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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOE CAMPBELL - PVPA PRESIDENT

Great to have you back as you look at the 2nd edition of the PVPA Newsletter. We hope you not only enjoy reading the information, but that you also find it highly informative.

2020 has been a year like no other in this century. Back in March we all watched as our world went into a major change as we were limited to where we could go and what we could do. Each nation has enacted their own rules and regulations, and I am sure that the "norm" we knew will never be the same. We are all anxiously waiting for a vaccine, but until then we must remain patient and vigilant as companies around the world are working to create this cure. I ask each of you to please do your best to remain safe and help others when possible.

For the first time ever, World ParaVolley will hold its first ever virtual General Assembly on December 6, 2020.

DATE	ACTION
August 6, 2020 *4 months before GA*	WPV General Manager sends out first GA information package to Member Nations.
September 6, 2020 *3 months before GA*	**DEADLINE** for Member Nations to submit **Motion Forms** to the General Manager and Vice-President.
October 6, 2020 *2 months before GA*	WPV General Manager sends out second GA information package, including all Validated Motions.
November 6, 2020 *1 month before GA*	**DEADLINE** for Member Nations to submit the following information to the General Manager and Vice-President: • **Nomination Form** for Elections • **Mandate Form** for your official GA voting delegate (registration deadline)
By November 22, 2020 *2 weeks before GA*	WPV General Manager sends out final GA information package. Including: • Final GA Logistics Info Document • Meeting Agenda • Delegate List • WPV Report • All Validated Motions • All Nominations
December 6, 2020	**General Assembly** Online *Time to be determined*

Here is information from WPV President, Mr. Barry Couzner.

Each Organization must be in good standing before the World ParaVolley General Assembly, thus your Organization must have paid the 2020 World ParaVolley membership fees, as well as any outstanding previous fees and debts owed, in order to participate in the GA. All members have already been invoiced earlier in 2020. If you require any clarification, please contact our General Manager Mr. Phil Allen generalmanager@worldparavolley.org.

Please note that the PVPA Zone will be holding two especially important competitions in 2021 – Youth Parapan America Games (Bogota, Colombia) and PVPA Zonal Championships (TBD). We are still seeking nations to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to host the Zonal Championships. If your nation is interested in hosting please go to the PVPA website and download the EOI document.

Lastly, the "ParaVolley for All" strategy has turned out to be highly successful in creating awareness in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia. Great job to Genitunney for his diligent work in creating this virtual training and awareness project.

Best regards,
Joe Campbell
PVPA, President

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAURA COMETTO- PVPA VICE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the PVPA Board,

I greet you in our second edition and reiterate my gratitude to Vanessa Redes, who takes care of making our Mission visible day by day.

In the uncertain moments that we are going through as humanity, where COVID takes us away from many of our most beloved ties and the things we love to do, it is necessary to trust that each crisis brings an opportunity, that each one can change the angle of where you look.

Without going any further, the recent premiere of **Rising Phoenix,** which represents us so well, reminds us again that the human being recovers and reinvents everything, even in the most painful circumstances.

Let this situation allow us to learn to be better people, to feel what happens to the other. And remember that "***the deepest darkness announces the arrival of the light***".

I look forward to being together again on the court

Laura Cometto
PVPA, Vice President

EVENTS

- AFRICAN PARA GAMES
- ASIAN PARA GAMES
- IWAS WORLD GAMES
- FINAL QUALIFIER FOR TOKYO - MEN
- WORLD CUP
- TOKYO "2020" PARALYMPIC
- PVPA ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- BEACH PARAVOLLEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
- IWAS GUTTMANN GAMES

COVID-19

TOKYO 2020

The Olympic and Paralympic Games were postponed for the first time in history due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Following the decision to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) President Andrew Parsons gave the following reaction:

“Postponing the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak is absolutely the right thing to do. The health and well-being of human life must always be our number one priority and staging a sport event of any kind during this pandemic is simply not possible. Sport is not the most important thing right now, preserving human life is. It is essential therefore that all steps are taken to try and limit the spread of this disease".

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games have been rescheduled to take place between 24 August and 5 September 2021.

TOKYO 2020
PARALYMPIC GAMES

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2021

TOKYO "2020"

- 24 August - 5 September 2021 - Tokyo - Japan

PVPA EVENTS

- ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- YOUTH PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES

  November 8-20, Bogota, Colombia

WORLD PARAVOLLEY EVENTS

- TOKYO 2020 MEN'S FINAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

  February 13-19, Duisburg, Germany
- WORLD CUP

  April 2021
- WORLD SUPER 6 (All Stars)

  November 2021
- IWAS WORLD GAMES
- BEACH PARAVOLLEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

"ALWAYS TURN A NEGATIVE SITUATION INTO A POSITIVE SITUATION."

MICHAEL JORDAN

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

- World Championships Final Qualifiers M&W
  Feb-March
- World Cup
  05/2022
- World Championships
  July 2022
- World Super 6 (All Stars)
- IWAS Youth Games (U23) South Africa or USA
- Beach ParaVolley World Championship Series

2023

- Zonal Championships
- Para Pan American Games , Santiago, Chile 17-25 November (Incl PVPA Zonal Championship)
- World Super 6 (All Stars)
- Youth Sitting Volleyball Zonal Championship
- Beach ParaVolley World Championship Series

2024

- Paralympic Games Final Qualifiers
- World Cup
- 2024 Paris Paralympic Games, France 28 August to 8 September
- World Super 6 (All Stars)
- Youth Sitting Volleyball Zonal Championship
- Beach ParaVolley World Championship Series

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY FAVORITE PART OF THE GAME IS? THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY."

MIKE SINGLETARY

PARAVOLLEY FOR ALL

A strategy for the development of ParaVolley

With the support of PVPA, ParaVolley for All promotes, encourages and makes ParaVolley known to people across our continent, as well as countries worldwide. It also seeks to comply with the objectives of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in terms of achieving through Paralympic sport, promoting the inclusion and integration of all people, and in turn complying with the Vision of World ParaVolley

The objective of the project is to publicize ParaVolley on a continental level. This initiative is within the development plan of PVPA, and it was created in Colombia as a promotion strategy in times of Pandemic.

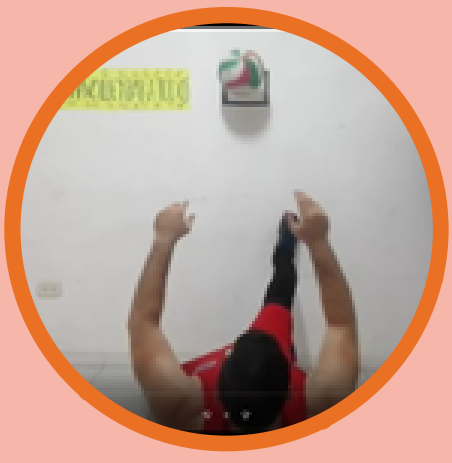
ParaVolley for all / Caldense Volleyball League
Colombian Volleyball Federation
Jessica / Meglan / Colombia

In Colombia, 490 people have participated, in Peru 186, and in Bolivia 1126. We will resume planning on future activities to continue working in different countries of the continent, and thus go forward with the ParaVolley For All program in Costa Rica, Brazil, Panama, El Salvador, and Ecuador.

Developing and leading this project is Mr. Geni Tunney Cañón Reyes, Development Director of the Paravolley Pan American Zone.

The work is carried out in a space of 2 square meters using a wall, a volleyball or another type of ball, or even a balloon. In addition, specific exercises are created for beginners and advanced athletes.

Conventional volleyball athletes from different countries have participated, who use ParaVolley as part of their training. Likewise, each participant must draw on the wall (see photo) where they will perform the exercises the slogan of “ParaVolley for All”, and the different participating organizations will be rewarded for the best design.



NEWS ABOUT PVPA

During these months we have been working!

PARAVOLLEY PANAM YOUTUBE

During the months of Pandemic and without face-to-face events our team took the opportunity to create great virtual content. Our YouTube channel today has 5 Webinars with excellent content.

Access and enjoy our Webinar:

- Technical Officials Webninar
- Referee Webinar
- Classification Webinar
- Webinar on Sitting Volleyball with Bill Hamiter
- Introduction to ParaVolley

BEACH PARAVOLLEY

Currently we have more than one challenge worldwide with the launch of Beach ParaVolley by World ParaVolley. The goal is that this discipline of Beach ParaVolley is consolidated as one more sport in the Paralympic Games in Los Angeles 2028, and it becomes one more opportunity for people who love ParaVolley to have the opportunity to play an exciting and very demanding sport.

Beach ParaVolley can be played recreationally and as a family, for health, competitively and at high performance.

We know that our continent has great conditions for the development of this discipline, and we are sure that we can reach the top of the worldwide ranking.

We want to invite all of you, athletes, coaches and leaders to come together with the goal that we have the best teams in our area competing for medals at the Los Angeles 2028 games.

We will have as soon as the pandemic allows, competitions in our area and we are sure that all our affiliates for next year will have their national tournaments and or will be working their national base teams for the competitions that are coming.

SEE YOU IN THE SAND.

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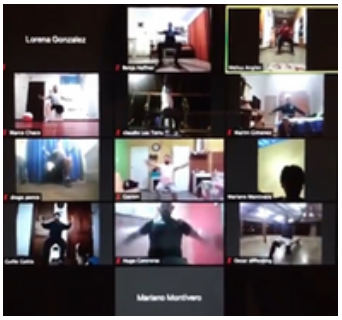
ARGENTINA AND SITTING VOLLEYBALL

In April we decided to work again with the Men's National Team through Zoom Platform. First of all, because of the need to not lose what we have acquired in terms of technique and physical condition, and on the other hand, because we knew that the Pandemic was impacting in many ways of our lives and it would be easier to cope with together.



For this we organized a physical and technical work scheme, and taking advantage of virtuality we reinforce Nutrition, Kinesiology areas (care of the stump and equipment) and motivational aspects through sport coaching. Our next aim is the International Competition

The same plan for youth development, besides the idea of Parapan American 2021, we want to strengthen young people recruitment to practice Sitting volleyball and Beach ParaVolley.

HOW TO HOST

The image and reputation of the sport of ParaVolley is best characterized by the quality and organizational efficiency of PVPA's tournaments. In order to provide interested host nations with an opportunity to develop the sport, a bidding process has been introduced.

The bidding process is a key first step in determining if an organizer has the capacity and resources to stage an event, thereby helping to eliminate any unnecessary costs. Moreover, the procedure ensures a level of fairness by guaranteeing all interested parties have access to the same level of information – including the rules, regulations and expected standards of the international federation – at the time of bidding.

The procedures are in place to assist any potential organizer to prepare its bid and understand its obligations towards PVPA. In this way PVPA seeks to provide consistency in the way its tournaments are organized and presented, leading to a greater level of success for the organizers.

For further information and application forms to host and organize, please check out our website in "To be a Host" or contact:

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SPOTLIGHT

Jose Agtonio Guedes Dantas *and his career with ParaVolley in Brazil*

We chatted with the Brazilian Women's Team coach about his career and ambitions

- How did you get started in sitting volleyball?
I worked as an athletics and swimming coach for people with disabilities since 2000 and in 2004, a year after sitting volleyball started in Brazil, I already participated in the Brazilian championship with male and female teams. And I always participated with two teams until 2010 and 2011 I decided to dedicate myself exclusively to women.

- Your biggest achievements?
As a club coach always have at least 4 athletes in national teams that have played in the main competitions since 2006 and as coach of the Brazil National Team the Bronze in the Intercontinental Cup 2016 and the podium with the Bronze in the Rio 2016 Games and the winning of the vacancy for the games of Tokyo in Lima 2019.

- What was the most complicated situation (barrier) that you went through?
It was to make the Brazilian team believe and play to become one of the best in the world. Another important challenge was having to compete for a place in the Paralympic games, something unprecedented as a coach, as there would be a risk of being left out of the biggest Paralympic event in the world.

- What is the best experience you've ever had?
The podium at the Paralympic games Rio 2016.

- What are your greatest longings as a coach?
Not having many female teams in sitting volleyball, both in Brazil and in other countries, I would like to see here in Brazil a championship with 20 teams. Latin American countries with strong women's teams.

- Has the Paralympics move been seen as good or bad?
For the Brazilian women's team, I see that it was good, as we gained more time to improve our tactical systems, however, just like many opponents we were left without training, and this is bad.

- How are you getting ready?
In this pandemic period, we invested in maintaining the physical part and preventing injuries, but also in actions aimed at keeping athletes in contact with the sport.

MEMBERSHIP

Check all our Member Nations
How to become a Member of World ParaVolley /Pan America

Today we have eight Member Nations, and we would like to expand to reach the entire Americas. Our mission is to take all disciplines of ParaVolley to all corners of our continent, because besides being a sport, it is a form of inclusion.

World ParaVolley Membership is open to a nation's:

- National Paralympic Committee (NPC), or an
- NPC-approved National Volleyball Federation, or an
- NPC-approved National Sports Federation for Disabled.

All Members must accept the World ParaVolley Constitution and Rules and Regulations, and must pay the membership fee. By paying the fee and signing the Membership Form the Member accepts the World ParaVolley Constitution, the Rules and Regulations of World ParaVolley, the World ParaVolley Classification Code, Medical Code and Anti-Doping Code, and all other member obligations, financial and otherwise. There can be only one recognised body per nation.

Membership fees are calculated every two years, and paid each year. The membership year is the calendar year (January 1 – December 31).

If you want to become a member please visit our website and you can find a link to "Become a Member" - http://paravolleypanam.com/

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