BOCCIA TATRA CUP 2016

National and International Individuals Boccia Tournament – 2nd annual (Results)



From 25 to 27 June 2016, the 2nd edition of National and International Individuals Boccia Tournament - **Boccia Tatra Cup (BTC)** – took place in the sports hall of the Alexandra Hotel in Liptovský Ján. Boccia is a paralympic sport, based on the principle of throwing balls at the target, similar to petanque or curling. The main organizer of the tournament was ZOM Prešov - Civil Association of People with Disabilities (www.zompresov.sk).

The tournament was divided into national part, which took place on June, 25 and international part, which took place from 26 to 27 June 2016.

National BTC Tournament was part of the national tournaments season, organized for boccia athletes at the national level and was aimed at the sportsmen of the categories BC2, BC3, BC4. The results in the tournament were added into the overall Slovak classification.

The medal winners of the National BTC 2016 Tournament are:

- BC2 1. Róbert Mezík, 2. Tomáš Král, 3. Rastislav Kurilák
- BC3 1. Adam Burianek, 2. Boris Klohna, 3. Mária Smolková
- BC4 1. Samuel Andrejčík, 2. Michaela Balcová, 3. Róbert Ďurkovič

International BTC Tournament was a friendly, non-ranking but of high quality and prestigious tournament, bringing together Slovak and foreign participants. This year, the tournament hosted 53 players from 8 countries: Slovakia (15), Czech Republic (10), Hungary (12) England (7), Wales (1), Croatia (4), Poland (3), Ukraine (1). The players competed in every category aimed at individual players, from BC1 to BC4.

The medal winners of the International BTC 2016 Tournament are:

- **BC1** 1. Kateřina Čuřínová (CZE), 2. Aneta Pokorná (CZE), 3. Jabe Peake (ENG)
- BC2 1. Róbert Mezík (SVK), 2. František Petrák (CZE), 3. Zoe Robinson (ENG)
- BC3 1. Adam Peška (CZE), 2. Marcela Čermáková (CZE), 3. Karl Parrish (WAL)
- BC4 1. Samuel Andrejčík (SVK), 2. Michaela Balcová (SVK), 3. Davor Komar (CRO)

A country ranking:

- 1. Czech republic (CZE) (2-3-0)
- 2. Slovakia (SVK) (2-1-0)
- 3. England (ENG) (0-0-2)
- 4. Croatia (CRO) (0-0-1)
- 5. Wales (WAL) (0-0-1)

The quality of the tournament is ensued by the participation of **top players in the World rankings**, including Róbert Mezík, SVK BC2 (5), Samuel Andrejčík SVK BC4 (11), Róbert Ďurkovič SVK BC4 (12) a Kateřina Cuřínová CZE BC1 (16).

Last year, the BTC organizers set a target to establish a tradition of international tournament in our region, which has been met when organizing the second edition of the tournament. The establishment of international boccia tournament in Slovakia is really a great achievement. Although our boccia representation is very successful, most Slovak players rarely get chance to challenge foreign players. For many boccia players, the opportunity to play against someone else than commonly used to in competitions organized at national level is a rewarding experience.

International tournament consisted of group stage and the finals. The sports hall was adapted in sufficient accordance with the needs of disabled people. The tournament was held at 7 courts, on the laminate flooring surface. Accommodation was provided in Alexandra Wellness Hotel, Sorea Máj Hotel and Sorea Ďumbier Hotel in Liptovský Ján (all within the reach of 400m from the sports hall.)

From June 27th to July 3th, 2016, a **sports and reconditioning stay "Boccia Holiday"** followed and participants could joint training sessions, informal meetings, sports camps, go to wellness, rehabilitation, on excursions, or visit cultural and social events.

Referees:

Matúš Grega – main referee; Mária Lenártová, Katarína Králová, Vladimíra Blacová, Ľudmila Andrejčíková, Jarmila Malíková, Ľubomír Svat, Jozef Fejerčák, Ľuboš Kondela, Marián Klimčo, Pavla Vrbová (CZE), Monika Doskočilová (CZE), Dominika Rěpková (CZE), Ivan Begic (CRO), Joel Komar (CRO), Branko Ivanešić (CRO)

Time keepers:

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