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Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 1st IWAS Electric Wheelchair Hockey Qualification Tournament (QT2011) for the European Championship 2012 (EC2012) was held in Spain, Barberà del Vallès from 5 – 8 May 2011. Two new Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) nations participated for the first time with their National Team in an official IWAS/ICEWH Competition: Spain and Slovenia.

Also the Czech Republic was allocated for this official event, but unfortunately couldn't afford to participate. Therefore the ICEWH Executive Committee had to decide on ground of the ICEWH World Ranking System that the Czech Republic loses their ranking over Spain and Slovenia on the ICEWH World Ranking List. As settled in the ICEWH Qualification System EC2012 & QT2011 the winner of the QT2011 (Slovenia) is allocated for the EC2012.

The two present nations have played according the system 'the best of 3 matches'. Agreed with the Organizing Committee (OC) and the participating nations was to play all 3 matches and that each match should be played for a winner, meaning that in case the score would be equal, extra time would be played and, if necessary, penalty shots would be taken.

The atmosphere was great. The first match was visited by about 100 spectators, the second match about 200 spectators and the last match about 300 spectators, which was really great for a small event like this (in total 600 spectators).

The Team Delegations showed a professional performance in outfits, equipment and in play. For the audience the matches were exciting.

As Delegates were present: the Managing Director of the Spanish Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FEDDF) Mr. Miguel Angel Garcia; the President of the Catalanian Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FCEDF) Mr. Josep Gimenez; the Council of Barberà del Vallès: Mrs. Anna del Frago and the Sports Council Mr. Igancio Navarro and as IWAS/ICEWH Technical Delegate: Mrs. Anja Wouters.

As special guests Dr. Oriol Martinez (Chair of the IPC Medical Committee, member at large of the IWAS) and Dr. Denis Jaeken (Chair ICEWH Medical Committee) were present to watch the matches and to meet with each other and the other present Classifiers informally.

2. GENERAL ORGANISATION

The QT2011 was very well organised by the Catalanian Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FCEDF), with the endorsement of the Spanish Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FEDDF, member organisation of the IWAS). Everything was organized professionally and according the IWAS and ICEWH Rules and Regulations.

The cooperation between the Organizing Committee (FCEDF) and IWAS/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 by supervising stated deadlines.

Medals for each team players, coaches and team manager were arranged, as well as very nice memory gifts for Officials and Delegates.

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Catalanian Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FCEDF) formed the Organising Committee for this event.

Function	Name
Chair:	Josep Gimenez
Secretary:	Araceli Lillo/Toni Gañet
Financials:	Tomas Ruiz/Nuria Font
Accommodation and Meals:	Alvaro Daza
Transportation:	Juan Fran Moren
Sports Hall and Equipment:	Alvaro Daza
Public Relations:	Carlos Vilalta
Ceremonies:	Carles Vilalta/Alvaro Daza

4. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

The Team Delegations were accommodated in a very nice 4 stars hotel: Executive Eurostars Barbera, a fully accessible accommodation for wheelchair users. Every team had their own unit with sleeping rooms.

The Officials (Technical Delegate, Jury Members, Referees and Classifiers) were accommodated in the same hotel.

Transportation was arranged between the airport of Barcelona and the hotel and went smoothly.

5. SPORTS HALL

The matches took place in the sports hall of Elisa Badia in Barberà del Vallés. This sports hall was at 1 km. from the hotel accommodation, which gave a great advantage, because people could go by feet or wheelchair to the sports hall. Not much transport(time) was needed between hotel and sports hall.

The playing area was very nice and not too big, with wooden floor, electric scoreboard and seats for about 400 spectators. One playing field was available for the matches, which was sufficient. Practice possibilities were given in the same sports hall.

6. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

The match schedule was set up in agreement with the OC, because for an event of 2 teams, the schedule isn't regulated in the ICEWH Competition Regulations. The equipment of the playing field was according the game rules. A sufficient number of timekeepers, scorekeepers and match assistants were arranged by the OC. Also a speaker for the matches and First Aid with ambulance were present.

The Spanish Anti Doping Agency was informed by the OC and was present for anti-doping control right after the second match. The present doctor took 4 controls (2 players of Spain and 2 players of Slovenia).

7. OFFICIALS

Nation	Name	Male / Female	Function
ICEWH Technical Delegate			
Netherlands	Anja Wouters	F	Technical Delegate / Reserve Jury Member
ICEWH Jury Members			
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Chief Jury Member / Reserve Referee
Finland	Saila Luumi	F	Jury Member
ICEWH Referees			
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	B-Referee
Italy	Fabrizio Imparato	M	C-Referee
ICEWH Classifiers			
Netherlands	Daan Eenkhoorn	M	Medical Doctor / Chief Classifier
Belgium	Gerda Nelles	F	Physiotherapist
Switzerland	Isabelle Pulver	F	Physiotherapist

Before the event the IWAS/ICEWH appointed the Technical Delegate, Chief Jury Member and Chief Classifier.

During the event the Officials had several meetings to make themselves ready for the Day of Control, to evaluate the first day and to look forward on the final match day. As usual the Jury Members judged the referees to increase the level of functioning, reported accidents where necessary (no accidents happened) and handled protest (the one protest of Spain was not approved).

One Classification Panel of 3 ICEWH Classifiers controlled the players' eligibility of every athlete and have done more research to develop a classification system. They had one extra meeting, together with Dr. Denis Jaeken, Dr. Carlos Vilalta and Dr. Alvaro Daza (also current ICEWH Classifiers) to discuss several EWH Medical issues.

Cooperation between all Officials was perfect. The Technical Delegate supervised and steered the Officials and the Organising Committee, where necessary, and chaired the (Technical) Meetings.

8. PARTICIPATING NATIONS

Spain and Slovenia participated for the first time with their National EWH Team in an official IWAS/ICEWH Competition. Therefore they have formally placed their nation on the ICEWH World Ranking List and Slovenia is allocated to participate in the next European Championship in June 2012 in Finland.

9. FINAL RANKING

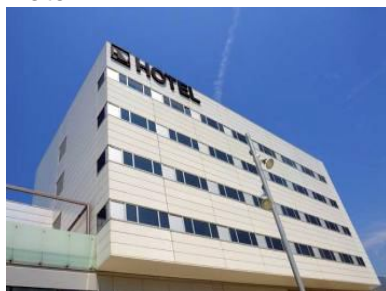
Ranking QT 2011		Nation
Place 1	Gold	Slovenia
Place 2	Silver	Spain

10. POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- The match schedule for official competitions for 2 or 3 teams need to be regulated in the ICEWH Competition Regulations.
- For the TUE forms players best can be controlled by an official NOSD doctor, instead of an own doctor of the player.
- Also for the reserve Referee, referee outfit shall be arranged by the OC.
- In the ICEWH Game Rules shall regulate that the goals shall have moderated material to reduce the speed of the ball when the ball is shot into the goal, f.e. an extra/second net.
- The Game Rules for the official Match Balls shall be more then now is regulated, f.e. that we play with IFF approved balls.

11. PHOTO GALLERY

Hotel



Sports Hall



Playing Area



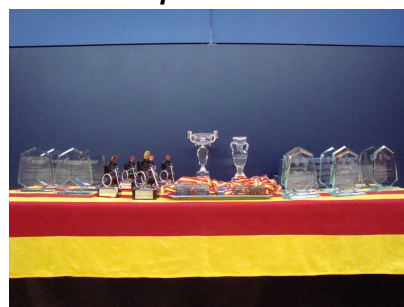
Gifts



Medals



Cups



Organizing Committee



Program book



Accreditation Card



Jury Members



Referees



Classifiers



Control Day
Equipment Control



Medical Control



Supporters & Players



Before the match
Presentation & National anthems



National Team Slovenia



National Team Spain

Actions during the matches

The toss



Around the goal



Driving the ball



Passing



Fighting for the ball



Individual actions



Time out



Captain signing for the match



Special transport



First Aid



National anthem before the final



Closing Ceremony

Champion QT2011: Slovenia

Coach & Team Manager



Congratulations by the Barcelonan consul of Slovenia

Players



Congratulations by the Council of Barberà del Vallès



Runner-up QT2011: Spain

Players



Congratulations by the IWAS Technical Delegate



Coaches



Top Scorer QT2011



Congratulations by the General Secretary of the FEDDF and thanks to the Officials: Jury Members, Referees and Classifiers

Closing words by Delegates

Managing Director FEDDF:

Mr. Miguel Angel Garcia

and President FCEDF:

Mr. Josep Gimenez

Council of Barberà del Vallès:

Mrs. Anna del Frago

IWAS/ICEWH Technical Delegate:

Mrs. Anja Wouters



Dancing performances



12. SUPPORT

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