

# FITEQ NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2020

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**Welcome to your monthly newsletter from the International Teqball Federation.**

Happy New Year from everyone at FITEQ!

This month's edition reflects another busy period for teqball. From the appointment of our new General Secretary to our GAISF observer status designation, FITEQ continues to drive its aims and ambitions through strong leadership and partnerships.

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### MARIUS VIZER JR APPOINTED FITEQ GENERAL SECRETARY

The FITEQ Executive Board has appointed Marius Vizer Jr as the federation's new General Secretary. Vizer Jr takes over from Jason Kirkbride, who remains as a member of the Executive Board.

In parallel, FITEQ Vice President Viktor Huszár was appointed as the Chairman of the FITEQ Board. Both appointments will support the continued professionalisation of FITEQ, as the federation eyes another record-breaking year in 2020.



## FITEQ GRANTED GAISF OBSERVER STATUS

The International Teqball Federation (FITEQ) has been officially granted Observer Status by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) Council, which convened in Lausanne for a Council meeting on 10 January.

The GAISF Observer Status grants International Federations access to the GAISF General Assembly and the opportunity to take advantage of the GAISF network. The GAISF Observer Status has been designed as the first step in the path towards fulfilment of all criteria required for GAISF Membership. This decision reflects the growth and professionalisation of the sport of teqball around the world, with 45 national federations already established across all five continents.

Teqball became the world's fastest recognised sport in August 2018 when FITEQ was officially recognised by the Olympic Committee of Asia (OCA) followed by the recognition of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) in June 2019.



## FITEQ INTRODUCES NEW WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

FITEQ introduced its new World Ranking system in November 2019. The new World Ranking system consists of a basic points system and a bonus point system.

The basic points system is based on points earned at FITEQ events, including the Teqball World Championships 2018, Sal African Beach Teqball Cup, Warsaw International Cup and various Challenger Cups.

The bonus point system awards extra points for set wins and points scored during all main draw matches, encouraging players and teams to fight for every point until the end of every match.

There are three rankings issued at the beginning of every month. Singles and Doubles in effect from November 2019 and Mixed Doubles in effect from January 2020.

The system is based on a winning mentality and creates an opportunity for athletes to score highly at major Teqball events.

The system also awards points at the Challenger Cups offering the opportunity for all new athletes to feature on the list immediately.

To find out more about the new World Ranking system, please visit here: 

For the January 2020 World Rankings, please see the links below:

**SINGLES**

**DOUBLES**

**MIXED DOUBLES**



## FC BARCELONA LEGEND ATTENDS 2019 TEQBALL MASTERS IN SAUDI ARABIA

Spanish football and FC Barcelona legend Carles Puyol attended the Teqball Masters 2019 tournament in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 17-19 December.

The Teqball tournament featured 18 athletes from Morocco, Cameroon, Romania, Algeria, Tunisia, Poland, France and Hungary, who competed for a share of US\$25,000 prize money across Singles and Doubles.

Poland's Adrian Duszak won the Singles title, defeating France's Julien Grondin in the final with a score of 20-16, 20-14. Hungarian pair Ádám Blázsovics and Csaba Bányik, who also won the World Championships in their native Budapest earlier this month, were victorious in the Doubles event.

Spanish football and FC Barcelona legend Carles Puyol visited a demonstration teqball match and a meet-and-greet with local fans in Riyadh.





## FITEQ HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

FITEQ hosted a series of successful education seminars for more than 100 men and women of all ages in Brazil, China, Indonesia and South Korea in November 2019.

The seminars were led by official teqball coaches, referees and experts and provided both theoretical and practical sessions to participants of all ages and abilities who are new to the sport.

FITEQ expressed its thanks to all participants for their commitment throughout the seminars and all the hosts for their help and support to deliver sessions to the highest possible level.



## FITEQ ATTENDS THE FIRST REGIONAL SPORTACCORD IN PAN AMERICA

FITEQ General Secretary Marius Vizer Jr and Continental Development Manager for Pan America Ágota Skrapics represented the federation at the first Regional SportAccord in Pan America on 10-12 December 2019. FITEQ, a Bronze Partner for the inaugural event, used the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with sports leaders and key stakeholders in the Pan American Olympic community and wider region.

FITEQ is aiming to build on the relationships established at the Regional SportAccord Pan America, and continue to develop the grassroots teqball communities in the region.



## FITEQ AND OLYMPAFRICA HOST REGIONAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN NIGERIA

A FITEQ team of coaches, teqball animators and a sport development manager hosted a successful two-day workshop and practical training with OlympAfrica. 15 participants from 8 African countries attended the event in Nigeria on 13-14 December 2019.

In addition to learning about the history of teqball, participants were introduced to the rules of the sport and important values such as excellence, respect and fair play.





## TEQBALL HOST ASIA-PACIFIC BEACH CUP IN SANYA TO CELEBRATE 2020 ASIAN BEACH GAMES INCLUSION

Teqball hosted a successful Asia-Pacific Cup in Sanya, China in anticipation of its debut at the 2020 Asian Beach Games, which is set to take place in the same stunning location later this year.

The Sanya 2020 Asian Beach Games will be held from 28 November - 5 December 2020 and feature 5,000 athletes from 45 countries. The programme will feature 22 sports, including teqball.

FITEQ looks forward to working with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in the lead up to teqball's debut at the major multi-sport event later this year.



## TEQBALL SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT

On the sidelines of the Teqball World Championships 2019 in Budapest, President and co-founder of FITEQ Gábor Borsányi and the Hungarian Ministry's State Secretary for Information and International Representation Tamás Menczer signed a cooperation agreement in the presence of Teqball ambassador Ronaldinho and international media.

The agreement will see 200 teqball tables donated to philanthropic projects and organisations around the world in cooperation with representatives of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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