



# Site Visit inspection report

## 2<sup>nd</sup> U21 European Deaf Volleyball Championships 2018

April, 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 2017  
Palermo, Italy



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### Introduction

Because of hosting the European Deaf Volleyball Championships in May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 the EDSO TD- Volleyball, Cathy Schelvis, was invited by FSSI to inspect the sport venues and the sleeping accommodations in Palermo in Sicilia.

### Friday 21 April

TD Volleyball Cathy Schelvis arrived on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the morning at the airport in Palermo where she was picked up by the OC to bring her to the hotel Domina Coral Bay in Zagarella.

In the noon the inspection group was complete and the inspection could start.

### Inspection of one Volleyball match venue

The first match venue was Palazzetto dello Sport “Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa” Via Sant’ignazio Di Loyola 4, 90011 Bagheria. The old name of this hall is PALAGIGLIO. Immediately after coming in we could see that the floor is not equal, most of the lines on the court were damaged. It is a must that the floor will be covered with a Theroflex, a synthetic, floor during the European Championships. The OC may ask FIPAV (Italian National Volleyball Federation) for their support in this.

*For example this one:*



Also, the sun was shining on some parts of the volleyball floor, but the windows will be covered during the event.

The hall is big enough to meet the FIVB conditions and there are enough spectator seats (2000).

Unfortunately, there are only two changing rooms, instead of 4! The hallway can be used as a warming up area.

There is no Wi-Fi, if the U21 EC will take place in Palazzetto dello Sport then a Wi-Fi connection or an other internet network will be set up in this hall.

A small bar is present in this hall.

The athletes have to travel only 5 km to Palazzetto dello Sport from their hotel.

For more detailed results of the inspection see the checklist in the appendix and the photos on page 4 and 5.

### Saturday 22 April

#### Inspection of the Volleyball match and training venues

The second match venue is Palaoreto, Via Santa Maria Gesù 11, 90124 Palermo.

The inspection group was immediately impressed by the better conditions of Palaoreto in comparison with Palazzetto dello Sport “Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa”.

The floor of the match court is only one year old and it is marked by only two different lines, so the TD has concluded that it is acceptable to let the teams during U21 EC 2018 play on it. A synthetic Volleyball floor is not necessary

However, there are some spaces between the wooden slats, that will be repaired in June.

Furthermore, all dimensions in the hall meet the FIVB regulations.

The hall has window coverings!

Unfortunately here are only two changing rooms too instead of 4, but they are very BIG!

No Wi-Fi is present in Palaoreto. If the U21 EC will take place there, then a Wi-Fi connection or an other internet network will be set up in this hall. The TD office has an own WC!

Palaoreto doesn't have a bar and it can be installed in the hallway behind the spectator seats.

The distance from athlete's hotel is 18 km.

For more detailed results of the inspection see the checklist in the appendix and the photos on page 5.

After then the inspection group has inspected the two training venues.

Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Statale L.Sturzo, Via Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, Bagheria, Palermo. The venue of the primary school is not recommendable, because of the floor which is not in a good condition and the very dirty changing rooms and showers.

Liceo Scientifico G. D'Alessandro, Via Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, 90011 Bagheria, Palermo.



It is much better than the venue before and it belongs to the secondary school.

As shown on the map below here, the training venues are very close to each other. Also, Palazzetto dello Sport is in the close neighbourhood.



### **Sleeping accommodation**

The OC will provide only one sleeping accommodation because less number of U21 EC participating teams than in an other EC is expected.

Hotel Solunto Mare, SS113, 90014 Casteldaccia was inspected by EDSO TD Volleyball instead of EDSO Representative, who is not present here.  
 This three stars hotel lies at the sea and it looks good.  
 It has sleeping rooms available for 1-4 persons, the maximum is 250 persons.  
 The hotel contains: room for meals and meetings, room for dinner, outdoor terrace, swimming pool, a small private beach and an other meeting room with a screen which makes possible to watch the EC matches per live-stream.  
 Here is the link to the website: <http://www.hotelsoluntomare.it/HSM/IT/>

### Transport

The venues ↔ hotel transport of the athletes and officials will be done per buses (20 persons buses and smaller ones).

### Photos

#### Palazetto della Sport “CARLO ALBERTO DALLA CHIESA” - Bagheria



sports hall



changing room



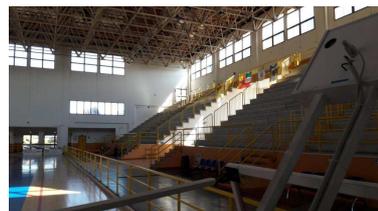
changing room



medical aid room



match court



spectator seats (2000)



bar



warming up area



inspection group

## **PALAORETA - Palermo**



*sports hall*



*changing room*



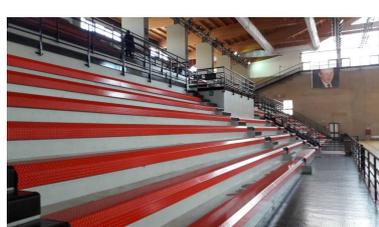
*big changing room*



*medical aid room*



*match court*



*spectator seats (900)*



*TD and Chief referee office*



*warming up area+bar*



*inspection group*

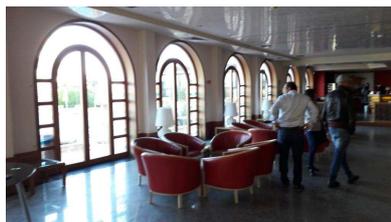
## **Hotel Solunto Mare**



*entrance*



*view from the garden*



*lobby*



*sleeping room*



*bigger sleeping room*



*room for meetings and meals*

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dinner room



view from a room



with swimming pool

All photos courtesy by Cathy Schelvis

## Map

The locations of the match and training venue plus the hotel are shown here.



Distance hotel and Palazzetto dello sport: 5 km

Distance hotel and Palaoreto: 18 km

## Minutes of the MEETING FSSI OC and EDSO TD Volleyball after the inspections.

### Attendees:

- Michelangelo Virzi (MV) - OC
- Stefano Parra (SP) - OC
- Guido Zanecchia (GZ) - president FSSI
- Cathy Schelvis (CS) - EDSO TD Volleyball
- Loredana Bava (LB) - FSSI TD Volleyball women's team

The meeting in hotel Domina Coral Bay started at 3 p.m.

- GZ opened the meeting and he said that he was happy with the inspection now, Italy was intended to organize the second U21 European Deaf Volleyball Championships because they want that it will be continued
- Many thanks from Cathy to MV and SP for their arrangements this weekend and driving to all sports accommodations and the hotel. She is also thankful to GZ and LB for their support especially in the communication with OC (read: "international interpreters").
- Yesterday Palazzetto dello Sport "Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa" and today Palaoreto and the training venues were inspected by us.
- Training venues

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- CS is on the opinion that Liceo Scientifico G. D'Alessandro is the best training venue, but the available training times for our U21 EC teams depends on their school schedule (only in the morning or only in the noon). CS has rejected the training venue "Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Statale L.Sturzo" due to the bad floor conditions.
- Match venues  
There was a discussion about using 1 or 2 match venues if 4 teams per gender will participate in European Championships, just like in the first EC in Poland so 4 matches were played each day.  
SP is intended to try to let more teams participate in EC 2018, but CS knows from her experiences that it will be hard to override that number of teams because few countries are able to compose an U21 Volleyball team.  
If the OC decides to take 2 match halls they may consider to let the teams train in these halls too so that the training venues can be rejected (availability depends on lessons in school).  
Palaoreto is the hall that meets the FIVB conditions the most, however the distance from the hotel is 18 km but it is very acceptable for the athletes. The floor is new and there are still some spaces between the wooden slats. After June 2017 SP will check it if they are "repaired".
- It is a big disadvantage that the two match halls have only two changing rooms, the OC has to think about how to deal with it.
- CS asked the OC who will be the president of the Organizing Committee U21 Deaf European Deaf Volleyball Championships. SP as well as MV are hearing, they don't speak English and don't use ISL. Preferably, the OC president is deaf and communicable in English and ISL. Might he or she not be able to communicate in English then it is a must that a Secretary General does it.  
Anyway, SP and MV will be the OC members and they will look for persons to join the OC, whereby ISL and English are important requirements.
- The OC has 15 volunteers so far, they are necessary for transport, creating badges, updating website, updating and distribution schedule and results, as floor sweepers and ball retrievers.
- CS had explained the OC that there are two ways of scoring the matches: manually with FIVB forms and with e-scoresheets (digital), the last way is too intensive in relation to the number of (expected) participating teams. Therefore CS had advised the OC to use the FIVB forms.
- The ball brand during the U21 European Championships will be MVA 200.
- Like as in all European Championships the doping tests are required. Regarding to the lower number as in EC without age restrictions the OC and CS were agreed to arrange 4 doping samples (2 men and 2 women) in U21 EC.
- CS had not raised this before but it would be useful to have (or to create) an office for the media (reports, photos and videos) in the match venue(s).
- SP is willing to advertise the U21 EC during 2017 Deaflympics in Samsun to attract attention.
- Until now there are two preliminary entries: Russia and Poland, the deadline of Form 1 is 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- SP had taken the initiative to organize the second U21 European Deaf Volleyball Championships after Poland's first edition. It was also SP that had made this inspection possible. He hopes for a smooth organization and a good development for the sports for the deaf in Sicilia. The U21 EC is the first step and hopefully it will be followed by other events in the future.
- The meeting became aware of the most important issues from EDSO Checklist



- The U21 EC will be held from 29<sup>th</sup> May until 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.  
 May 28: 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Meeting  
 May 29: Opening ceremony and 1 men + 1 women matches  
 May 30: day 1 – pool play  
 May 31: day 2 – pool play  
 June 1: day 3 – pool play  
 June 2: day 4 – semi finals + 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Meeting  
 June 3: day 5 – finals and closing ceremony
- The OC doesn't have to forget to arrange substitution paddles containing the numbers 1 to 20!
- Depending on the number of participating teams and therefore the using of 1 or 2 match venues an assistant TD may be necessary.
- The OC considered to take 4 20 persons buses.
- GZ and CS thanked everyone for their input in this meeting and inspection. CS had wished the OC success with their preparations.

The meeting was closed at 5 p.m.  
 Submitted by Cathy Schelvis

### Sunday 23 April

After the breakfast the TD was brought to the airport by the OC, she had travelled with Guido Zaneccchia until Rome.

### TD conclusions after her site inspection visit

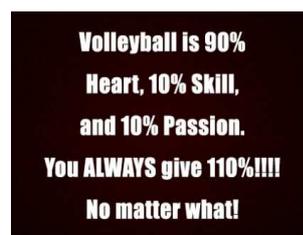
EDSO TD Volleyball is convinced that the organization of U21 European Deaf Volleyball Championships will go well, providing that the OC will be joined by more persons and that all positions will be covered by the right ones.

The OC has to pay special attention for the subjects below here with the reasons as written in this report:

- the floor in Palaoreta
- changing rooms
- bars in match venues
- yes or no training venues
- Wi-Fi connection in match venues

Many thanks to Stefano Parra, Michelangelo Vierzi, Guido Zaneccchia and Loredana Bava for the cooperation in Sicilia. I have enjoyed it and I look forward to organizing the U21 European Deaf Volleyball Championships.

Submitted by  
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 Cathy SCHELVIS  
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## Appendix

No		checking subjects	Required	results/notes	results/notes	responsibility		Date of Completion
						EDSO	OC	
		<b>Matches venues</b>		Palaoreto	Palazetto della Sport C.A.D.C.			
		City		Palermo	Bagheria			
1		number halls	preference 1	1	1		X	
2		number voll courts in one hall	in total 2	1	1		X	
3		mtrs from sidelines courts-free zone	5 m	5	5		X	
4		mtrs free zone from end lines	6.5	>6,5	6,5		X	
5		hall height	12.5 m	>12,5	>12,5		X	
6		court surface	light,flat, wooden,synt	Wooden	not clear, must be covered with theroflex		X	
7		volleyball net		to be continued	to be continued		X	
8		volleyball posts	1 m outside lines	to be continued	to be continued		X	
9		antenna	1,8 m	to be continued	to be continued		X	
10		ball brand	Mikasa or Gala	Mikasa	Mikasa		X	
11		court volleyball lines color	white	red	white		X	
12		warming up area delayed matches	desirable	Hallway behind sp. seats	yes		X	
13		light in the hall	1000-1500 lux	good	good		X	
14		temperature control	10 - 25 degr. C	not airco but heat dissipation	not airco but heat dissipation		X	
15		number changing rooms	4	2 (perhaps 3)	2		X	
16		doping room (WADA)	1	1	1		X	
17		medical support/first aid room	1	1	1		X	
18		referee room	1	1 (with showers)	2, 1 is not finished		X	
19		TD office	1	1 with WC	1		X	
20		press office	1	to be continued	1		X	
21		electronic scoreboard in the hall	2	1	2		X	
22		score sheets/electronic match "sheets"		FIVB score sheets	FIVB score sheets		X	
23		numbers spectator seats in hall		900	2000		X	
24		bar for the spectators		Hallway behind sp. seats	yes		X	
25		WiFi connection in the hall		not yet, will be provided	not yet, will be provided		X	
26		Parking area		good	good, steps downstairs to sports hall			
27		Technical regulations		draft finished		X		
		<b>Training venues</b>						
29		location		Don Luigi Sturzo	Liceo Scientifico D'Alessandro		X	
30		distance from the hotel		5 km	5 km		X	
31		number changing rooms		2	2		X	
		<b>Transport hotel-venue</b>						
33		Distance hotel-venue		18 km	5 km		X	
34		way of transport		bus	bus		X	
		<b>Hotel Solunto Mare - Casteldaccia</b>						
35		number rooms		max. 250 persons			X	
36		number persons in one room		1,2,3,4			X	
37		meals a day		3			X	
38		category (stars)		3			X	
39		WLAN or WiFi connection		free WiFi			X	
40		meeting rooms for teams		yes, for all teams plus smaller for small groups			X	

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