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1. Introduction

The IWAS European Championship Powerchair Hockey (EC 2016) was held in The Netherlands, De Rijp from 10th to 17th July 2016. Eight Powerchair Hockey (PCH) nations were allocated and have participated:

1. Netherlands (Winner of WC2014 and EC2012)
2. Belgium (Runner-up WC2014 + Nr. 2 World Ranking List)
3. Finland (World Ranking List allocation)
4. Denmark (World Ranking List allocation)
5. Germany (World Ranking List allocation)
6. Switzerland (World Ranking List allocation)
7. Italy (World Ranking List allocation)
8. Spain *

* Spain has obtained his allocation since, in the first place, the hosting venue allocated for the competition was Alcobendas (Spain) and therefore the Spanish National Team would have been allocated as hosting country. After the withdrawal of the OC – Madrid Disable Sport Federation - IWAS together with IPCH looked for a new hosting venue and once found they decided to go ahead organizing the EC respecting the allocations already officialized to the Nations.

This European Championship has been an unforgettable event for both the athletes and all PCH friends. In total, the EC has been attended by 2500 spectators in total during the week. During the Opening Ceremony around 500 people attended, an average of 400 people were present during the match days and for the finals the count reached 650 people.

A huge number of spectators from all over the world followed the competition using the official livestream (around 6000 online viewers on single contacts).

IWAS PCH European Championship 2016 has achieved a moderate attention by big media, even though only a local Television was present on Thursday, but the main result that was achieved was to prove, mostly to PCH Nations, that PCH events can be organized even without big finances as happened for previous events, showing and proving that a good organized team work can really overcome most of the organizing difficulties.

As Delegates were present:

Nation	Name	Organisation	Function
Netherlands	Mr. Niels ten Hagen	IPCH	Technical Delegate
Italy	Ms. Anna Rossi	IPCH	Assistant Technical Delegate
Italy	Mr. Fabio Rodo	IPCH	Chairman

Denmark	Mr. Karl Vilhelm Nielsen	IWAS	Vice President
Switzerland	Mr. Martin Wengen	Swiss Paraplegics Association	Sport Manager
Netherlands	Mr. J. Bockweg,	IWAS	IWAS Games Technical Manager
Italy	Ms. Giorgia Grosso	Neatech	Official Sponsor for EC
Switzerland	André Degonda	Degonda Rehab	IPCH Sub committee member / partner
Netherlands	Hans Botman	Floorball Shop	Competition partner

Invited VIP and Delegates:

Netherlands	Mr. Wethouder drs. P.F. (Pieter) Dijkman	Alkmaar Town Hall	Sport Office Manager
Netherlands	Mr. P.M. (Piet) Bruinooge	Alkmaar Town Hall	Alkmaar City Mayor
Netherlands	Rienk van der Slikke		
UK	Ms. Charmaine Hooper	IWAS	Chief Executive Officer
USA	Mr. Paul de Pace	IWAS	President
	Ms. Carola Morgenstern-Meyer	EHF	Vice President
	Mrs. Marijke Fleuren	EHF	President
	Mr. Norman Hughes	EHF	Education and Development Manager
	Mr. Leandro Negre	FIH	President
	Mr. John Liljelund	IFF	General Secretary
	Ms. Merita Bruun	IFF	Information & Anti-Doping Manager
	Mr. Tomas Eriksson	IFF	President
	Sir Craven Philip	IPC	President
	Ms. Leen Coudenys	IPC	Governing Board Executive Assistant
	Mr. Peter Van de Vliet	IPC	Medical & Scientific Director
	Mr. Greg Vice	IPC	Classification Co-ordinator
Netherlands	Mr. John Teunissen	//	Former IPCH Chairman
Netherlands	Mr. Erik Gerritsen	KNHB	Director
Netherlands	Mr. Guido Davio	KNHB	Competition Manager
Netherlands	Mr. Rolf Martens	KNHB	
Netherlands	NeFUB – Nederlandse Floorball en Unihockey Bond		
Netherlands	Herbert Wolff	NPC	Head of International Relations
Netherlands	Mrs. Rita Van Driel	NPC	General Secretary
Netherlands	Mr. Wim Ludeke	NPC	President

Netherlands	Anja Wouters	//	Former IPCH SEC Technical Officer
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Invited Developing Nations:

Austria	Mr. Simon Weber
Canada	Mr. Bob Cassidy
Croatia	Mr. Branimir Rukavina
Estonia	Mr. Jüri Lehtmets
India	Mr. S.N. Udheyakumar
Japan	Mr. Yuki Iwahara
Lithuania	Mr. Deivydas Bagdzevicius
Portugal	Ms. Joana Gonçalves
UK	Mr. Pete Wyman
USA	U.S. EWA

The teams showed a professional performance and equipment. The matches were fast and played at an high level of performances both technically and tactically. Matches were very exciting both for players and for the audience and most of the predictions on the outcomes of the groups and the competition have been surprisingly disregarded. The Netherlands confirmed their title of European Champions while Italy surprises

all opponents and won a historic silver medal. The Bronze Match was quite exciting with Germany overcoming Denmark.

2. General Organisation

Even though the short time notice had to put up the competition, the good teamwork of IPCH Sport Executive Committee and thanks to the priceless support of the volunteers, the competition was successful.

In the months before the competition, the two appointed Technical Delegates, recap what have been done already for Alcobendas and replicate the work adapting it to the new venue and situation.

A part of all the secretary work a lot of efforts were requested by the re-organisation of the logistics around the new venues. For this reason a face to face meeting among IPCH Sport Executive Committee and the Event Manager Mr. Kemp Pals was necessary. During the meeting in De Rijp a more clear program and a more detailed schedule of the competition were discussed and agreed

2.1. Organising Committee

Organizing Committee	
Function	Name
Event manager & Match Secretariat Manager	Jeroen Kemp Pals
Accommodation	Lucy Ulrich (hotel manager) Gerrie Huider (facility manager sports venue)
Speakers	Otto Wijnen, .
	Rob Mooij
	Ronald Vink (VIP)
Volunteers	Annemieke de Vries Hilde ten Hagen Willeke Kemp Sander van den Heuij Kevin Achieng Lisa Gardebroek Patrick Buys Thea Smit
Photographer	Maarten Westerink
SA Minutes Writer	Jeroen Kemp Pals

2.2. Accommodation & Transport

During the whole event all officials, delegates and the 8 qualified teams have been accommodated at De Rijper Eilanden Hotel. The facility was completely wheelchair accessible and all roomed had equipped bathrooms. The hotel also offered the possibility to request high-low beds, lifters, shower chairs and other aid/support tools for free.

2.3. Sports Hall

The sports venue, where practice sessions as well as the competition and the opening/closing ceremonies were held, was the De Oostvaarders.

The Sport Venue Manager Mr. Gerrie Huider was really supportive and really helped to accomplish the success of the competition by finding a lot of solution to last minute technical and other arising issues.

Because of the structure of the Sport Hall and its dimensions, some compromises were necessary in terms of spaces and time schedule.

2.4. Competition Organisation

The match schedule was set up according the regulations and passed off smoothly. The equipment of the playing field was according the rules as well. A good education for timekeepers, scorekeepers and match assistants was arranged by the OC but for further events the Match table will require a better focus and preparation. Jury Members needed to take up and guide the volunteers during competition.

2.5. Officials

Officials			
Nation	Name	Gender	Function
Netherlands	Mr. Niels Ten Hagen	M	Technical Delegate
Italy	Ms. Anna Rossi	F	Assistant Technical Delegate
Jury Members			
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Jury Member ; Chief Jury (senior)
Germany	Henry Acquah	F	Jury Member ; Assistant Chief Jury (senior)
Belgium	Hilaire Swerts	M	Jury Member (senior)
Germany	Martina Karapurasheva	M	Jury Member (second)
Netherlands	Marjan de Ridder	F	Jury Member (senior)
Italy	Gaetano Glorioso	M	Jury Member (new)
Finland	Lauri Oksanen	M	Jury Member (new)
Netherlands	Edwin Janssen	M	Jury Member (new)
Referees			
Finland	Ilkka Siiki	M	A-Referee ; Chief Referee
Slovenia	Davor Matijasevic	M	B-Referee ; Assistant Chief Referee
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	A-Referee
Belgium	Wilfried Bouttelgier	M	B-Referee
Germany	Gerhard Menz	M	C-Referee
Italy	Alessio Zanoni	M	C-Referee
Italy	Roberto Toldo	M	C-Referee
Denmark	Kristoffer Stormark	M	C-Referee
Classifiers			
Netherlands	Daan Eenkhoorn	M	Classifier ; Chief Classifier
Italy	Andrea Piccillo	M	Classifier ; Assistant Chief Classifier
Switzerland	Isabelle Pulver	F	Classifier
Netherlands	Kees van Breukelen	M	Classifier
Finland	Hannu Kapanen	M	Classifier
Spain	Alvaro Daza	M	Classifier

All the officials have been appointed directly by IPCH, in agreement with IWAS. All of them took part to daily chief meeting together with the Technical Delegate and assistant. All chiefs and assistants took also part to the Technical Meetings with Team managers and coaches.

The education for Jury Members and Referees took place mostly on Monday 11th August last details and updates took place in the spare time between controls and regular daily meetings have been useful to evaluate the day and prepare the next one(s).

During the event Davor Matjasevic (SLO) has reached the number of positive observation as a B licence so he was allowed to perform the theoretical A-exam which he passed. Right now he will need 5 more positive observation feedback to become officially an A referee. Also Gerhad Menz (GER) passed his theoretical B exam. He will need 5 more positive observation feedback to have B licence.

Also 3 new Jury Members were trained and obtained their licence as “second” Jury Member.

Classification procedure was done as usual being made up of 3 steps: 1. Written medical information before the competition, 2. Control before the event, 3. In competition observation.

Some tests and evaluation for the development of the new system which has been voted during the Sport Assembly 2016 right after the event were run.

2.6. Participating Nations



The Drawing Cerimony took place on 9th April 2016 in Besnate during an Italian League match between Skorpions Varese and Leoni Sicani. Fabio Rodo (IPCH Chairman) and Anna Rossi (Technical and Classification Officier) performed the drawing of the 8 allocated teams in the 2 groups.

According to IPCH regulations the 8 allocated nations have been divided in two groups, with the Netherlands and Belgium as top seed in group A and group B, respectively. The drawing of all the other 6 participating teams (Spain, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, Italy) was conducted by lottery.

The whole Drawing Ceremony was broadcasted in Live Streaming and had a great audience online.

3. Final Ranking

Ranking WC 2014		Nation
Place 1	Gold	Netherlands
Place 2	Silver	Italy
Place 3	Bronze	Germany
Place 4		Belgium
Place 5		Denmark
Place 6		Switzerland
Place 7		Finland
Place 8		Spain

4. Points For Improvement

- There should be a scheduled time for the referees to practice movement on the field.
- The announcer shouldn't use the name of the referee when commenting the game.
- Scheduling 15 minutes extra between games could help with the games being late issue.
- The referee handbook need to be updated to also cover the other roles of referees.
- Taking more care of the education of the match table assistants .
- Include the supervision of the match table as a tasks for Jury.
- Update the control's day information sheet with more clear information regarding how controls will be performed and which documents to be presented. Also indicating more clearly that all players need to go through the controls also for documents it is not enough that the Team Managers are bringing the docs.

5. SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS:

SUPPORTED BY:



Technical Support during the competition



Accommodation for Team Delegation and Officials



Sport Hall and cafeteria

6. PHOTOGALLERY:

Opening Ceremony:



Competition:









