



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
CP FOOTBALL

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2nd Edition newsletter of the International Federation of CP Football in what is a very exciting year for our game.

We will be bringing you all the latest information in regards to Tournaments, Development, Classification, Anti-Doping, Referees and much more.

New Website and Social Media



Have you seen the new International Federation of CP Football website?

We have a brand new look, regularly updated information and all the latest CP Football news at www.ifcpf.com



Sam Turner (ENG) has joined IFCPF as our Communications Manager, overseeing our website and social media to ensure we continue to spread the word about CP Football and share all the latest information.

In addition to our website, IFCPF are working hard to reach all of our players, coaches and supporters with regular updates and build awareness of CP Football through a range of social media. Please see all of our contact details for each social media channel below and be sure to 'like', 'follow' and 'share'.



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IFCPF also have a new app through TeamApp where you can access the website, our social media channels and lots more.



Our TeamApp can be accessed at <https://ifcpf.teamapp.com> or download TeamApp on your smartphone or tablet and search for 'ifcpf'.

Results



As of January 2015 a tournament tool will be used to publish all the tournament results. In the Downloads you can find all the results from tournaments played in 2014 under CPISRA.

Read more:

<http://www.ifcpf.com/tournaments/tournaments-results-2014-and-earlier>

Notification Tournaments and International Matches



From January 1st member countries must notify IFCPF regarding all tournaments and international matches hosted in their country. It is of great importance for tournament and match management, as well as to show the International Paralympic Committee, our member countries and football enthusiasts, all CP Football activities worldwide.

All member countries have received a letter with detailed instructions regarding the required information.

Read more:

<http://www.ifcpf.com/news/notification-tournaments-and-international-matches>

Classification in CP Football: on the Vanguard in Evidence-Based Classification



IPC is actually working on the new version of the IPC Classification Code, which includes new International Standards about Eligible Impairments in Paralympic Sports, Athlete Evaluation, Classifiers Training and Education, and Data Protection. IFCPF participated in the review process of that code, and have sent feedback on the second round of that review, asked of International Federations and National Paralympic Committees. This new code will be the milestone document that will guide classification over the next ten years, and it is expected that the IPC General Assembly will approve it at the end of this year.

Last year, our Head of Classification, Professor Raul Reina (Miguel Hernández University, Elche, Spain) published an invited paper for the European Journal of Human Movement, entitled "Evidence-based classification in Paralympic Sport: Application to Football-7-a-side" (<http://www.eurjhm.com/index.php/eurjhm/article/view/324/543>)

This paper reviews recent and current research in Paralympic athletes with hypertonia, athetosis and ataxia, and links research in two Paralympic sports, IPC athletics and football-7-a-side, for the development of evidence-based classification systems.

Many actions have been undertaken over the last two years to improve the classification system in CP Football. Actually, 4 students from Miguel Hernández University are working in different PhDs on this topic, and CP Football is one of the paralympic sports with an active and intense activity on this regard. The study by Mr. Manuel Valverde is analysing some basic motor skills such as walking, jumping and balance by a 3D motion analysis. The study was started in 2012 with some Spanish players (50% from the national team), and could give us some knowledge about the relationships of kinematic (3D motion analysis) and kinetic (ground forces) data among the different current profiles.

The second PhD by Ms. María Campayo uses the data collected during the CPISRA 2013 Intercontinental Cup in Barcelona. Ten national teams took part in this study and some tests about sprint, coordination, balance, change of direction ability, range of movement, dribbling, kicking and strength were collected. The test battery was applied from a consensus with a previous study done in IPC athletics by a student of the Erasmus Mundus Program on Adapted Physical Activity, Seda Bici (Turkey), under the supervision of Professor Sean Tweedy from University of Queensland (Australia). Professor Tweedy is actually the Director of the Research Centre of Evidence-Based Classification in Physical Impairments, one of the three centres supported by IPC, and the current cooperation with that centre position CP Football on the vanguard on evidence-based classification. Ms. Campayo's PhD will demonstrate which tests are useful to measure activity limitation in CP Football players comparing with controls, also the validity and reliability of the used tests. This information will be a key factor to improve the reliability of the classification process, increasing its standardization, with an immediate application to the new classifiers training.

The third PhD is being conducted thanks to the support of the Agitos Foundation, with a project entitled "Improving reliability and validity of current classification methods for athletes in classes FT5-FT8 and T35-T38", in a new cooperation of Miguel Hernández University and University of Queensland, with the participation of key persons in evidence-based classification Professor Sean Tweedy, Emma Beckman and Mark Connick. Their last paper in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2014 is entitled "Paralympic classification: conceptual basis, current methods, and research update" is a new core-paper to guide research in classification worldwide, and it is a privilege for CP Football the current cooperation. The aim of this project is to complement the current subjective descriptions of classes T35 to T38 and FT5 to FT8 with more objective criteria that will improve the reliability of the decision-making. The project is actually in the data collection phase, and 11 international IPC athletics and 8 CP football classifiers are involved. After a long and detailed consensus (including a research stay of our HoC at University of Queensland during last December-January) and a pilot study, the data collection records the opinion of the classifiers about the performance of some players that took part in data collection in Barcelona ICUP on a list of observation categories, evaluating their opinion about the impact of some performance characteristics on the test outcome: balance, symmetry, coordination, arms impairment and range of movement. The classifiers also had the opportunity to check a list of qualitative characteristics of the performance and also include new data about the athletes'

performance. That information will be useful to improve the description of the current profiles, also in PC athletics classes T35-38 and CP Football (FT5-FT8), and it will be the basis for the description of the class profile on the new IFCPF Classification Rules after Rio Paralympic Games. Finally, the last PhD, will be conducted during the next World Championships. Ms. Samantha April Cammidge and Ms. Maria Campayo will be at St. George's Park during the second week of competition and all the head coaches will be invited for an interview about classification. Also, a sample of two players from each national team will be invited for an individual interview, and a brief questionnaire will be available for all the players at the World Championships. This project has been designed in cooperation with Vicente Beltran, professor at Miguel Hernandez University, and a recognized researcher in qualitative research methods. The information given from coaches and players will be considered for future decisions about classification and the IFCPF Classification Committee wants ALL of the CP Football family to have the opportunity to participate in this process.

Workshops and Coach Education



April 24th - 26th - Workshop Nigeria

At the General Assembly Nigeria was accepted as a member of CPISRA and from January 1st Nigeria has membership of IFCPF. The organization responsible for the development of CP Football in Nigeria is the Power Eagles Football Association of Nigeria. On April 24th, 25th and 26th IFCPF delivered a Coach Education and Classification Workshop in Lagos (Nigeria), held at the National Stadium. 67 participants (35 players and 32 coaches) were part of the course and we hope to see Nigeria the coming years in International Tournaments. Rene Jurrius (Tutor IFCPF) and Professor Raul Reina (IFCPF Head of Classification) were the course tutors. The 3 day course was really successful and we hope that with the knowledge they have taken away, we will soon see their talent in International Tournaments. The course was organized, with the support of IFCPF, by the Cerebral Palsy Football Association of Nigeria, in cooperation with The Nigeria Paralympic Committee. The tutors thank the organization for coordinating the workshop which was a huge success.

May 4th - May 9th - Workshop El Salvador

IFCPF in cooperation with the American Paralympic Committee and the National Paralympic Committee of El Salvador conduct a work shop in the capital city San Salvador. 7 countries have confirmed their participation Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico from Central America and Peru from South America. IFCPF appointed three experienced tutors who have a lot of knowledge in the technical, tactical and classification areas of CP Football: Paulo Cruz who was for many years the head coach of the very successful Brazilian CP Football team, René Jurrius head coach for the Under 19 of The Netherlands and tutor in workshops in Sierra Leone, Brazil, Jordan, Wales and Nigeria and Marcello Sanchez who is a senior classifier for IFCPF and member of the classification committee.

Read more:

<http://www.ifcpf.com/development/workshop-nigeria>

Tournaments



CP Football World Championships:
13th - 29th June (England - Burton-Upon Trent)



CP Football World Championships Under 19:
7th -16th August (England - Nottingham)



ParaPanAm:
8th - 14th August (Canada - Toronto)



ASEAN Sub Regional Tournament:
3rd - 9th December (Singapore)