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## **Press Release**

## IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships in Germany to start in 6 days

From 21 July to 24 July the City of Nuremberg and the TV Eibach will host the bi-annual IFA Fistball U18 World Championships for Men and Women. Together with the defending champion Germany teams from six member federations and three continents participate in the event.

30 matches will be played by 98 participants in two venues in the large sports complex in Nuremberg-Eibach, which offers a professional surrounding with a great temporary grandstand. For the expected 2000 spectators also an attractive side program is organized.

As IFA Fistball U18 World Championships have always been a perfect test basis for a further development of rules IFA Board of Directors decided to test new aspects that are not part of the rules at the moment concerning service, coaching zone, time-out regulations and number of players.

After meetings with the local Organizing Committee IFA Secretary General Jörn Verleger said, "I have been visiting Nuremberg-Eibach regularly. The Fistball Family can look forward to an exciting and well organized event."

Organizing Committee President Dr. Andreas Schröder commented, "Our journey is now entering its most critical phase: Operation of the World Championships." He continued, "A lot of work lies ahead of us but we have plenty of energy. We will deliver great World Championships."

The Organizer of the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships Germany is the Turnverein Eibach 03 e. V. in cooperation with the Deutsche Faustball Liga (DFBL) and the International Fistball Association (IFA).

The Opening Ceremony will take place with the patron Bavarian Treasury Secretary Dr. Markus Söder on 21 July 3.30 pm. Bavarian TV is covering parts of the Opening Ceremony live. All matches from Center Court will be broadcast on the web-canal sportdeutschland.tv for free.

Within the framework of the IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships IFA will host the first IFA Youth Congress dated Friday 22 July 2016, 6 pm and an Extraordinary IFA-Congress dated 24 July 2016 9 am. The aim of the IFA Youth Congress is to discuss and share the ideas of youth concepts from the IFA member federation to increase the youth appeal of fistball.

The Organizers invite you to the Opening Press Conference dated Wednesday, 20 July at 12.30 am at the TV Eibach e.V. 1903, Hopfengartenweg 66, Nuremberg with IFA President Karl Weiss (AUT), OC President Dr. Andreas Schröder (GER) and two players from team Germany.

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