



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
CP FOOTBALL

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the 4th edition newsletter of the International Federation of CP Football.

Please remember to stay up-to-date with all the latest news, information and developments in CP Football by visiting www.ifcpf.com or our range of social media channels detailed at the end of this newsletter.

Rio 2016 Site Visit

IFCPF conducted its first site visit to Rio2016 from December 20th-23rd. President Sandy Hermiston, Technical Director Tom Langen and Communications Manager Sam Turner met with Rodrigo Garcia, Head of Sport Competition, Joao Cerqueira-Lima Sports, Group Manager and Paulo Cruz, Competition manager. The group visited the competition venue, the Olympic Park and the Paralympic Village.



In addition, the group met with a variety of functional areas to receive information and discuss specific concerns. Ms. Hermiston, Mr. Langen and Mr. Turner appreciated the LOC's presentations regarding the training facilities,

transportation, competition scheduling, look of the games, sports equipment, sport presentation, International Federation services and venue management.



IFCPF expressed concerns regarding the level of completion of the competition venue. During the site visit, they observed that the site has only received basic groundwork preparation. In addition, IFCPF requested detailed information regarding the plans for the transition for the field of play from the Olympic sports of Rugby 7 and modern pentathlon to Football 7-a-side.

Transportation issues were discussed extensively. During the visit it was apparent that traffic congestion is a serious issue in Rio and IFCPF wants to ensure that its athletes will be transported as quickly and efficiently as possible to ensure their optimal performance during the games.

A second site visit is scheduled for April. IFCPF will be represented by Jan Hein Evers, Secretary-General, Tom Langen and Alice Holland, Administrator.

IFCPF would like to thank the LOC for the professional approach during the meeting and their kind hospitality.

2017 Youth Parapan American Games

The Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) has announced that the 2017 Youth Parapan American Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will feature 12 sports, two more than the 2013 edition, with CP Football and sitting volleyball added to the sports programme.

The 12 sports for the event, which will take place between 20-25 March 2017, are: athletics, boccia, football 5-a-side, goalball, judo, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis and CP Football.

Around 1,000 athletes, ages 12-21 years old, are expected to compete in the fourth edition of the Youth Parapan American Games, an increase on the 631 youngsters who took part in the 2013 Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Games will be organised by the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and the majority of sport events will be held at their new Paralympic Training Centre in Sao Paulo.

Jose Luis Campo, President of the Americas Paralympic Committee, said:

“Since the first edition of the Parapan American Youth Games in 2005 in Venezuela, they have grown in size and stature each time. The confirmation of the 12 sports for the 2017 edition will ensure that these Games will be the biggest Youth Parapan American Games ever staged. We are delighted to welcome CP Football and sitting volleyball to the sports programme as it is important that youngsters get the opportunity to experience competition at the highest level. By staging this event in Brazil, we aim to build on the legacy of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and encourage more youngsters in the continent to try and compete in para-sport.”

Andrew Parsons, President of the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and IPC Vice President, said:

“To have more sports added to the programme of the 2017 Youth Parapan American Games is an important step to keep promoting para-sports in Brazil and the continent following the Rio 2016 Games. The fact the event will be held in the new Paralympic Training Centre in Sao Paulo makes us proud of the legacy and the impact the Games have in our country.

“The 2016 Paralympic Games will inspire the new generations as we expect to have even more young athletes from all countries in the region.”

Development Plan

Providing international leadership and support for our sport and its talented players is at the heart of our purpose. While IFCPF is in its infancy, the sport of CP Football has never been stronger. Since achieving independence we have a record number of participants, tournaments, supporters and dedicated leaders.

We are pleased to present our first Development Plan, which is guided by our mission:

We inspire, support and enable individuals with Cerebral Palsy or a related Neurological condition around the World to participate in Cerebral Palsy Football in order to reach their full potential

In order to achieve our mission we have established six strategic directions: participation, competition, workforce, officials, classification and athlete development.

Our plan establishes the following goals:

- Increase the number of players, including female players and youth players
- Increase the number of countries competing in national and international competitions
- Provide training to more coaches and qualify more technical delegates
- Increase the number of international referees in all regions
- Qualify more classifiers and roll out our new classification system
- Establish an athletes commission, encourage our members to appoint national athlete representatives and provide athlete support programmes

Achieving the goals in this plan will form the basis for a strong application for inclusion in future Paralympic Games. While the road to independence has been bumpy, if we continue to work together for the benefit of our sport, we will achieve our vision:

Global recognition for Cerebral Palsy Football as a dynamic World Class Paralympic Sport

We look forward to working with all of you to achieve our vision, mission and strategic directions.

To see the IFCPF Development Plan, please visit the Library section of our website at www.ifcpf.com

Classification Committee Meeting



Members of the International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football's classification committee met for five days in the Sports Research Center of the Miguel Hernández (UMH) in Elche. During the meeting, the group laid the foundation of a new classification system to be developed and will test over the coming years, coordinated by the director of the Department of Student with Disabilities UMH and current head of the IFCPF Classification Raul Reina.

In this seminar, we have also presented the preliminary results of several investigations with the aim of developing a classification system based on evidence, to meeting the requirements of the new Classification Code of the International Paralympic Committee.

The meeting was attended also by members Jaime Antunes, Portugal; Jorge Parra, Colombia; Neuro-rehabilitation specialist physiotherapist in the Netherlands Bram Roberts and technical classifiers Marcelo Sanchez of Argentina and Stuart Sharp Scotland.

Evidence-based classification research

The latest publication from the research group of IFCPF head of classification Raul Reina, about evidence-based classification in CP Football, can viewed at the link below.

Change of Direction Ability Performance in Cerebral Palsy Football Players According to Functional Profiles

<http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fphys.2015.00409/abstract>

IFCPF and CPISRA General Assemblies

As part of the continued working relationship between CPISRA and IFCPF we have decided that it will be a cost effective and time saving venture to have the 2016 General Assemblies simultaneously.

IFCPF and CPISRA are seeking Host Countries for these very important meetings in the fall of 2016, after the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

For further information please visit www.ifcpf.com

IFCPF Intercontinental Cup Qualification Tournament

"It is our great pleasure to invite your national CP Football Team to participate in the 2016 IFCPF CP Football Qualification Tournament for the Intercontinental Cup to be held in Denmark in the city of Vejen from 26 July to 7 August 2016.

A maximum of 16 countries can participate in this tournament. If more countries want to enter the tournament, the position on the World Ranking list will be taken into account. If countries are equal on the Ranking List the IFCPF Technical Committee will make the final decision.

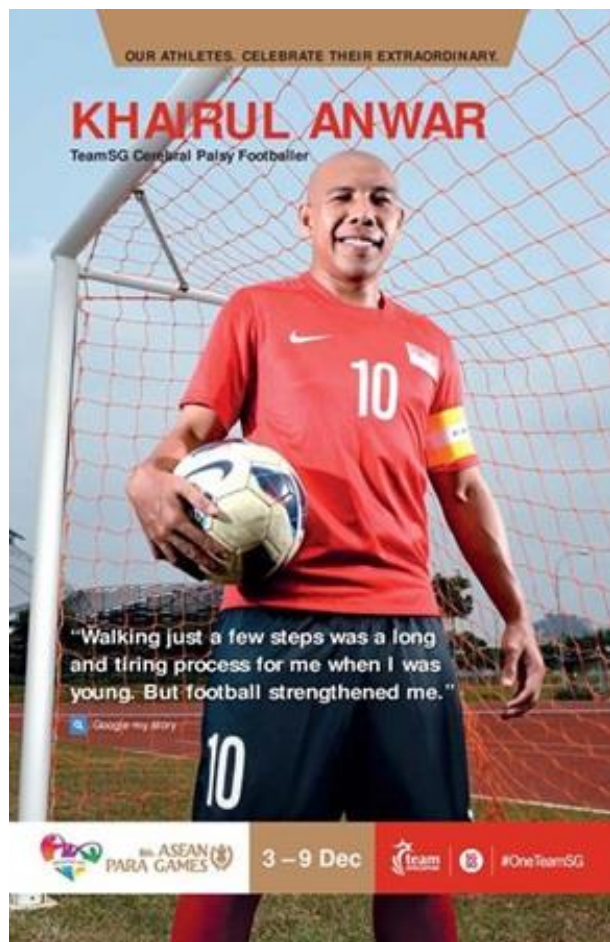
The 2016 IFCPF CP Football Qualification Tournament for the Intercontinental Cup will be a qualification tournament for the 2017 IFCPF Intercontinental Cup. The top 8 ranked countries in the IFCPF 2015 World Championships have already qualified. "

Mette Holstein Arnesen
Event Director - Local Organization Committee

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Athlete Interview

More than six years ago, the idea of a cerebral palsy football team was mostly unheard of in Singapore. These days however, the country has a national team taking the Southeast Asian field by storm. This is mostly thanks to Khairul Anwar and the other pioneer members of Singapore's CP football team, who spearheaded the movement.



What got you started in CP Football?

My first love is football. One day, it just came into our minds that we wanted to represent Singapore on the field. It's my passion. Singapore Disability Sports Council was the organization that gave opportunity to be part of the sport.

What is your biggest accomplishment in football?

Playing for my country is a dream come true.

How do you feel when you are on the CP Football field?

I feel free. I feel free from everything. With the ball at my feet, all my stress is gone.

Do you have any personal routine that you follow on match day?

Listening to Bob Marley songs & calm myself down.

What would be your ultimate achievement?

Playing abroad hoping to be professional player, moving on as a coach and help the CP football community to have more opportunity and awareness.

What is your biggest challenge, and what do you do to manage this challenge?

The condition Cerebral Palsy is a blessing in disguise. Everyday life is challenge. MIND OVER MATTER. Believe in myself I can contribute to the society. That's what keeps me going. The support from family, friends and coaches, makes me who I am today.

What is your diet like?

3 meals a day. Eat your breakfast like a King, Eat your lunch like a prince, Eat your dinner like a beggar. DON'T FORGET MY GREENS AND FRUITS!!

What was the best advice you were ever given?

Keep believing in yourself, keep trying - Coach Zai

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

A quote by Carlo Ancelotti. "Be better than who you were yesterday."

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

David Beckham. A very inspirational captain who lead England to World Cup.



Where do you see yourself doing after finishing your international career?

If there are opportunity for me to contribute to CP football association. Will be great. As of now further studies and upgrade myself.

8th ASEAN Para Games



After seven days of raw emotion and celebrations, the 8th ASEAN Para Games (APG) was declared “the best Games ever” by President of ASEAN Para Sports Federation (APSF) Dato Zainal Abu Zarin as the APG finally came to a close on Wednesday December 9th.

The CP football tournament had 5 participating countries and was extremely successful. The Singapore National Stadium was chosen as the competition venue. A fantastic facility and probably for most of the players, a once in their life time experience to play international matches in such an outstanding venue.

Thailand dominated the competition. The first round was played in a Round Robin. After the Round Robin the first two ranked teams met in the final and position 3 and 4 played the bronze medal match. In an exciting gold medal match the Thai team beat Myanmar convincingly: 3 - 0. Singapore ended third after a close game versus Malaysia: 2 - 1

Final Ranking

1. Thailand
2. Myanmar
3. Singapore
4. Malaysia
5. Indonesia

For further information visit:

<http://www.ifcpf.com/tournaments/view/25>

Asia-Oceania Regional Qualifier

IFCPF have taken the decision to establish regional championships in the Asian-Oceania region. This will provide all the member countries the same opportunity to qualify for the 2019 World Championships.

A letter has been sent to all member countries within the Asia-Oceania region, which can be found in the downloads section of this page.

The bidding process for this competition will open during 2016.

Members Questionnaire

As the International Federation of CP Football, we seek to gain global recognition for Cerebral Palsy Football as a dynamic World Class Paralympic Sport.

It is therefore vitally important that we collect information about our members to showcase the developments being made in CP Football across the world and to provide the right support to each member organisation.

We would appreciate if you could complete the following questionnaire on behalf of your organization and provide as much detail as possible. This questionnaire is for 2015 (1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015).

We would like to emphasise the need for copies of your results from your national championships.

If you have any questions please contact Jan-Hein Evers (IFCPF Secretary General) at jhevers@ifcpf.com

Once completed please return to aholland@ifcpf.com with any additional documentation by February 29th 2016.

2016 Tournaments

International Tournament - England
29th February - 5th March (*England*)

International Tournament - Ireland
31st March - 3rd April (*Ireland*)



2016 Pre-Paralympic Tournament
27th April - 8th May (*Salou, Spain*)

International Trophy of Barcelona
9th - 12th June (*Barcelona, Spain*)

International Tournament - Netherlands
18th - 26th June (*Netherlands*)



2016 Intercontinental Cup Qualification Tournament
26th July - 7th August (*Vejen, Denmark*)



Rio 2016 Paralympic Games (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
7th - 18th September 2016 (*Brazil, Rio de Janeiro*)

Social Media

IFCPF uses a range of media and social media to promote CP Football and the great work of all our members. Please remember to share your news items, posts and promotional materials with IFCPF so we can continue to support you.

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