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## **Bericht der Jugendkommission / report commission of youth and sport**

### **Generally**

The main focus of the activities of the commission of youth and sports is the development of sustainable and forward-looking concepts and the cooperation and the dialog with all continental associations and member federations concerning the support, promotion and dissemination of fistball in the youth sector. By building up the IFA Fistball Academy in cooperation with the IFA board and the other IFA commissions under the leadership of the commission of youth and sports an elementary component will be created for this purpose.

### **IFA Fistball Academy**

In the last presidium conference the build-up of the IFA Fistball Academy was supported and decided by the IFA board based on a draft worked out by the commission in coordination with the administrative board.

Based on this draft for one thing possible structures and future contents were developed for building up the IFA Fistball Academy, for another thing also the necessary technical requirements, the personnel support and financial demands were proved. The IFA Fistball Academy will develop an online-platform in cooperation with the other commissions to promote knowledge exchange and learning in the international federations. The main structure is divided into the constitution of the following 3 principles: information – education – communication.

The first principle only dedicates to the knowledge and information exchange for all target groups. The part education will develop schooling-, teaching- and training-unit on module-based instructions and advanced educations with implementation of practise exercises for example for teachers and coaches. With the third part especially communication among the federations will be supported for example by establishing a discussion-platform (blog).

The current status can be summarised as follows:

- The structure, the layout and also possible contents and target groups of the Academy basically were defined in cooperation with the commissions.
- For the part knowledge- and information exchange a lot of theoretical principles, documents, scripts and contents were collected in cooperation with the national federations.
- For the part education currently the first two educational modules are in preparation with authoring corresponding training materials, presentations and video sequences. These modules exemplary will be represent the basic for developing and authoring further modules.

- In addition to that already the following measures will be prepared for the international events in 2018 in coordination with the respective hosts and the IFA administrative board:

*IFA U 18 World Championships in Roxbury (New Jersey – USA)*

First training and further education as a two-day practise seminar for teachers and coaches off he USA, invitations already were sent out.

*IFA Women`s World Championships in Linz (Austria)*

Implementation of a training for young beginners (U 10) in cooperation with the national federation ÖFB;

Implementation of a course of lectures as an information event with presenting the the IFA Fistball Academy and the key subject fistball education in the youth sector and in school sports with consideration of the different approaches in the member federations by mit lecturers from Switzerland and Austria;

Implementation of a training course for federations which are under development.

*EFA-Men`s European Championships*

Concrete measures are in preparation. On behalf of EFA the implementation of measures organised by the IFA Fistball Academy explicit is requested and will be supported.

- The set-up of a discussion- und contact-platform is in preparation.
- The „Governance Framework“ of the future organisation of the Academy is on hand as a draft. The Academy comprises two bodies: the Academy Committee and the Academy Task force. Already corresponding terms of references were drafted to call for personnal support and cooperation.
- The draft of a presentation of the IFA Fistball Academy as a comprehensive information about the targets, the structure and the content is already on hand.
- The development of the online-platform as an independent Academy homepage is in preparation with the support of the Communication commission.

The specified necessary tasks should be finalized soon to present the Fistball Academy officially in the framework of the international events.

**IFA – Youth Congress**

In the framework of the IFA U 18 World Championships in Roxbury the next youth congress will be held. The necessary preparations and the organisation have started. Key subject will be the presentation of the IFA Fistball Academy.

**Cooperation with the Europaen Fistball Association (EFA)**

The IFA youth commission supported intensively the EFA that the youth euopean cup as the highest international youth event on europe ground as from 2018 will be implemented and organised in cooperation and support by the EFA. A corresponding resolution was adopted unanimous in the meeting on October 7th 2017 by the youth european cup committee. In that case the requirements for saving the dates internationally and for ensuring the implementati-on for a long run are warrented.

### **Cooperation with the other continental- and member federations**

Concerning the promotion of the intended cooperation with the continental associations and the IFA member federations the build-up of a personal network especially in the youth sector and school sports was impelled further on. The already existing intensive exchange of information concerning the activities for the integration of fistball in school sports was advanced by dialogues for example with nations like New Zealand Neuseeland, Australia, Columbia, but also on the european europäischer level with nations like Belgium or Danmark in cooperation with the EFA. Further direct approaches are proposed for the future.

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