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Powerchair Football Association

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This document presents the FIPFA Development plan to promote Powerchair Football throughout the world.

Presentation of the Fédération Internationale de Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA)

Who are we?

Our association is an international federation governing a sport for physically disabled people recognized since 2010 by the International Paralympic Committee. It is a relatively young federation; with its registered office in Paris, France. Statutes were established in October 2006. The international federation is made up of national organizations responsible in their respective countries for the management and development of the sport of football in an electrically powered wheelchair, more commonly called **Powerchair Football**.

The primary mission of FIPFA is the development, support, and coordination of Powerchair Football in countries around the world, to support the sport at the competition level and develop appropriate promotional actions. Our history and structure, our sport and its technical aspects are detailed in the booklet attached. A video clip, also attached, will present far better than words this spectacular sport!

Why is a sport needed specifically for users of an electric wheelchair?

To attempt to resolve a glaring injustice! This is an attempt to provide children, youth and adults with severe motor disabilities their unique possibility to practice a sport, in this case the most popular sport in the world! It is both a leisure activity for many and is also a true sport of competition with championships held in several countries around the world and a FIPFA World Cup.

Success of Powerchair Football

The phenomenal success of the sport around the world reflects the real expectation of young people using an electric wheelchair in daily life. This makes us focus our efforts on the development of Powerchair Football.

Development: a top priority

Our federation is expanding gradually and adapting its tools and practice so that this sport can be available to those who wish to discover it. We want to make it widely known to those who do not know it yet.

A four year development plan

To promote Powerchair Football, FIPFA wishes to implement a four-year development plan. Several existing communication tools will be used. This first large-scale plan will mobilize our development and communication skills and the technical expertise of those

who actually deliver the sports opportunities. Our regional network in the Americas, Europe and Asia will be also make a contribution.

Powerchair Football is well established in the fourteen countries already members of FIPFA (England, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Scotland, France, Ireland, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Switzerland and United States of America).

Our priority development actions will focus initially on countries we have already had some contact with and where access to the type of material used by severely disabled people is available to some degree. Powerchair Football is a technical sport which obviously requires that practitioners have access to and can use an electric wheelchair.

For this reason, the first stage of the development plan concerns mainly the following countries:

- in Central and southern America: Brazil Argentina Colombia
- in Eastern Europe: Russia, Ukraine, Poland
- in Asian countries with which we are already have some contact: China, South Korea, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand
- in the Arab world: Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Dubai, Algeria, Morocco
- in Africa: South Africa

It is reasonable to think that in the ten years ahead of us, other countries will gradually have access to technology that will allow them to play Powerchair Football.

How to help the development of Powerchair Football?

FIPFA believes it is judicious to jointly approach organizations with an interest in sport for people with disabilities, and local sports associations. The list of national Paralympic committees Games is available on the IPC website. These committees received a letter from us informing them of the existence of our Federation and Powerchair Football and many of them they have already taken contact with our Federation or with a national organization.

- We aim to give the opportunity to discover our sport at the next World Cup to be held in Paris in November 2011. We plan to invite representatives of 20 countries for a three day development conference during which we will first present the International Federation. Then we will include half a day to describe the technical aspects of Powerchair Football, such as how the electrically powered wheelchair operates in sport and adaptations needed. We explain the equipment on the field of play and of course the ball. Several World Cup games will be seen and we then meet players. The last day will be devoted to the presentation of the sporting regulations, refereeing and classification.
- The second step, scheduled between 2012 and 2014, will be to organize in the countries represented in Paris small scale development workshopst. These will take place over three days with the aim to initiate Powerchair Football with the potential players in each country, it will be training and initiation. We propose a short training for classifiers and for referees, and brief presentation of the technical aspects, (footguards, speed settings, control).

- The third step is to provide countries ready to start Powerchair Football with a starter kit composed of:
 - 15 universal footguards, (enough to equip three teams). These footguards are the wheelchair/ball interface. Once installed on the chassis of the wheelchair, they allow the player to push or hit the ball. For competition they are very costly, (€650 to €850) and specially adapted on some electric wheelchairs. Our goal is to provide "universal" footguards which are much less expensive, that adapt to most chairs (many brands and types of chairs exist around the world).
 - Six Powerchair Football balls (two per team). Our sport is practiced with a specific ball. It is 13 inches in diameter, must be smooth and very resistant to withstand shocks and pressures.
 - A Set of goal posts.

Step 1 – Development Conference, Paris, November 2011			
	Unit cost €	Number	total € with tax
Accommodation and meals (3 days)	300	40 - (2p x 20 countries)	12 000
1 ball per country	70	20	1 400
Step 2 – In-country workshops, January 2012 to December 2014			
	Unit cost €	Quantity	total € with tax
Accommodation and travel	1 300	4 persons x 20 countries	104 000
Step 3 – In-country equipment, January 2012 to December 2014			
	Unit cost €	Quantity	total € with tax
Universal footguards	180	300 - (15 x 20 countries)	54 000
Powerchair balls	70	120 – (6 x 20 countries)	8 400
Set of goal posts	350	20 – (1 per country)	7 000
Shipping charges			3 500
Starter kits (handouts and videos)	Already financed	60 – (3 x 20 countries)	0

Total : 190 300,00 €

Income foreseen over four years	
	total
Self-financing proper (5 000 / 4 years)	20 000
Sponsor Yoola (specialized travel agency for handicapped travelers)	5 000
Autres partenaires	165 300

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