



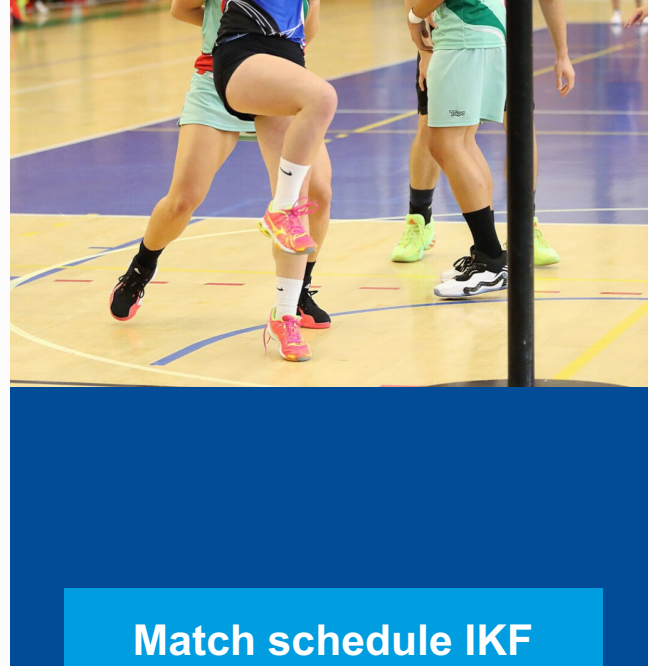
World Korfball Update - 2021 - edition VII

October... what an exciting month for korfball! Not too many sleeps until the IKF European Korfball Championships, both A-Division and B-Division, are taking place. In anticipation of these amazing events, this is the focus of this newsletter. But, let's not forget about the first IKF event in over 1.5 years - the IKF U21 Korfball World Cup. And this is still not everything. Have you heard about G-Korfball? Read on, you won't be disappointed!

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Competitions

IKF U21 KWC CZE - HUN



IKF U21 World Korfball Cup

The first IKF event in over 1.5 years took place from 24 – 26 September in the Czech Republic. 5 countries travelled to Zruč nad Sázavou to compete for the win of the first ever IKF U21 Korfball World Cup. The IKF COVID-19 Event Protocol was installed to ensure a safe smoothing of the event, which was characterised by happy athletes that could compete at an international podium again. All teams played against each other once in a round robin, with a max of two matches per team per day. One of the most exciting matches was Czech Republic versus Hungary, which was live broadcasted on television and had to be decided by a golden goal. On the final day The Netherlands claimed the victory, with Germany in second place and Portugal in third. We look forward to seeing these talented athletes competing at future events!

Match schedule IKF EKC A- Division 2021

Match schedule IKF EKC B- Division 2021

IKF YouTube Channel

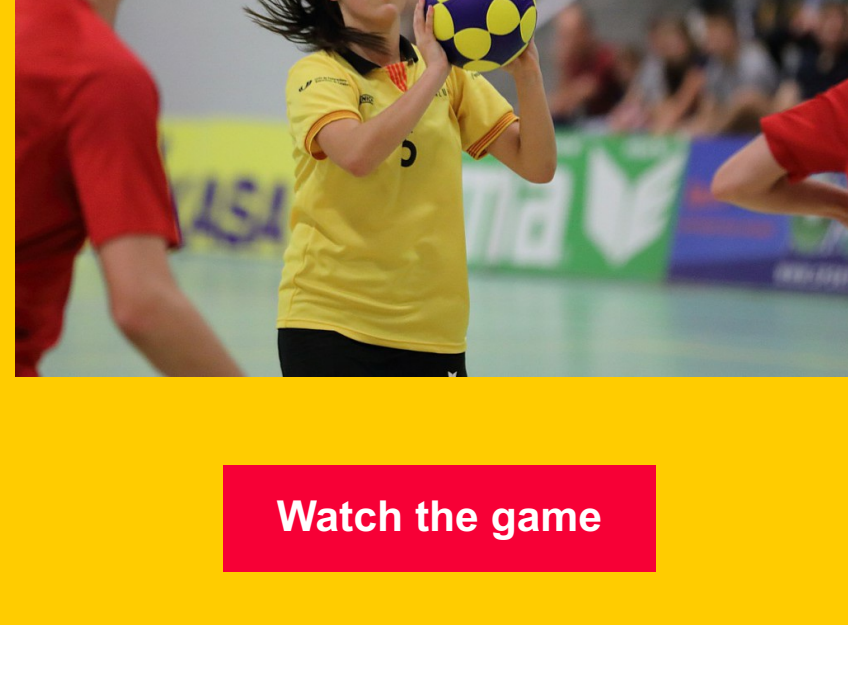
IKF European Korfball Championships

The IKF European Korfball Championships A- and B-Division are about to get started! Eight teams will kick off this spectacular korfball month with the IKF EKC B-Division in Wrocław, Poland. It is hard to predict who will claim the title, as many of the teams are very close to each other. We therefore can expect an interesting battle for the medals! At the end of the month, we will see the top-8 European countries competing in Antwerp, Belgium at the IKF EKC A-Division. Will Belgium be able to recreate the fantastic atmosphere of the IKF WKC 2015 finals in the Lotto Arena, and challenge the Dutch? And who will claim the bronze medal? Check out the match schedule of both events, and make sure to not miss a minute by subscribing to the IKF YouTube channel!

Events flashback - IKF

EKC 2018 - CAT ENG

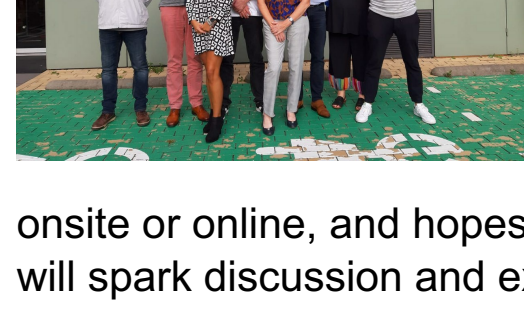
With the European Korfball Championships taking place in October, what else could we look back on than an exciting game from the last Europeans? We'll relive a game with lots of excitement, as well as penalties. Catalonia and England met at the group stages of the 2018 European Korfball Championships.



[Relive the game](#)

[Watch the game](#)

Organisational news



IKF EXCO Meeting

The IKF EXCO got together on 18 September in the new IKF Headquarters for the first in person meeting in over 1.5 years. Topics of discussion included the IKF World Korfball Awards, the IKF World Korfball Congress and General Meeting, the upcoming events and the Olympic Pledge. The IKF EXCO hopes to see many National Federations in October, either onsite or online, and hopes that the soon-to-be-published program of the Congress will spark discussion and exchange of ideas between the IKF and its members.

Official in the spotlight

The IKF EKC B-Division will be hosted in Poland. Iwona Zak, president of the Polish Korfball Association, shares her plans for Polish korfball and some of her insights about the upcoming European Korfball Championship – B Division.

[Read more](#)



Korfball story in focus

On the finals day of the IKF EKC A-Division we will see the top 8 korfball nations of Europe competing for the final ranking of the event. However, we will also see two matches of G-Korfball, in which disabled korfball players will show their best play in the Lotto Arena in Antwerp.

[Read more](#)

News from our members

The summer of korfball is well and truly on! There have been so many club events this past month we can't fit them all in! (But we'll try!)

A brand new team!

Hurray! Congratulations to HKV Achilles' brand G-Korfball team who got started this month! You can read more about how they got started and what's going on here:

[HKV Achilles G-Korfball \(Dutch\)](#)

Korfball Exhibition in Colombia

Korfball Colombia held an exhibition match and training session for local students and teachers in Buga, Colombia last weekend! We love how korfball goes beyond only physical education, but also teaches many social skills!

The Best of the Year

Who's excited for the IKF World Korfball Awards 2021? Although nominations are now closed, please keep your eyes peeled for the results! The categories include: Best Grassroots Development, Excellence in Governance, Best event, and Innovation.

A new Beach Korfball Star

Beach Korfball gained a new star player in September as Ebiye Jeremy Udo-Udoma (otherwise known as @handballninja), gave the sport a try with PNW Beach Korfball in California! It's amazing to see people trying this fantastic sport! Check out his video over on his Instagram page!

Try Korfball!

We love seeing how our clubs come up with new ways to introduce people to korfball! This month, Korfbalovy flub SPU Nitra held a 'Take a friend to practice' initiative with all of their teams! So fun!



Do you have any news you would like to share with the korfball community? Let us know by sending your news to marketing.communication@ikf.org.

Quiz

Special edition: IKF European Korfball Championship!

1. When and where was the first indoor IKF European Korfball Championship organised?
2. What was the best result of Poland in the history of the IKF EKC?
3. Who was the top scorer of the IKF EKC 2018?
4. Which country will make its first appearance at an IKF EKC this year, after claiming the second place in the Qualifiers in 2019?
5. The final of the IKF EKC A-Division will be played in the Lotto Arena. Which very special guest was present at the last international korfball final in this Arena?

Send your answers to marketing.communication@ikf.org, check your score in the next newsletter and get a shout-out for best score!

Did you ace this quiz? Send your answers to marketing.communication@ikf.org!

Answers quiz edition VI

1. True, Prohibited Association is an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) that athletes can be sanctioned for.
2. The Prohibited List is reviewed annually by a panel of international experts and an updated version enters into force on 1 January of each year.
3. False, if you are unable to provide the required amount of urine, your partial sample will be sealed and recorded, and when ready, you will need to provide further samples until you have the required volume.
4. False, there is no way to guarantee that supplements are free of prohibited substances as this industry is not regulated. No organisation can guarantee the safety of any dietary supplement or its content.
5. D; all of the above



Social Media Highlights

IKF U21 Korfball World Cup

Not only was the IKF U21 KWC 2021 special because it was the first IKF event in 1.5 years, it was also a milestone for gender equality in the referee team. For the first time, there was an equal amount of female and male referees on an official IKF tournament.

#FightingForEquality #GenderEquality



Medals in the pocket

The Netherlands, Germany and Portugal clearly are happy to go up to the IKF U21 Korfball World Cup 2021 podium!



Anti-Doping

The World Anti-Doping Organisation has published a series of Athletes Seminars earlier this year on its YouTube Channel. The seminars inform athletes about the changes in the 2021 World Anti-Doping Program, Athletes Anti-Doping Rights Act, and ways for athletes to contribute to clean sport.

[Athlete Webinars](#)



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MIKASA
Sports every day!

IKF had the pleasure to welcome MIKASA's Senior General Manager, Mr. Tadashi Tanabashi, to the IKF Headquarters earlier this month. Mr. Tanabashi spoke with IKF CEO Tilbert La Haye and IKF EXCO Member Anita Derks about the collaboration and future and present worldwide korfball development.

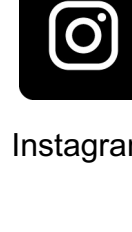
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