

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

IFA Membership provides the following benefits to national organisations and their players:

### Competition

The ability to compete in regional Championships and the IFA World Championships. IFA strives to ensure that these tournaments are the best Fistball events in the world. Participation in these events is defined [here](#).

### Promotion

World championships and World Tour Finales provide opportunities for all members to promote the sport by bringing the best in the world together at a single event. Athlete pathways – IFA World Championships give your athletes something to strive for beyond your national championships.

### Event standards

IFA events are produced at the highest standards, serving as a model for competition at national level, and providing resources that can be reused by member federations.

### Hosting

The opportunity to host world or regional championships, and the financial, administrative and athletic rewards that come with hosting a championship.

### Rules

Standard rules for all Fistball categories that are used throughout the vast majority of the world.

### Representation

Members have a voice in the decision-making processes which affect Fistball sports globally, nationally and locally.

### Communication

IFA is the forum for international discussion on the development of Fistball sports and sharing of ideas and expertise. IFA disseminates information about Fistball sports to its members through email lists and its website.

### Lobbying

IFA promotes Fistball sports in the international sporting community through its relations to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), as well as its membership of AIMS, SportAccord and IWGA.

### Credibility

IFA membership in AIMS, SportAccord and IWGA and its profile on the international sporting landscape can help national associations gain recognition and support from their governments, corporate sponsors and the wider community.



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### **Recruitment**

Being on IFA's contact list will attract visiting international teams and players to your organisation and events.

### **Inspiration**

Athletes that compete internationally often become inspired to get more involved with administration at a local or national level and drive organisations and teams to achieve more.

### **Expansion**

IFA facilitates the establishment of Fistball sports in new countries, through developing ties with established neighbouring national organisations and regional associations, supplying administrative advice and providing models for competition and development. The establishment of new national organisations provide variety in competition for its existing members, closer to home, and enriches the cultural experience of playing Fistball.

### **Long-term benefits**

As member associations can apply for national recognition by their National Olympic Committee (NOC) to be granted on their NOCs discretion.

### **Eligibility**

Membership of IFA is open to national Fistball organisations, uniquely representing one or more Fistball sports organisation in that country. In addition, the organisation must be organised with by-laws acceptable to IFA; be open to participation without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or sexual orientation and be controlled by its members according to democratic principles.

### **Application process**

Membership applications should be made through the Development Directors Office. They will help applicants get together the required documentation.

Applications should include the following:

- Information about the applicant - name, address, email, website, key contacts.
- Copy of the body's constitution or by-laws.
- Statement of number of active members.
- Latest annual report of activities of the organisation.
- Brief history of the organisation.
- Statement of the legal status of the organisation (e.g. incorporation, non-profit etc).

### **Preferred**

- Organisation website.
- Evidence (e.g. websites, photographs, media clippings, video) of national championships or other competitive events held.
- Evidence of regional reach within the country.
- Plans for development of Fistball sports and the organisation.

### **Intake periods**

### **Approval process**

Membership applications will be preliminarily approved by the Board of Directors, or you will be informed of what you need to do to gain the Board's approval. With the preliminary approval the member federation already has the right to participate in an IFA event if the membership fee is paid. Formal approval is given by Congress on the recommendation of the Board. Admission process when the application dossier is complete: 1- 3 months)