



**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK:
A Framework for Development**

OBJECTIVE

Continue the growth and development of powerchair hockey around the world through collaboration and a focus on improving the quality of experiences.

PRIORITIES

- Create both regional and worldwide bonds/networks with the purpose of creating a platform for collaboration and initiatives among powerchair hockey nations.
- Provide opportunities to share best practices on topics such as education and recruitment, awareness, marketing and promotion, and program sustainability.
- Provide opportunities to share general experiences and challenges related to the growth and development of powerchair hockey

STRUCTURE

**IPCH SPORT EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
NETWORK COMMITTEE**

WORKING GROUPS

WORLDWIDE GROUP

WORKING GROUPS

THE STRUCTURE

Global Development Network nations will be divided into working groups primarily consisting of nations that align in various ways, such as close geographical proximity, cultural and demographic similarities, and similar opportunities and challenges. Additionally, these nations could provide better conditions for partnering on local initiatives such as tournaments, education and recruitment programs, etc. The working groups will include both developed and developing nations to share knowledge and experiences.

The working groups will take the overall objective and priorities and use that as a starting point. Each working group will primarily be run by the nations themselves with little interference from IPCH and the Global Development Network Committee (GDNC). The more specific operational decisions of the groups such as the collaboration and initiatives, topics and agendas for meetings etc will be each group's own responsibility to assess and decide upon.

There will be a few overall operational guidelines for the groups to operate in accordance with. These operational guidelines are explained further in "Formalities and Operations".

FORMALITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Each working group will consist of approximately six nations. Each nation will appoint two representatives to be a part of the group.
- In each working group, one representative will be appointed who will act as the the main point of contact and lead for the group. This contact person will be the communication link between the working group and the GDNC.

As group lead, this contact person will ensure the group has regular meetings, according to the annual schedule, and follow up on action items and initiatives. The contact person can delegate tasks to other representatives of the group if necessary.

FORMALITIES AND OPERATIONS (continued)

- Each working group will meet at least three times per year (January, May, and September), either in-person or virtually. For each meeting there should be an agenda with specific topics to discuss. Shortly after each meeting a brief summary should be written and sent to the GDNC. The summary should only contain information which could be beneficial to other nations outside the group to know about. This could include upcoming tournaments, recruitment programs/initiatives or general discussions and information which could be of use for all nations. The information in the summary will eventually be used in a newsletter send by the GDNC to all nations.
- Each working group will have their own private Facebook group. This will support the ongoing work as it will be possible to share experiences, best practices and have discussions outside of the three meetings a year.

PROPOSED WORKING GROUPS

AMERICAS & NORTH WEST EUROPE

Belgium
Brazil
Canada
Italy
Netherlands
UK
United States

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN EUROPE & AFRICA

Germany
Denmark
Czech Republic
Slovenia
Morocco
Spain

NORTHERN EUROPE, ASIA-PACIFIC

Australia
Estonia
Finland
Japan
Russia
Switzerland

WORLDWIDE GROUP

THE STRUCTURE

In addition to the working groups there will be a worldwide group consisting of one representative from each nation. This will provide the opportunity for each nation to share experiences and best practices. The work of this group is based on the same overall objective and priorities as the working groups, but the topics and purpose will be more general to ensure all nations can contribute/relate.

The worldwide group will be led by the IPCH, and more specifically the Global Development Network Committee (GDNC), which is appointed by and acting under the IPCH. Therefore, specific operational decisions of the group such as initiatives, topics and agendas for meetings etc will be GDNC's responsibility.

That being said, the GDNC is obliged to listen to any wishes, requests or inputs from any nation, and it should always be GDNC's goal to take this into account when deciding and planning initiatives.

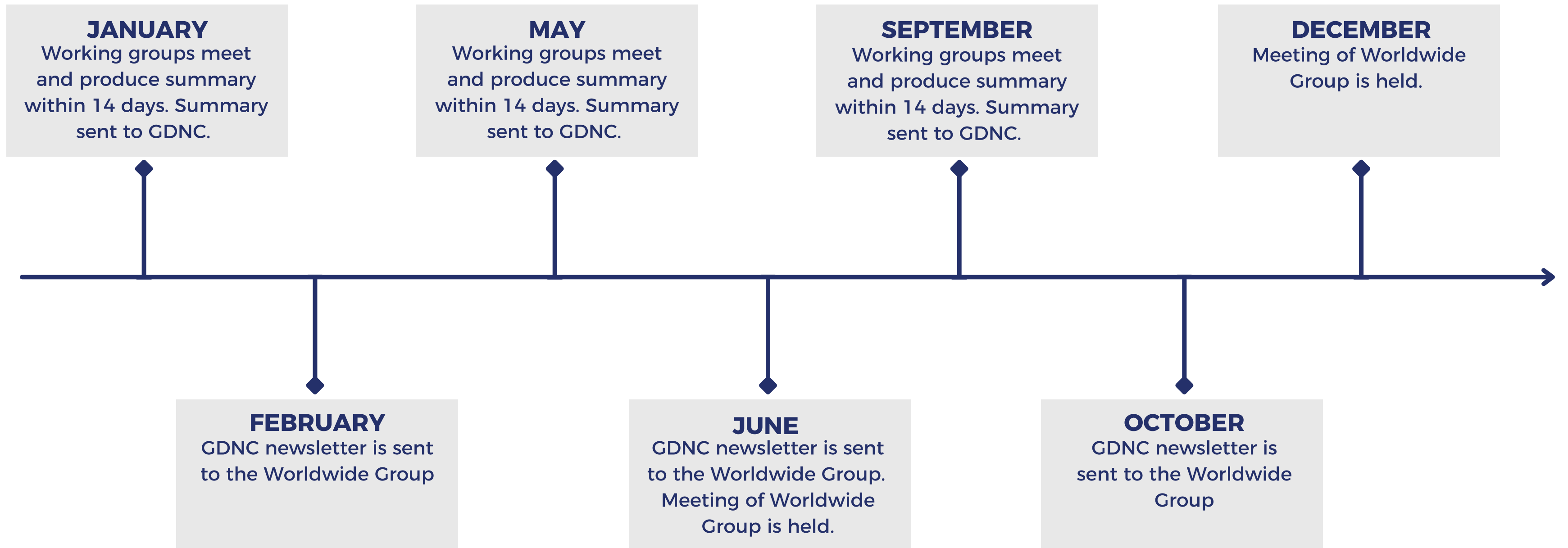
FORMALITIES AND OPERATIONS

- The GDNC will consist of a group of minimum three representatives appointed by the IPCH. The IPCH Development Officer will always be a part of the GDNC and has the main responsibility of the group and must ensure that the overall Global Development Network is functional, meaning having ongoing contact with all working groups and following up on decisions and initiatives within the worldwide group.
- The worldwide group will consist of one representative from each nation. The representatives must already be a part of the working groups in order to establish a sustainable global network where discussions and best practices from the working groups can be brought into the worldwide group.
- The worldwide group will meet virtually, a maximum twice a year (June and December). The meetings will be more formal and structured compared to working group meetings, ensuring a focused agenda is developed with only a few specific topics relevant to all nations and therefore they will be more of general character.

FORMALITIES AND OPERATIONS (continued)

- The worldwide group must have their own private Facebook group to support the ongoing worldwide work enabling nations to share experiences, best practices and have discussions outside the two meetings a year.
- The worldwide group must receive a newsletter from the Global Development Network Committee in February, June, and October containing key discussions, initiatives and information from the working groups' latest meeting.

ANNUAL WORKFLOW SCHEDULE



NEXT STEP

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QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact the Global Development Network Committee and the IPCH Development Officer, Danni Hillbrandt-Mogensen.

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