

Press Release

Grieskirchen is looking forward to the largest Fistball Men´s European Championships ever – already 5.000 tickets sold

With 5 days to go until the opening match, “Grieskirchen is looking forward to an extraordinary IFA 2016 Fistball Men´s European Championship presented by Excape”, stated IFA Secretary General Jörn Verleger. From 26 to 28 August the City of Grieskirchen in Austria will host the 20th edition of the bi-annual event. Together with the defending champion Germany teams from Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Serbia, Spain and Poland participate. Already 5.000 tickets are sold in pre-sale. More than 6.000 spectators are expected during the three-day-event.

It has been more than two years of preparation for the Local Organizing Committee of the Fistball Euro 2016 chaired by OC-President Peter Oberlehner to coordinate the involvement of many regional partners and 250 volunteers.

“We included some new elements never seen before in fistball like LED sponsor boards and HD-Live-Steaming providing the best pictures for the TV coverage, live streaming and the slow motions on the video wall inside the stadium”, stated OC Secretary General Joachim Maier.

The venue is located in a school complex added with a temporary stadium for 3.000 spectators. For the City of Grieskirchen and the region of upper Austria and Vitalwelt this event means the biggest sport event of the year 2016 with many hotels already sold out.

More than 50 promotional events have taken place during the last nine month in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Serbia and all of this with a team of volunteers of the fistball and sports community of the city and the region, which makes the OC President very proud.

The Austrian TV ORF Sport+ will cover the final as well as the bronze medal match in real time. All matches will also be broadcast on the web-canal of ORF Sport+ and sportdeutschland.tv for free.

Next to the center court a large tent with regional catering for spectators as well as a fan city and a kids fun park was built up during the last days. The VIP sector with 260 people is already sold out.

The 1965 established IFA Fistball Men´s European Championship take place every two years. Austria is hosting the event the 8th time. In 1965 the event was hosted in the City of Linz, which is also located in the region of upper Austria.

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About IFA: The International Fistball Association (IFA) is the international sports federation responsible for fistball sport. IFA is a federation of member associations which represent fistball and their athletes in more than 56 countries. IFA is an international federation and member of AIMS, SportAccord and the International World Games Association. The IFA Executive Committee: President Karl Weiss (AUT), Secretary General Jörn Verleger (GER), Vice President Carlos Hexel (BRA), Treasurer Franz Peter Iten (SUI), Chair of the Sports Commission Winfried Kronsteiner (AUT).

