



World Korfball Update

2021 - edition I

IKF Newsletter



stay safe and enjoy this update!

In this newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of the IKF World Korfball Update! Wondering what the IKF has been up to recently? You will be completely up-to-date after reading this new update, which presents to you a flashback to the World Games 2017, DEC Grants and Erasmus+ Grants, and an insight into behind the scenes of the social media of IKF Americas. We hope you all



Competitions

Events 2021 update

The IKF has had to cancel or postpone multiple events planned in 2021, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and all of the consequent restrictions. The IKF U19 World Korfball Championship 2021 has been postponed to 2022. The event will continue to be hosted by the Czech Korfball Association from 15 – 17 April 2022 in Kutná Hora. Both the IKF U21 World Korfball Championship 2021 and the IKF Asia Korfball Championship were cancelled. These events will not be postponed to a later date, due to the overall competition calendar. For more information and future updates, see the [IKF website](#).

IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2021

The IKF and the Morocco Korfball Association are looking forward to the first edition of the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2021. Subscription for this event is now open, and all IKF Members will have the opportunity to participate in the Senior and U19 category. We hope this event will mark the restart of international competitions, with spectacular matches and a warm atmosphere at the beautiful beach of Nador. The event will be held from 30 – 31 July and all IKF members have until 15 March to subscribe.

IKF European Korfball Championship A- en B- division 2021

The dates for the IKF EKC A-division and IKF EKC B-division 2021 have been confirmed and all preparations in alignment with the Local Organising Committees are ongoing. The IKF EKC B-division will be hosted by the Polish Korfball Association in Wroclaw, from 4 – 9 October. The IKF EKC A-division will be hosted by the Royal Belgian Korfball Association in Antwerp, Belgium from 25 – 30 October.



Events flashbacks

Unfortunately, no events were organised in the last few months, due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, we have a lot of exciting events to look forward to, such as The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama! Let's take look back at one of the best matches from the 2017 edition; the semi-final, Belgium versus Chinese Taipei, click [here!](#)



Organisational News

Erasmus+ 2020

The IKF and its Erasmus+ Sport 2020 partners are proud to announce that the IKF Handbooks for the IKF Coach Course Level I and Level II have now been finalised, with support of the European Union. The handbooks include Korfball Instructional videos, which have been published on the IKF YouTube channel. The videos highlight key korfball actions and strategies and provide information about the related focus points. All videos are free to watch and share, click here to check out the [playlist](#).

Erasmus+ 2021

The Erasmus+ Sport project 'Realise your korfball dreams; plan for the future' started in January. The first meeting is planned in May, which will also mark the kick-off of the work program. The work program helps national federations to strengthen their organisations by following a step-by-step method to identify their main goals, challenges and opportunities, as well as ideas to address those. The partners in the project are: the IKF, Polish Korfball Association, Swiss Korfball, Slovak Korfball Association, All-Ukrainian Korfball Federation, Welsh Korfball Association, Fédération Korfball France.

IKF Development and Education Committee

The IKF Council appointed Jorge Alves as a member of the IKF EXCO, and chair of the IKF Development and Education Committee and Coaching and Education Committee. With the appointment of Alves, the IKF EXCO is once again fully gender-balanced with three males and three females on board. Check [this article](#) for more information about this appointment.

IKF DEC Grants 2021

All applications for the IKF DEC Grants 2021 have been reviewed and the announcement letters have been sent. The IKF DEC is aware that development priorities are likely to change and that dates, when activities can take place, are uncertain due to the uncertain situation with coronavirus. Still, we hope that the planned development activities can be realised this year, as they can greatly benefit the restart of korfball worldwide.

COVID-19 recovery

The last year has been challenging for all IKF members, and it still is today. The IKF EXCO has decided on some measures to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on future korfball activities and to support the National Federations. The annual subscription fee for all members classified as E-country has been waved. Furthermore, all subscription fees for IKF Referees for 2020 and 2021 have been waved. The IKF DEC Grant Fund for 2021 has been raised and extra budget has been reserved for specific COVID-19 recovery initiatives.

Athletes Committee survey results

In the last edition of the World Korfball Update, the Athletes Committee shared a summary of the survey they conducted amongst athletes about the IKF events in 2019. The summary highlighted the aspects of events that were positively evaluated by athletes. But the survey also informed the Committee about aspects that could be improved on according to the athletes. The Athletes Committee is happy to share a summary of these comments as well, which you can find [here](#). The Athletes Committee will also present the detailed outcome to the IKF EXCO for further discussion.

IKF World Korfball Congress and General Meeting

The IKF World Korfball Congress and General Meeting will be organised during the IKF European Korfball Championship A- Division from 25-30 October in Antwerp, Belgium. The IKF EXCO is designing the program and will officially invite all IKF members in the coming months. The exact dates of the Congress and GM will be communicated together with the invitation.

IKF Jury and Referee Lists

Following the nominations of the National Federations, the IKF has published the [IKF Referee List](#) and the [IKF Jury list](#) for 2021.

Playing Rules Committee

The IKF Playing Rules Committee has published a revised document of 'The Rules of Korfball 2020'. In this version no changes to the rules were made, but minor errors were corrected following feedback from National Federations. All official documents can be found on the [IKF website](#).



Official in the spotlight

This World Korfball Update features a special edition of 'Official in the spotlight'. We don't have one, but two IKF Officials we would like to introduce you to! Camila Stucchi and Manuel Hernandez from Argentina initiated the IKF Americas social media department last year, and they are happy to share some behind the scenes stories and their best memories. Get to know these two enthusiastic IKF Officials by reading [this article](#), and make sure to follow the IKF Americas on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



News from our members

The Korfball League competition in the Netherlands started in January, as one of very few national korfball competitions worldwide. 12 teams are competing to become the 2021 Dutch indoor champion while adhering to a strict coronavirus protocol. All matches can be followed via high-quality live streams on the [Eyecons platform](#). We surely hope that other competitions can be resumed soon as well!

Korfball South Australia has also started one of their competitions. Multiple clubs in South Australia have kicked off the annual beach korfball season. Check out some funny images of korfball on beautiful beaches at the [Facebook page](#) of Korfball Australia.



Social media highlights

Interview Inverse

IKF CEO Tilbert La Haye has been interviewed by Inverse for an elaborate [article](#) about korfball and its potential: 'Why a 120-year-old game is the future of sports'.

Top goals KL

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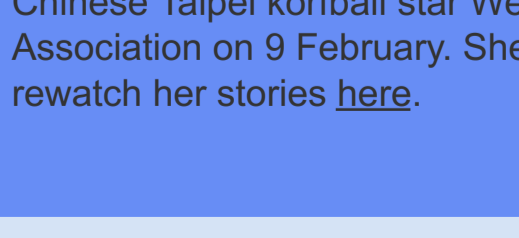
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World Games Instagram take over

Chinese Taipei korfball star Wen Lin took over the Instagram stories of The World Games Association on 9 February. She showed some training clips and answered questions, you can rewatch her stories [here](#).



Anti-doping

WADA offers [new educational resources](#) for athletes and athlete support personnel.



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