

FITEQ NEWSLETTER

2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER 2021

Dear teqball family, dear friends,

Greetings from the International Teqball Federation. We are delighted to share this special anniversary edition of our monthly FITEQ newsletter, marking two years since our first publication.

We celebrated the one year milestone 12 months ago, but it seems like only yesterday that we were recapping our highlights from 2020. Time really has flown by and it is rare that we stop to reflect on the progress that collectively we are making. Since last October, we have continued to advance in all areas. Your support in making this happen is greatly appreciated. Despite the hurdles the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, we can proudly say that the teqball family has remained resilient and focused on bringing **the worlds fastest growing sport** to new faces, in new countries every day.

There are so many amazing achievements to reflect on, which is testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone in the teqball family. In fact, so much incredible work happens every day that it is impossible to document it all in our monthly newsletters. But rest assured we are fully aware, and very thankful, of everything that you do and it remains our pleasure to share some of the wonderful stories with you each month.

We now have **over 120 National Federations developing** grassroots and elite level teqball every day, as well as thousands of clubs, players and officials acting as outstanding ambassadors for our sport. The creativity, dynamism and disruptive nature of teqball is truly capturing the imaginations of the next generation of sports fans. **We are followed by over 5 million people on social media**, making teqball one of **the top 10 most engaging sports online**. To achieve this in under a decade is something we should all be proud of.

This year has seen our sport reach a number of key milestones. Firstly, the launch of para teqball demonstrated the sportsfull commitment to being accessible to all. Since the publication of the official rules and classification document in March, great progress has been made to engage parasport athletes around the world. In fact just two weeks ago **Budapest hosted the first ever combined Teqball and Para Teqball Cup**, in doing so showing the unity and inclusivity of our sport.

On the competition side, global travel restrictions meant we had to innovate to ensure athletes could continue competing at a high level. And as the world slowly started to open up, we were delighted to see international and continental competitions return and we have major plans on the horizon for new events in 2022.

Our ambition to become a medal sport on leading multisport games in all five continents received another boost this year when **the European Olympic Committees added teqball to the European Games 2023 programme**. We cannot wait to see the continents leading teqers to take to the court at this highly prestigious event, as well as in the Asian Beach Games, Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, and many more, in the coming years.

Off the court, the pandemic has been a stark reminder of the importance of helping those most in need. From the outset, we wanted teqball to contribute to a better and brighter future. Through the publication of our **Sustainable Development Handbook**, we looked to empower you to help make a difference. And through the creation of our **Table of Peace programme**, we aimed to support refugees and disadvantaged communities around the world. We truly believe teqball is a lifestyle and part of that lifestyle is using the power of sport to help others, so it has been heart-warming to share some of your initiatives in these areas throughout the past year.

In the next 12 months, we hope we can all see each other in person more often than in the past two years. However, we will keep supplementing this and our regular **Ask the General Secretary** meetings with the monthly newsletters in English, French, Arabic and Spanish, where we will continue to highlight the stories of emotion, passion, ambition, inclusivity, skill and enjoyment that have created this global movement.

Dear friends, thank you again for your support. We cannot wait to keep writing new chapters of our story together with you. But for now, please remember that FITEQ is always here to support you in any way that we can.

Yours sincerely,



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