



Determination

Inspiration

Courage

Equality

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

- 4 Year Competition Cycle
- Championship Bid Process
- Approved events and sanctioning
- Local Organizing Committee Guidelines
- Tournament Formats
- Timing Scoring and Statistics Provider



4 Year Competition Cycle

Present Format

- Year 1 European Championship 10-12 teams, other informal tournaments and 2 team series
- Year 2 World Championships, other informal tournaments and 2 team series
- Year 3 World Championships, other informal tournaments and 2 teams series, Paralympic Test event?
- Year 4 Paralympic Qualifier, PWG, other informal tournaments and 2 team series

Relegation/Promotion/Qualification

- Year 1 European Championship
 - No Relegation or Promotion
- Year 2 World Championship seeded by most recent WCH (prior to PWG)
 - Teams **7-8** from A pool relegated **New Oct. 2010**
 - Teams **1 and 2** from B pool promoted **New Oct. 2010**
- Year 3 World Championships (seeded by Yr 2 WCHs)
 - Teams **1-5** from A pool direct entry to PWG **New Oct. 2010**
 - Teams **6-7-8** from A and **1,2,3** from B enter qualifier **New Oct. 2010**
 - Teams **7-8** from A pool relegated for next WCH **New Oct. 2010**
 - Teams **1 and 2** from B pool promoted for next WCH **New Oct. 2010**
- Year 4 Paralympic Qualifier determines 3 remaining teams for PWG

Goal

- More opportunities for meaningful competition
- Quality competitions held at high standards
- Development opportunities for all countries
- Incentive to improve programs

Opportunities

- Countries in close geographic proximity work to increase approved two team competitions
- Work towards a Pacific Rim Championship to complement the European Championship
- Build on Can/USA/Nor/JPN hosting rotation model example



Championship Bid Process

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Championship Bids

- Need to encourage more competitive, higher quality hosting bids
- Countries must step up and make commitments to host
- Process needs to be simple
- Potential hosts must see benefits
- Need to provide tools to help LOC succeed
- Need to make decision on A and B pool hosting

Championship Bids

- Identify Barriers to hosting
 - Financial
 - Facilities
 - Organizational capacity
 - Competitive level of team
 - Relegation or promotion uncertainty
 - Bid Timelines



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Approved Events



Approved Events

- Beginning this season every event played between two or more countries is considered an IPC “Approved” event.
- STC will provide resources to all events, upon request, as deemed necessary by the scale of the event.
- Notification process to be followed for all events
- Revised fee schedule to be discussed

Approved Events

- Benefits of Approved Events
 - Standardized processes
 - Timing scoring, stats and record keeping
 - Officials development
 - Rule and regulation enforcement
 - Potential IPC sponsor/broadcast involvement
 - Classification
 - Other seminars and development



Local Organizing Committee Guidelines

LOC Guidelines

- Presently standards not consistent or enforced
- Need to make events more professional
- Must be balanced though to still attract hosts
- Minimum standards must be enforced
- Site visits and communication important

LOC Guidelines

- LOC Manual Developed
 - Roles of Host
 - Facility guidelines
 - Transport Guidelines
 - Food and beverage guidelines
 - Manuals for Volunteers in all roles
 - Based on Vancouver 2010 materials



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Tournament Formats



Tournament Formats

- Reviewing formats to ensure they work for the sport
- More competitive games
- Proper rest between games
- Proper seeding
- Flexibility based on number of entries
- Works within schedule constraints



Timing, Scoring and Stats

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Scoring and Stats

- Looking to develop consistent record keeping
- Need to better track results
- Make it easier for host committees
- Can assist with yearly and lifetime awards?
- Can show success to NPC's and federations
- Media Pick up

Competition Working Group

- Advisory group for competition issues
- Forward thinking, big picture growth oriented
- Regional representation
- A and B pool input



Thank You

