

Paralympic Newsletter September 2012 3rd edition

History of Paralympic Football 7-a-side

Host City	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
New York	1984	Belgium	Ireland	GB
Seoul	1988	Netherlands	Belgium	Ireland
Barcelona	1992	Netherlands	Portugal	Ireland
Atlanta	1996	Netherlands	Russia	Spain
Sydney	2000	Russia	Ukraine	Brazil
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Overall Ranking						Total Medals
1.	Netherlands	7 times	3 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	3
2.	Russia	5 times	2 gold	2 silver	1 bronze	5
3.	Ukraine	4 times	2 gold	2 silver	0 bronze	4
4.	Belgium	3 times	1 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	1
5.	Ireland	5 times	0 gold	1 silver	2 bronze	3
6.	Brazil	6 times	0 gold	1 silver	1 bronze	2
7.	Portugal	4 times	0 gold	1 silver	0 bronze	1
8.	Iran	3 times	0 gold	0 silver	2 bronze	2
9.	GB	4 times	0 gold	0 silver	1 bronze	1
10.	U.S.A.	5 times	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0
11.	Argentina	4 times	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0
12.	Spain	3 times	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0
13.	Australia	2 times	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0
14.	Canada	1 time	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0
15.	China	1 time	0 gold	0 silver	0 bronze	0

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- Paralympic Football 7-a-side was for the first time on the Calendar in 1984 in New York
- The first Gold medal winner was Belgium.
- Belgium in the moment doesn't compete in the international competition
- We are looking forward to have Belgium back in our sport
- The team of the Netherlands is the only team that won three gold medals in a row
- Host nation GB only won a medal in the first Games
- 6 countries that competed once or more times never have achieved a medal
- From 1992 always 8 teams competed

- That Football 7-a-side is played on the hockey accommodation since 1988 Seoul
- We want another surface to play the Paralympic competition
- AFC Asian Football Association hosted for the first time The Asian Dream Tournament for Football 7-a-side.
- CPISRA in conjunction with Blazesports (our member in the U.S.A.) provided a coach education course in Jordan and Turkey. Stuart Sharp, member of the football committee was the tutor.
- In the match Ukraine - U.S.A the 500th goal in Paralympic Football 7-a-side was scored by player Ivan Shkvarlo from Ukraine.
- 100th goal of The Netherlands in Paralympic Football was scored by Ilijas Visker.
- We had 13 referees in the Paralympic games. 1, referee coordinator, 2 international referees (from The Netherlands and Brazil) and 10 national referees, 2 from Scotland and 8 from England.
- The total number of spectators during the Paralympic Games was 167.777 an average of more than 8000 per match!
- The final match between Russia and Ukraine had with 13.360 the most spectators of the Football competition.
- During the Paralympic games Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Germany, Western Cape, province of South Africa showed interest to start with Football 7-a-side.

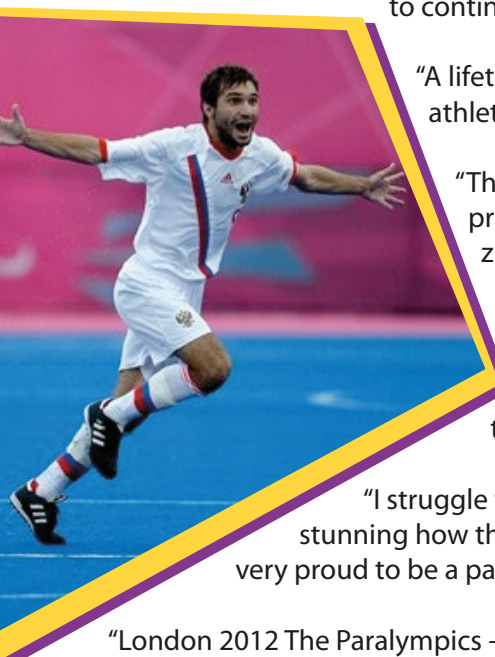


Quotes of the referees after the Paralympic Games

"An amazing experience that I will never forget, it was a pleasure to be part of the team of referees as they were truly supportive and the quality of football was excellent with fans supporting the 7 a-side football making it a special occasion."

"The eight competing teams joined by the 9th team of officials helped raise the standards in CP football at the London 2012. The bar has been raised and CP football has come of age"

'It has been a absolute honor to be the first woman referee in CP 7 a side football at the Paralympic Games. It has been an unforgettable experience and I will take away so many memories from the games which I will never forget. The chance to work alongside such a fantastic group of officials has been a real privilege and I am looking forward to continuing to officiate on the National Competition over the coming months'



"A lifetime achievement to be involved in London 2012 and with such inspiring elite athletes that have overcome and mastered there respective disability"

"The Paralympic experience is something I will never forget. It was an absolute privilege to have to been amongst these supreme athletes, who performed amazing physical feats unlike anything I've ever witnessed and whose spirit knows no bounds. Officiating on the Paralympic CPISRA 7-a-side football has been the highlight of my football career."

"The most outstanding quality of football played in the true spirit of the laws of the game by truly elite athletes a pleasure to referee and be with".

"I struggle to put in to words to describe how memorable the Paralympics were and it was stunning how the world supported the inspirational athletes that competed in all the events I was very proud to be a part of such a prestigious event it was the greatest experience of my life."

"London 2012 The Paralympics - being involved was truly an honor and an unbelievable experience. Some may say its the greatest show on earth but for me it was the best experience of my life. Eight nations competing for the prize of a medal, fierce competition and fabulous football - the Premier League, Serie A or La Liga, I hear you say!!! - no it was Cerebral Palsy 7-a-side football played at the highest standard. Congratulations to all the Nations for their excellent endeavor and honorable sportsmanship throughout the tournament. An honor, a privilege and what can only be described as football at it's best!!! Thank you CPISRA for an unforgettable experience."

Classification

To give coaches the best options to prepare the team for the Paralympics, CPISRA has provided during two International tournaments in Russia and the Ukraine possibilities for new players to be classified. In both tournament we have had 2 senior panels. In total more than 66! Athletes were classified during this tournaments. 27 were new! In the Paralympics we have had 21 athletes. During the classification process we have no changes in class.

The online course level 2 is online.

In November a classification conference will be organized in Rio de Janeiro. One of the agenda points will be classification in football 7-a-side. For more information visit the CPISRA website or contact Joan Steele Mills or Claudio Nogueira.



Other news

Results

March Russia: 1. Russia 2. Iran 3. Ukraine.

April: Abu Dhabi development tournament 1. Iran 2. Australia 3. Singapore

May Ukraine: 1. Iran 2. Russia 3. Ukraine

Barcelona development tournament: 1. Canada 2. Spain 3. Netherlands

Announcements Intercontinental Cup 2013 will be organized by Spain

Date July 27th – August 10th

Program

2014 Regional Championships Europe, Americas, Asia

2015 ParaPanAm Games Toronto

For the Americas Cup a letter of intent is received from Columbia

For the European Championships a letter of intent is received from Denmark, Portugal and Italy

The Asian regional event will be hosted during the Para Asian Games in Korea.

Bids for the European Championships and Americas Cup have to be submitted before the first of January 2013.

Independence process is on schedule. A presentation of the progress will be done at the General Assembly in South Africa December 2012.

The CPISRA Football Coach education course will be piloted in October in The Netherlands.

During the last year the Football Committee had contacts with new countries: Austria, Turkey, Germany, Poland, Northern Ireland, Italy, Singapore, Jordan and United Arabic Emirates.

Defi Sportif Canada showed interest to host a development tournament in 2013.



Jeff Davis, Football 7-a-side manager English FA in the spotlight:

1. How did you become first involved in coaching CP football?

Having coached in other forms of disability football the opportunity arose to work with the England senior squad which has been a challenge but very rewarding.

2. How did it feel when you first realized that London was to host the 2012 Paralympics and that you would have a team there?

When Jacque Rogge announced London as the host city it seemed very surreal, to have such a great event in my home town was beyond my wildest expectations. It seemed that we had such a long time to get ready but it really helped us get a GB set up in the UK.

3. What's your favorite memory of working with the Great Britain CP team?

There are so many but I think it is either our opening game in London against Brazil when a packed stadium sung the National anthem or our last game which kicked off at 8.30am but still over 10,000 people came to watch and the response to the players at the end was truly memorable, Of course I must mention 1 million people on the streets of London cheering our athletes!!

4. Off the field what is your best memory of working the Great Britain CP national team?

The desire of the players to be as best as they can be and the determination and sheer hard work they undertook.

5. Have you any tips for coaches who have just begun coaching CP footballers?

Know the players you are working with, get them to work on their weaknesses and be patient.