



World Korfball Update - 2022 - edition X

The last World Korfball Update of 2022 is here! The year is coming to and end, but there are many decisive events to be concluded before we move to 2023. We look forward to the start of the IKF PAKC later this month, while we look back at three events in November 2023. Furthermore, we learn more about korfball development project of the Royal Dutch Korfball Federation, Polish Korfball Association, ZhengZhou University and Korfball Club Badalona.

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Competitions

IKF World Korfball Championship 2023

Less than a year to go before the top korfball countries compete again on the biggest stage! All qualification tournament will be concluded before the end of this year, so we will know who to welcome in Chinese Taipei in October 2023! The IKF Council has published the decision to have 24 teams at the IKF World Korfball Championship, the biggest number to date. Want to know which countries have already secured their spot, and learn more about the background of this decision?

IKF WKC 2023 - announcement 24 teams

IKF EU World Korfball Championship Qualifier-B

Two places for the IKF WKC 2023 were up for grabs in Türkiye in the beginning of November. The competition was strong, but eventually Catalonia came on top and went home with the trophy and that desired ticket for the IKF WKC 2023. The battle for second place and thus the final qualification spot took place on the final day, with a spectacular match between Hungary and Türkiye. Supported by their home crowd, Türkiye claimed the victory by a 11-9.

Final ranking IKF EU WKC Qualifier-B



IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2

The second round of the IKF Korfball Champions League was hosted by the Czech Korfball Association from 18-20 November. Six national champions and two qualifiers from the first round were competing for two spots in the IKF KCL R3. Trojans KC, TuS Schildgen, SK RG Prostějov and SG Pegasus made it to the semi-finals, where they needed to win to proceed to Round 3. England Champion Trojans faced a tough battle against German champion Pegasus, but managed to win. TuS Schildgen was too strong for SK RG Prostějov and also qualified for the IKF KCL R3. They even managed to win the final, a spectacular achievement after qualifying for this tournament in Round 1.

Final Ranking IKF KCL R2

IKF Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship 2022

The IKF Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship 2022 is in full swing. Chinese Taipei and China have reached the the final, while Australia and New Zealand will compete for the bronze medal. Live streams of all matches will be available today on worldkorfball.sport.

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IKF All-Africa Korfball Championship South

The second continental championship of this year in Africa took place in Lusaka, Zambia. Three countries aimed to qualify for the IKF World Korfball Championship 2023; Zambia, Zimbabwe and South-Africa. All matches were extremely close, and it is fair to say that all three countries had a great chance of claiming first place. In the end, it was Zimbabwe who managed to win all their matches and therefore qualified for the IKF WKC 2023! Runner-up was South Africa, Zambia finished third.



IKF Korfball Champions League Round 3

The match schedule for the IKF Korfball Champions League Round 3 will be published soon. Four clubs will compete in Herentals, Belgium from 6-7 January: PKC/Vertom, K. Borgerhout/Groen-Wit K.C., Trojans KC and TuS Schildgen 1932 e.V.

Korfball Story: Erasmus+ project Netherlands, Poland, KC Badalona (Catalonia), ZhengZhou University (China).

In this and two upcoming editions we highlight an international korfball collaboration, with a focus on knowledge exchange and korfball development. The project is initiated by the Royal Dutch Korfball Association (KNKV), with the support of the European Union. The partners are Polish Korfball Association, KC Badalona (Catalonia), and ZhengZhou University (China). Today's article highlights the experience of Iwona Zak, president of the Polish Korfball Association. A video about their korfball story will be published soon, so make sure to follow the association on social media!

Erasmus+ collaboration: Poland



Organisational news

The IKF Council met online on December 3rd. The main topics on the agenda include the formalisation of the tournament schedule of the IKF World Korfball Championship 2023, the Competition Budget 2023, approval of hosts and dates for various events in 2023 and the dates of the IKF World Korfball Congress and IKF General Meeting 2023.

News from our members

Indoor competitions are well underway in many countries. The live streams of the matches in the Dutch Korfball League are available on Eyecons. Many Belgium clubs in the Topleague also provide live streams, the KBKB published an overview of the available livestreams weekly.

Do clubs in your national competition also provide livestreams? Let us know and we will promote yours in the next newsletter! Contact office@ikf.org.

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Quiz

- Which countries qualified for the IKF European Korfball Championship (A&B) during the IKF EU WKC Qualifiers in October and November?
- Which match at the IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2 was decided by a golden goal?



- From which countries did the champions participate at the IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2?
- The IKF Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship 2022 has the biggest participants field in the history of this event. How many teams are participating?



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1. Catalonia, Türkiye, Hungary, Switzerland, England, Slovakia, Ireland
2. SK RG Prostějov, CK Valjevarci, 3. Portugal, Catalonia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, England 4. 12



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Anti-doping

In the new episode of the "5 minutes with..." series, WADA spoke with five-time Olympian Emma Terho. In addition to playing for Finland, she played professional hockey in Russia and four years of college hockey in the USA. Besides the WADA Athlete Committee, she is the Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission. Watch the interview to also discover which language she is currently learning and her parallel career in an entirely different field!



Five-time Olympian Ice Hockey 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014
My name is Emma Terho, I am an ice hockey player from Finland. I am a five-time Olympian.



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