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Introduction

Main goals of the international Electric Wheelchair Hockey movement is to reach the full IWAS status and to expand the sport world-wide. More playing and well EWH-organised nations of at least 3 different continents are necessary to reach this status. Therefore ICEWH Development Events are organized in the spirit of supporting development in-between the Regional and World Championships to give nations and their neighbour countries the opportunity to make EWH more acquainted to their athletes, trainers/coaches and referees and to higher the EWH level regionally, nationally and internationally.

Project Goals

ICEWH Development Events have the following objectives:

- a) To offer a training and competition program for (starting) individual athletes and club teams. This should help facilitate the experience and knowledge of rules and equipment, contributing to national development.
- b) To offer an educational programs for trainers/coaches that emphasis the knowledge of training techniques and objectives. This is to facilitate quality of national EWH development.
- c) To offer an educational program for referees that emphasis the knowledge of international game rules and regulations that can be used for the (inter)national EWH development. This program also offers referees the opportunity to get their international referee C-licence.
- d) To bring together athletes, trainers/coaches and referees to create contact moments with participants and invited persons (VIP's). Sharing knowledge is the key to development and meeting others is essential for sport.

Overview

The ICEWH sees the following as having a positive influence on the reached outcomes:

- The ICEWH starts and maintains contact with (new) EWH organisations and people.
- The enthusiasm and involvement of EWH people during ICEWH events, like Championships, Sports Assemblies and Development Events flow over to countries. Nations show their willingness to organise events.
- Being an IWAS sport helps in the worldwide development, familiarity and acceptance of EWH as sport.
- The ICEWH has written a business plan for Development Events, which organising nations can use to start their initiatives and organisation.
- The ICEWH has set up a checklist and estimate format for organising nations.
- The detailed ICEWH Organisers Regulations help Organising Committees in the organisation.
- The trainers' handbook "Principles of Electric Wheelchair Hockey" and the ICEWH Referee Handbook are developed for the course participants.
- The courses are given by experienced (National Team) instructors.
- ICEWH developed participation certificates for the athletes and trainers/coaches.
- ICEWH developed official international C-certificates for the referees.

The Organising Committee;

OC President; Frank Habersatter

OC member; Michael Rosche

Secretariat: Mr. Jan Oehninger

The Infrastructure and

cooperation with the SPV, Rollstuhlsport Schweiz/Resource Allocation

First we need to take into consideration that this was the biggest event to date.

The Paraplegiker-Zentrum in Nottwil proved to be a perfect location for an event of this calibre. Though being one group of many at the centre, and so had to share the infrastructure the OC still had sufficient rooms and gyms at their disposal. Smaller adjustments or additional changes of request were professionally carried out to a satisfaction (hotel, gastronomy, room-management, technical service). The OC contact persons, **Thomas Hurni and Fabienne Thali**, provided to OC by the SPV, Rollstuhlsport Schweiz, at all times were cooperative and thinking ahead and so the OC experienced a qualitative high level of cooperation for this event.

Number of participants:

- a. Athletes Course: **12**
- b. Trainers/Coaches Course: **12** / 10 (Switzerland), 2 (Germany)
- c. Referees Course: **10**
2(Germany), 2(Netherlands), 2(Italy), 1(Spain), 1(Switzerland), 1(Belgium), 1(Slovenian).
- d. Instructors: **4**
Referee instructors: Niels Ti Hagen (Netherlands), Peter Hohberg (Germany)
Trainer/Coaches and players instructors; Tero Kokko (Finland), Deniz Genc (Germany)
- e. Jury member: **1** Dorte Berenth (Denmark)
- f. Translators: **2** Carlos Vilalta (Spain), Rebecca Scheide (Switzerland)
- g. Invited persons / VIP: Swiss wheelchair athlete/world champion: Heinz Frei.
IWAS Vice President: Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, Chairman of ICEWH: John Teunissen
FIWH President: Antonio Spinelli, FIWH Vice President: Claudio Bortolini
Miss Handicap of Switzerland: Zaira Civitillo

Cooperation with the ICEWH

Prior to the DE the OC were confronted with lots of information. At times the high amount of emails containing many details was slightly overdone, but in total the OC was well prepared.

“The OC especially want to mention that all questions rapidly were answered by Anja Wouters in an explanatory and understandable manner.

The cooperation at location with Dorte Berenth and her team was at all times very uncomplicated and efficient. Dorte managed to both have all actions carried out within schedule and at the same time to keep an atmosphere, in which existing questions could be discussed and still to leave a certain room for action for whatever situation that arose. Most important though was that despite the seriousness of the classes there was always room for fun and happiness, and we laughed a lot.”

Regional Development

DE and Switzerland

The event was a big success for Switzerland where it was possible to have many important protagonists from Switzerland at one location. Switzerland experienced the manifestation of growth of a faint philosophy. It was very important to get the valuable inputs from the international experts and also to realise that all share the same goals and opinions. In Switzerland they often face the fact of being on their own and to fight for the EWH. Often they deal with persons that have no knowledge about this topic. So if you spend several days with persons that share the same passion for EWH, you get the confirmation that it is worth to continue the engagement and the fight for. It was very important to realise this and they are convinced that they will see a further sustainable development as regards EWH in Switzerland and the cooperation with the SPV, Rollstuhlsport Schweiz.

The referee course;

The course for Referees was given by Mr. Niels ti Hagen from Netherlands and Mr. Peter Hohberg from Germany

10 participants is a large group of people who all deserve individual attention. Peter helped the tricks of the trade to learn, so it was a blessing in disguise. This combination allowed the instructors to give all students the attention they deserve.

Main focus

To ensure the quality of participants the instructors must ensure that a course up to six students is the maximum for one teacher. Although both Peter and Niels believe that cooperation (two teachers) is a valuable complement to teaching. Niels's experience with teaching and the theoretical knowledge combined with priceless practical experience of Peter ensures that the students have had a course like never before. As said the number of six students is ideal. Only with two teachers a larger number, is possible. Nevertheless, 10 therefore is the maximum. For the theoretical part is the number of students does not really matter. However, the practical part of the course, in the instructors view very important, takes a lot of individual attention. During this course, the instructors didn't have enough time for the students to give practical lessons. This could be resolved through more fields available to determine whether a different distribution of the matches.

The students have expressed satisfaction with their own teaching. They also appreciated the collaboration between Peter and Niels. The only extra they give the instructors, is that the use of video clips and a sample game by the teachers would be as pleasant. Peter and Niels have spoken about this discussion. They believe that a good example is valuable, but that creates the risk that they will copy. The preference will be given to adjusting the practical skills they already have their own. So the instructor can send them from their own experience to the way the instructors want them to whistle and position. They should, if all goes well, have experience in running competitions in their own league.

The language

The language barrier is another recurring problem. However, the regulation says sufficient speak English not a requirement. With hands and feet, and translations into Italian, German and Spanish a little concerned the okay. Working with a translator was not pleasant. The student harmed from the personal knowledge of the translator. As the course progressed, it was acquired by translating by the Italian students, who also appeared to speak little Spanish. This was a welcome development, including the binding of the group.

Conclusion

Peter and Niels have taken a great feeling after this course. With the rate of 90% graduating, Peter and Niels talks about a successful course. The shift of responsibility to the students from there own country was good, thus, no misunderstandings. Peter reviewed the Dutch student and Niels reviewed the German. The instructors feel there is again a great chemistry developed between the students. Besides acquiring theoretical and practical skills the instructors have, as is customary in this course, worked on team building. For the referees who didn't speak English, they understand the important of knowledge of English. They will take English course, so that they can communicate in English. The instructors believe that they have nine referees prepared for the competition. Some will still have to get some experience in their own league or international tournaments. Nevertheless, the students who graduating are all suitably qualified as a C-referee to get started on a European or world championship.

Players and coaches/trainers course

The courses for players and coaches/trainers was given by Mr. Tero Kokko from Finland and Mr. Deniz Genc from Germany, they co-operative with referee instructors.

Course was given by English and German and also translated for French. Four days of educational program for EWH players and coaches/trainers was reorganized after third DE. New program gave instructors more change to teach tactical playing and fundamentals.

Players' course;

Four days of educational program for EWH players offered change to learn EWH fundamentals in theory, practice and in practice games. The goal for course was give inspiration and skill to develop their personal and team skills to new level when they are heading back to home. Course included lot of different type of practices that players could export back to home to their club team practices.

They had one theory session about equipments, game rules and team building. They had five sessions of fundamentals and tactical playing practices. They played quite many practice games under different coaches and with different rosters.

Coaches/trainers course;

Four days of educational program for coaches/trainers offered change to learn EWH fundamentals in theory, practice and in practice games. The goal for course was give skills to develop their players personal and team skills to new level when they are heading back to home. Course included lot of different type of practices that coaches/trainers could export back to home to their club team practices. Coaches/trainers learned different ways to assess players and opponent teams. They worked every day with different partners and coached different rosters. Instructors were opponents and gave them lot of feed back during coaching teams.

They had two theory sessions. First session was about fundamentals: how to build up year plan for a club and how to split that in a smaller part evermore to individual practice. Same session was also about role of coach and team building. Second session was about national teams: how to build up a team and how to prepare for an international event.

All player and coaches/trainers were excited and they really wanted develop their level of this sport.

To be discussed:

For the participants: The amount of 10 referees is the absolute maximum. The training of this amount means an exact plan of courses and it is especially important to stay within the time schedule. Training for 4 days leaves almost no room for action. Additionally it is very difficult to have that amount of matches played under normal conditions of competition with this high amount of referees. Firstly it is not possible in all cases to organise that high an amount of players for one day and secondly having 10 referees during the practical exam in one day turns out to be very complicated with regard to the time management.

English is the mandatory language for the referees but several referees had big difficulties with the English language. The instructors did realize though that the quality of the referees was good and that the only problem was the language.

The use of a translator can only be successful if it is not related to the sport.

When it is financially feasible, express the referee instructors request for the deployment of two teachers to continue. Besides complementing each other's skills, there is a very pleasant experience that they can have consultation and thoughtful discussion and they are able to take decisions. If the level of the players is low, the instructors advise to invite guest players from stronger leagues.

Players need to have some kind of knowledge's of the game rules.

The official drawing for IWAS World Championship Wheelchair Hockey (EWH)

Took place at Saturday 3 July 2010 in Nottwil, Switzerland. The WC will take place 1st – 8th November 2010 in Lignano Sabbiadoro in Italy, The eight nations that have qualified for the tournament, divided into two groups to four nations.



Karl Vilhelm Nielsen - IWAS Vice President



John Teunissen – Chairman of ICEWH



Antonio Spinelli – FIWH President and Translator Andrea Vacchetti



Zaira Civitillo - Miss Handicap of Switzerland and Claudio Bortolini – FIWH Vice President



Antonio Spinelli – FIWH President

Claudio Bortolini – FIWH Vice President

Group A: Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Australia.
Group B: Germany, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland.

Photo Gallery

Opening speeches



Michael Rosche, Jan Oehninger,
Rebecca Scheide, Frank Habersatter



Heinz Frei



The Paraplegiker-Zentrum in Nottwil



OC President; Frank Habersatter, Jury; Dorte Berenth, OC member; Michael Rosche
Secretariat: Mr. Jan Oehninger, *Head speaker - opening*; Heinz Frei;



Referees



Trainers/Coaches



Player Course - Trainers/Coaches Course

Players in action



Certificates Referees



Certificates Trainers/Coaches



Closing of the 4th Development Event 2010 in Nottwil, Switzerland.



Michael Rosche and Frank Habersatter



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September 2010, Dorte Berenth
Jury member