



World Dodgeball Federation

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



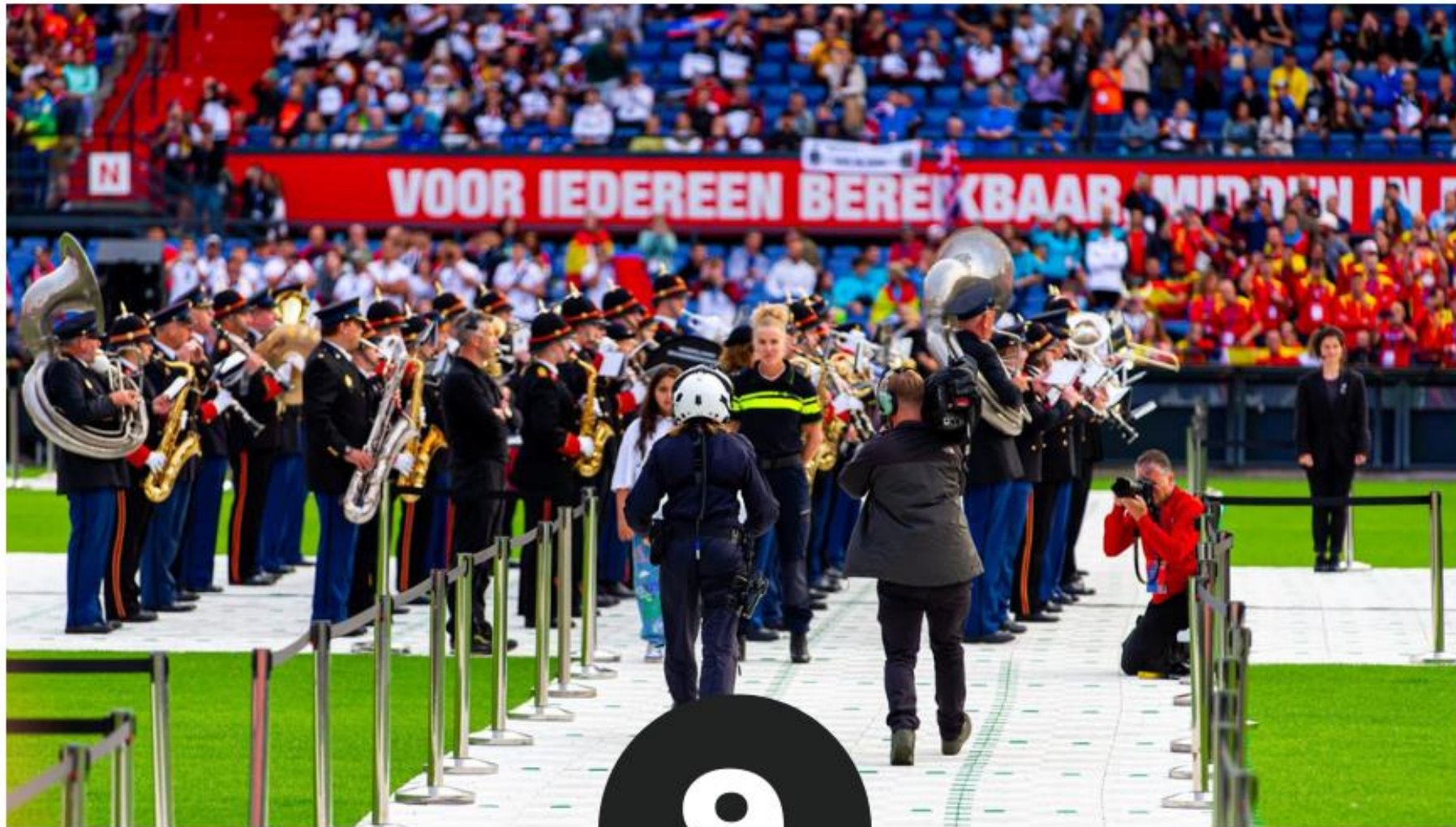
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The WDBF was invited to showcase dodgeball for the first time ever at both the World and European Sport for All Games



As we near the end of the year, we would like to take some time to recognize ten significant moments for the WDBF in 2022. We start our countdown with the first ever appearance of dodgeball at the TAFISA Sport for All Games.

The WDBF first joined TAFISA in 2019 and is a proud contributor to the Interact Project. We were a Pacesetter, along with the Olympic Committee of Slovenia, for World Walking Day in 2021, and at the virtual World Sport for All Games in Lisbon in 2021, President Duane Wysynski delivered a presentation on the topic of ethical stability. We were happy to finally attend both Congress and the Games in person!



The World Police and Fire Games brought more than 10,000 athletes to Rotterdam in July, and the WDBF was proud to support dodgeball at the event.

Memorable Moment #9: The WDBF is asked to support dodgeball at the 19th World Police and Fire Games in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The multi-games event attracts over 10,000 participants from 70 countries. "The Mighty Dodgers" of Montreal take dodgeball gold over local favourites from the Rotterdam Police Department.

We will be back in Winnipeg, Canada for the 2023 edition of the event!



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Dozens of National Federations,
Leagues and Clubs join the WDBF in
marking June 30 as the International
Day of Dodgeball!



The WDBF made the decision to mark June 30 as the International Day of Dodgeball after suggestions from British Dodgeball, USA Dodgeball and others looking to celebrate our sport at a global level. The day is in recognition of a community that has built and continues to build this sport at all levels.

Several National Federations, including Dodgeball Canada, Dodgeball Argentina and the Pakistan Dodgeball Federation, marked the occasion by thanking their volunteers, speaking to their successes, and sharing plans for future growth of the sport!



It was a year of incredible participation from our Members, from the biggest ever Captains Meeting before World's to the largest AGM in WDBF history in October.



2022 was one of the most collaborative years in WDBF history. We welcomed 10 new National Federations to our community, had members representing us in various international events, held the largest Captains' Meeting ever at a World Championships, and had our largest turnout for an Annual General Meeting.

We recognize that engagement can always be better, participation can always improve, and so we enter 2023 with big plans for great things! Early in 2023 we will introduce our calendar of events for both competitions, and for workshops and certification seminars.



In May, TAFISA named the World Dodgeball Federation as International Sports Organization of the month, as a contributor to the Interact Project focused on inclusion and access.



Memorable Moment #6: TAFISA names the WDBF as ISO of the Month due, in part, to contributions to the INTERACT Project. The INTERACT Project develops a sustainable and socially responsible approach to sport, which place the human, citizens, their needs and expectations at the centre of sport and physical activity delivery.

We are proud to be a part of this important initiative – and Erasmus+ project that supports the concept that sport is, indeed, for everyone.

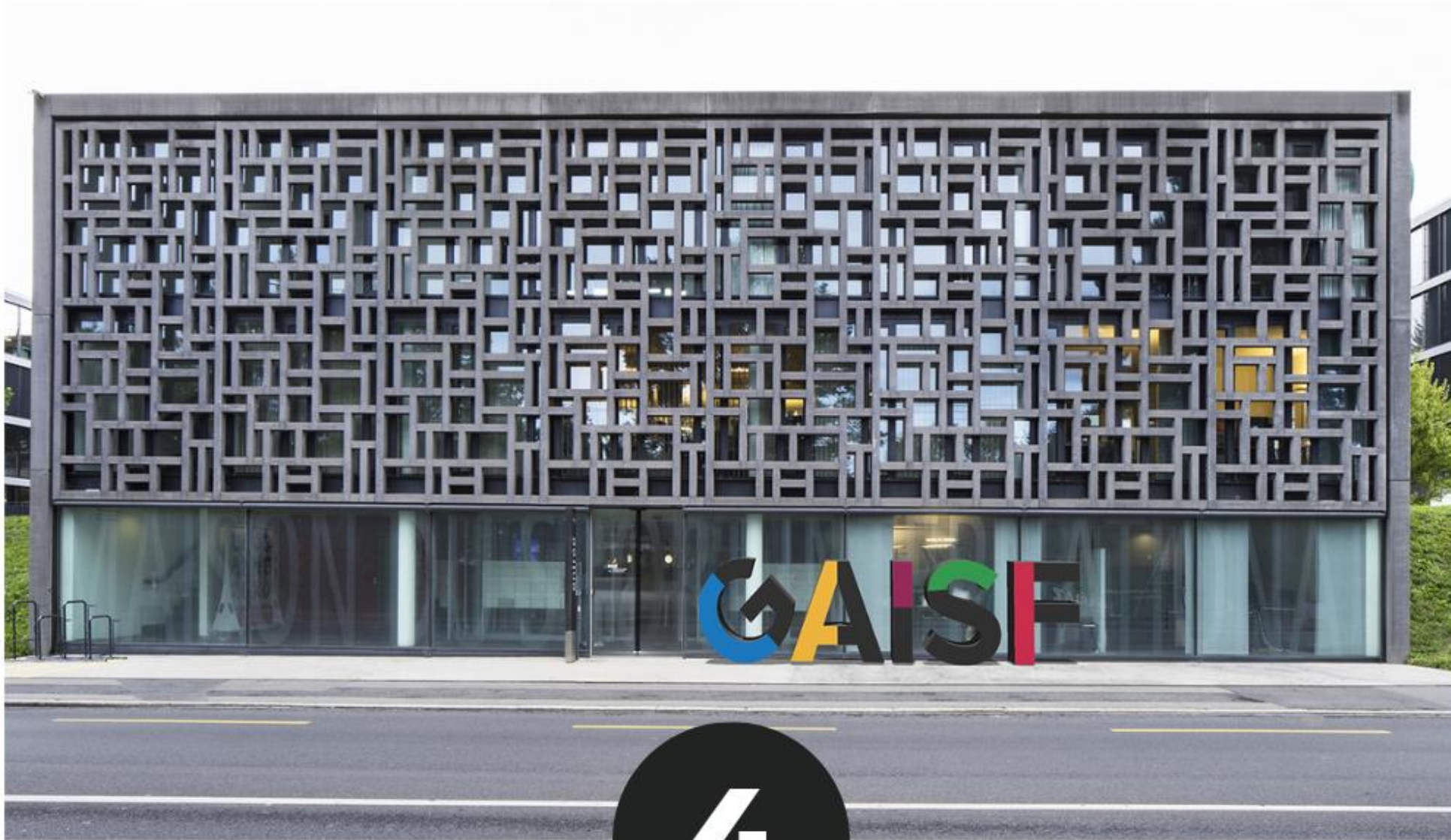


Dodgeball had a full return to play in 2022, with many Firsts, Formals and Festivities. From new events to familiar traditions, the world came back to the courts in a big, big way!



Where to begin with Moment #5? Cote d'Ivoire held its first National Championships, while Tunisia and Morocco introduced the game. Chile hosted the inaugural Copa de los Andes with Argentina and Colombia. USA launched their Premier Tour, Canada welcomed 500 players at their largest National Championships ever, and Hong Kong opened the innovative Dodge City!

We could literally name every member of the WDBF for what they've done this year to advance the sport. As pandemic restrictions lifted, National Federations were back to work developing the sport at all levels.



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At an Extraordinary General Assembly in November, the members of GAISF vote to dissolve, raising many questions on the future of IF recognition.



While the impacts from Memorable Moment #4 remain to be seen, it was truly an historic moment in sports governance. At an Extraordinary General Assembly, delegates vote 70 to 22 in favour of dissolving the 55-year old institution, seen as a pathway for international sports federations to achieve Olympic status.

Along with the dissolution is the termination of Observer status and a complete reworking of the official recognition process. The WDBF has been asked by GAISF to have their information retained and transferred to the body that will be responsible for recognition in the future, and we are committed to continuing on that path.



In November, the WDBF was invited to present the sport of dodgeball to the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees.



On November 4th, the WDBF was a virtual guest at the CANOC AGM in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago. President Duane Wysynski addressed the assembly of National Olympic Committees, presenting the sport of dodgeball and discussing development in the region. The Olympic audience was a first for the sport, and the first of others to come in 2023.

This was one of the key moments of our year. The WDBF has long had a small, but dedicated group of National Federations in the Caribbean, and this was an opportunity to pull back the curtain on what the sport has to offer, primarily in terms of accessibility and inclusion.



In 2022, dodgeball reached new audiences in new ways, bringing the sport to people through more channels than ever before.



Memorable Moments(s) #2: In 2022, dodgeball reached people through more channels than ever before. In addition to standard broadcast, dodgeball connected to its audience through livestreams, OTT platforms, social media, and archived video. There isn't enough room here to list all the channels and partners that helped deliver the sport to the world, but we need to thank all those who helped make this happen!

In addition to our dedicated broadcast partnerships with Wiistream and Twitch, we welcomed excellent media support from YouTubers “The Dodgeball Dudes” and the popular Instagram account “Generation Dodgeball”.



The largest ever dodgeball championships brought together all the top nations in both foam and cloth. The result was over 700 participants representing 15 countries and 65 teams.



The top Memorable Moment for 2022 was undoubtedly the 9th World Championships held in Edmonton, Canada from August 30 to September 4. It was not only the first to feature both foam and cloth, but also the first to include all the top ranked nations from both disciplines. The event was attended by 700 participants from 15 nations representing 65 teams across 6 divisions.

The host Canadians captured two gold medals in women's and mixed foam, while Malaysia won the men's title. Austria took two of three finals from their rivals from Great Britain in the cloth divisions, with wins for the women's and mixed teams. Seven different countries were represented in all six divisions, and Ireland was voted team of the tournament for their tireless play and fantastic sportsmanship.



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