



## World Korfball Update - 2022 - edition VII

Korfball is in full swing! Competitions after competitions are happening all over the world and we couldn't be more excited. The World Games and the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship both mark a milestone in korfball's history. Countless memories and unforgettable moments were created, not just for the players, but also for the audience, organisers and everyone who loves korfball. In this newsletter, you can look back at these events of the past months and get a glimpse of what we have to look forward to.

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## Competitions

### The World Games 2022

After years of anticipation, The World Games 2022 finally took place in Birmingham, Alabama. The korfball competition turned out to be super popular amongst the Birmingham population, with sold-out stands on the semi-final and final day. The Netherlands continued their reign by beating Belgium in the final, and after a tight and exciting match, Chinese Taipei claimed the bronze medal by defeating Germany. The IKF was honoured by the presence IOC President Thomas Bach during the first match of the korfball competition.



### IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2022

The first edition of the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship took place in Nador, Morocco from 19 – 20 August. 13 countries competed during this two-day event to become the first ever Beach Korfball World Champion. Many of the medal winners of recent editions of the Beach Korfball World Cups were present, and the competition for the podium was tight. Eventually, Poland claimed the gold medal, after defeating Portugal in the final. Belgium went home with the bronze medal. The host of the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe) 2023 was announced right before the medal ceremony. The city of Wrocław, Poland will be the venue for this event, so the Polish team and National Federation had two big accomplishments to celebrate!



### IKF Korfball Champions League

Round 1 A and Round 1 B will kick the new format of the IKF Korfball Champions League off in September, to be played in Portugal and Poland. The participants, pools and match schedule of both events have been published on the IKF website. The winners of both events will qualify for the IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2.

[IKF KCL R1 Event Page - Portugal](#)

[IKF KCL R1 Event Page - Poland](#)



### IKF U21 European Korfball Championship

Six U21 national teams will travel to Terrassa, Catalonia, for the IKF U21 European Korfball Championship 2022. This will be a three-day competition from 29 September – 1 October. The past shows us that this competition often brings close matches, so we look forward to following this competition, we will livestream all matches through IKF Youtube Channel and worldkorfball.sport.

[IKF U21 EKC Match Schedule](#)

## Upcoming events

The last 4 months of 2022 are packed with IKF events. Next to the IKF KCL R1, R2 and the IKF U21 EKC, we have many more events to come.

**IKF All Africa Korfball Championship North-West, 13-15 October, Ivory Coast**

[IKF AAKC North-West Event Page](#)

**IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifier A, 17-22 October, Czech Republic**

[IKF EU WKC Qualifier - A Event Page](#)

**IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifier B, 31 October – 5 November, Turkey**

[IKF EU WKC Qualifier - B Event Page](#)

**IKF All Africa Korfball Championship South, 11-13 November, Zambia**

[IKF AAKC South Event Page](#)

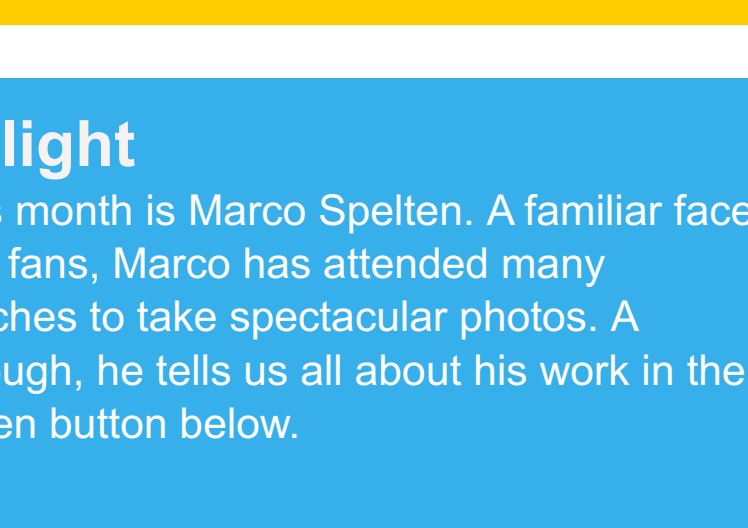
**IKF Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship, 28 November – 4 December, Thailand**

[IKF AOKC Event Page](#)

**IKF Pan-America Korfball Championship, December**

## Event flashback

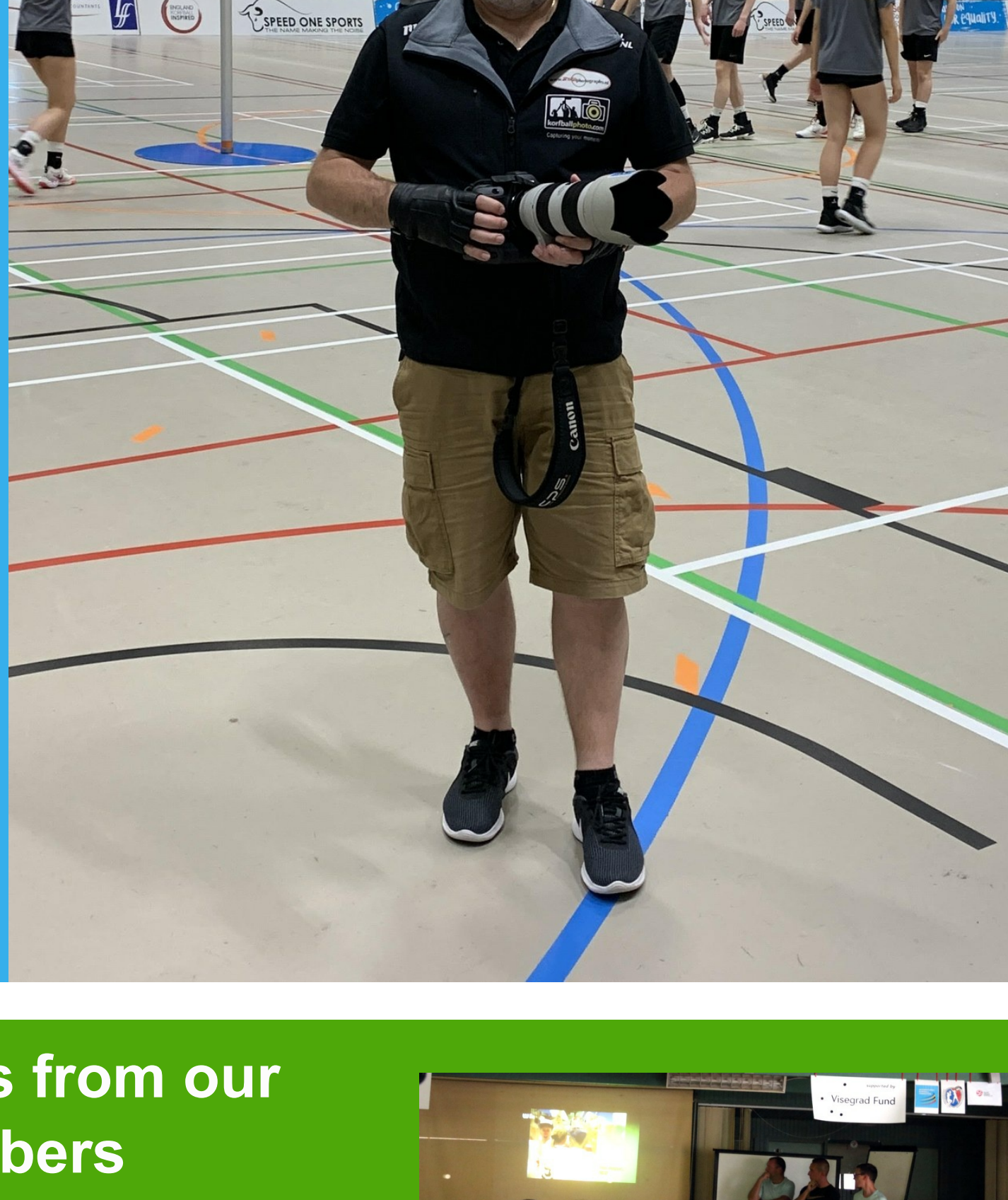
The top 8 teams of the world competed in the korfball competition at The World Games last July. One of the most excited and close matches was the bronze medal match between Chinese Taipei and Germany. Relive this game by watching the live stream with commentary of Ferdinand Wittenberg.



## Official in the Spotlight

Our official in the spotlight this month is Marco Spelten. A familiar face to many athletes, officials and fans, Marco has attended many tournaments and korfball matches to take spectacular photos. A korfball lover through and through, he tells us all about his work in the article accessible through green button below.

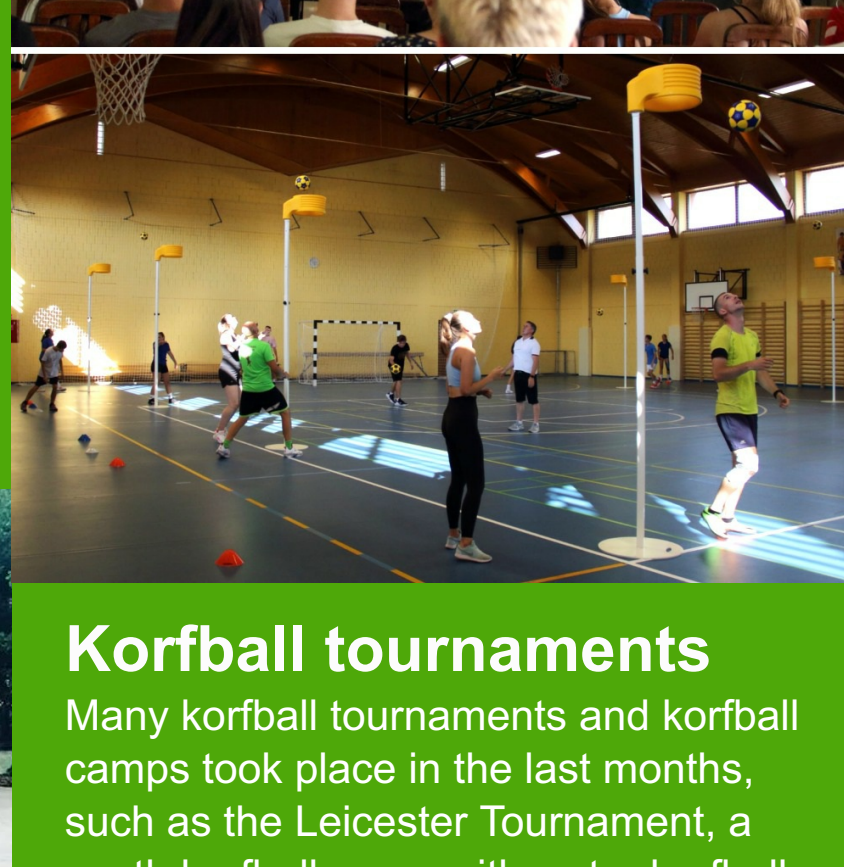
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## News from our members

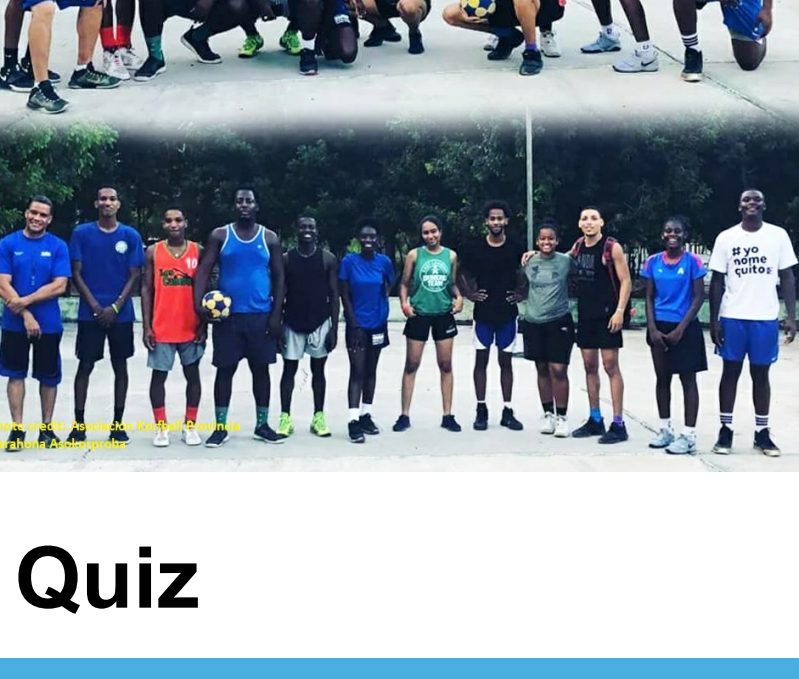
### Visegrad project

Poland, Slovakia and Hungary joined forces and organised an International Korfball Program for teachers and athletes. Following the success of the first edition, this second edition focused on teaching the participants how they can motivate young people to live an active life.



### Korfball tournaments

Many korfball tournaments and korfball camps took place in the last months, such as the Leicester Tournament, a youth korfball camp with water korfball, and a national korfball championship in the Dominican Republic.



## Quiz

## World Beach Korfball Championship 2022 Edition

### Question

- Who was the female top scorer? How many goals did she score?
- Who was the male top scorer? How many goals did he score?
- What was the top-5?
- Which match was decided by penalties, and which team won?
- How many continents were represented?



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## Social Media Highlights

Social media was filled with waterkorfball pictures as Europe enjoys the summer. Summer mode is on!



## Anti-doping



WADA organised the the election of the 2022 Athletes Council between 29 and 31 August. The results will be shared in the coming hours.



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