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## From the Chair



By Jan Berteling, President IWBF Europe

**We are nearing the end of the national competitions and the European Cup competitions. Important moments in our sport and we will fortunately also see some newcomers. That is good for our sport.**

We will have this summer the U22 European Championship in Adana, Turkey and then the European B Championship in Nottwil in Switzerland. And after that, we have the Paralympics, but with less European Men's teams than usual, because of some failing European teams at the Amsterdam World Championships in 2006. All very important and a lot of preparations in all countries. What we see is that preparations are more and more professional and that some countries have easier access to financial resources. That is



great for the development of our sport and I am sure that in the end we will all benefit from that.

With all these tournaments ahead of us, it seems very strange to me that we do not even have a candidate for our 2009 European Championships for Men and for Women. We had a great event last August in Wetzlar, we have had other successful European Championships, but we have not been able to find an organiser. This may jeopardise our events and even our sport in general. Again, I would like to call on the countries participating in the A group for Men and to countries with a national women's team to contact the office with the aim to organise the event in your country. We need it fast!

20 April 2008

## Information Exchange

**Official letters with general information sent by the IWBF Europe Office**



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secr/rc/08.015	05/03	General information ECMB 2008
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## International Transfers of Players in Europe

Name Player	From	To
Filipski, Mateusz (POL)	A.S.S. Stefano (ITA)	RSC Rollis Zwickau (GER)
Eveson, Justin (AUS)	Perth Wheelcats (AUS)	Galatasaray (TUR)
Cayol, Audrey (FRA)	AS Dream Team onlu Taranto (ITA)	CS Meaux (FRA)
Bridges, Bill (CAN)	CAN	Fundacion Polaris World BSR (ESP)
Ottolengho, Ariel (ISR)	ISR	A.S. Dream Team onlus Taranto (ITA)
Gomez, Cristian (ARG)	Cilsa de Bs (ARG)	C.D. Amfiv (ESP)
Barragan, Eduardo Giovanni (MEX)	MEX	C.D. Amfiv (ESP)
Darren Skuse (AUS)	West Sydney Razorbacks (AUS)	Fundacion Polaris World BSR (ESP)
Juha Luukkonen (FIN)	FIN	C.P. Mideba (ESP)
Gelson Jose da Silva (BRA)	BRA	Fundacion Polaris World BSR (ESP)
Ugar Savluk (TUR)	Galatasaray (TUR)	SKG Heidelberg-Kirchheim (GER)
Troy Sachs (AUS)	West Sydney Razorbacks (AUS)	Fundacion Polaris World BSR (ESP)
Pieter van Dijk (NED)	Antwerp Players (BEL)	Arrows'81 (NED)
Adolfo Damien Berdun (ARG)	ARG	GSD Anmic Sassari (ITA)
William Giraldo Perez (COL)	Nuevos Horizontes (COL)	Marbella (ESP)
Sergio Alenjadro Quevedo Rojas (MEX)	MEX	Fundacion Grupo Norte (ESP)
Clare, Jace (AUS)	Brisbane Spinning Bullets Cub (AUS)	A.S. S. Stefano (ITA)
Smit, Jaap (NED)	SC Antilope (NED)	Hyeres Handiclub (FRA)
Coskun, Ahmet (GER)	RSV Beyreuth (GER)	GSD Porto Torres (ITA)
Gustavsson Joakim (SWE)	GSD Porto Torres (ITA)	SWE
Ryan Martin (USA)	Phoenix Suns (USA)	Getafe (ESP)
Wilber Domingo Caicedo Montano (COL)	COL	CLUDEMI (ESP)
Kaspars Turks (LAT)	GSD Porto Torres (ITA)	Cesis (LAT)
Carlos Mario Caicedo Montano (COL)	COL	CLUDEMI (ESP)
Christoffer Holmer (DEN)	FBK Odense (DEN)	GRBK (SWE)
Christink, Lars (GER)	RSC Rollis Zwickau (GER)	La Peraleda (ESP)
Doody, Bryce (USA)	University of Illinois (USA)	F.C. Barcelona (ESP)
Comignaghi, Silvio (ARG)	ARG	BSR Marbella (ESP)

## Technical Matter

### Senior Referees Clinic

By Mike Constantino, IWBF senior referee

**We have been favoured in wheelchair basketball to have had leaders and officials which have had visions on how the game and organisation should progress. Who have listened and reacted to suggestions coming from all participants on ways to improve all aspects of the game we love. One of these innovations has been to create the roll of senior referee at our tournaments.**

It's not really so long ago that IWBF started using referee supervisors called senior referees. Routines and regulations were decided requirements set, the first generation of senior referees nominated.

Each of the zones nominates senior referee candidates for approval by IWBF technical committee. The roll of senior referee has been to manage the officiating at IWBF's biggest tournaments and to participate as a member of the tournaments technical committee. A job which requires good technical knowledge, high level officiating experience, good people skills and diplomatic capabilities our president would be jealous of. A job which is done, over a short intensive period, consisting of long days and many games.

Helping international referees keep a high level of competence is one of the most important jobs the senior referee has. It is one of the ways to improve the quality of officiating within IWBF. The international referees are the "best of the best" there are no more schools to go to no courses to take; they have reached the top of their class in that respect. What they need are advisors and mentors who can give them positive criticism concerning their officiating.

Needless to say it is important that the senior referees know their job and that all of them follow a set of guidelines to insure consistency, continuity and a high level of quality in our work as managers and educators. It's seldom we get an opportunity to meet and discuss our work but in early December IWBF appropriated funds for a senior referee/ examiner clinic. The purpose of the clinic was to get European

senior referees and examiners working on the same standard.

The clinic was organized by the IWBF Europe Technical Committee. The French Federation Handisport worked with all the logistics and were welcomed in the International Residence in Paris. At the same time there was a refresher classification clinic for European IWBF licensed classifiers. We would like to offer our thanks to the French Federation for their hospitality to welcome these clinics!



The following senior referees / examiners were invited from the 4 corners of IWBF Europe;

Ron Copenrath	Ricardo Moreno
Sergi Campos	Mike Constantino
Ulli Otto	Hans-Dieter Jungmann
Norbert Kucera	Antonia Gomez
Zarko Tomsic	Meir Yom-Tov
Spiros Tsountsouras	Juan Urunuela;
Theo Vluga	Edwin Wallaart

Ricardo Moreno, chairman of the IWBF Europe technical committee prepared the clinic in workshop form.

Firstly we had a presentation and discussion on the present status concerning regulations, routines and best practices.

After that we had a series of group activities focusing on improving our rolls as senior referee, international referee candidate examiners and tutors. Each group reported their findings and a general discussion was held to clarify the advantages and disadvantages of each issue.

Besides giving the participants a greater understanding of how we can reach a clearer consistency and continuity in our work. The clinic resulted in several proposals for changing the routines and best practices which will be submitted to the IWBF European technical committee.

At the end of 2 intensive days all the participants felt that great progress was made and that the work done will help the senior referee in their roll as advisor and mentor to the international referees thereby helping to increase the quality of their officiating.

## Game Concentration

By Utku Ertan, IWBF refereee

**In this article, I would like to talk about the difference between game concentration and tournament concentration and game concentration in general. While in Beijing, during the games, I tried to observe the game concentration of me and my colleagues.**

I personally find it difficult to concentrate on a game per week. The reason for this is, you don't referee for a week and after a tiring travel (in my country the nearest game is 8 hrs by bus), you immediately start with a game. Sometimes the game is so easy that you may think refereeing this game is unnecessary. Imagine yourself traveling 16 hours by bus and the game ends with 50 points difference. Sometimes the game is so difficult; you can't adapt yourself to the game for many reasons. It can be personal problems, health etc. And when you add not knowing the partners you are assigned with, the task gets even more difficult.



I prefer refereeing tournaments. Before going to an international tournament, a month or 15 days before, I start surfing the country and the city. If it is a country where English is not the mother tongue, I try to learn simple phrases and words of the language spoken. Like greetings or basic vocabulary you need in a country. For example before going to Beijing, I have learnt simple Chinese. Like "thank you", "good game" etc. But what I want to emphasize is that you have to concentrate yourself not only to the game but also to the country you referee at. You should be able to adapt yourself to the country as quick as possible like you have to do in a game. I believe my refereeing gets better after every game in a tournament. Because the more you referee, the more feedback you receive from your colleagues, supervisors, even players and coaches. It's a continuous learning process for me. And if you can take these comments as positive and put more on your refereeing, the outcome is better concentration to the games and tournament in general. But sometimes when a referee has a bad game or when he is not assigned to the game he expects, he may lose his game/tournament concentration. Occasionally, you can see referees getting disappointed and frustrated. They sometimes protest their colleagues and supervisors and don't act with the group. This is mostly true for referees who cannot be objective about their refereeing, who are not open to criticism or who believe the supervisor is not fair.

Some referees tend to think they are the best referees and always have to referee the best game of the day. On the other hand, the supervisors have the responsibility to train new referees, or to see if some certain referees can handle a difficult game, even they have to consider yesterday's and tomorrow's games. Moreover, it is like a tradition to assign a referee from the organizing country to the final unless the organizer is playing it. These are some of the reasons why they say "Not the best referees referee the final!"

Every referee must learn to concentrate himself on the game. You can develop your own style of concentration to the game. We can talk about 3 stages of refereeing. Before, during and after the game. Every referee has his own way of concentration before a game. Some listen to music, some watch CDs, some don't even think about the game. During the game, you can have inner talk to motivate yourself and pay attention. After the game, you can talk about the significant points in the game with your colleagues and this is also a part of concentration for the next game. What I do is very simple. I have an imagery game in my mind. The teams run on the court in my mind and I go with them. I don't think of any calls or violations but I just visualize I'm on the court with players and the game flows. During the game, if I observe myself or any other colleague not concentrated, I motivate myself or him with words like "come on, get in the game! etc." I never try to get disappointed if I miss something on court because of loss of concentration. I just try to keep up with the game.

As you know, every country has general style of play and in the Turkish League the players play from the heart and the game can be very difficult if you cannot control the game. I find it very difficult to adapt myself to the league when I come from abroad. After a good tournament, when I referee my first game in Turkey, I'm fully concentrated because I have a lot of information and motivation. However, this may backfire because of the refereeing and playing style that is already in the league. You may draw negative attention both from your referees and participants. It is really difficult to balance the way you referee in and outside the country. In fact this point needs to be explained in a separate article.

As a conclusion, game concentration is a very important part of refereeing. To have a game with less problems, all referees on court should be fully concentrated on what's going on the court.

## Good Luck Beijing

By Utku Ertan, IWBF referee

**Good Luck Beijing Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is organized with the participation of Canada, the Netherlands, Australia and China in Men and Canada, Germany, Japan and China in Women, 20-25 January in Beijing.**

When I first started officiating in wheelchair basketball, if anybody had told me "one day you will officiate a game in China", I would have really laughed and made fun of him. However, sports erases all the borders and make distances closer. To me, it is the best thing to deal with.

After quitting active sports life as a footballer, one day while watching a game on TV, I remember telling myself "I have to be inside the action" and then applied to become a referee. At first, it was running basketball refereeing followed by dissappointments in not achieving the goals and then switching to wheelchair basketball. And becoming international referee, having the chance to see more than 10 countries, meeting new continents, different countries and cultures, fine memories, good friends, and experiencing the honor to represent my country. These all happened with the help of wheelchair basketball. Therefore I'm really grateful to this sports.

After this introduction, I would like to tell my impressions about Beijing. People of China really take the organization of Olympic Games very seriously. You realize it the moment you get out of the plane when you see the volunteers dressed orange coats waiting for you with their smiling face.

All IWBF officials stay in single rooms unlike other tournaments. It was a pleasure to dine at the revolving restaurant on the 23rd floor of the Yuanchenxin Hotel. Having only one game everyday gave us the opportunity to go sightseeing or shopping in Beijing. And the Tiannamen Square and

the Silk Market were the first landmarks we discovered in the city. The latter, however was the place where we wrestled with the salespeople and ended up all our money. We had one day free and under the organization of Samuel (IWBF referee), we had the opportunity to see the Great Wall of China and Tombs of Ming Dynasty. Despite -20 degrees, we had a very determined group and all achieved to climb the highest point of the Great Wall.

About the refereeing in the tournament, I had the opportunity to observe referees from Canada, Australia, China, Mexico which are outside of Europe. At the beginning of the tournament Mr. Norbert Kucera mentioned Article 31 once again and asked us to call the offensive foul for the player with the ball who does not control his wheelchair and uses the defensive player to gain advantage for a brake or a shoot and then both rear wheels going up. He mentioned most referees prefer to call violation for these situations which he finds unacceptable. Senior Referee of the tournament Mr. Don Steponchev mentioned that center referees tend to call less fouls, however they are the ones who cover the most important part of the game.

About the promotion of the tournament, there was an average of 1000 spectators per game which was not bad at the National Indoor Stadium with a capacity of 18,500 people. The games of China Men and Women teams and the finals were broadcast by Beijing TV, BTV6. You can also find the photos and the videos of the games at the following link <http://www.wheelchairbk2008.org.cn/en/video/index.html>.

Finally, all the officials and participants of the tournament are of the same opinion that China will be successful in their organization of Olympic and Paralympic Games. I wish China good luck for the games.



# Classification

## Classificatio Clinic

By Kenny Mackay, IWBF Classifier

**During the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007 classifiers new and old from all over Europe attended the first European Classifiers' Seminar. The International Residence in Paris hosted nearly 20 classifiers for the weekend.**

This was our first Refreshers Seminar and with the changes in classification in recent years it was very important to bring us all together and discuss these changes and find that we were all 'singing the same song'.

We began by revisiting the characteristics of each of the 5 classes and the criteria for Minimal Disability. This was a back to the basics of the classification system and the foundation for all our decisions regarding player classification. Back to the importance of observing actual game situations and the range of movement a player has and from that allocating a class of 1.0 etc. We agreed that all players for 4.5/Minimal Disability need to apply 6 months prior to their first tournament.

Recently there has been a decision to give hemipelvectomy players class 3.5. But the question was asked 'How much of the pelvis needs removed for 3.5?' The answer -only the complete removal of one side of the pelvis is hemipelvectomy and 3.5. We went on to examine all other types of amputee and define the class. This means that any amputee basketball player with his strapping can be allocated a classification easily and clearly. Many players are arriving in our sport with hand impairments and needing classified. Only if they also have a lower limb disability will hand impairment players qualify.

Again we discussed the many variations of hand impairment and we all came to the same understanding of how we would classify players. This common understanding is important so that it is the same classification system throughout Europe.

After a meeting of Classifiers during the Gold Cup in Amsterdam in 2006 it was agreed that Classifiers would have a written part to their exam. Bartosz Mollik, 'Little Bernard', had co-ordinated the new exam questions and all of us remade our Classification Exam using this new written paper. We all made it through the test and can continue to classify. The old labels of gold and silver have changed and now we have the first level of Zone Classifier and then the higher level of International Classifier.

We discussed the possible disappearance of the real one point players from our game. More players use strapping and maybe classifiers became too 'soft' with players'. If we are too generous and soft then the 4.0 becomes 3.5, the 3.5 becomes 3.0 and eventually the real 1.0 has nowhere to go and gives up the game. So we need to be fair to everyone.

A lot of real work was done but we managed to play as well. A trip was arranged to Paris city centre where we could see the famous Champs Elysee Xmas lights and be delighted by a tour round all the sights guided one of the fathers of Classification - 'Big' Bernard Courbariaux.

Thanks to Bartosz, Regina and Trien for organising a wonderful seminar.





## Development



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# Malle 2008

## Women Wheelchair Basketball Camp

Dear Madam, Sir,

IWBF Europe in conjunction with the Belgium club “Wapper” have the pleasure to inform you that they intend to organise a Women Wheelchair Basketball Camp in Malle, Belgium from 26 – 29 June 2008.

Our aim is to attract individuals as well as groups of players. The camp should not be for the established National teams but we will allow development teams to join the camp. We can accommodate a total of 60 persons.

It is the purpose to start with training sessions on the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning followed by games on the Friday afternoon and the whole of the Saturday. On Sunday morning we will finish with an evaluation of the camp. European top coaches will be invited to run the camp.

The fee per person will be € 50,-- and include accommodation and all meals from Thursday lunch till Sunday lunch, the course notes etc. All other costs are for the account of IWBF Europe.

Transport from Brussels Zaventem airport to Malle is included.

You can enter the camp by returning the entry form you find on [Malle 2008](#)

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the IWBF Europe immediately.

With kindest regards,

Ron Coppentrath  
Secretary General IWBF Europe

Dirk Cossaer  
Chairman LOC

## Junior Development Program



**Kinder- und Jugendsport**  
im Fachbereich Rollstuhlbasketball des DRS

### Invitation to International Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Camp

Organization: German Wheelchair-Basketball-Association

Place: Bundesleistungszentrum Kienbaum  
Puschkinstr. 2  
15537 Grünheide / OT Kienbaum  
Tel.: 033434 – 76 - 0

Date: **Thursday 14th, Aug. 08 starting at 5.00 p.m.**  
**until Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 08 ending at 11.00 a.m.**

Admin: Jutta Retzer (FB RBB)

Cost/  
Liability: Neither the organization nor the inviting club are liable for  
the clubs, resp. participant cost nor are they liable for sports- and  
travel accidents

Paramedic: Paramedic will be assigned for assistance, special question form  
will be send after registration

Participation: Single players or club-teams can register.  
The participants, girls and boys, should be in the age between 14 and 18,  
drive their wheelchair safely, have experience with basketball and also  
have group experience. Players from the lower leagues are admissible.

Registration: Obligatory registration must be completed by 08<sup>th</sup>, May 2008 with  
Jutta Retzer, Eichendorffweg 1, 75196 Remchingen, Fon: 07232 – 73300,  
Fax: 07232 – 734871, Email: [j.retzer@gmx.de](mailto:j.retzer@gmx.de) in writing, by telephone,  
fax or email

Travel: Travel cost of the participants must be carried by their clubs or  
participants and also self organized.  
Transportation from train station or airport to the Camp Location will be  
taken care off

Cost: € 230,- p.P. for camp participation, accomodation and maintenance

Pictures: During the Camp pictures for non-commercial use are made

Seminar and tournament schedule:  
Advancement of selected wheelchair basketball techniques and tactical basics,  
competition oriented games with selected emphasis.

With best regards

Peter Richarz

# EuroCup 2008

## 21st André Vergauwen Cup

Thursday 24 - Sunday 27 April 2008  
Paris, France

Pool A	Pool B
CAPSAAA (FRA)	SC Antilope (NED)
Sandra G.C. (ESP)	KIK Zmaj Gradacac (BIH)
Aces WBC (GBR)	GSD Anmic Sassari (ITA)
RSC Rollis Zwickau (GER)	CD Once Andalucia (ESP)

Group	Date	Time	Team A	Score A	Team B	Score B
Pool A	25-4-2008	13:30	CAPSAAA	57	RSC Rollis Zwickau	46
Pool A	25-4-2008	13:30	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	62	Aces WBC	40
Pool B	25-4-2008	15:45	SC Antilope	45	C.D. Once Andalucia	84
Pool B	25-4-2008	15:45	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	63	GSD Anmic Sassari	67
Pool A	25-4-2008	18:00	CAPSAAA	72	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	58
Pool A	25-4-2008	18:00	RSC Rollis Zwickau	52	Aces WBC	49
Pool B	25-4-2008	20:15	SC Antilope	49	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	55
Pool B	25-4-2008	20:15	C.D. Once Andalucia	74	GSD Anmic Sassari	68
Pool A	26-4-2008	09:30	Aces WBC	66	CAPSAAA	58
Pool A	26-4-2008	09:30	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	60	RSC Rollis Zwickau	46
Pool B	26-4-2008	11:45	GSD Anmic Sassari	75	SC Antilope	59
Pool B	26-4-2008	11:45	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	61	C.D. Once Andalucia	82

### Classification: Pool A

P	Team	G	W	L	D	S	P/F	P/C	Points
1	CAPSAAA	3	2	1	0	0	187	170	5
2	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	3	2	1	0	0	180	158	5
3	RSC Rollis Zwickau	3	1	2	0	0	144	166	4
4	Aces WBC	3	1	2	0	0	155	172	4

### Classification: Pool B

P	Team	G	W	L	D	S	P/F	P/C	Points
1	C.D. Once Andalucia	3	3	0	0	0	240	174	6
2	GSD Anmic Sassari	3	2	1	0	0	210	196	5
3	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	3	1	2	0	0	179	198	4
4	SC Antilope	3	0	3	0	0	153	214	3

Pool C3	26-4-2008	15:15	RSC Rollis Zwickau	61	SC Antilope	76
Pool C4	26-4-2008	15:15	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	51	Aces WBC	63
Pool C1	26-4-2008	17:30	CAPSAAA	63	GSD Anmic Sassari	64
Pool C2	26-4-2008	17:30	C.D. Once Andalucia	79	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	66

5 - 6 Place	27-4-2008	09:15	SC Antilope	69	Aces WBC	63
7 - 8 Place	27-4-2008	09:15	KIK Zmaj Gradacac	69	RSC Rollis Zwickau	71
3 - 4 Place	27-4-2008	11:30	SANDRA GRAN CANARIA	65	CAPSAAA	72
1 - 2 Place	27-4-2008	13:30	C.D. Once Andalucia	78	GSD Anmic Sassari	62

## 12th Willi Brinkmann Cup

Thursday 24 - Sunday 27 April 2008  
Tuzla, Bosnia Herzegovina

Pool A	Pool B
KIK Veterani Tuzla (BIH)	Nevsky Aliance (RUS)
Padova Millennium Basket (ITA)	Vital Vigo Amfiv (ESP)
Lefkose Turk Beledesy (TUR)	CP Mideba (ESP)
Fundacion Grupo Norte (ESP)	RSC Frankfurt (GER)

Group	Date	Time	Team A	Score A	Team B	Score B
Pool A	25-4-2008	13:30	KIK Veterani Tuzla	49	FUNDACIÓN GRUPO NORTE	74
Pool A	25-4-2008	13:30	Padova Millennium Basket	75	Lefkosa Turk Belediyesi	39
Pool B	25-4-2008	15:45	Nevsky Alyans	61	RSC Frankfurt	100
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Pool B	26-4-2008	11:45	Vital Vigo Amfiv	68	RSC Frankfurt	55

### Classification: Pool A

P	Team	G	W	L	D	S	P/F	P/C	Points
1	Padova Millennium Basket	3	3	0	0	0	216	149	6
2	FUNDACIÓN GRUPO NORTE	3	2	1	0	0	211	177	5
3	KIK Veterani Tuzla	3	1	2	0	0	175	228	4
4	Lefkosa Turk Belediyesi	3	0	3	0	0	180	228	3

### Classification: Pool B

P	Team	G	W	L	D	S	P/F	P/C	Points
1	Vital Vigo Amfiv	3	3	0	0	0	209	173	6
2	RSC Frankfurt	3	2	1	0	0	223	194	5
3	CP Mideba	3	1	2	0	0	197	200	4
4	Nevsky Alyans	3	0	3	0	0	183	245	3

Pool C3	26-4-2008	15:15	KIK Veterani Tuzla	68	Nevsky Alyans	78
Pool C4	26-4-2008	15:15	CP Mideba	77	Lefkosa Turk Belediyesi	43
Pool C1	26-4-2008	17:30	Padova Millennium Basket	61	RSC Frankfurt	56
Pool C2	26-4-2008	17:30	Vital Vigo Amfiv	71	FUNDACIÓN GRUPO NORTE	31

5 - 6 Place	27-4-2008	09:15	Nevsky Alyans	60	CP Mideba	71
7 - 8 Place	27-4-2008	09:15	Lefkosa Turk Belediyesi	69	KIK Veterani Tuzla	65
3 - 4 Place	27-4-2008	11:30	FUNDACIÓN GRUPO NORTE	41	RSC Frankfurt	64
1 - 2 Place	27-4-2008	13:45	Vital Vigo Amfiv	65	Padova Millennium Basket	66

## 33rd Champions Cup

Thursday 1 - Sunday 4 May 2008  
Madrid, Spain

Pool A	Pool B
CD Fundosa Once Grupo (ESP)	Santa Lucia Sport (ITA)
A.S. Dream Team onlus Taranto (ITA)	Toulouse IC (FRA)
Galatasaray S.K. (TUR)	CS Meaux (FRA)
Hyeres Handiclub (FRA)	RSV Lahn-Dill (GER)

Group	Date	Time	Team A	Score A	Team B	Score B
Pool A	2-5-2008	13:30	C.D. Fundosa Grupo		Hyeres Handiclub	
Pool A	2-5-2008	13:30	A.S. Dream Team		Galatasaray	
Pool B	2-5-2008	15:45	Santa Lucia Sport		RSV Lahn-Dill	
Pool B	2-5-2008	15:45	Toulouse I.C.		CS Meaux	
Pool A	2-5-2008	18:00	C.D. Fundosa Grupo		A.S. Dream Team	
Pool A	2-5-2008	18:00	Hyeres Handiclub		Galatasaray	
Pool B	2-5-2008	20:15	Santa Lucia Sport		Toulouse I.C.	
Pool B	2-5-2008	20:15	RSV Lahn-Dill		CS Meaux	
Pool A	3-5-2008	09:30	Galatasaray		C.D. Fundosa Grupo	
Pool A	3-5-2008	09:30	A.S. Dream Team		Hyeres Handiclub	
Pool B	3-5-2008	11:15	CS Meaux		Santa Lucia Sport	
Pool B	3-5-2008	11:45	Toulouse I.C.		RSV Lahn-Dill	

# EuroCup

## Proposal of Changes to the EuroCup Competitions

**This purpose of this proposal is to address the current problem that it appears has many of the teams not able to compete equally with the other teams in EuroCup preliminary round competitions. There are too many games being decided by a very large point margin. The proposal tries to address this problem by suggesting a new method of having the teams advance to the Final Round thus creating a fairer system of competition amongst the clubs.**

of the matches were settled almost from the beginning. This is not interesting for the teams or for the spectators.

There are various reasons for this but the main one seems to be that teams enter for a Cup competition that they are eligible for but are not really at the required level to be successful. It might be necessary for the Competition Commission to review the level of the players in the clubs when they are determining the groups and the draw to try to ensure better parity amongst the teams.

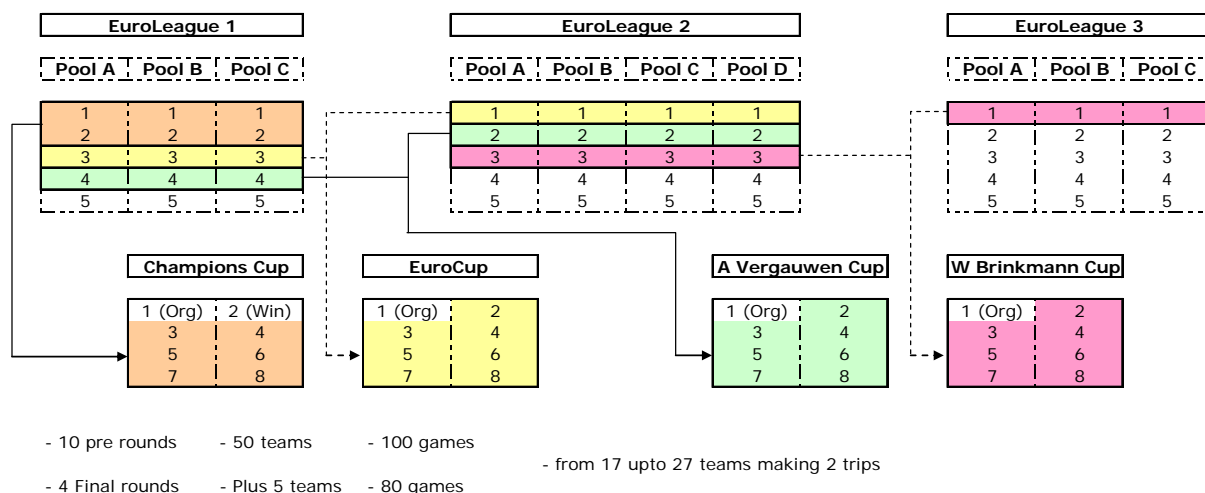
Analyzes of the results of the matches held in March 2008 shows the following results in the tournaments played:

- 1) Champions Cup: with a total of 30 matches there were 12 matches or 40% of the games decided with margins in excess of 30 points;
- 2) Andre Vergauwen Cup: with a total of 30 matches there were 10 matches or 33% of the games decided with margins in excess of 30 points;
- 3) Willi Brinkmann Cup: with a total of 30 matches there were 11 matches or 37% of the games decided with margins in excess of 30 points.

Another suggestion for the future is to change the system that decides which teams progress to the finals from each group to make the finals more exciting and to ensure that teams with good records proceed through to the finals. Perhaps the way to do this would be to have the teams placed fifth in EuroCup I, the teams placed fourth and fifth in EuroCup II and the teams placed second to fifth in EuroCup III be eliminated after the first round. Often these teams also do not have the financial resources to play in a second round and end up withdrawing which creates problems for the organizers and IWBF Europe. In this way teams with good records who finish second and third in the first round of the play-offs would have a chance to proceed on.

In all of 90 matches 33 were settled with a margin in excess of 30 points. This means that more than 1/3

The charts below show how this could be done:



**Summary:**

Under this system there would be an increase in the number of teams playing to 55 from the present 51 and 2 new organisers would be needed. However, the teams will be better matched at each level and

therefore the games will be closer. This will make the competition more interesting for everyone.

Respectfully submitted:

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## Other International Events

### II. International Wheelchair Basketball Tournament “The Latvia Wheelchair Basketball Sport Federation Cup” in collaboration with Cesis city council 17.04.2008 – 20.04.2008

#### Teams

1. England - WBC SPARROWS
2. Poland - WSSiR START KATOWICE
3. Ukraine - Wheelchair Basketball Team of Ukraine
4. Lithuania – Wheelchair Basketball Team of Lithuania
5. Belarus - Minsk Wolves
6. Latvia – Wheelchair Basketball Team of Latvia

#### RESULTS

17.04.2008

No	Team	Team	Result
1	START KATOWICE	Minsk Wolves	65 : 50
	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
2	Latvia	SPARROWS	57 : 35

18.04.2008

No.	Team	Team	Result
3	Lithuania	Ukraine	47 : 49
4	SPARROWS	Minsk Wolves	29 : 46
5	Latvia	START KATOWICE	50 : 64
6	Lithuania	Minsk Wolves	47 : 48
7	SPARROWS	Ukraine	46 : 66
8	Lithuania	START KATOWICE	50 : 57
9	Latvia	Ukraine	36 : 52

19.04.2008

No.	Team	Team	Result
10	SPARROWS	START KATOWICE	51 : 47
11	Ukraine	Minsk Wolves	53 : 36
12	Latvia	Lithuania	46 : 62
13	Ukraine	START KATOWICE	58 : 56
14	Lithuania	SPARROWS	62 : 47
15	Latvia	Minsk Wolves	51 : 40

Nr.	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points	Ratio	Place
1.	WBC SPARROWS		51:47 2	46:66 1	47:62 1	29:46 1	35:57 1	6	208/27 8	<b>6</b>
2.	WSSiR START KATOWICE	47:51 1		56:58 1	57:50 2	65:50 2	64:50 2	8	289/25 9	<b>2</b>
3.	Wheelchair Basketball Team of Ukraine	66:46 2	58:56 2		49:47 2	53:36 2	52:36 2	10	278/22 1	<b>1</b>
4.	Wheelchair Basketball Team of Lithuania	62:47 2	50:57 1	47:49 1		47:48 1	62:46 2	7	268/24 7	<b>3</b>
5.	Minsk Wolves	46:29 2	50:65 1	36:53 1	48:47 2		40:51 1	7	220/24 5	<b>5</b>
6.	Wheelchair Basketball Team of Latvia	57:35 2	50:64 1	36:52 1	46:62 1	51:40 2		7	240/25 3	<b>4</b>



## Calendar IWBF Europe

### 2008

01/05 - 04/05	Finals CC in Madrid (ESP)
01/05 - 04/05	Astra Tech Junior Challenge in Quakenbrueck (GER)
05/05 - 11/05	PWC in Manchester (GBR)
08/05 - 11/05	IWBF Council meeting in Manchester (GBR)
23/05 - 26/05	II Open Cup devoted to the day of St Petersburg (RUS)
03/06 - 08/06	Roosevelt Women's Tournament in Atlanta (USA)
07/06 - 08/06	International Women's Meyra Cup 2008 in Bochum (GER)
24/06 - 29/06	Int. tournament for national teams in Besancon (FRA)
26/06 - 29/06	Women development event in Malle (BEL)
01/07 - 11/07	European Championship U22 in Adana (TUR)
26/07 - 03/08	European Championship for Men, Division B in Nottwil (SUI)
01/08 - 04/08	Spitfire Tournament in Toronto (CAN)
06/09 - 17/09	Paralympic Games in Beijing (CHN)
20/09 - 21/09	15 <sup>th</sup> Trofeu Internacional Ciutat De Barcelona (ESP)
26/09 - 28/09	City of Lodz Tournament in Lodz (POL)
02/10 - 05/10	2nd SEE Basketball Championship in Izmir (TUR)
11/10	IWBF Europe Competitions Committe Meeting in Utrecht (NED)
08/11	IWBF Europe Development Committe Meeting in Montels (FRA)

### 2009

13/03 - 15/03	Preliminary rounds EuroCup, 9 different locations in Europe
23/04 - 26/04	Finals WBC, location TBD
23/04 - 26/04	Finals AVC, location TBD
30/04 - 03/05	Finals Champions Cup, location TBD
07/07 - 15/07	World Championships U23 in Paris (FRA)
27/08 - 30/08	Youth event in Malle (BEL)

### 2010

12/03 - 14/03	Preliminary rounds EuroCup, 9 different locations in Europe
22/04 - 25/04	Finals WBC, location TBD
22/04 - 25/04	Finals AVC, location TBD
29/04 - 02/05	Finals Champions Cup, location TBD
13/06 - 25/06	World Championships for Men and Women in Birmingham (GBR)