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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOE CAMPBELL - PVPA PRESIDENT

Greetings PVPA,

2024 has flown by, and World ParaVolley has had an exciting and event-packed year! The Women's Super 6, the Last Chance Qualifier in China, and the Paralympic Games in Paris were undoubtedly highlights in the para-sport world.

Looking ahead to 2025 to 2028, PVPA and World ParaVolley will keep the momentum going with major events like the following

- 2025: PVPA Zonal Championships, World Super 6, World Cup
- 2026: World Super 6; World Championships Final Qualifier; World Championships
- 2027: Parapan America Games; World Cup
- 2028: LA28 Paralympic Final Qualifier; LA28 Paralympic Games

These events are crucial for athletes and teams as they continue to compete at the highest level and push the sport forward.

The PVPA Zonal Championships will be held in the USA between the months of April and June of 2025. USA was the only country to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). It's challenging when the same countries, like Canada and the USA, consistently step up to host events while others don't participate in the bidding process. For South and Central America, the potential is huge, not only to host zonal championships but also to raise the profile of para-sports across the region. Hosting these events could create a broader platform for athletes, strengthen regional teams, and inspire local communities.

I ask ALL countries to please remember our other 2 disciplines... Youth, and Beach ParaVolley. If we want to have Beach ParaVolley as a Paralympic sport in Brisbane 2032, we must begin "now"! We need the help of all member nations to step up and host competitions to show the IPC that it is truly a viable sport. Some countries are hosting small in-country competitions, but we need sanctioned zonal and international competitions. Also, the Youth are the future of Sitting Volleyball. Right now, we only have a Youth competition every 4 years with the Youth Parapan America Games. We must have more competitions to give our youth the competitions, experience and recognition they need and deserve.

As you know Curitiba, Brazil has agreed to host the America's Cup, Sitting Volleyball tournament. More information to come soon as they are working to confirm the competition dates in 2025. If your nation is interested in participating, contact Cris Figueira (crisfigueira12@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

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



- ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- AMERICA CUP
- SUPER SIX
- TDB

PARIS WHAT A SUCCESS

CELEBRATING OUR REGION'S PARALYMPIC SUCCESS

We are overjoyed with the incredible performances of our athletes from the Pan-American region at the recent Paralympic Games.

Their hard work and dedication truly stood out, bringing home impressive results and making us all proud.

As we celebrate these achievements, we are already looking forward to the next Paralympics in Los Angeles 2028.

Hosting the Games in our region will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our talent and passion on home soil.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see what the future holds and to cheer on our athletes once again!



SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- SUPER 6
- TBD | I AMERICA CUP, CURITIBA. BRAZIL



“TO GO OUT THERE AND PROVE WHAT I CAN DO HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT WHO I AM. WE CAN PUSH OURSELVES FURTHER. WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE TO GIVE.”

--SIMONE BILES



THREE CANDIDATES FROM PARAVOLLEY PANAMERICA SET TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL REFEREEING COURSE IN PRAGUE

In October 2024, Paravolley PanAmerica (PVPA) is proudly sending three candidates to attend the prestigious Level 3 International Refereeing Course in Prague, Czech Republic. This advanced course is essential for preparing referees to officiate at the highest levels of ParaVolley competitions globally. The selected candidates include representatives from Brazil, the USA, and Canada, marking a significant step towards strengthening the zone's refereeing capabilities.

Currently, PVPA has a total of nine active international referees—three each from Brazil and the USA, two from Canada, and one from Colombia. However, with the increasing demand for qualified referees to cover the growing number of competitions in the region, it is crucial to expand this number. To support this goal, PVPA is working hard to organize another International Refereeing Course in South America in 2025, which will allow more countries in the region to train and certify referees.

The referees attending the Prague course, Rachael A. Rodriguez (USA), Weslane Sampaio (Brazil), and Greg Hawthorn (Canada), have successfully completed the course and are now certified officials with Paravolley PanAm. Their participation is vital in ensuring that PVPA continues to meet the standards required for officiating at international competitions and fostering the development of sitting volleyball across the Americas.



WESLANE SAMPAIO - BRA

I started my volleyball journey in 2006, becoming a National Referee shortly after. In 2008, I expanded my expertise by earning my Sitting Volleyball Referee certification, participating in various national and international tournaments. My passion for sitting volleyball grew even more after officiating at events like the Brazilian Sitting Volleyball Championship and the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games as line judge. In 2024, I'm excited to advance my career further by attending the World ParaVolley International Referee Course in Prague, where I look forward to contributing even more to the growth of sitting volleyball on a global scale.

RACHAEL A. RODRIGUEZ - USA

I began my volleyball journey in 1990, transitioning to officiating in 2010. After attending the 2016 Invictus Games, I developed a passion for sitting volleyball and pursued USA Volleyball National Referee certification. In 2023, I earned a Sitting Endorsement, and now, I am eager to continue my officiating career by attending the World ParaVolley International Referee Course in Prague.



GREG HAWTHORN - CAN

I started my volleyball career playing in school. After injury, my father who was an official introduced me to this aspect of the game in 2009. I achieved my National certification in 2018. A friend who played on the men's National sitting team invited me to come out to some of their practises and my interested in this discipline of the sport began. I've participated in many competitions here in Canada and am excited to expand my skills with this fast growing sport.





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USA SITTING DIVISION TRIUMPHS AT THE 2024 USA OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



On May 27-28, 2024, the USA Sitting Division gathered in Columbus, Ohio, for the USA OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. This year's event featured nine talented teams from across the nation, each bringing their A-game to the court in a thrilling display of sitting volleyball excellence.

The competition was fierce, and after two days of intense matches, the final standings were as follows:

1. Powered by Ibuprofen (SO)
2. Dimes (NC)
3. Oklahoma Stunners (OK)
4. Flower Power (LS)
5. Sitting Pretty (OK)
6. SNTDP Mizuno (OK)
7. NorCal (NC)
8. Serves You Right (IM)
9. Limitless (FL)

Each team demonstrated remarkable skill, sportsmanship, and determination, making this year's championships an unforgettable event. Special congratulations to the top three teams: Powered by Ibuprofen, Dimes, and Oklahoma Stunners, for their outstanding performances.

A significant part of the event's success was due to the dedication and professionalism of the officials. With the exception of Thang and Joe, all officials at the sitting division had participated in the sitting volleyball endorsement program last year in Dallas, Texas. This specialized training ensured that the matches were conducted with the highest standards of fairness and integrity.

The 2024 USA OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS not only highlighted the competitive spirit of the athletes but also showcased the strong community and support system within sitting volleyball. From players and coaches to officials and organizers, everyone's efforts contributed to an event that celebrated the sport and its athletes.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all involved. Your passion and dedication are truly inspiring. As we look forward to future competitions, we are excited to see the continued growth and success of sitting volleyball. Well done to all the teams and officials for making this year's championships a spectacular success!



2ND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY

Sitting Volleyball Tournament Hold in Curitiba/Brasil

For the second consecutive year, the city of Curitiba hosts the SESC Paracopa, International Military Sitting Volleyball Tournament, and its third edition has already been confirmed in June 2025.

The organizing entity of the championship is the Department of Military Sports of the Ministry of Defense with the support of SESC/PR and the endorsement of the CBVD (Brazilian Volleyball Confederation for the Disabled). In its second year it had 6 teams, including the Brazilian Military Team, the Colombian Military Team, Estonia, Argentina, AVPL and CMP as guest clubs.

There were 4 days of competition, with a total of 20 games, an exciting final between the Brazilian Military Team and the Colombian Military Team, and for the second consecutive year the home team won the tournament.



The 2nd international military sitting volleyball tournament held in Curitiba is a partnership between the Ministry of Defense and SESC PR, with the support of CBVD, with the aim of promoting the sport in the national and international military sphere. This edition, in 2024, was attended by 4 countries and 2 invited teams who, with a lot of determination, showed the strength of SITTING VOLLEY with extremely technical and competitive games. "Within the national and international military scenario, we believe in the evolution of Military Sitting Volleyball and that it will soon become a military World Championship of the International Council of Military Sports, the CISM. I would like to thank the partners of SESCPR, CBVD, CPB and the Air Force Sports Commission in this mission. We hope that in 2025 we will welcome 12 countries and have a great event. MILITARY PARASPORT BRAZIL!" - words from Colonel PAVELEC - Military Parasports Rapporteur of the Ministry of Defense.





WOMEN'S SUPER 6

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Historic Milestone for Sitting Volleyball in France

From June 11 to 15, the city of Nancy, France, hosted a memorable event for sitting volleyball: the Super 6. This international tournament, which brought together some of the best teams in the world, stood out not only for its high level of competition but also for introducing the video challenge technology for the first time in a World ParaVolley competition.

The tournament featured six teams, including three from the Pan-American zone. The performances were spectacular, with the United States team emerging as the champion after thrilling matches. China secured second place, followed by Brazil in third. Italy claimed fourth place, while Canada finished fifth. The host team, France, completed the ranking.

The challenge technology was one of the major highlights of the event. This system allowed for the review of questionable plays, ensuring greater fairness and transparency in the referees' decisions. The introduction of this technology at the Super 6 marked a significant step forward for sitting volleyball, demonstrating World ParaVolley's commitment to modernization and sport integrity.

The games were characterized by fierce competitiveness and high technical skill, reflecting the growth and evolution of sitting volleyball worldwide. The participation of teams from different continents added diversity and richness to the tournament, providing valuable cultural and sports exchange.

The performance of the Pan-American teams was particularly notable. The United States showed their strength and consistency throughout the tournament, while Brazil demonstrated their potential and ability to compete among the best teams in the world. Although Canada did not reach the podium, they presented a determined team with great sportsmanship.

The Super 6 in Nancy was undoubtedly an event to remember. The combination of high technology with exceptional quality volleyball provided an unforgettable spectacle for athletes, coaches, and fans. This tournament not only celebrated the skill and dedication of the players but also highlighted the promising future of sitting volleyball.

As the sport continues to grow and develop, events like the Super 6 play a crucial role in promoting and popularizing sitting volleyball around the world. ParaVolley PanAmerica is proud to be part of this history and will continue to support and encourage the participation of its teams in international competitions, always aiming to elevate the level of the sport and provide unforgettable experiences for all involved.

WOMEN'S SUPER 6

Historic Milestone for Sitting Volleyball in France

WOMEN'S SUPER 6 FINAL STANDING

1		USA
2		CHINA
3		BRAZIL
4		ITALY
5		CANADA
6		FRANCE

Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy, France

WOMEN'S SUPER 6 Individual Awards

- Best Server - Suellen Dellangelica Lima (BRA)
- Best Receiver - Zhang Lijun (CHN)
- Best Libero - Bethany Zummo (USA)
- Best Setter - Kaleo Kanahale (USA)
- Best Attacker - Tang Xuemei (CHN)
- Best Blocker - Katherine Bridge (USA)
- Most Valuable Players - Heather Erickson (USA)

Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy, France





2024 WPV SITTING VOLLEYBALL FINAL QUALIFIERS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Last qualifier

The Exciting Race to Paris 2024: A Journey of Determination

From April 3rd to 11th, teams from around the world competed fiercely for the last spots in the upcoming Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. In the beautiful city of Dali, China, the final qualifying event unfolded, bringing together athletes with dreams of representing their countries on the world stage.

In the men's competition, Canada and the United States faced off, with Canada showing how much they've improved over the years by securing the fourth spot. Meanwhile, the United States went head-to-head with Ukraine (in the Gold Medal match), but Ukraine came out on top, earning their place in Paris 2024.

The women's matches were just as exciting, with athletes from different backgrounds showing incredible dedication and teamwork.

As we look forward to the Paris 2024 Paralympics, let's celebrate the hard work and determination of these athletes. Their journey reminds us that with passion and perseverance, anything is possible. And when the games begin, we'll cheer them on as they inspire us all with their courage and spirit.

MEN

- Canada (CAN)
- China (CHN)
- Croatia (CRO)
- Iraq (IRQ)
- Japan (JPN)
- Poland (POL)
- Ukraine (UKR)
- United States (USA)

WOMEN

- Germany (GER)
- Iran (IRI)
- Japan (JPN)
- Slovenia (SLO)
- Thailand (THA)
- Ukraine (UKR)





EXCITING END TO THE DUTCH TOURNAMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Dutch Tournament, a beloved unofficial event in the sitting volleyball community, wrapped up with some amazing action this year. Hosted annually in the Netherlands, this tournament just keeps growing in popularity and tradition.

This year, 18 teams battled it out. In the women's final, Canada and Brazil faced off in a nail-biting five-set match, with Canada taking the win and the championship. The USA secured the bronze by defeating Italy in another exciting match.

On the men's side, Germany took home the gold after a tough match against the USA. In the fight for the bronze, Kazakhstan came out on top against Brazil.

With the tournament over, all teams are now focusing on preparing for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The energy and passion on display at the Dutch Tournament show just how dedicated these athletes are.

Stay tuned for more updates and stories as we continue to cheer on these incredible athletes in the sitting volleyball community!

Keep pushing the limits and aiming high!





PVPA IN PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

A HISTORIC SHOWING FOR SITTING VOLLEYBALL AT THE PARIS 2024 PARALYMPICS

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games showcased an incredible display of athleticism, dedication, and resilience across all sports, and sitting volleyball was no exception. Teams from across the globe gathered to compete in both the men's and women's tournaments, and the PanAmerican zone left a significant mark, particularly in the women's competition.

Women's Sitting Volleyball: PanAmerican Dominance

The women's sitting volleyball event highlighted the strength of teams from the PanAmerican zone, with three of the top four ranked teams belonging to this region: the USA, Brazil, and Canada. These teams have consistently demonstrated their prowess on the international stage, and Paris 2024 was another testament to their excellence.

The United States emerged as the champions of the women's tournament, reinforcing their status as a perennial powerhouse in sitting volleyball. Canada secured a commendable third place, showcasing their competitive edge and skill. Brazil, while finishing in fourth place, also demonstrated their strong presence and competitive spirit throughout the tournament. The rivalry between these nations continues to elevate the level of play and inspire new generations of athletes.

In addition to the remarkable performances by the teams, the women's tournament also saw significant contributions from PanAmerican officials. Marie-Claude Richer of Canada served as the first referee for the final match, highlighting the high standard of officiating within the PanAmerican zone. Furthermore, Joe Campbell and Phill Allen, both members of the ParaVolley PanAmerica (PVPA), were recognized as part of the jury for the finals, underscoring the region's influential role in the sport's governance and oversight.

Men's Sitting Volleyball: A Mixed Outcome for Brazil

On the men's side, the Brazilian team entered the tournament with high expectations, having consistently ranked among the top teams in the world in recent years. However, Paris 2024 was a challenging outing for the squad, as they finished in 6th place. Despite their efforts, the team struggled to maintain the form that had brought them success in previous competitions.

Although Brazil's finish was not what the team had hoped for, their presence in the tournament continues to solidify their position as a strong contender in global sitting volleyball. Lessons learned from this experience will undoubtedly shape their preparations for future competitions.

PanAmerican Officials Shine on the World Stage

While the Brazilian men's team may not have achieved their desired result, the PanAmerican zone still had plenty to celebrate, particularly when it came to officiating. Two prominent referees from the region were selected for the men's final in Paris, an extraordinary honor that reflects the high standard of officiating in the PanAmerican zone.

For the men's final, Brazil's Andre Calado served as the first referee for the final, while Neal Konowalyk from Canada, the PVPA Referee Commissioner, took on the role of second referee. Their selection for such a prestigious match highlights the respect and trust they have earned in the global sitting volleyball community. It also underscores the growing influence of PanAmerican officials in the sport, as they continue to contribute at the highest levels of competition.

A Bright Future for PanAmerican Sitting Volleyball

As the Paris 2024 Paralympics come to a close, it is clear that the PanAmerican Zone continues to thrive in the sport of sitting volleyball. With teams that are competitive on the world stage and officials who are recognized for their excellence, the future looks bright for sitting volleyball in the Americas.

The performances of the USA, Canada, and Brazil in the women's competition, combined with the participation and recognition of PanAmerican referees and jury members in the finals, serve as an inspiration for the next generation of athletes and officials in the region. Sitting volleyball in the PanAmerican zone is poised for continued growth and success, with Paris 2024 serving as a remarkable chapter in its ongoing story.



PVPA IN PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

A HISTORIC SHOWING FOR SITTING VOLLEYBALL AT
THE PARIS 2024 PARALYMPICS





PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

PVPA TEAMS  **GAMES**

BRAZIL



PVPA TEAMS  **GAMES**

BRAZIL



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

JOE CAMPBELL AND LOUISE ASHCROFT
WORLD PARAVOLLEY'S LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD



PVPA TEAMS  **GAMES**


USA




PVPA TEAMS  **GAMES**

CANADA



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

JOE CAMPBELL AND PHILL ALLEN
JURY MEMBERS



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

USA CHAMPION



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

CANADA BRONZE MEDAL



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**


BRAZIL 4TH PLACE




PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**


BRAZIL 6TH PLACE



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

MARIE-CLAUDE RICHER
FIRST REFEREE FINAL MATCH



PVPA RETROSPECTIVE - PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES  **GAMES**

ANDRE CALADO AND NEAL KONOWALYK
REFEREES FINAL MATCH



ARGENTINA SPORT INITIATIONS

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Motivated by the Program of Initiation Schools to Sitting Volleyball of Argentina National Sports Secretariat, once again proposes to open the way so that children and young people with physical disabilities from private and public schools throughout the country have the opportunity to know that adapted and Paralympic sports exist and that they can access to different proposals.

For this, Paravoleibol Argentina designed a strategy to detect students with diverse conditions in their locomotor system and began the journey through institutional means so that the Ministry of Education becomes part of it and can distribute the information in an expansive way in order to reach all corners of the country and be able to offer Sitting Volleyball

The Schools for this year functioned with development poles in the South Zone of Gran Buenos Aires - Quilmes; in the North Zone of GBA, and finally in Rosario - capital of the province of Santa Fe. These three places are highly populated cities.

The idea is that each year the EIDEs of sitting volleyball will rotate around the country and that the activity will continue to function autonomously. These young people will surely compete to be able to represent their localities in the National Evita Games and from there some can nourish our grassroots selections as occurred years ago and which resulted in a Silver Medal in the Parapan American Youth Games in Bogotá.

Argentina firmly believes that **mass development** with good planning and sustained over time is responsible for strength in high performance.



Bill Hamiter: A Journey of a Championship Coach



Bill Hamiter's coaching journey began in the 1980s and has led to unprecedented success in sitting volleyball. His passion for the sport and dedication to athletes with disabilities have made him a champion on and off the court.

I began my career in coaching at an early age. I started working in volleyball in 1980 with a college program. Time was spent coaching in junior club volleyball, college volleyball, and a short stint in High School volleyball. During those early years I was fortunate to have some successful years winning 5 District Championships, 2 Regional Championships, and 2 National Championship births coaching at Southern Nazarene University. Coaching in High School I was able to win 3 State Championships and 2 runner up finishes. These years opened my eyes to the enjoyment of coaching and the impact coaching can have on players' lives.

I spent time coaching in the USA Volleyball National High-Performance Program which led me to be hired as the Head Coach of the USA Men's National Sitting Team in 2001. This was a time of development for the men's team in the US. The team steadily improved to the point where they qualified for the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games at the first ParaPan American Games by winning the Gold Medal.

By this time sitting volleyball had won my heart and I knew I wanted to serve the underserved population of athletes with disabilities for the rest of my coaching career. In 2009 I was hired full-time and added Head Coaching duties for the Women's National Sitting Team as well as Director for the Sitting Program to the Men's Team Head Coaching duties. In 2014 a Men's Head Coach was hired. I continued as Program Director and Head Coach for the women. A robust year-round program was developed to support sustained excellence.

The Women's team made significant strides and had its highest finish ever at the 2010 World Championship, winning a silver medal and then won a silver medal at the London Paralympic Games in 2012. The Women's team continued its winning ways by getting a silver medal at the 2014 World Championships and in 2016 won their first Paralympic Gold Medal at the Rio Paralympic Games. A silver medal was won at the 2018 World Championship followed by winning their second Gold Medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. The Women's team has won Gold medals at all the ParaPan America Zone Championships including 2023 which qualified them for the 2024 Paris Paralympics. It was in Paris that the Women's team accomplished the 3-Peat by winning its third Gold Medal in a row.

I have had the privilege to coach amazing athletes throughout my career and have collaborated with outstanding coaches and staff. God has blessed me by placing me in a position that the Sitting Program and its teams can be successful. I have had the privilege to help other countries, programs, and players throughout my career. I have been an instructor for players and coaches in both the standing discipline and sitting discipline of volleyball around the US and internationally.

Bill Hamiter: A Journey of a Championship Coach



A few noted clinics and publications are:

- 2015: Instructor for Sitting Volleyball Coach Clinic, NORCECA & FIVB Training Center, Tijuana Baja California, Mexico
- Instructor for Sitting Volleyball Clinics in Chiang Mai, Thailand (Physical Education Institute) and Nong Khai, Thailand (University of Khon Kaen Nong Khai Campus)
- 2014: Instructor for Sitting Volleyball, Mongolian Delegation, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, USA
- 2012: DVD Published, "Cross Training Using Sitting Volleyball", Championship Productions
- 2012: Clinician for Sitting Volleyball; Jordan, Iran & Iraq Delegation, San Antonio, TX, USA
- 2011: Instructor for Sitting Volleyball Clinics, Yogyakarta University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Instructor for Standing & Sitting Volleyball Clinic, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic Clinician for Sitting Volleyball & "Science Based Coaching," Baghdad, Iraq
- Instructor for Sitting Volleyball, Kazakhstan Delegation, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, USA
- 2009: DVD Published, "Stop Running in Circles! Play Games to Warm Up," Championship Productions



During these months we have been working!

PVPA COMMUNICATION OFFICIAL CHANNEL

The PVPA would like to inform all members that an official communication channel has been created for the PVPA member nations. This group on WhatsApp aims to centralize the information we receive, and is intended to be disseminated on our social media. Remember that we will not be sharing any action not sent to this channel. To include members from your countries who have the right and knowledge to share information, please email your name and phone number to:

redesvanessa@gmail.com



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.

We would like to create a culture of having our zonal competitions confirmed one year in advance. We know that this would benefit all teams in creating a budget to enhance financial planning.

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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President: Joe Campbell - panamerica@worldparavolley.org



PVPA !

PVPA INFORMATION REQUIRED

PVPA Nations,

I want to give to you some very important information that is crucial in hosting a Regional, National or International competition. This information should be submitted for both indoor sitting and beach standing volleyball.

In order for PVPA to maintain a current and correct History of events, and for the IPC/APC to track the activities in all 4 zones globally, we need for you to send a post-competition result to the PVPA Sport Director (Cristiana Figueira). This information is provided from World ParaVolley to the International Paralympic Committee every 4 years when we must apply for Sitting Volleyball to participate in each Paralympic Games.

Thank you for your cooperation in submitting your competition results. The following information should be included in your results.

- Name of competition
- Dates of competition
- Name of the location (city, state/province, country)
- Name of each team competing
- Final results of all teams competing



Why is it so important ?

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

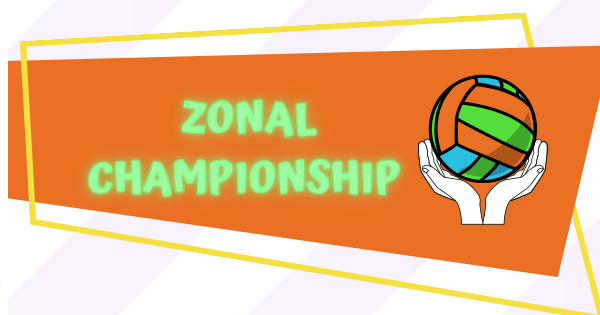
As you know, the IPC requires all sports to apply for participation in the Paralympic Games. That time has come for Los Angeles 2028, and the IPC has approved Sitting Volleyball as the only approved volleyball discipline for these Paralympic Games.

It's essential that each country try to develop the sport, and more than that, it is critical that tournaments are documented and submitted to PVPA. With these reports, we can show that our Zone is working hard for the development and growth of our sport.

Hosting an international event is another critical point. I know that isn't easy, but we need to try for the sport's good. PVPA can go through the checklist and handbook together so we can adjust the demands. Don't be afraid to talk to us. We are on the same side, with the same goal.

You can find all the required documents at www.paravolleypanam.com. If you have any doubts or questions in how to complete the documents, please contact Cristiana Figueira at crisfigueira12@gmail.com.

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MEMBERSHIP

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



Today we have six 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)
- NPC-approved National Volleyball Federation
- 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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develop ParaVolley always!!!*

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