

FITEQ NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2020

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Welcome to your monthly newsletter from the International Teqball Federation.

This month's edition reflects another busy period for teqball. From the delivery of our largest Challenger Cup so far to the establishment of the Zambian Teqball Federation, FITEQ continues to drive its aims and ambitions through athletic excellence and strong partnerships.

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ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

FITEQ has introduced new rules on athlete eligibility, which is the latest initiative in the international federation's bid to attain the highest standards of professionalism in all areas. The rules came into effect on 1 January 2020 and have been shared with all National Federations. For any questions on the new rules, National Federations are encouraged to contact: competition.teqball@fiteq.org



THE CHALLENGER CUP SERIES CONTINUES

FITEQ had a busy competition schedule to start 2020, with three Challenger Cups organised in January across three continents.

The first competition was the Xiamen Teqball Challenger Cup in China from 10-11 January. On day one of the event the singles competition saw 16 players battle for the trophy. On the second day 16 teams competed for the doubles title.

The Xiamen Teqball Challenger Cup was a historic event for FITEQ, as it was the first-ever Challenger Cup competition in China. Two teams from outside of Asia (France and Hungary) and three other Asian teams (India, South Korea and Malaysia) took part in the successful event. The current world singles and doubles champion Adam Blazsovics (Hungary) won the singles title. He also won the doubles gold with his world champion doubles partner Csaba Banyik.

The second Teqball Challenger Cup of the month took place in Dunaújváros, Hungary from 18-19 January. 50 players took part in the singles competition and 51 teams competed in the doubles event. At the same time Capao da Canoa, in Brazil, hosted the final Challenger Cup of the month. There were 48 singles players, 48 men's doubles teams and 16 mixed doubles teams competing in the Brazilian sunshine.



TEQBALL FEATURES AT THE UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION

From 15-19 January in Baltimore, US, teqball featured at the United Soccer Coaches Convention. The event attracted more than 6,300 coaches and more than 14,000 attendees, who were given the opportunity to learn about and play the sport of teqball. The Convention provided the opportunity to promote the new Teq Lite table and the cooperation with [Soccer.com](https://www.soccer.com).



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEQBALL ESTABLISHED IN ZAMBIA

FITEQ General Secretary Marius Vizer Jr, Sport Development Manager Réka Reichard and a FITEQ team of coaches and Teqball animators attended the official launch of the Teqball Federation of Zambia in Lusaka on 13-14 January. Twenty participants from eight African countries attended the two-day launch, which included a teqball training seminar for OlympAfrica Directors, a table donation to the OlympAfrica Centre and a table donation from FITEQ to the newly-formed Teqball Federation of Zambia.

The launch of the National Federation was attended by the President of the Zambia Teqball Federation Mr Dickson Jere, the President of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia Mr Alfred Foloko, the Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia Mr Boniface Kambikambi and the Minister of Sport, Youth and Child Development for Zambia Mr Emanuel Mulenga.



PORTUGUESE PRIMEIRA LIGA LEGENDS COMPETE IN BRAGA

The Teqball Federation of Portugal, television network SportTV and the Portuguese League of Professional Football (LPFP) hosted a Teqball tournament in Braga on 24 January. Former players from the four Primeira Liga clubs that competed in the Final Four of the Allianz Cup on 21-22 January took part in the event.

Ricardo and Nélson Pereira of Sporting CP, Leo and Bê Martins of SC Braga, Raúl Meireles and José Bosingwa of FC Porto and Niso and Meneses from Vitória S.C. took part in the one-off tournament.

Sporting CP won 23-21 against SC Braga and FC Porto defeated Vitória S.C. 20-5.

The decision to stage the tournament was made at the very last minute, demonstrating the flexibility of the sport of teqball. FITEQ would like to congratulate the Teqball Federation of Portugal for organising the successful tournament in only 60 minutes!



TEQBALL KEEPS IMPROVING IN IVORY COAST

Following an initial meeting in Budapest, Hungary on the sidelines of the FITEQ General Assembly on 8 December 2019, Teqball Federation of Ivory Coast President Zangbe Pierre-Michel and Mr Mathieu Limido Rgucher met on 5 January 2020 in Abijan to discuss the growth of teqball in the country.

President Zangbe Pierre-Michel presented a progress update and a strategic plan for the continued growth of teqball in the Ivory Coast. Mr Rgucher congratulated the Teqball Federation of Ivory Coast for the significant progress made in such a short amount of time. Delighted with such progress, Mr Rgucher committed his support to the Teqball Federation of Ivory Coast by way of formal introductions to potential sponsors in the country.



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.

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