

Competitions



One Month to Go: IFA 2026 Club World Cup

The countdown is on: in just one month, the IFA 2026 Club World Cup will begin in Llanquihue, Chile. From 29 October to 1 November, six men's and six women's teams from Europe, South America and North America will compete for the world club titles. The schedule is now confirmed, with all teams first meeting in a round-robin format before the top four advance to the semifinals.

Men: FBC LINZ AG Urfahr (AUT), TSV Pfungstadt (GER), SG Novo Hamburgo (BRA), C.C.A.A. Rosario (ARG), South Jersey Fistball Club (USA), Club Gimnástico Alemán Llanquihue (CHI)

Women: Ahlhorner SV (GER), SOGIPA Porto Alegre (BRA), South Jersey Fistball Club (USA), TV Jahn Schneverdingen (GER), C.C.A.A. Rosario (ARG), Club Gimnástico Alemán Llanquihue (CHI)

With this top teams in the line-up, the stage is set for four days of high-class fistball. Preparations in Llanquihue are entering the final phase – and we are already looking forward to welcoming the teams and fans to one of the most impressive fistball venues in the world.

By IFA Head of Events – Sönke Spille

Youth



Youth European Cup in Laakirchen (AUT)

On 3–4 October, Laakirchen (AUT) will host the 30th edition of the EFA Youth European Cup, one of the biggest international youth events in fistball. Young athletes from different European regional associations will compete in the female and male U14 and U18 categories.

The event brings together young players from across Europe for a weekend of competition, international exchange and shared experiences. For the first time, Laakirchen will host the Youth European Cup, with Upper Austria entering the competition as the defending overall champion from 2025.

By IFA Youth Commission – Emma Dallinger

Calendar

EFA	Youth European Cup	3-4 Oct	Laakirchen	AUT
IFA	Club World Cup	29 Oct – 1 Nov	Llanquihue	CHI
PAFA	Pan American Championships	4-8 Nov	Santiago	CHI

News



3rd IFA Board Meeting of 2026

On September 25, took place, with 15 important topics discussed, reviewed, and voted on. It was a very productive meeting, particularly regarding regulations and strategic decisions for the future of the IFA. One of the most important topics was the **2027 IFA Anti-Doping Rules** and the **Anti-Doping Service Agreement with ITA (International Testing Agency)**. The final draft is currently undergoing approval by **WADA and ITA**.

Another exciting topic was the presentation of the brand-new **IFA Fistball ARENA** and **Fistball LIVE**. These are free platforms designed to support the complete management of fistball events – from the initial planning and organization through to game reports, schedules, standings, and much more. **Everything is completely integrated!** 🏆 It is a great step forward for the digital development and professionalization of fistball. In the next few days, I will present these new platforms in more detail during an **open virtual meeting**. Stay tuned! 🌐 🏆

By IFA President – Gastão Englert

Strategic



IFA at the IF Forum in Lausanne

From 3 October, IFA President Gastão Englert, Vice President Roger Willen and Secretary General Christoph Oberlehner will represent the IFA at the IF Forum (International Federation Forum) in Lausanne – a conference bringing together recognised international sports federations. This year's event is being held under the theme "When the Playbook Changes: Leading Sport in a New Reality".

As part of the forum, the annual General Assemblies of the International World Games Association (IWGA) and AIMS (Alliance of Independent Recognised Members of Sport) will also take place. At the IWGA General Assembly, an additional Vice President will be elected. The programme will also include meetings with representatives of Olympic federations as well as an exchange with the IOC Sports Department to provide updates on current developments in fistball. Particularly in view of the currently closed IOC recognition process, the event offers a valuable opportunity to present the latest developments in fistball and strengthen international dialogue.

By IFA Secretary General – Christoph Oberlehner

Athletes



In conversation with...

This month, we hear from **Gabriel Petry Heck**, who has been playing fistball for almost 20 years and is preparing for his seventh Club World Championship / World Tour Finals with Sociedade Ginástica Novo Hamburgo - a milestone that speaks for itself. He expects a field full of hungry, highly motivated teams, with Pfungstadt standing out as one of the toughest: after coming agonizingly close to the title themselves in recent years, they've won every single tournament they've entered this season, setting up a rematch Gabriel is clearly looking forward to. But the game he's most excited about is against Linz Urfahr, for deeply personal reasons: Linz was his home for three Austrian seasons, and on the other side of the court will be Bruno, one of his best friends and long-time teammate, with whom he's shared countless titles for both SGNH and Brazil's national team. Now, they'll face each other as rivals at the highest level of the sport. Gabriel expects a tournament of exceptional quality and calls it one of the biggest challenges of his career so far.

By IFA Athletes Commission – Antonia Woitsch