



# PARAVOLLEY PAN AMERICA

NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Online ParaVolley PanAmerica sport magazine that reports on current or recent ParaVolley NEWS and discusses general or specific topics related to all ParaVolley disciplines

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOE CAMPBELL - PVPA PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone and "thank you" for making time to read the PVPA newsletter.

I hope that you find it to be very informative with updated news as well as events happening in Pan America and throughout World ParaVolley (WPV).

Another year is almost complete and unfortunately, we are still struggling to have competitions thanks to COVID. As it was announced, this year's PVPA Sitting Zonal Championships have been canceled and therefore World ParaVolley World Ranking Points will be used to determine which 2 teams in both men and women's divisions will attend the World Championships in Hangzhou, China (May 17-23).



PVPA General Assembly (GA): We must have a General Assembly this year as we have Board positions that must be elected, our PVPA Constitution that needs to be approved by the member nations and other important information to discuss. It is imperative that we have this GA before the end of 2021. No date has been confirmed but expect this GA to happen in December...more to come soon.

TOKYO 2020 - What an event! In my experience of attending previous Paralympic Games, this one was totally different and unfortunately restrictive due to COVID. I want to say that I was extremely happy that our teams were able to compete as they had waited 5 years for this event.

TOKYO 2020 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) did an excellent job in hosting the event and keeping everyone informed with our daily challenges. The **Technical Delegate (TD) Mr. Jonathan Moore** worked diligently to create a harmonious environment for our teams and ITOs...I want to say "thank you" to him and great job! The biggest disappointment was that we could not go out and see the beautiful sites that Japan has to offer. To our Japanese friends, I want to say, **"Thank you and Great Job!" Arigatō, soshite subarashī shigoto!**

I would be remorse if I did not mention that ParaVolley Pan America women's teams made history at the TOKYO 2020 Games. For the first time ever, we had 3 of the 4 teams in the medal matches. In the end, we had Brazil vs Canada in the Bronze medal match, and China vs USA in the Gold medal match. Here are the final results:

GOLD: USA  
SILVER: CHINA  
BRONZE: BRAZIL  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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*

# EVENTS

- AFRICAN PARA GAMES
- ASIAN PARA GAMES
- IWAS WORLD GAMES
- WORLD CUP
- PVPA ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- BEACH PARAVOLLEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
- IWAS GUTTMANN GAMES



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## TOKYO 2020

### DIFFERENT BUT FANTASTIC

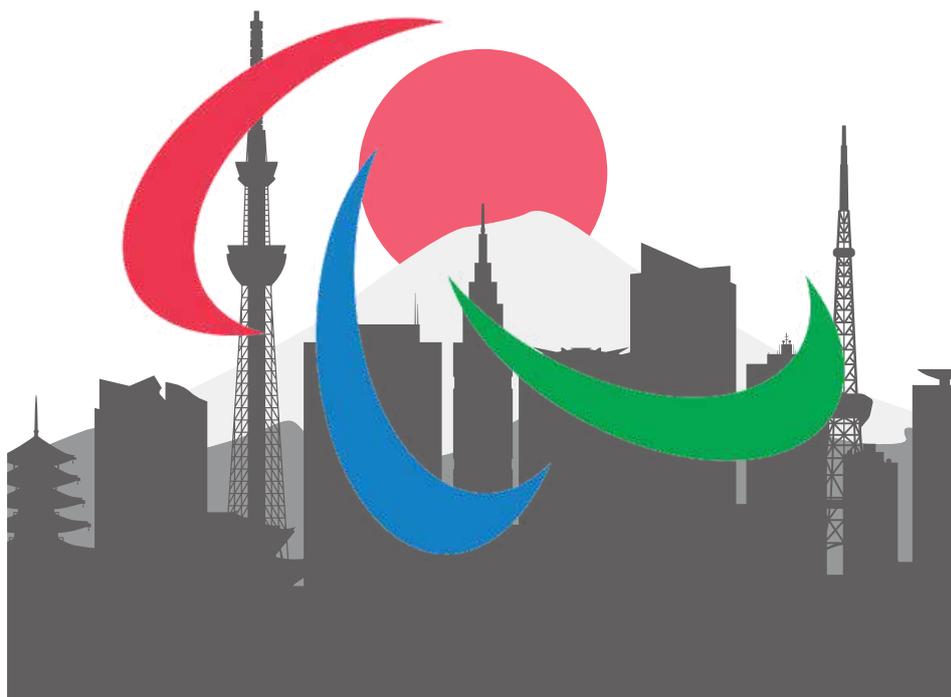


Everything was different from normal, many smiles covered by the masks, sanitizing to clean the hands all the time, maintain social distance, not having moppers drying the courts to protect the volunteers, balls being cleaned at the end of all rallies, not being able to have friendly games with opponents at the start of the competition, referees using electronic whistles and wearing masks.

All involved were tested and monitored daily (athletes, coaches, ITOs, NTOs and volunteers) and the competition took place perfectly, without any positive case, everyone remained healthy as they returned to their homes with a smile on their face.

After 32 games, many hours of sitting volleyball, and the return to major competitions being satisfactory, everyone returned with renewed hopes and waiting for the next event to happen.

ARIGATO TOKYO2020





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PVPA EVENTS

- ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
*Officially canceled due to COVID-19 situations*
- YOUTH PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES  
*2022, Bogota, Colombia (New dates TBA)*

### WORLD PARAVOLLEY EVENTS

- WORLD CUP - Cairo - Egypt  
*Postponed due to COVID-19 situations*
- IWAS WORLD GAMES (TBA)
- BEACH PARAVOLLEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (TBA)

"IT'S NOT THE WILL TO WIN THAT MATTERS—EVERYONE HAS THAT. IT'S THE WILL TO PREPARE TO WIN THAT MATTERS."

– PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2022

- World Championships Final Qualifiers M&W
- World Championships
  - May 17th-23rd, China
- World Cup
- Youth ParaPan American Games
  - 2022, Colombia
- IWAS Youth Games (U23) South Africa or USA
- Beach ParaVolley World Championship Series

### 2023

- Zonal Championships
  - *BIDs to host are being accepted now*
- World Super 6 (All Stars)
- 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



**TOKYO 2020**  
PARALYMPIC GAMES

# TOKYO 2020

*ParaVolley PanAmerica had an excellent performance at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games*

The Pan American Zone had a strong representation and performance in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, with three teams in the women's division with all among the top 4 at the end of the competition, one of them being for the second time Paralympic Champion. Plus, one team in the men's division that finished the tournament in fourth place and ITOs (International Technical Officials) in all areas very well represented from the PanAmerican Zone.

Among women, the current two-time American champions, Team USA, earned the gold for the second Paralympic quadrennial consecutively, Brazil's ambitions came true as they won the bronze medal again, while Canada had a great competition going from 7th in Rio2016 to 4th in Tokyo2020.

In the men's division, the representative of the Americas was Brazil which kept its fourth place finish, the same achievement as in Rio2016 and now repeated in Tokyo2020.

PVPA ITOs attending were Cristiana Figueira (BRA) - Assistant Technical Delegate, Joe Campbell (USA) - Head of Jury, Lori Okimura (USA) Jury Member, Louise Ashcroft (CAN) - CLO-Covid Liaison Officer and Classifier, Saro Keresteciyar (CAN) - Chief Classifier. International classifiers: Rafael Gnecco de Proença (BRA), Malcon Botteon (BRA). Referees include Pierre Farmer (CAN) - Assistant Referee Delegate, Andre Ferreira Calado (BRA), Christina Fiebich (USA), Marie-Claude Richer (CAN), Neal Konowalyk (CAN), Vanessa Redes (BRA).





# NEWS ABOUT PVPA

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*During these months we have been working!*

## YOUTH PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES

After the success of the Youth Parapan American Games in 2017 in São Paulo, Brazil, with the participation of more than a thousand athletes, (ages 13 - 21) from more than 20 countries, the event will be repeated in Bogota, Colombia. A one year delay has been encountered due to the World Pandemic situation, so the event must happen in 2022.

Six participating countries are expected in sitting volleyball, and for sure we will have an outstanding competition with these young people who desire to learn as well as love volleyball at an early age.

The competition for young people deserves a highlight due to the need for renewal that every sport goes through. Over the years athletes today who are highlighted worldwide by participating on their national teams end up retiring from an exhausting life of an athlete (daily training, injuries , food, travel). In other words, new athletes must emerge and take possession of these positions.

Furthermore, sport changes lives when it enters a person's life...nothing is the same.

Sport involvement combined with the will to win, is capable of transforming not only bodies and minds, but also journeys.

Sport is, in other words, a powerful instrument of overcoming and integration, which touches the interior and exterior of athletes, making them go beyond their own limits. And, especially in youth sport teaches values for life, as well as distances teenagers from problems such as drugs, guns, gangs and much more.

We are all very anxious to have the future of ParaVolley on the court again, as we see the innocent smiles of young people, along with their joy in discovering sport. Sitting Volleyball marks the hearts of all new athletes, creating stories that will be told for several generations and dreams that will be conquered with dedication and sweat.





# NEWS ABOUT PVPA

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## OUR MEMBER NATIONS ARE WORKING



We have started again moving forward with the growth of ParaVolley, with competitive events now being added in Beach ParaVolley as well as Sitting Volleyball. We are planning a friendly test match for February with two foreign teams where Argentina will for the first time meet teams from other nations. We continue to search and add young people for the youth process.



Brazil is returning to national competitions after having had a year without the Brazilian championships because of COVID-19.

The Brazilian Women's Championship will take place in the city of Ourinhos/SP between the 1st and 6th of November, and the men's tournament will be in the city of São Paulo/SP at the Paralympic Training Center between the 28th of November and the 3rd of December.

With the women's team winning the Bronze medal in Tokyo and men earning 4th place, the country is still excited and eager for competitions.



Sitting volleyball has taken a hit in Canada due to ability to get court space. We were able to access a high performance exemption in certain centers then that was taken away. We just enjoyed watching the girls compete in Tokyo as well as the rest of the zone!

We just had our selection camp in September and selected 12 players for our team moving forward. Some young new faces with a lot of volleyball experience but new to the sitting world. Looking forward to competing on the international stage!



In Colombia this year the work has been focused to the youth athletes who will participate in the Parapan American Games in Bogotá 2022.

Some Sitting volleyball festivals happened in some parts of the country, organized locally, and Beach ParaVolley too.

The national Sitting Volleyball tournament will take place in the city of Manizales from November 22 to 27; The Federation of the Colombian Volleyball (Fedevolei) and the Colombian Federation of Sports for People with Physical Disabilities (Fedesir), are working in favor of the development of ParaVolley in Colombia. Colombia hopes to hold a Beach ParaVolley event in December.



Costa Rica returned to practice in March with a very rigorous COVID protocol. We began work on Sitting Volleyball and Beach ParaVolley, as this year we have scheduled our national tournaments and in December we have scheduled a Beach ParaVolley camp. We are working on the 2022 plan.



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## OUR MEMBER NATIONS ARE WORKING



For the moment in Ecuador, we have begun growing the sport of Sitting Volleyball in the province of *Morona Santiago*. Let's hope the year 2022 will have Beach ParaVolley and Sitting Volleyball.



Our Men's and Women's National Teams as well as our National Team development Program are holding training camps. We are also having daily resident training for National Team athletes. We were not able to hold our Sitting Division at our Open Championships this year due to COVID and our Men's National Team played in the Paralympic Qualifier in Germany.



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The other Nation Members did not send us their updates about ParaVolley in their country before the cut-off date.

*During these months we have been working!*

## WORLD PARAVOLLEY ANTI-DOPING RULES



These 2021 antidoping rules have been posted to the WPV website. You can find this document and other information there. It is a very important document for everyone involved in ParaVolley.

We also included the Anti-Doping Rules on PanAmerica website  
-> Resources/Others



Download it now



## 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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*Let's make an amazing event!!*

## ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HAS TO HAPPEN

All member nations in good standing can participate.

**Advantages of attending the Zonal Championship:**

**Compete against high level teams**



**Receive World Ranking points**



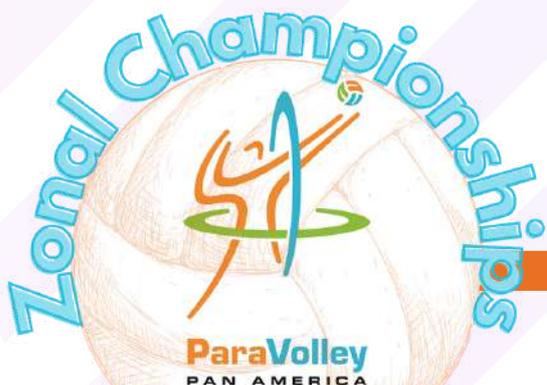
**Slots awarded to World Championships**



**Exchange experience with other coaches**



**ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**



**Edmond, OK-USA**  
**11-18 October 2021**

## ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 IS OFFICIALLY CANCELED

Reasons:

- Delay in obtaining Visas
- Completed vaccinations by all visitors to the U.S. beginning in November

## *One couple and two nations Fabricio da Silva(BRA) and Bethany Zummo(USA)*



*Two athletes from different countries, one sport, they made it work, built a beautiful relationship and made it happen, today after the most important competition of the cycle they are finally together for real in the same location. A beautiful love story within the sport we love the most.*

Fabricio from Brazil talked with us, and you can see their beautiful love story in this session.

We met in 2013 at the Zonal Pan American in Oklahoma, but our first kiss was only at the 2014 World Cup in Poland and since then on all our trips we were always together and talking by cell phones until at the Para Pan American in Lima 2019 that we decided to be together and try something more serious!

It's not easy to reconcile two countries, living in different cities makes a relationship **very difficult**, two countries make it much more complicated! Especially because our schedules are often not the same and always full of training and travel!

We had a difficult time having to be away from each other, but we believe it made our relationship much **stronger** and made us want to **enjoy every moment together!** And of course everyone asks us who we are rooting for, for our country or for our love and our answer is clear... **for our love** 😊.

Being able to be together in Tokyo I believe was what gave us more strength, to be able to withstand all the pressure of the championship! Every athlete wants to have their family by their side in competitions like this and being able to share this very special moment with the person I love the most was what made the Tokyo Paralympics so much more special!

Now that the Tokyo Paralympics are over, we're finally moving and moving to the US together!

Volleyball is still our priority and I believe that by living together we will be able to give much more to sitting volleyball!

We want to grow this sport together and we love being the Paravolley couple!



# MEMBERSHIP

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



Today we have thirteen 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/>

# PVPA BOARD

Meet our Board of Directors.  
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We work with a common purpose, to  
develop ParaVolley always!!!

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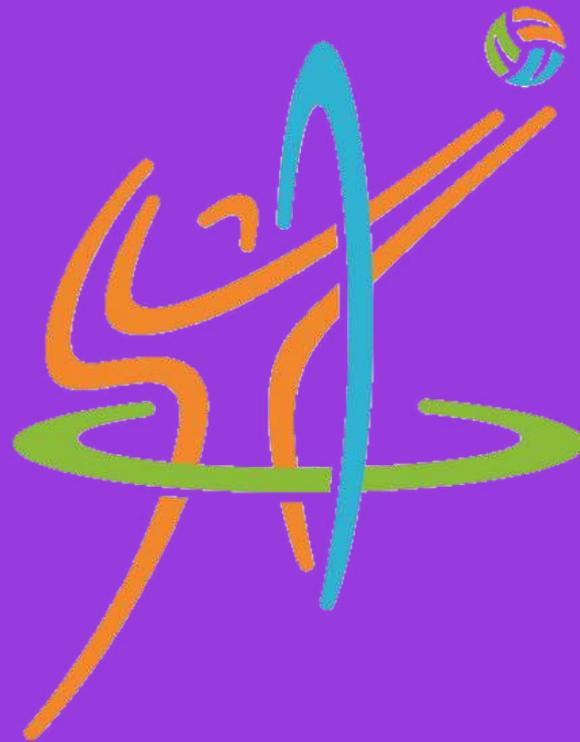




**THE THRILL OF VICTORY and  
the agony of defeat**

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