



World Korfball Update - 2022 - edition II

It's hard to believe, but March has arrived already! Which also means that we are a month closer to The World Games and the most exciting news of all – the pools have been published! Get excited with us and watch the video of the draw. As we look forward, we also look back to the IKF European Korfball Championship B Division, which now feels like it happened a long time ago. But this means it might be a good time to rewatch some games - read on to see which one we chose. And talking about competitions... we are looking for members for the IKF Olympic Format Taskforce. Find out more and be part of something special. Enjoy reading!

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Competitions

The World Games draw

The pools for The World Games have been published, following the live draw on the 26th of February. Assisted by Dutch international Laurens Leeuwenhoek and Belgian international Julie Caluwé, IKF CEO Tilbert La Haye announced the pool composition for the upcoming multi-sport event, scheduled to take place 10-17 July in Birmingham, Alabama. The pools are as followed:

Pool A: The Netherlands, Chinese Taipei, Portugal, Czech Republic

Pool B: Belgium, China, Germany, Surinam

Watch the draw and the reactions of Julie Caluwé and Laurens Leeuwenhoek

The IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifiers

The groupings for the IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifiers have been published. Following a draw, the division of participants is as follows:

IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifier A (17-22 October: Czech Republic): England – Poland – Slovakia – Ireland - Greece - Serbia

IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifier B (31 October – 5 November, Turkey): Hungary – Catalonia – Turkey - Scotland – Switzerland - Wales - France

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IKF Pan American Korfball Championship (PAKC) 2022

Provisional invitation letters have been sent out to the American countries for the PAKC 2022, anticipated to take place in Argentina in November or December. Following recent communication that has taken place between the American countries, the Argentinian Korfball Association (AKA) with the support of the IKF, proposes to include the IKF PAKC within a bigger event. This bigger event of 8-10 days in total is anticipated to kick off with a club event for all interested clubs from the American countries. Next to that the idea is to include an IKF Level II or Level III coaching course within the overall event. The official IKF PAKC 2022 will finalise the overall event and will consist of three or four match days, depending on the final number of subscriptions. The intention of bringing the different components together in one overall event, is to increase the value of the event, both for participants and the host country. At the same time National Federations are free to join all three components of the event or to choose just one or two of them.

IKF U19 World Korfball Championship 2022

The countdown to the IKF U19 World Korfball Championship 2022 has begun! Teams from three different continents will travel to Czech Republic to compete in the Eastern weekend in the first IKF U19 WKC outside of The Netherlands. The last winner was The Netherlands, who beat Belgium in a very close final in 2019. Chinese Taipei went home with bronze.

Event flashback - IKF EKC B 2021 – SCOTLAND VS IRELAND

Scotland played Ireland in the group stages of the European Korfball Championships B Division, where their other opponents in the group were Poland and Switzerland. While it was true for the whole tournament that it would have been impossible to predict the winner, it was even more true for this group. No-one knew who would come out on top.

[Relive the game](#)

[Watch the game](#)



Organisational news

Situation in Ukraine

The Executive Committee of the International Korfball Federation, following the Recommendation issued by the International Olympic Committee, and in line with the decision announced by the International World Games Association, has decided that the Russian Korfball Federation will not be invited until further notice to any international korbball competition. The IKF condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russian armed forces and pledges support to the people of Ukraine, and in particular the korbball community in Ukraine. The IKF Executive Committee also has decided to keep the door open for the participation of Ukraine in one of the two EU WKC Qualifiers later this year. This is in case the Ukrainian Korfball Federation in a later stage decides that they want to participate. In that situation the IKF will do everything in its power to enable a Ukrainian team to join the EU WKC Qualifiers.

[IKF Statement](#)

IKF RFP livestream &

social media platform

The International Korfball Federation is setting out an Open Call for Requests For Proposal (RFP) to select a strategic partner for our ambition to create and operate our own global live streaming/social media platform. The IKF solicits feedback and proposals from interested parties.

IKF Open Call –

Olympic Format

Taskforce

The International Korfball Federation is looking for new members for the new IKF Olympic Format Taskforce. The Olympic Format taskforce is aimed at helping IKF to determine which of the new Korbball formats, with a smaller number of players compared to traditional Korbball8, has the largest chance of broad appeal among athletes, fans, National and Regional Federations, and sponsors with the goal of appealing to the IOC for possible inclusion in the Olympic program. The taskforce is looking for

- Taskforce member - Commercial, Sponsor & Media Appeal and Fan Engagement
- Taskforce member - Project Manager
- Taskforce member - Competition Format, Rules, Athletes and Scaling

Deadline to apply: 8th of March

[More information](#)



Korfball story in focus

Hybrid forms of working, training and socialising are likely to stay once we say goodbye to the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions. Although we all prefer to come together to play korbball onsite, online forms of korbball gatherings can be a nice addition to our activities. Marmara University has organised many such activities in 2020 and 2021, and we are happy that we can share some inspiring examples in this Korfball Story in Focus.

[Read more](#)

News from our members

#korfballisback

It is great to see that more and more countries and clubs are resuming their korbball activities. In February, we saw that korbball trainings are back in Sri Lanka, Dominican Republic, Macau China and Costa Rica.

Second phase of the Dutch Korfball League

The 2nd phase of the Dutch Korfball League has started with the Champions & Relegation pools. You can watch all games live on Eyecons, following the teams in their pursuit for the title and staying in the Korfball League the next season.

International Korfball

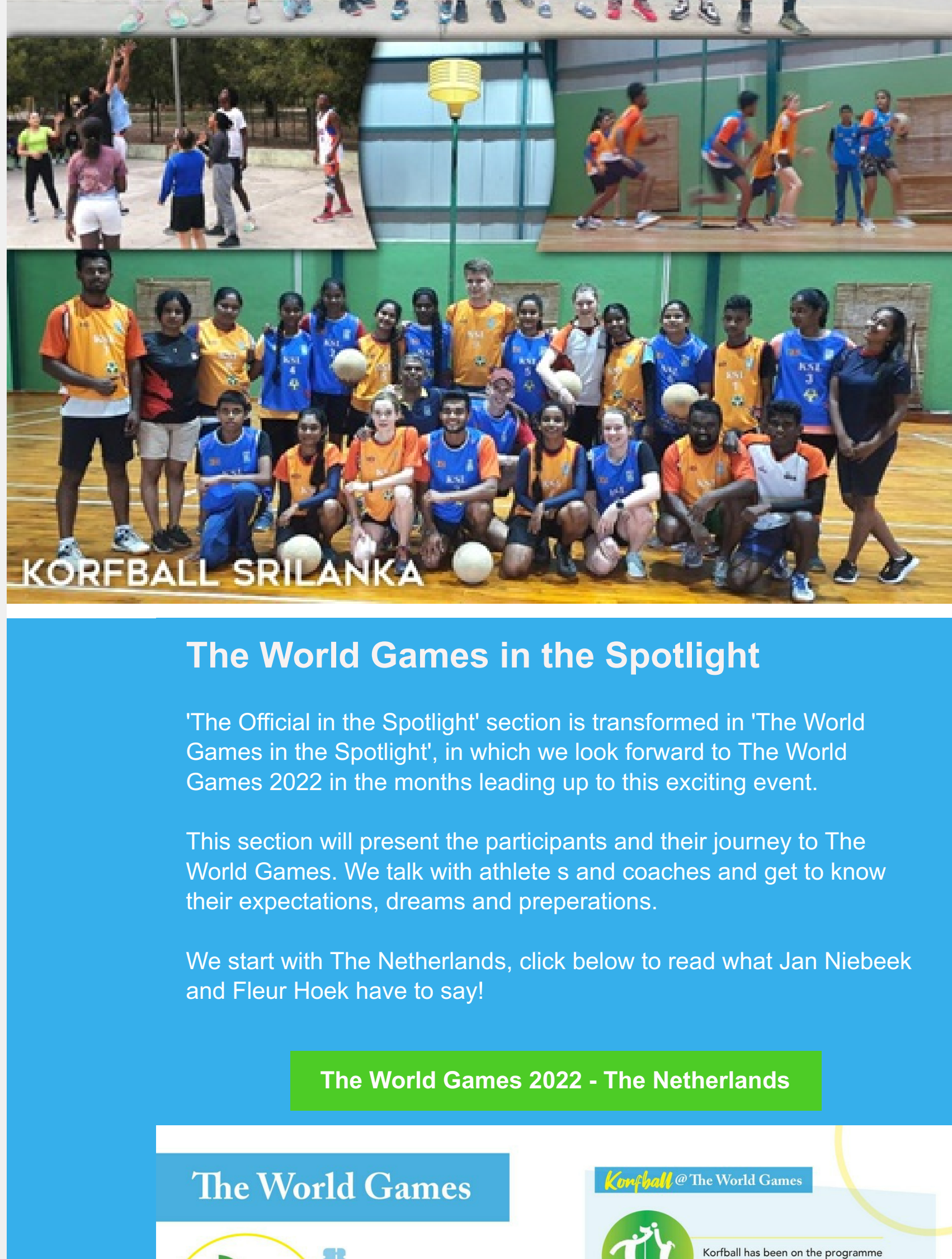
Weekend Nitra 2022 -

dates

The dates for the 10th edition of the International Korfball Weekend in Nitra, Slovakia, are announced. From 9-10 July 2022, Nitra will welcome clubs from all over the world for a fun and memorable tournament. You can drop the organisers a note if you want to receive the official invitation for your team.

[More information](#)

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



The World Games in the Spotlight

'The Official in the Spotlight' section is transformed in 'The World Games in the Spotlight', in which we look forward to The World Games 2022 in the months leading up to this exciting event.

This section will present the participants and their journey to The World Games. We talk with athletes and coaches and get to know their expectations, dreams and preparations.

We start with The Netherlands, click below to read what Jan Niebeek and Fleur Hoek have to say!

[The World Games 2022 - The Netherlands](#)



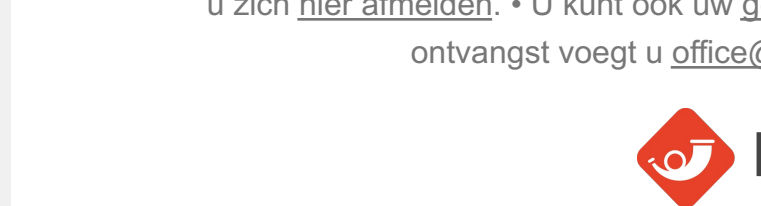
IKF QUIZ

- 1) The IKF U19 World Korfball Championship 2022 will be the edition of this tournament.
- 2) The winner of the last IKF U19 World Korfball Championship was
- 3) ... is the highest ranked IKF Africa Member in the current IKF World Ranking.
- 4) The IKF World Korfball Championship 2024 will be held in

Send your answers to marketing.communication@ikf.org

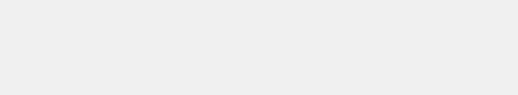
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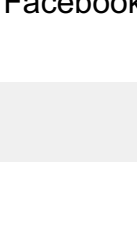
Hundreds of experts were involved in the anti-doping program for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, collecting over 3000 samples. A huge undertaking for WADA and involved parties. Doping Control Officer Zhou Weicheng provides an insight into what a day at a doping control station looks like.

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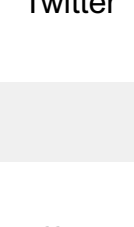


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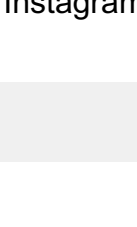
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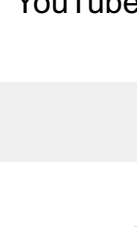
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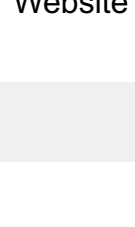
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