



World Korfball Update - 2023 - edition III

The IKF Korfball Champions League has been concluded, and the international korfball community is taking it slow in March before getting back into it with the IKF U19 World Korfball Championship in April. February was a remarkable month with two exciting tournaments, announcements of future events/groups and match schedules, and with one IKF EXCO meeting and the awarding of the IKF Pin of Merit to the former IKF CEO. Read along for all details!

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Competitions

IKF Korfball Champions League

The first season of the IKF Korfball Champions League has been concluded, after the IKF KCL Challenger Final and the IKF KCL Final were played in February. We congratulate PKC/Vertom for winning the Final, and TuS Schildgen for winning the Challenger Final after a close and exciting final against SG Pegasus.

The IKF European Competition Working Group will send a survey to all participating teams and national federations of this edition of the IKF KCL, to gather input and feedback going into the next season.

IKF U19 World Korfball Championship

There are no IKF events in March, but we will be kicking April off strong with the IKF U19 World Korfball Championship 2023, from 7-9 April in Ghent. The final preparations are in full swing, and all national teams are training hard to give it their best during Easter weekend. The live draw was conducted in February, and the match schedule has been published as well.

[Event Page IKF U19 WKC](#)



IKF U21 European Korfball Championship

The dates and location of the IKF U21 European Korfball Championship have been announced, and National Federations have until 16 March to subscribe their teams for this youth event. We thank the Czech Korfball Association for hosting this event and look forward to meeting all athletes and fans in Kolín from 11-15 July.

[Event Page IKF U21 EKC](#)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe and Asia)

National Federations have until 15 March to subscribe their senior and U19 teams for the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe), which will be hosted by the Polish Korfball Association in Wrocław from 25-26 August. The deadline to subscribe for the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) has passed, the participating countries will be announced soon. The event will be hosted by the Thailand Korfball Association in Pattaya, from 5-7 May 2023.

[Event Page IKF BKWC \(Asia\)](#)

[Event Page IKF BKWC \(Europe\)](#)



Other upcoming events 2023

U15 European Korfball Championship, Dunakeszi, Hungary, 8-9 July
U17 Korfball World Cup, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 1-2 July
IKF U21 Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship, Selangor, Malaysia, 8-13 August
IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1
IKF World Korfball Championship, Taipei, Chinese Taipei, 20-29 October
IKF European Korfball Championship First Round, November
IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2

Organisational news

The IKF Executive Committee met during the IKF KCL Final in February. Topics on the agenda included the approval of the IKF Development and Education Grants 2023, the approval of the IKF Jury- and Referee List, the upcoming evaluation of the IKF Korfball Champions League and the planning towards the IKF General Meeting and IKF World Korfball Congress in October 2023

[IKF Referee List](#)

[IKF Jury List](#)

Former IKF CEO Tilbert La Haye was awarded the IKF Pin of Merit for his outstanding service to the International Korfball Federation during his time as IKF CEO and during his years as volunteer before being professionally involved in the IKF. Tilbert played a key role as volunteer in the organisation of the korfball competition at The World Games 2013 in Cali, and as IKF CEO he has made the IKF Office more central in the IKF operations, allowing the IKF to better leverage the efforts of many volunteers. He managed the expanding IKF Competition Calendar and has been critical to the development of beach korfball into full-fledged korfball discipline.

News from our members

14 teams participated in the outdoor Hong Kong Korfball Challenge Cup 2023 last month

[Video Hong Kong Korfball Challenge Cup 2023](#)

Meanwhile in Europe the majority of the indoor competitions are well under way or just getting started, like the Switzerland where the first alpeague weekend in Basel was concluded and will be followed by the next weekend in March.

[Korfball Massy tournament](#)



Korfball Story in Focus

It's time for final part of the series on the project of the KNKV, Polish Korfball Association, KC Badalona (Catalonia), and ZhengZhou University (China). Today's article highlights the experience of ZhengZhou University (China) Also make sure to check out the video about their korfball story!



[Korfball ZhengZhou](#)

Quiz

1. Who was the topscorer at the IKF Korfball Champions League Challenger Final?

2. Who was the topscorer at the IKF Korfball Champions League Final?



3. PKC/Vertom and Fortuna/Delta Logistiek met again in the Dutch competition 1.5 week after the IKF KCL Final. Which team won this time?

4. PKC/Vertom took home the monumental Alfons Janssens trophy that was previously used for the IKF Europa Cup. When was the first time this Cup was won, and by which team?



1. Steffen Heppelkansen
2. Olav van Wijngaarden
3. PKC/Vertom
4. 1985, by PKC.



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Anti-doping

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) invites athletes, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations, Sports Federations, Governments, Major Event Organizers and all other anti-doping stakeholders around the world to "save the date" of 14 April to celebrate Play True Day 2023.

The WADA has prepared a short perception survey for athletes so that they can provide their insight and feedback in order to make the WADA programs stronger.

[Athlete Survey](#)



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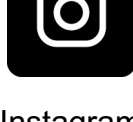
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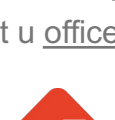


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