



Newsletter

2017 - 1st edition

Welcome

Welcome to the 1st edition newsletter of 2017 for 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.

IFCPF General Assembly

IFCPF hosted its first General Assembly in Sant Cugat, Spain, on 12 November 2016, in partnership with CPISRA. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our members face to face and to discuss matters of importance to us all.

During the General Assembly, elections were held and the following persons were elected:

- President: Mr Jan-Hein Evers
- Member at Large (Asia/Oceania): Mr Chulsoon Shin
- Member at Large (Americas): Mr Jim Moorhouse

Also at the General Assembly held in November 2016, a mandate was given to the Board to appoint Board members in the vacant positions. The following appointments have been made for a period of two years until the next General Assembly to be held in 2018:

Secretary General: Sam Turner

The Board has made the internal appointment of Sam Turner to the role of Secretary General, due to his experience and professional background which will support the upcoming 2024 Paralympic Games application process as a key focus for IFCPF.

Member at Large (Europe): Peter Ackerley
Peter Ackerley has significant managerial experience as well as experience working professionally for Football and Sports Federations.

The position of Member at Large (Africa region) is still vacant but we hope to fill it in the near future.

Sao Paulo 2017



IFCPF are extremely proud that CP Football was once again part of the Youth Parapan American Games, which was also the 2017 the IFCPF Americas U19 qualification tournament for the 2018 World Championships which will be part of the 2018 CPISRA World Games in Sant Cugat, Spain.

Developing the youth is a key part of IFCPF's work, helping to grow not only world wide participation but to help players fall in love with this beautiful sport at a young age. We were also very pleased to see teams with a lot of history taking part such as the hosts Brazil, who won gold in Bogotá-2009 and Buenos Aires-2013, but it is great to see Panama competing who are a very

new team to CP Football.

The final standing were:

- Gold - Argentina
- Silver - Brazil
- Bronze - Colombia

CP Football Workshops



Brazil:

The International Federation of CP Football supported the international seminar of the Brazilian disability sport organization ANDE. The course was held from March 20 to 25 and was sponsored by the International Paralympic Federation.

Coaches from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Trinidad & Tobago and Ecuador were present for the training course in Rio de Janeiro, in which which was focused on topics for the sports sciences and activities for people with disabilities.



South Africa:

IFCPF conducted a CP Football workshop alongside SASAPD's Nedbank National Championships. In total around 23 participants took part in the course, including coaches and physiotherapists.

In addition, players from a number of teams were involved to support both coaching and classification elements.

South Africa last participated in the Intercontinental Cup (now known as the World Championships) in 2013, but has since only been holding national championships. With a strong national programme, including teams from 7 provinces, the future for the national team is very bright with lots of gifted young players.

National Convenor Lucky Tsatsane has now put in place a development plan, with the idea to participate in World level competitions in the near future.

Updated Laws of the Game and Tournament Regulations

IFCPF wish to share some of the key updates made to the IFCPF Laws of Game and IFCPF Tournament Regulations. Please read the full documents for all updates which are effective from 1st January 2017.

Classification:

Each team must field at least two (2) class FT5 or FT6 player on the field of play at all times during a game, or the team will play with one less player. Each team may have a maximum of one (1) class FT8 player on the field of play at all times during a game.

Mixed Gender:

IFCPF CP Football can be played by male and female athletes. Tournaments are permitted to be played mixed gender. To support the development of CP Football opportunities for female players, mixed gender participation is allowed in all IFCPF sanctioned competition other than Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cup and Regional Championships.

Substitutions:

A maximum of five (5) substitutes may be made within a maximum of three (3) opportunities in any match.

- Injury substitutions count as an opportunity
- Half-time substitutions count as an opportunity.
- If both teams make a substitution at the same time, both will use one of their opportunities.
- If all opportunities have been used by a team, then it may not use any remaining substitutions.

[Read the full Laws of the Game and Tournament Regulations here](https://www.ifcpf.com/rules)
(<https://www.ifcpf.com/rules>)

Interview with Igor Monteiro



Igor was selected by the International Federation of CP Football to be part of the referee team in the Sao Paulo 2017 Youth Parapan American Games following his performance as a National Technical Official at Rio2016.

"At Rio2016 I only acted as assistant referee, and now I am a referee leading matches in an international tournament."

"Now that I am an international referee, I dream about being part of the CP World Cup and Parapan American Games in Lima 2019. I was very happy with the news that CP Football will be included in Lima 2019 and hope that I can play my part to make it a great competition."

[Read the full article here](https://www.ifcpf.com/news/referee)
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Classification

As the IFCPF announced in the General Assembly held in November 2016, CP Football is conducting a full review of the CP Football Classification Rules for the compliance of the IPC Athletes Classification Code and International Standards. The purpose of this review will be to ensure that Classification Rules reflect best practice.

The new Classification Rulebook includes a General Provisions (Articles 1 to 13) to meet the requirements of the 2015 Athlete Classification Code and International Standards (that came into effect 1 January 2017), and this review round will consider all recent knowledge from classification research to revise and amend the appendices of the Classification Rules.

Given the above, IFCPF would like to invite all its members to submit any recommendations and/or proposed amendments to the Classification Rules by recording these in the template sent out to members and returning it to IFCPF via email: aholland@ifcpf.com no later than 5th May 2017.

Upon receipt of your feedback, all recommendations and proposed amendments will be reviewed, consolidated and considered for inclusion by the IFCPF Classification Committee (in consultation with the Technical Committee and/or Governing Board). Following this, the new 2018 Classification Rules will come into effect from 1 January 2018, deadline proposed by the IPC Athlete Classification Code Compliance.

Jan-Hein Evers, IFCPF President said: *"On behalf of the IFCPF Board, I would like to congratulate our Classification Committee on the new classification rules that are almost in the final stages before implementation."*

"The Board has reviewed the new Classification Rules, and I would like to convey their sincere gratitude to each one of you who was involved in the process. I want to extend a special thank you to Raúl who has taken the lead in this project, and who, I am sure, sometimes felt that it is a thankless task. Please know that your hard work and endless work capacity did not go unnoticed."

Clean-Sports



In 2016 the IFCPF Anti-doping committee launched its first Registered Testing Pool (RTP) program which targets elite and risky players. An RTP consists in a group of players subject to regular testing out of competition according to Whereabouts information they or their representatives submit via ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration Management System).

In 2016, the IFCPF RTP was managed exclusively via the ADAMS in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. It first targeted ten (10) players from ten (10) countries highly involved within CP football.

In this first RTP experience, 50% were tested according to the Whereabouts they submitted via ADAMS whereas 20% were not tested due to either submitting irregular whereabouts or for difficulties related to the player location.

For the remaining ones, 20% retired before being tested and 10% were removed from the beginning of the program.

All tested players were sampled according to the Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis (TDSSA) and urine samples were analysed within WADA accredited laboratories. The first four (4) results came back negative whereas one (1) remains under analysis.

WADA emphasises its beliefs that an *“effective anti-doping education is a crucial part of protecting clean sport.”*

The 2016 RTP program experienced some constraints consisting of mainly the low level of the ADAMS system control by both players and their representatives as well as some significant geo-differences for NADOs support to RTP players when submitting whereabouts. This sometimes led to late whereabouts submissions which broke the continuousness of the testing plan application in 2016.

Proposed issues to solve this key point are to implement an informative program on ADAMS use and the RTP program as well as to strengthen cooperation with respective NADOS and testing and analysis service providers.

The new RTP list for 2017 has been released by the IFCPF Anti-Doping committee and is available [here](#)

The IFCPF rely on all anti-doping stakeholders to assist our new IF to make this keep CP Football a Clean-Sport: CP football, pure football!

REMINDER - Members Questionnaire

We would appreciate if you could complete the questionnaire on behalf of your organization and provide as much detail as possible.

This questionnaire is for 2016 (1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016).

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

If you have any questions please contact Sam Turner at sturner@ifcpf.com

Once completed please return to aholland@ifcpf.com with any additional documentation by February 28th 2017.

Calendar

IFCPF CP Football Workshop - Kazakhstan
20th - 23rd April 2017 (*Astana, Kazakhstan*)

IFCPF CP Football Workshop - India
22nd - 24th May 2017 (*Goa, India*)

IFCPF CP Football Workshop - Caribbean
22nd - 26th May 2017 (*Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago*)

12th CP Football International Trophy "Citutat de Barcelona"
8th - 11th June 2017 (*Barcelona, Spain*)

EPC General Assembly and Conference
15th - 18th June 2017 (*Katowice, Poland*)

2017 IFCPF CP Football World Championships
3rd - 22nd September 2017 (*San Luis, Argentina*)

18th General Assembly IPC
7th - 8th September 2017 (*Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*)

2017 ASEAN Para Games
17th - 23rd September 2017 (*Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*)

2017 IFCPF CP Football European Championships U19 (European Paralympic Committee Youth Games)
9th - 15th October 2017 (*Genoa, Italy*)

Social Media

IFCPF uses a range of media and social media to promote CP Football and the great work of all our members.

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