



DELEGATES' INFORMATION

**The 14th Sport Congress of IWAS Powerchair Hockey (IPCH) will be held on
Saturday 5th June 2021
On Google Meet**

PCH Sport Congresses are held every two years and provides an arena for IPCH Member Nations to discuss and decide about policies, management rules and regulations for Powerchair Hockey. This invitation is sent to all member organizations of the IWAS worldwide and to all Nations where Powerchair Hockey is played.

The 14th Sport Congress was supposed to be organized under the auspices of the IWAS and IPCH by the local organizing committee (LOC) of the European Championship 2020 and by the Finnish Paralympic Committee. Following the decision, due to Covid-19 pandemic, to cancel the competition, the SEC in agreement with IWAS decided to organize the Sport Congress Online. IWAS/IPCH invites delegates of the Sport Congress to register to the meeting according to the following information.

Registration:

All participants will have to register through Eventbrite platform.

<https://www.eventbrite.it/e/ipch-sport-congress-2021-registration-136074341017>

Registrations are open from 20th January until Sunday 9th May 2021

Because the meeting will be held online there will be no participation fee.

From each nation a maximum of 2 Delegates are invited to attend the Sport Congress.

Every nation has 1 vote - ONLY 1 Delegate can have voting rights.

IPCH would like to invite people to participate also as observers in order to have the chance to include as many people as possible in this meeting and in order to stimulate the participation internationally. IPCH do invite National Members to share this invitation with the people within the National organizations that can be interested in the topics on the agenda (including coaches, athletes, national officials etc) to attend the meeting. They will have to register as Observers on the platform and won't have the chance to vote or speak on behalf of their country.

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On the platform 3 different kind of tickets will be available:

Delegate - WITH Voting Right: This ticket is reserved to 1 Delegate per Nation. This person will have to attend the whole meeting and will be the only one with the task to express the vote and allowed to talk on behalf of the National Organization.

IPCH will confirm all the registration as Delegate WITH voting rights with the National Organization / IWAS Member to make sure the registered person is legitimately appointed as Official Delegate and have an official mandate to represent their Nation in the meeting.

National Delegate: This ticket is reserved for max. 1 Delegate per Nation in addition to the one with voting rights. This person is strongly advised to attend the whole meeting. This person will NOT have voting rights, but IS allowed to speak on behalf of the National Organization.

IPCH will confirm all the registration as National Delegate with the National Organization / IWAS Member to make sure the registered person is legitimately registering as Official Delegate and have an official mandate to represent their Nation in the meeting.

Observers:

Observers are welcome to attend the meetings. All observers will have NO voting rights and are not allowed to speak during the Sport Congress. As the congress will happen online there will be a chat available where Observers can also express their views and opinions participating in the discussion. IPCH Staff will monitor the chat throughout the meeting and relevant comments will be highlighted or taken into consideration.

Powerchair Hockey Nations that are not represented officially by an IWAS Member and therefore do not have the possibility to have an Official Delegate (with or without voting rights) can register as Observers.

There are 100 places available for participants to register (including speakers and IPCH Staff)

In case the number of requests to attend will exceed the number of places available to participate in the meeting observers will be accepted according the following principles:

- Representation as many Nations as possible
- Order of registration

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Draft Schedule and meeting plan:

All registered participants will be able to connect to the link they will find on the registration platform and that will also be sent to them by IPCH Secretariat as a reminder after their registration and a few days before the meeting.

Connection will be open since 9.30 CET in order to ensure everyone can connect and test their connection.

- 9.30 Link opening
- 10.00 Official Welcome
- 10.15 Session 1 - IPCH Reports and Projects
- 11.30 Session 2 - Motions on Rules and Regulations
- 13.30 Lunch Break
- 15.00 Session 3 - World Championship 2022
- 16.30 Session 4 - IPCH Challenges and Opportunities
- 18.00 Greetings and closing of the Sport Congress

For more details check the attached Draft Agenda

Getting ready for the Sport Congress

Due to the special setup that this Sport Congress will have it is utterly important to get the maximum collaboration from the National Organization and from those who will participate in the meeting.

We kindly ask you to check the Doc. 02 Sport Congress Schedule and Deadlines and respect the deadlines given to ensure the possibility to properly plan the meeting.

As usual please make sure National Delegates both with and without voting rights read all the documents that will be sent and agree their position and opinions within the National Organization.

How will the voting on Motion work?

IPCH will send out with the 2nd Package all the Motions collected from the Nations and suggested by the IPCH Committees and IPCH SEC.

For Motions presented by National Organizations:

IPCH will analyse all the proposals received from the Nations and will add to the Documents all National Organizations will receive comments and remarks to explain the IPCH SEC point of view on the different proposals.

ONLY the National Motions that will get at least 1 other Nations seconding it will be put up to vote in the Sport Congress. By the 23rd May each National organization and/or the mandated Official

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Delegate will have to inform IPCH about which are the motions the nations seconds and if there are any questions or comments they wish to share during the meeting.

This is very important to allow IPCH to properly plan the agenda for the day of the Sport Congress.

For IPCH Motions

Those motions are proposals worked out by the IPCH committees and do not need to be seconded to be put up for voting. In order to minimise discussion or explanation times also in this case comments and remarks from SEC and the proposing committees will be shared in advance.

We encourage National organization and/or the mandated Official Delegate to contact IPCH in advance if further explanations are needed, and to share latest by 23rd May comments or remarks they wish to share with other nations.

Vote will be expressed during the meeting using a specific tool integrated in Google Meet.

Instructions and guidelines for attending the meeting and for voting will be sent to registered persons in advance.

We are aware that usually the competition days before the Sport Congress were very useful to share points of views, opinions and ideas among the people representing the Nations in the meeting. In order to facilitate the whole process and to allow Nations to share ideas and understand better the proposals on the table IPCH encourages the organization of meetings among National representatives before the deadline of the 23rd May aimed to discuss and facilitate the process of seconding or not the motions presented. IPCH will be happy to support and facilitate those meetings offering meeting platforms or opportunities, technical support, and knowledge.

Please share with office@powerchairhockey.org the dates and times of those meetings so that we IPCH can support and be present 2 weeks before.

Questions and Information:

For additional information or questions related to the IPCH Sport Congress please contact office@powerchairhockey.org