



XXIV IPCH Sport Congress

1. Welcome & Opening

1.1. Introduction

IPCH Chairperson Fabio Rodo welcomed everyone and informed everyone that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the first time that the Sport Congress is held online. This way, when found useful, will be repeated to stay connected between major events.

1.2. Roll Call

IPCH SPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and STAFF

1. Fabio Rodo - IPCH Chairperson
2. Rasmus Dissing Nielsen - IPCH Vice-Chairperson - Marketing & Communication Officer
3. Anna Rossi - Technical and Classification Officer - Competition Officer (interim)
4. Danni Hillbrandt-Mogensen - Development Officer
5. Seppe Hemerijckx - Social Media and Website
6. Aina Budde - Assistant to Anna Rossi
7. Dorte Berenth - Head of Jury Members Committee
8. Kees van Breukelen - Representative of Classifier Committee
9. Davor Matijašević - Head of Referee Committee

DELEGATE WITH VOTING RIGHTS:

1. Atso Ahonen (FINLAND)
2. Anders Berenth (DENMARK)
3. John Blackburn (CANADA) *
4. Dick Cochius (THE NETHERLANDS)
5. Martin Wenger (SWITZERLAND)
6. Julian Delgado (SPAIN)
7. Lukas Kroupa (CZECH REPUBLIC)
8. Andrea Piccillo (ITALY)
9. Kenny Verbraekel (BELGIUM)
10. Julian Wendel (GERMANY)

DELEGATE WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS:

1. Anni Kyrolainen (FINLAND)
2. Alexander Ibsen (DENMARK)
3. Alex Mc Lean (CANADA) *
4. Ad Hagnaars (THE NETHERLANDS)
5. Frank Habersatter (SWITZERLAND)
6. Mateo Delgado Zalles (SPAIN)
7. Radka Kucircikova (CZECH REPUBLIC)
8. Benedetta De Cecco (Italy)
9. Maria Van de Velde (BELGIUM)
10. Gerd Autenrieth (GERMANY)

* In the absence of John Blackburn, Alex Mc Lean took over the voting right of Canada.



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OBSERVERS:

From Nations

1. Ashleigh White (AUSTRALIA)
2. Bas Van Dycke (BELGIUM)
3. Emmett Britton (CANADA)
4. Paul Desaulniers (CANADA)
5. Meghan Hines (CANADA)
6. Alejandro Diaz (SPAIN)
7. Juri Lehtmets (ESTONIA)
8. Petri Matikainen (FINLAND)
9. Riina Kaisa Ojala (FINLAND)
10. Mark Palmer (GREAT BRITIAN)
11. Ellie Currant (GREAT BRITIAN)
12. Gerry Kinsella (GREAT BRITIAN)
13. Hetty Wieringa (THE NETHERLANDS)
14. Katie Frayer (USA)
15. Damon Leivestad (USA)

IPCH Officials

1. Gerda Nelles (BELGIUM)
2. Matthias Vanhove (BELGIUM)
3. Zdenek Kaminek (CZECH REPUBLIC)
4. Saita Luumi (FINLAND)
5. Ilkka Siiki (FINLAND)
6. Gaetano Glorioso (ITALY)
7. Luca Tomasi (ITALY)
8. Eugenio Trevisan (ITALY)
9. Alessio Zanoni (ITALY)
10. Alvaro Daza Juana (SPAIN)
11. Ricarda Hess (SWITZERLAND)
12. Pieter Borgers (THE NETHERLANDS)
13. Marjan de Ridder (THE NETHERLANDS)
14. Marianka Wajer (THE NETHERLANDS)
15. Inge de Zwart (THE NETHERLANDS)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

1. Merita Bruun (IFF)
2. John Liljelund (IFF)

Merita Bruun introduced herself. She is responsible for developing the cooperation between the different para-floorball organizations. John Liljelund is IFF Secretary General who informed the attendees what IFF is.

1.3. Adoption of Agenda

Coffee breaks are added. The Agenda is then adopted as proposed.

2. Minutes previous Sport Assembly

2.1. Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing to be amended.

2.2. Adoption minutes 13th Sport Congress, Italy 2018

No Objections. The previous meeting minutes - Italy 2018 - are adopted as proposed.



3. Report

3.1. Sport Executive committee

The Sport Executive Committee held regular meetings every 3 weeks. In addition, extra meetings are being held when needed. Fabio Rodo thanks all the SEC members and Subcommittee members for doing the work voluntarily. Thanks to them, the sport is still developing and growing. IPCH, by the chairperson, was present in almost every IWAS Executive Board Meetings; in person as well as online. IPCH was also present at the biannual VISTA Meeting, where the new ideas and researches about classification are shared. New meeting has been held with FIPFA, who will be present later, with the aim of looking for potential collaboration. There were contacts with the company who manufactures the Strike Powerchairs to see if a hybrid Powerchair, good for Powerchair Hockey and Powerchair Football, can be made. This project is stopped. Several meetings with IFF has been held to see how we can collaborate more.

New members were recruited to the Sport Executive Committee, which is needed to divide the workload. This is still an ongoing task as there are still vacant positions. New peoples are needed both in the subcommittees as well as in the SEC.

2018

After the World Championship 2018 there was a tournament in Tallin. The new World Ranking System has been implemented. It takes into account all the results of every official competition and current performances of the teams and not just on the results of one competition. The Jury Members group has been split into Jury members and Referee Observers, as they both have different and specific tasks during a competition. Work and contacts have been established with FIPFA about speed controls. The Match table App has been tested but still under development.

2019

IWAS IPCH Qualification Tournament for the European Championship was held in Prague. Classification Research on Trunk Functionality has been done and already applied during a classification session in May in Italy. Work and contacts has been established with Germany about a new speed controls system. In Breda, The Netherlands, there was an unofficial tournament. Site inspection has been held in Finland for EC2020 which led to the appointing of Finland as host for EC2020. Also, the drawings for that tournament were performed.

2020

Right before the pandemic, the Eurostars Tournament was held in Italy with Officials' Courses. The new speed control system from Germany was tested during that tournament. IPCH put a System for Online eXams (SOX) online. It was also the start of the "Rulebook Review Project". Fabio Rodo thanked the LOC of EC2020 for handling the pandemic situation (first postponement and later on the cancellation of the event). The site inspection in Nottwil – Switzerland was performed and later on, Switzerland was allocated as host for World Cup 2022. Danni Hillbrandt-Mogensen was co-opted as Development Officer. There was a worldwide #StayAtHomeChallenge PCH edition and the IPCH Social Media Team, to be more present online, was created.

2021

New SEC collaborators were found, Sepp Hemerijckx and Aina Budde, and IPCH is still looking for more people. IPCH relaunched its questionnaire to monitor the development of the sport. The Rulebook Review was completed. The Referee Committee held its first "Town Hall" meeting, where all the current referees (and referee instructors) were invited to. The allocated nations got their invitation for the World Cup 2022. Call for Bids for European Qualification Tournament 2023 and European Championship 2024 has been sent out.



4. IPCH Subcommittees

4.1. Referee Commission

Davor Matijašević started explaining that the referee commission completed several projects (below more info) and new projects are coming on the way, but the commission would like to collaborate closely with referees in each nation.

The Referee Commission rewrote the rulebook to make it easier to read and understand.

The Referee Observers are now integrated into the Referee Commission.

A Referee and Referee Observer course was held and IPCH has now a new certified referee instructor.

Regular referee clinics/town halls will be organized, at least twice a year, to improve the skills of international referees. An online testing platform for referee exams, which is currently used internally, will be made available to all nations by the end of 2021.

The plans of the committee are to establish a referee course for beginners, focusing on starting nations and nations in development. The referee certification regulations will be taking care off. Shorter validity, easier to extend because also national experience will count, but therefore closer cooperation with national organisations is needed.

A coaching trajectory will be set up to assist existing IPCH referees.

As said before, international cooperation between the IPCH Referee Commission and referee leaders from all national organisations is needed to improve the level of the referees nationally and internationally.

4.2. Classification Committee

Kees van Breukelen started with the historical development of the Powerchair Hockey Classification System. The process of classification is also explained: Interview – Physical Assessment – Technical Assessment – Observational Assessment. The IPCH Classification form was updated because of the new code and rules. In Powerchair Hockey we only have 5 eligible impairments: Impaired muscle strength – Short Stature – Impaired passive range of movement – CP: Hypertonia, Ataxia, Athetosis – Limb Deficiency.

Research was done on the Trunk profiles. All this resulted in a new scheme on Trunk function in Powerchair Hockey. Half points were introduced. The division of the 1.0 point players into 0.5 point and 1.0 point players was established with the input of some national coaches who were former players. As a result of this, a flowchart is made to determine the class of the players.

Sportclass = Arm profile Ap + Trunk profile Tp = maximal 4.5. A 5.0 class player is not eligible.

The physical assessment on the trunk has been updated due to new insights.

The next project of the committee is to scrutinize the classification manual.

Anna Rossi reported that IPC is doing a review on their international standards. When it is done, IPCH will investigate if adaptation of the IPCH code is needed.

Denmark: what can be done to avoid cheating during classification?

Kees van Breukelen: classifiers are mostly physiotherapists or doctors. We have several ways of assessing a movement/muscle in our assessment toolbox. You can never 100% exclude cheating, but we are certain that it would be very hard to cheat.



4.3. Jury Commission

Dorte Berenth calls for new Jury members from different countries and ages. Because of the group split into Jury Members and Referee Observers the pool of Jury Members is very small.

Around 9 Jury members are needed at a championship, so IPCH desperately needs new Jury members!

Dorte Berenth explained what needs to be done to become a jury member and what the main tasks are during the competition.

4.4. Marketing and Communication Committee

Rasmus Dissing Nielsen starts by telling the attendees that it has been hard to create content because of the lack of events due to the pandemic. Also, here, the lack of volunteers affects the working of the committee. A new Social Media Team is created to be more present online. The goal is to have one representative from each Powerchair Hockey Nations to share what is happening in each nation.

Sepe Hemerijckx, Belgium, was added as assistant for Rasmus Dissing Nielsen and is in charge of the day-to-day Social Media and website.

Sepe Hemerijckx introduced himself and beside the already mentioned task he will also assist the LOC of WC2022 in their communication via Social Media and Website.

4.5. Development Committee

Danni Hillbrandt-Mogensen told the audience that the pandemic made his work more difficult. The sport is highly developed in Europe; therefore, it is important to develop the sport in more continents. So, the main focus now is on the North America continent because of the good contacts SEC has with several countries over there.

A Development Manual/handbook will be written that starting nations have a guide to start playing the sport. The IPCH Referee Commission will also be involved in this to develop their section of the manual, so starting nations have basic knowledge on how to play.

Concept "Global Development Network", a network where developing nations can have a portal to help each other, will be launched soon. A working group is set up to work this out.

5. Presentation IPCH Game Rules Re-edition

The first draft version is sent to the nation. It will be finalized soon after the Sport Congress with the results of the motion voting.

6. Motions

6.1. Motions to discuss

Motions on current IPCH Rules & Regulations which are submitted by PCH Nations and IPCH for Sport Congress 2021. During the meeting, these motions will be handled and voted on according to the IWAS Standing Order.

[Motion 1: \(Italy\): IPCH Game rules – C.4.5 - Protection](#)

Request of making it mandatory to have protection all around the powerchair

SECONDED by The Netherlands and Germany.

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: The Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Switzerland

AGAINST: Czech Republic, Finland, Denmark, Canada

ABSTENTION: Belgium, Spain



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According to IPCH Operational Rules, there has to be a majority for the motion to be approved, so with this 4 vs 4 (and 2 abstentions) result the motion is to be considered not approved.

Motion 2: (Italy): IPCH Game rules - E.2.4. - Allocated Time out

Request the possibility to have 1 allocated time-out during extra time.

SECONDED by Germany.

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Germany, Spain, Canada

AGAINST: Czech Republic, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland

ABSTENTION: -

Motion nr. 2 is not approved.

Motion 3: (Belgium): IPCH Game rules - J.4.7. - Free ball

Introducing the "Self Pass".

SECONDED by Germany, The Netherlands.

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Czech Republic, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Canada

AGAINST: Spain, Italy, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland

ABSTENTION: -

Motion nr. 3 is not approved.

Motion 4: (Finland): IPCH Game rules - J.6.9. and J.6.10 - Penalty shot

Ball or player needs to follow continuous movement towards the goal cage.

SECONDED by Italy.

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Czech Republic, Italy, Finland, Canada

AGAINST: Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Switzerland

ABSTENTION: -

Motion nr. 4 is not approved.



[Motion 1: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – Events leading to a penalty shot](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Italy, Spain, Switzerland

AGAINST: Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Canada

ABSTENTION: -

[Motion nr. 1 is not approved.](#)

[Motion 2a: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – termination of 2-minutes penalties after scored goals](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Canada

AGAINST: Denmark

ABSTENTION: -

[The Motion nr. 2a is adopted.](#)

[Motion 2b: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – termination of 2-minutes penalties on both teams](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Czech Republic, Italy, Finland, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Canada

AGAINST: Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark

ABSTENTION: -

[The Motion nr. 2b is adopted.](#)

[Motion 3: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – 5 minute time penalty with Red card](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Canada

AGAINST: Italy

ABSTENTION: -

[The Motion nr. 3 is adopted.](#)

[Motion 4: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – Offense committed during penalty shot](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: -

ABSTENTION: -



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The Motion nr. 4 is adopted.

Motion 5: (IPCH): IPCH Game rules – Termination of Time penalties – end of extra time

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Czech Republic, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: The Netherlands, Denmark, Spain

ABSTENTION: -

The Motion nr. 5 is adopted.

Motion 6: (IPCH): IPCH Game rules – Termination of Time penalties – Multiple penalties

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: -

ABSTENTION: -

The Motion nr. 6 is adopted.

Motion 7: (IPCH): IPCH Game rules – Intentionally playing the ball out the goal area to prevent a goal

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, Italy, Spain

AGAINST: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Finland

ABSTENTION: -

The Motion nr. 7 is adopted.

Motion 8: (IPCH): IPCH Game rules – Taking places on the field after time out

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: -

ABSTENTION: -

The Motion nr. 8 is adopted.



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[Motion 9: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – Making all the free hit direct](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: -

ABSTENTION: Germany

[The Motion nr. 9 is adopted.](#)

[Motion 10: \(IPCH\): IPCH Game rules – Free hit - distance](#)

VOTING :

IN FAVOUR: Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Canada, Italy

AGAINST: -

ABSTENTION: The Netherlands

[The Motion nr. 10 is adopted.](#)

6.2 Adjustments

Below you find adjustments IPCH will take in the IPCH Rules & Regulations because those concern needed text adaptations, IWAS/IPC Rules & Regulations which need to be followed, or IPCH Rules & Regulations which are already decided by a previous Sport Congress and/or changes that have been analysed and discussed among Sport Executive Committee and Head of subcommittees and are considered needed for the development of the Sport.

[Adjustment 1: IPCH Game Rules B.3.2:](#) The referee area shall be clearly marked and limited.

[Adjustment 2: IPCH Game Rules G1.8.:](#) An own goal scored correctly always counts. One point is awarded to the opponent, regardless of which player scored the own goal.

[Adjustment 3: Sign for penalty shot:](#) PENALTY SHOT: Show two arms crossed above the head and fists clenched.

[Adjustment 4: Position of drop nets:](#) In the rule 103 Goal cages, the following paragraph is added: Drop net shall be hanging at minimum of 8 cm and maximum of 10 cm inside the goal cage, measured from the back edge of the goal line.

[Adjustment 5: Inspection of the rink:](#) 104 Inspection of the rink: Before starting the game, the rink should be inspected by the referees. The rink should be closed, the surface clean of objects and the goal nets whole and undamaged.

[Adjustment 6: Fastening of a hand-held stick to a part of the body:](#) 508: A player is allowed to fasten a hand-held stick to a part of the body, if the player is unable to hold the stick and is classified that way. A player is not allowed to fix a hand-held stick to the powerchair.

[Adjustment 7: Hit-in:](#) add to 705, events leading to a hit-in: the ball hits an object or ceiling above the playing field.



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Adjustment 8: Replacing the goalkeeper at standard situations: in 706 and 710: Currently active goalkeeper shall take the goalkeeper ball.

Adjustment 9: New signal for passive play: in 611 the following will be added: In addition to verbally informing the teams, referees use the hand signal for passive play to warn the teams. As soon as play is no longer passive, referees will stop using the signal. In 803 referees must inform the team that they are wasting time before whistling verbally and by using the signal for passive play.

Adjustment 10: Technical time-out: add to 603, Technical time-out: Technical time-out can only be used to assist players and fix or repair the equipment and cannot be used for coaching the team.

Afternoon Session

Roll Call was performed to see if every delegate with voting right is present.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

1. Charmaine Hooper (IWAS)
2. Donal Byrne (EPFA)
3. Ricky Stevenson (FIPFA)

Charmaine Hooper thanked everyone for being present because a sport congress is key for the future and development of the sport. IWAS is in the process of merging with CPISRA (by the end of 2022) which will increase the pool of athletes which can possibly play powerchair hockey.

Ricky Stevenson thanked IPCH for the invitation. He hopes that a partnership can be developed between the powerchair sports.

Donal Byrne was happy to be present and like everyone else eager to be able to get back to our sports due to the pandemic.

7. IPCH Statistics

Nations replied to the questionnaire: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands. This is important to have data and see the development, but also to refresh contacts and see IPCH has the right contacts.

A call-up to the nations who did not return the questionnaire to fill it in and still return it is done!

Good news is that all the replying nations states that NOPCH have knowledge of the international development of PCH.

Denmark, Finland, Italy and The Netherlands have collaboration with Floorball and The Netherlands also with Field hockey.

A timeline was shown when nations started. The Netherlands was the first and the most nations started between 1990 and 2000.

Germany, Italy and The Netherlands are the biggest and Czech Republic, Finland and The Netherlands have foreign clubs in their competition.

Most of the players are between 18-30 years of age and the players are more likely male.

8/10 nations use a classification system which almost all are based on the international one.

Nations are experiencing a decrease in players or players getting older. How to deal with that will be shared among the nations.



8. World Championship 2022

8.1 Presentation of venues

Host City will be the Swiss Paraplegic Center Nottwil – Hotel Sempachersee (Guido A. Zach Strasse 1 – 6207 Nottwil). Nottwil is a tiny town close to Luzern. The practice sport hall is in the Paraplegic Center itself.

Only team delegations and WC2022/IPCH Staff will be accommodated in Nottwil. LOC is working on packages for supporters. No single rooms will be available.

The competition venue will be in Stadthalle Sursee (St. Urban-Strasse 5 – 6210 Sursee) and it can host around 2000 spectators.

8.2 Presentation LOC

Martin Wenger, Frank Habbersatter are present during the Sport Congress as LOC members.

8.3 Presentation allocated nations

10 Teams: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands.

8.4 Presentation draft concept of the competition

9-14 August 2022

8.5 Next steps and deadlines

Participation fee is 900€. Delegations can count on max 26 people. Only for legitimate and unavoidable reasons, exceptions can be requested well in advance to Technical Delegates Anna Rossi, Aina Budde and LOC.

Next steps:

- June 2021: IPCH & LOC will send the Entry Forms
- October 2021: Deadline for Entry Forms and 30% of the payment
- November 2021: IPCH & LOC will send the Registration Forms
- November 2021 – Begin of 2022: IPCH & LOC will organize the Drawing Ceremony
- April 2022: Deadline for Registration Forms and 70% of the payment
- Mid-May 2022: Travel details confirmation.

Entry form is the official application to participate in the competition. 30% of the payment is due to confirm the participation. Name and contact details of NOSD/PCH Organizations, Head coaches, (Assistant coaches), Team managers are needed and will be used by IPCH and LOC for all organizational details and next steps to take.

Registration Form is the final registration of the teams which contains participants details, room plan, special needs, diets, accreditation information and photos. 70% is due with the registration. Also travel details are needed.

Final list is due on arrival day / controls day. This is the final list of participants who will be present at the event. This can be different from the Registration form, but changes must be communicated with the TD and LOC as soon as possible.

Clear pictures in good resolution from every member of the team delegation (including personal assistants) are needed for accreditation cards. Also group photo with all players, coaches and team manager in uniform.

In the prior months before the competition, LOC and IPCH Communication and Social Media staff might contact players and staff to create contents about the competition for promotional purposes.

Officials' Invitation will be sent in September. The registration package will be sent in November.



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Dates and plan of the competition:

- Saturday 6th August: Arrival IPCH Officials
- Sunday 7th August: Arrival Team Delegation
Start of Classification session / Controls in the afternoon
- Monday 8th August: Trainings, Controls and Classification
- Tuesday 9th August: Trainings, Controls and Classification
Opening Ceremony
Opening Matches (Game 1 and 2)
- Wednesday 10th August: Group Matches 3 – 8
- Thursday 11th August: Group Matches 9 – 14
- Friday 12th August: Group Matches 15 – 20
- Saturday 13th August: Cross over Games 1 – 5
Match for 9th and 10th place
- Sunday 14th August: Match for 8th and 7th place
Match for 6th and 5th place
Match for 4th and 3rd place (Bronze Medal Game)
Match for 2nd and 1st place (Gold Medal Game)
- Monday 15th August: Departures
Sport Congress (possibly)

Final schedule and match schedule are planned for release between May and July 2022.

9. Anti-Doping: Procedures and Guidelines

Dr. Guzel Idrisova – Head of IWAS Anti-Doping

Dr. Guzel presented herself and the further structure of the presentation.

What is doping?

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the 11 Antidoping rule violations of the World Anti-Doping Code.

The World Anti-Doping Code was created in 2003 and the last version of November 2019 is effective from 1 January 2021.

IWAS Anti-Doping code, compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code, came into force on 1 January 2021. The IPCH World Championship 2022 will fall under this code.

IWAS is also responsible for handling the TUE applications.

Athlete's rights and responsibilities

- To be available for sample collection at all times
- Is responsible for what the athlete ingest and use
- Need to inform medical personnel of their obligations not to use Prohibited Substances and Methods
- Is responsible to ensure that any medical treatment does not violate anti-doping policies and rules
- Need to disclose to their NADO and IF any decision relating to committing anti-doping rule violation
- Need to cooperate with Anti-Doping Organizations
- Need to disclose the identity of their support personnel to any Anti-Doping Organizations

The rights of the Athletes are clearly set out in the Athletes' Anti-Doping Rights Act.



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The prohibited List, which identifies the substances and methods prohibited in- and out-of-competition, is updated annually and is on the WADA website. There are also risks involved, associated with the use of supplements.

All this info can be found on the WADA website.

If an athlete, for medical reasons, must take banned medicines or methods, the athlete, with help of a doctor, can apply for a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) to IWAS TUE Committee through **ADAMS system** via the National Anti-Doping Agency well before the event.

If the athlete's TUE is approved, the athlete can take the medicines. If the TUE is not approved, the athlete, via the NOSD, can appeal to WADA.

Doping control procedure

Athlete notification Doping control station Sample collection

Evading sample collection, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection without compelling justification by a duly authorized Person is an anti-doping rule violation.

An athlete with a disability should inform the Doping Control Officer that he/she needs an assistant and can use a urine collector or drainage system (provided by himself/herself).

New International Standard for Education

An athlete's first anti-doping experience should be related to education, not doping control.

The educational tools can be found on the WADA website.

10. Collaboration & Future Development

Anna Rossi underlined again that a lot of work is done by only a few volunteers, and SEC is constantly seeking for new collaborators. More hands make the work lighter. Even if you only have a few hours a month, it will be a big difference. Also, more collaboration is needed between the IPCH and the nations.

Out of the IPCH questionnaire, Nations requests cooperation in the education of coaches, referees, classifiers, players. Assisting in networking and establishing relationships with the global community. Standardize International Rules to encompass North American & European Aspects of the game.

Anders Berenth stated that Denmark can use help. Finding new players is difficult. Denmark does a recruitment process for athletes with CP. Anna Rossi stated that IPCH invites to every competition representatives from national and international organizations for patients with a disability. For example, OI European Federation, Muscular Dystrophy Organizations.

Danni Hillbrandt-Mogensen told the congress that the aim of the Global Developing Network is to put up a platform where nations can share ideas and experiences. Danni also encourages nations to look for volunteers to be part of the network or the development committee.

John Blackburn would like to know which nations who want help from IPCH and who doesn't so that those who doesn't want help, can share their dos and don'ts to other nations. Anna Rossi replied to John what the plans are regarding development, which was said during the congress when John Blackburn was absent.



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Fabio Rodo informed the congress that IPCH does not only need new volunteers to reduce the workload, but also as important to have other points of view on the different aspects IPCH is dealing with.

Ad Hagenaaers and Dick Cochius had prior to this congress meetings with other nations and they would like to have it on a regular basis. The topics would be chosen in front. Radka Kucircrkova would like to take part in it. Also, Julian Wendel, Alex McLean are standing behind this proposal. IPCH encourages it and will facilitate and moderate it. Ricky Stevenson is telling the congress that FIPFA is already doing this with success. More people got engaged. FIPFA is holding these meetings in zones, because of language barriers.

Radka Kucircrkova suggests that fundraising should be done in order to have some people get paid for doing the IPCH work so the sport can get more professional and grow faster instead of running it all on volunteers. Fabio Rodo agreed to it, but underlined that the position of Fundraiser for the committee is still open and needed to be filled in in order to sustain the development of the sport.

Julian Wendel put his idea on the table that well-developed countries should form a partnership with developing nations in order to help each other. This is done on club level in Germany and with relation to Powerchair Football. Hetty Wieringa is working on a research project about powerchair hockey development. After publishing, the study will be translated in English. Hetty investigated the influence of Powerchair Football on Powerchair Hockey and the fact that medically they are more advanced nowadays to detect disabilities and start treatment in an early stage. So, the group of potential players are getting smaller. Fabio Rodo doesn't see Powerchair Football as a threat because only a small group of players are eligible in both sports. It is better to find together a way to find the new potential players.

Anna Rossi indicated that in Italy both sports are in one federation, so players can choose easily.

Kenny Verbraekel expressed his opinion that on grass root level, it is advisable to work together, but at international level, Kenny thinks the players need to pick one or the other as playing both sports at the highest level will not be possible. Anna Rossi's reaction to that is that you need a big group playing the sport in order to be able to select the best players on the elite level, and getting people to do sport is something a national and international federation should focus on. Charmaine Hooper stated that better treatment influences the pool of potential players, but there will always be new illnesses, new diseases that can provide new players. Classification and the minimal/maximal disability list, will take an important aspect in this.

Tournaments, friendly matches, training sessions

During the upcoming World Championships 2022 many players need to be classified, due to expired FRD status and new players. IPCH wants to encourage nations that if they want to organize an event, they should think of holding also a classification session so the pressure of the classification session during the WC2022 can be lowered.

Opportunities for Officials Education

IPCH is looking for opportunities to organize courses for officials. Some roles do need new people, otherwise tournaments can get in danger. Nations should look actively inside their own nation to find interested people to become official. There are talks between IPCH SEC and Germany to organize a referee course. Think of training camps for National teams, official or unofficial friendly matches, club tournaments, ... to combine it with courses. The Netherlands are investigating the possibility to organize a small National team tournament, in May next year, maybe in combination with courses.



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How can IPCH support Nations

The Netherlands would like to receive guidelines on the requirements to organize an official (small) tournament. Anna Rossi, as competition officer at interim, will have a meeting with them.

Denmark stated that there used to be smaller, low level (club) tournaments so that starting nations/players (and clubs) can get experience on international level, without getting that experience during high stake tournaments. This information should be shared more. Anna Rossi said that in 2018 the Italian Federation had the intention to organize a Champions League as international club tournament. It is also an aim of the IPCH SEC to have more tournaments for new national teams, but therefore help from nations is needed!

The Netherlands are thinking of inviting foreigner clubs to their "Open Cup" tournament.

How can Nations support/help IPCH

IPCH had called for bids for Qualification Tournament 2023 (deadline of sending the Intention to organize is 30 September 2021) and European Championship 2024 (deadline of sending the Intention to organize 31 January 2022).

Fabio Rodo, once again, called the nations to come up with volunteers to help the movement and the development of the sport! Fabio also encouraged the present nations to share ideas, knowledge, and any information for the benefit of the sport!

11. Official Closing

At the end of the Sport Congress, Fabio Rodo thanked everyone who participated during the first online Sport Congress!