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## The World Games 2017 will be played with a Sportastic Fistball - Sportastic presents a limited edition with a fresh design

**The World Games 2017 Fistball Tournament in Wroclaw, Poland, will be played with a new ball design in pink – the limited ball edition is now available. The Fistball Tournament will start on Sunday 22 July. The Final will be played on Tuesday 25 July. With defending champion Germany, the European teams from Austria and Switzerland, as well as the South American teams from Argentina, Brazil and Chile the currently best six teams worldwide are qualified.**

“As a multisports event, the World Games are the season’s highlight for national teams”, said Winfried Kronsteiner, chair of the International Fistball Association (IFA) sports commission and Technical Delegate for the World Games. “The currently best six teams have confirmed their starting right and will be present in Poland”, added Competition Manager Christoph Oberlehner. The tournament will be played in the renovated “Olawka” sports complex three kilometer outside the city center of Wroclaw, the European Cultural Capital from 2016.

### Registration deadline ahead

Already at the end of April, the head of delegation had to provide a limited number of players to the Wroclaw Organizing Committee. Until beginning of June, the national coaches have time to reduce the number up to a maximum of ten players per roster.

“The fistball family and all fans can look forward to an exciting and attractive Fistball Tournament. The World Games as multi sports event are always special“, stated IFA President Karl Weiß. In addition to the attendance of daily tourists, official fan tours are being organized from Germany and Switzerland.

### Sportastic produced a special edition “Limited 2017” of the official ball

Sportastic, exclusive ball partner of IFA for The World Games 2017 Fistball Tournament, has produced a special edition of its balls “premium” and “micro wet” with a fresh design called “Limited 2017”. The ball is now available in the internet shop [www.sportastic.com](http://www.sportastic.com) for 89 Euro each, respectively. The qualified teams will get a basis set within the next days.

“We are very pleased to be again the official ball partner of the Fistball Tournament at The World Games. With a new design we would like to support the ambition of the IFA’s Board of Directors to present Fistball as attractive as possible”, said Sportastic general manager Thomas Stadler.



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### **Sportastic: short description of the company**

For more than two decades, Sportastic is a specialist in the field of sporting goods and equipment. Be it in the areas of ball sports, team sports, fitness or gymnastics – the company's range of goods includes more than 2,500 articles for sports at all levels, from recreational to elite and professional sports. Sportastic primarily works with educational institutions, teams, recreational facilities, as well as rehabilitation and therapy centers in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Vision and ideas in sports are part of Sportastic's business every day, in particular through its ongoing product development program. This is supported by a big portion of practical know-how and many years of experience in development and optimization, as well as – of course – customers' wishes. The team comprises 23 sports enthusiastic, responsible and optimistic employees.

### **Information on the International Fistball Association - IFA**

The International Fistball Association (IFA) is the global sports association for fistball. It comprises the national federations which are overseeing the sport of fistball, both indoors and outdoors, in the respective member states. IFA, formerly known as *Internationaler Faustball-Verband (IFV)* was founded on January 30, 1960 in Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

IFA is composed of a 13-member steering committee, chaired by Austrian Karl Weiß as President. Jörn Verleger from Germany serves as Secretary General. The executive presidium comprises five members.

The International Fistball Association organizes the Fistball World Championships for both women and men as well as for the under 18 categories. Furthermore, IFA organizes the IFA Fistball World Tour for teams including the World Tour Finals, as well as Masters for women and men over 35 years of age. In addition, fistball is included in the World Games, an international competition for non-olympic, yet globally played, popular sports. The next World Games are taking place in July 2017, in Wroclaw, Poland.

### **Picture:**

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