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### **FIVE STARS – INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT LIGNANO SABBIAADORO, ITALY, 31 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER 2017**





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### INTRODUCTION

The Five Stars International Tournament was organized in Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD), Italy, from 31 October to 5 November by the LOC appointed by FIWH for the IPCH World Championship - Italy 2018,

At the beginning it was meant to be a simple friendly tournament among National Teams to prepare the upcoming World Championship. With this very same aim FIWH requested to IPCH to organize a Classification Session there.

Following the official appointment to host the World Championship IPCH and FIWH negotiate the idea of pairing to the event some educational courses and transform the tournament in an Official IPCH Developing Event, valuable for the World Ranking System during which also test and train the Organizing Committee appointed for the World Championship.

Organization could count on the support of about 15 volunteers involved as drivers, field assistants, streaming production, photographers etc.



*Four members of the LOC with an Italian player*



*The volunteers of the Tournament with their yellow*

### Event aims

The main aim of the Five Stars International Tournament was to create a high level Powerchair Hockey event in order to give to the participating nations a preview of what will happen in the next World Championship.

As an IPCH Official Developing Event, the Five Stars followed all the rules and regulations given by IWAS and IPCH, with the exception of the Antidoping controls.

During the event were also organized:

- Referees Course
- Jury Members Course

Classification Session took place as well and involved 6 IPCH classifiers.

At the same time the event was meant to be the best benchmark for the work of the LOC, helping them in the understanding of the strengths and the weaknesses of their workflow and organization.





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Moreover, the Drawing Ceremony of the two pools of Italy 2018 took place during the days of the tournament.

### Teams

As suggested by the name of the tournament, 5 teams were the participating:

Italy,  
Denmark,  
Finland,  
Germany,  
Switzerland.



*The five flags of the teams*





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### Logo and flyers.

The logo has a simple design which represents a powerchair hockey ball surrounded by stars with the colors of the flags of the Nations involved in the tournament. Under this design there is the title. These parts, all together, remind us a hypothetical 5 Stars hotel logo and tell us about the quality that organizers wanted to reach.



*The logo designed by LOC*

LOC printed flyers in two sizes:

A3 - This bigger print was used as poster around the village and in the sport hall in order to promote the event and to give an overview of the schedule.

A5 - Is printed on the both sides. The front side is identical to the A3 flyer while the back has a detailed scheduling of all the activities. This flyer was given to all the participants and used also as a program book. LOC studied this cheap solution to save money on this budget's item.



*The poster and flyer's front*

<b>31 October</b> 20.00 Opening for Officials 20.30 Technical Meeting	<b>1 November</b> 9-10.30 Training Germany 10.30-12 Training Italy 12-13.30 Training Finland 15-16.30 Training Denmark 16.30-18 Training Switzerland	<b>2 November</b> 10-11 Training Finland 11-12 Training Switzerland 12-13 Training Denmark 14-15 Training Germany 15-16 Training Italy 17 Transfer of the delegates to Udine 20.15 Drawings Italy 2018
	9-13 14-19 Courses, controls and classifications 20.30-22 Field check equipment controls	9-13 14-18 Courses, controls and classifications
<b>3 November</b> 10 Opening Ceremony 10.30-12 Italy-Switzerland 12-13.30 Germany-Denmark 15-16.30 Finland-Switzerland 16.30-18 Denmark-Italy 18-19.30 Germany-Finland	<b>4 November</b> 9.30-11 Switzerland-Denmark 11-12.30 Italy-Germany 12.30-14 Finland-Denmark 15.30-17 Switzerland-Germany 17-18.30 Italy-Finland 21 Technical Meeting	<b>5 November</b> 9-10.30 #3-#4 11.30-13 #4-#5 14.30-16 #5-#6 16-18 FINAL MATCH 18 Prize Ceremony

*The flyer's back with the scheduling*



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### THE TOURNAMENT

#### Overview

The tournament was played on three days: during day 1 and day 2 ten matches were played (both in the morning and in the afternoon) in order to determine the ranking of the finals of day 3.

The games were opened the 3rd of November with a parade of the delegations and the speeches of the authorities then the opening match was Italy against Switzerland.



*Team Switzerland enters in the opening parade ceremony*



*Mr. Ten Hagen's speech during the opening ceremony*

The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place Final was played between Italy and Finland and was won by the Nordic team with the final score of 3-2, thanks to the golden goal in the extra time of the striker Palonen.

The ranking after the finals is:

- Finland
- Italy
- 
- 
- Denmark

The last match was followed by the prize giving ceremony where all the participants was gifted with a gadget with the logo of the tournament and a medal. Not only the teams but also all the officials and the volunteers received a memory gift.

The final dinner was followed by a farewell party into the entrance of the sport hall with toasts, drinks, a big cake and music.



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### Scores Table

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
ITA 4-3 SUI	SUI 2-3 DEN	
GER 9-4 DEN	ITA - GER	
FIN 5-2 SUI	FIN - DEN	
DEN 2-6 ITA	SUI - GER	
GER 3-3 FIN	ITA 3-3 FIN	

### Training sessions

During the 1st and 2nd of November all the teams had the possibility to train two times behind closed doors on the same court where the matches were played. These training sessions had a length of an hour and a half.

### Communication

During the tournament the streaming of all matches was arranged on the Youtube channel in HD. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were streamed too.

Two photographers' made a photo service during all the match days, ceremonies and at the Drawings as well.



*Pictures from the final between Italy and Finland*





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*Cups and medals of Five Stars Tournament volunteers*



*Closing parade and prizes giving for teams, officials, and volunteers*

### COLLATERAL EVENTS

#### Drawing ceremony

This happening, strongly wanted by IPCH and LOC, was carefully designed to bring powerchair hockey outside the "box" of the sport hall and to put it under the spotlights. The Drawing Ceremony took place at "Stadio Friuli - Dacia Arena", the stadium of the Udinese Calcio S.p.A., a professional football team of the Italian major league (Serie A). A representative for team and some IPCH's Officials were welcomed by Udinese and then guided in a short tour of the stadium, that included the visit of the pitch. All the guests were then accommodated in the press room and then, after the authorities' speeches, an Udinese's player, Kevin Lasagna, performed the drawings under the supervision of the IPCH Technical Delegates. The evening was closed with a tasty buffet for all the participants.

Thanks to Udinese the event was broadcasted on their official tv channel and streamed on the web.

Thanks to the collaboration of Bella Italia EFA all participants left in the hotel (more than 150 people) could see the Drawing and the press Conference on a maxi screen in the Sport Hall.





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*Images from the Dacia Arena in Udine*



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### IPCH Officials' education

The Referee's and Jury Members' courses were arranged in conferences rooms on the first floor of Le Vele, and each room was equipped with beamers, flipcharts and internet connection.

### IPCH Referees' Course

Nine Referees participated at the Referees courses. They came from Australia, Belgium, Finland Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

The course was leaded by two IPCH Istrutors: Mr Davor Matijašević and Mr Ilkka Antero Siiki.

The course was made up of two session the theoretical part ending with an exam and the practical part which was arranged in the auditorium on the swimming pool and the Entrance of the Village on Thursday, November the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a fields was used.

All Referees refereed the tournament's matches

### Jury Members Course

Three Jury Members from Australia and Italy participated to the jury Members course. Mrs Dorte Berenth from Denmark and Mr Lauri Oksanes from Finland were the Istrutors of the Course.

All Jury Member were on the match tables during matches days.

### Classification Panel

Five Classifiers from Finland, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands participated to the Classification Panel. Doctor Kees Van der Breukelen from The Netherland was the Chief of Classifiers group.

Theoric session and practice classification panel were arranged. The classification panels of the athletes (both physical and technical Assessments) were set on the first floor of the Sporthall. Physical Assessment was arranged in a closed space obtained in the Sala Arancio and in a room near it. One broad for each "room" (mechanically adjustable) and one lifter in each one were arranged. Technical Assessment was arranged in the Sala Arancio and medical goniometers will be available and tape measures too.





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### LOGISTIC

#### Accommodation

All participants were housed in "Le Vele" building of Bella Italia Efa Village, and even extra people were allowed to stay in the same hotel, exceptionally from Regulations.

Team Delegations stayed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (the Organizations made all its best to give each team a section for itself. Officials stayed on the 4<sup>th</sup> and all extras on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Special equipments, as high low beds, were available for people who need by payment. Concerning meals, 3 meals for day were served on the ground floor of Le Vele. Extra people stayed in a separated area from accreditates.

The cafeteria on the ground floor of Le Vele was open after breakfasts, after lunches and after dinner, and available if needed.

Wifi internet connection was available for the guests in the Hotel

#### Sport hall

Training sections and matches were both made in the Sporthall of the Bella Italia EFA Village. One full official field was arranged. One more plastic field as reserve was available for the days of the matches, if needed.

Two dressing rooms were available for referees and four for the teams. A First Aid Room, accessible Toilets (two around the field and one near the entrance of the Sport hall) were available for athletes and people.

Equipment control was arranged in a gazebo near the field (with the same kind of floor as the playing field) with speed control equipment (another one was arranged near the teams dressing room) and all tools requested by Regulations books.

Technical Services were arranged by Degonda

#### Rooms

In the Sport hall the Secretariat was set at the entrance of the building. Even the Official's room was set on the ground floor of the sport hall. It was arranged with tea, coffee and refreshments for the Officials. On the first floor of the building the rooms for the panel classification were set too.



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*A nice view of the court in the sport hall*



*Team Denmark outside the hotel "Le Vele"*

### TRANSPORTS

Transportations were arranged for team delegations and Officials, where needed, who arrived by plane or by train from airports of Venice and Treviso and from the train stations of Venice, Treviso and Latisana. Minivan and cars were used to bring people at their arrivals.

Concerning the Departures, a GT Bus (by a private supplier) was even used to make easier the transportations. Local UILDM's and Italian team's Minivan were used to arrange all transportations. CIP's Minivan too was used.

The Organization, by payment, arranged also transportations of 30<sup>th</sup> of October, the day before of the Event, for people who came earlier.