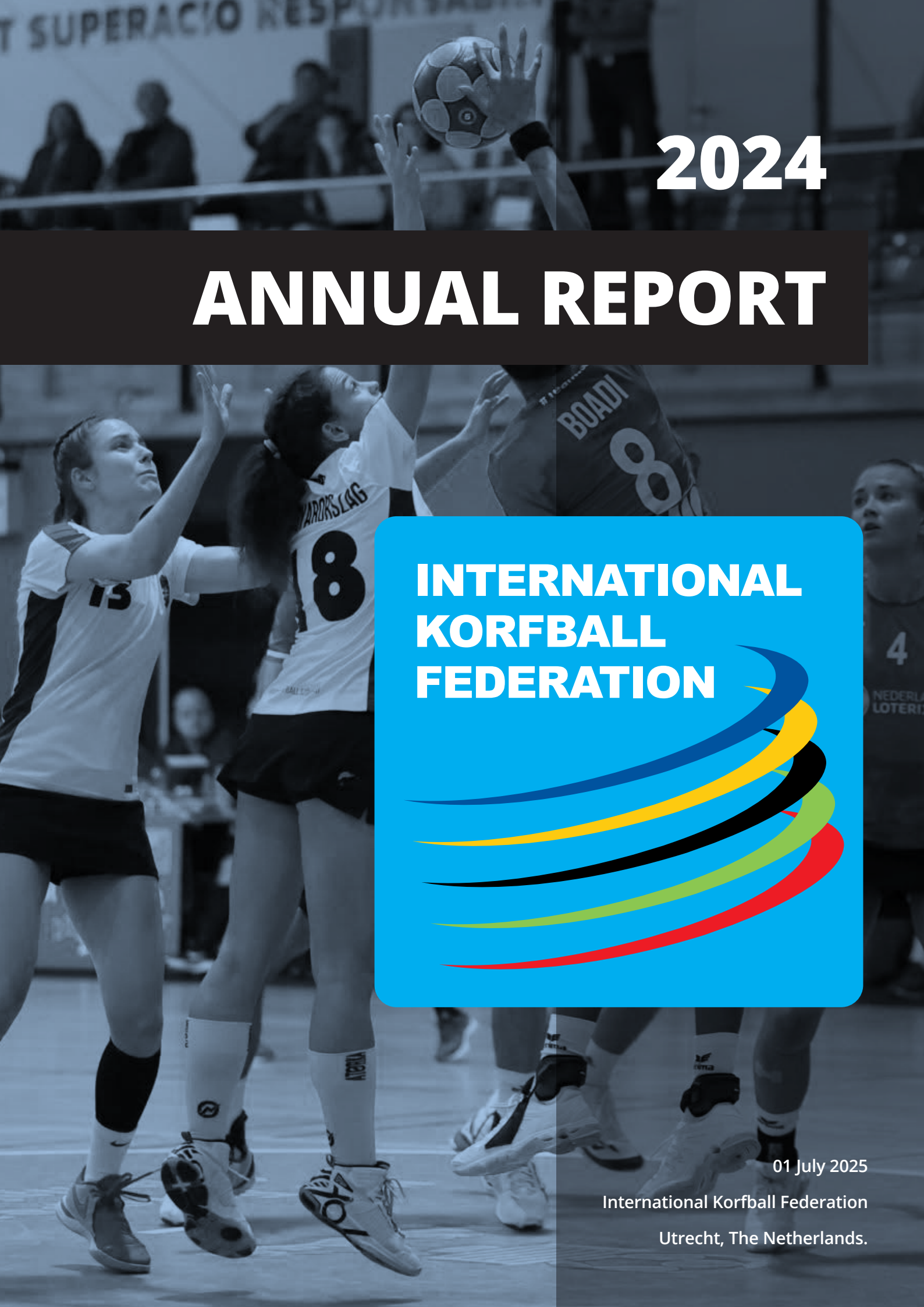




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COMPOSITION OF THE IKF

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1.1 COUNCIL/EXCO

COUNCIL

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>President</i>	Mr Gabi KOOL	<i>NED</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Senior Vice-President</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Africa Continental Vice-President</i>	vacant	
<i>Asia Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Inglish Ying-Che HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Europe Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Yves DAELMANS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Oceania Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr Marc VERBERK	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Athletes Representative</i>	Mr Jordan DE VOGELAERE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Special Delegate</i>	Mr Dean WOODS	<i>ENG</i>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>President</i>	Mr Gabi KOOL	<i>NED</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Senior Vice-President</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr Marc VERBERK	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Special Delegate</i>	Mr Dean WOODS	<i>ENG</i>

IKF OFFICE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>CEO</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Administrative Coordinator and Competition Liaison</i>	Ms Madalena CARVALHO	<i>POR</i>
<i>Executive Assistant with Strategic Responsibilities</i>	Mr João PINTO	<i>POR</i>

The CEO is ex officio member of the Council and the Exco.

FINANCE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Financial Administrator</i>	Mr Erik BUIZER	<i>NED</i>

1.2. COMPOSITION OF THE IKF CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

IKF AFRICA

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Tarirai CHADEBAH	<i>ZIM</i>
<i>Vice-President North</i>	Mr Younes CHERFAOUI	<i>MAR</i>
<i>Vice-President South</i>	Mr Kaluba KANGWA	<i>ZAM</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	Mr Nana SIMPLICE	<i>CAM</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ottilia KUREBWASEKA	<i>ZIM</i>
<i>Member</i>	Merly Korff	<i>ZAF</i>
<i>Member</i>	Thabang Modise	<i>ZAF</i>
<i>Executive Assistant</i>	Melody Mutasa	<i>ZIM</i>

IKF AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Merly Korff	ZAF
<i>Member</i>	Mr Anthony Amekudzi	GHA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Eric ABALE	CIV
<i>Member</i>	Ms Sophie KATHEWERA	MAW
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ilham TEIDJ	MAR

IKF AFRICA COMPETITION COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Thabang Modise	ZAF
<i>Member</i>	Angeline Kashangura	ZIM
<i>Member</i>	Mr Eric ABALE	CIV
<i>Member</i>	Joshua Opolot	UGA
<i>Member</i>	Danie Smith	ZAF

IKF ASIA

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Inglish Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Senior Vice-President</i>	Mr Warman Wai-Ming CHENG	HKG
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mr Qilin GUO	CHN
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mr Himanshu Nath MISHRA	IND
<i>Vice-President</i>	Ms.Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	THA
<i>Secretary-General</i>	Ms. Daphne Wai Fun LAU	MAS
<i>Member</i>	Ms Akiko TSUJIKAWA	JPN
<i>Honorary Life President</i>	Mr M.C. GUPTA	IND

IKF ASIA COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Daphne Wai Fun LAU	MAS
<i>Member</i>	Ms Akiko TSUJIKAWA	JPN
<i>Member</i>	Cathy Sin Yee WONG	HKG
<i>Member</i>	Ms Esther Kuo-Chin HAN	TPE
<i>Member</i>	Ms Penny Pei Yee LIM	SGP
<i>Member</i>	Mr Vincent Wei Fung CHUNG	MAS

IKF ASIA DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Warman Wai-Ming CHENG	HKG
<i>Member</i>	Ms Apple Kar Yee CHUAH	MAS
<i>Member</i>	Mr Cyan Minyoung PARK	KOR
<i>Member</i>	Mr King Chu LO	HKG
<i>Member</i>	Ms Lisa ROEDHIANITA	INA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Leon Wei Chieh LIAO	TPE
<i>Member</i>	Ms Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	THA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Xiangcheng MA	CHN

IKF ASIA MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Inglish Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Member</i>	Mr Like ZHANG	CHN
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pardeep DAHIYA	IND
<i>Member</i>	Ms Paula CERVANTES	PHI
<i>Member</i>	Mr Penny Yu-Tang WEN	TPE
<i>Member</i>	Ms Qi LIM	MAS

IKF EUROPE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Yves DAELMANS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mr Clive DOBBIN	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Iwona ŻAK	<i>POL</i>
<i>Member (resigned in 2024)</i>	Mr Carles ALBA	<i>CAT</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Henry VAN MEERTEN	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member (resigned in 2024)</i>	Ms Anne HARROW	<i>SCO</i>
<i>Member (invitational basis)</i>	Ms Berta ALOME	<i>CAT</i>

IKF EUROPE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Clive DOBIN	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Samuel STEVENSON	<i>SCO</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Judit VERES	<i>HUN</i>

IKF OCEANIA

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	Mr Louis BUYS	<i>NZL</i>
<i>Secretary General</i>	Mr Andrew HUTCHESSON	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Simon COOPER	<i>NZL</i>

IKF AMERICAS

There is not yet a defined Confederation since there is no full member in the American continent, instead a development committee has been appointed.

AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Alexandre SILVA	<i>BRA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jorge DIAZ	<i>ARG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Hector HENAO	<i>COL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Quiterio MELO	<i>DOM</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Errol OPERING	<i>SUR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Wilberth MENDEZ	<i>CRC</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Vinicius GAMA	<i>BRA</i>

With the installation of this committee a more active and formal role in the general development of korfbal in the Americas comes to the continent itself.

1.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE IKF

1.3.1. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES - elected by the General Meeting

APPEALS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jan van den BERGHE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Frans WALVIS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Graham CRAFTER	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Marjan de JONG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Michael SPENCER	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pedro Berjano de OLIVEIRA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Yu-Tang WEN	<i>TPE</i>

AUDITING COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Chris WEST	ENG
<i>Member</i>	Mr Danny FONTEYNE	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan BEUNDER	NED
<i>1st Deputy Member</i>	Mr Hajime SHINOHARA	JPN
<i>2nd Deputy Member</i>	Ms Ute WICKENHÄUSER	GER

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anne van VEGCHEL	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan de NEF	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Ms Martina BOUMAN	CZE
<i>Member</i>	Mr Gerrit LOLKEMA	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Sarah VERSTRAELEN	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Siu Ching TAI	HKG
<i>Secretariat</i>	IKF Office	

ETHICS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Graham CRAFTER	ENG
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pedro Berjano de OLIVEIRA	POR
<i>Member</i>	Ms Corrie NOOM	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ursula CHEER	NZL
<i>Member</i>	Ms Sharon CHIU	HKG

ATHLETES COMMITTEE “elected by the athletes of the 2023 IKF World Korfball Championship”

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jordan de VOGELAERE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Fleur HOEK	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Emily HUTCHESSON (half term)	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Tamara SIEMIENIUK (half term)	<i>POL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Vinicius GAMA	<i>BRA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ya- Wen LIN	<i>TPE</i>

1.3.2. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL / EXCO

BEACH KORFBALL COMMITTEE (BKC)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Kevin LAUWERS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	Mr Barry SCHEP	<i>NED</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr Ilham TEIDJ	<i>MAR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Dan-Lin HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Hilal KARAS	<i>TUR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Izabela KOLODZIEJCZYK	<i>POL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Ronald BUIS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Tamara SIEMIENIUK	<i>POL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Willard JOHNSON	<i>USA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Yasmin WILLIAMS	<i>WAL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Stephanie JORDANS	<i>BEL</i>

COACHING COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Corinne BUCKLAND	ENG
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	POR
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr Tafara Gary CHIVASA	ZIM
<i>Member</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan-Sjouke VAN DEN BOS	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan NIEBEEK	NED
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Inglish HUANG	TPE
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Ben CRUM	NED
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Kees RODENBURG	NED
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Prof.Xiangcheng MA	CHN

DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (DEC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	POR
<i>Secretary</i>	Ms Lariel MATEO	USA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Tomáš VODA	CZE
<i>Member (Africa)</i>	Vacant	
<i>Member (Asia)</i>	Mr Warman CHENG	HKG
<i>Member (Oceania)</i>	Mr Rob SMITH	NZL
<i>Member (Americas)</i>	Mr Alexandre SILVA	BRA
<i>Member</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Theo van der LINDE	NED

ELITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Bird HSIEH	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Daphne LAU	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan NIEBEEK	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Peter VAN DER TERP	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Ben CRUM	<i>NED</i>

EVENTS COMMITTEE (EC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jeroen Breeschoten	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Yuhan Chang	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Steve Wright	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Izabela Kolodziejczyk	<i>POL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jens Van Poucke	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Gertrude de Vries	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Richard Rensen	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member (Asia)</i>	Ms Daphne Lau	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member (Europe)</i>	Mr Samuel STEVENSON	<i>SCO</i>
<i>Member (Oceania)</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Member (IT Advisor)</i>	Mr Marc BREUGELMANS	<i>BEL</i>

GENDER EQUALITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Heleen FELDMANN	<i>RSA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	<i>THA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Islam ABOBAKR	<i>EGY</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Sven BENTUM	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan Cornelis SMALHEER	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Lea Kukurová	<i>SVK</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Silvia RODRIGUES DA SILVA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Daniel WONG	<i>SGP</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Karli Piennette	<i>USA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Ioannis Bachas	<i>GRE</i>

GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Theo VAN DER LINDE	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Alexandre SILVA	<i>BRA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Warman CHENG	<i>HKG</i>

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Michael JANSSENS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Marc BREUGELMANS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Oliver JAKAB	<i>HUN</i>

LEARNING ACADEMY COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	<i>AUS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Paul JEANES	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Theo VAN DER LINDE	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Oliver JAKAB	<i>HUN</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pieter SWINKELS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Lariel MATEO	<i>USA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Gertrude DE VRIES	<i>NED</i>

LIVE STREAM COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Brian KOPPELAAR	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Ferdinand WITTENBERG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Vojtech OSTADAL	<i>CZE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Wouter BLOK	<i>NED</i>

MARKETING DIGITAL AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Dean WOODS	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Brian KOPPELAAR	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Dani EZPELETA	<i>CAT</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Michael JANSSENS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Qi LIM	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Rob SMITH	<i>NZL</i>

MEDIA COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Gertrude DE VRIES	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Camila STUCCHI	<i>ARG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Dani EZPELETA	<i>CAT</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan WEBER-WINKELS	<i>GER</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Manuel HERNANDEZ	<i>ARG</i>

MEDICAL COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Bart VERPLANCKE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Ms Ada JANSEN	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Asli AKSE	<i>TUR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Vanessa FEIJÃO	<i>POR</i>

PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE (PRC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr Pieter SWINKELS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Detlef ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Kees RODENBURG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Warman CHENG	<i>HKG</i>

REFEREES COMMITTEE (RC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Akiko TSUJIKAWA	<i>JPN</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Paul JEANES	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Richard RENSEN	<i>NED</i>
<i>Non-voting Secretary</i>	Mr Marc DE GEYTER	<i>BEL</i>

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Lariel MATEO	<i>USA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Inglish HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Tomáš VODA	<i>CZE</i>

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Co-Chairperson</i>	Mr Pardeep DARHIYA	<i>IND</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Bibi TERLOUW	<i>NED</i>

THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION COMMITTEE

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<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
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<i>Member</i>	Mr Paul JEANES	<i>ENG</i>
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<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
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<i>Member</i>	Ms Ray JuiHsin LIANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Gertrude DE VRIES	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Bjorn ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Qi LIM	<i>MAS</i>

1.4. OBITUARIES

Mr. Karel Verschoor († 9 July 2024)

The IKF has learned with sadness about the passing of Mr. Karel Verschoor, bearer of the IKF Badge of Honour, at age 83 on 9 July 2024.

Mr. Verschoor was greatly involved in the development of korfbal in Central Europe, especially in Czech Republic and Slovakia. As volunteer he put tremendous efforts into developing korfbal in these regions in the 90s. He did so by visiting schools and clubs, organising seminars and helping korfbal bodies in their early stages. For this, he was awarded the IKF Badge of Honour in March 1999. The IKF is grateful for his many contributions to the development of korfbal.

For his efforts, Mr Verschoor was also inducted in the Czech Korfbal Hall of Fame in 2019.

Mr. Egon E. Jolig († 14 July 2024)

Egon E. Jolig, IKF Badge of Honour, has passed away at the age of 86 on 14 July 2024. Mr. Jolig received the IKF Badge of Honour for his work on korfball development in Germany. He was long-time chairman of the Ballsports section of the Deutscher Turner Bund.

Egon E. Jolig will be remembered as a passionate volunteer for various leisure organisations, and the IKF is grateful for his contribution to the development of korfball.

Mr. Hans Kraaijeveld (†15 July 2024)

The IKF has been made aware of the passing of Mr Hans Kraaijeveld from the Netherlands, at the age of 85.

After a career as referee and korfball administrator in the Netherlands, Mr Kraaijeveld was chair of the IKF Finance Committee for many years, for which he was recognized by receiving the IKF Pin of Merit in 1995

Upon establishment of the Swan Fund by Adrie Zwaanswijk, Mr Kraaijeveld served on the board of the Swan Fund in the role of Treasurer for many years, helping to grow and govern the fund that has supported many national korfball associations with their inception

Mr Kraaijeveld will be remembered for his long-term involvement with korfball over many years, always being straight and clear about his thinking, and focused on the long-term development of our sport.

Mr. Jean-Claude Besnard († September 2024)

It is with great sadness that the International Korfball Federation has learnt of the passing of Jean-Claude Besnard, IKF Badge of Honour, at the age of 78. Mr. Besnard was one of the pioneers of korfball in France. As a delegate of UFOLEP, he showed interest in the game in 1980, which resulted in the birth of korfball in France with a first international tournament in 1982. His efforts lead to a development of a big korfball community in France, with over 1000 active players in the 1990s.

Mr. Besnard was also actively involved with the IKF as referee and member of the European Championships Committee. For his work for IKF and his dedication to korfball development in France for decades, he was awarded the IKF Badge of Honour during the IKF World Korfball Championship in 2003.

1.5. DISTINCTIONS

Mr Brian Koppelaar - IKF Pin of Merit (10 February 2024)

The International Korfball Federation Executive Committee has awarded long-term volunteer Brian Koppelaar the IKF Pin of Merit for his outstanding service to the International Korfball Federation.

Brian is a member of Papendrechtse Korfball Club (PKC) in the Netherlands and a long-time volunteer with the IKF. The Pin of Merit was awarded for his outstanding contributions to developing and promoting korfball worldwide.

Brian is a key part of a dedicated team responsible for the production and delivery of our live stream of our events. The platform that Brian has created allows us to integrate with numerous international broadcasters, creating images that are now seen by millions of people each year.

Brian's passion and can-do attitude is infectious, there are no challenges too big either, so far, we have not come across a technical issue that he and his team have not been able to resolve.

The IKF Executive Committee is forever grateful for the dedication of Brian, and to all the volunteers supporting the IKF, National Federations and clubs throughout the world.

Mr Dani Ezpeleta - IKF Pin of Merit (3 April 2024)

Mr. Dani Ezpeleta, a volunteer with the IKF, is our social media officer. He is responsible for much of the content published every day across our website and multiple social media channels.

Dani has been awarded the Pin of Merit distinction because of his superhuman efforts over many years promoting korfball around the world. It's very rare to see him without his laptop or a camera in his hand, in today's hyper-connected world, social media platforms hold the power to amplify voices and build communities, thanks to Dani's efforts we have a highly engaged and motivated fanbase and following.

Very early on Dani recognized the potential of social media as a force for good and carved a remarkable path for the International Korfball Federation. Thanks to his passion and dedication we have accounts on every social media platform. Dani's tireless dedication and innovative approach has made a transformative impact on the Federation's online presence and beyond.

The IKF Executive Committee is forever grateful for the dedication of Dani Ezpeleta, and to all the volunteers supporting the IKF, National Federations and clubs throughout the world.

Mr Jan Fransoo - Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau (18 November 2024)

Jan Fransoo, Honorary Life President of the International Korfball Federation, was appointed Knight in the Order of Orange-Nassau. This royal distinction, awarded on behalf of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, recognises individuals who have rendered exceptional service to society.

Jan Fransoo was nominated by the International Korfball Federation in recognition of his lifelong commitment to korfball and his extraordinary impact on the sport, both nationally and internationally. The award was presented during a meeting of the Dutch Olympic Sports Federation (NOC*NSF) in Papendal, the Netherlands.

Jan's legacy within the IKF is one of visionary leadership and long-lasting impact. Serving on the IKF Executive Committee from 1995 to 2023, including two decades as President, he oversaw a period of remarkable growth and transformation. Under his guidance, the number of IKF member countries more than doubled – from 33 to 72 – significantly expanding korfball's global reach.

He was instrumental in developing a more diverse and dynamic international competition calendar. Among his many achievements were the creation of the IKF Korfball Champions League, which raised the standard of international club competition, and the global promotion of beach korfball, which led to the first European Cup in 2017.

Jan also focused on strengthening the sport's foundations by creating the IKF Development and Education Grants, enabling national federations to grow sustainably. In 2021, he led the development of the Olympic Pledge, a strategic framework adopted by 51 national federations to align their growth with long-term Olympic aspirations.

This honour reflects Jan Fransoo's exceptional contribution to the advancement of korfball worldwide. His legacy is not only found in structures and competitions, but in the global korfball community he helped build, one rooted in inclusiveness, ambition, and innovation. The IKF proudly celebrates this well-deserved recognition and extends its deepest gratitude to Jan for a lifetime of dedicated service.





2.

COUNCIL REPORT

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The year 2024 marked a decisive phase for the International Korfball Federation (IKF), focused on aligning governance, operations, and staffing with the long-term strategic direction set by the IKF Strategy 2032+. While korfball continued to grow through its events and international reach, the less visible but equally critical work within the organisation laid essential foundations for sustainable development. This report outlines the main areas of internal work and progress, with particular attention to the contribution of the IKF Office.

Operational Structure and Strategic Alignment

Throughout 2024, the IKF undertook a full restructuring of its internal governance and committee architecture. A new portfolio system for Executive Committee members was introduced, fully aligned with the eight strategic priorities of the IKF 2032+ Strategy. In parallel, new standing committees were created, existing ones were restructured, and committee membership was reviewed to ensure a better match between responsibilities and strategic goals.

This new structure enabled clearer lines of communication between the Executive, committees, and the IKF Office, and supported a more functional division of labour. It also encouraged greater autonomy and ownership among committees, which gradually took on a more operational role in the second half of the year, supported by the Office.

Office Development and Staffing

One of the most significant developments in 2024 was the expansion and consolidation of the IKF Office. Following a recruitment process led by the CEO in collaboration with the President and Vice-President, two full-time staff members joined the organisation in Lisbon: Madalena Carvalho (April) and João Pinto (July), while Helmer Silva supported the team as an intern. This increased capacity allowed the Office to improve planning and execution of events, support committee work, and manage various projects beyond events.

The Office now operates from two locations: Lisbon (operational) and Utrecht (financial administration). The Lisbon office is hosted in a cost-efficient shared workspace through an institutional agreement with the local council. This setting provided a base for daily operations, project coordination, and interaction with partners.

Infrastructure and Logistics

Significant attention was given to improving infrastructure to meet operational demands. A new storage facility for IKF clothing and event materials was secured in Lisbon through a formal protocol, enabling better cost control and logistical coordination. Equipment such as korfs and balls continues to be stored in the Netherlands, with the support of longstanding volunteers.

The Office also began exploring outsourcing options for logistics, given the increasing complexity of international shipments and event material management. Initial assessments were conducted to evaluate long-term feasibility.

Digital Tools and Internal Processes

Persistent issues with the existing website and IT tools during 2024 highlighted the need for a broader review of the digital ecosystem. The Office, in close collaboration with the ICT Committee, worked on mapping requirements and testing solutions. As part of this effort, the ASANA platform was introduced to manage task delegation, deadlines, and internal workflows for event organisation. This represented a significant step towards reducing dependency on email and enabling real-time collaboration across committees and staff.

Further efforts were made to reorganise shared folders, SharePoint architecture, and online forms, streamlining access and improving document version control. These upgrades aim to improve efficiency and ensure that institutional knowledge is preserved and accessible.

Committee Support and Coordination

The Office played a central role in supporting the functioning of all IKF committees. This included the organisation of regular online meetings, documentation of strategic discussions, and follow-up on action points. Committees such as ICT, Media, and Events received close operational support, while new committees in the areas of Sponsorship and Gender Equality & Inclusion were launched during the year with facilitation by the Office.

The two-tier structure of the Events Committee (core and extended members) allowed for better distribution of responsibilities and improved coordination with Continental Committees, particularly in the planning of multi-year calendars.

Feedback Mechanisms and Quality Assurance

In line with the strategic focus on continuous improvement, the Office coordinated the development and dissemination of feedback surveys for all major events. The data collected provided valuable insights to refine operational procedures and improve participant experience. Internally, this process supported a culture of evaluation and transparency.

Partnerships and Institutional Engagement

The IKF Office led the development of several institutional partnerships in 2024. A global agreement was concluded with Axitour, making it the exclusive provider of referee communication systems for IKF events. Locally, the Office formalised a collaboration with the Lisbon Benfica Local Council, enabling logistical support and joint activities. At an international level, the IKF joined the UNAOC “One Humanity” campaign, aligning korfball with global inclusion efforts.

In addition to these formal partnerships, several exploratory contacts were initiated with potential sponsors and institutional allies.

Planning and Preparation

Event planning timelines were reviewed and adjusted to allow earlier confirmation of hosts—targeting two years in advance where possible. This proactive approach improves preparedness and collaboration with national federations. It also enables the IKF to offer clearer visibility to partners and stakeholders.

The Office worked closely with the Events Committee to implement this approach, building a more structured and resilient event calendar for future years.

2024 was a year in which the IKF invested heavily in its internal capacity—restructuring its governance, expanding its Office, improving infrastructure, and enhancing digital and logistical tools. These developments go beyond the visible delivery of competitions. They represent a clear effort to professionalise the organisation and ensure that its ambitions, as laid out in the IKF Strategy 2032+, can be supported with appropriate structures and resources.

The IKF Office played a key role in enabling this progress, not only through day-to-day coordination but by driving operational improvements that will have long-lasting impact.

As we move forward, the IKF remains committed to building on these foundations to ensure the long-term development and relevance of korfball worldwide.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our member federations, sponsors, partners, volunteers, and the entire korfball community for their unwavering support. Special thanks to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), ARISF, IWGA, Sportaccord, the Swan Fund, Junta de Freguesia de Benfica and our sponsors Mikasa and Axitour. Together, we will build a bright and prosperous future for korfball worldwide.





3.

**REPORTS FROM
THE CONTINENTAL
CONFEDERATIONS**

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3.1. IKF AFRICA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS

1. Yes, done In Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Cameroon

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS

- 3.1. To have region events beach korfball
- 3.2. Under 21, under 17 and under 15 in eah region

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

- 4.1. we are using social media to market the game though it is tough a difficult thanks to Medi Team and Melody Mutasa doing the great work

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

- 5.1. **Strength:** Growing interest of the game, few existing infrastructures, some countries now have government support and region support, passionate volunteers willing to travel forth development of the game
- 5.2. **Weaknesses:** limited resources and lack of equipment, competitions from other sport codes no enough korfball courts

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

- 6.1. **Opportunities:** Schools development programs - school need sport and equipment, partnership with other organisations, hosting of World Cup championships if we are given opportunity as Africa
- 6.2. **Risks:** limited funding lack of funding hinders korfbal development comparing to other sport codes that came later to Africa and Competitions from other sport scores which provide resources to their members in terms of development resources and supporting administration

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

- 7.1. We need more support in administration of the game and to build local instructors who will travel by road to other places. We are being accepted by other regional sports bodies

*Written by Tarirai Chadebah
President IKF Africa*



3.2. IKF AMERICAS (AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)



1. MEETINGS (date, type, location, and attendants)

- 1.1 Online Meetings with available American Korfball representatives.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Build a strong National Organization
- 2.2 Create local projects (Clinics, Exhibitions, regional events)
- 2.3 Participate in international events
- 2.4 Share Korfball educational documentation

3. TASKS

- 3.1 Gather information about Korfball activities aligned with IKF DEC Approved projects.
- 3.2 Encourage American Countries to reflect and identify feasible sports project opportunities within their specific contexts.
- 3.3 Supporting representatives across the Americas in building strong organizational structures to sustain their development projects

4. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1 Schedule more meetings to share useful information for the development of korfball
- 4.2 Increase the number of exhibition events
- 4.3 Provide support to build and gather more materials
- 4.4 Create a task force to support countries to take the next step in terms of development

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength:

Argentina, Brazil and United States continue to lead Korfball development with regular national competitions, grassroots programs, and participation in international events. Their active federations demonstrate strong organization and commitment to the sport.

Suriname is showing strong growth through integration with the education sector and has been confirmed as the host of the next IKF Pan-American Championship in 2026.

The United States continues to expand, with new clubs emerging and increasing participation in Beach Korfball being a great reference.

The development of Korfball in Canada is currently being supported through the guidance of the United States Korfball Federation and the dedicated mentorship of Mr. Dankmar, who plays an active role in Korfball's growth across North America.

The presence of a dedicated social media team for IKF America supports the promotion and visibility of the sport across multiple platforms.

Increasing interest and participation in Beach Korfball, offering flexibility and visibility for new audiences and regions.

5.2 Weaknesses:

Lack of financial support and limited government involvement are major barriers to Korfball's growth in several countries.

Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, and Venezuela currently do not maintain regular activities due to the lack of funding, personnel, and institutional support.

Peru, despite being an associate member, has expressed its decision to distance itself from the IKF structure, aiming to follow its own independent path.

Limited human resources across many countries hinder the creation and sustainability of local federations and clubs.

Several nations rely heavily on volunteers or single individuals, creating a fragile structure for long-term development.

I would like to share some Opportunities:

Venezuela has shown openness to scheduling bimonthly Korfball presentations, which can serve as a foundation for future development once new equipment is delivered.

The confirmation of Suriname as the host of the next Pan-American tournament brings visibility and a concrete goal for continental teams to work toward.

There's a growing potential for cross-border collaboration between more developed Korfball nations (e.g., Brazil, Venezuela and Surinam) and emerging regions.

Social media and digital content continue to provide effective tools for raising awareness, engaging new fans, and attracting sponsors.

Partnerships with educational institutions across the continent can create long-term development pipelines for youth athletes and coaches.

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

Given the current landscape of Korfball in the Americas — characterized by pockets of strong development, emerging interest, and significant resource limitations — I would like to respectfully present the following suggestions to strengthen IKF's support and strategic alignment with the continent's realities, as well being myself an active part of this plan with our associate members.

1. **Usage of DEC Grants:**

- a. Facilitate equipment distribution (e.g., balls, poles, and kits);
- b. support digital promotion and content creation;

2. **Facilitate Direct IKF Engagement with Governments and Olympic Committees**

Encourage or assist in the establishment of formal relationships between IKF and the National Olympic Committees or Sports Ministries of member countries, reinforcing the legitimacy and visibility of Korfball.

3. **Appoint Continental Development Officers**

Deploy one or more dedicated IKF Development Officers based in the Americas to:

- a. Provide ongoing mentorship to emerging federations
- b. Help coordinate regional events and clinics
- c. Build institutional relationships at the local level
- d. Monitor and report on federation progress

4. **Reinforce celebration for Regional Progress Publicly**

Highlight achievements in the Americas more visibly through IKF's global channels — tournament successes, federation milestones, youth participation growth — to boost morale and showcase the region's potential.

Written by Alexandre Silva

Chairperson Americas Development Committee

3.3. IKF ASIA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

- 1.1 Under the guidance of IKF Asia, the Korea Korfball Federation (KKF) organized an overseas training camp in National Taipei University of Education (NTUE), Chinese Taipei in January. Again, they hosted a player development camp in Seoul in collaboration with the NTUE korfball team in July. Their efforts culminated in participation at the 2024 IKF Asia Korfball Championship in Hong Kong in November.
- 1.2 Malaysia and Thailand once again demonstrated their strong capacity to host high-standard IKF official events with record-breaking participation, by respectively organizing the IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships in March (Malaysia), the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship in April (Thailand), and IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) in December (Thailand).
- 1.3 Korfball was included for the first time in the official sports program at the Indonesia National Sports Week (Indonesian: Pekan Olahraga Nasional, abbreviated as PON), which is a multi-sport event held every four years and organized by the National Sports Committee of Indonesia (KONI). There were three disciplines, 1-korf Korfball4, 2-korf Korfball4, and Korfball, competed by players from all provinces of Indonesia. Indonesia has been the second country, following Chinese Taipei, to include Korfball in a national multi-sport event.
- 1.4 IKF Level 2 Coach Course instructed by Prof. Inglish HUANG (TPE) and Mr. Leon LIAO (TPE) took place from 10 to 12 June in Singapore.
- 1.5 Hong Kong China Korfball Association hosted IKF Level 2 & 3 Coach Course instructed by Mr. Jan Jan-Sjouke van den Bos (NED) and IKF Level 1 & 2 Referee Course instructed by Mr. Jorge Alves (POR) from 23 to 29 June. The courses attracted the participants from 11 countries across 4 continents.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

- 2.1 Korfball in Korea demonstrated a notable revival in 2024 after years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Driven by an energetic and innovative executive team, the Korea Korfball Federation (KKF) focused on stimulating comprehensive growth by regularly organizing competitions to enhance participation, playing level, and visibility of korfball. KKF planned to host its first international invitational korfball tournament in the summer of 2025 and expressed its commitment to bidding for its first official IKF tournament no later than 2027.

- 2.2 In the Philippines, korfball was gaining momentum and could expand rapidly through the involvement of university and high school sports organizations. Initial outreach and development efforts indicated strong potential for korfball growth in the country.

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS FOR 2024

- 3.1 The IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships is planned for July in Hualien, Chinese Taipei.
- 3.2 The IKF U21 Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship is scheduled to be held in July or August in China.
- 3.3 The inaugural IKF Korfball Asia Cup is expected to take place in late 2025 in Malaysia.
- 3.4 The IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) is planned to be held in either China or Indonesia

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT IN 2024

In line with the IKF Asia's vision to increase the exposure and popularity of korfball across Asia, the Marketing & Communications Committee focused on a strategic plan that emphasized the creation of engaging content, the cultivation of strong connections, and the fostering of brand loyalty. These efforts were directed not only toward enhancing the experience of korfball events but also in strengthening the community of korfball supporters and stakeholders across the continent.

4.1 TO A BETTER KORFBALL EVENTS

4.1.1 Live Commentary

- 4.1.1.1 IKF Asia continued with its online Korfball Commentary Training Course in January 2024, designed and led by Mr. Tom Brady. This initiative brought together seven promising young talents from China and Malaysia.

- 4.1.1.2 Events with Live Commentary: IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships 2024 (Malaysia); IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024 (Hong Kong China).

4.1.2 Live Streaming

- 4.1.2.1 High-quality live streaming has become a key standard for IKF Asia events. The Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) successfully delivered live broadcasts featuring zoom-ins and playback effects that elevated viewer experience.

- 4.1.2.2 Live Streamed events: IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships 2024 (Malaysia); IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024 (Hong Kong China); IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2024 (Thailand); IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2024 (Thailand).

4.1.3 Photo Gallery

- 4.1.3.1 Professional match photos were delivered promptly after each game by the LOCs of Asian events, allowing instant engagement across platforms. Beautiful, action-filled game photos are vital in capturing the intensity, spirit, and joy of korfball. They serve as powerful tools for storytelling, promotion, and long-term memory of the events, helping to inspire both fans and potential new players.
- 4.1.3.2 Events with Photo Gallery: IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships 2024 (Malaysia); IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024 (Hong Kong China); IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2024 (Thailand); IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2024 (Thailand).
- 4.1.4 Event Booklet
 - 4.1.4.1 Event booklets were produced to support various competitions in Asia. These booklets offer essential information, such as schedules, team profiles, and event highlights. Having a well-designed event booklet adds professionalism and value to the event, serving as a guide for participants and spectators while preserving memories and improving the visibility of sponsors and partners.
 - 4.1.4.2 Events with Event Booklets: IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships 2024 (Malaysia); IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024 (Hong Kong China); IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2024 (Thailand).
- 4.1.5 Statistics: Incorporating game statistics in events like the IKF Asia Korfball Championship 2024 in Hong Kong China has been crucial. Statistics play a fundamental role in analyzing performance, informing coaching strategies, and offering fans and stakeholders a deeper understanding of the game. They provide credibility, transparency, and are vital for the development of players and teams

4.2 TO A BETTER KORFBALL COMMUNITY

4.2.1 Social Media

By 2024, all active Asian members had established social media accounts, including China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau China, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Chinese Taipei. A strong social media presence helps promote korfball to wider audiences, enables real-time interaction, highlights achievements, and encourages youth participation. It is a cost-effective and impactful tool for visibility and community engagement.

4.2.2 The Promotional Materials

The IKF Asia Profile Booklet was published in English, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese were published to present the development of korfball in Asia. This booklet has been used to approach the Olympic Council of Asia for official recognition and has helped national federations communicate with government and sports organizations. It helps deliver consistent messages, builds credibility, and supports promotion and development work across member countries.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

- 5.1.1 IKF Asia post holders are competent and enthusiastic, maintaining effective communication and close cooperation with the IKF Council.
- 5.1.2 Regional collaboration is strong, as countries such as China, Hong Kong China, Japan, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, and Thailand actively support neighboring nations through educational initiatives and knowledge sharing.
- 5.1.3 Many Asian countries are motivated to participate in international competitions, as success in IKF and IKF Asia events is increasingly valued by their governments, NOCs, and media.
- 5.1.4 The school and university systems in most countries provide favorable conditions for korfball development, including support through PE classes, student clubs, and varsity teams with regular weekly training.

5.2 Weaknesses:

- 5.2.1 Several countries have yet to establish consistent local korfball competitions.
- 5.2.2 Only Chinese Taipei and China have reached the top 12 in the IKF World Korfball Championship, while a significant performance gap remains for other Asian countries

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 Opportunities:

- 6.1.1 The Southeast Asian Games offer a promising opportunity for korfball inclusion. Among the 11 SEA Games countries, five are already IKF members (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand). Brunei has maintained korfball activities for years, and targeted development continues in Vietnam and Cambodia.
- 6.1.2 The 2-korf and 1-korf Korfball4 formats (including Urban Korfball) are increasingly recognized by both developing and advanced countries as effective tools to engage youth, serving as a gateway toward eventual participation in korfball.

6.2 Risks:

- 6.2.1 A growing number of other sports have begun designing mixed-gender formats, potentially diverting youth interest away from korfball.
- 6.2.2 Many national sports ministries in Asia prioritize Olympic and Asian Games sports, often at the expense of non-Olympic sports such as those in The World Games.
- 6.2.3 Other team sports are aggressively promoting youth engagement by introducing small-sided formats in diverse environments such as urban, street, and beach settings.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

7.1 Strategic directions and IKF alignment in 2024 and beyond

- 7.1.1 Submitted the application for recognition of IKF and IKF Asia by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in late November 2024. Achieving this milestone would raise awareness and support from National Olympic Committees in Asia and set the stage for the inclusion of korfball in various OCA multi-sport events.
- 7.1.2 Support member countries in achieving key IOC Pledge project goals through more structured development guidance.
- 7.1.3 Strengthen development and education efforts in Southeast Asia—targeting both current members (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand) and potential ones (Brunei, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Vietnam)—with the aim of including korfball in the SEA Games.
- 7.1.4 Organize IKF and IKF Asia official tournaments annually at both Open and Youth levels. Ensure IKF Asia and IKF Asia-Oceania tournaments follow a consistent and well-organized operational model.
- 7.1.5 Develop advanced-level competition officials across the continent.
- 7.1.6 Cultivate coordination officers, jury chairs, referee assessors, and livestream commentators from middle and top-tier countries.

7.1.7 Expand the pool of certified IKF referees across all member countries.

7.1.8 Promote the hosting of IKF-approved international friendly matches.

7.2 Maintaining the investment of development and education on the D, E, & F countries.

- 7.2.1 Provide tailored support to improve long-term stability and engagement of emerging countries.
- 7.2.2 Focus on strengthening governance, expanding the player base, and developing national competitions in middle-tier countries to facilitate their advancement.
- 7.2.3 Facilitate the next-stage growth of the leading countries in D-F groups through expertise and capacity building.

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IKF Asia President & IKF Council Member*

3.4. IKF EUROPE



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

In 2024 we started looking at setting up development plans that have long term impact in the domains of coaches, referees and officials. Development plans should consist of on-site sessions, on-line coaching/follow-up and the online learning platform (discussion started with IKF and KNKV to get to this integrated approach since a lot of material exists in Dutch but needs translation to English and French).

An inventory is being set-up of all European member countries and their current state in different area's (sportive and organizational) to identify the biggest needs and gaps.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

2.1 Re-activation initiative in Luxembourg

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS

The European Competitions Committee (ECC) worked hard on 2 initiatives:

- **New KCL format developed (for approval in Q1 2025):** the revised format follows criticism of clubs of the current format. Following this criticism IKF Europe held a consultation with countries in October and November 2024. IKF Europe also received a number of other submissions by federations and club. The new format takes into account all of the feedback, and proposals, received. We haven't been able to accommodate every request, but hopefully countries will acknowledge that the revised format addresses a number of the concerns that countries had with the previous format.
- **U15 events**

A consultation process was held for the format of the U15 events. The intention behind the consultation was to increase communication and co-operation between nations, and to avoid conflicting events.

The format for the U15 event which received the most approval of nations was as follows:-

- 4-day event running from Friday to Monday
- Friday and Saturday – K8 tournament
- Sunday morning - developmental event and/or social event
- Sunday afternoon/Monday - K4

We had discussed inviting expressions of interests for the period 2025 to 2029, but the proposal in 2024 was for the event to take place in 2025 and for a further period of consultation to take place to obtain views on the new format

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

No media and marketing committee active yet. Discussions started in 2024 with the IKF media and marketing committee about standards & guidelines and roles & responsibilities going forward. This could only be picked up end of Q4

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

- Many countries with established competitions.
- Multiple cross-border collaborations between neighbouring federations.

5.2 Weaknesses:

- Fluctuations in the governance model of some federations have also impact on the sportive results of the national teams.
- In 2024 we saw some federations cancelling bid submissions for IKF events due to changing conditions, lack of appropriate venues and missing funding opportunities

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 Opportunities:

- Further increase cross-border collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Having 32 club-teams participating in the new KCL format in 4 different events spread over time
- Encourage federations to organize events based upon a new approach for event organisations (see topic 7)

6.2 Risks:

- Many events on a yearly basis in Europe require a lot of organizers. The new KCL format and transparency on participants and the event cost model proposal should mitigate this risk.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

A study was conducted on the cost model of events in Europe. Based on the willingness of member federations to share info based upon on 'open accounting' model, a paper has been prepared to come to a proposal that makes event organisation more transparent from a cost perspective and to avoid that organizations are left with a deficit after the event. Approval of this proposal to be expected in Q2 2025.

Written by Yves Daelmans

President IKF Europe & IKF Council Member



3.5. IKF OCEANIA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

- 1.1 Korfball Australia held their 2nd Beach Championships in Adelaide in March 2024 with teams entered from both South Australia and Victoria. Extreme heat was an issue for participants but KA are happy to have continued on with their beach initiatives after starting in 2023.
- 1.2 Korfball Australia again held the annual National Club Championships in June in Adelaide, with a team from Melbourne entered in the event and two teams participating from Canterbury (NZ) – one in Division 1 and another in Division 2. This was an excellent development opportunity.
- 1.3 As part of the preparation for the Australian U21 team participating in the World Championships they held a friendly match against the visiting u21 players from Canterbury NZ.
- 1.4 There was no significant Korfball activity in NSW or Queensland in 2024. South Australia's development league, which was introduced in late 2023, continues to grow. In year 1 it was just matches played between the 15 to 20 people who attended, in 2024 it turned into a full competition with 5 teams entered.
- 1.5 Korfball Australia and Korfball New Zealand both had a representative teams in the U21 World Championships.
- 1.6 New Zealand's korfball development continues to benefit from its independently run school and youth programme (Mixx) which has now run for several years in the Canterbury Region. In 2024 the program extended the number of District programs from six to eight and with the increase in districts came an increase in teams from 16 to 30 by the end of 2024. In total there was a 40% increase in students participating. In the Christchurch Mixx Cup, 83 teams participated. Mixx also launched u13, u15, u17 and u19 representative programmes in 2024.
- 1.7 This development work has flowed through to International representation as all players in the U21 WKC came to Korfball through Mixx.
- 1.8 Korfball Canterbury continued to run its Winter competition which also included teams created out of the youth development program.
- 1.9 Further, as indicated, Korfball Canterbury also sent two representative youth teams to Adelaide to participate in the Australian National Club Championships – the teams participation was a huge success, on top of them playing against the Australian u21 team prior to the tournament. The team also participated in some beach korfball with the Australian team.

- 1.10 Korfball Canterbury sent two referees to the IKF referee and coaches course held in Hong Kong.
- 1.11 Korfball Canterbury launched an u17 development training program late in 2024.
- 1.12 Korfball activity in other regions is non-existent.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

- 2.1 In Oceania our current plan continues to be the strengthening of our existing members Australia and New Zealand, resources and distance are major barriers to developing prospective members in our region given we are not a continent joined together but rather a collective of islands. Each member is still exploring ways of developing beyond existing internal regions.

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS FOR 2024

- 3.1 Korfball Australia will host its 3rd Beach Korfball Championships in March 2025 in preparation for Beach being part of the World Games and of course the continental World Cup events.
- 3.2 Korfball Australia will hold the National Club Championships in Adelaide in June 2025 and will invite regional clubs/teams from New Zealand to participate.
- 3.3 Korfball Oceania will host its inaugural Oceania Championships in Bacchus Marsh Victoria in September 2025. This is the rescheduling of the 2024 event.
- 3.4 Each region will host its annual competitions – Korfball Canterbury Winter League and Korfball SA State League.
- 3.5 Korfball Australia will host the very first Beach World Cup Oceania edition in November in Adelaide South Australia

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

- 4.1 Marketing in both Australia and New Zealand continues to be largely via Social Media due to the financial constraints in both countries. Both countries continue to provide great content with regular league and event updates that are often shared by Korfball.org

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

- Strong sporting culture (strength and weakness)
- Community approach to sport given limited size
- Volunteer network in major korfball centres (Adelaide & Canterbury)
- Continued youth participation for strong school and regional presence in New Zealand.

5.2 Weaknesses:

- High travel costs make it not financially viable to travel internationally at regular intervals meaning squad retention from event to event is difficult. Many airlines have not returned to the region post the pandemic providing little competition.
- Minor sport logistics – access to venues, media, promotion, funding are everyday problems. Also many venues will push community sports for larger events to attract revenue which makes programming difficult.
- Distance from korfball opportunities will continue to be a weakness in Oceania, when added to the lack of funding, these creates financial difficulties to ensure regular competition is maintained. The distance is not confined to International but rather distance between our two countries, distance between the regions within our countries and of course distance to the rest of the korfball world.
- Inability to attract volunteers in less represented regions where Korfball has been active previously, Auckland, Wellington, Sydney, Queensland plus the lack of funding means a lack of development volunteers outside of Canterbury.
- Government recognition due to size
- costs of shipping korfball specific equipment - creates a financial barrier
- Smaller communities can have competing interests

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 **Opportunities:** In New Zealand the opportunities exist to continue to make significant impact in the school system ultimately increasing participation and recognition of the sport, in 2024 the sport ranked just outside the top 10 for sport participation. The financial impact of travel beyond the region does mean the opportunity exists for the creation of more regular Oceania events, both formal and friendly. The cancellation of the 2024 event was disappointing but the 2025 event will be a good test.

6.2 **Risks:** The ongoing RISK with trying to develop and encourage the desired international participation that comes with it, is funding and volunteers. As previously stated, the risk that our status as a genuine sport is continually challenged by sports such as Netball, Basketball, Football (various codes) and so we need to find avenues to firstly attract players to the sport but then maintain their interest. The best way to do that is via international participation

which then is a financial risk as the cost to participate becomes too high as highlighted above. With growth comes a significant risk in the lack of volunteers to run the sport and the development, this is an issue Australia has faced for a long time. New Zealand have experienced a wave of volunteers and enthusiasm that comes with International participation, the key is maintaining that enthusiasm. As stated it's also important for long term development to ensure development plans align for the interest of the sport.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

- 7.3 Trying to build on the momentum of having both open and youth teams participating in regular international events both indoor and beach (currently Australia only) does provide Australia and New Zealand with an opportunity to work closer together. Whilst distance is still an issue there are strong relationships that exist within the two countries and if we can build a sustainable Oceania program this could benefit both countries with shared resources (NZ development and AUS with technical resources). Both countries remain committed to growth and improved international participation at youth and senior level and there is also an opportunity for the beach discipline to grow within the region.

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IKF Oceania President & IKF Council Member





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REPORTS FROM THE
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4.1. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Jan Van den Berghe, Chairperson

In 2024 no cases were brought before the IKF Appeals Committee. The committee did not convene in 2024.

4.2. BEACH KORFBALL COMMITTEE

Kevin Lauwers, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

The beach korfball committee scheduled 3 online meetings (Teams). These meetings took place on 4 September, 29 October, 20 December.

These meetings were attended by the members of the committee:

- Kevin Lauwers - chairman (Belgium)
- Barry Schep (The Netherlands)
- Willard (Bill) Johnson (USA)
- Tamara Siemieniuk (Poland)
- Dan-lin (Alice) Huang (Chinese Taipei)
- Ilham Teidj (Morocco)
- Hilal Karaş (Türkiye)
- Izabela Kołodziejczyk (Poland)
- Ronald Buis (The Netherlands)
- Yasmin Williams (Wales)

The Beach Korfball Committee also works with smaller working groups to discuss certain specific items. There were also regular meetings with some members of the EXCO to discuss the future and strategy of the beach korfball committee.

In addition, many conversations were held with the organizers and those responsible for beach korfball (events) around the world, to support the organisation of beach korfball at a local level. This happened by email or online meeting.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 The Thailand Korfball Association hosted from **26-28 April 2024** the second edition of the IKF **World Beach Korfball Championship**. Pattaya Beach became a beautiful scenario where 18 teams from 4 different continents competed during three intense days for a medal.

Final ranking:

1. The Netherlands
2. Chinese Taipei
3. Czechia
4. Poland
5. Belgium
6. USA
7. Hungary
8. Portugal
9. China
10. Hong Kong China
11. Thailand
12. Malaysia
13. Australia
14. India
15. Japan
16. Macau China
17. Scotland
18. Singapore

- 2.2 The 4th edition of a spectacular IKF **Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe) 2024** has been played in the Belgian city of Temse. From **24 to 25 August 2024**, 17 teams from 4 different continents competed to be the new champion.

Final ranking:

1. The Netherlands
2. Poland
3. Belgium
4. Chinese Taipei
5. Portugal
6. Hungary
7. Czechia
8. Hong Kong China
9. Wales
10. USA
11. France
12. Australia
13. England
14. Sweden
15. Scotland
16. Argentina
17. Armenia

2.3 A thrilling conclusion to the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2024 saw Chinese Taipei emerge victorious. After two intense days of competition between the 10 participating teams. In total 478 goals were scored across the 31 matches, showcasing the skill, speed, and teamwork of the athletes. All matches were played at Hua Mak Indoor Stadium in Sport Authority of Thailand.

Final ranking:

1. Chinese Taipei
2. Czechia
3. Poland
4. Hungary
5. China
6. Thailand
7. Hong Kong China
8. Australia
9. Singapore
10. Japan

2.4 After these tournaments in 2024, the final IKF Beach Korfball World Ranking was drawn up in early 2025, which decided on participation in the World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China.

The following countries qualified for participation:

- Poland
- Chinese Taipei
- The Netherlands
- Hungary
- Belgium
- USA
- Australia
- China

3. TASKS

- Developing and promoting beach korfball as a distinct and exciting discipline of the sport, creating opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels to participate in beach tournaments and events.
- Advising on beach korfball competitions, festivals, and exhibitions at coastal locations, beaches, and outdoor venues around the world.
- Providing guidance and support to national federations and local organizers interested in hosting beach korfball events, offering resources, templates, and expertise to ensure successful planning and execution.

4. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

In 2025, 3 IKF beach korfball tournaments are confirmed:

- IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Africa): Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe): Stockholm, Sweden
- IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Oceania): Adelaide, Australia

In August 2025, beach korfball will also be part of the World Games for the first time, which will take place in Chengdu, China.

The beach korfball committee will also continue to work on further developing the tactical objectives of the 2025-2027 strategic plan.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength:

- The IKF Beach committee includes people with many different competencies.
- Beach korfball is a sport that is easy to organize and therefore, it offers opportunities for the start-up and/or re-start of countries where currently no korfball is played (anymore).

5.2 Weaknesses:

- The limited financial resources.
- The difficulty to have cheap materials in countries where beach korfball will be/ is started.

4.3. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jorge Alves, Chairperson

Looking back on the year, the Development & Education Committee (DEC) remains dedicated to growing korfball worldwide. Our committed team works hard to allocate DEC Grants, offer guidance, and support collaboration with national organisations.

DEC Grant Allocation

The DEC continued its pivotal role in allocating DEC Grants to deserving countries, providing crucial financial backing for projects proposed by national organisations aimed at the development of korfball globally. Our committee diligently reviewed and assessed the feasibility of each project. Through ongoing dialogue with national organisations and continental representatives, we ensured a comprehensive evaluation of each project's potential impact and viability.

Moreover, in 2024, the DEC expanded its support, financially backing projects across 23 countries spanning all five continents. This extension underscores our commitment to fostering the growth and sustainability of korfball initiatives worldwide.

Initiating Korfball in New Countries

Throughout 2024, we continued our efforts to expand korfball into new regions, building on the work already carried out in previous years. In close cooperation with potential future national federations, we held a series of online meetings with individuals interested in leading korfball initiatives, particularly in schools and universities.

Our outreach focused on countries across the globe, with special attention to Africa, the Americas, and Asia, aiming to introduce the sport to new communities and increase its global presence. This ongoing work is part of our strategy to propose new member federations for the IKF General Meeting in 2025.

Meetings and Communications

Throughout the year, the DEC held several meetings to discuss projects submitted for DEC Grants. In addition, we conducted many one-on-one online meetings and maintained regular email communication to manage ongoing matters and share updates, specially with the three sub-committees: Schools Development, Grassroots Development, and Elite Development. These interactions were essential for building partnerships and ensuring clear communication among all stakeholders.

Future Activities

Looking ahead, the DEC will focus on supporting and monitoring projects funded by DEC Grants and the Swan Fund. We will keep evaluating their impact and exploring new ways to address challenges and promote sustainable growth. Working closely with national organisations, continental representatives, and our new sub-committees will be key to continuing korfball's global development.

4.4. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Gert Dijkstra, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

No official meetings took place in 2024 as there were no issues brought forward to the IKF DC

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

Take care of issues brought forward to the IKF DC, which will be handled in time (first reaction in 10 working days after receiving all forms/details) by the specific responsible persons

3. TASKS

- 3.1. Checking IKF competition disciplinary procedures followed-up correctly by all parties involved and a timely follow-up by IKF DC specialized persons based on the procedure set
- 3.2. Checking IKF anti-doping disciplinary procedures followed-up correctly by all parties involved and a timely follow-up by IKF DC specialized persons based on the procedure set

4. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Re-structure standardized admin-procedures to meet the goals of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1. Strength:

1. specialized responsible persons per segment
2. Knowledge + experience of the members

5.2. Weaknesses:

1. structure in getting (new) changes in specific regulations into IKF from outside IKF towards the IKF DC
2. IKF disciplinary file can only be followed globally if the event is prepared in Worldkorfball.org and used at the event, which is not the case currently, so unfairness can be obtained

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

Currently the IKF DC is taking care of the IKF competition disciplinary file due to the International competition structure by both IKF globally as IKF Continents and is sent to IKF Office immediately after the event for uploading.

4.5. ELITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Helmi Langenhorst, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

- 1.1 Most meetings online. Some of them at the KNKV office with members of CEC.

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Analyze what it will take to grow korfball as a top sport globally.
- 2.2 The answer is more “highly” trained coaches. And develop appropriate training. A training that can be taught continentally by teachers from that continent. That will save time and cost. And also fits better with the cultural differences per continent. Initially we only talk about Asia and Europe because that is the only place where Top Korfball is currently being played.

3 TASKS

- 3.1 Developing a hybrid coach course level 3/4. Hybrid as in e-learning and contact teaching
- 3.2 Developing a course for training trainers & learning coaches(possibly during IKF World Championship in The Netherlands in 2027)
- 3.3 Develop a refereeing course to allow more referees to gain top-level experience

4 PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Together with the current teachers of the international Level 3 course, we looked at existing hybrid course from the KNKV and extracted those competencies that we think are important for international coaches. The course part that concerns those competencies have been translated into English. This should now be moved to google classroom.

In consultation with IKF Asia and IKF Europe, we now want to recruit a number of potential teachers to eventually teach this course in their continent. We are finding out if there are opportunities to apply for subsidies for this

We also need learning coaches who can discuss the online assignments with students

5 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Strength:
I work together with Tineke Bosch who is project leader of coach courses at the KNKV. We work closely with the current teachers and members of the CEC Ben Crum and Jan Sjouke van den Bos
- 5.2 Weaknesses:
Slow response from the some CEC and DEC Elite members to questions asked, due to low available time.

6 ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 To establish a solid education with good teachers and learning coaches takes time and money

4.6. ETHICS COMMITTEE

Graham Crafter, Chairperson

No meeting held, as no matters were referred for dealing with during the year.

4.7. EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jeroen Breeschoten, Chairperson

10.1.1.1. MEETINGS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Attendants</i>
18 June 2024	Core Committee	<i>Teams</i>	• <i>Joana Faria</i> • <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Marc Breugelmans</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i>
22 July 2024	Core Committee	<i>Teams</i>	• <i>Joana Faria</i> • <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Marc Breugelmans</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i> • <i>Helmer Silva</i> • <i>João Pinto</i>
17 August 2024	Extended Committee	<i>Teams</i>	• <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i> • <i>Daphne Lau</i> • <i>Richard Rensen</i> • <i>Jens van Poucke</i> • <i>Izabela Kolodziejczyk</i> • <i>Helmer Silva</i>
16 September 2024	Core Committee	<i>Teams</i>	• <i>Joana Faria</i> • <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Marc Breugelmans</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i>
21 October 2024	Core Committee	<i>Teams</i>	• <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i>

Date	Type	Location	Attendants
16 November 2024	Extended Committee	Teams	• <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i> • <i>Daphne Lau</i> • <i>Richard Rensen</i> • <i>Jens van Poucke</i> • <i>Izabela Kolodziejczyk</i>
17 December 2024	Core Committee	Teams	• <i>Jeroen Breeschoten</i> • <i>Marc Breugelmans</i> • <i>Sam Stevenson</i> • <i>Steve Wright</i> • <i>Madalena Carvalho</i> • <i>Yihuan Chang</i>

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Transition & Formation: The Events Committee was formed as a successor to the Competitions Committee, with broader responsibilities including marketing, exposure, and innovation in event management. It took some time to get up and running but we succeeded doing this in the second half of 2024
- 2.2 Several new members joined during the year, bringing expertise from international sports, media, and Olympic initiatives. Also the cooperation with the IKF Office intensified during 2024.
- 2.3 Checking the organization of the Events which has been done by the ECC, ACC and OCC and organizing global Events and Events in Africa and the Americas (together with the IKF Office)

3. TASKS

- 3.1 Event App & Asana: Asana was tested and adopted for planning major events like EKC A and will be expanded in 2025. Event-specific task templates are being developed
- 3.2 Standardised Event Timeline: A comprehensive timeline of event preparation is under development to support consistency across events
- 3.3 Jury & CO Management: Work began on maintaining a centralized, updated list of Jury/CO officials, with discussions on training, procedures, and clearer protocols for emergencies

4. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1 Finish the Jury and CO Management

- 4.2 Define and Publish a Multi-Year Hosting Calendar i.e. 2027-2030, based on the Long-Term Strategy for IKF Event Hosting, which has been developed in Q1 2025
- 4.3 Organize an open interest meeting following that Multi-Year Hosting Calendar
- 4.4 Improve the tournament feedback and develop procedures to make proper use of this feedback
- 4.5 Work together with the ICT Committee to develop more robust software for the coming years

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Strength: The committee (as one of the few committees in IKF) successfully formulated a mission statement and concrete targets (advance planning, digital tool use, event evaluation, early official connection). There's a shared commitment to improve event quality and impact,
- 5.2 Weaknesses: Slow Operational Follow-Through. Many actions are noted but remain incomplete or delayed. Too less structure keeping ad hoc planning

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

There is an open dialogue with other committees (e.g., Marketing, Volunteers, ICT) and clear intent to coordinate across stakeholder groups. The structure of the (Extended) Events Committee helps with that.

4.8. GENDER EQUALITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Anita Derks, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

In 2024, we started setting up the IKF Committee Gender Equality and Inclusion.

- 1.1 In May a call was made via the IKF website. Interviews with the candidates were held in July and August.
- 1.2 In September, we held two meetings. The first meeting included introductions of committee members, information about the new IKF strategy, and a brainstorming session on important topics. In the second meeting, we created a draft plan with the topics and assigned different committee members to be responsible for each topic.
- 1.3 At the December meeting, the mission and targets for 2025 were established.

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 The establishment of the committee and inventarisation of the main topics.

2.2 Drafting the mission and vision

Mission

"We believe in a world where every individual, regardless of their gender or ability* has equal opportunities, respect, and representation."

*For our committee we include ability.

The mission of the IKF Gender Equality and Inclusion committee is to empower this part of the IKF strategy.

Vision

Our vision is a global Korfball community where gender equality and inclusion are deeply ingrained not only on the field but in every aspect of our community.

3 TASKS

3.1 Launching the platform for the IKF Community

4 PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

4.1 Forming a team as a committee and operating as a task force to support all federations and committees in achieving the objectives linked to this theme. We are going to work at three topics

4.1.1 Gender Equality

4.1.2 Gender Identity

4.1.3 Inclusion persons with different abilities

4.2 We start to develop policy and guidelines that promote gender equality and inclusion across all levels of korfball, from grassroots to elite competition.

4.3 Gender Advisor in all countries.

4.3.1 Building knowledge with them; How can you build a structure in your federation that empowered gender equality

4.3.2 We collect data about gender equality in the different committees, officials of the IKF and of the federations so there is a starting point and a goal can be set.

4.4 Gender Identity

4.4.1 Building knowledge of this topic to start with the board members

4.4.2 We know the needs of the federations at this theme. We collect questions the federations have at this topic so we can support them.

4.4.3 We start an Inclusion Ambassador Program to promote diversity and inclusion.

4.5 Inclusion korfball for persons with different abilities

4.5.1 Share good examples there are already

- 4.5.2 We collect the questions federations have at this topic so we know the needs and can support them.

5 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Strength: Quality of the committee members
- 5.2 Weaknesses: Time from the different committee members. The committee members live in different time zones. Scheduling a meeting with all the members at the same time is challenging

4.9. GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Theo van der Linde, Chairperson

The IKF Grassroots Development Committee was installed in mid-2024 and is active from the second half of 2024.

Given the physical distance between them, contact has mainly taken place via WhatsApp.

It has been noted that given the large differences between countries (continents) in terms of culture and structure, it is often not possible to make a good distinction between grassroots activities and school activities. In Western European countries, sports structure is often based on club structure, while in other countries and continents this is often based on communities and schools and where this is often interwoven. Partly for this reason, but also due to a lack of basic data, it is not possible to give a good overview of the grassroots/school activities carried out per country in 2024.

An attempt has been made to record the basic data and to follow current developments, but unfortunately the necessary input has not been received from enough countries to be able to provide a further report on this basis.

The intention is to be able to realize this on time for 2025 on the basis of the information structure that has been set up.

4.10. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Michael Janssens, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

Teams (everyone), 13/05; 18/06; 24/08 => Dean,Dani,Marc,Michael,Oliver; 07/11

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1. Discussing server proposal,
- 2.2. Working behind the scenes with office to assist them with WordPress.
- 2.3. TIP and jury software changes => proposal.

- 2.4. Taking over the admin section of Microsoft, and assisting with issues.
- 2.5. Looking into WordPress and setting up accounts + updates
- 2.6. Setting up all the tournaments in the TIP and providing assistance~

3. TASKS

- 3.1. Working with office
- 3.2. Microsoft admin section => assisting with issues
- 3.3. WordPress admin section => updates + assistance with issues
- 3.4. Setting up tournaments + assistance with issues

4. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1. Working with office
- 4.2. Microsoft admin section => assisting with issues
- 4.3. WordPress admin section => updates + assistance with issues
- 4.4. Setting up tournaments + assistance with issues
- 4.5. Looking into the server proposal and when agreed upon making the necessary changes
- 4.6. Renewing jury software => adding urban korfbal + other changes
- 4.7. Renewing websites => when server proposal has been approved

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1. Strength:
 - Good knowledge skills within the committee.
 - the ability to work and provided the necessary help to each other.
 - Dealing with issues within 48 hours
- 5.2. Weaknesses: At this moment none, since no issues appeared. No major incidents yet.

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1. Incorporating Urban Korfbal into the jury software, and experiment how it works in the field.
- 6.2. Discussing the possibility to add an extra member

4.11. LEARNING ACADEMY COMMITTEE

Anita Derks, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

In 2024, we started setting up the IKF Learning Academy committee.

- 1.1 In May a call was made via the IKF website. Interviews with the candidates were held in July and August. In addition, a representative from the DEC, PRC and the referee committee has been added to the committee
- 1.2 September 16 the first committee meeting was held. On the agenda was:
 - 1.2.1 What are the mission from the IKF Learning Academy aligned with the mission of the IKF.
 - 1.2.2 Which requires are needed for the platform?
 - 1.2.3 What are the needs from the committees?
- 1.3 December 8 the second meeting was held. At this meeting mission and targets for 2025 were set

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 The establishment of the committee and inventarisation of the needs from the committees.
- 2.2 Drafting the mission and vision

Mission The mission of the IKF Learning Academy is to empower development through providing accessible, flexible and high-quality educational content through an innovative online platform. We foster continuous growth within the International Korfball Federation by offering a wide range of courses which can be followed regardless location or background that meets the diverse needs of all stakeholders.

Vision Our vision is to become the best partner for coaches, referees, jury, athletes, physical education teachers involved with korfball to give easy access to korfball knowledge. We envision a future where learning is seamlessly integrated into the development of the korfball sport by harnessing the power of digital learning

3 TASKS

- 3.1 Launching the platform for the IKF Community

4 PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1 We work closely with the IKF committees to support their education goals. We know their needs and start a process to create content.
- 4.2 We offer national Korfball federations courses that align with their local needs and growth goals.
 - 4.2.1 We know their needs and give them the opportunity to follow online available courses.

4.2.2 We make sure that there is content for different levels.

4.2.3 The courses are offered in several languages. We start with English and where possible it is translated into Spanish, French, Chinese.

4.3 We develop certification programs with learning objectives for coaches, referees, and officials which can be aligned with certification of the own country. This will standardize and elevate the level of professionalism.

4.4 Platform requirements; We create a course format so that each course is user-friendly and interactive. To do this, we use various gamification tools.

4.5 Trainers use Google Classroom – We make a train-the-trainer course for this.

4.6 We're also making Google Classroom available for committees to use this for (brainstorm) meetings.

5 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength: Quality of the committee members

5.2 Weaknesses: Time from the different committee members. The involvement of the other IKF committees is not equally strong overall.

4.12. MARKETING DIGITAL AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEDIA COMMITTEE LIVE STREAM COMMITTEE

MAIN MATTERS & ACTIVITIES: BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The year 2024 has been pivotal, marked by our commitment to building strong foundations and ensuring we are fit for the future. Our core focus has been on robust recruitment and training initiatives, which are essential to support our growing ambitions and the increasing global expansion of korfball. In alignment with our “Better Together” theme, we have seen incredible collaborative efforts across our committees and with our wider federations.

Our Social Media committee, expertly led by Gertrude De Vries, and the Live Stream/Broadcast committee, under the guidance of Brian Koppelaar, have been exceptionally active throughout the year, holding numerous official meetings. Beyond these meetings, countless ad-hoc discussions have taken place weekly among committee members, underscoring their passion and dedication.

A key activity adopted from late 2023, and continued with great success throughout 2024, has been our Retrospective Meetings held after each major event. These sessions, while time-consuming, have consistently provided invaluable insights. They offer a platform to constructively discuss challenges, celebrate successes, and critically identify concrete opportunities for improvement. This iterative learning process ensures we continually refine our approach and implement robust processes and procedures to prevent recurring issues.

Significant progress was made in standardizing our support for events. In 2024, the Live Stream committee developed a reusable training guide for Local Organising Committee (LOC) volunteers. This guide has been translated into multiple languages, significantly aiding volunteers in quickly upskilling and adapting to the demands of our events. In addition, we established regular pre-event meetings with each LOC in the months and weeks leading up to events. These proactive discussions have been instrumental in ensuring all arrangements are in place and agreements are clear, greatly reducing stress for our officials when they arrive at venues.

On the broadcast front, we are immensely proud to report on our successes in delivering our signal to a growing number of international and national TV broadcasters. Our footage has been used across traditional linear TV and online platforms, with IKF-produced content featuring on news programmes reaching audiences in the millions. This widespread exposure is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of our team.

TASKS & ONGOING DEVELOPMENT

While 2024 was a year of significant progress, we also navigated various operational challenges, always approaching them with a positive mindset and a “can-do” attitude. A persistent challenge has been internet connectivity within venues. The increasing resolution and quality demands for filming matches push venue internet speeds and reliability to their maximum, with some existing infrastructure not meeting our increasing standards.

To address this, we are actively working on updating the technical requirements within our agreements with host LOCs. Additionally, our advanced meetings with LOCs now include crucial quality checks for venue internet speed. These proactive steps are vital as we continue to elevate the quality of our broadcasts.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: CONSOLIDATING OUR FUTURE

Looking ahead to 2025, our plans are centered on consolidating the strong foundations we’ve built this year and further expanding our reach.

A top priority is the continued recruitment of talented individuals with the right skills, experience, and knowledge to help us achieve our ambitious goals. This includes the planned relaunch of the Marketing committee and the necessary growth and expansion of the Social Media team to keep pace with the increasing demands for engaging content.

For the Broadcast team, 2025 will see a comprehensive review of our hardware and equipment, leading to new budget requests and a long-term strategic plan to ensure our capabilities remain cutting-edge. We are also committed to strengthening our professional relationships with key partners such as the IWGA, The World Games, and the International Olympic Committee’s TV channel. Building on the successes of 2023 and 2024, we aim to forge an increasing number of partnerships with host national broadcasters, further amplifying korfball’s presence.

Our Commentary training programme will continue to evolve. Launched with an open call, followed by interviews, online courses, and feedback sessions, our goal is to create a global team of commentators equipped with the skills and insights to provide captivating commentary for all our events, truly bringing the “voice of korfbal” to fans worldwide.

STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH WITHIN THE COMMITTEES

Our committees demonstrate remarkable strengths that underpin our progress. The dedication, commitment, and “can-do” attitude of the IKF volunteer committee members are truly inspiring. Their collective desire to do the right thing and make our sport the best it can be is evident daily. The ability of the team to handle challenges with a positive mindset speaks volumes about their resilience.

The implementation of Retrospective Meetings, the LOC volunteer training guide, and pre-event LOC meetings showcases our proactive approach to continuous improvement. The demonstrable success in delivering our broadcast signal to millions of viewers is testament to our team’s expertise and determination. Furthermore, the knowledge sharing, guidance, and training provided by our experienced IKF photographers are vital for nurturing the next generation of talent. The sheer volume and quality of content produced by our Social Media team are nothing short of staggering, truly engaging our global audience.

We are also thrilled by the significant talent joining our committees in 2024. Gertrude De Vries brought vital coordination to the Social Media team, handling daily activities and urgent priorities. Nikolaos Tsigkras stepped up to chair the Marketing committee, a long-awaited addition. The ‘voice of korfbal,’ Tom Brady, embraced expanded responsibilities, taking a leading role in our commentator talent identification programme. And Ferdinand Wittenberg, with his wealth of experience from the Dutch Korfbal League, joined as Chair of the Commentary committee. These additions are invaluable and strengthen our core capabilities.

In a special recognition of exceptional service, we were proud to see two of our committee members receive the IKF Pin of Merit in 2024: Brian Koppelaar, and Dani Ezpeleta.

While we celebrate these strengths, we also recognize opportunities for further growth. As mentioned, the persistent challenge of internet connectivity in venues requires ongoing attention and strategic solutions. More broadly, we still have a considerable amount of work to do in recruiting even more talented people who bring the specific skills, experience, and knowledge needed to fully achieve our ambitious goals and aspirations. The planned relaunch of the Marketing committee and the expansion of the Social Media team are direct responses to these growth areas.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

On a personal note, I would like to express my most sincere thanks and profound appreciation for the extraordinary efforts and dedication shown by all the members of the IKF volunteer committees. Every day, I am genuinely impressed by your spirit and your collective desire to make korfbal the best it can be. While it is impossible to name everyone individually, please know that your contributions are deeply valued and make an immense difference.

My gratitude also extends to Gabi Kool, IKF President, and Joana Faria, IKF CEO, for their continuous help, support, and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the entire team working in the IKF Office. Your help and support throughout the year have been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration in 2025.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the IKF Continental Federations and all the National Federations for their support throughout 2024. Your collaboration is at the heart of our “Better Together” theme.

I must also commend our dedicated official IKF photographers for their countless hours of effort. It is truly rewarding to hear from photographers around the world who are benefiting from the knowledge sharing, guidance, and training provided by our experienced IKF team, fostering the next generation of visual storytellers.

Our Social Media team’s work has been nothing short of phenomenal this year, producing an astonishing amount of posts and content. To all our members and national federations, I strongly encourage you to continue to work with us, share information, and share your news. We genuinely love hearing about the initiatives taking place in your countries, regions, and clubs. Please feel free to message us directly or tag us in your posts – your stories are our inspiration!

4.13. PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

Jorge Alves, Chairperson

MEETINGS

In 2024, the committee held one in-person meeting on April 13 in the Netherlands. In addition, two formal online meetings were conducted. The committee also met informally on several occasions through Microsoft Teams and WhatsApp. All official decisions regarding committee actions were made via email.

Playing Rules Update

- May 1, 2024: A new version of the Korfball Playing Rules was released. The main updates included the introduction of the “Time Penalty,” based on experiments conducted during the previous season, and changes related to the “Preparation of a Free Pass.”

The following documents were published:

- ✓ The Rules of Korfball 2024
- ✓ The Rules of Korfball 2024 – Changes and Explanation
- ✓ Playing Rules Experiments 2024/25

- June 22, 2024: A new version of the Beach Korfball Playing Rules was released. Key updates included revised “substitution procedures” and the introduction of the “duo referee system”.

The following documents were published:

- ✓ The Rules of Beach Korfball 2024
- ✓ The Rules of Beach Korfball 2024 – Exceptions and Recommendations CR
- ✓ The Rules of Beach Korfball 2024 – Changes
- ✓ Beach Korfball Playing Rules Experiment 2024 – Shot Clock

- October 1, 2024: The Playing Rules for the new format, Urban Korfball, were officially launched.

The following documents were published:

- ✓ The Rules of Urban Korfball 2024
- ✓ Guidelines for Urban Korfball Competitions

Referee Signals Booklet

The PRC has initiated the development of a new booklet containing updated referee signals, scheduled for publication in 2025. This new edition will follow the guidelines approved by the Executive Committee (ExCo), ensuring that all content is neutral and inclusive with respect to race, gender and religion. The objective is to promote clarity, consistency, and equality in the communication of decisions on the field, in alignment with the values of the sport.

Playing Rules Experiments

Following approval, the Playing Rules Committee (PRC) conducted experiments on:

- A new method to restart the game after a “Re-start”
- A new process to resume the game time and shot clock, following the referee’s whistle
- In the Beach Korfball the experiment with the introduction of the Shot Clock

New Ball

In October 2024, the process and testing for the approval of the new Mikasa ball commenced.

Future Activities

The committee plans to collaborate with various stakeholders to implement the use of video as a tool in Playing Rules education.

Furthermore, to enhance the appeal of the sport for athletes, coaches, and spectators, the committee will encourage all National federations to conduct the same Playing Rules experiments carried out in the previous season (KCL R2, Challenge and Satellite), specifically focusing on the new restart procedures and updated timing protocols.

The PRC will continue to advocate for disciplinary committees of the various national federations to revise the handling of yellow card accumulation. The goal is to ensure that any punishment resulting from yellow card offences is served within the same match in which the offences occurred, rather than in subsequent games. This approach would allow referees to be stricter and more consistent in applying disciplinary actions, without the concern of imposing delayed penalties that affect future matches. It also promotes a fairer system where consequences are immediate and directly tied to the context in which the infractions happen.

4.14. REFEREES COMMITTEE

Björn Elewaut, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

Meetings took place online during the year.

Whenever needed, input was received by email from the members that were unable to attend, projects were discussed ad hoc online.

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

Educational courses - Tournament referee coordinators and assessors:

Instructors

Jorge Alves
Richard Rensen
Dirk Van Heertum
Paul Jeanes
Björn Elewaut

Teun Lepelaar
Ronald Buis

Dean Woods

Berthold Komduur
Theo van der Linde

Peter Van der Terp
Pardeep Dahiya

assessors

Jorge Alves
Richard Rensen
Dirk Van Heertum
Paul Jeanes
Björn Elewaut

Teun Lepelaar
Ronald Buis

Dean Woods

Berthold Komduur
Theo van der Linde

Wing Hung Lee
Pardeep Dahiya
Peter Van der Terp
Tina Van Grimberge

3 TASKS

IKF Korfball Champions League Satellite Final

18/01/2024 – 20/01/2024

Antalya – Kemer Turkiye

Referee: Dani Ezpeleta (Cat)

Assessor: Dirk Van Heertum

IKF Korfball Champions League Challenger Final

25/01/2024 – 27/01/2024

Lisbon Portugal

Referees: -

Assessor: Jorge Alves (POR)

IKF Korfball Champions League Final

07/02/2024 – 10/02/2024

Papendrecht Netherlands

Referees: Diane Boogaard (NED), Stan de Groot (NED), Peter Busik (SVK), Lukas Pazourek (CZE), Steve Jones (WAL), Piotr Jaszczuk (POL)

Assessors: Richard Rensen (NED), Peter van der Terp (NED)

IKF U19 & U16 & U14 AK4C

01/03/2024 – 05/03/2024

Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

Referees: "Leon" Wei Chieh Liao (TPE), "Jack" Chih Wei Chen (TPE), "Mark" Fei Chiu (HKG), "Tom" Suntorn Pantang (MAS), "Ben" Chi Hong Tsang (HKG), 6LOC

Assessors: Peter van der Terp (NED)

IKF U19 Open European Korfball Championship

29/03/2024 – 31/03/2024

Vilanova I la Geltrú Catalonia

Referees: Dani Ezpeleta CAT, Olga Gandia CAT, Adria Garcia (CAT), Joseph Skeet (ENG), Eda Oz (TUR), Isabel Almeida (POR), Renske Dardenne (BEL), Maciej Golawski (POL), Tom Vlamincx (BEL), Lukas Filip (CZE), Martin Dusek (CZE)

Assessors: Richard Rensen (NED), Kees Pieters (NED)

IKF U21 World Korfball Championship

06/07/2024 – 13/07/2024

Kemer Turkiye

Referees: Chris West (ENG), Lukas Pazourek (CZE), "Leon" Wei Chieh Liao (TPE), Luke Rosie (AUS), Pardeep Dahiya (IND), Ugurtan Akbulut (TUR), Eda Oz (TUR), Stan de Groot (NED), Jan Weber-Winkels (GER)

Assessors: Tina van Grimberge (BEL), Berthold Komduur (NED)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup EUROPE

26/04/2024 – 28/04/2024

Pattaya Thailand

Referees: Wouter Dirks (NED), Dave Mertens (BEL), Pardeep (IND), Leon (TPE), Ben (HKG), Kong (MAS), Tom (THA), Toey (THA), Fon (THA), Olga Gandia (CAT)

Assessors: Jorge Alves (POR)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup EUROPE

24/08/2024 – 25/08/2024

Temse Belgium

Referees: Dave Mertens (BEL), Wouter Dirks (NED), Renske Dardenne (BEL), Olga Gandia (CAT), Lukas Pazourek (CZE), Diana Boogaard (NED), Steve Jones (WAL), Piotr Jaszczuk (POL), Danny van de Berg (BEL)

Assessors: Ronald Buis (NED), Richard Rensen (NED)

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 – A

27/09/2024 – 29/09/2024

Lisbon Portugal

Referees: Adria Garcia (CAT), Joseph Skeets (ENG), Alwin Wolfgang (SUR), Thierry Vangoidsenhoven (BEL), Ivan Bara (CAT), Carlos Faria (POR)

Assessors: Jorge Alves (POR)

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 – B

27/09/2024 – 29/09/2024

Budapest Hungary

Referees: Tom Vlamincx (BEL), Martin Dusek (CZE), Lukas Filip (CZE), Murat Akar (TUR), Oliver Jakob (HUN), Lukas Pazourek

Assessor: Theo Van Der Linde (NED)

IKF European Korfball Championship A- Division

28/10/2024 – 02/11/2024

Calonge I Saint Antoni

Referees: Dani Ezpeleta (CAT), Chris West (ENG), Olga Gandia (CAT), Stan de Groot (NED), Kris Meeus (BEL), Piotr Jaszczuk (POL), Carlos Faria (POR)

Assessors: Paul Jeanes (ENG), Peter Van der Terp (NED)

IKF European Korfball Championship B-Division

14/10/2024 – 19/10/2024

Kemer Turkiye

Referees: Diana Boogaard (NED), Jan Weber-Winkels (GER), Bartosz Jaszczuk (POL), Ugurtan Akbulut (TUR), Eda Oz (TUR), Steve Jones (WAL), Lukas Pazourek (CZE)

Assessors: Jorge Alves (POR), Tina Van Grimberge (BEL)

IKF Asia Korfball Championship

04/11/2024 – 10/11/2024

Hong Kong China

Referees: Diana Yin (CHN), Chiu Chiang (TPE), “Wynn” Chew Yee Mun (MAS), Kai Soon Kong (MAS), “Tom” Suntorn Pantang (THA), Bee Ying Tee (MAS), Preeyaporn Gulsirirat (THA), “Ben” Tsang Chi-Hon (HKG), “Ivan” Lee Wing Hung (HKG), “Sincere” Ip Wai Seen (HKG)

Assessors: Jorge Alves (POR), “Leon” Wei Chieh Liao (TPE)

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2

26/11/2024 – 30/11/2024

Twardogora/Wroclaw

Referees: Bartosz Jaszczuk (POL), Errol Opering (SUR), Jan Weber-Winkels (GER), Lukas Filip (CZE), Mireille Von Zoggler-Foolen (NED), Renske Dardenne (BEL), Stan de Groot (NED)

Assessors: Tina Van Grimberge (BEL)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup ASIA

06/12/2024 – 0/12/2024

Bangkok Thailand

Referees: Dave Mertens (BEL), Megan Frederikson (AUS), “Fon” Preeyaporn Gulsirirat (THA), “Tom” Suntorn Pantang (THA), “Toey” Piyapon Gitjao (THA), “Leon” Weichieh Liao (TPE), “Ivan” Lee Wing Hung (HKG)

Assessors: Jorge Alves (POR), Pardeep Dahiya (IND)

4 PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1 Continue developing roles within the committee (new responsible appointments, new member focusing recruitment and gender)
- 4.2 Creation level III course
- 4.3 Organise online event to streamline assessors – align tournament feedback and reporting
- 4.4 further evaluate our assessment tool, prepare for version 2.0
- 4.5 Create online content for academy

5 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Strength: Balanced, knowledgeable and available assessor team; strong, dedicated volunteer poule; close to and respected by the volunteers on and off the pitch
- 5.2 Weaknesses: Still EU-orientated, need to diversify further; Do-ers, and planners – not writers; availability to get everyone together, we need to work on a more formal decision making process

6 ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

Mission/vision updated.

Mission

- IKF RC appoints referees for tournaments or events organized by the IKF or its national federations, based on nominations from the national federations.
- The commission provides a professional framework at tournaments and events that further develops referees and enables them to grow in an international context.
- We aim to support national federations in developing a diverse, competent group of officials that can be flexibly deployed in a variety of events in the short and long term.

Vision

We strive for a future where:

- Our international referee corps reflects the diversity in our sport, with balanced representation at every level.
- Innovative, peer-driven coaching is the norm, promoting critical thinking and collaborative decision-making.
- Our evaluation of individual and team performances ensures a personalized trajectory where open and clear feedback forms the basis for further growth, taking into account the sporting and budgetary context

4.15. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Lariel Mateo, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

- May 22, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- September 10, 2024

Participants: English Huang, Lariel Mateo, Tomáš Voda

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

The DEC School Development Committee continues to support and advise the IKF Development and Education Committee (DEC) by identifying the national federations where school-based korfball projects can be most effectively implemented. It also helps determine the best ways to use the available budget to achieve long-term impact.

In addition to the committee's formal meetings, numerous individual meetings were held with national federations to ensure the proposed projects would be as beneficial as possible.

Countries mentioned throughout the process:

- Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Japan, Korea
- Europe: France, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Wales
- Americas: Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Suriname, United States
- Oceania: New Zealand

4.16. URBAN KORFBALL COMMITTEE

Lariel Mateo, Chairperson

1 MEETINGS

May 16, 2024: Urban Korfball Committee + Playing Rules Committee (16:00 to 18:00 Lisbon)

Participants: Bill Johnson, Gabi Kool, Geert Hendricks, Jens Van Poucke, Jorge Alves, Lariel Mateo

Purpose: Discuss PRC input regarding K4 Urban Korfball Rules

Topics:

- Decisions made regarding certain aspects of the rules
- Next step to publish rules and send to national federations
- Response to “Remarks, suggestions, questions on ‘The rules of K4 urban korfball 2024’ created and sent to PRC

July 7, 2024: Urban Korfball Committee (9:00 to 10:00 Lisbon)

Participants: Gabi Kool, Lariel Mateo

Purpose: Discuss committee’s plan for the remainder of 2024

Topics:

- Sharing of Outlook folder
- Tina from Taiwan and Jorge Sousa from Portugal
- Collaboration with other committees
- Publishing of Urban Korfball rules and distribution to National Federations
 - Response to ‘Remarks, Suggestions, Questions’ from Playing Rules Committee sent on May 22, 2024
- Name creation which includes press announcement
- Korf and ball design specific to Urban Korfball

- Establish ranking system for countries, teams, and/or players
 - 3x3 tournament logic
 - Individual rankings
- 2024 launch event
 - Location and dates TBD
 - Hong Kong - AKC
 - Catalonia - European B teams
 - Event experience
 - Jury, referees, teams
 - Tools and equipment
- Items discussed during Council Meeting in Turkey

September 9, 2024: Urban Korfball Committee (16:00 to 17:00 Lisbon)

Participants: Bill Johnson, Geert Hendricks, Jens Van Poucke, Lariel Mateo

Purpose: Finalize Urban Korfball rules before ExCo meeting on Sunday, September 15

Topics:

- Committee members added comments to a Google document prior to meeting
- Discussion of and voting on comments
- Most comments were resolved
- Revisions made by Lariel and Jorge before the draft was sent to João Pinto on Wednesday, September 11th

December 3, 2024: Urban Korfball Committee (15:45 to 16:00 Lisbon)

Participants: Gabi Kool, Lariel Mateo

Purpose: Launch event for Urban Korfball

Topics:

- IKF three-year goals
 - Main: launch event
 - One first impression
- Hangzhou - 45 minutes outside Shanghai
 - Event in May with athletics
 - Invitation and visit

- World ranking? Launch event? ->
 - Locally organized events: Which federation are already interested?
 - 3-on-3 basketball as roll out

December 5, 2024: IKF Office (16:00 to 16:15 Lisbon)

Participants: Joana Faria, João Pinto, Lariel Mateo

Purpose: Plan and goals for the Urban Korfball Committee

Topics:

- Urban Korfball equipment
- Feedback from countries who are organizing (Argentina, Hong Kong)
- Hong Kong and Malaysia if China falls through
- Goals

December 28, 2024: Japan Korfball Association + Playing Rules Committee (11:00 to 12:00 Lisbon)

Participants: Morito Nobutoki, Lariel Mateo, Pieter Swinkels, Wakana, Yuina Takeuchi,

Purpose: Follow up after Urban Korfball demonstration game in November between two clubs, Nagoya Willows and Shonan Yokohama Korfball Club

Topics:

- Demonstration inside a gym
- Shonan Yokohama Korfball Club plays Urban every week (outside)
- To promote korfball in Japan, they are focusing on the beach and urban korfball formats with fewer people
- Provide videos!
- List of questions (FAQ as part of Learning Academy):
 - Shot clock 15 seconds makes substitution timing difficult
 - Unlimited, flying
 - Substitution area in front of bench
 - Why does the four-second rule exist?
 - Prevent players from static rebound
 - Dangerous because everyone is a dynamic rebound
 - Promote dynamic and collaboration
 - Tactics - one shooting, three rebounding or keeping defender busy
 - Better explanation: four seconds/person

- Likens three-second rules
 - Urban Korfball event in Japan
 - Portable court like in 3-on-3 basketball
 - Chalk or spray chalk
 - Not drawing on the floor! Other suggestions: not string, trip caution, painting tape
 - Separate flooring?
 - Projector flooring
 - IKF competition procedures + rules from Urban Korfball Committee
 - Federations need guidance
 - Decide on flooring + plans for setting and venue
 - Interested in hosting in the future
 - Japanese government trying to promote Urban sports
 - Hope that there will more support
 - Japan Beach Games
 - Wakana hosted
 - Using plastic string to outline the court
 - Japan Urban Games?
- System for applying tape or circular template with technical solutions and other material
- Players perspective:
 - New members who only started playing this year think Urban Korfball is fun and fast; more exciting game style compared to K8
 - Attractive way to play korfball, especially youth
 - New athletes or old players difficult to keep up with the speed
- Experiment within K8 (can be applied to Urban):
 - Don't start shot clock with referee whistle, but with first touch
 - Long pass to start attack
- Test experiment in the Netherlands with youth clubs
 - New opportunities for federations arounds the world
- Greater visibility with outdoor formats

2 MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Creation, finalization, and dissemination of the following documents: (1) The Rules of Urban Korfball 2024, (2) Urban Korfball Rules Summary, (3) Guidelines for Urban Korfball Competitions
- 2.2 Preparation for the 2025 year as it relates to a launch event, support to federations, and social media

3 TASKS

- 3.1 Support to and communication with national federations regarding Urban Korfball and its rules
- 3.2 Establish the objectives for the first full year of Urban Korfball
- 3.3 Decide on the logistics for the first Urban Korfball event

4 PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 4.1 Launch international Urban Korfball event as a way to introduce and gain footage of the sport
- 4.2 Maintain a presence on social media
- 4.3 Encourage indoor and beach players from all federations, newfound korfball players, and athletes who play other sports to try Urban Korfball

5 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Strengths: Each member of the Urban Korfball Committee is an advocate of Urban Korfball and the possibilities that can arise for the format and for other korfball formats as a result of it. Each member draws from his/her experiences to think in innovative ways about the development of and strategic planning for Urban Korfball.
- 5.2 Weaknesses: The members of the Urban Korfball Committee currently reside in different parts of the world which can pose as a challenge for planning an international event for Urban Korfball

6 ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Urban Korfball Committee is excited to assist federations in the development of Urban Korfball in their respective countries. This particular discipline of korfball permits players to play in a variety of locations and settings, so we can't wait to see where and how players play!

4.17. ATHLETES COMMITTEE

COACHING COMMITTEE

MEDICAL COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

In 2024, following a broad internal restructuring within the IKF, these committees entered a new phase of strategic alignment and organisational development. Changes are being made to their composition, with the inclusion of new members bringing fresh perspectives and diverse experience, strengthening each committee's capacity and potential impact.

This phase of redefining priorities and clarifying mandates reflects the IKF's commitment to building solid foundations for more integrated, effective and future-oriented work. The ongoing efforts are preparing these committees for a renewed and meaningful contribution to the global development of korfball in the years to come.





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STATISTICS

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5.1. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES AND LEVEL

<i>Referee</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Country</i>
Carlos FARIA	elite	POR
Lukas FILIP	elite	CZE
Peter van der TERP	elite	NED
Steve JONES	elite	WAL
Lukas PAZOUREK	1	CZE
Luke ROSIE	1	AUS
Pardeep DAHIYA	1	IND
Peter BUŠÍK	1	SVK
Ugurtan AKBULUT	1	TUR
Wing Hung LEE (Ivan)	1	HKG
Adam DIBBLE	2	ENG
Adria GARCIA	2	CAT
Bartosz JASZCZUK	2	POL
Chih-Wei CHEN (Jack)	2	TPE
Dan-Lin HUANG (Alice)	2	TPE
Kris MEEUS	2	BEL
Megan FREDERICKSON	2	AUS
Mireille van ZOGGEL - FOOLEN	2	NED
Olga GANDIA	2	CAT
Stan de GROOT	2	NED
Thierry VANGOIDSENHOVEN	2	BEL
Tomáš VODA	2	CZE

Referee	Level	Country
Akiko TSUJIKAWA	3	JPN
Bruno GILIBERT	3	FRA
Chi Hon TSANG (Ben)	3	HKG
Chris WEST	3	ENG
Dani EZPELETA	3	CAT
David ARJONA	3	CAT
Errol OPERING	3	SUR
Jan WEBER-WINKELS	3	GER
Kwok Kin CHUI (Kurt)	3	HKG
Murat AKAR	3	TUR
Piotr JASZCZUK	3	POL
Suntorn PANTANG (Tom)	3	THA
YIN JING	3	CHN
Denisa KOLÁŘOVÁ	4	CZE
Ding Guan MA	4	CHN
Domenico BENCIVENGA	4	ITA
Edouard FAURE	4	FRA
GUANG MINGXI	4	CHN
Isabel ALMEIDA	4	POR
João CAMPILHO PEREIRA	4	POR
John BAGNALL	4	ENG
Kristóf BELLUSZ	4	HUN
Preeyaporn GULSIRIRAT (Fon)	4	THA
Santosh KUMAR	4	IND
Wei-Chieh LIAO (Leon)	4	TPE

Referee	Level	Country
Zsolt MAJER	4	HUN
Alwin WOLFGANG		SUR
Ben DE BOECK		SWI
Diana BOOGAARD		NED
Eda Oz		TUR
Hilal KARAŞ		TUR
Hiroataka KIMURA		JPN
Idriscan OCAKDAN		TUR
Wai-Seen IP Sincere		HKG
Irshad SULIMAN		NED
Sheng-Chieh WANG Jason		TPE
Jia Yin LEE Jane		MAS
Joeri KOK		NED
Joseph SKEET		ENG
Kai SOON Kong		MAS
Megan Frederickson		AUS
Nikita Shyamkumar GAIKWAD		IND
Piyapon GITJAO		THA
Renske DARDENNE		BEL
Rickson Mobarack Etindi		KEN
Wing-Yan TSANG Kylie		HKG
Vinod KUMAR		IND
WANG HUNG LING		TPE
Wen LIN		TPE
YEE MUN CHEW Wynn		MAS

5.2. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL BEACH KORFBALL REFEREES AND LEVEL

<i>Referee</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Country</i>
Danny van den BERGH	2	BEL
Dave MERTENS	2	BEL
Wouter DIRKS	2	NED
Adrià GARCIA		CAT
Andrew HUTCHESSON		AUS
Bruno GILIBERT		FRA
Cagla Su ALPSOY		TUR
Fei CHIU		CHN
Chiang CHIU		TPE
Clara CRUZ		CAT
Diana BOOGAARD		NED
DOMENICO BENCIVENGA		ITA
Ivan BARA		CAT
Maciej GOLWASKI		POL
Olga GANDIA		CAT
Peter BUŠÍK		SVK
Phakamas RATANABUTH		THA
Piyapon GITJAO		THA
Preecha CHUMSING		THA
Preeyaporn GULSIRIRAT		THA
Renske DARDENNE		BEL
Suntorn PANTANG		THA
Wen LIN		JPN

5.3. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JURY

<i>Jury</i>	<i>Country</i>
Adou kablan HERMANN	CIV
AGNIESZKA TARASIEWICZ=AID	POL
Akiko TSUJIKAWA	JPN
Albert LLOP	CAT
Alexandre SILVA	BRA
Amila THAMMITAGE	SRI
Ana CURVA	POR
Andrew Hutchesson	AUS
Anna JEANES	ENG
Anthony Gameli AMEKUDZI	GHA
Arno THEUNISSE	NED
BAMBA ROKIATOU	CIV
Ben WALLACE	AUS
BERNARDO COSTA	POR
Claire GILES	IRL
Cláudia FONSECA	POR
Dániel LANG	HUN
Daniël NEVEJANS	BEL
Detlef DÜLFER	GER
Dev BALHARA	IND
Domenico BENCIVENGA	ITA
Edouard FAURE	FRA
Feifei Xie	CHN
FU-JUNG WANG	TPE

<i>Jury</i>	<i>Country</i>
Georgia BARLA	GRE
Gerrit LOLKEMA	NED
Gert DIJKSTRA	NED
Gonçalo COSTA	POR
Helen TIMMS	NZL
Hilal KARAS	TUR
Hsi-Chia (Kevin) WU	TPE
Huseyin Ilteris OZTURK	TUR
Jan RZISNIK	GER
Jan SJARDIJN	NED
Jana MIKLOVICOVA	SVK
Jing LIN	TPE
Jordi DIAZ	CAT
Juan Carlos ROSARIO	DOM
Judit VERES	HUN
Jun ADACHI	JPN
Kamil AID	POL
Karol MAJCHRZAK	POL
Katie CROMPTON	WAL
Katie EVANS	WAL
Kim JONES	ENG
Kuo-Chin HAN	TPE
Kurt VANLERBERGHE	BEL
Ke Zhang LI	CHN
Lisa SCHÜLLER	GER

<i>Jury</i>	<i>Country</i>
Luppo DEUNTJE	NED
Lutz MÜLLER	GER
Malgorzata ZONTEK	POL
Marc BREUGELMANS	BEL
Max RZISNIK	GER
Michael JANSSENS	BEL
Milan ČEJKA	CZE
Minh Duc Le	HUN
Natalie HEYLEN	BEL
Nina PIRIS	CAT
Pariya PARIYAVUTH	THA
Paula KARMINA CERVANTES	PHI
Pieter SWINKELS	NED
Pramod C. SHARMA	IND
Preeyaporn GULSIRIRAT	THA
Rémi BONNARD	FRA
Rob SMITH	NZL
Rosemarie WIELINGA - WINTER	NED
Ruo SHENG OOI Nelson	MAS
Samuel STEVENSON	SCO
Sangaré	CIV
Sara BAENA	CAT
Sin Yee WONG	HKG
Sossathorn SUMON	THA
Stephanie JORDAENS	BEL

<i>Jury</i>	<i>Country</i>
Stephen WRIGHT	ENG
Steve KIRBY	ENG
Steve WRIGHT	ENG
Szu-Ying JUAN Joyce	TPE
Taha ZAOUKI	MAR
Tatiana KRASOTKINA	UKR
Theo VAN DER LINDE	NED
Tiago CARVALHO	POR
Tim MILLER	AUS
Tomáš BURIÁNEK	CZE
Tomas SONNENSCHNEIDER	SVK
Torai KUMVEKERA	ZIM
Ute WICKENHÄUSER	GER
Jérôme VANH	CIV
Wai Sim LAU	MAL
Warman CHENG	HKG
Sin Yee WONG	HKG
Ying-Nuo CHEN Babe	TPE
Yuxuan HU	CHN
Zuzana BUSIKOVA	SVK

5.4. YELLOW AND RED CARDS

5.4.1. Yellow Cards

IKF Tournaments – Club Teams

<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Event</i>
Yusuf CAN SAIN (#20)	Yildiz Teknik USC	1/18/2024	Yildiz Teknik USC - Schweriner KC	KCL Satellite
Oral ARSLAN (#3)	Kocaeli University SC	1/20/2024	Kocaeli University SC - Schweriner KC	KCL Satellite
Peter BUSIK (#13)	Brno KK	1/28/2024	Brno KK - Trojans KC	KCL Challenger
Vojtech HOLIK (#7)	Brno KK	1/28/2024	Brno KK - Trojans KC	KCL Challenger
Jan Robert HEMING (#14)	Tus Schildgen	2/9/2024	Boeckenberg KC - TuS Schildgen	KCL Final
Olav VAN WIJNGAARDEN (#11)	PKC/Vertom	2/10/2024	PKC/Vertom - Boeckenberg KC	KCL Final
Alperen HALICI (coach)	Seker06 KC	9/29/2024	SKK Dolphins Prievizda - Seker06 KC	KCL R1b
Marcin NOWAK (#9)	KS Defenders Wroclaw	11/30/2024	KS Defenders Wroclaw - TuS. Schildgen e.V.	KCL R2

IKF Tournaments – National Teams and Recognised IKF events

<i>Name</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Event</i>
Pedro OLIVEIRA (#11)	POR	3/29/2024	GER U19 - POR U19	U19 (O)EKC
Prince MEHLA (#10)	IND	7/8/2024	CHN U21 - IND U21	U21 WKC
Siebe DE LEY (#14)	BEL	10/30/2024	ENG - BEL	EKC A
Ren NAGAI (#9)	JPN	11/5/2024	MAC - JPN	AKC
Qing WANG (#3)	CHN	11/9/2024	HKG - CHN	AKC
Fei XIAO (#17)	CHN	11/9/2024	HKG - CHN	AKC
Manjeet SINGH (coach)	IND	11/10/2024	THA - IND	AKC

5.4.2. Red Cards

IKF Tournaments – Club Teams

No cards

IKF Tournaments – National Teams and Recognised IKF events

No cards



5.5. IKF COUNTRY MEMBERS

5.5.1. COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

Countries 2024

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>A- countries</i>	3		
<i>Belgium</i>	A	1	EU
<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	A	1	AS
<i>The Netherlands</i>	A	1	EU

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>B- countries</i>	5		
<i>Catalonia</i>	B	1	EU
<i>Czech Republic</i>	B	1	EU
<i>England</i>	B	1	EU
<i>Germany</i>	B	1	EU
<i>Portugal</i>	B	1	EU

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>C countries</i>	7		
<i>Australia</i>	C	1	OC
<i>China</i>	C	1	AS
<i>Hong Kong China</i>	C	1	AS
<i>Hungary</i>	C	1	EU
<i>New Zealand</i>	C	1	OC
<i>Poland</i>	C	1	EU
<i>Turkiye</i>	C	1	EU

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>D- countries</i>	14		
<i>Brazil</i>	D	1	AM
<i>France</i>	D	1	EU
<i>India</i>	D	1	AS
<i>Indonesia</i>	D	1	AS
<i>Japan</i>	D	1	AS
<i>Malaysia</i>	D	1	AS
<i>Morocco</i>	D	1	AF
<i>Scotland</i>	D	1	EU
<i>Serbia</i>	D	1	EU
<i>Slovakia</i>	D	1	EU
<i>South Africa</i>	D	1	AF
<i>Thailand</i>	D	1	AS
<i>Wales</i>	D	1	EU
<i>Zimbabwe</i>	D	1	AF

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>E- countries</i>	29		
<i>Argentina</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Armenia</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Cameroon</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Colombia</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Costa Rica</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Egypt</i>	E	1	AF

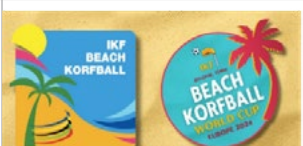
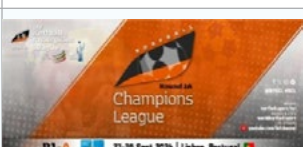
Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>Ghana</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Greece</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Ireland</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Italy</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Ivory Coast</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Kenia</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Korea</i>	E	1	AS
<i>Macau China</i>	E	1	AS
<i>Malawi</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Mexico</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Peru</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Philippines</i>	E	1	AS
<i>S Tome and Principe</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Singapore</i>	E	1	AS
<i>Sri Lanka</i>	E	1	AS
<i>Suriname</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Sweden</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Switzerland</i>	E	1	EU
<i>Uganda</i>	E	1	AF
<i>Ukraine</i>	E	1	EU
<i>USA</i>	E	1	AM
<i>Zambia</i>	E	1	AF

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>F- countries</i>	5		
<i>Botswana</i>	F	1	AF
<i>Finland</i>	F	1	EU
<i>Georgia</i>	F	1	EU
<i>Romania</i>	F	1	EU
<i>Russia</i>	F	1	EU

Country	Classification		Country Code
<i>Z-countries</i>	8		
<i>Aruba</i>	Z	1	AM
<i>Bosnia Herzegovina</i>	Z	1	EU
<i>Bulgaria</i>	Z	1	EU
<i>Canada</i>	Z	1	AM
<i>Croatia</i>	Z	1	EU
<i>Curacao</i>	Z	1	AM
<i>Nepal</i>	Z	1	AS
<i>Luxemburg</i>	Z	1	EU

5.6. IKF EVENTS

IKF OFFICIAL EVENTS

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Host Country</i>	<i>Host City</i>	<i>Logo</i>
18-1-2024	20-1-2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Satellite Final	Türkiye	Antalya – Kemer	
25-1-2024	27-1-2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Challenger Final	Portugal	Lisbon	
7/2/2024	10/2/2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Final	Netherlands	Papendrecht	
1/3/2024	5/3/2024	IKF U19 & U16 & U14 AK4C	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	
29-3-2024	31-3-2024	IKF U19 Open European Korfball Championship	Catalonia	Vilanova i la Geltrú	
6/7/2024	13-7-2024	IKF U21 World Korfball Championship	Turkiye	Kemer	
26-4-2024	28-4-2024	IKF World Beach Korfball Championship	Thailand	Pattaya	
24-8-2024	25-8-2024	IKF Beach Korfball World Cup EUROPE	Belgium	Temse	
27-9-2024	29-9-2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 - A	Portugal	Lisbon	
27-9-2024	29-9-2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 - B	Hungary	Budapest	

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Host Country</i>	<i>Host City</i>	<i>Logo</i>
28-10-2024	2/11/2024	IKF European Korfball Championship A-Division	Catalonia	Calonge i Sant Antoni	 
14-10-2024	19/10/2024	IKF European Korfball Championship B-Division	Turkiye	Kemer	 
4/11/2024	10/11/2024	IKF Asia Korfball Championship	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	 
26-11-2024	30-11-2024	IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2	Poland	Twardogora	
6/12/2024	7/12/2024	IKF Beach Korfball World Cup ASIA	Thailand	Bangkok	
11/10/2024	13-10-2024	IKF Oceania Korfball Championship	Australia	Melbourne	Postponed
11/10/2024	13-10-2024	IKF U19 Oceania Korfball Championship	Australia	Melbourne	

PATRONAGE COMPETITIONS

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Host Country</i>	<i>Host City</i>	<i>Logo</i>
29-6-2024	30-6-2024	U17 Korfball World Cup	Netherlands	Eindhoven	
24-Jul	24-Jul	U15 European Korfball Cup	Poland	Jadwisin	





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FINANCIAL REPORT

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6.1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

It is our pleasure to present you with the IKF's Annual Accounts for the calendar year 2024.

The 2024 Annual Accounts are formed from the Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2024, the statement of Income and Expenditure for 2024 and the accompanying explanatory notes

Legal "Richtlijn 640" information

The IKF's Annual Accounts are presented in accordance with Dutch legislation regarding annual reporting; specifically, under the "Richtlijn 640" regulations for non-profit organizations.

The IKF has its statutory seat in Utrecht, The Netherlands and its goals according to the Statutes:

Article 6. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES.

The objectives of the IKF shall be to:

- Encourage, promote, develop and control korfbal at all levels throughout the world.
- Support and maintain the ideals and objectives of the Olympic movement and in particular the fight against doping by means of appropriate tests.
- Exercise jurisdiction over and to determine disputes or disagreements between Members, between Continental Confederations, between Members and Continental Confederations, between Athletes, officials and IKF. Between Athletes or officials and a Continental Confederation.
- Establish and maintain an efficient administration.
- Preserve the independence of the IKF in all matters directly or indirectly concerning korfbal without the intervention of any outside authority; and
- Conduct itself and take such administrative, financial or other actions as are necessary and in conformity with and in furtherance of its objectives.

The IKF, its continental confederations and the national organisations shall not allow any discrimination on the grounds of race, religion or politics. The organisers of official IKF events shall ensure that a visa be granted to any representative of any national organisation.

Currency

All amounts presented in the Annual Accounts are expressed in Euros.

Basis of preparation

The IKF Annual Accounts for 2024 are presented on an accrual's basis.

Financial Position

Technically (due to the legal “Richtlijn 640”) the Annual Accounts of the IKF show a positive balance of 32,352,81 EUR before Reserve movements. According to the budget we take into account the release of the Reserve for the Congress 2025 (8,750 EUR).

Due to the fact that the Reserve for New Initiatives (20,000.00 EUR) was not used in 2024 the Executive Committee proposes to release this Reserve so that we end up with a positive result of 43,602,81 EUR.

Proposed allocation of the resulting balance (43,602,81 EUR)

The Executive Committee proposes:

- Provide for a Reserve for expected overspending of the staff costs in 2025 (8,000.00 EUR);
- Provide for a Reserve for the development of URBAN korfbal in 2025 (8,000.00 EUR);
- Release the remaining balance (27,602,81 EUR) to the Capital Reserves.

Finally

The IKF Council compliments its Financial Administrator for efficiently handling the IKF’s finances and would like to express its gratitude for doing so.

Utrecht, April 2025

The Council of the International Korfbal Federation



6.2 BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	ASSETS IN €	31/12/24	31/12/23
1	Equipment	6,987.57	8.849,02
2	Stocks	990.00	1,645.00
3	Debtors	7,334.32	25,678.00
4	Amounts to be Received	3,784.32	1,866,98
	Paid in Advance	2,279,79	1,820.13
5	Liquid Assets	248,327,41	225,582,16
	TOTAL ASSETS	269,703.41	265,441.29

	LIABILITIES IN €	31/12/24	31/12/23
6	Capital / General Reserve	170,081.72	169,746.43
	Result current year	27,602.81	335.29
7	Reserve GM Congress 2025	8,750.00	0.00
	Reserve overspending staff 2025	8,000.00	0.00
	Reserve development URBAN korfbal	8,000.00	0.00
	Reserve Innovation Fund	0.00	20,000.00
8	Creditors	8,306,62	30,742.21
9	Received in Advance	2,000.00	38,750.00
	Amounts to be paid	36,962.26	5,867.36
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	269,703.41	265,441,29

6.3 EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE BALANCE SHEET

6.3.1. General

Comparative figures as of 31 December 2023 have been placed next to the 31 December 2024 balance.

6.3.2. Accounting principles

Fixed assets:

Fixed assets have been recognised based on cost price less straight-line depreciation, which is based on the useful economic life. The useful economic life of assets is assessed as three years for software and four years for hardware.

Low value equipment and software is not capitalised and is recognised directly in the statement of income and expenditure in the year of purchase.

Current assets:

Stock is valued at historic cost, less deduction for provision when deemed appropriate.

Claims are included against the nominal value, being deducted if necessary, as bad debts.

Accrued and liquid assets are capitalized at their nominal value.

Short-term debts and funds:

Short-term debts, including both accruals and deferred income and funds, have been included at their nominal value.

Principles of result determination:

The result is determined according to the difference between the general income and the expenses accrued during the year under review, increased, or reduced, with support, other and unpredicted income and expenditure.

Expenses have been determined on the basis of the accounting principles already referred to.

Other income and expenditures also include interest received and paid.

Principles governing currency conversion:

The Federation's accounts are maintained in EURO.

Funds received in foreign currencies were converted against the day's rate of exchange.

3.3 Explanation on the IKF balance sheet as per 31 December 2023

ASSETS

1. Equipment

In 2024 we invested in two laptops + 1 printer (for the office and financial administrator). These costs will be depreciated on a straight-line basis in accordance with their useful economic life.

Value as at 31-12-2023	EUR	8,849.02
Laptops + printer	EUR	4,050.37
Depreciation charge 2024	EUR	(5,911.82)
Value as at 31-12-2024	EUR	6,987.57

2. Stocks

Stock has been reconciled at the balance sheet date to ensure the quantity of stock in the ledger agrees to the store(s). The nominal value of the stock is recognised at the lower of historic cost or market value.

3. Debtors

The list of Debtors has been verified by the Auditing Committee. Debtors greater than two years overdue are written off and added to the expenditures. Debtors are presented after provision for doubtful debts, and this has been reviewed by the Auditing Committee.

4. Amounts to be received – Paid in advance

Amounts to be received: bank interest income due from our bank account for 2024 (3,784.32 EUR).

Paid in advance: these are claims paid in advance for tournaments organised in 2025.

5. Liquid Assets:

Specification liquid assets as at 31 December 2024:

Cash in hand	EUR	0.00
RABO Bank	EUR	3,327.41
RABO Bank Savings	EUR	245,000.00
Total Liquid Assets	EUR	248,327.41

LIABILITIES

6. Capital / General Reserve

The Capital on 31/12/2023 amounted 170,081.72 EUR.

After the proposed allocation to the reserves the IKF has as at 31/12/2024 Capital of 197,684.53 EUR

7. Reserves Earmarked by the General Meeting

7.a As at 31 December 2023

Reserve Innovation Fund 2024

31 December 2023	EUR	20,000.00
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7.b Proposed movements in reserves per 31 December 2024

Reserve GM Congress 2025

31 December 2024	EUR	-8,750.00
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Reserve Overspending staff 2025

31 December 2024	EUR	-8,000.00
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Reserve Urban korfbal 2025

31 December 2024	EUR	-8,000.00
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Reserve Innovation Fund 2024 (released)

31 December 2023	EUR	- 20,000.00
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Total earmarked reserves as of 31 December 2024: 24,750.00 EUR

8. Creditors

The list of creditors has been verified by the Auditing Committee.

9. Amounts to be paid – Received in advance

Amounts to be paid:

- The reservation of vacation allowance for our financial administrator (734.74 EUR)
- VAT-costs 2024 (20,264.37 EUR)
- Archive office Lisbon December 2024 (80.00 EUR)
- Approval fee KNKV/Swan Fund Q4 (1,256.00 EUR)
- DEC grants to be paid (666,00 EUR)
- Bank charges December 2024 (195.17 EUR)

Received in advance:

- the entry fees and deposits for the tournaments to be held in 2025
 - KCL Satellite + Challenger Finals 2025

The lists have been verified by the Auditing Committee.

3.4 Further rights and obligations of the IKF that are not documented on the Balance Sheet

In addition to the liabilities included on the Balance Sheet, the IKF holds the following rights and obligations as per 31 December 2023:

1. a Federation Liability Insurance Contract until 31 December 2025, for USD 1,000,000 per claim.
2. a contract with three (3) suppliers of the synthetic korfs (Balans, Jeku Sport, Korbizz).



6.4 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2024

EXPENSES	2024 Actual EURO	2024 Budget EURO	2023 Actual EURO	2023 Budget EURO	INCOME	2024 Actual EURO	2024 Budget EURO	2023 Actual EURO	2023 Budget EURO
1 Committees	13,684.92	15,000	9,750.69	21,350	13 Subscriptions	196,290.00	197,025	181,650,00	181,150
2 Staff	141,143.97	150,450	113,261.88	146,500	14 Rights & fees	6,601,00	5,925	6,685,00	6,000
3 Administration	20,187.39	12,525	17,677.26	17,450	15 Competitions	87,200.00	90,250	67,950,00	56,450
4 Competitions	80,068.85	91,875	73,862.91	56,000	16 Sponsoring	37,262.10	37,500	38,307,30	46,000
5 Ref. Dev Progr	741.95	4,555	5,976.24	6,500	Marketing &	8,700.00	6,850		
6 Development	38,760.39	40,745	23,421.47	38,000	17 Income			13,425,00	3,600
Marketing &	8,720.54	11,650			18 Antidoping	9,881,05	10,000	9,778,70	9,000
7 Comm			37,639.81	7,650	19 Other	15,304.46	500	11,734,63	500
8 Congress	0.00	0	15,560.56	17,500					
9 Antidoping	14,840.21	10,000	15,959.57	9,000					
10 Other	10,737.58	2,500	17,618.54	1,500					
Subtotal	328,885.80	339,300	330,728.94	321,450	Subtotal	361,238.61	348,050	329,530,63	302,700
Development	0.00				Development				
11 Proj			0.00	6,000	20 Proj			0.00	6,000
12 Other Projects	0.00		216.40		21 Other Projects				
13 Reserve-install		8,750							
Total expenses	328,885.80	348,050	330,945.34	327,450	Total income	361,238.61	348,050	329,530,63	308,700
NET RESULT	32,352.81		-1,414.71	-18,750					
Direct Equity Movements									
Congress 2023			8,750.00	8,750					
DEC-proj 2022			10,000.00	10,000					
Extra Mark Fd			3,000						
Innovation Fd			-20,000.00						
Oversp. staff	-8,000								
Urban korfbal	-8,000								
Congress 2025	-8,750								
TOTAL RESULT	27,602.81	0	335.29	0					

6.5 EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE 2024 INCOME AND EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT

1. Committee costs

The establishment of digital meetings resulted in 2024 (like in 2023) an underspend of the committee costs to budget. One physical meeting of the Council was held during the U21 WKC in Turkey.

2. Staff

The staff was besides the CEO (Joana Faria) completed per April 1 with the Administrative Officer Madelena Carvalho and per July 1 with the Executive Assistant with Strategic Responsibilities João Pinto. This results in the underspend of Staff costs against the budget.

3. Administration

We see an overspending in the expenses due to entering of an annual membership fee for the ARIFS (Association of the IOC Recognised International Sports Federations) and there was also an overspend

in our website costs due to the contribution for Start.sport that was not yet budgeted. Besides this there were extra costs as result that the physical office moved to Portugal.

4. - 15. Competitions

We see an underspending in the expenses; this is mostly related to a strict policy to keep the prices of the air fares within the budgets. The organization of both Oceania Korfball Championships (seniors and U19) were cancelled.

5. Referee Development Program

The collaboration with Team TV was stopped.

6. Development and Education – 11. – 20. Development Projects

Together with our partners IOC, Swan Fund and several National Korfball Associations a lot of special development and educational projects are organized to develop korfball all over the world. As there is a tendency that our partners negotiate directly with the countries, we don't receive a total overview anymore of the several projects that are accomplished. As a result, there are no amounts mentioned under numbers 11 and 20.

The figure under number 6. shows the investment of the IKF in development and education of Korfball.

The table below contains amounts paid / received through the IKF Bank Account.

ASIA

	2023	2024
Hong Kong		2,105,34
Indonesia		2,202.97
Japan	1,800.00	1,600.00
Korea		4,000.00
Malaysia	1,500.00	2,000.00
Philippines	3,800.00	
Singapore	840.00	2,057.50
Thailand	1,000.00	2,213.25
Total Asia	8,940.00	16,179,06

OCEANIA

	2023	2024
Australia		1,200.00
New Zealand		1,200.00
Total Oceania		2,400.00

AFRICA

	2023	2024
Cameroon		2,029.45
Egypt		1,595.05
Ivory coast		1,599.75
Kenya	426.90	657.50
Malawi	550.00	1,845.32
Sao Tome e Principe	272.05	657.50
Uganda	426.89	657.50
Zambia	603.96	
Zimbabwe	653.98	1,377.27
Total Africa	2,933.78	10,419.34

AMERICA

	2023	2024
Brazil	5,000.00	1,366.00
Peru	1,567.17	
U.S.A.	400.00	3,000.00
Total America	6,967.17	4,366.00

EUROPE

	2023	2024
Armenia	400.00	
France	1,100.00	
Greece	657.52	
Ireland	400.00	
Serbia	657.00	1,695.99
Scotland		2,000.00
Switzerland	600.00	500.00
Wales	700.00	1,200.00
Total Europe	4,514.52	5,395.99

General Education	66.00	
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TOTAL DEVELOPMENT	23,421.47	38,760.39
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7. Marketing and Communication

On the expense side of Marketing and Communication we note the photo-coverages and live streams of the tournaments in 2024 (3,977.13 EUR), the costs for a new promotion video (2,018,97 EUR), the follow-up to determine IKF Strategy (1,464.10) and the depreciation of streaming equipment (1,260.34 EUR).

9. - 18. Anti-Doping

Based on the rules of IOC we have to evidence that approximately 9,000 EUR is spent on costs for attending meetings and conferences on anti-doping, on costs for organising educational programs and on costs for anti-doping tests.

For 2024 we can report to the IOC 14,840.21 EUR on in- and out-of-competition tests.

10. Other Expenses

Main components are:

- Late costs received relating to 2023: 405.20 EUR
- An invoice dated in 2023 related to New Statutes of the IKF: 717.45 EUR
- VAT-costs 2023 for the staff members, working in Portugal, which amount was not budgeted: 7,333.00 EUR
- Different not budgeted costs: 515.93
- Written off debts: 1,766.00 EUR

13. Subscriptions

This amount is a result of levy decisions made earlier related to country classifications; A, B, C, D, E and F countries approved by the IKF General Meeting in 2023.

14. Rights and Fees

In 2024 we notice again a small revival of new delivered korfs.

16. Sponsoring – 17. Marketing Income

On the income side we have the sponsoring of IOC and Mikasa (including free balls). The contract with Mikasa (our ball supplier) ends at the end of 2025.

A great effort was made in the selling TV-rights for the KCL Finals in The Netherlands (3,000 EUR) and EKC-A in Catalonia (5,700 EUR).

19. Other income

Main components are:

- Interests Saving account: 3,784.32 EUR
- Refund old debts written off in 2023 1,734.00 EUR
- Offset of costs regarding to tournaments: 9,549.00 EUR
- Different small amounts: 237.14 EUR



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REPORT FROM THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

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5 May 2025

General Meeting of the IKF

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Dear representative,

Subject: Report of the IKF Auditing Committee regarding the Independent Review of the Annual Report 2024.

Introduction:

The Auditing Committee (AC) of the IKF, has finalized the review of the Annual Report 2024. This review was conducted virtually during 2025. Mr J. Beunder, Mr D. Fonteyne and Mr C. West, as members of the AC, and ~~Mr M Verberk~~ and Mr E. Buizer, on behalf of the IKF were involved in the review process.

All the members of AC had received the financial results for the 2024 financial year. The AC completed the review receiving satisfactory explanations to all questions and appropriate evidence for all key areas. The AC has completed its review in accordance with the required activities set out in articles 15.7 and 15.8 of the IKF Statutes.

Independent review of the financial administration, the Annual Report and Explanatory notes of 2024 (per article 15.7 IKF Statutes)

1. The 2024 IKF financial administration has been reviewed by the AC by examining the financial report and explanatory notes. The AC identified significant balances and transactions in the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss account respectively and verified these balances to third party evidence and through enquiry of the IKF finance team.
2. Based on the review of third party evidence and the explanations provided by the IKF Finance team to the AC's enquiries, the AC has not found any exceptional figures in the financial report.
3. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Annual Report 2024, including the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024, Statement of Income and Expenditures for the year ended 2024 and the explanatory notes is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable regulation for non-profit institutions (RJ 640).

Findings:

Based on the work performed the AC wants to draw attention to the following findings:

1. The Capital / General Reserve after appropriation of result of the IKF according to the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024 amounts €197,684.53 (2023: €170,081.72).
2. The total result of IKF for the year 2024 according to the Profit and Loss account amounts to a surplus of €27,602.81 (2023: surplus of €335.29).

Conclusion:

Regarding our task to advise the IKF General Meeting in accordance with IKF Statute 15.8, we recommend that the members authorize the balance sheet and profit and loss account within the 2024 Annual Report. We also request you to accept this report of the Auditing Committee.



On behalf of
IKF Auditing Committee

Chris West
Chair



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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

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A-countries	:	Top Countries
AC	:	Auditing Committee
AP	:	Appeals Committee
ARISF	:	Association of the IOC Recognized International Sport Federations
AC	:	Athletes Committee
B-countries	:	Competitive and well-organized countries
BFoK	:	Belgian Friends of Korfball
BLOSO	:	Belgium Organisation; sports administration of the Flemish community
C-countries	:	Other active and organized countries, not stated under A- and B-countries
CC	:	Competition Committee
CEC	:	Coaching Education Committee
CEO	:	IKF Director
CO	:	Coordinating officer (for IKF Events)
D-countries	:	Young countries, countries with revival projects
DC	:	Disciplinary Committee
DO	:	Development Officer
DEC	:	Development and Education Committee
DWG	:	Development Working Group Europe
DWGOC	:	Development Working Group Other Continents
E-countries	:	New countries in the IKF
ECWG	:	European Competitions Working Group
Exco	:	Executive Committee
GAISF	:	Global Association of International Sports Federations
GM	:	General Meeting; bi-annual
IKF	:	International Korfball Federation
IOC	:	International Olympic Committee
IPF	:	International Promotion Fund
ICTC	:	Information and Communication Technology Committee
IWGA	:	International World Games Association

KBKB	:	Koninklijke Belgische Korfbal Bond (Royal Belgium Korfball Association)
KNKV	:	Koninklijk Nederlands Korfbalverbond (Royal Dutch Korfball Association)
MarC	:	Marketing Committee
MC	:	Medical Committee
PR	:	Public Relations
PRC	:	Playing Rules Committee
RC	:	Referee Committee
Social media	:	LinkedIn, Facebook, ikfchannel on YouTube, World Games channel
TUE	:	Therapeutic Use Exemptions; related to the Anti-Doping policy
WADA	:	World Anti-Doping Agency
Worldkorfball.org	:	Jury software system during major IKF events



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