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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOE CAMPBELL - PVPA PRESIDENT



Hello and I hope that 2022 has been a very successful year so far for each of you. Please note that World ParaVolley (WPV) as well as ParaVolley Pan America have been very busy in organizing tournaments for the 2022 year. I hope that COVID will continue to be diminished so that we can get back to having competitions world-wide.

If you are unaware, three of the four WPV Zones were unable to conduct a Zonal Championship competition in 2021 due to the pandemic. Because PVPA did not have a zonal championship, we were forced to have our General Assembly (GA) virtually. On December 11th we held our GA using Zoom, and unfortunately only 6 or our 13 member nations attended.

During the PVPA GA 4 board member positions were up for election. Those positions were President, General Manager, Sport Director and Beach Commissioner. We had an uncontested election for all 4 positions. This means that only one person ran for each position. Each person won the position by acclamation. Congratulations!

The WPV World Championships for Sitting Volleyball were cancelled due to the Chinese Government deciding that this was the best option due to the pandemic. WPV board immediately reached out to nations around the world to see who would submit a BID to host this event. 4 nations responded (BIH, EGY, IRI and FIN). The results as to who will host will be Bosnia and Herzegovina in the month of November...dates TBA.

Congratulations to Lori Okimura (USA) as she was appointed by the WPV Board of Directors as the new WPV Sport Director. See her article on page 11 as she is our Spotlight feature.

Cris Figueira will be the Technical Delegate (TD) for the Youth Parapan America Games to be held in Bogota, Colombia November 14-19, 2022. Because of the enormous number of athletes and countries that have registered to participate in these games, the LOC has indicated that there must be a reduction of teams, so only 8 teams for each gender will be allowed to participate in Sitting Volleyball because they do not have the room. This reduction was enforced across all sports.

Currently PVPA is planning to host two Beach ParaVolley Recognized Development Events (RDE). May 6-8 in Gulf Shores, Alabama (USA), and in Mar del Plata, ARG, October 10-16, 2022. Talks are currently underway to host a WPV International event at Hickory Point, Tavares, Florida (USA) in November 2022...more TBA.

I wish all the best to all our athletes as they continue to practice and train for future events. Great job to our coaches and team administrators as they strive to prepare their teams for national, zonal, and international competitions. Please stay safe and COVID FREE. I look forward to seeing each of 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

EVENTS

- YOUTH PARA PAN-AMERICAN GAMES
- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- SUPER SIX
- WORLD CUP
- BEACH EVENTS

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NEW YEAR

NEW CHANCES, NEW GENERATION

New Year, 2022, two years have passed since the Covid-19 Pandemic had started. A lot has changed, life has changed, and today we are closer than ever to finding normality.

We are delighted to see great sporting and cultural events coming back. With the advancement of world vaccination, all countries in the world are already giving up most restrictions, so we are finding ourselves in the new normal.

With Beach ParaVolley's mission for LA2028 getting closer and closer, we are focusing on more beach events at regional and continental levels.

But 2022 will be a year for the new generations. For the second time in history, we will have Sitting Volleyball within the Youth Para Pan American Games program. This is of extreme importance and happiness for us as an entity. Sitting Volleyball is being admired by younger and younger people and reaches new countries every year. It's our time.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

PVPA EVENTS

- **YOUTH PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES**

14-19 November 2022, Bogota, Colombia

WORLD PARAVOLLEY EVENTS

- WORLD CUP
- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- BEACH PARAVOLLEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (TBA)

YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT IS HONORABLE AND NOT COWARDLY IF YOU ARE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH YOURSELF.

-LARRY BROWN



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

THE FIVE S'S OF SPORTS TRAINING ARE: STAMINA, SPEED, STRENGTH, SKILL, AND SPIRIT; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS SPIRIT.

-KEN DOHERTY



YOUTH

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Para Pan- America Games *The new year with the new* *Athletes*

What are the Para Pan American Youth Games?

It is an event that, as of 2005, takes place every four years, in which Paralympic athletes compete; that is, they have disabilities, whether physical, auditory, visual or cognitive, athletes between 12 and 21 years old.

The fifth edition will be held in Bogotá between November 11 and 20, 2022, due to the postponements that this event had to suffer due to the Covid-19 pandemic during 2021. All 33 members of the Americas Paralympic Committee (AMC) have been invited to apply.

The Youth Parapan American Games were first held in Barquisimeto, Venezuela in 2005 before subsequent editions in Bogota, Colombia in 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2013, and São Paulo, Brazil in 2017.

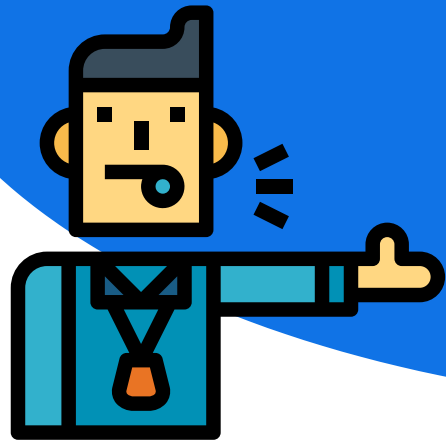
To Participate, each country must be a World ParaVolley member.

Colombia to retain the title

In the fifth version of the Junior Parapan American Games to be held in Bogotá from November 11 to 20 in Bogotá - Colombia, the national men's sitting volleyball team will give their best to retain the gold medal obtained in São Paulo, Brazil in 2017.

The event, to be hosted by the capital of Colombia, will have 12 disciplines: Judo, Boccia, Para table tennis, Sitting volleyball, Goalball, Para powerlifting, Para athletics, SR Basketball (wheelchair), Para swimming, Football 5 for the blind and Football 7 PC (cerebral palsy).

In order to have more information you can follow @bogota2021jp on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and TikTok.



NEW RULES

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*NEW RULEBOOKS
HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED*

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

Sitting Volleyball had the most significant changes in the new rulebook that must be applied from 2022 to 2024. You can see the summary of everything that was changed.

World ParaVolley Sitting Volleyball Summary of Rule Changes (2022 – 2024)

- The playing court may be of different colors differentiating the front zone and back zone.
- Removed statement regarding coaches restriction line.
- Removed (penalty area). Expelled players are now sent to their respective dressing rooms for the remainder of the set.
- A team may consist of up to 14 players, among them up to 2 Libero players. In cases where more than 12 players will play, two Liberos are mandatory in the team list of the score sheet.
- Libero may be team/game captain.
- Removed Technical Time-outs at the 8th and 16th points.
- Player's jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99.
- Lifting is permitted when playing the ball in a defensive action if the contact is made when the ball is not entirely higher than the top of the net.' Removed 'in the back zone.
- For an adversary it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net **before** an opponent completes the attack hit.
- **Lifting his/her buttocks while blocking without touching the ball is NOT a fault.** Reversion to previous rule (2013 – 2016).
- Added ability to exceptionally substitute a player who has been expelled or disqualified if legal substitution is not possible. The substituted expelled player is not allowed to re-enter the match. If no exceptional substitution is possible, the team is declared INCOMPLETE.
- The two Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team. Allows, as an example, team to wear black, one Libero to wear red, and the other Libero to wear white.

You can find all the documents in our website: <https://paravolleypanam.com/resources/>



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During these months we have been working!

FIRST BEACH PARAVOLLEY CAMP - COLOMBIA

In December 2021, the first Beach ParaVolley camp was held in Santa Marta, Colombia, on Los Cocos beach.

This event was held by the Colombian Volleyball Federation, a member of WPV. The Colombian Ministry of Sport sponsored it, together with the collaboration of INRED and the endorsement of WPV Pan America Zone.

This training was conducted under Geni Tunney Cañon Reyes, national Fedevolei coach. It included invited speakers and coaches such as Mr. Jon Aharoni, US Beach Paravolley coach, Mr. Carlo Magno Saenz from Costa Rica, Mr. Jaison Morales Aguilar, and Mario García Rosero from Colombia.

Thirty (30) players (people with disabilities) and twelve (12) coaches from different regions of the country of Colombia participated in this event making up this Beach ParaVolley camp. The camp included both a theoretical and practical classes as it was conducted December 7 - 11, 2021.

Colombia will hold the second beach ParaVolley camp in June 2022 on the Caribbean coast, with great expectations that neighboring countries will attend.





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SERIES OF friendly matches USA vs CAN

During the first weekend of March, the women's teams from the United States and Canada held a series of friendly games in Boston, Massachusetts. This annual team meeting has become standard and is an excellent opportunity for teams to train and prepare for upcoming events.

We can't forget those amazing matches as we had the 4th place Tokyo 2020 finisher (CAN) challenging the Paralympic Champions (USA) in a series of friendly matches. Two of the top 4 women's teams in the world battling it out!

With a total of five matches, both teams had a fantastic time playing together and the results are listed below.

USA won matches 1-4, Team CAN won match #5.

It was a great event. The hosts (Boston Volleyball Festival) were AMAZING and the teams competed well.

Team USA was without 3 starters and 4 Tokyo rostered athletes, and Team CAN was without 2, so the event provided a great opportunity for both teams to provide playing opportunities for other athletes.

M1, Friday 10am CST: USA def CAN, 3-0. 25-24, 25-11, 25-16

M2, Friday 4pm EST: USA def CAN, 3-1. 25-20, 25-13, 15-25, 25-18

M3, Saturday 10am EST: USA def CAN, 3-0. 25-18, 25-8, 25-22

M4, Saturday 4pm EST: USA def CAN, 3-0. 25-13, 25-17, 25-21.

M5, Sunday 9am EST: CAN def USA, 3-2. (USA scores first) 25-19, 19-25, 21-25, 27-25, 19-21





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Argentina has strengthened the development of Beach ParaVolley by creating a National Circuit. They have already finished eight stages in which they have traveled around the country , showing and opening new spaces for the discipline.

In October, they plan to hold an RDE Tournament in Mar del Plata city, where they hope to receive male and female teams from all over the continent. They are motivated by the need to start competing and thus promote the development of this modality that has the particularity of being so attractive and visible to all.





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The Paulista Federation of Volleyball for the Disabled (State of São Paulo - Brazil) held on March 12 the first stage of the Circuito Paulista de Beach ParaVolley. The event features 16 athletes in the male category and 6 in the female category, with teams from the clubs of Sesi-SP, Barueri and Paranaguá-PR.

This was just the first stage of four. The second stage will be in April, a third stage in May, and a deciding fourth stage to be held in June.

The city was hit with rainy days before the event and the competition was a total success as the athletes had a great time competing as well as creating genuine camaraderie.



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SERGIO DE GODOY - MASTER OF BRAZILIAN REFEREE



Sergio de Godoy was Refereeing Director at Para Volley in Brazil for 19 years. In the beginning, having a considerable challenge since the sport was taking its first steps, and there was no knowledge of the rules and refereeing mechanics.

Godoy, as he is known, is the great trainer of Brazilian referees. He created a group with 57 referees specialized in ParaVolley. He was in front of the national referees in several tournaments, such as the incredible and unforgettable Paralympics of Rio2016. On behalf of the PVPA, we thank you for your brilliant work over these years.



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



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**ZONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**



Why is it so important ?

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HAS TO HAPPEN

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 we are applying for Sitting Volleyball and Beach ParaVolley.

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.

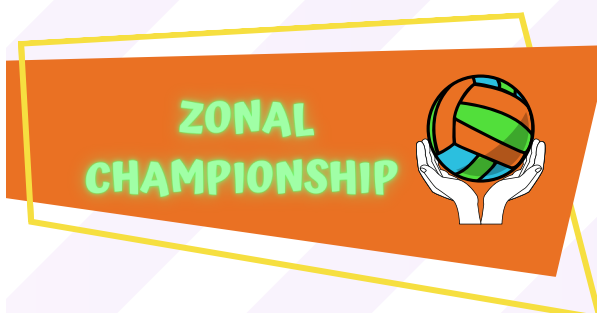
With these reports, we can show that our Zone is working hard for the development and growth of our sport.

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.

We are already open to receiving the intention to host the 2023 PVPA Zonal Championship.

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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SPOTLIGHT

The new WPV Sport Director is from PVPA - Lori Okimura

Lori has an extensive background in Volleyball, working in Volleyball Promotions and Development. Since 1989, she has been involved with all the biggest events in the sport and today she gives us the honor of being at the head of the ParaVolley Board as Sport Director, to help WPV grow and reach unimaginable levels.

How did you receive the nomination?

I am very humbled to receive the appointment to Sport Director. I am very honored to be the first woman appointed Sport Director, and hope that I can help other women achieve leadership positions in WPV or those hoping to work together with us in the future. I am also very thankful to all the men & women I will be working with to continue the important work started by those who came before me.

I became involved in World ParaVolley in 2016 as someone who always enjoyed and supported all disciplines of disabled volleyball but did not have a technical background in parasport, even as an international technical official (ITO). WPV President, Barry Couzner, offered me the opportunity to enter the process to become a technical delegate, and I was very honored to have this opportunity to help WPV in this or any other way. It became clear to me that my years of expertise serving in the FIVB technical area was very relevant and many areas were similar to WPV, and many of the people were the same as we all serve in many ways throughout the volleyball community around the world.

Barry and the WPV Board has been working to identify more volunteer leaders like myself with professional experience in different areas to continue moving the federation into the future. Part of this process is a strategy to welcome changes in the organization including building up of more "human" resources as we continue the work of raising much needed financial resources. There is a long history of volunteerism within World ParaVolley, by individuals who are responsible for establishing a very strong foundation. When the opportunity was presented to participate in this history, I could not pass it up.

I'm proud that we have established a new Sport Department team, that will include some key leaders in WPV with the official announcements to be coming soon.



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What are your plans to grow more and more our ParaVolley?

One of the first steps in this process has been to establish a new structure and scope of work for this position in line with the future goals of the federation. I'm proud to establish a new Sport Department team, that will include 2 key leaders in WPV with the official announcements to be coming soon. Each of us will have a specific focus in sitting volleyball and beach paravolley, and will also support each other as needed. We have also reached out to the WPV Zones and included some key people in a working group to address increasing events, and together with the WPV commissions we will work on the operations for Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 as a team.

Another area of consideration for me is how to grow beach paravolley in particular. Since accepting this position, I have been reaching out to colleagues from multi-sport organizations and events to open communications towards more collaboration in this area. The goal is to find ways to partner with existing events and festivals to include beach paravolley in their programme. One example of this outreach is with an charity and human rights organization called Angel City Sports in the USA that seeks to provide opportunities for persons with physical disabilities, veterans and visually impaired persons through support and involvement in sports programs. They have recently approved to add adaptive volleyball to their sport programme, including both sitting and beach paravolley. They are working closely with other organizations in the USA supporting the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympics. I hope to encourage similar relationships with agencies and organizations around the world to help WPV increase its capacity to deliver more tournaments and support for all of our members.

Other plans include feedback and input from the zones, to identify potential promoters to host more WPV events (who may also cooperate with the zones on zonal events), and to educate/train more ITOs with diverse areas of professional experience in other areas of their lives that may be a benefit to WPV.

Do you have any projects for the future?

One of the most important projects I want to contribute to WPV is in the area of athlete safeguarding and safer sport environments for all of us working together in international sport. This is an area of special interest to me, as I am also a Trustee of Safe Sport International in the U.K. which is the leading agency working to educate and provide consultancy to promote the protection of athletes and those who work in sport worldwide.



MEMBERSHIP

*Check all our Member Nations
How to become a Member of World ParaVolley
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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

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*Meet our Board of Directors.
Who is responsible for What?*

*We work with a common purpose, to
develop ParaVolley always!!!*

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