



DELEGATES' INFORMATION

**The 15th Sport Congress of IWAS Powerchair Hockey (IPCH) will be held on
Saturday 19th November 2022
Online**

PCH Sport Congresses are held every two years and provide an arena for IPCH Member Nations to discuss and decide about policies, management rules and regulations for Powerchair Hockey.

This year the Sport Congress will also host the Elections of the Sport Executive Committee for the 2022 - 2026 period.

This invitation is sent to all member organizations of the IWAS worldwide and to all Nations where Powerchair Hockey is played.

IWAS/IPCH invites delegates of the Sport Congress to register to the meeting according to the following information.

1. Meeting Concept and schedule:

Rationale - background information:

Powerchair Hockey has been developing quite a lot in the last 10 years, many great changes and improvements have been made under several points of views as for example: technical, classification, safety, level of playing, etc.

All this has been possible thanks to the availability and support of volunteers that had to deal with huge workloads as well as, quite often, big responsibilities.

In these years we have seen a few new Nations starting to play Powerchair Hockey, and some also stopping or considering quitting the sport because of the lack of appropriate tools, appropriate competitions or arenas where to learn, try and grow.

The IPCH Global Development Network aims to create and offer an exchange platform for all the Nations to keep exchanging ideas, proposals and mostly to support each other in the continuous development of the sport.

International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS)
PowerChair Hockey



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The last 3 years have been a huge challenge for everyone as well as for our Sport, due to the pandemic we could not play anymore and a lot of the development activities but not only suffered from a sudden stop.

Starting again is not easy, there are a lot of tasks to take care of and a lot of projects worth working on which are kept on hold due to the lack of time/people to coordinate those and make those ideas become reality. The IPCH as a committee needs more people willing to put some time in the international projects otherwise it will become impossible to achieve all the goals, and keep up with the dream of becoming a paralympic sport.

As a Sport Executive Committee we have decided to dedicate the 15th Sport Congress to do a proper recap of what has been done in the past few years and what should / could be done in the future in order to draw together with the Nations participating in PCH a common path and a common goal for the future.

This, together with the fact that the 14th Sport Congress was really focused on Motions and rules updating, the Sport Executive Committee is suggesting to not discuss Motions on the 15th Sport Congress but to focus on a more important topic as the one related to the future of the sport and of the movement.

General Program:

- 13.30 Link opening and connection time
- 14.00 Official Welcome
- 14.15 **Session 1 - IPCH Reports and Projects**
- 15.20 Comfort break
- 15.30 **Session 2 - Elections**
- 16.30 Comfort break
- 16.40 **Session 3 - Round table - The future of IPCH (Development and next steps)**
- 18.00 Greetings and closing of the Sport Congress

For more details check the attached Draft Agenda



2. Registration and attendance:

Registrations will be open on Eventbrite from Friday 01 July until Friday 09th September

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

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 participation internationally.

IPCH does 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.

How to register:

All participants will have to register through the Eventbrite platform.
https://ipch_sportcongress_2022.eventbrite.it

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.

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 and without voting right 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. 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.

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.

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 of as many Nations as possible
- Order of registration

How to participate in the meeting:

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

The link to the meeting will be open in advance to ensure everyone can connect and test their connection.

3. Getting ready for the Sport Congress

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.

Motions and proposals:

As stated above this Sport Congress should not have Motions and changes to the rules as its main focus. Of course it is still possible that few adjustments or proposals will be considered and eventually inserted to the agenda. Therefore we kindly ask all the Nations who are considering sending a Motion or a proposal to use the time window open for amendments and suggestions of items for the agenda and therefore to send inputs by **15th July 2022**.

Questions and Information:

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