



1st Annual report of IBSA Football Sport Committee

Exactly 1 year ago, I was appointed as the 3rd Chairperson in the 26 years of our favorite sport. For a first time, we would like to present an annual report of the most active year in our history and we launch indicators to measure our work. We chose to compare to 2019 which was another active year prior the pandemic. It is an honor to share common vision putting our values first with the IBSA Football Sport Committee Members, Football Manager, Advisory group from 15 different countries, officials serving female & male footballers with Visual Impairment from 5 countries. “Yes, we can” is the new motto and stay tuned for December 3rd releasing the new promo video with outstanding footballers and legends at IBSA Football social media.

General comments for 2022:

- ✓ **1st time ever female championships**
- ✓ **1st time ever official participation in championships from 5 continents**
- ✓ **1st time 8 official IBSA events (IBSA Football Sport Committee approved also the PS regional championship 2022 and it would have been the 9th championship including partially sighted footballers)**
- ✓ **25% reduce of actual blind football game with exactly the same goals average 2019 vs 2022 (2.89 goals/ match), less injuries, easier rehabilitation, a game every 2 hours**
- ✓ **Referees from 21 countries in 2019, now from 26 countries and more female ever**
- ✓ **1st time ever application to IPC for LA2028 female edition parallel to male application**

1st indicator: Goals/ matches in official IBSA events 2019 vs 2022

2019: 2.89 goals average in 7 IBSA events

2022: 2,89 in 8 IBSA events

2nd indicator: Female/ male/ countries of different referees' countries 2019 vs 2022

2019: 10 female/ 57 male/ 21 countries

2022: 12 female/ 44 male/ 26 countries

3rd indicator: Countries distributed materials

2019: 21 countries received material

2022: 36 different countries

4th indicator: Number of trainings, promotional events and number of participating countries

2019: VI athletes from 2 different countries

2022: VI athletes from 26 different countries

5th indicator: Number of videos/ manuals created

2019: 0 deliverables

2022: 7 deliverables

3 Football stories, 1 promo video, 1 coaching manual for children with VI, 1 coaching manual for female athletes with VI, 1 referees manual

Furthermore, we have now open bids for 1st time ever Intercontinental Cup (10 best teams after the 16 qualified teams to World Championship, 26 in total) and World Grand Prix 2023. For a first time, 3 parallel World Championships in 2023 with 32 national teams together from 5 continents (250+ footballer & 300 officials)

Interaction of IBSA Football with 58 countries in any way:

Europe (24): Spain, Italy, Austria, Belgium, UK, Sweden, Turkey, Germany, Armenia, Switzerland, Malta, France, Kosovo, Greece, Hungary, France, Portugal, Albania, Slovenia, Montenegro, Ireland, Ukraine, Slovenia, Norway

Africa (9): Morocco, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Mali, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon

America (14): Canada, Barbados, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Guyana, Grenada, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala

Asia (10): China, Thailand, Japan, Iran, S. Korea, Malaysia, India, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Oman

Oceania (1): Australia

I would like to thank you all for making this year an unforgettable one heading to Paris 2024 with a dedicated installation of 13.000 spectators in every game at Eiffel Tower stadium! Yes, we can!!

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