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1. Introduction

The IWAS World Championship Electric Wheelchair Hockey (WC 2014) was held in Germany, Munich from 4 – 11 August 2014. Eight Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) nations were allocated and have participated:

1. Germany (Winner WC 2010 + Host nation)
2. Netherlands (Winner EC2012 + Nr. 1 World Ranking List)
3. Belgium (Runner-up EC2012 + Nr. 2 World Ranking List)
4. Australia (Top Ranked nation Oceania Region)
5. Finland (World Ranking List allocation)
6. Italy (World Ranking List allocation)
7. Denmark (World Ranking List allocation)
8. Switzerland (World Ranking List allocation)

This World Cup has been an unforgettable event for both the athletes and all EWH friends. In total, the WC has been attended by 3,500 spectators. Further spectators using the official livestream have not been counted. IWAS EWH World Championships 2014 in Munich have achieved a remarkable presence in German TV, radio, newspapers and online media. Enclosed please find a summary of all articles and reports related to this event.

As Delegates were present:

Delegates

Nation	Name	Organisation	Function
Netherlands	Mrs. Anja Wouters	ICEWH	Technical Delegate
Netherlands	Mr. Niels Ten Hagen	ICEWH	Assistant Technical Delegate
Netherlands	Mr. John Teunissen	ICEWH	Chairman
Germany	Mr. Abel Stephan	Deutscher Hockey Bund	Chairman
Germany	Mrs. Abele Kathrin	LHM	Stadtratsfraktion SPD
Germany	Mr. Achten Axel	Deutsche Sport Marketing	Chairman
Germany	Mrs. Anthuber Karin	BVS Bayern	Referent for Sport
Germany	Mr. Bachmeier Markus	German Ski Federation	Athlet
Germany	Mrs. Badura Irmgard	Government of Bayern	Member of Bayern Commission for disable people
Germany	Mr. Baier Hartmut	Pixelcolor	General Director
Germany	Mr. Beucher Friedhelm Julius	DBS /NPC	Chairman
Germany	Mr. Birlmeier Peter	Münchener Sporttheater	Founder and manager
Germany	Mr.Boede Klaus Dieter	BVS Bayern	Regional Manager
Germany	Mr. Böhm Gerhard	BMI – Federal Ministry of the Interior	Director of Sport Ministry
Germany	Mr. Clement Jean Marc	Deutscher Rollstuhl-Sportverband (DRS)	Chairman vicarious
Germany	Mrs. Courvoisier Christa	BVS Bayern	Delegate
Germany	Mr. Courvoisier Hartmut	BVS Bayern	President
Germany	Mrs. Eidinger Ute	European Hockey Federation	West – Germany Hockey Federation
Germany	Mrs. Fleuren Marijke	European Hockey Federation	Chairman
Germany	Mrs. Meyer Carola	European Hockey Federation	Vice President
Germany	Mr. Ganter Horst	DGM – Germany Muscle Disease Federation	Chairman
Germany	Mrs. Gebauer Else	Landeshauptstadt Munich – LHM	Delegate
Germany	Mrs. Gilch Marieluise	DMSG LV Bayern	Sponsor
Germany	Mr. Hartleb Frank-Thomas	DBS/NPC	Sport Director
Germany	Mr. Hartung Arno	Olympiapark GmbH	Communication manager
Germany	Mr. Harzel Ines	SSKM – Stadtparkasse Munich	Representative
Germany	Mr. Heil Matthias	Daimler AG	Sponsor

Germany	Mr. Hermann Markus	DMSG LV Bayern	Sponsor
Germany	Mr. Hesse Hans-Ulrich	BLSV Kreis München Stadt, Sportbeirat LHM	Chairman
Germany	Mrs. Hertel Inge	TSV Forstenried	Chairman
Germany	Mr. Hörmann Alfons	DOSB - German Olympic Sports Confederation	Chairman
Germany	Mr. Karpf Nikolaus	EHC Redbull München	Business Manager
Germany	Mrs. Kittlaus Hildegard	TSV Forstenried	Finance committee
Germany	Mrs. Koller Jutta	Landeshauptstadt Munich – LHM	City Council Member
Germany	Mr. Krüger Stefan	SZ Adventskalender	Vice President
Germany	Mr. Lachenmaier Michael	German Floorball Federation	General Secretary
Germany	Mrs. Lechner Susen	Mercedes	Sponsor
Germany	Mr. Liebl Peter	TSV Forstenried	Board Member
Germany	Mrs. Liebl Karin	TSV Forstenried	Board Member
Germany	Mr. Limbach Manfred	BMI - Federal Ministry of the Interior	Sport Director
Germany	Mr. Lommer Günter	BLSV Kreis München Stadt, Sportbeirat LHM	Delegate
Germany	Mr. Merciejuste Martin	BVS Bayern	Regional Manager
Germany	Mr. Nowak André	BBV - Berliner Behindertenverband e.V	Delegate
Germany	Mrs. Parnitzke Nadine	Pro Mobil	Sponsor
Germany	Mrs. Pauligk Christina	BVS Bayern	Marketing/PR
Germany	Mr. Quade Karl	DBS	Vice President
Germany	Mrs. Rosenstein Eva	Stiftung Pfennigparade	Delegate
Germany	Mr. Schäffer Kurt	AST GmbH	Sponsor
Germany	Mrs. Schäffer Renate	AST GmbH	Sponsor
Germany	Mr. Singhammer Johannes	MdB	Vice President Bayern Parliament
Germany	Mrs. Strobl Christine	Landeshauptstadt Munich – LHM	3 rd City Mayor
Germany	Mr. Utz Oswald	Landeshauptstadt Munich – LHM	Head of Munich Commission for disable people
Germany	Mr. Waldmann Ruth	MDL – Federal Parliament Bayern	
Germany	Mr. Walter Jochen	Stiftung Pfennigparade	Executive Board Member
Germany	Mr. Wesel Thomas	Stiftung Pfennigparade	PR Manager
Germany	Mr. Ziegler Udo	IWAS Wheelchair Fencing	General Secretary

The teams showed a professional performance and equipment. The matches were fast and played at an high level of performace both technically and tactically. Matches were very exciting both for players and for the audicence. The Netherlands regains the title of World Champion while Belgium confirms his growth conquering also in the World Championship the 2nd position. The final match was really tactical and mentally demanding for the teams on the field. The Bronze Match was most exciting with Finland against Denmark getting for the first time to the big stage of the four finalists. Finland won the Bronze Medal.

2. General Organisation

A big impact to the success of the event was ensured by the presenting partner Mercedes-Benz, by numerous further sponsors (please see section n.12) and by the city department of Munich of course. In spring 2013, the municipal council of Munich decided to not only support, but to officially host the WC. This meant an administrative and logistic support and above all a lack budget up to €230,000. Adding the fees of the participating nations and the donations of further federations, institutions, persons and enterprises, the OC collected a total budget of slightly less than €500,000, which has never been reached until now in an EWH competition.

Despite this big budget, every Euro was necessary to be able to pay the expensive sports hall as well as the high class accommodation. The main part of the work was done voluntarily, so it's definitely not wrong to evince that a tournament in this dimension would not have been possible without the help of about 100

volunteers. These were recruited and advised by the OC and worked many hours a day for example as delegation guides, in the shuttle service or mainly in the sports centre.

The opening ceremony on August 6, 2014 was a big highlight according to all spectators. The founder and head of the Munich Sports Theatre Ensemble, who directed this ceremony, worked with various artists (“Stix” dance with crutches, “USC Munich” wheelchair dance and “Linguado” Capoeira) and voluntary performers and created an imaginative, entertaining and engaging stage programme. Furthermore, the official WC song “Champion” was live performed by the rap group “BlackOut!”. The opening match between the hosting team Germany and Belgium took place right after the opening ceremony. With this linked schedule the OC could attract a very big audience (about 1,500) and many sponsors/VIPs to the first match, which was very exciting (6:6) and the best publicity for this fascinating sport.

3. Organising Committee

Organizing Committee	
Function	Name
Chair	Stefan Utz
Event manager	Christa Sieber
Marketing	Sophie Sieber
Media and Press Manager	Katrin Donauer
Fundraising	Stefan Utz
Competition Office Manager	Roland Utz
Match Secretariat Manager	Roland Utz
Accommodation	Nadja Mayer
Participants	Julian Wendel
Speakers	Matze Bielek Dan Billadeau Michel Gößl
Hosts	Paula Dreher
Controlling	Hildegard Kittlaus
Transportation	Wassilios Kirtopulos
Volunteers	Dunja Tiebor
Honoured Guest	Peter Sopp Solveig Feldt
Logistics & Consumption	Barbel Schraner
Webmaster	Jorg Diehl
Photographer	
SA Minutes Writer	Hertrampf, Thomas

4. Accommodation & Transport

During the whole event (4-11 August 2014), all officials, delegates and the 8 qualified teams (Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands) stayed in the 4-star hotel Leonardo Royal. It’s easily accessible via public transport services (underground) and motorways. The hotel and the olympic ice sports stadium are separated by a distance of 2 kilometres. Hence, the 250 official participants could easily oscillate between accommodation and sports venue by foot, by wheelchair or by using the organised shuttle service.

5. Sports Hall

The sports venue, where practice sessions as well as the competition and the opening/closing ceremonies were held, was located in the world-famous Olympic Parc. In the ice sports stadium, actually the home of a Munich pro ice hockey club, a new floor has been laid for the WC to offer the athletes the best conditions they can get.

6. Competition Organisation

The match schedule was set up according to the regulations and passed off smoothly. The equipment of the playing field was according to the rules as well. A sufficient number of educated timekeepers, scorekeepers and match assistants were arranged by the OC. Also a match secretariat was available and on all match days a reporter for the matches was present, which intensified the positive atmosphere.

7. Officials

Officials			
Nation	Name	Gender	Function
Jury Members			
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Jury Member ; Chief Jury
Italy	Anna Rossi	F	Jury Member ; Assistant Chief Jury
Germany	Martina Karapusheva	F	Jury Member
Germany	Henry Acquah	M	Jury Member
Netherlands	Marjan de Ridder	F	Jury Member
Australia	Mohamed Bapti	F	Jury Member
Finland	Miro Rejonen	M	Jury Member (new)
ICEWH Referees			
Finland	Ilkka Siiki	M	A-Referee ; Chief Referee
Slovenia	Davor Matijasevic	M	C-Referee ; Assistant Chief Referee
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	A-Referee
Germany	Gerhard Menz	M	C-Referee
Italy	Fabrizio Iotti	M	C-Referee
Belgium	Wilfried Bouttelgier	M	C-Referee
Italy	Andrea Vacchetti	M	C-Referee
Australia	Micheal Bapti	M	C-Referee
ICEWH Classifiers			
Belgium	Denis Jaeken	M	Classifier ; Chief Classifier
Netherlands	Daan Eenkhoorn	M	Classifier ; Assistant Chief Classifier
Czech Republic	Jindriska Cyprisova	F	Classifier
Netherlands	Thea Smit	F	Classifier
Belgium	Wim de Wilde	M	Classifier
Spain	Alvaro Daza	M	Classifier
Course Classifiers			
Germany	Katherina Reitz	F	Course Classifier
Finland	Hannu Kapanen	M	Course Classifier
Netherlands	Kees van Breukelen	M	Course Classifier

For the first time, as agreed during the Sport Assembly held in Finland at the end of EC2012, all the officials have been appointed directly by ICEWH. The International Committee, in agreement with IWAS, also appointed the Technical Delegate, Chief Jury Member, Chief Referee and Chief Classifier as well as their Assistants. All of them take part to daily chief meeting together with the Technical Delegate and her assistant. All chiefs and assistants took also part to the Technical Meetings with Team managers and coaches.

Classifiers course took place on 3rd and 4th August with 3 participants who got their licence. The education for Jury Members and Referees took place in the spare time between controls and regular daily meetings useful to evaluate the day and prepare the next one(s).

Referees have passed the theoretical and practical B-exam and got the certificate. One new Jury Member was educated and got his ICEWH Jury Certificate. Two classification panels controlled the players' eligibility of every athlete using the ICF impairments system and basing on IPC guidelines. Classification procedure is made up of 3 steps: 1. Written medical information before the competition, 2. Control before the event, 3. In competition observation.

8. Participating Nations

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

The drawing to divide the nations into the A and B group was organized in Stiftung Pfennigparade on 16 April 2014 at the presence of Birgit Kober Sport Ambassador of the Event (2x Paralympics Champion 2012 (javelin/shot put), 2x World Champion 2011 & 2013 and European Champion 2012)

9. Final Ranking

Ranking WC 2014	Nation	
Place 1	Gold	Netherlands
Place 2	Silver	Belgium
Place 3	Bronze	Finland
Place 4		Denmark
Place 5		Germany
Place 6		Switzerland
Place 7		Italy
Place 8		Australia

10. Points For Improvement

- Officials need more space in the schedule to meet and/or train (for positioning and movements of referees) before the start of the competition (schedule the arrival 1 day before to have time for educational meeting - as already planned for Classifiers course - or by scheduling 1 day break between controls and matches or before final day).
- Schedule regular official meeting between Referees and Jury Members or at least within the Chiefs of those groups, to make sure they really share the same point of view towards the game and the observation.
- Insert the theoretical exam about rules and signals for both Jury Members and Referees before the event starts
- Jury members and referees should practice the speed control system together and decide on responsibilities.

- Add a specific section about speed control to the match form in order to make it 100% official and to have the chance to track back who has been checked in the previous matches and avoid when possible to test always the same players.
- Be sure Officials have drinks and something to eat in the changing rooms without need to ask every time for that
- Improve the education of the people at the match table who has the task to check the class point calculator and fill the documents and reports.
- The number of jury members and the number of referees needs to be increased to a minimum of 10 for each section. The workload was way too high and too intensive for the officials. There was no backup in case of sickness or other circumstances.
- Meetings should never end later than 2200 hrs. The whole meeting schedule has to be looked upon to become more effective and less demanding for everyone.
- An electronic tool is advised to create the match schedule and the implementation of the officials. This was done by hand and took way too much time.
- Classification has to be finished before the first match to avoid inflicting the matches.

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