

## Minutes 2nd IFA Youth Congress

**Date:** Tuesday, 10th July 2018, 18:15 – 20:00

**Venue:** Rooms Roxbury Township Administrative Offices  
72 Eyland Ave, 07876 Roxbury, New Jersey (USA)

**Participants:** see annex

### TOP 1 Welcome

IFA President Karl Weiss (AUT), IFA Administrative Director Christoph Oberlehner and Uwe Schneider (GER), Chair of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission welcome the participants of the 2nd IFA Youth Congress in Roxbury within the framework of the IFA 2018 U18 Men's and Women's World Championships.

Karl Weiss emphasizes again the importance of the structural changes within IFA as well as the co-operation with umbrella sports associations in view of the targeted IOC Recognition for IFA.

### TOP 2 Information about the current status of the IFA activities

Christoph Oberlehner reports about the current activities of IFA and the developments involved.

#### Current status World Games Birmingham / Alabama 2021

Within the framework of the Sportaccord Meeting 2018 the International World Games Association IWGA decided that during the coming World Games 2021 the Fistball Men's Tournament will be raised to 8 teams and for the first time a Fistball Women's Tournament with 6 teams will be implemented.

In that context an extraordinary congress within the framework of the IFA 2018 Fistball Women's World Championships in Linz will discuss how the qualification for the women's competition should take place and how the modus for the women's world championships (currently every 2 years) in future should be run.

#### Report on the status of IOC Recognition and the cooperation with sports organisations

The cooperation between the IFA and the umbrella associations e.g. GAISF (Global Association of International Sports Federation) as the governing body of all international sports federations, AIMS (Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport) or the World Games Association are essential steps regarding IOC Recognition.



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The IOC Recognition is very important for the further development in a lot of member federations. Many sports often will be supported by governmental institutions or national sports associations only if the sport is IOC recognized. The IOC Recognition of IFA offers a further development and spread of Fistball in these countries.

IFA received a positive and good feedback to the filed documents of the reply of the questionnaire. The coming development of the IFA will be observed by the IOC.

### **Information about media presence**

The media coverage of Fistball was increased through different channels like Sport1, Sportdeutschland TV or fistball.tv. With the expansion of the new IFA-OTT-Video platform fistball.tv in future the platform will be available to all national federations and clubs for broadcasting of fistball events. Also new is the possible allocation of statistics of games.

### **Information about further activities of the der IFA and the commissions**

All IFA Commissions were established and worked together on some ambitious projects and on the development of sustainable and forward-looking concepts with the target to promote and spread fistball.

One of these projects is the implementation of the „Fistball Academy“ as a new network, which gives all member federations the opportunity of a transfer of knowledge and information regarding all sections of fistball.

## **TOP 3 Report of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission**

Uwe Schneider reports about the activities of the IFA Youth and Sport Commission since the last IFA Youth Congress in 2016.

The main focus of the activities of the commission is the development of forward-looking concepts concerning the support, promotion and dissemination of Fistball in the youth sector and the cooperation and the dialogue with the member and continental associations.

With the sustainable approach to those responsible for the youth work and for school sports of the member and continental federations meanwhile the structure of a good network take place.

One of these concepts is the building up the IFA Fistball Academy. In the past a lot of conversations with those responsible in the member and continental federations were hold. Ideas for possible contents, and the structure were discussed. Based on these dialogues with the implementation of the IFA Fistball Academy as an ongoing project under the leadership of the ifa Youth and Sport Commission will be ensured that always with this network a current transfer of knowledge and information for all and with all member federations and stakeholders can be offered.

Detailed report – see annex



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#### TOP 4 Presentation of the „IFA Fistball Academy“

Uwe Schneider introduces the mission, the targets, the contents and the structures of the new established IFA Fistball Academy by a presentation.

Target of the IFA Fistball Academy is the promotion of the transfer of knowledge concerning information, education and communication in cooperation with the IFA member federations. With the platform of the IFA Fistball Academy impulses for the development of Fistball in future and worldwide shall be enabled and be supported.

The IFA Fistball Academy is

- a platform for an steadily exchange of knowledge and information. In cooperation with all member federations a platform for information and documents will be arisen as an online-database, which allocates existing know-how in a structural way for the target groups and ordered by topics.
- a format for the advanced development in the sector of training and education. Schooling modules will be developed for the respective target groups to ensure a better imparting of the contents in theory and practise.

At the same time measures related to practise will be implemented in the framework of international events - in shape as courses for coaches, practical seminars, workshops or series of lectures for topics around fistball.

- a forum for communication and dialogue. For this purpose a database with contacts will be installed and a platform for discussions will be developed.

You will find the presentation on our webside <https://www.ifa-fistball.com/presentationen/>

#### TOP 5 Measures to support the IFA Youth and Sport Commission

All participants and member federations of the IFA are asked to inform the commission about their ideas and concepts for a further development of Fistball in the youth sector and are also asked to work as a member within the commission. For this soon a IFA Youth network or platform or forum should be designed.

Further the IFA Youth and Sport Commission asks to support the development of the IFA Fistball Academy and to collaborate in the different task forces of the Academy.

People who want to join are pleased to inform [office@ifa-fistball.com](mailto:office@ifa-fistball.com) or the chair of the IFA commission of youth and sports [u.schneider@ifa-fistball.com](mailto:u.schneider@ifa-fistball.com)



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## TOP 6 IFA 2020 Fistball U18 World Championship

Christoph Oberlehner informs that currently only one bid (Austrian federation, Grieskirchen) for the next U18 World Championships was submitted.

Further bids are warmly welcomed. Interested hosts can bid for the IFA 2020 Fistball U18 World Championship by sending an e-mail to [office@ifa-fistball.com](mailto:office@ifa-fistball.com) by the end of September 2018.

Also proposals to improve coming championships to increase the attractiveness and sustainability of these events can be submitted.

## TOP 7 Proposals

### Proposal Italy:

*Scheduling of the IFA 2020 Fistball U18 World Championships considering the EFA 2020 Fistball Men's European Championships in Italy dated 03rd – 5th July 2020.*

*The IFA Youth and Sport Commission will consider the date in the scheduling.*

### Proposal Austria:

The regular weight of fistballs for minors should be changed according to the proposal (see annex)

The proposal was discussed. Basically a reduction of the weight of balls – as suggested – is welcomed. Also it was discussed whether the proposal should be part of the official rules of Fistball or only a recommendation should be formulated, because the IFA has to make determinations only in the sector U18.

The IFA Youth and Sport Commission will implement a questionnaire of the member federations.

Uwe Schneider thanks all participants for coming and for the contributions.  
The congress ends at 8:00 p.m.

Hamburg, 06th, September 2018



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