because no transport(time) was needed between hotel and sports hall. The arena was very nice and big, with wooden floor, cafeteria and many space for audience (4000 seats). One playing field was available for the matches, which was sufficient. Practice possibilities were given in the sports hall above the swimming pool at the same resort.

6. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

The match schedule was set up according the regulations and passed off smoothly. The equipment of the field of play was according the rules as well. A sufficient number of timekeepers, scorekeepers and assistants was arranged by the OC. Also a match secretariat was available and on the play-off days a reporter for the matches was present.

7. OFFICIALS

Nation	Name	Male / Female	Function
ICEWH Technical Delegate			
Netherlands	Anja Wouters	F	Technical Delegate
ICEWH Referees			
Germany	Peter Hohberg	M	A-Referee ; Chief Referee
Australia	Michael Babti	M	C-Referee
Belgium	Wilfried Bouttelgier	M	C-Referee
Denmark	Rasmus Therkildsen	M	C-Referee
Finland	Ilkka Siiki	M	C-Referee
Italy	Agostino Cortese	M	C-Referee
Netherlands	Berry van Manen	M	C-Referee
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	C-Referee
ICEWH Jury Members			
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Jury Member ; Chief Jury
Australia	Mohamad Babti	M	Jury Member
Belgium	Hilaire Swerts	M	Jury Member
Finland	Harri Lindblom	M	Jury Member
Germany	Henry Acquah	M	Jury Member
Italy	Alessandro Pierfederici	M	Jury Member
Netherlands	Marjan de Ridder	F	Jury Member
Switzerland	Veronica Conceicao	F	Jury Member
ICEWH Classifiers			
Belgium	Denis Jaeken	M	Medical Doctor; Chief Classifier
Belgium	Gerda Nelles	F	Physiotherapist
Belgium	Wim de Wilde	M	Physiotherapist
Netherlands	Daan Eenkhoorn	M	Medical Doctor
Spain	Alvaro Daza	M	Sports Technical Advisor
Spain	Carlos Vilalta Bou	M	Medical Doctor
Course Classifiers			
Finland	Ville Arto Tapio Piekkola	M	Physiotherapist
Switzerland	Isabelle Pulver	F	Physiotherapist
Netherlands	Thea Smit	F	Physiotherapist
Germany	Christian Reddig	M	Sports Technical Advisor

All participating nations delivered one Jury Member and one Referee. The IWAS/ICEWH appointed the Technical Delegate, Chief Jury Member, Chief Referee and Chief Classifier.

Daily the Jury Team, the Referees Team and the Classifiers Team have had meetings to evaluate the day and to look forward on the next day(s). Also to instruct and educate the officials to increase the level of functioning. The Referees Team has done research on different speed control systems.

Three Referees have passed the theoretical and practical B-exam and got their international B-certificate. Three classification panels controlled the players' eligibility of every athlete and have done more research to develop a classification system. For the first time a Classifiers Course was organised in which 4 participants of different nations took part.

Cooperation between all Officials was perfect. To work with Chief Officials who steer and instruct the teams was very productive and gave all a lot of positive energy. The Technical Delegate supervised and steered the Chief Officials and the Organising Committee, where necessary, and chaired the Technical Meetings.

8. PARTICIPATING NATIONS

	Group A		Group B
1	Netherlands	1	Germany
2	Denmark	2	Belgium
3	Finland	3	Italy
4	Australia	4	Switzerland

9. FINAL RANKING

Ranking WC 2010		Nation
Place 1	Gold	Germany
Place 2	Silver	Netherlands
Place 3	Bronze	Finland
Place 4		Italy
Place 5		Belgium
Place 6		Denmark
Place 7		Switzerland
Place 8		Australia

10. POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- A more clear document with the full check list for an event (right now part is on the IWAS contract, part on the ICEWH Checklist and part on the Jury Member Checklist)
- The photo's of the Team Delegations must be of a certain dimension (e.g 800x600 pixel) to be useful for printing. All the photos should be named as Name_Surname_role.jpg.
- Special requests as electric beds has affected the budget too much. This should be (if not available on site for free) charged on the single person. The OC can estimate this cost just after the final fee to collect.
- On the Entry and/or Registration Form should be the size for the clothing's for officials.
- The Final List should be on an excel file (easier to use such as a database).
- A high speed internet connection should be provided for all Team Delegations (generic internet connection is not enough).
- Memory gifts for Officials need to be arranged by the OC, as regulated.

11. PHOTO GALLERY

Hotel



Sports Hall



Arena



Cups & Medals



Program book



Opening Ceremony



FIWH Organizing Committee Antonio Spinelli



ICEWH Technical Delegate Anja Wouters

Organizing Committee



Secretary Fabio Rodo



Jury Team



Classifiers Team



Referees Team



Control Day: control of equipment by the Referees Team, control of disability by Classification Panels



Supporters & Players



Before the match

National song



Sharing gifts



The toss



Actions during the matches

Passing



Fighting for the ball



Driving the ball



Faking movement



Around the goalnet



Passing the goaltender



Warning



Referee ball



Free ball



Steering up your team mates



Time out



Captain signing for the match



Happiness after a score



World Champion: Germany



Runner up: The Netherlands



3rd place: Finland



*IWAS Vice President
Karl Vilhelm Nielsen*



*ICEWH Chairman
John Teunissen*



*ICEWH Technical Delegate
Anja Wouters*



*ICEWH Chief Jury
Dorte Berenth*



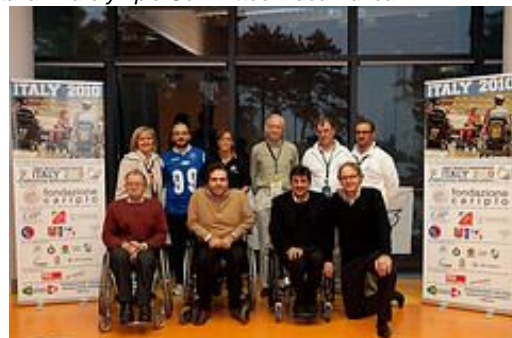
*ICEWH Chief Classifier
Denis Jaeken*



*ICEWH Chief Referee
Peter Hohberg*



*Special guests & sponsors
Italian Paralympic Committee: Luca Pancalli*



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