



# Newsletter

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Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for CP Football! We hope you like our new look. CP Football is now an independent federation but many of the people involved in the new federation are familiar to you. We will continue to work hard for our sport and to keep you well informed about we are doing. This is YOUR organization and we look forward to working with you to develop CP Football around the world.

## **America Cup**

The America Cup was held in Toronto, Canada and organized by the Canadian Soccer Association. The participating countries were: Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, USA, and Venezuela.

The semi-finals featured USA versus Argentina and Brazil versus the home country Canada. The USA versus Argentina match was an exciting close match. Argentina qualified for the final match by a 2 – 1 victory. Champion favourite Brazil defeated Canada 6-1. Brazil won the gold medal in the final against Argentina 3-0.

Final ranking America Cup:

1. Brazil
2. Argentina
3. USA
4. Canada
5. Venezuela
6. Mexico



## **Asian Para Games**

Incheon, South Korea was the host city for The Asian Para Games. The Asian Para Games were organized by the Asian Paralympics Committee (APC). The following countries participated in the Asian Para Games: Japan, South Korea, Iran, Singapore



Iran became the champion in the Asian Para Games by defeating Japan convincingly: 5-0. Both teams qualified for the 2015 IFCPF World Championships in England.

Final ranking Asian Para Games:

1. Iran
2. Japan
3. South Korea
4. Singapore



Iran winner of the Asian Para Games



### **2015 IFCPF World Championships**

From June 13<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, the 2015 IFCPF World Championships will be held in Burton upon Trent, England. Sixteen countries will be competing in this qualification tournament for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

#### Europe (8 countries)

England, Ireland, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Russia, Scotland and Ukraine

#### America (5 countries)

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, USA and Venezuela

#### Asia (3 countries)

Australia, Iran (see photo) and, Japan



**Jeff Davis, tournament director 2015 IFCPF World Championships said** " During the London Paralympic games in 2012 I had the wonderful opportunity to directly experience the great affection the British public had for the Paralympic movement, in fact over 150,000 people watched the seven a side event! During this period I thought it would be good to have the next World Championship in England in 2015, from this seedling of an idea we are now less than 7 months away from the Championship!

All the teams have qualified and we are well underway with the organisation of the event. We are delighted to host this tournament at The FA's new National Football Centre at St Georges Park, this state of the art facility will host all training and matches meaning there will not be any transportation problems. The grass pitches are of the highest quality and are used by all the England representative teams, the main pitch will have a 1000 seated stadium built around it and is the same surface as we use at Wembley Stadium.

Our next major task is to recruit the volunteers, order their kit, train the national technical officials and complete the draw in March. The development of the website is a major boost and this is where all the competition information forms, draw and stories from the competing countries will be held. We look forward to seeing qualifying countries in June and for the first game on June 16th".

#### **Announcements:**

➤ **Applying for tournaments and friendly matches beginning January 2015**

In order for CP Football to grow as a sport , and be seen to be operating in a professional manner, it is important that we are kept aware of all tournaments and training matches. In addition, this information is required by the IPC as part of our application to remain on the Paralympic sport programme. Therefore, starting in January 2015 it is mandatory to forward a request for approval to host tournaments and friendly matches to IFCPF Football. We will provide you with further details about this in a separate letter.

➤ **Player biographies**

Last summer at the European Championship Robin Janssen collected some players biographies. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> every player who takes part in International CP Football tournaments need to be registered in the new database with requested personal information. Team managers of the countries will be contacted to fill in these details along with the player. The countries will receive more information regarding players Bio's in the near future.



- **Draw 2015 IFCPF World Championships**  
The draw for the 2015 IFCPF World Championships will take place on 11 March 2015 at 11:00 hours. The draw will be executed by IFCPF in conjunction with the English FA at St. Georges Park. You will be able to find out more information in February by checking the new website ([www.ifcpf.com](http://www.ifcpf.com)) or now at [www.cp2015.com](http://www.cp2015.com)
  
- **New members IFCPF:**
  - India
  - Jordan
  - Nigeria
  - Wales
  
- **Program / events 2015 (see [www.cpisra.org](http://www.cpisra.org) for detailed information):**
  - Tournament Denmark April
  - Tournament Portugal (March, classification)
  - Tournament Spain (June)
  - IFCPF World Championships, England (June)
  - World Championships U19, England (August)
  - ParaPanAm Canada (August)