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Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2nd European Championship Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EC 2008) was held in Belgium, Maasmechelen from 8 – 16 November 2008. Eight Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) nations participated:

1. Belgium
2. The Czech Republic
3. Denmark
4. Finland
5. Germany
6. Italy
7. The Netherlands
8. Switzerland, as new coming up nation.

The atmosphere was great. About 400 spectators visited the final between the Netherlands and Germany. The Netherlands became European Champion for the second time.

2. GENERAL ORGANISATION

The EC 2008 was organised with the endorsement of the Belgian Paralympic Committee, member organisation of the IWAS.

The organising committee (OC) consisted of members of the local club for disabled sports "Gehandicaptensportvereniging Toekomst vzw" and "Sport & Handicap vzw", the regional organisation for sports for disabled.

Everything was organized professionally, from opening ceremony till closing ceremony, from control days till finals.

The drawing to divide the nations into the A and B group was organized 17 May 2008 during the Belgium Electric Wheelchair Hockey final competition day, during the Electrabel Paralympic Championships 2008 in Blankenberge, Belgium.

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. Monthly the OC had their meetings.

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Name	Function
Jaeken Denis/Jaeken Jan	Chair / Vice Chair
Vrancken Stefan	Secretary
Broux Etienne	Financials
Nelles Gerda / Claes Gilbert	Accommodation and meals
Engelen Nicole	Transportation
Swerts Hilaire / Milissen Dirk	Sports Hall (s) and Sports Programme
Walther Kippens	Public Relations / Media Services
Nelles Gerda / Claes Gilbert	Hosting services
Jaeken Denis / Belgian Red Cross	Medical services
Firma Spronken	Technical services
Jaeken Jan /ICEWH	Meeting Programmes
Swerts Hilaire / ICEWH	Competition Programmes
Jaeken Jan / ICEWH	Course Programme
Jan Jaeken / Walther Kippers	Ceremonies

4. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

The Team Delegations were accommodated in Home Fabiola, a fully accessible accommodation for wheelchair users. Every team had their own unit with sleeping rooms, living room, kitchen and bathrooms. Also swimming pool, sport hall for practice and meeting rooms were available. Positive was that all was on one floor, except the bar room.

The Officials (Technical Delegate, Jury Members, Referees and Classifiers) were accommodated in Hotel Lika, which was arranged with breakfast.

Bus transportation was arranged between the accommodations and the sports hall. Also from and to the airport in Bruxelles transport was organised very well.

5. SPORTS HALL

The matches took place in sports hall PTS Eisdén in Maasmechelen, about 5 km from the accommodation Home Fabiola. A very nice hall with wooden floor, cafeteria and enough space for audience. One playing field was available for the matches, which was sufficient. Practice possibilities were given in the sports hall of Home Fabiola.

6. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

The match schedule was set up according to the regulations and passed off smoothly. The equipment of the field of play was according to 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 finals day a reporter for the final matches was present.

7. OFFICIALS

Nation	Name	Male / Female	Function
Technical Delegate			
Netherlands	Anja Wouters	F	Technical Delegate
Referees			
Belgium	Hubert Keppens	M	B-Referee
Czech Republic	Petr Alina	M	C-Referee
Denmark	Rasmus Therkildsen	M	C-Referee
Finland	Ilkka Siiki	M	C-Referee
Germany	Peter Hohberg	M	A-Referee ; Chief Referee
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	C-Referee
Jury Members			
Belgium	Geert Tansens	M	Jury Member
Czech Republic	Tereza Kalivodova	F	Jury Member
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Jury Member ; Chief Jury
Finland	Saila Pihlainen	M	Jury Member
Italy	Fabrizio Iotti	M	Jury Member
Germany	Martina Karaparusheva	F	Jury Member
Netherlands	Thea Smit	F	Jury Member
Switzerland	Nick Bühler	M	Jury Member
Classifiers			
Belgium	Denis Jaeken	M	Medical Doctor ; Chief Classifier
Belgium	Gerda Nelles	F	Physiotherapist
Belgium	Wim de Wilde	M	Physiotherapist
Czech Republic	Jindřiška Jaklova	F	Physiotherapist
Netherlands	Daan Eenkhoorn	M	Medical Doctor
Netherlands	Dia Pernot	F	Medical Doctor
Spain	Alvaro Daza	M	Sports technical Advisor
Spain	Carles Vilalta Bou	M	Medical Doctor

Daily the Jury Team as well as the Referees Team and Classifiers Team have had meetings to evaluate the day and to look forward on the next day(s). Also to instruct and educate the members to increase the level of functioning. For the first time two classification panels controlled the players' eligibility of every athlete and did first research on several classification systems.

Cooperation between all Officials was perfect. To work with Chief Officials who steered and instructed the teams seemed productive and gave a lot of positive energy. The Technical Delegate 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	Switzerland	2	Denmark
3	Czech Republic	3	Belgium
4	Finland	4	Italy

9. FINAL RANKING

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

10. POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Nations need to become more aware of deadlines for registration/administration.
- A host/contact person for every Team Delegation is necessary, especially information at arrival is important.
- Team Delegations need to be more prepared for the Control Day.
- To agree about a code for teams to present themselves before the start of a match to each other ('how to shake hands').
- To place individual photographs of Officials and OC-members in the programme book.
- A better OC-website for the tournament should be more nice.
- A video taker should be arranged for video-promotional material.

11. PHOTO GALLERY



Cups & Medals



Opening Ceremony



Organizing Committee



Jury Team



Referees Team

Control Day:



Control Players Eligibility



Classifiers Team



Equipment Control



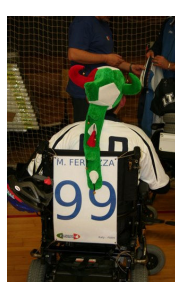
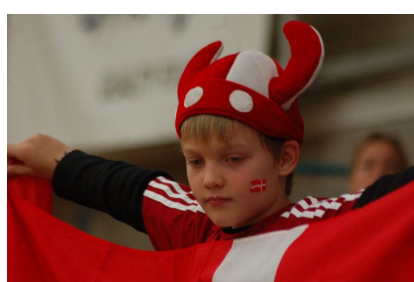
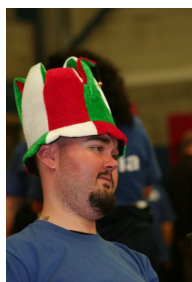
Belgium Supporters



Dutch Supporters

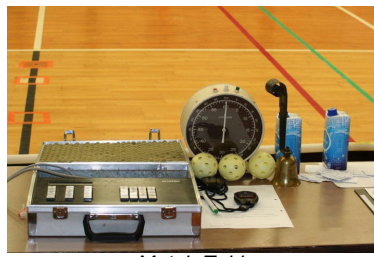


Italian Supporters





First Aid



Match Table



Time- and Scorekeepers

Actions during the matches:



Actions during the matches:



Warnings:



Television present

Emotions



Happiness after a score



Captain signing for the match



Congratulations



2nd place Germany



1st place Netherlands



4th place Finland



Celebrations



Certificates for Jury Members



*First official licenses for Referees
In the middle ICEWH Chief Referee:
Peter Hohberg*



*ICEWH Chief Jury
Dorte Berenth*



*IWAS Delegate
Maura Strange*

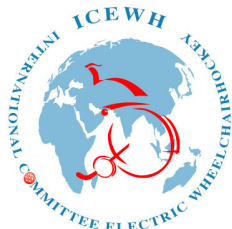


*ICEWH Technical Delegate
Anja Wouters*



*Chairman Organiser &
ICEWH Chief Classifier
Denis Jaeken*

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Dienstencentrum Sint-Gerardus, Diepenbeek
Hyundai
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AA-drink
- Bags:** Nationale loterij
- Computers:** PNL
- High/Low beds:** Thuiszorgwinkel CM

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