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## Press Release

### Nuremberg-Eibach is ready to welcome the world - IFA 2016 Fistball U18 World Championships to start in 4 days

With 4 days to go until the Opening Ceremony, "Eibach is ready to welcome the world" according to IFA Secretary General Jörn Verleger. From 21 to 24 July the City of Nuremberg and TV Eibach 03 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 are going to participate in the event.

30 matches will be played by 98 participants at two venues at the large sports complex in Nuremberg-Eibach, which offers a professional surrounding with a great temporary grandstand. Attractive side-events are planned for the expected more than 2000 spectators. With the World Championships only days away, the venue is getting dressed-up, as the grandstands have already been built up last week.

After the fourth and final pre-Championship visit IFA Secretary General Jörn Verleger said, "Nuremberg is ready to welcome the world. 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: The operation of the World Championships." He continued, "A lot of work lies ahead of us but we have plenty of energy. We are willing to deliver great World Championships."

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

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.

On 21 July at 3.30 pm the Opening Ceremony will be patronized by Dr. Markus Söder, Bavarian Finance Minister. Bavarian TV is covering parts of the Opening Ceremony live. All matches from Centre 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.

IFA will provide a result service, a press statement and a free of rights picture for your publication every tournament day.

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