

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



01 July 2024
International Korfball Federation
Utrecht, The Netherlands.



The Annual Report of the International Korfball Federation provides a comprehensive overview of the organisation's activities, achievements, and initiatives throughout the year 2023. This report highlights the key developments that have contributed to the growth and promotion of korfball globally.

Responsible Editors:
Council of the International Korfball Federation
Joana Faria, Secretary General

Photo credits: Marco Spelten

CONTENTS

1.	COMPOSITION OF THE IKF	5
1.1	COUNCIL/EXCO	6
1.2	COMPOSITION OF THE IKF CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS	8
1.3	COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE IKF	15
1.4	OBITUARIES	19
1.5	DISTINCTIONS	20
2.	COUNCIL REPORT	24
3.	REPORTS FROM THE CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS	31
3.1	AFRICA	32
3.2	AMERICAS	36
3.3	ASIA	42
3.4	EUROPE	46
3.5	OCEANIA	49
4.	REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES	53
4.1	APPEALS COMMITTEE	54
4.2	ATHLETES COMMITTEE	54
4.3	BEACH KORFBALL COMMITTEE	55
4.4	COACHING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE	58
4.5	COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE	59
4.6	DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE	65
4.7	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE	66
4.8	ETHICS COMMITTEE	66
4.9	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	66
4.10	LIVESTREAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA	67
4.11	DIGITAL AND MARKETING COMMITTEE	68
4.12	MEDICAL COMMITTEE	72
4.13	PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE	75
4.14	REFEREES COMMITTEE	75

4.15	OLYMPIC FORMAT TASKFORCE	80
5.	STATISTICS	82
5.1	LIST OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES AND LEVEL	83
5.2	LIST OF INTERNATIONAL BEACH KORFBALL REFEREES	86
5.3	LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JURY	86
5.4	YELLOW AND RED CARDS	88
5.5	IKF COUNTRY MEMBERS	90
5.6	IKF COMPETITIONS	94
6.	FINANCIAL REPORT	96
6.1	GENERAL INTRODUCTION	96
6.2	BALANCE SHEET AS PER 31 DECEMBER 2022	99
6.3	EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE BALANCE SHEET	100
6.4	STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2022	104
6.5	EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE 2022 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	105
7.	REPORT FROM THE AUDITING COMMITTEE	109
8.	EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS	112



1. COMPOSITION OF THE IKF

1. COMPOSITION OF THE IKF

1.1. COUNCIL/EXCO

COUNCIL

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>President (until Oct 2023)</i>	Dr Jan FRANSOO	NED
<i>President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Gabi KOOL	NED
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	POR
<i>Senior Vice-President (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Danielle RUTS	BEL
<i>Senior Vice-President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	POR
<i>Africa Continental Vice-President</i>	vacant	
<i>Asia Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Inghish Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Europe Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Yves DAELMANS	BEL
<i>Oceania Continental Vice-President</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	AUS
<i>Treasurer (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Danielle RUTS	BEL
<i>Treasurer (after Jan 2024)</i>	Mr Marc VERBERK	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	BEL
<i>Athletes Representative (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Jordan De VOGELAERE	BEL
<i>Special Delegate</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA (until Oct 2023)	NED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO)

Function	Name	Country
<i>President (until Oct 2023)</i>	Dr Jan FRANSOO	NED
<i>President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Gabi KOOL	NED
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	POR
<i>Senior Vice-President (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Danielle RUTS	BEL
<i>Senior Vice-President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	POR
<i>Treasurer (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Danielle RUTS	BEL
<i>Treasurer (after Jan 2023)</i>	Mr Marc VERBERK	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	BEL
<i>Special Delegate</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA (until Oct 2023)	NED

IKF OFFICE

Function	Name	Country
<i>CEO (after July 2023)</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	POR
<i>Administrative and Project Officer (until Nov 2023)</i>	Ms Geke MAAT	NED

The CEO is ex officio member of the Council and the Exco.

FINANCE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Financial Administrator</i>	Mr Erik BUIZER	NED

1.2. COMPOSITION OF THE IKF CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

IKF AFRICA

Function	Name	Country
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Tarirai CHADEBAH	ZIM
<i>Vice-President North</i>	Mr Younes CHERFAOUI	MAR
<i>Vice-President South</i>	Mr Kaluba KANGWA	ZAM
<i>Secretary General</i>	Mr Nana SIMPLICE	CAM
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ottilia KUREBWASEKA	ZIM
<i>Member</i>	Ms Florence GITAU	KEN

IKF AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Mr Anthony AMEKUDZI	GHA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Eric ABALE	CIV
<i>Member</i>	Ms Sophie KATHEWERA	MAW
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ilham TEIDJ	MAR

IKF ASIA

Function	Name	Country
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr English Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Senior Vice-President</i>	Mr Warman Wai-Ming CHENG	HKG
<i>Vice-President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Qilin GUO	CHN
<i>Vice-President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Himanshu Nath MISHRA	IND
<i>Vice-President (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms.Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	THA
<i>Secretary General (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Qilin GUO	CHN
<i>Secretary General (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Daphne Wai Fun LAU	MAS

<i>Member</i>	Ms Akiko TSUJIKAWA	<i>JPN</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Esther Kuo-Chin HAN	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Pushpakumara M ADURAPPERUMA	<i>SRI</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	<i>THA</i>
<i>Honorary Life President</i>	Mr M.C. GUPTA	<i>IND</i>

IKF ASIA COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Esther Kuo-Chin HAN	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Daphne Wai Fun LAU	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Akiko TSUJIKAWA	<i>JPN</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Cathy Sin Yee WONG	<i>HKG</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Esther Kuo-Chin HAN	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Penny Pei Yee LIM	<i>SGP</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Vincent Wei Fung CHUNG	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Alice Dan-Lin HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Ivan Wing Hung LEE	<i>HKG</i>

IKF ASIA DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr English Ying-Che HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Warman Wai-Ming CHENG	<i>HKG</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Apple Kar Yee CHUAH	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Cyan Minyoungg PARK	<i>KOR</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr King Chu LO	<i>HKG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Lisa ROEDHIANITA	<i>INA</i>

<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Leon Wei Chieh LIAO	TPE
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	THA
<i>Member</i>	Mr Xiangcheng MA	CHN
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Pushpakumara MADURAPPERUMA	SRI

IKF ASIA MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Supranee KWANBOONCHAN	THA
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr English Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Like ZHANG	CHN
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pardeep DAHIYA	IND
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Paula CERVANTES	PHI
<i>Member</i>	Mr Penny Yu-Tang WEN	TPE
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Qi LIM	MAS
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Qilin GUO	CHN

IKF EUROPE (instated in October 2023)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Yves DAELMANS	BEL
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mr Clive DOBBIN	ENG
<i>Secretary General</i>	Ms Iwona ŻAK	POL
<i>Member (resigned in 2023)</i>	Mr Carles ALBA	CAT
<i>Member</i>	Mr Henry VAN MEERTEN	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anne HARROW	SCO
<i>Member (invitational basis)</i>	Ms Berta ALOME	CAT

IKF EUROPE TASKFORCE (until Oct 2023)

Function	Name	Country
Chairperson	Ms Iwona ZAK	POL
Member	Mr Björn ELEWAUT	BEL
Member	Ms Ellen PEARCE	ENG
Member	Mr Jan-Sjouke van den BOS	NED
Member	Mr Jochen SCHITTKOWSKI	GER
Member	Mr Remco WINTER	NED
Member	Mr Yves DAELMANS	BEL

EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS WORKING GROUP

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Samuel STEVENSON	SCO
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jeroen BREESCHOTEN	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Judit VERES	HUN
<i>Member (until June 2023)</i>	Ms Nina PIRIS	CAT

IKF OCEANIA

Function	Name	Country
<i>Continental President</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	AUS
<i>Secretary General (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Rob SMITH	NZL
<i>Secretary General (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Andrew HUTCHESON	AUS
<i>Vice- President (after October 2023)</i>	Mr Louis BUYS	NZL
<i>Member (after 2023)</i>	Mr Simon COOPER	NZL

IKF AMERICAS

There is not yet a defined Confederation since there is no full member in the American continent, instead a development committee has been appointed.

AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Alexandre SILVA	<i>BRA</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jorge DIAZ	<i>ARG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Hector HENAO	<i>COL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Quiterio MELO	<i>DOM</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Steven BROERS	<i>SUR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Wilberth MENDEZ	<i>CRC</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Vinicius GAMA	<i>BRA</i>

With the installation of this committee a more active and formal role in the general development of korfball in the Americas comes to the continent itself.

1.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE IKF

1.3.1. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES - elected by the General Meeting

APPEALS COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jan van den BERGHE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Dr Frank BACKX	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Frans WALVIS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Graham CRAFTER	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Marjan de JONG	<i>NED</i>

<i>Member</i>	Mr Michael SPENCER	AUS
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pedro Berjano de OLIVEIRA	POR
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Yu-Tang WEN	TPE
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Tarirai CHADEBAH	ZIM

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Chris WEST	ENG
<i>Member</i>	Mr Danny FONTEYNE	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan BEUNDER	NED
<i>1st Deputy Member</i>	Mr Hajime SHINOHARA	JPN
<i>2nd Deputy Member</i>	Ms Ute WICKENHÄUSER	GER

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA	NED
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Bert KOSMEIJER	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Anne van VEGCHEL	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan de NEF	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Ms Martina BOUMAN	CZE
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Gerrit LOLKEMA	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Sarah VERSTRAELEN	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Siu Ching TAI	HKG
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Ngaire SMITH	NZL
<i>Secretariat</i>	IKF Office	

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Graham CRAFTER	ENG
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Jean-Claude GHILLEBERT	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pedro Berjano de OLIVEIRA	POR
<i>Member</i>	Ms Corrie NOOM	NED
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ursula CHEER	NZL
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Sharon CHIU	HKG

ATHLETES COMMITTEE "elected by the athletes of the 2023 IKF World Korfball Championship"

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Davesh PATEL	ENG
<i>Chairperson (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Jordan de VOGELAERE	BEL
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Emily HUTCHESSON	AUS
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Fleur HOEK	NED
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Emily HUTCHESSON (half term)	AUS
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Tamara SIEMIENIUK (half term)	POL
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Vinicius GAMA	BRA
<i>Member (after Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Ya- Wen LIN	TPE
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Mr Ricky Chun-Hsien WU	TPE
<i>Member (until Oct 2023)</i>	Ms Jessica MAY	AUS

1.3.2. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL / EXCO

BEACH KORFBALL COMMITTEE (BKC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Kevin LAUWERS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Barry SCHEP	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Dan-Lin HUANG	<i>TPE</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ilham TEIDJ	<i>MAR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Tamara SIEMIENIUK	<i>POL</i>

COACHING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CEC)

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr Tafara Gary CHIVASA	<i>ZIM</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Prof. Xiangcheng MA	<i>CHN</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Corinne BUCKLAND	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jan-Sjouke VAN DEN BOS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	<i>NED</i>
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Kees RODENBURG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Ben CRUM	<i>NED</i>
<i>Advisor</i>	Mr Inghish HUANG	<i>TPE</i>

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE (CC)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Gert DIJKSTRA	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Frank BUVENS	BEL
<i>Member</i>	Mr Peter VAN DER TERP	NED
<i>Member (Asia)</i>	Ms Esther HAN	TPE
<i>Member (Europe)</i>	Mr Samuel STEVENSON	SCO
<i>Member (Oceania)</i>	Mr Tim MILLER	AUS
<i>Member (IT Advisor)</i>	Mr Marc BREUGELMANS	BEL

DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (DEC)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	POR
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr Tomáš VODA	CZE
<i>Member (Africa)</i>	Vacant	
<i>Member (Asia)</i>	Mr English Ying-Che HUANG	TPE
<i>Member (Oceania)</i>	Mr Rob SMITH	NZL
<i>Member (Americas)</i>	Mr Alexandre SILVA	BRA
<i>Member</i>	Ms Helmi LANGENHORST	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Theo van der LINDE	NED

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	NED
<i>Member</i>	Mr Marc BREUGELMANS	BEL

<i>Member</i>	Mr Michael JANSSENS	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Oliver JAKAB	<i>HUN</i>

LIVE STREAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Wouter BLOK	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Brian KOPPELAAR	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Camila STUCCHI	<i>ARG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Dani EZPELETA	<i>CAT</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Manuel HERNANDEZ	<i>ARG</i>

DIGITAL AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Gabi KOOL	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Anita DERKS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Alexandra FALCSIK	<i>HUN</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Daphne Lau Wai FUN	<i>MAS</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Ilham TEIDJ	<i>MAR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Rob SMITH	<i>NZL</i>

MEDICAL COMMITTEE

<i>Function</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Sandra CHUNG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Ms Ada JANSEN	<i>NED</i>

<i>Member</i>	Mr Bart VERPLANCKE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Vanessa FEIJÃO	<i>POR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Ms Asli AKSE	<i>TUR</i>

Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Ms Sandra CHUNG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Bart VERPLANCKE	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Rabea CRAMER-MESCHEDE	<i>GER</i>
<i>Member</i>	Yin-Chou LIN	<i>TPE</i>

Playing Rules Committee (PRC)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	Ms Joana FARIA	<i>POR</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Detlef ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Kees RODENBURG	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Pieter SWINKELS	<i>NED</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Warman CHENG	<i>HKG</i>

Referees Committee (RC)

Function	Name	Country
<i>Chairperson</i>	Mr Bjorn ELEWAUT	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Dirk VAN HEERTUM	<i>BEL</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Jorge ALVES	<i>POR</i>

<i>Member</i>	Mr Paul JEANES	<i>ENG</i>
<i>Member</i>	Mr Richard RENSEN	<i>NED</i>
<i>Non-voting Secretary</i>	Mr Marc DE GEYTER	<i>BEL</i>

1.4. OBITUARIES

Mr. Karel Verschoor († 9 July 2023)

The IKF has learned with sadness about the passing of Mr. Karel Verschoor, bearer of the IKF Badge of Honour, at age 83 on 9 July 2023.

Mr. Verschoor was greatly involved in the development of korfbal in Central Europe, especially in Czech Republic and Slovakia. As volunteer he put tremendous efforts into developing korfbal in these regions in the 90s. He did so by visiting schools and clubs, organising seminars and helping korfbal bodies in their early stages. For this, he was awarded the IKF Badge of Honour in March 1999. The IKF is grateful for his many contributions to the development of korfbal.

For his efforts, Mr Verschoor was also inducted in the Czech Korfbal Hall of Fame in 2019.

Mr. Egon E. Jolig († 14 July 2023)

Egon E. Jolig, IKF Badge of Honour, has passed away at the age of 86 on 14 July 2023. Mr. Jolig received the IKF Badge of Honour for his work on korfbal development in Germany. He was long-time chairman of the Ballsports section of the Deutscher Turner Bund.

Egon E. Jolig will be remembered as a passionate volunteer for various leisure organisations, and the IKF is grateful for his contribution to the development of korfbal.

Mr. Jean-Claude Besnard († September 2023)

It is with great sadness that the International Korfball Federation has learnt of the passing of Jean-Claude Besnard, IKF Badge of Honour, at the age of 78. Mr. Besnard was one of the pioneers of korfbal in France. As a delegate of UFOLEP, he showed interest in the game in 1980, which resulted in the birth of korfbal in France with a first international tournament in 1982. His efforts led to a development of a big korfbal community in France, with over 1000 active players in the 1990s.



Mr. Besnard was also actively involved with the IKF as referee and member of the European Championships Committee. For his work for IKF and his dedication to korfbal development in France for decades, he was awarded the IKF Badge of Honour during the IKF World Korfbal Championship in 2003.

1.5. DISTINCTIONS

Mr Jan Fransoo - Honorary Life President (28 October 2023)

Jan Fransoo concluded an extraordinary 20-year term as International Korfbal Federation (IKF) President.

At the IKF General Meeting held on Saturday, 28 October in Taipei City, Jan received multiple standing ovations as well as a moving tribute by IKF CEO and Secretary General, Joana Faria.

The IKF General Meeting awarded Jan Fransoo with the Honorary Life President award for his outstanding contributions to the sport.

Under his leadership, the sport has grown and flourished to become a truly global organisation. Today, we gather not only to acknowledge his outstanding contributions to our beloved sport but also to celebrate his leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication to the IKF.

The growth of continents outside of Europe, the professional presentation of our sport and the increased exposure through different media channels has been a big factor in this global growth of our sport.

But Jan's impact goes beyond the numbers and statistics. It is in the countless lives he has touched, the inspiration he has provided, and the sense of belonging he has nurtured. He has not just been a President; he has been a mentor, a role model, and a friend to many within the korfbal community.

Over the past two decades, Jan has demonstrated an exceptional ability to unite people from all corners of the globe under the banner of korfbal. His passion for the growth of our sport has paved the way for countless countries to play korfbal both at grass roots, and international level. His dedication to promoting diversity and inclusion has made korfbal a sport that welcomes people of all backgrounds, cultures, and abilities. Jan's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging in our korfbal community is truly commendable.

Under Jan's guidance, the IKF has successfully hosted increasingly bigger and more professional tournaments such as World Championships and World Games events, showcasing our sport on the world stage in a way that korfbal had previously never been seen. His determination to push the boundaries of the sport has resulted in increased recognition and respect for korfbal across a variety of international sporting circles.

Jan has been actively involved in promoting korfbal development programs, supporting new technology initiatives, and advocating for gender equity within the sport. His commitment to equality has set a shining



example for many others to follow. By promoting mixed-gender teams and equal opportunities for athletes all over the world, Jan has made the sport more inclusive and inspiring for us all.

Mr English Huang – IKF Honorary Member (28 October 2023)

A special presentation was awarded to Professor English HUANG, IKF Vice-President for Asia, President of IKF Asia, and former Secretary General and Vice-President of the Chinese Taipei Korfball Association.

English has joined the IKF Council in 2003. This implies that English celebrates 20 years of membership of the IKF Council, and 20 years at the helm of IKF Asia. And it only testifies to the enormous recognition in this massive continent that he were re-elected unanimously as President of IKF Asia in 2023.

English played for many years on the national team of Chinese Taipei. He was designated by CTKA founder Professor Eugene Chen to lead the development of korfball in Chinese Taipei and Asia.

English's major contributions for korfball have been in the very impressive development of korfball across Asia. Almost all countries in Asia bear English's signature. Korea has been established through the exchange program of English's school. English joined me and Ben Crum on the first korfball promotion trip to China in 2004. All countries in continental South East Asia have been established through English's efforts. English spans a very wide set of skills, as he is not only excellent at building and developing relationships, but also is an excellent instructor for coaches and national teams. As part of his activities and initiatives, the CTKA and many korfball players have actively helped in across many countries, oftentimes contributing by funding this out of their own pocket... English has created a culture of mutual support among all the Asian countries, to which many countries in other continents can take an example.

Ms Danielle Ruts – IKF Badge of Honour (28 October 2023)

Danielle has been Treasurer of the IKF for 16 years. Initially Danielle combined this with also being treasurer at the Royal Belgian Korfball Federation (KBKB).

Danielle combined the IKF role with the Presidency of the KBKB. This was a very successful Presidency, with probably as highlight the World Korfball Championship in 2015 in the presence of King Filip of Belgium, and the centennial of the KBKB in 2021.

Mr Gert Dijkstra – IKF Badge of Honour (28 October 2023)

Gert Dijkstra has had a lifelong involvement in korfbal, and also has been active internationally in many roles, primarily as a referee and jury member, joining the IKF in 2004, before joining the executive committee officially from 2011.

Under Gert's leadership, the IKF competition calendar has grown tremendously, and probably faster and to more events than Gert considered to be feasible. In many of these events, especially many major events like World Championships, World Games, and European Championships, Gert served as Coordinating Officer, working closely with many National Organizations.

As a chair of the playing rules committee, Gert oversaw major changes such as the new free pass rules and the shot clock. Very importantly, Gert always closely aligned initiatives with the major national korfbal leagues to ensure we keep a single set of korfbal playing rules globally.

Mr Tilbert La Haye – IKF Pin of Merit (11 February 2023)

The IKF Executive Committee has awarded Tilbert La Haye the IKF Pin of Merit for his outstanding service to the IKF.

As a volunteer, he played a key role in the organisation of the korfbal competition at The World Games 2013 in Cali. After becoming the IKF CEO in 2016, Tilbert 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 korfbal into a full-fledged korfbal discipline.



2. COUNCIL REPORT

2. COUNCIL REPORT

2023 marked a significant year for the International Korfball Federation (IKF), characterised by substantial changes in leadership and structure alongside continued growth and innovation in the sport. This report outlines our key achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts to advance korfball globally. Our collective resilience, adaptability, and dedication to the sport have driven the IKF's initiatives forward, creating new opportunities for athletes, coaches, referees, and enthusiasts worldwide.

IKF 2032 Strategy: Better Together

The IKF Strategy Taskforce embarked on a comprehensive journey to shape the future of korfball with the unveiling of the new IKF 2032 strategy. Grounded in thorough analysis and collaborative visioning, our approach was structured to first diverge and then converge by reviewing the following:

1. Korfball as is.
2. Global sports trends.
3. Trends & developments outside the world of sports.
4. Clustering insights and ideas.
5. Determining vision and making strategic choices.

To achieve this, we conducted 18 interviews with IKF members from 13 countries, amassing over 45 hours of inspiration, ideation, and discussion. Additionally, we hosted 6 global sessions with 55 participants from all 5 continents. Notable comments gathered emphasized the unique values of korfball, particularly its status as a true mixed-gender sport and its alignment with global development goals.

Our WHY: Driving Gender Equality Globally Through Korfball

Our WHY as IKF is unequivocal: driving gender equality globally through korfball, the true mixed-gender sport. Rooted in the belief that every individual deserves equal opportunities, respect, and representation, we advocate for gender equality on and off the pitch. Korfball's inherent gender equality by design serves as a beacon for progress, demonstrating that equal collaboration can build a brighter future for all. Our vision extends beyond sports, aiming to transcend boundaries and spotlight the urgent need for change.

Our HOW: Cooperation is Key to Success

Cooperation lies at the heart of our success, both on and off the pitch. By valuing differences and leveraging strengths, we harness the power of collaboration to achieve collective goals. Professionalizing our organization, engaging with external partners, and fostering a strong ecosystem are central to our approach.

Through structured cooperation, we aim to strengthen our organization and advance korfball on a global scale.

Our WHAT: Creating Acceleration Through Advocacy and Facilitation

Our WHAT is to create acceleration by advocating the korfball sport and its values and facilitating local korfball organizations. Our IKF Flywheel illustrates the interconnectedness of our initiatives, from advocating korfball's values to facilitating national federations and local organizations. Strategic choices within these roles include professionalizing our organization, promoting gender equality, enhancing international events, and enlarging the fanbase.

Theme: Better Together

The overarching theme of the IKF 2032 strategy is "Better Together." This theme encapsulates our commitment to unity and collaboration. Whether it's men and women in one sport, IKF and National Federations, or partnerships with international bodies and commercial entities, we believe that we are stronger when we work together. "Better Together" embodies our vision for a more inclusive, equitable, and impactful future for korfball worldwide.

As we embark on the journey outlined in the IKF 2032 strategy, we are inspired by the prospect of a future where korfball thrives as a symbol of unity and equality. With clear vision, strategic choices, and collaborative effort, we are confident that we can realize our shared aspirations and propel korfball to new heights of success and significance on the global stage.

Leadership and Governance

The year 2023 witnessed significant changes in leadership within the International Korfball Federation (IKF), shaping the course of our operations and strategic direction.

In January, the IKF faced the unexpected resignation of its CEO, prompting a period of transition and reevaluation of our organizational structure. Despite the challenges posed by this departure, the IKF remained steady in its commitment to advancing the sport of korfball globally.

In July, Joana Faria assumed the role of CEO, bringing with her a fresh perspective to the IKF leadership team. Her appointment marked a new chapter in our organisation's journey, as we embarked on initiatives to enhance governance, expand membership, and promote korfball on the world stage.

In October, further changes occurred with the appointment of Gabi Kool as the new President of IKF. After having being groomed during the past two years under the successful long term former President Jan

Fransoo, Gabi's leadership is focused on bringing focus, energy and vision to our strategic objectives, reinforcing our commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability in the sport of korfball while also strongly working on the brand awareness and positioning of our sport.

In 2023, the IKF also took significant steps to enhance its governance structure. One major development was the expansion of the Council to include the Athletes Committee, granting its members voting rights. This inclusion ensures that athletes have a direct voice in the decision-making process, promoting a more inclusive and representative governance model. Additionally, the year saw the formalisation of IKF Europe, establishing a more structured and unified regional body to support the growth and development of korfball across Europe.

However, amidst these transitions, the IKF also faced certain challenges within its administrative structure. In October, the IKF experienced the resignation of its Administrative and Project Manager, resulting in adjustments to our operational procedures and staffing arrangements. Despite these obstacles, the IKF remained resilient, navigating through periods of change with determination and adaptability, while identifying the succession for this role in 2024.

Throughout these developments, the IKF maintained its focus on promoting korfball's global expansion, fostering development initiatives, and strengthening governance practices.

Global Expansion and Promotion

In 2023, the IKF intensified efforts to expand korfball's global presence. We focused on strengthening existing member federations and attracting new countries to our community, and we welcomed four new members: Egypt, Mexico, Uganda, São Tome and Principe. Through targeted initiatives, we increased participation across multiple continents, including Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Our activities were bolstered by a strong digital presence, capturing the attention of sports enthusiasts worldwide.

Innovative Korfball Format

In 2023, the IKF launched a new format of urban korfball at the World Korfball Congress in October. This new format aims to complement the existing formats of traditional 8 vs 8 format, as well as beach korfball, with the aim of attracting more players and fans to the sport. The urban korfball format is designed to be played in urban settings, making it more accessible and appealing to a broader audience. This initiative is part of our strategy to innovate and enhance the sport's image, with the long-term aspiration of potentially including



korfball in the Olympic Games. In 2024 a formal roll out, including the branding of this new format is foreseen, supported by the creation of a dedicated committee to accelerate the growth of this new discipline.

Events

2023 was marked by the organisation of the IKF World Korfball Championship in Taipei City, the largest event ever organized by the IKF. This championship featured 24 teams competing across three playing fields simultaneously, showcasing the highest level of skill and sportsmanship. The event involved 46 IKF officials, setting a record for the number of officials at a single event. A historic moment for korfball, Chinese Taipei finished in second place for the first time in the sport's history, highlighting the growing competitiveness and global reach of korfball.

In addition to the World Korfball Championship, the IKF organised and supported numerous continental championships, regional tournaments, and youth events. These competitions provided valuable opportunities for athletes to showcase their talents, learn from one another, and foster cross-cultural exchanges, further enriching the korfball experience.

This year was marked by the exciting inclusion of Beach Korfball in the program for the World Games 2025. This development signifies a significant milestone for the sport, offering a new and dynamic format that will be showcased on a big international stage. The addition of Beach Korfball is expected to enhance the sport's appeal and visibility, attracting a broader audience and providing athletes with new opportunities to compete at the highest level.

Development and Education

Development and education remained key priorities for the IKF. We continued to invest in coach and referee training programs, ensuring a pool of knowledgeable and qualified individuals. Development initiatives provided resources, training, and technical assistance to emerging korfball nations, empowering them to strengthen their domestic structures.

Governance and Sustainability

The IKF is committed to upholding high governance standards and ensuring the sport's long-term sustainability. In 2023, we enhanced our governance structures, transparency, and accountability. We promoted gender equality, diversity, and inclusion within korfball.

Technical and Rule Enhancements

Our commitment to refining the technical aspects of korfball continued. Through collaboration with experts and stakeholders, we conducted research and analysis to enhance rules, equipment, and officiating standards, ensuring korfball's evolution as a modern, dynamic, and fair game.

Digital Initiatives

A significant milestone in our digital strategy was the broadcasting of the IKF World Korfball Championship across multiple channels worldwide, marking a groundbreaking achievement in the history of the sport.

For the first time, the IKF World Korfball Championship was broadcasted on various channels, including the Olympic Channel, reaching audiences across different regions and time zones. This unprecedented feat significantly expanded the tournament's viewership and exposure, showcasing the excitement and competitiveness of korfball to a diverse global audience.

Through strategic partnerships and collaboration with broadcasting networks, the IKF successfully delivered live coverage of the championship, providing fans with unprecedented access to the action and drama unfolding on the korfball court. This initiative not only amplified the profile of the championship but also elevated the status of korfball as a dynamic and engaging sport on the world stage.

Moving forward, the IKF remains committed to leveraging digital platforms to promote korfball, engage fans, and connect with audiences worldwide. By embracing digital innovation, we aim to further enhance the accessibility, relevance, and appeal of korfball, ensuring its continued growth and success as a global sport.

Looking Ahead

2023 was a year of change, and commitment to advancing korfball globally. The IKF's new strategic plan and the efforts to expand membership, promote gender equality, organise international competitions, and invest in development initiatives have strengthened the sport's foundation. As we reflect on our achievements, we are excited about the future of korfball. The IKF will continue to foster unity among nations and provide opportunities for engagement at all levels.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our member federations, sponsors, partners, volunteers, and the entire korfball community for their unwavering support. Special thanks to the Royal Dutch Korfball



Federation (KNKV), Royal Belgian Korfball Federation (KBKB), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), ARISF, the Swan Fund, and our main sponsor MIKASA. Together, we will build a bright and prosperous future for korfball worldwide.



**3. REPORTS FROM THE CONTINENTAL
CONFEDERATIONS**

3. REPORTS FROM THE CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

3.1. IKF AFRICA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS

1. Uganda

In May 2023 was the formal IKF Introduction Course in Kampala, Uganda (supported by SWAN FUND) with 47 participants at the combined coach/referee course. Uganda Korfball Association (UKA) led by Joshua Opolot applied and was accepted at the IKF General Meeting in Taipei as an affiliated member. With their activities we expect to have a new strong korfball nation in East Africa.

The trainers from Uganda Korfball Association went on with the introduction of korfball.

2. Kenya:

Beginning of May IKF Korfball Introduction Course in Nairobi, the start of a new area in Kenya with participants of a Boys School, a Girls School and a university. Expected about 45 participants, but there were 96 at the practical part. This activity was also supported by Swan Fund.

3. Malawi:

In Malawi was the revival of korfball. From 27 to 29 November 2023 the successful 1st IKF Africa U21 Schools Korfball Festival in Blantyre, with 7 teams from Zimbabwe and Malawi, together with a coaching course for 30 teachers. A successful youth tournament in cooperation and participation from Zimbabwe Korfball Federation, also supported by Swan Fund. They are looking for support for further activities. Malawi Korfball is still on lower level because of scarcity of equipment and some resources like funds for the game to spread to other areas other than the Cities of Malawi.

4. Ghana:

As part of the grassroots program in Ghana that was an Introduction to Korfball at Abutia Kloe E.P Junior High School (July 2023).

A private visit of Nico Nijenhuis (Netherlands) helped the development of Ghana Korfball with a training session for a group of players. Also, shirts donated by korfbalclub Weidevogels were handed over by him.

The city of Anyirawase Awudome in Ghana hosted in May a 2-day korfball course for local students and PE teachers, organised by Ghana Korfball Federation.

5. Ivory Coast:

In December Université Félix Houphouët Boigny won the "Coupe Nationale de Korfball 2023", they were also the champions in the National Club Competition (August).

More than 300 students attended the 1st Introductory Korfball Course organised by the Ivorian Korfball Federation in Abidjan's Victor Schoelcher riviera 3 school.

6. Zimbabwe

13 October Today we demonstrated korfball at the Archdiocese of Harare CASSA New Sports Codes Launch

September Zimbabwe hosted the junior championships in Mutare for under 20, 17 and 15

June NASH provincial championships hosted in Harare at MUFAKOSE High 2

Zimbabwe participated in the Olympic day as a way of awareness in Chitungwiza in June

District Championships held in All Zimbabwe districts on 8 June nationally

In May Mutare hosted the THE ZKF korfball training course for new coaches and referees

Refresher course for referees and training in Harare in preparation of the NASH games

3 May administration training course was hosted in Manicaland, Mutare city

January 23 Open season gala was hosted at Queen Elizabeth High School with 8 clubs taking part. Winning team was DZ EAGLES

7. Nigeria

Had a partial introduction at University of Inadan and they received equipment from SWAN FUND

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

2.1 Egypt was accepted as IKF member in Chinese Taipei

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS

- 3.1. The north is planning korfball championships dates to be advised as they postponed
- 3.2. Malawi will host the Under 21 and u 17 championships in July/August 2024 in Lilongwe
- 3.3. South Africa will host beach korfball in June/July
- 3.4. Zimbabwe is planning to host Club Championships in November 2024

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

- 4.1. There is more marketing of korfball in Africa from IKF Africa page and through some federation such as Ivory Coast, South Africa and partly Zimbabwe. There is still more to be done for the game to be well known and get support in Africa through vents.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

- 5.1. **Strength:** Communication and commitment of member federation stop develop the game
- 5.2. **Weaknesses:** lack of leadership skills from other leaders in the continental federation and also.

Poor skills of coaches , weakness of support from government as they compare korfball and other sports codes.

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

- 6.1. **Opportunities:** Excel of korfball in the continent and support of the game. New countries opening.
- 6.2. **Risks:** potential threats we have in Africa is lack of adequate funding in sport generally, equipment, lack of participation on major events as there is no support of team. Injuries due to lack of training to coaches in sports medicine

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

- 7.1. Lack of Korfs in Africa is hindering progress of korfball in other countries. if moulds could be obtained IKF Africa can run an income generating project and develop the game by producing korfs for its members
- 7.2. Major obstacle of development is lack of resources and non-committed members in korfball administration
- 7.3. Equipment needed in Africa

Written by Tarirai Chadebah

Secretary-General IKF Africa

3.2. IKF AMERICAS



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

1.1 ARGENTINA

- One of our most active countries, the Argentina Korfball association has promoted Korfball around the country with Korfball introduction clinics, coach formation, exhibition events.
- Regional and Nacional tournaments promoted were not only indoor but also at the beach, for adults and for youngest categories.
- The representatives of AKA have intensified Korf production in Argentina, being amplifying the range of its distribution in Argentina and Brazil;

1.2 BRAZIL

- Our second most active country in America, the Local Federations in Brazil (FCERJ and FCESP) have promoted many activities in the country, since exhibitions for schools and universities in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo and Sergipe, and now they are also offered in Minas Gerais.
- Minas Gerais has the potential of become the third Korfball Federation in Brazil, with support of FCERJ and FCESP. Local municipal schools received korfs built in Argentina and new projects will soon start to be executed.
- The national tournament was anticipated to June in order to decide the team that will represent Brazil in the next IKF WKC2023, in Chinese Taipei;
- Clubs in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are organizing the next local tournaments in 4x4 and beach formats;

1.3 CANADA

- Canada has received a pack of Korfs and Balls from IKF and soon we will receive information about new projects and clubs.

1.4 COLOMBIA

- The activities are still in recover status since the Pandemic events. The Korfball Federation of Colombia seeks supports from municipal and political agencies to reintroduce Korfball in their cities. They are also in contact with Olympic committee in order to present a project to develop Korfball in schools, universities and local clubs.

1.5 COSTA RICA

- Our less active country, the activities offered by Prof. Wilberth Mendez are only academic Korfball introduction classes. We are in contact with him in order to follow up with more projects and options to intensify its activities.

1.6 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Activities have returned in Barahona, Dominican Republic with training sessions and its Korfball Association is planning the next national championship. The National Team is interested in participating in the Stadskanaal's Tournament in Netherland, in 2023.

1.7 PERU

- In the early stages, APK has promoted online presentations and small korfball tournaments in schools of Peru.

1.8 SURINAME

- Still no official activity in Suriname but we recently watched korfball introduction and exhibitions. In a meeting with Mr. Errol Opering, Suriname Korfball Federation has planned intensify activities, delivery of materials and present a project for the next IKF Pan American Tournament.
- The National Team of Surinam will also play at the IKF WKC2023 after winning gold medal at the last IKF Pan-American Championship in Argentina.

1.9 UNITED STATES

- Growing in a good level, intensifying its activities after the World Games in Birmingham, United States has established its participation in Beach Korfball achieving a remarkable 3rd place in the last WBKC2023 in Thailand.
- A couple of weeks we were introduced to the new Scenic City Korfball Club in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

Interest in IKF membership has been shown from the side of Uruguay.

Already for a couple of years there is a small but stable korfbal community in Uruguay. They had the aim to create an official federation and further develop korfbal from there. Unfortunately the corona crisis has put on hold this ambition. It is unclear how they will come out of this.

3. MAIN ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

3.1 Youth projects, national organization, low levels of competitions, international participation.

3.2 Present projects and find countries in the Committee sharing these projects

3.3 Combine thoughts, insights, plans to follow a similar path that can be applied in many countries.

3.4 Implement structured youth development program.

3.5 Tournament preparation associated with IKF Official Calendar.

3.6 Infrastructure Improvement: Identify and address infrastructure needs consider each country level.

3.7 Community engagement events as small tournaments and exhibitions.

4. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT

4.1 Work on projects settled for each country associated with the Olympic Pledge.

For those countries which have no roadmap activities yet, I am suggesting to follow the basics projects and to follow what is prepared for similar countries.

Ex.: Costa Rica, Peru, Colombia and Venezuela can follow the same

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

In 2023 I am excited to share that we are confirm activities as all kind of levels among the countries of América.

Vinicius Gama (BRA) as member of the IKF Athletes Committee can provide what players expected from organizations to enhance our plans and projects.

IKF Social Media now have good new countries to create and share content

- **Argentina:** One the most active countries in America, presenting exhibitions, and local and national organizations (Adults and Youth categories). Mr. Jorge Diaz, has produced and distributed Korfs in America.
- **Brazil:** The second most active country in America has a focus on regional and national competitions, with a higher concentration in RIO and SP. Rio started officially beach activities with Ms. Siet Bijker, an ex-Dutch player who lives in Rio de Janeiro. Recently, Minas Gerais received a package of Korfs made in Argentina by Mr. Jorge Diaz.
- **Costa Rica:** Minimal activities have been presented again with groups of kids and students
- **Mexico:** For now, the plan presented is to create Korfball franchises across the country with a model that can be structured, shared, and applied by local organizations. They are not committed to tournaments, youth projects, or national competitions yet.
- **United States:** The focus still lies on the Beach format. Mr. Dankmar expressed interest in organizing a Pan American Tournament for the Beach format in 2025-2026. Good connections with Canadian players who are trying to start new projects.
- **Peru:** The focus still lies on promoting korfball in schools to provide frequent activities among students;
- **Surinam:** Presentations and exhibitions have been more frequently
- **Other:**
 - **Canada:** Increasing activities in Canada with support from USA Korfball members.
 - **Venezuela:** The Country has presented papers to become an IKF Affiliate Member. Not an official Association yet
 - **Uruguay:** Argentina players close to the border of Uruguay keep promoting korfball on both sides. Not an official association yet.

5.2 Weaknesses:

Although we have registered many activities and potential new members, the growing enthusiasm for Korfball in America is undeniable. The most significant challenge lies in terms of equipment availability for those exclusively produced in Europe, which poses logistical challenges due to the high shipping costs to the Americas. To address the equipment scarcity situation, some countries can be supplied by unofficial Korfs produced in Argentina by Mr. Jorge Diaz, but considering the final destination, the costs are similar to those presented from Europe.

We are continuously exploring strategies to streamline the process of bringing balls and minimize costs. For instance, Brazil has established a strong connection with people traveling between Brazil and the Netherlands, allowing for the transportation of korfs and balls in small packages. For now, this is the best opportunity countries have to bring equipment to their local organization.

Live Streaming and Content Creation have been recognized among all countries as important areas that also need to be explored.

Even with IKF DEC Grants, we still find ourselves in need of exploring the option to collect financial resources for our projects, tournament subscriptions, and annual fees.

- **Colombia:** No activities presented for now. The National Organization awaits recognition from local public agencies and has presented requests for financial support from IKF DEC in advance to move forward with their projects.
- **Rep. Dominicana:** No activities presented until now

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 Opportunities: Despite these challenges, I am encouraged by the resilience and determination of many athletes and representative Federations in these countries. They continue to work hard to develop their skills and promote Korfball, often with limited resources and support.

Our social media team can increase visibility, attract new fans, create marketing and sponsorship opportunities that support the long-term success of Korfball.

6.2 Risks: The low funding, limited government support, and a lack of human resources are factors that can significantly impact the growth potential and overall success of Korfball, and must be

considered when assessing the feasibility of investing in these countries. This can limit the ability to develop necessary infrastructure, provide training facilities and equipment, and support athletes.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

6.1 I want thank Joana Faria (CEO), Jorge Alves (IKF DEC), the IKF EXCO, IKF OFFICE, and my DEC Continental colleagues for your continued support and guidance over the last year. I am grateful to share that America keeps its effort to grow, and our countries are committed to working together to achieve our shared Olympic Pledge.

Written by Alexandre Silva

Chairperson Americas Development Committee

3.3. IKF ASIA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

1.1 Korfball is experiencing a remarkable growth in the Southeast Asia region. Thailand's successful hosting of the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) saw participation from nine countries across three continents, and Thailand impressively secured the Silver medal. In Malaysia, the IKF U21 Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship was a notable success, with a record-breaking participation of nine countries. Malaysia surprised the world by defeating China in the semi-final and eventually claimed the second place, making them the fifth Asian country to earn a medal in the history of the IKF U23/U21 AOKC, following Chinese Taipei, China, India, and Hong Kong. Additionally, the Philippines, together with Malaysia and Thailand, made their debut at the IKF World Korfball Championship in Taipei, showcasing the expanding reach and competitive competence of korfball from the ASEAN region. Starting in 2024, Korfball will be included for the first time in the official sports program at the Indonesia National Sports Week (Indonesian: Pekan Olahraga Nasional, abbreviated as PON), which is a multi-sport event held every four years in Indonesia. The participants in this event are athletes from all provinces of Indonesia. It is organized by the National Sports Committee of Indonesia (KONI). Indonesia will be the second country, following Chinese Taipei, to include Korfball in a national multi-sport event.

1.2 IKF Level 1 Coach Course instructed by Prof. English HUANG and Level 1 Referee Courses instructed by Ms Akiko Tsujikawa took place from 19 to 23 in Sukabumi, Indonesia.

1.3 Three Asian countries won the IKF World Korfball Awards 2023: Malaysia for Excellence in Governance, Japan for Innovation, and Chinese Taipei for Best Initiative for Cooperation.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

2.1 IKF Asia has been closely cooperating with Korfball Association of Thailand and Malaysia Korfball Association to introduce korfball into Cambodia, Vietnam, and Brunei.

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS FOR 2024

3.1 IKF U19/U16/U14 Asia Korfball4 Championships is planned to take place from 1 to 5 March in Kuala Lumpur.

3.2 IKF World Beach Korfball Championship is scheduled from 26 to 28 April in Pattaya, Thailand.

3.3 IKF Asia Korfball Championship would be held from 4 to 10 November in Hong Kong China.

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT IN 2023

4.1 Malaysia Korfball Association innovatively organized the on-line Korfball Commentary Training Course, which was designed and delivered by Mr. Tom Brady and open for the participants all around the world. This first ever korfball marketing course in February was designed to prepare new and inexperienced commentators to deliver both remote and live commentary for official matches.

4.2 Ms. Ya-Wen LIN secured the 2nd Runner-up position in the IWGA Athlete of the Year 2022, marking the greatest achievement by an international korfball player in history.

4.3 The Competition Committee and Marketing & Communication Committee of IKF Asia have formulated precise work plans and task assignments, with the aim of fostering close collaboration with tournament host countries in order to strengthen marketing efforts and establish a lasting legacy for korfball's sustained growth within these countries.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

5.1.1 The post holders of IKF Asia were competent and enthusiastic having fluent communication and close cooperation with the IKF Council.

5.1.2 Neighbours like to support neighbours. China, Hong Kong China, Japan, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, and Thailand are enthusiastic to provide education supports and share informative knowledge to other Asian countries.

5.1.3 Most of the Asian countries are ambitious to play the international tournaments because their governments, NOCs, and media value the accomplishments of the IKF and IKF Asia official tournaments.

5.1.4 The school and university systems of most countries are beneficial to the development of korfball in various aspects including PE class, student club, and varsity team with regular training sessions every week.

5.2 Weaknesses:

5.2.1 Some countries have not regularly organized their local korfball competitions.

5.2.2 Only Chinese Taipei and China were able to reach the top 12 of IKF WKC and the playing level of the other Asian countries lagging behind is significant.

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 Opportunities:

6.1.1 Southeast Asian Games is a promisingly feature multi-sport event for korfball being included in the competition program. Cambodia. There have been 5 IKF members, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand in the name list of 11 countries. Korfball has existed in Brunei for many years and other targeted new korfball countries would be Vietnam and Cambodia.

6.1.2 Both 2-korf and 1-korf Korfball4 games have been recognized by prospective and advanced countries as the optimal platforms to trigger the engagement and participation of the youth population before they eventually transit to korfball8.

6.2 Risks:

6.2.1 More and more other sports artificially design new games played with males and females together, which may grab some youth population from korfball context.

6.2.2 Most of the National Sport Ministries in Asia over-emphasize the development Olympic sports and Asian Games sports in comparison of their support on the World Games sports.

6.2.3 Other team sports' enthusiasm in attracting the youth population by instituting small-sided games in various fields – urban, street, beach, etc.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

7.1 Strategic developments towards 2020 - 2023 and contributions to IKF objectives

7.1.1 Fostering the korfball development of countries in a more structural way by helping them fulfil the goals of key projects in their signed IOC Pledges.

7.1.2 Increase the investment of the development and education on the countries in Southeast Asia including the current members (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand) and promising new members like Cambodia, Vietnam, and Brunei in order that korfball can be included in the competition program of Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

7.1.3 Convincing that the IKF Asia and IKF Asia-Oceania competition affairs will be operated in a very structural way.

7.1.4 Fostering high-order competition officials from various countries

7.1.5 Cultivating coordination officers, chairs of jury, and referee assessors from higher ranked and middle countries.

7.1.6 Increasing the population of high-standard IKF referees from all countries.

7.1.7 To encourage IKF official friendly international matches.

7.2 Maintaining the investment of development and education on the D, E, & F countries.

7.2.1 To securing sustainability of countries at the bottom of the table

7.2.2 To strengthen management, grow number of players, and increase national competitions in middle ranked countries to make next step.

7.2.3 Providing experts and knowledge for the professionalization of higher ranked countries to make next step (including elite performance).

Written by English Ying-Che HUANG,

IKF Asia President & IKF Council Member

3.4. IKF EUROPE



In 2021 was created the IKF Europe Taskforce, with the aim of launching the IKF Europe Continental Federation in 2023.

In 2023 IKF Europe taskforce continued to work on creating a network of communication and cooperation between national federations. 2023 was a year that election for IKF Europe was prepared. IKF Europe board was chosen from diverse candidates with different skills and a different geographical mix in Europe

Preparation for election during Congress in Taipei (October 2023) .

IKF Europe was launched in October 2023.

1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT
2.1 At this moment there are no countries known that are practising korfball, or are interested in developing korfball, outside of the current IKF member countries.

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS
3.1 For 2024, there is continuation of format for European competitions.
3.2 There will also be played IKF BKWCup (Europe) 2024 for seniors and of course IKF European Korfball Championship A and B Division for seniors.
3.3 Next to the seniors events there is also U19 World Korfball Championship and U21 World Korfball Championship. Also he patronised events U17 Korfball World Cup, U15 Korfball European Cup

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

4.1 Countries on the continent have very good access to social media, which gives a lot of opportunities. Many national federations have very well developed marketing channels, some still have to learn it. The challenge is to create one common marketing front for the entire continent.

4.2 Easy access to all information in Europe.

4.3 IKF Social media representatives located are mainly in Europe.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 **Strength:** The possibilities of cooperation between national federations are very large. This is possible thanks to the large travel opportunities, because the distance between European countries is relatively small. In addition, access to knowledge, training, international exchanges is great. There are opportunities to participate in European Union projects. In Europe there is a country where korfbal was born, which gives knowhow available within the Europe.

5.2 **Weaknesses:** There is still no structural collaboration between National Federations within Europe as a whole to achieve common goals. It's hard for individual national federations to unite for the common good, to be more united. Contrary to appearances, our national federations share a lot. Unification is progressing very slowly and it is a long process.

6 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 **1 Opportunities:** In October 2023 we established IKF Europe with elected council. Re-establishment of the European Continental Confederation will stimulate the development of common European goals and an action plan.

6.2 **6.2 Risks:** We still have in Europe some weak National Federations. In connection with the above, there are possibilities that without more help from the IKF, they won't be longer members of our federation. Without action plan and support from continental confederation they may have problem to grow up or even exist longer.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

In October 2023 IKF EUR board was appointed.

Written by Iwona Żak

Chairperson IKF Europe Taskforce

3.5. IKF OCEANIA



1. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

1.1 Korfball Australia held their inaugural Beach Championships in Adelaide in March 2023 with the winning team to be given the opportunity to represent Australia in the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) in Thailand in May and the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe) in Poland in August. Teams entered from both South Australia and Victoria. As a result of the event Australia did participate in both the Asia and Europe beach events.

1.2 Korfball Australia held the annual National Club Championships in June in Adelaide, with a team from Melbourne entered in the event

1.3 There was no significant Korfball activity in NSW or Queensland in 2023. South Australia reintroduced a development league in late 2023 with an aim to provide opportunities to play Korfball all year around. This program is in its infancy.

1.4 Korfball Australia and Korfball New Zealand both had representative teams in Open and U21 International events in the same year, this is possibly the first year that Oceania has achieved this as Korfball Australia has not entered n International Youth event since 2015.

1.5 New Zealand’s korfball development continues to benefit from its independently run school and youth programme which has now run for several years in the Canterbury Region.

1.6 Korfball Canterbury continued to run its Winter competition which includes teams created out of the youth development program.

1.7 Korfball activity in other regions is not significant.

2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE CONTINENT

2.1 In Oceania our current plan continues to be the strengthening of our existing members Australia and New Zealand, resources and distance are major barriers to developing prospective members

in our region given we are not a continent joined together but rather a collective of islands. Each member is still exploring ways of developing beyond existing internal regions.

3. PLANS IN THE CONTINENT FOR COMPETITIONS FOR 2024

3.1 Korfball Australia will host its 2nd Beach Korfball Championships in March 2024 in preparation for the Beach World Championships and World Cup events.

3.2 Korfball Australia will hold the National Club Championships in Adelaide in June 2024 and will invite regional clubs/teams from New Zealand to participate.

3.3 Korfball Oceania will host its inaugural U19 Oceania Championships in Melbourne Victoria in October 2024. Korfball Australia and Korfball New Zealand will look at what other age groups are feasible for this event.

3.4 Each region will host its annual competitions – Korfball Canterbury Winter League and Korfball SA State League.

4. MARKETING IN THE CONTINENT

4.1 Marketing in both Australia and New Zealand continues to be largely via Social Media due to the financial constraints in both countries. Both countries continue to provide great content with regular league and event updates that are often shared by Korfball.org

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE CONTINENT

5.1 Strength:

- Strong sporting culture (strength and weakness)
- Community approach to sport given limited size
- Volunteer network in major korfbal centres (SA & Canterbury)
- Continued youth participation for strong school presence in New Zealand.

5.2 Weaknesses:

- High travel costs make it not financially viable to travel internationally at regular intervals meaning squad retention from event to event is difficult. Many airlines have not returned to the region post the pandemic providing little competition.
- Minor sport logistics – access to venues, media, promotion, funding are everyday problems. Also many venues will push community sports for larger events to attract revenue which makes programming difficult.
- Distance from korfball opportunities will continue to be a weakness in Oceania, when added to the lack of funding, these creates financial difficulties to ensure regular competition is maintained. The distance is not confined to International but rather distance between our two countries, distance between the regions within our countries and of course distance to the rest of the korfball world.
- Inability to attract volunteers in less represented regions where Korfball has been active previously, Auckland, Wellington, Sydney, Queensland plus the lack of funding means a lack of development volunteers outside of Canterbury.
- Government recognition due to size
- costs of shipping korfball specific equipment creates a financial barrier

6. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE CONTINENT

6.1 **Opportunities:** In New Zealand the opportunities exist to continue to make significant impact in the school system ultimately increasing participation and recognition of the sport. The financial impact of travel beyond the region does mean the opportunity exists for the creation of more Oceania events. The 2024 event will be a good test.

6.2 **Risks:** The ongoing RISK with trying to develop and encourage the desired international participation that comes with it, is funding and volunteers. As previously stated, the risk that our status as a genuine sport are continually challenged by sports such as Netball, Basketball, Football (various codes) and so we need to find avenues to firstly attract players to the sport but then maintain their interest. The best way to do that is via international participation which then is a financial risk as the cost to participate becomes too high as highlighted above. With growth

comes a significant risk in the lack of volunteers to run the sport and the development, this is an issue Australia has faced for a long time. New Zealand have experienced a wave of volunteers and enthusiasm that comes with International participation, the key is maintaining that enthusiasm.

7. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

7.3 Trying to build on the momentum of having both open and youth teams participating in regular international events both indoor and beach (currently Australia only) does provide Australia and New Zealand with an opportunity to work closer together. Whilst distance is still an issue there are strong relationships that exist within the two countries and if we can build a sustainable Oceania program this could benefit both countries with shared resources (NZ development and AUS with technical resources). Both countries remain committed to growth and improved international participation at youth and senior level and there is also an opportunity for the beach discipline to grow within the region.

Written by Tim Miller

IKF Oceania President & IKF Council Member



4. REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

4. REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

4.1. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Jan Van den Berghe, Chairperson

In 2023 no cases were brought before the IKF Appeals Committee. The committee did not convene in 2023.

4.2. ATHLETES COMMITTEE

Davesh Patel, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

1.1 IOC International Athletes' Forum; October 2023; Switzerland

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

2.1 Produced recommendations for changes to the Athletes' committee for the next cycle and sent to IKF ExCo.

2.2 Attended the International Athletes' Forum In person. No matter whether Olympic sports or recognised sports, the areas of difficulty AC's encounter are common (identified in Tasks section below).

3. TASKS

3.1 Find a means to better engage with athletes – athletes simply don't engage with their commissions. If we want change we need to know what.

3.2 Need to find a way to have and maintain an updated contact list for all current athletes.

3.3 Regular (e.g. quarterly) 'forum' type check-ins with athletes be-it in person or online.

4. PLANS FOR 2024

4.1 For the new committee to determine.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength: Representation across multiple continents; Recent athlete experience in recognised tournaments.

5.2 Weaknesses: Non-active/passive members.

4.3. BEACH KORFBALL COMMITTEE

Kevin Lauwers, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

The beach korfball committee scheduled 4 online meetings (Teams). These meetings took place on 11 January, 11 April, 6 October and 2 November.

These meetings were attended by the members of the committee:

The Beach Korfball Committee also works with smaller working groups to discuss certain specific items. There were also regular meetings with some members of the EXCO to discuss the future of beach korfball.

In addition, many conversations were held with the organizers and those responsible of beach korfball (events) around the world, to support in the organisation of beach korfball at a local level. This happened by mail or online meeting.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

2.1 The Thailand Korfball Association hosted from 5 to 7 May 2023 the second edition of the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2023. Pattaya Beach became the beautiful scenario where 9 teams from 3 different continents competed during three intense days for a medal in this always exciting championship in Asia.

The ranking at the end of the regular competition was led by Chinese Taipei, followed by Thailand in 2nd position, and the United States of America in 3rd place. The 4 last matches to decide the final positions didn't change the current ranking, and the win of TPE over THA by 8:4 in the big final of the tournament proclaimed them as winners and champions of this IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2023.

Final ranking:

1. Chinese Taipei
2. Thailand

3. United States of America
4. Australia
5. Hong Kong China
6. India
7. Japan
8. Singapore
9. Malaysia

2.2 The 3rd edition of a spectacular the IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe) 2023 has been played in the Polish city of Wrocław. From 25 to 26 August, 13 teams from 3 different continents competed to be the new champion. The 2 fields located at Wrocław Academy of Physical Education in Wrocław became the perfect scenario for great and exciting matches.

Australia, Belgium, Catalonia, England, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, Türkiye, United States of America and Wales were the participants in the senior category, and the Belgians were the ones who reached the top position after winning the senior final against the Netherlands by 6-8. They reached the final after winning their semi-final vs Poland by 7-10 in a great match.

Final ranking senior competition:

1. Belgium
2. The Netherlands
3. Poland
4. United States Of America
5. Hungary
6. France
7. Catalonia
8. Wales
9. Türkiye
10. Australia
11. Scotland
12. England
13. Sweden

Final ranking u19 competition:

1. Belgium

2. The Netherlands

3. Catalonia

4. Poland

2.3 After all IKF tournaments in 2023, an official IKF Beach Korfball World Ranking was made for the very first time.

For the IKF Beach Korfball World Ranking, the total number of points of each country is determined by:

1. The basic points of each country, according to overall participation and development.
2. The points earned by a team from the IKF Beach Korfball Events according to its ranking on each official event and the specific weightings, over the last four-year period.

2.4 The International World Games Association has ratified the proposal of the IKF to include beach korfball as a second korfball discipline in the program of The World Games in 2025 in Chengdu, China. The final of this tournament was played between reigning European Champion Portugal and Poland. After a strong start with many two-pointers, Poland was able to secure the win after a 5-13 victory to become the first ever IKF World Beach Korfball Champion.

3. TASKS

The main task of the Beach Korfball Committee in 2023 was the organisation of the “IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe) 2023” in Wroclaw, Poland, in close cooperation with the LOC.

The committee also offered support in the organization of the “IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia) 2023” in Pattaya, Thailand.

In addition, the committee also has the following responsibilities:

- Advising the EXCO on policy development by preparing policy- and strategic plans
- Promoting the development of beach korfball
- Evaluating beach korfball rules and provide the Playing Rules Committee with advice regarding this matter
- Coordination and evaluation of the international beach korfball events

4. PLANS FOR 2024

In 2024, 3 IKF beach korfball tournaments will be organized:

- IKF World Beach Korfball Championship: Pattaya, Thailand



- IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe): Temse, Belgium
- IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia): to be determined

Stimulating all continents to organize beach korfball activities, promoting beach korfball and sharing beach korfball knowledge are the core tasks for the years to come.

4.4. COACHING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jorge Alves, Chairperson

Throughout the year, our committee has remained steadfast in our commitment to advancing the knowledge, skills, and standards of coaching and education within the sport of korfball.

In 2023, the Coaching and Education Committee focused on enhancing coaching development programs to ensure that coaches at all levels have access to quality resources and training opportunities. We organized several coaching clinics, workshops, and seminars in various countries, providing valuable opportunities for coaches to learn and exchange best practices. These programs covered a wide range of topics, including tactical strategies, player development, sports science, and leadership skills.

Recognizing the importance of standardized coaching qualifications, our committee continued to work diligently on the development and implementation of the IKF Coaching Certification Program. This program aims to establish a framework for assessing and certifying coaches based on their knowledge, experience, and competencies. In 2023, we made significant progress in finalizing the certification guidelines, bringing us closer to our objective of setting a universal standard for coaching in korfball.

In 2022, the Coaching and Education Committee actively sought opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with national korfball associations, coaching organizations, and educational institutions. These collaborations have enabled us to leverage resources and expertise, ensuring a more comprehensive approach to coaching and education. Through joint workshops and the sharing of best practices, we have contributed to enhancing coaching programs worldwide.

Looking ahead to the coming year, the Coaching and Education Committee will build upon the progress made in 2023 and focus on the following key objectives:



Expand the availability and accessibility of educational resources through the development of new online courses, instructional videos, and coaching manuals.

Foster international collaborations and partnerships to share expertise, knowledge, and resources, thereby advancing the quality of coaching and education in korfbal globally.

With these objectives guiding our efforts, we are confident that the Coaching Committee will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting and empowering korfbal coaches worldwide. Together, let us continue to strive for excellence and growth in coaching and education within our sport.

4.5. COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Gert Dijkstra, Chairperson

Meetings:

During the year 2023 meetings took place online by the use of Microsoft Teams except for the last meeting of the year

The CEO, Tilbert La Haye, decided to leave the IKF at the mid of the month of January. Most of his tasks within the committee were taken over by the office manager, Geke Maat. She actively took part in the meetings to align the activities of the IKF Office and to coordinate global and continental events. Unfortunately she decided to leave the IKF as from December 2023. During the IKF WKC Gert Dijkstra received the badge of honor for his excellent work during the years he chaired the committee. With respect to the policy of good governance Gert Dijkstra left the exco. He was asked to continue the daily routine till the end of the year. Since mid-December the members of the IKF CC are informed about a new competition committee structure that is expected to be established by Q1 2024. This means the members will make up their minds after all details are clear. In the meantime they will continue with the competition calendar.

Frank Buvens, in his role of the secretary, prepared the agenda and proposed the minutes to the members. After approval the minutes were uploaded to the Microsoft Teams IKF Competition minutes folder.

The other IKF CC members that joined the meetings:

Sam Stevenson (ECWG chair)

Geke Maat (IKF Administrative and Project Officer)



Marc Breugelmans (IT)

Peter van der Terp

Jeroen Breeschoten (ECWG)

The non-European IKF CC members were requested to add items to the agenda. The minutes were accessible via Microsoft Teams. Apart from that, multiple bilateral meetings with the CEO and CC Chair took place to discuss the global, Asian and Oceanian development and planning of events.

Esther Han has stopped her activities as ACWG chair at the end of 2023 and is replaced by Daphne Lau

Akiko Tsujikawa (ACWG secretary)

Tim Miller (representative Oceania)

During the IKF WKC another initiative was launched to re-establish the IKF Europe, a subcommittee in line with other continental bodies. During the IKF EKC R1 Frank Buvens had a meeting with the chairman, Yves Daelmans (BEL) and seized the opportunity to introduce Yves to the participating team managers. Special attention was drawn to the setting of a competition committee within IKF Europe that could possibly merge with the ECWG

Microsoft Teams meetings:

11-01-23 Special meeting with the exco (Jan Fransoo, Gabi Kool, Joana Faria) and the CO's and JC's of the Satellite, Challenger and Champions league finals

12-01-2023 Microsoft Teams

28-02-2023 Microsoft Teams

28-03-2023 Microsoft Teams

16-05-2023 Microsoft Teams

20-06-2023 Microsoft Teams

24-07-2023 Microsoft Teams

17-08-2023 Microsoft Teams

19-09-2023 Microsoft Teams

10-10-2023 Microsoft Teams

24-11-2023 Microsoft Teams
 19-12-2023 Physical meeting in Breda

Competitions in 2023:

The main IKF events during the year:

Tournament:	(venue nation)	CO
IKF KCL round 3	(Herentals BEL)	Jan Sjardijn
IKF Satellite final	(Terrassa CAT)	Carles Alba (Luppo Deuntje excused)
IKF Challenger final	(Bergisch Gladbach GER)	Jeroen Breeschoten
IKF KCL final round	(Delft NED)	Frank Buvens
IKF U19 WKC	(Ghent BEL)	Lukáš Filip
U17 KWC	(NED)	
U15 KWC	(NED)	
IKF U21 EKC	(Kolin CZE)	Carles Alba
IKF BKWC 2023	(Wroclaw POL)	Judit Veres
IKF BKWC 2023	(Pattaya Chonburi THA)	Akiko Tsujikawa
IKF U21 AOKC	(Selanghor MAS)	Akiko Tsujikawa
IKF KCL Round 1 – A	(Lisbon POR)	Gert Dijkstra
IKF KCL Round 1 – B	(Cardiff WAL)	Theo Van der Linde
IKF WKC	(Taipei City TPE)	Tim Miller – Helen Searle (ass)
IKF EKC First Round	(Saint-Jean-Bonnefonds FRA))Frank Buvens
IKF KCL Round 2	(Marki POL)	Gert Dijkstra – Corinne Buckland (ass)

The main matters that have come to the table of the IKF CC are:

The new concept for the Korfball Champions League was evaluated and revised in the season 2023-2024 after the conclusions of a survey sent to athletes-captains, officials and national federations just after season 2022-2023 with a high feedback rate of more than 80%



The Asian Competition Working group organised Teams meetings with the IKF CC chair to align the Asian events.

One of the fixed items on the agenda are recommendations from reports from jury chairs and coordinating officers. Some of the items that are worth mentioning are understaffed media personal and adaptation of the contracts where it should be stressed that only trained local jury members can take part in the tournament with possible refresher courses prior to the event.

IKF Africa has difficulties getting organised. There is little to no news of competition within the member countries. Out of the promising qualifying tournaments in 2022 only RSA was able to participate in the IKF WKC. The Americas do not have a Competition Working Group and are directly represented by the IKF CC. Brazil and Surinam were able to be present during the IKF CC. On the other hand the cooperation and the support of the IKF CC and DEC/Swan Fund proved to be successful.

The ECWG was chaired by Sam Stevenson. Nina Piris, one of the members, indicated that she would leave the committee during the year but that she would still be available for a task as a jury chair. This leaves the committee with only three members. This situation may come to a new setup within the new structure of IKF Europe

Especially with the introduction of new playing and competition rules the jury software needs constant attention. As an example time punishments related to yellow cards need to be adjusted to the different match scenarios. The Tournament Import Portal (TIP) was fully operational.

The Administrative and Project Officer, Geke Maat, actively joined the meetings for the feedback that has been received from bidders and organisers. Also the status of all administrative procedures and preparations for each tournament in close cooperation with the CC/ECWG/ACWG, the ICT committee and the financial administrator were part of the discussions by the CC with the IKF Office.

The IKF CC (extended) will make a proposal to the IKF Exco/Council about the qualification criteria for the IKF WKC, IKF U21 WKC and IKF U19 for the years to come due to the much higher interest to participate by teams of national federations at these World Korfball Championships.

Future competitions (IKF website for latest details)

Events in 2024:

IKF Satellite final (January TUR)

IKF Challenger final (January POR)

IKF KCL final (February NED)

IKF U19 & U16 AK4C (March MAS)

IKF U19 OEKC (March CAT)

U15 KWC (POL)

IKF BWKC (April THA)

U17 KWC: (July NED)

U15 KWC: (July NED)

IKF U21 WKC (July TUR)

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 - A

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 – B

IKF EKC A – Division (October CAT)

IKF EKC B – Division (October TUR)

IKF KCL R2 (November)

IKF AKC

IKF OKC

IKF U19 OKC

4.5.1. EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS WORKING GROUP (ECWG) REPORT

Sam Stevenson, Chairperson

Context and Overview of 2022 Activities:

The European Competition Working Group is a sub-committee of the Competition Committee (CC) and is responsible for matters concerning European Korfball Competition within IKF (with the exception of Elite events such as the European Championships). The ECWG makes recommendations to the CC with respect to: match schedules, appointment of tournament officials (Coordinating Officer and Jury), IKF regulations (with support from the IKF Competition Committee), progress-monitoring of payments and communication to all European countries with respect to the tournaments under our care. The ECWG also helps to train new officials at tournaments e.g. CO, Jury, IT, and clock operators. ECWG members are frequently appointed to tournaments to facilitate these tasks.



ECWG meets as required using online communication tools (e.g. Skype). In-person meetings are also held when ECWG members are present together at tournaments.

Primary activities in 2023:

The ECWG chair, and one representative, attended meetings of the wider Competition Committee. ECWG were heavily involved in the organisation of the Korfball Champions League in its second season. Following modifications to the format provided by the Exco and the Competition Committee ECWG took an organisational role for the KCL, providing:

- the specific dates of each round
- the playing schedule of each round
- allocation of hosts

ECWG members were appointed as officials at multiple events.

ECWG provided match schedules, appointment of tournament officials, and other operational guidance for the remaining European events in 2023.

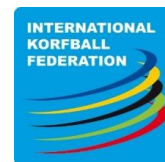
Ms Nina Piris (CAT) resigned from the ECWG in June 2023 for personal reasons. The ECWG would like to thank Nina for her many years of service in the ECWG and are pleased that she remains available as a Jury Official and Coordinating Officer for IKF events.

During 2023 IKF Europe was established, and in December 2023 the Competition Committee and the ECWG were briefed by the IKF CEO that there will be modifications to the structure of IKF to be in place in the first Quarter of 2024. It is expected that the responsibilities of ECWG will be transferred to IKF Europe.

ECWG notes that there is still a shortage of experienced IKF tournament officials, notably Coordinating Officers and Jury Chairpersons. Several Coordinating Officers have been trained over the last two years however the situation is still less than ideal. Changes to IKF policy with respect to appointment of Jury Officials (more reliance on local Jury and smaller budget for Jury in general) has made it more difficult to train new Jury Chairpersons. This matter will need consideration going forward.

ECWG Competitions 2023 / 2024:

- IKF Korfball Champions League Round 3 (BEL) 2022/2023
- IKF Korfball Champions League Satellite Final (CAT) 2022/2023
- IKF Korfball Champions League Challenger Final (GER) 2022/2023
- IKF Korfball Champions League Final (NED) 2022/2023
- IKF U21 European Korfball Championship (CZE)



IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1A (POR) 2023/2024

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1B (WAL) 2023/2024

IKF European Korfball Championship First Round (FRA)

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 2 (POL) 2023/2024

4.6. DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jorge Alves, Chairperson

As we reflect on the past year, the Development & Education Committee (DEC) stands firm in its dedication to the global growth of korfball.

Our committee, composed of passionate individuals, continues to labor tirelessly, striving to allocate DEC Grants, provide invaluable guidance, and foster meaningful collaboration among national organizations.

DEC Grant Allocation

In 2023, the DEC continued to play an important role in allocating DEC Grants to deserving countries. These grants serve as vital financial support for projects proposed by national organizations, all aimed at the development of korfball worldwide. Our committee meticulously reviewed and assessing project feasibility. Through consistent communication with national organizations and continental representatives, we ensured that every project underwent thorough evaluation for its potential impact and feasibility.

Initiating Korfball in New Countries

One of our key endeavors has been proactively seeking opportunities to introduce korfball activities in new territories with the collaboration of our national federations.

Through a series of online meetings, we engaged with individuals who could spearhead korfball initiatives, particularly in schools and universities. Our focus extended to countries all over the world but especially in Africa America and Asia, aiming to broaden korfball's global footprint and make it accessible to new communities.

Meetings and Communications

Throughout the year, the DEC convened several meetings to engage in comprehensive discussions on projects proposed for DEC Grants. Additionally, our committee conducted numerous bilateral online meetings and engaged in frequent email communications to address ongoing matters and share updates. These interactions served as vital channels for partnerships and ensuring effective communication among stakeholders.

Introduction of Sub-Committees

A significant milestone in our efforts has been the establishment of three sub-committees within the DEC: Schools Development, Grassroots Development, and Elite Development.



These sub-committees have been empowered with autonomy to develop projects in collaboration with different federations, providing crucial support and overseeing follow-up activities to ensure their success.

Future Activities

Looking ahead, the DEC is committed to prioritizing the execution and monitoring of projects awarded through DEC Grants. We will continue to evaluate the impact and feasibility of these projects, exploring innovative approaches to overcome challenges and drive sustainable growth. Collaboration with national organizations, continental representatives, and our newly established sub-committees will remain paramount as we continue our journey towards advancing the worldwide development of korfbal.

4.7. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Bert Kosmeijer, Chairperson

In 2023 the Disciplinary Committee did not meet.

4.8. ETHICS COMMITTEE

Jean-Claude Ghillebert, Chairperson

The committee is pleased to report that there were no matters referred to the Committee during the year so it was not necessary to meet. A new committee was elected at the IKF General Meeting in October 2023 – Graham Crafter (ENG) is now the Chairperson of the Committee.

4.9. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Anita Derks, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

1.1 There have been several meetings in 2023 in different attendants depends on the themes on the agenda. The preparations for the IKF WKC 2023 Taipei where together with other committees. All the meetings were online.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

2.1 TIP Some adjustments have been done to solve some problems and the software is aligned with the rules of the game.

2.2 Jury software for beach

Jury software for Beach Korfball is been prepared so we can use it at the beach events. The best option was to extend the current software.

2.3 Training for jury members

At het IKF WKC 2023 there was a training for jury members to inform them how to use the adjustments in the software.

3. TASKS

3.1 The construction and maintenance of the websites of the IKF

3.2 The construction and maintenance of the digital jury system

4. PLANS FOR 2024

4.1 In the last year there where several moments that the company who build the hard- and software is not always available. In addition to this there are different expectations. In 2024 there will be an orientation if changing to a new company is an option.

4.2 Expand the number of volunteers

4.10. LIVESTREAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Anita Derks, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

1.1 Most of the time the volunteers make appointments together. The preparation for the IKF WKC 2023 was together with the other committees involved with this event.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

IKF and media - Livestream

In 2023 several events were organized. We are very proud that despite the increase of the events almost all events all were live-streamed and could be watched on Worldkorfball.org. For the first time we had 24 teams at the WKC. The livestream crew make it happened that all the matches in three halls could be seen on worldkorfball.org.

In cooperation with Olympic Channel several matches could also been seen on the Olympic Channel. Also other countries used the recordings of the livestream crew to broadcast in their own country. (Netherlands, Belgium, Czech)

Commentary:



In 2023 there was a huge increase in matches with commentary. Sometimes live from the spot and most of the time remote from home. From different countries people are more and more involved with this volunteer task. At the IKF WKC 2023 we had commentators from Malaysia, UK, Catalonia, New Zealand, Netherlands and Belgium).

A commentary course who was developed in 2022 by Tom Brady is shared with all the commentators.

Studio program and Analysts:

In 2022 there was a start to host an studio program with interviews with players and coaches. We are very proud that we achieve this at all the matches at court 1 at the IKF WKC 2023. To support all the volunteers the 'IKF Guidebook for commentators and analysts' is created by Ferdinand Wittenberg with supervision of Tom Brady.

Photography:

At almost all the IKF events there are a lot of high quality pictures of korfball. Most of the time we are working with a photographer of the Netherlands. This year we also worked together with a local photographer from the country organizing the event. For now we are satisfied with this experience but it make sense to give some education to them so they now what is important.

3. TASKS

3.1 Creating, publishing and overseeing social media content on the IKF social media channels (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram)

3.2 - Creating, publishing and overseeing content on the IKF websites (korfball.sport, worldkorfball.sport, beachkorfball.sport).

3.3 - Webcasting of IKF Official tournaments.

4. PLANS FOR 2024

4.1 increasing numbers of volunteers and increasing budget for the events so more livestream volunteers can work live at the event.

4.2 Together with the members of the Korfball Academy making a plan for education volunteers from the different continents for live-streaming, social media and korfball photographic

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength: the volunteers are really good experts and very involved with all the events.

5.2 Weaknesses:



- The number of events are increasing and therefore it is important to have more volunteers who can deliver the same quality or can learn this.
- The task for one individual at an event is sometimes too heavy. So it is important to increase the finances or decrease the expectations.

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

Dean Woods is the new chair of these committees and will join the exco when these themes are on the agenda.

4.11. DIGITAL AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Anita Derks

1. MEETINGS

1.1 There were several meetings in 2023. Most of the time on Wednesday morning once in the six weeks. The meetings are online.

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

2.1 Brand positioning.

To develop a new marketing strategy a lot of interviews are held in 2022 and 2023. The outcome are shared at the congress at the IKF WKC 2023.

The brand values are:

- 1.Equality: diverse community
- 2.Sporty: athletic, energetic, fit, healthy
- 3.Teamwork: co-operation
- 4.Social: warm, welcoming, respectful, exuding positive energy
- 5.Fun: positive, cheerful, know how to have a good time

2.2. Newsletter

We are very proud that from January to October a newsletter 'IKF World Korfball Update' was published.

2.3 Live draws

In 2023 we increased the numbers of live draws for the events.

2.4 IKF WKC 2023

The marcom committee published an event booklet with all the information of the continents and teams. Access to the booklet was very easy. Quick access was possible to scan the QR. The first time we use this and it was very successful.

2.5 IKF and sponsors

- Mikasa is a very important sponsor of IKF. An important part of the agreement is that the MIKASA K5 shall remain the IKF's official ball. This means that the MIKASA K5 will continue to retain its exclusive status at all IKF events and IKF development activities.
- Unfortunately we didn't realize to increase the numbers of sponsors.

3. TASKS

This committee is responsible for the development of the image of korfball worldwide by:

- Advising the EXCO on policy development by preparing digital and marketing policies and strategic plans;
- Promoting and marketing the IKF and its events and fan and player recruitment;
- Recruiting sponsors and maintaining communication;
- Creation and publication of IKF Newsletter;
- Creation of an Esports strategy for IKF;
- The construction and maintenance of the internal and external digital communication platform between IKF, NFs, Sponsors, Athletes and Ocs;
- Selection and management of a new IKF digital engagement platform for the global korfball community;
- Brand Positioning of IKF and Korfball.

4. PLANS FOR 2024

- Advising the EXCO on policy development by preparing digital and marketing policies and strategic plans;
- Promoting and marketing the IKF and its events and fan and player recruitment;
- Recruiting sponsors and maintaining communication;



- Creation and publication of IKF Newsletter;
- Creation of an Esports strategy for IKF;
- The construction and maintenance of the internal and external digital communication platform between IKF, NFs, Sponsors, Athletes and Ocs;
- Selection and management of a new IKF digital engagement platform for the global korfball community;
- Brand Positioning of IKF and Korfball.

Improving the foundations

We aim to recruit and expand the media team, with more people with the right skills available it will allow us to elevate the quality of our output.

Collaboration is at the heart of our mission. I would like to meet more regularly with National Federations and other IKF partners to create a cohesive global strategy.

Our partnerships with national broadcasters and the Olympic Channel are invaluable. They allow us to share the excitement of korfball with a global audience, reaching potentially millions of people, with an increasing awareness, this will unlock additional benefits

Remember, we are Better Together

We will complete a review of the IKF websites, digital channels, including evaluating our hosting model, and assessing the effectiveness of our current productions and output. Streamlining our processes and implementing best practices, we aim to provide positive change for the korfball community and fans.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength: Very involved volunteers.

5.2 Weaknesses: We need more volunteers and some with expertise about sponsoring.

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to the members of the IKF Media team for their superhuman efforts over the last year. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our achievements, helping to reach millions of people throughout the world. My thanks extend also to the volunteers from the Local Organising Committees without whom we would not be able to deliver the

coverage we did. Together, we have created spectator events and memories that will last a lifetime, we are better together.

4.12. MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Sandra Koers-Chung, Chairperson

1. MEETINGS

1.1 Online 3 meetings per year (Microsoft Teams or Zoom) and contact by email about protocols

2. MAIN MATTERS/ACTIVITIES

2.1 The general task of the IKF Medical Committee is to initiate and conduct activities that are necessary and useful to promote the health of the athletes.

2.2 Several protocols for the international tournaments were written by the Medical Committee as an advice towards the EXCO of the IKF.

2.3 Concept medical plan. LOC can adapt this concept plan for use during a tournament. More and more tournaments are using this concept version.

2.4 Inspect, approve and evaluate the Medical plan for major events at the request of the Competitions Committee or officials appointed by the Competitions Committee, such as the Coordinating Officer.

2.5 Information based on literature available for the interational korfball community.

3. TASKS

3.1 The general task of the IKF Medical Committee is to initiate and conduct activities that are necessary and useful to promote the health of the athletes.

3.2 Several protocols for the international tournaments were written by the Medical Committee as an advice towards the EXCO of the IKF.

3.3 Concept medical plan. LOC can adapt this concept plan for use during a tournament. More and more tournaments are using this concept version.

3.4 Inspect, approve and evaluate the Medical plan for major events at the request of the Competitions Committee or officials appointed by the Competitions Committee, such as the Coordinating Officer.

3.5 Information based on literature available for the interational korfball community.

3.6 Arrange prior inspection and approval of existing medical and paramedical facilities and provide medical care during international championships and tournaments, when requested by the Exco of the IKF.

3.7 Specify requirements for IKF Events, to be included in the contracts with the host organization and/or be included in the Official IKF event handbook (whole MC)

3.8 Advice the EXCO on anti-doping rules, policy and education

3.9 Give general advice to enable the Exco of the IKF to promote and develop the sport of korfball in all countries in a responsible (i.e. injury free with regard to physical burdening) manner.

This includes:

- organising lectures and courses in the field of medicine for doctors, physiotherapists/kinesists, etc. from member countries;
- publishing medical columns and/or articles in national and international magazines as and when necessary;
- transferring relevant medical information to member countries;

3.10 Stimulate scientific research into the physiological, psychological and medical aspects of the korfball sport.

3.11 Attend and/or follow national and international congresses and courses of medical implication to the sport of korfball.

3.12 Maintain contacts with the medical committees and officials of the affiliated countries.

All these responsibilities to be carried out within the limits of the available means.

4. PLANS FOR 2024

4.1 The Medical Committee is still working on the visibility of the Committee, for example on the website of the IKF.

4.2 The Medical Committee worked on information based on literature for the IKF website.

- The few articles that have been written need to be placed on the website for all the IKF members.
- Other information based on literature will follow

4.3 Information based on literature available for the interational korfball community.

5. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Strength: Professionals and experts are in the current Medical Committee.

5.2 Weaknesses:

- Putting action towards all the tasks
- Insufficient support from the IKF to be more visible to the korfball community
- Insufficient financial resources to achieve the above mentioned tasks.
- Persistence of the IKF EXCO to use the concept medical plan in all tournaments

6. ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENT

6.1 New chairperson?

6.2 New members in the Medical Committee to expand the knowledge, expertise and also for dividing and to carry out the tasks.

4.13. PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

Jorge Alves, Chairperson

Meetings - During 2023, the committee had 3 online formal meetings and also met informally several times by teams and what's app and all decisions about the actions the committee had to take were made by email.

Playing Rules Update

On May 1st, the Playing Rules Committee (PRC) published a new version of the Playing Rules, which included corrections but no changes to the rules themselves. The following documents were released:

The following documents were published:

- "The Rules of Korfball 2023"
- "The Rules of Korfball 2023 exceptions and recommendations for CR"
- "Changes & Explanation made on The Rules of Korfball 2022 update 1 May 2023"
- 2023 Playing Rules Bulletin

Playing Rules Bulletin

In response to feedback from national organizations regarding situations arising during competitions, the PRC prepared and published a Playing Rules Bulletin addressing the following clarifications::

- The exclusion of the “diving” rule from the Playing Rules
- How to manage the final 25 seconds of a match when the attacking team is leading by one goal?
- A re-start should not be awarded when the referee can play on
- Substitution before and after penalty
- When does a player gain possession of the ball?
- The player 'shoots' at the korf from an out-ball to achieve a shot clock reset
- A new drawing explaining how to mark the free pass and penalty areas

Referee Signals

Efforts continued to develop new referee signals, with plans to publish them in 2024.

Playing Rules Experiments

The PRC proposed that all National Federations conduct experiments regarding Time Penalties to facilitate a decision on whether to introduce them as a Playing Rule in 2024.

Future Activities

The committee aims to collaborate with various stakeholders to implement the use of video in playing rules education effectively. Additionally, efforts are underway to make the game more attractive to athletes, coaches, spectators, and others by preparing new changes to the Playing Rules for 2024 and proposing further Playing Rules Experiments to National Federations.

4.14. REFEREES COMMITTEE

Björn Elewaut, Chairperson

Meetings:

During 2023 the IKF referee committee was chaired by Björn Elewaut (assessor appointments & cooperation). He was assisted Richard Rensen (referee appointments), Paul Jeanes (referee assessor & documentation), Jorge Alves (referee assessor & education projects), Dirk Van Heertum (referee assessor & education projects) and Marc De Geyter (secretary).

Meetings took online place during the year;

Whenever needed, input was received by email from the members that were unable to attend, projects where discussed ad hoc online.

Educational courses - Tournament referee co-ordinators and assessors:

Instructors	assessors
Jorge Alves	Jorge Alves
Richard Rensen	Richard Rensen
Dirk Van Heertum	Dirk Van Heertum
Paul Jeanes	Paul Jeanes
Björn Elewaut	Björn Elewaut
Teun Lepelaar	Teun Lepelaar
Ronald Buis	Ronald Buis
Dean Woods	Dean Woods
Berthold Komduur	Berthold Komduur
Theo Van der Linden	Theo Van der Linden
Peter Van der Terp	Wing Hung Lee
Pardeep Dahiya	Pardeep Dahiya
	Peter Van der Terp
	Tina Van Grimberge

Events 2023

IKF Korfball Champions League Roud 3

06/01 – 07/01



Belgium, Herentals

Referees: Rik Voskamp (NED), Kris Meeus (BEL), Ugurtan Akbulut (TUR), Peter Busic (SVK)

Assessor: Dirk Van Heertum (BEL)

IKF Korfball Champions League Satelite Final

27/01 – 28/01

Catalonia, Terrassa

Referees: Diana Boogaard (NED) - Tomas Voda (CZE) - Jan Weber-Winkel (GER) - Adrià Garcia (CAT)

Assessor: Theo van der Linde (NED)

IKF Korfball Champions League Challenger Final

04/02 – 05/02

Germany, Bergisch Gladbach

Referees: Olga Gandia (CAT) - Stan de Groot (NED) - Piotr Jaszczuk (POL) - Errol Opering (SUR)

Assessor/ Richaerd Rensen (NED)

IKF Korfball Champions League Final

10/02 – 11/02

Netherlands, Delft

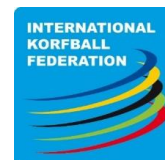
Referees: Carlos Faria (POR) - Chris West (ENG) - Steve Jones (WAL) - Lukas Filip (CZE)

Assessor: Berthold Komduur (NED)

IKF U19 World Korfball Championship

07/04 – 09/04

Belgium, Ghent



Referees: Eda Oz (TUR) - Jan Weber-Winkels (GER) - Mireille van Zoggel-Foolen (NED) - João Campilho (POR) - Piotr Jaszczuk (POL) - Kwok Kin Chui (Kurt) (HKG) - Martin Dusek (CZE) - LOCAL: Kris Meeus - Thierry Vangoidsenhoven - Tom Vlamincx - Dave Mertens - Steve de Jonghe

Assessors: Björn Elewaut (BEL), Tina Van Grimberge (BEL)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Asia)

05/05 – 07/05

Thailand, Pattaya

Referees: Fei Chiu (Mark) (HKG) - Jia Yin Lee (Jane) (MAL) - Wei Chieh LIAO (Leon) (TPE)

Assessor: Jorge Alves (POR)

IKF U21 European Korfball Championship

11/07 – 15/07

Czech Republic, Kolin

Referees: Dani Ezpeleta (CAT) - Bartosz Jaszczuk (POL) - Stan de Groot (NED) - Lukas Pazourek (CZE)

Assessor: Richard Rensen (NED)

IKF U21 Asia – Oceania Korfball Championship

08/08 – 13/08

Malaysia, Selangor

Referees: Jingyi Yin (Diana) (CHN) - Wei chieh Liao (Leon) (TPE) - Santosh Kumar Paloju (IND) - Megan O'Keefe (AUS) - Wing Hung Lee (Ivan) - Piyapon Kijjao (Toey) (THA) + 1 local

Assessor: Jorge Alves (POR)

IKF Beach Korfball World Cup (Europe)

25/08 – 26/08

Poland, Wroclaw



Referees: 12 EU + 2 LOC

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 – A

21/09 – 23/09

Portugal, Lisbon

Referees: Eda Oz (TUR) - Diana Boogaard (NED) - Jan Weber-Winkels (GER) + 2 EU + 1 local

IKF Korfball Champions League Round 1 – B

22/09 – 24/09

Wales, Cardiff

Referees: Zsolt Majer (HUN) + 4 EU + 1 local

IKF World Korfball Championship

20/10 – 29/10

Chines Taipei

Referees: Peter van der Terp (NED) - Steve Jones (WAL) - Carlos Faria (POR) - Marco van der Lucht (NED) - Ugurtan Akbulut (TUR) - Kris Meeus (BEL) - Mireille van Zoggel - Foolen (NED) - Olga Garcia (CAT) - Chris West (ENG) - Wing Hung Lee (Ivan) (HKG) - Pardeep Dahiya (IND) - Megan O'Keefe (AUS) - Errol Opering (SUR) - Dan-Lin Huang (Alice) (TPE) - Weichieh Liao (Leon) (TPE) - Chih Wei Chen (Jack) (TPE) - Kai Son Kong (MAS) - Suntorn Pantang (THA)

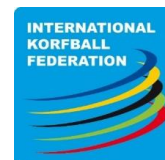
Assessors: Paul Jeans (ENG) - Theo van der Linde (NED) + Lukas Filip (CZE)

IKF European Korfball Championship First Round

24/11 – 26/11

France, Saint-Jean-Bonnefonds

Referees: Murat Akar (TUR) + 4 EU + 1 local



IKF Korfball Championship League Round 2

28/11 – 02/12

Poland, Marki

Referees: Dani Ezepeta (CAT) - Ugurtan Akbulut (TUR) - Piotr Jaszczuk (POL) - Thierry van Goidsenhoven (BEL)

+ 2 EU

4.15. OLYMPIC FORMAT TASKFORCE

Gabi Kool

Scope and Mandate

The Olympic Format Taskforce embarked on a transformative journey in response to the evolving landscape of korfbal. Our mandate was clear: to innovate and expand the horizons of our beloved sport, not to replace existing formats but to complement them. With a resolute focus on invigorating the korfbal community, our mission was to create an additional discipline that would captivate players and fans alike, fostering growth and driving engagement.

Main Goal

Our primary objective was to empower National Federations (NFs) with a dynamic new format that would allure both seasoned athletes and newcomers to korfbal. By enhancing the sport's image, fostering unpredictability in results, and igniting fan enthusiasm, we aimed to bolster the global presence of korfbal. Crucially, we aspired to position korfbal favorably for potential inclusion in the Olympic Games, underscoring our commitment to elevating the sport to new heights on the world stage.

Respecting Core Characteristics

While pushing the boundaries of innovation, the taskforce remained steadfast in preserving the core characteristics that define korfbal. Emphasizing cooperative play, controlled physical contact, gender equality, and players' rights to protected ball possession and scoring from 360° around the korf, we ensured that the essence of the sport remained intact.

Recommendation and Testing

After rigorous testing, the taskforce presents its recommendation during the World Korfball Congress in October 2023 to kickstart the rollout of a highly exciting new korfbal discipline: Urban Korfball. Leveraging



the global phenomenon of Urban Sports, we explored various formats, with 4v4 featuring 1 korf at the center of the pitch emerging as the most popular. Positive feedback from NFs highlighted the simplicity of rules, the excitement of unlimited substitution, and the exhilarating prospect of winning via a best of 5 sets.

Next Steps

Building upon the feedback received, the taskforce outlines a comprehensive roadmap for the implementation of Urban Korfball. From test events in 2024 to a global World Tour at iconic city park locations, our vision is to create an immersive experience that is fast, simple, fun, and unpredictable. Key milestones include establishing detailed rules, a brand name for the new format, designing a special korf and ball for Urban Korfball, and forming an Urban Korfball Committee within the IKF.

Conclusion

As we embark on this exciting journey, the taskforce remains committed to realizing the full potential of Urban Korfball. With the support of dedicated members and the collective enthusiasm of the korfball community, we are poised to revolutionize the sport, attracting a new generation of players and fans. Together, we will propel korfball to unprecedented heights of success and recognition on the global stage.



5. STATISTICS

5. STATISTICS

5.1. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES AND LEVEL

REFEREE	LEVEL	COUNTRY
Lukas FILIP	elite	CZE
Marco van der LUCHT	elite	NED
Peter van der TERP	elite	NED
Carlos FARIA	elite	POR
Steve JONES	elite	WAL
Luke ROSIE	1	AUS
Tina van GRIMBERGE	1	BEL
Vincent van der BEKEN	1	BEL
Lukas PAZOUREK	1	CZE
Dean WOODS	1	ENG
Wing Hung LEE (Ivan)	1	HKG
Pardeep DAHIYA	1	IND
Peter BUŠÍK	1	SVK
Ugurtan AKBULUT	1	TUR
Megan O'KEEFE	2	AUS
Kris MEEUS	2	BEL
Thierry VANGOIDSENHOVEN	2	BEL
Adria GARCIA	2	CAT
Olga GANDIA	2	CAT
Tomáš VODA	2	CZE
Alexander (Azy) SIEBER	2	ENG
Adam DIBBLE	2	ENG

Mireille van ZOGGEL - FOOLEN	2	NED
Rick VOSKAMP	2	NED
Stan de GROOT	2	NED
Bartosz JASZCZUK	2	POL
Dan-Lin HUANG (Alice)	2	TPE
Chih-Wei CHEN (Jack)	2	TPE
Dani EZPELETA	3	CAT
David ARJONA	3	CAT
YIN JINGYI	3	CHN
Chris WEST	3	ENG
Kathleen CONLEY	3	ENG
Bruno GILIBERT	3	FRA
Jan WEBER-WINKELS	3	GER
Matthias FRIEDEL	3	GER
Kwok Kin CHUI (Kurt)	3	HKG
Chi Hon TSANG (Ben)	3	HKG
Tamás BERÉNYI	3	HUN
Akiko TSUJIKAWA	3	JPN
Maciej GOŁAWSKI	3	POL
Piotr JASZCZUK	3	POL
Errol OPERING	3	SUR
Suntorn PANTANG (Tom)	3	THA
Gokmen OZDIKER	3	TUR
Murat AKAR	3	TUR
Turgay BEZEK	3	TUR

James WILCOX	3	WAL
Eugenio Sebastián De OLIVERA	4	ARG
Jorge Alberto DIAZ	4	ARG
Ding MA	4	CHN
GUANG MINGXI	4	CHN
Denisa KOLÁŘOVÁ	4	CZE
Edouard FAURE	4	FRA
Fei CHIU (Mark)	4	HKG
Zsolt MAJER	4	HUN
Kristóf BELLUSZ	4	HUN
Vijaypal NEGI	4	IND
Santosh KUMAR	4	IND
Domenico BENCIVENGA	4	ITA
Keisuke MASHIBA	4	JPN
Ayoub MOUZOURI	4	MOR
Kamal El KARROUT	4	MOR
Mohamed KANNOU	4	MOR
Samih HOUSSINI	4	MOR
Ghyslène YOUBANE	4	MOR
Isabel ALMEIDA	4	POR
John BAGNALL	4	SCO
Preeyaporn GULSIRIRAT (Fon)	4	THA
Wei-Chieh LIAO (Leon)	4	TPE
Synathia MUGURUNGI	4	ZIM

5.2. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL BEACH KORFBALL REFEREES AND LEVEL

REFEREE	LEVEL	COUNTRY
Dave MERTENS	2	BEL
Danny van den BERGH	2	BEL
Noele de BRUYN	2	BEL
Timothy de GRAAF	2	NED
Wouter DIRKS	2	NED
Julien RANC	3	FRA
Albert PADILLA	4	CAT
Juan LENDOF	4	DOM
Attila ERDEI	4	HUN
Kamil MUSIALIŃSKI	4	POL
João LAGARTO	4	POR
Emre YAVUZ	4	TUR
Kristopher BANHAM	4	WAL

5.3. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JURY

JURY	COUNTRY
Ben WALLACE	AUS
Tim MILLER	AUS
Michael JANSSENS	BEL
Marc BREUGELMANS	BEL
Patrick RISCH	BEL
Alexandre SILVA	BRA
Sara BAENA	CAT

Nina PIRIS	CAT
Jordi DIAZ	CAT
Yuxuan HU	CHN
Milan SCHWARZ	CZE
Milan ČEJKA	CZE
Tomáš BURIÁNEK	CZE
Juan Carlos ROSARIO	DOM
Steve WRIGHT	ENG
Kim JONES	ENG
Anna JEANES	ENG
Steve KIRBY	ENG
Edouard FAURE	FRA
Ute WICKENHÄUSER	GER
Detlef DÜLFER	GER
Lutz MÜLLER	GER
Georgia BARLA	GRE
Warman CHENG	HKG
Sin Yee WONG	HKG
Judit VERES	HUN
Dániel LANG	HUN
Minh Duc LE	HUN
Pramod C. SHARMA	IND
Domenico BENCIVENGA	ITA
Akiko TSUJIKAWA	JPN
Wai Sim LAU	MAL

Taha ZAOUKI	MAR
Luppo DEUNTJE	NED
Gerrit LOLKEMA	NED
Pieter SWINKELS	NED
Theo van der LINDE	NED
Rob SMITH	NZL
Helen TIMMS	NZL
Karol MAJCHRZAK	POL
Malgorzata ZONTEK	POL
Cláudia FONSECA	POR
Gonçalo COSTA	POR
Tiago CARVALHO	POR
Kuo-Chin (Esther) HAN	TPE
Hsi-Chia (Kevin) WU	TPE
Szu-Ying (Joyce) JUAN	TPE
Ying-Nuo(Babe) CHEN	TPE
Huseyin Ilteris OZTURK	TUR
Hilal KARAS	TUR
Samuel STEVENSON	SCO
Amila THAMMITAGE	SRI
Jana MIKLOVICOVA	SVK
Zuzana BUSIKOVA	SVK
Tomas SONNENSCHNEIN	SVK
Katie CROMPTON	WAL
Tatiana KRASOTKINA	UKR

Torai KUMVEKERA	ZIM
-----------------	-----

5.4. YELLOW AND RED CARDS

5.4.1. Yellow Cards

IKF Tournaments – Club Teams

No cards

IKF Tournaments – National Teams and Recognised IKF events

Name	Team	Match	Event	Date
Jose ALVAREZ ANDRES (coach)	CAT	CZE U19 - CAT U19	U19 WKC	9-4-2023
Tomas TOUFAR (#30)	CZE	CZE U19 - CAT U19	U19 WKC	9-4-2023
Fynn ROBERING (#19)	GER	CZE U21 - GER U21	U21 EKC	15-7-2023
Edward SPURR (#9)	AUS	AUS U21 - MAL U21	U21 AOKC	9-8-2023
Yuet Ngo CHOW (COACH?)	MAL	MAL U21 - IND U21	U21 AOKC	10-8-2023
Chun Hei CHUI (#60)	HKG	CHN U21 - HKG U21	U21 AOKC	13-8-2025
Lukasz KRZEMIENOWSKI (#16)	POL	POR - POL	WKC	22-10-2023
Fanni Julia PAULY (#13)	HUN	HUN - AUS	WKC	27-10-2023
Kristof Tamas BELLUSZ	HUN	HUN - AUS	WKC	27-10-2023

5.4.2. Red Cards

IKF Tournaments – Club Teams

No cards

IKF Tournaments – National Teams and Recognised IKF events

No cards.

5.5. IKF COUNTRY MEMBERS

5.5.1. COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

<i>Country</i>	<i>Country Code</i>	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Continent</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	BEL	A	EU
<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	TPE	A	AS
<i>The Netherlands</i>	NED	A	EU
<i>Catalonia</i>	CAT	B	EU
<i>Czech Republic</i>	CZE	B	EU
<i>England</i>	ENG	B	EU
<i>Germany</i>	GER	B	EU
<i>Portugal</i>	POR	B	EU
<i>Australia</i>	AUS	C	OC
<i>China</i>	CHN	C	AS
<i>Hong Kong China</i>	HKG	C	AS
<i>Hungary</i>	HUN	C	EU
<i>New Zealand</i>	NZL	C	OC
<i>Poland</i>	POL	C	EU
<i>Türkiye</i>	TUR	C	EU
<i>Brazil</i>	BRA	D	AM

<i>Country</i>		<i>Classification</i>	<i>Continent</i>
<i>France</i>	FRA	D	EU
<i>India</i>	IND	D	AS
<i>Indonesia</i>	INA	D	AS
<i>Japan</i>	JAP	D	AS
<i>Malaysia</i>	MAS	D	AS
<i>Morocco</i>	MAR	D	AF
<i>Scotland</i>	SCO	D	EU
<i>Serbia</i>	SER	D	EU
<i>Slovakia</i>	SVK	D	EU
<i>South Africa</i>	RSA	D	AF
<i>Thailand</i>	THA	D	AS
<i>Wales</i>	WAL	D	EU
<i>Zimbabwe</i>	ZIM	D	AF
<i>Argentina</i>	ARG	E	AM
<i>Armenia</i>	ARM	E	EU
<i>Cameroon</i>	CMR	E	AF
<i>Colombia</i>	COL	E	AM
<i>Costa Rica</i>	CRC	E	AM
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	DOM	E	AM

Country		Classification	Continent
<i>Egypt</i>	EGY	E	AF
<i>Ghana</i>	GHA	E	AF
<i>Greece</i>	GRE	E	EU
<i>Ireland</i>	IRL	E	EU
<i>Italy</i>	ITA	E	EU
<i>Ivory Coast</i>	CIV	E	AF
<i>Kenia</i>	KEN	E	AF
<i>Korea</i>	KOR	E	AS
<i>Macau China</i>	MAC	E	AS
<i>Malawi</i>	MAW	E	AF
<i>Mexico</i>	MEX	E	AM
<i>Peru</i>	PER	E	AM
<i>Philippines</i>	PHI	E	AS
<i>S Tome and Principe</i>	STP	E	AF
<i>Singapore</i>	SGP	E	AS
<i>Sri Lanka</i>	SRI	E	AS
<i>Suriname</i>	SUR	E	EU
<i>Sweden</i>	SWE	E	EU
<i>Switzerland</i>	SUI	E	EU

<i>Country</i>		<i>Classification</i>	<i>Continent</i>
<i>Uganda</i>	UGA	E	AF
<i>Ukraine</i>	UKR	E	EU
<i>USA</i>	USA	E	AM
<i>Zambia</i>	ZAM	E	AF
<i>Botswana</i>	BOT	F	AF
<i>Finland</i>	FIN	F	EU
<i>Georgia</i>	GEO	F	EU
<i>Romania</i>	ROU	F	EU
<i>Russia</i>	RUS	F	EU
<i>Aruba</i>	ARU	Z	AM
<i>Bosnia Herzegovina</i>	BIH	Z	EU
<i>Bulgaria</i>	BUL	Z	EU
<i>Canada</i>	CAN	Z	AM
<i>Croatia</i>	CRO	Z	EU
<i>Curacao</i>	CUR	Z	AM
<i>Lux emburg</i>	LUX	Z	EU
<i>Nepal</i>	NEP	Z	AS



5.6. IKF COMPETITIONS

IKF OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS


LOGO	COMPETITION	PLACE	DATE
	IKF KORFBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUND 3	Herentals Belgium	06/01 07/01
	IKF KORFBALL SATELLITE FINAL	Terrassa Catalonia	27/01 28/01
	IKF KORFBALL CHALLENGER FINAL	Bergisch Gladbach	04/02 05/02
	IKF KORFBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL	Delft Netherlands	10/02 11/02
	IKF U19 WORLD KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	Gent Belgium	07/04 09/04
	IKF BEACH KORFBALL WORLD CUP ASIA	Pattaya Thailand	05/05 07/05
	IKF U21 EUROPEAN KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	Kolin Czechia	11/07 15/07
	IKF U21 ASIA-OCEANIA KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	08/08 13/08
	IKF BEACH KORFBALL WORLD CUP EUROPE	Wroclaw Poland	25/08 26/08

	IKF KORFBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUND 1A	Lisbon Portugal	21/09 23/09
	IKF KORFBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUND 1B	Cardiff Wales	22/09 24/09
	IKF WORLD KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	Taipei City Chinese Taipei	20/10 29/10
	IKF EUROPEAN KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ST ROUND	Bonnefonds France	24/11 26/11
	IKF KORFBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUND 2	Marki Poland	28/11 02/12

IKF PATRONAGE COMPETITIONS

LOGO	COMPETITON	PLACE	DATE
	U17 KORFBALL WORLD CUP	Eindhoven NED	01/07 02/07
	U15 EURO KORFBALL CUP	Dunakeszi Hungary	08/07 09/07

IKF RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS

LOGO	COMPETITON	PLACE	DATE
	INTERNATIONAAL KORFBAL TOERNOOI STADSKANAAL '74	Stadskanaal NED	10/11 11/11



6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 General Introduction

It is our pleasure to present you with the IKF's Annual Accounts for the calendar year 2023.

The 2023 Annual Accounts are formed from the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023, the statement of Income and Expenditure for 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes.

Legal "Richtlijn 640" information

The IKF's Annual Accounts are presented in accordance with Dutch legislation regarding annual reporting; specifically under the "Richtlijn 640" regulations for non-profit organizations.

The IKF has its statutory seat in Utrecht, The Netherlands and its goals according to the Statutes are as follows:

Article 6. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES.

The objectives of the IKF shall be to:

- Encourage, promote, develop and control korfball at all levels throughout the world;
- Support and maintain the ideals and objectives of the Olympic movement and in particular the fight against doping by means of appropriate tests;
- Exercise jurisdiction over and to determine disputes or disagreements between Members, between Continental Confederations, between Members and Continental Confederations, between Athletes or officials and IKF and between Athletes or officials and a Continental Confederation;
- Establish and maintain an efficient administration;
- Preserve the independence of the IKF in all matters directly or indirectly concerning korfball without the intervention of any outside authority; and
- Conduct itself and take such administrative, financial or other actions as are necessary and in conformity with and in furtherance of its objectives.

The IKF, its continental confederations and the national organisations shall not allow any discrimination on the grounds of race, religion or politics. The organisers of official IKF events shall ensure that a visa be granted to any representative of any national organisation.

Currency

All amounts presented in the Annual Accounts are expressed in Euros.

Basis of preparation

The IKF Annual Accounts for 2023 are presented on an accruals basis.

Financial Position

Technically (due to the legal “Richtlijn 640”) the Annual Accounts of the IKF show a negative balance of 1,414.71 EUR before Reserve movements. According to the budget we take into account the release of the reserve for Covid Development Projects (10,000 EUR) and the release of the reserve for the Congress 2023 (8,750 EUR). In comparison with the budget (0.00 EUR) we then end up with a positive result of 17,335.29 EUR.

Due to the fact that the Reserve for extra Marketing Funding was not used in 2023 the Executive Committee proposes to release this Reserve so that we end up with a positive result of 20,335.29 EUR.

Proposed allocation of the resulting balance (20,335.29 EUR)

The Executive Committee proposes:

- Provide for a Reserve for Innovation to further investigate and expand the new korfbal formats (20,000 EUR)
- Release the remaining balance (335.29 EUR) to the Capital Reserves.

Finally

The IKF Council compliments its Financial Administrator for efficiently handling the IKF's finances and would like to express its gratitude for doing so.

Utrecht, June 2023

The Council of the International Korfball Federation

6.2 BALANCE SHEET AS PER 31 DECEMBER 2023

ASSETS IN €	31/12/23	31/12/22
1. Equipment	8,849.02	3,783.24
2. Stocks	1,645.00	6,488.22
3. Debtors	25,678.00	8,099.14
4. Amounts to be Received	1,866.98	4,330.69
Paid in Advance	1,820.13	3,862.56
5. Liquid Assets	225,582.16	221,000.14
TOTAL ASSETS	265,441.29	247,563.99
LIABILITIES IN €	31/12/23	31/12/22
6. Capital / General Reserve	169,746.43	167,531.39
Result current year	335.29	2,215.04
7. Reserve GM Congress 2023	0.00	8,750.00
Reserve DEC Projects 2021-2022	0.00	10,000.00
Reserve Extra Marketing Fund	0.00	3,000.00
Reserve Innovation Fund	20,000.00	
8. Creditors	30,742.21	24,519.26
9. Received in Advance	38,750.00	19,150.00
Amounts to be paid	5,867.36	12,398.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES	265,441.29	247,563.99

6.3 EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE BALANCE SHEET

6.3.1. General

Comparative figures as at 31 December 2022 have been placed next to the 31 December 2023 balance.

6.3.2. Accounting principles

Fixed assets:

Fixed assets have been recognised on the basis of cost price less straight-line depreciation, which is based on the useful economic life. The useful economic life of assets is assessed as three years for software and four years for hardware.

Low value equipment and software is not capitalised and is recognised directly in the statement of income and expenditure in the year of purchase.

Current assets:

Stock is valued at historic cost, less deduction for provision when deemed appropriate. Old stocks of promotional and representational materials that are not used any more are written off in full.

Claims are included against the nominal value, being deducted if necessary as bad debts.

Accrued and liquid assets are capitalized at their nominal value.

Short-term debts and funds:

Short-term debts, including both accruals and deferred income and funds, have been included at their nominal value.

Principles of result determination:

The result is determined according to the difference between the general income and the expenses accrued during the year under review, increased, or reduced, with support, other and unpredicted income and expenditure.

Expenses have been determined on the basis of the accounting principles already referred to.

Other income and expenditures also include interest received and paid.

Principles governing currency conversion:

The Federation's accounts are maintained in EURO.

Funds received in foreign currencies were converted against the day's rate of exchange.

6.3.3 Explanation on the IKF balance sheet as per 31 December 2023

ASSETS

1. Equipment

In 2023 we invested in Jury software, streaming equipment and two headsets. These costs will be depreciated on a straight-line basis in accordance with their useful economic life.

Value as at 31-12-2022	EUR	3,783.24
Jury Software	EUR	10,454.40
Axitour Headsets	EUR	382.36
Depreciation charge 2023	EUR	(5,770.98)
Value as at 31-12-2023	EUR	8,849.02

2. Stocks

Stock has been reconciled at the balance sheet date to ensure the quantity of stock in the ledger agrees to the store(s). The nominal value of the stock is recognised at the lower of historic cost or market value.

3. Debtors

The list of Debtors has been verified by the Auditing Committee. Debtors greater than two years overdue are written off and added to the expenditures. Debtors are presented after provision for doubtful debts and this has been reviewed by the Auditing Committee.

4. Amounts to be received – Paid in advance

Amounts to be received: bank interest income due from our bank account for 2023 (1,866.98 EUR).

Paid in advance: these are claims paid in advance for tournaments organised in 2024.

5. Liquid Assets:

Specification liquid assets as at 31 December 2023:

Cash in hand	EUR	0.00
RABO Bank	EUR	45,582.16
RABO Bank Savings	EUR	180,000.00

Total Liquid Assets	EUR	225,582.16
----------------------------	-----	-------------------

LIABILITIES

6. Capital / General Reserve

The Capital on 31/12/2022 amounted 169,746.43 EUR.

After the proposed allocation to the reserves the IKF has as at 31/12/2023 Capital of 170,081.72 EUR

7. Reserves Earmarked by the General Meeting

7.a as at 31 December 2022

Reserve GM Congress 2023

31 December 2022	EUR	8,750.00
------------------	-----	----------

Reserve DEC Projects 2023

31 December 2022	EUR	10,000.00
------------------	-----	-----------

Reserve Marketing Projects 2023

31 December 2022	EUR	3,000.00
------------------	-----	----------

7.b Proposed movements in reserves per 31 December 2023

Reserve GM Congress 2023 (released)

31 December 2023	EUR	-8,750.00
------------------	-----	-----------

Reserve DEC Projects 2023 (released)

31 December 2023	EUR	-10,000.00
------------------	-----	------------

Reserve Marketing Projects 2023 (released)

31 December 2023	EUR	-3,000.00
------------------	-----	-----------

Reserve Innovation Fund

31 December 2023	EUR	20,000.00
------------------	-----	-----------

Total earmarked reserves as at 31 December 2023: 20,000.00 EUR

8. Creditors

The list of creditors has been verified by the Auditing Committee.

9. Amounts to be paid – Received in advance

Amounts to be paid:

- the reservation of vacation allowance for our staff member (687.23 EUR)
- DEC grants to be paid (5,000 EUR)
- bank charges 2023 (180,13 EUR)

Received in advance:

- the entry fees and deposits for the tournaments to be held in 2024
 - o KCL Finals
 - o U21WKC
 - o U19(O)EKC
 - o U19AKC
 - o U14 & U16 K4AKC.

The lists have been verified by the Auditing Committee.

3.4 Further rights and obligations of the IKF that are not documented on the Balance Sheet

In addition to the liabilities included on the Balance Sheet, the IKF holds the following rights and obligations as per 31 December 2023:

1. a Federation Liability Insurance Contract until 31 December 2024, for the amount of USD 1,000,000 per claim.
2. a contract with three (3) suppliers of the synthetic korfs (Balans, Jeku Sport, Korbizz).

6.4 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2023

EXPENSES	2023	2023	INCOME	2023	2023
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget
	EURO	EURO		EURO	EURO
1 Committees	9,750.69	21,350	13 Subscriptions	181,650,00	181,150
2 Staff	113,261.88	146,500	14 Rights & fees	6,685,00	6,000
3 Administration	17,677.26	17,450	15 Competitions	67,950,00	56,450
4 Competitions	73,862.91	56,000	16 Sponsoring	38,307,30	46,000
5 Ref. Dev Progr	5,976.24	6,500	17 Marketing Income	13,425,00	3,600
6 Development	23,421.47	38,000	18 Antidoping	9,778,70	9,000
7 Marketing & Comm	37,639.81	7,650	19 Other	11,734,63	500
8 Congress	15,560.56	17,500			
9 Antidoping	15,959.57	9,000			
10 Other	17,618.54	1,500			
Subtotal	330,728.94	321,450	Subtotal	329,530,63	302,700
11 Development Proj	0.00	6,000	20 Development Proj	0,00	6,000
12 Other Projects	216.40		21 Other Projects		
Total expenses	330,945.34	327,450	Total income	329,530,63	308,700
NET RESULT	-1,414.71	-18,750			
Direct Equity Movements					
. Congress 2023	8,750.00	8,750			
. DEC-projects2022	10,000.00	10,000			
. Extra Mark. Fund	3,000.00				
. Innovation Fund	-20,000.00				
TOTAL RESULT	335.29	0			

6.5 EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE 2022 INCOME AND EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT

1. Committee costs

The establishment of digital meetings resulted in an underspend of the committee costs to budget. In addition, the costs of the 2023 Council meeting were included in the budget of the General Meeting.

2. Staff

In February 2023 our previous Chief Executive Officer (Dr. T. La Haye) resigned from the Federation. The search and agreement for our new CEO (J. Faria) took several months. This results in the underspend of Staff costs of 33,000 EUR against the budget.

3. Administration

Due to the abolition of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) in 2023 we have an underspending in the contributions for the International Associations. There was also an overspend in our website costs due to the contribution for Start.sport that was not yet budgeted.

4. - 15. Competitions

We see an overspending in the expenses, this is mostly related to the customization of the jury software and some small overspending in several competitions due to higher air fares and the need for more volunteers than budgeted.

5. Referee Development Program

This includes the collaboration with Team TV and the depreciation of the referee clothing and communication systems.

6. Development and Education – 11. – 20. Development Projects

Together with our partners IOC, Swan Fund, LWIK (the Netherlands), Friends of Korfball (Belgium), and several National Korfball Associations a lot of special development and educational projects are organized to develop korfball all over the world. As there is a tendency that our partners negotiate directly with the countries we don't receive a total overview anymore of the several projects that are accomplished. As a result, there are no amounts mentioned under numbers 11. and 20.

The figure under number 6. shows the investment of the IKF in development and education of Korfball.

The table below contains amounts paid / received through the IKF Bank Account.

ASIA

Japan	1,800.00
Malaysia	1,500.00
Philippines	3,800.00
Singapore	840.00
Thailand	1,000.00
Total Asia	8,940.00

AFRICA

Kenya	426.90
Malawi	550.00
Sao Tome e Principe	272.05
Uganda	426.89
Zambia	603.96
Zimbabwe	653.98
Total Africa	2,933.78

AMERICA

Argentina	
Brazil	5,000.00
Canada	
Peru	1,567.17
U.S.A.	400.00
Total America	6,967.17

EUROPE

Armenia	400.00
France	1,100.00
Greece	657.52
Ireland	400.00
Serbia	657.00
Switzerland	600.00
Wales	700.00

Total Europe	4,514.52
General Education	66.00
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT	23,421.47

7. Marketing and Communication – 16. Sponsoring – 17. Marketing Income

On the income side we have the sponsoring of IOC and Mikasa (including free balls). The contract with Mikasa (our ball supplier) was renewed for the period 1/1/2022 – 31/12/2025.

A great effort was made in the selling TV-rights for the World Championship and this is evidenced by the income generated of 13,250.00 EUR.

On the expense side of Marketing and Communication we note the photo-coverages and live streams of the tournaments in 2023 (10,320 EUR)

Due to the departure of the CEO, the Exco decided to invest in the collaboration with the company LEEF to determine the IKF Strategy (27,000 EUR). This unbudgeted spend was covered by the saving on staff costs during 2023.

9. - 18. Anti-Doping

Based on the rules of IOC we have to evidence that approximately 9,000 EUR is spent on costs for attending meetings and conferences on anti-doping, on costs for organising educational programs and on costs for anti-doping tests.

For 2023 we can report to the IOC 15,960 EUR on in- and out-of-competition tests.

10. Other Expenses

Main components are:

- Late costs received relating to 2022: 1,035.00 EUR
- Unexpected costs (import duty on Mikasa balls): 986.00EUR
- An error was made in the entry fees for the U19(O)EKC, U19AKC and U14&U16K4AKC and it was decided to take this loss in 2023 (3,000 EUR) rather than levy the cost to the entering national teams.
- Provision for doubtful debts: 12,000 EUR

- Sundry costs: 250 EUR

13. Subscriptions

This amount is a result of levy decisions made earlier related to country classifications; A, B, C, D, E and F countries approved by the IKF General Meeting in 2021.

14. Rights and Fees

In 2023 we notice again a small revival of new delivered korfs.

19. Other income

Main components are:

- Interests Saving account: 1,867 EUR
- Refund from Sport Accord: 1,093 EUR
- Offset of costs regarding to tournaments: 8,400 EUR



**7. REPORT FROM THE AUDITING
COMMITTEE**

7. REPORT FROM THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Auditing Committee IKF

Correspondence address:
Chris West
35 Whitegate Close
Swavesey
UK
E-mail: chriswest787@hotmail.com

13 May 2024

General Meeting of the IKF
Orteliusaan 1041
3528 BE Utrecht
The Netherlands

Dear representative,

Subject: Report of the IKF Auditing Committee regarding the Independent Review of the Annual Report 2023.

Introduction:

The Auditing Committee (AC) of the IKF, has finalized the review of the Annual Report 2023. As in the previous year the AC was able to perform the review onsite in Belgium. Mr J. Beunder, Mr D. Fonteyne and Mr C. West, as members of the AC, and Ms D. Ruts, Mr M Verberk and Mr E. Buizer, on behalf of the IKF were involved in the review process.

In advance of this meeting all the members of AC had received the financial results for the 2023 financial year. The AC completed the review onsite in Belgium receiving satisfactory explanations to all questions and appropriate evidence for all key areas. The AC has completed its review in accordance with the required activities set out in articles 15.7 and 15.8 of the IKF Statutes.

Independent review of the financial administration, the Annual Report and Explanatory notes of 2023 (per article 15.7 IKF Statutes)

1. The 2023 IKF financial administration has been reviewed by the AC by examining the financial report and explanatory notes. The AC identified significant balances and transactions in the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss account respectively and verified these balances to third party evidence and through enquiry of the IKF finance team.
2. Based on the review of third party evidence and the explanations provided by the IKF Finance team to the AC's enquiries, the AC has not found any exceptional figures in the financial report.
3. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Annual Report 2023, including the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023, Statement of Income and Expenditures for the year ended 2023 and the explanatory notes is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable regulation for non-profit institutions (RJ 640).

Findings:

Based on the work performed the AC wants to draw attention to the following findings:

1. The Capital / General Reserve after appropriation of result of the IKF according to the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023 amounts €170,081.72 (2022: €169,746.43).
2. The total result of IKF for the year 2023 according to the Profit and Loss account amounts to a surplus of €335.29 (2022: surplus of €2,215.04).

Conclusion:

Regarding our task to advise the IKF General Meeting in accordance with IKF Statute 15.8, we recommend that the members authorize the balance sheet and profit and loss account within the 2023 Annual Report. We also request you to accept this report of the Auditing Committee.



On behalf of
IKF Auditing Committee

Chris West
Chair



8. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

8. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

A-countries	:	Top Countries
AC	:	Auditing Committee
AP	:	Appeals Committee
ARISF	:	Association of the IOC Recognized International Sport Federations
AC	:	Athletes Committee
B-countries	:	Competitive and well-organized countries
BFoK	:	Belgian Friends of Korfball
BLOSO	:	Belgium Organisation; sports administration of the Flemish community
C-countries	:	Other active and organized countries, not stated under A- and B-countries
CC	:	Competition Committee
CEC	:	Coaching Education Committee
CEO	:	IKF Director
CO	:	Coordinating officer (for IKF Events)
D-countries	:	Young countries, countries with revival projects
DC	:	Disciplinary Committee
DO	:	Development Officer
DEC	:	Development and Education Committee
DWG	:	Development Working Group Europe
DWGOC	:	Development Working Group Other Continents
E-countries	:	New countries in the IKF
ECWG	:	European Competitions Working Group
Exco	:	Executive Committee
GAISF	:	Global Association of International Sports Federations
GM	:	General Meeting; bi-annual
IKF	:	International Korfball Federation
IOC	:	International Olympic Committee



IPF	:	International Promotion Fund
ICTC	:	Information and Communication Technology Committee
IWGA	:	International World Games Association
KBKB	:	Koninklijke Belgische Korfbal Bond (Royal Belgium Korfball Association)
KNKV	:	Koninklijk Nederlands Korfbalverbond (Royal Dutch Korfball Association)
MarC	:	Marketing Committee
MC	:	Medical Committee
PR	:	Public Relations
PRC	:	Playing Rules Committee
RC	:	Referee Committee
Social media	:	LinkedIn, Facebook, ikfchannel on YouTube, World Games channel
TUE	:	Therapeutic Use Exemptions; related to the Anti-Doping policy
WADA	:	World Anti-Doping Agency
Worldkorfball.org	:	Jury software system during major IKF events