



# Report



## **POWERCHAIR HOCKEY**

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP  
QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT  
PRAGUE 2019**



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## Introduction & Background

The IWAS Powerchair Hockey (PCH) Qualification Tournament took place from the 8th till the 13th October 2019 in Prague, Czech Republic.

This event was organized under the aegis of the IWAS and the IPCH by the Czech Sports Organization for Physically Disabled and Czech Federation of Powerchair Hockey.

In Czech Republic Powerchair Hockey has been played for 10 years now. There have been many club tournaments organized in Prague that also hosted the organization of Czech National League in 2019/2020. Czech Republic hosts in his league also Slovakian teams to support and boost the development of the sport in Slovakia as well.



## General Organization

### Organizing Committee

Organizing committee (LOC) was based on people who organize club tournaments. Players who were involved in the organization of the Qualification Tournament were then substituted so that they could concentrate just for the function of the player.

<b>Vaclav Uher</b>	LOC Chairman & PR
<b>Radka Kucirkova</b>	Secretary
<b>Jiri Brabec</b>	Hall Management + medical and technical support
<b>Lucie Moravcova</b>	Transport
<b>Jitka Vaculikova</b>	Ceremonies

## Accommodation & Meals

Clarion Congress Hotel – even if all the rooms were not fully accessible, LOC provided each team one fully accessible room to share for the team. Meeting rooms were provided by the Hotel.

Breakfast and dinner were served at the hotel, while lunch was served at the Competition Hall



## Competition Hall

Sport Hall Economy University Trebesin was approved by IWAS IPCH Chairman (2018) and TD and TD assistant during second site inspection (2019).

Extra wheelchair accessible toilet was provided in front of the hall.



Due to the peculiar structure of the tournament, counting on 3 teams could not avoid having at least one team playing consecutive games, TD agreed to use the one field for both training and games.

The Sport Hall was also used for some meetings, hosted in the locker rooms. On one hand this allowed LOC to save some money as the meeting rooms at



the hotel were very expensive but was not the best solution for the Officials due to the lack of meeting equipment and web connection issues.

## Transportation

Transport was provided by a company by minivans plus by two VW Transporters.

## Volunteers

There were volunteers helping with the organization on a day to day basis.

For the competition days there were extra volunteers as table officials.

Also the City Police was active and involved in the volunteering tasks and activities, especially during preparation days.

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## IPCH Officials

### IPCH Representative



*Fabio Rodo  
IPCH Chairman*

### IPCH Technical Delegates



*Niels ten Hagen  
Technical delegate*



*Kenny Verbraekel  
Technical Delegate Assistant*

## IPCH Referees

Davor	Matijašević	Chief Referee	SLO
Kimmo	Virtanen	Ass. Chief Referee	FIN
Kristoffer	Stormark	Referee	DEN
Andrea	Vacchetti	Referee	ITA
Gaetano	Glorioso	Referee	ITA
Ricarda Corina	Hess	Referee	SWI

## IPCH Referees' Observers

Lauri	Oksanen	Chief Referee Observer	FIN
Fabrizio	Fragano	Referee Observer	ITA
Henry	Acquah	Referee Observer	GER
Inge	De Zwart	Referee Observer Trainee	NED

## IPCH Jury Members

Dorte	Berenth	Chief Jury	DEN
Hilaire	Swerts	Jury	BEL
Anja	Wouters	Jury	NED

## IPCH Classifiers

Luca	Tomasi	Chief Classifier	ITA
Alvaro	Daza	Ass. Chief Classifier	SPA
Kaj	Smulter	Classifier	FIN
Anna	Muitswa	Classifier	AUS



# The Competition

## Allocated Nations

At the beginning of the planning and at the stage immediately following the Letter of intent IPCH also received the intention to host the EC2020 from Finland.

At that point, according to the IPCH World Ranking List, Finland would have been among those nations to be invited to a Qualification Tournament.

This situation created in fact few issues for the LOC of the QT2019 because as long as the process to evaluate the bid to host the EC2020 filed by Finland there could not be any sure information about the number of participating teams and therefore on the match schedule.

## Match Schedule

The competition was played according to the IPCH Competition Regulation art. C.2.2. "In competitions of 3 participating teams, the teams play 2 times against each other. All matches shall be played."

### October 11th

10.00	Slovenia	Spain	0-9
13.30	Czech Republic	Slovenia	13-2
17.00	Spain	Czech Republic	8-4

### October 12th

09.30	Czech Republic	Spain	3-9
13.30	Spain	Slovenia	5-0*
17.00	Slovenia	Czech Republic	2-6

\*As Slovenia had technical and other issues the match was forfeited. The official result is therefore as indicated in Competition Regulation (G.1.2) 5-0 for the opponent team Spain. Spain agreed to play a friendly game with mixed teams instead.



## Final Ranking

#	Nation	Pt.
<b>1</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>8</b>
2	Czech Republic	4
3	Slovenia	0

Spain qualifies for the IPCH European Championship 2020.



## Medical & Anti Doping

There was one injury during the night in Slovenian team.

LOC provided all the assistance to manage the transportation to Slovenia.

Doping control was done in compliance with the IWAS agreement and code.

## Communication and PR

IPCH Communication Manager overlooked all Communication and PR activities in order to make sure they were all compliant with the IWAS and IPCH rules and regulations.

- a booklet that was published and distributed.
- a dedicated Website was created in advance.
- a dedicated Facebook Page was launched (340 followers)
- the games were streamed on IPCH Youtube Official Channel and commentated in English by a Volunteer.



## Ceremonies

### Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony was held at the Old Townhall under the auspices of the councillor Mr. Simral.

There was a small issue with entering the historical Brozik Hall but finally LOC managed to arrange safe entry to the hall.





## Closing Ceremony

Closing ceremony including the Prize award ceremony was held in the hall after the final game. In addition, in the evening there was farewell dinner in the hotel with additional individual awards.



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