



ParaVolley Europe
Sitting Volleyball - New Nations Tournament
Prague (CZE)
Report

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Summary:

The first ever Sitting Volleyball New Nations tournament took place in Prague (CZE) between the 22nd and 24th April 2016 and was hosted by the sitting volleyball section of the SK Kometa Praha club.

The hotel was located in Prague 8 and was 5 kms away from the hall.

The hall was located in a school complex and comprised of two sitting volleyball courts with changing rooms and access to the school canteen.

All the teams arrived on Friday 22nd April during the day and an opening ceremony was organised at 19.00 that day in the hotel.

The tournament started on Saturday 23rd April with the first game at 9.00 and finished on Sunday 24th April at 12.30 after the closing ceremony.

Participating teams and final team ranking

The following mixed teams took part in the tournament

CZECH
FRANCE
HUNGARY 1
HUNGARY 2
LITHUANIA
NORWAY

The final rankings were as below:

1	HUNGARY 1 – gold medal
2	LITHUANIA – silver medal
3	CZECH – bronze medal
4	NORWAY
5	FRANCE
6	HUNGARY 2



ParaVolley Officials

Anton PROBST	GER	ERC Chairman
Isabelle COLLOT	FRA	PVE Marketing Director

Local Organising Committee (LOC)

Mrs Dana VAIGLOVA	Tournament Organiser
Mr ? VAIGLOV	Tournament Organiser

Program and other activities

22nd April 2016

All day	Teams and officials arrival
19.00	Opening ceremony and dinner
21.30	Team manager/coach and organiser's meeting

23rd April 2016

09.00	Start of Competition
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
15.00	End of competition
19.30	Bus sightseeing tour
22.00	Return to hotel

24th April 2016

08.30	Start of competition
12.00	End of competition
12.30	Closing ceremony
13.00	Departures

Team manager/coach and organiser's meeting

The above meeting took place after the opening ceremony and dinner and all the team managers/coach attended together with the referees, the organisers and the two PVE officials.



The format of the competition was discussed and agreed as follows:

- Best of three sets – first two sets to 25 and last set to 15 with two clear points
- Since it was not clear for all teams how many women should be on court at any one time, it was agreed that there should be a minimum of two women per team unless it was not possible and for both teams to discuss prior to the game if that was an issue.

The overall tournament schedule was also discussed during that meeting.

Venue

The sports hall was located in the school ZŠ Na Šutce

ZŠ Na Šutce (School) - Na Šutce 440/28, 182 00 Praha 8

The hall and courts were not very accessible due to stairs being at the entrance of the hall and to access the courts – wheelchair users had to be carried by team mates.

There were 4 changing rooms, 2 for men and 2 for women, each with a key for each team.

The showers in the changing room were not accessible as you had to go up three steps to enter them.

Wi-Fi was available and free of charge.

There was no specific seating for spectators, only a few spare benches.

There were two halls with one court, one hall was smaller than the other but still allowed enough space to move around and did not cause any problems during the games.

The general setup was of acceptable standards for such a competition.

The 4 PVE promotional posters were taped on the walls of the halls (two per hall) and the PVE flag was tied up in the main hall next to the club's banner.

There was a music system playing in between games and possibility to set up video cameras around the court.

A small “shop” was set up in the hallway and allowed people to purchase chocolate bars, water, hot dogs, beer, etc... for a small fee.

All areas of the venue were clean.



Accommodation

The accommodation was organised in the following hotel:

Hotel Duo, 4*hotel Teplická 492 ,190 00 Prague 9
website: <http://www.hotelduo.cz/default-en.html>

Teams were accommodated in twin rooms and officials in double room for single use.

The accommodation in both hotels was of a good standard. Participants were able to make use of the spa, sauna, swimming pool and fitness room. Wi-Fi was free of charge.

Food

Food was provided as follows:

- All breakfasts were provided at the hotel
- All lunches were provided at the school in the canteen and consisted of a starter, a main course and a fruit together with water/squash and bread
- Dinner on Friday night was a buffet in the hotel and there was no dinner planned for Saturday night due to the sightseeing tour.

Water was only available from a fountain on day 1 with individual plastic cups but following the request of the teams during the team meeting, water bottles were provided for the tournament days.

Medical care

There was no obvious indication of any medical equipment but this was most likely available in the club's office upstairs

Transport

The transport was organised by the club and two minibuses as well as the private cars of the organisers were used to transport teams back and from the hotel to the venue and airport.

The transport from Prague Airport (Vaclav Havel) to the hotel took between 25 mins to 1hr depending on the time of the day and rush hour traffic. The distance between the airport and the hotel was of 18 kms and between the hotel and the venue of 5 kms.

Two big buses were used for the sightseeing tour.



All teams arrived on the day of the opening ceremony and departed after 13.00 on Sunday 24th April.

Training

Each team was given one-hour training time on the competition court on Friday 22nd April prior to the beginning of the competition.

Communication and promotion

The whole tournament was covered on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram by PVE and a live streaming test was done during the opening ceremony on Periscope (around 10 people watched it!).

Two GoPros were set on each court and each filmed a couple of games. The footage has to be edited and will be posted on one of the available PVE platform (Flickr/YouTube) when finalised

Photos were taken by the teams as well as by PVE and they were shared on the various Facebook pages.

PVE increase its reached and gained more likes and views over the weekend as a result of all the promotional activities that took place.

Referee's report (Anton PROBST)

“For this tournament we had 6 teams from 5 different countries. The teams were from FRA, NOR, EST, HUN 2x and CZE.

The organiser had planned to have only one referee for each match. So they had organised only two referees from CZE. I told the organiser that it was not ok. Fortunately, there was another referee present at the Friday evening meeting in the hotel and I asked her if she would like to referee the tournament. She said yes and as a result we were able to have two referees on court for all matches. The only mistake was that we had to do all the matches without any break.

My special thanks go to my referee colleagues from CZE:

Karin Zahorcova - Tomas Buchar - Hanza Polacek

All of them did a very good job. This was the first time for them refereeing sitting volleyball. On Friday evening I gave them instructions on how to whistle sitting volleyball and I explained the different rules between standing and sitting volleyball.



After the matches I spoke with all of them about the games and gave them some feedback. In my eyes they really enjoyed this first contact and they were also interested in learning more about sitting volleyball.”