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Opening Ceremony



會長的話：木球之道

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道者，道理也，道理就是合理的想法，大家認同的想法，就是思想，所以木球之道就是促進木球運動發揚光大的思想和行為。木球運動是集合眾人之力正在發展的事業，因此需要一個明確的思想認同，才能眾志成城。

2004年第一屆世界盃之前是木球運動發展的第一個十年，基本上是以台灣為中心向四方推廣，第二個十年我們要以亞洲各國朋友為重心，向天下播種。這一次的世界盃有來自俄國布里亞提亞、中國大陸、香港、印度、印尼、日本、韓國、澳門、馬來西亞、模里西斯、中華台北、泰國、新加坡等國家和地區的朋友來參與盛會。我們這些亞洲大國、強國的朋友代表的是世界上一半的人口及優秀的文化，所以在體育文化方面，不應再緊跟著歐美國家腳步，有機會就要走出自己的康莊大道，我們就是在這種想法下，勇往直前地將木球運動推廣出去。

這幾年來每年都有很多場國際比賽活動，讓各國朋友和選手競技、交流、觀摩、合作，透過不斷的交流、溝通，逐漸形成木球運動的思想體系，即木球運動的價值、發展方法及目標。因本人對木球運動瞭解較多，所以有責任向各國參與木球運動的朋友報告：

1. 木球運動的價值：木球運動雖然是在很多巧合下做出來的，但因適合時代需要，具有「競技又休閒、健康加快樂」的功能，而且實用、友誼性高，所以不分種族，不論男女老少都能喜歡，未來木球的產業也將有無限的商機。
2. 木球運動的發展方法：是「廣交朋友來合作」，各國的領導階層和幹部包括各行各業。我們除了需要推廣人才外，也需要培養研發人才，培養更多優秀教練和選手，因此也需要更多國際水準的木球場，讓各國高手去競技表現。
3. 木球運動的目標：是「開闢體育新天地、無敵天下進大同」，雖然我們的力量很小，不過21世紀普遍吹冷氣、打電腦的生活方式，需要更多戶外運動。我們木球運動實用、方便，符合這種需要，而且友誼性高，球員很容易成為好朋友，當木球運動在國際上普及也會促進各國民間的友誼交流，各國之間或民間友誼的增加，敵意的減少，即是走進大同世界的理想。

以上是本人對木球運動中心思想的簡單論述，請各國朋友指正和充實，亦請各國朋合作發揚「木球之道」。

President's Message : The "Dao" of Woodball

By Mr. Ming-Hui Weng, President of IWbF

"Dao" is the perception of common understanding, the sensible thoughts of common collective objectives and based on the principle of common thoughts in unison. Therefore, the "Dao" of Woodball is the collective wisdom of all to propel to a greater height. Woodball is a kind of fast-spreading sport, so we need an explicit identification to make it more internationally well-known.

It was the first decade of Woodball Sport by the 1st World Cup Woodball Championship held in 2004. In that period, we basically centered in Taiwan to spread Woodball sports. In the second decade, we are going to focus on Asian countries to promote the sports worldwide.

The 2nd World Cup Woodball Championship 2006 is to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We will see Japan, Korea, Buryatia, China, Singapore, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Macau, Mauritius, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei. These Asian countries are not only more than half the population of the world but also splendid cultures. Therefore, we should seize the opportunity to show our strength and promote Woodball sport all over the world.

In recent years, a lot of international Woodball championships have been held from different countries to compete, exchange, sharing of views, emulate, and cooperate with each other. Through continuous exchange and communication, the contribution of Woodball overall betterment means the value, development methods, and goals of Woodball have been formed.

Due to my understanding of Woodball, it's my responsibility to report what I have learned from Woodball sports to all of you:

1. The value of Woodball: Woodball Sports, though invented by many coincidences, has the functions of "competence and leisure, health plus happiness." Therefore, people of all ages and both sexes can enjoy the game. I am convinced that in the future the Woodball sports will be a leading role in promoting healthy lifestyle and business opportunities through net work friendship internationally.
2. The development methods of Woodball: My strategy is to promote Woodball sports "making friends" with, such as regional leaders and other members. In addition to soliciting talented people in Sports, we are also positively cultivating research and development personnel, and good coaches and players. And that's the reason why we need more Woodball course with international standards for those participants to compete and exchange with each other to raise their opinions, skills and techniques.
3. The goal of Woodball: The goal I set up for Woodball sports is "Open a new field for Woodball; bring peace to the world." In the 21st century, people tend to lead their lives with air conditioners and computers, so we need more outdoor activities. Through the process of playing Woodball, players will be able to easily become friends. When Woodball sport gets more popular in the world, I believe that it will not only bring more friendship but also decrease more animosity all over the world. That is what I think of "a peaceful world."

The above-mentioned statements are my thoughts about Woodball. You are welcome to give your advice, suggestion and help to promote the "Dao" of Woodball.

Report on the 2006 China International Woodball Open Tournament

By Secretariat, IWbF

2006 China International Woodball Open Tournament was held in Yinzhou Park, Ningbo City, China from 19th to 24th April 2006. There were 9 countries participating. Namely: Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Republic of Buryatia Russian Federation, Mauritius, India, Uganda, Chinese Taipei and China with a total of almost 200 participants. The host of this championship is Chinese Leisure Sports Administrative Center, and the organizer is Ningbo Sport Administration, People's Government of Yinzhou District who have held a really large-scale competition. The sponsor provided two cars as the award to encourage the skilled players from every country and stimulate the level of the championship. All players did their level best and make the progress of the battle extremely splendid.

After the fierce competitions, the first places of the men's and women's individual events are the representatives of Chinese Taipei, Hui-Chin Lin and Pei-Ru Ssu. And the championship of men's team event is Malaysia. All players have also visited the newly-build Woodball factory.



The Report on the Done Work on Carrying Out of the Championship on Woodball

By Mr. Vitaly Batodorzhiev, President of Woodball Federation of Republic Buryatia



- 1.The purpose of the championship: Development and propagation of a new kind of sports in city Ulan-Ude.
- 2.A place of carrying out: Stadium of Joint-stock company Buryatmjasoprom of the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia.
- 3.Rules of carrying out: The International rules.
- 4.Organizers of the championship: Woodball Federation of Republic Buryatia, Republican agency on physical training and sports, Administration of October area of city Ulan-Ude.
- 5.Sponsors of the championship: the Society with limited liability Tennis club Witlas, Joint-stock company Buryatmjasoprom.

Introduction

The championship was spent in stadium of Joint-stock company Buryatmjasoprom. Participation was accepted with 5 commands in total of 44 players.

The main judge of the championship was the Judge of international category Dr. JARGALSAIKHAN.D Mongolia.

According to the main thing judge the championship has passed at a level of the international standards and the first champions on Woodball among men and women, and also among commands have come to light. Among men the first place has borrowed Dr. JARGALSAIKHAN.D Ulaan- Bator Mongolia, among women Tsydenova Larisa Russia Woodball Federation of Republic Buryatia.

The Basic Directions

The championship has shown greater players and the population in participation in competitions. In this connection Woodball Federation of Republic Buryatia has made a decision about purchase of the ground area for the organization of sports park and rest and carrying out of actions on Woodball with participation of foreign countries.

Report on the Introduction of Woodball in Eastern Africa Workshop 2006

By Ms. Peninnah A. Kabenge, President NUSFU

After the official workshop to introduce Woodball in the Eastern Part of Africa that was held from 24th to 25th June 2006 Woodball is the game!!

The limit is currently the equipment. The enthusiasm that has been created by the game is great that it is overwhelming and can't wait for more equipment to come in. Carpentry workshops have been invaded to try and fabricate the mallet, balls and gate. We are eagerly waiting to see the outcome.

5th August 2006 is the day that has been set for putting an interim Committee to run the game in place and the committee's terms of reference are:

- 1.Run day to day affairs of the Uganda Woodball Association (organize competitions and clinics).
- 2.Work on the Association's Constitution.
- 3.Make proposals to spread the game in the Country.
- 4.This committee will run for 6 month after which a General Assembly and Elections of an Executive Committee will be held in January 2007.

As we wait for all that to happen students in Universities are training very hard to make it to the 2nd World Universities Woodball Championship that is to be held in Thailand. Unfortunately as the National University Sports Federation of Uganda (NUSFU) we do not intend to take more than 4 players (Woodballers) because of the financial implications and with a gender balance in mind. Trials to select the team are scheduled as follows: - 5th August 2006 at Makerere University and 19th August 2006 at Ndejje University.

NUSFU is pleased to note that IWbF Executive Secretary Mr. Sean C.H. WENG has confirmed the training opportunity for the Ugandan team prior to the World University championship in Taiwan. On another interesting note Uganda is the next host for the 5th All African University Games in 2008 and Woodball is the game to watch.



Global Post-Economics and Meta-Economics of Woodball

By Mr. Georgi Karov, Member of the Executive Council of the Bulgarian Woodball Federation,
General Representative of the President of the Bulgarian Woodball Federation

The present article is an attempt of us to show and prove that the Woodball organizational or sport activity bears the potential to be not just leisure, not just good way to spend your personal free time, but indeed the Woodball is able to live through the very probable paradigm shifts which are going to radically change the nature of the human global economy system.

The Trends

Many times on the pages of various IWbF's issued papers, we insisted that in order to promote this game and to expand the Woodball Realm as wider as possible, at first we should avoid the trap of the common thinking, to untie our imagination, and to let our mind to draw visions of business structures out of the constraints of the everyday dull concepts. It exists general accepted consensus among us that our favourite sport, the Woodball should be run as business in order to be able to assure itself the material and financial resources it needs to support its existence and development. Up to here - nothing new. The world Woodball, if having enough luck and reservoir of good professional managers, someday shall reach the point to become respected, big sport, run by dedicated corporation or group of corporations - business and non-profit ones. But is that all what we need? Is this the envisioned Woodball Empire? Aren't the other businesses the same and isn't exactly this model which shapes their destiny? If knowing empirically and theoretically the general trend of every new business: rise-flatline-fall, should we obey the model and share their destiny? Should we structure our Woodball dream to suit one moment of this so volatile and chaotic social and economical reality, we see that surrounds us? Are there any other modes of operation available to ensure our Woodball life enterprise with fate avoiding the downward slopes of the curves of the economy?

The Promotion

The fact that we see the Woodball as kind of universal commodity indeed opens the paths of proliferation of the game in the different social spheres of activity. The way the people are united in order to do something, i.e. the structure of the social power, is the factor which gives shape or surface of the human organizations and constructs, and namely following this structure and surface, any project, and especially our favorite the Woodball finds the best approaches and the best paths to interact with the social entity.

The ideal Woodball corporative structure as we see it is: the normal pyramid of global-regional-national non-profit organizations, tightly woven with the spaghetti structure of commercial business entities network, coordinated by one outsourcing-management compact center. Let's call this the NGO pyramid The Federation and the corporate dynamic "power-source" of it The Corporation. In strict financial terms the interaction between The Federation and The Corporation, could be settled in various modes of operation. Initially it is enough The Corporation to be granted with full packages of intellectual and copy rights (aiming also to be ready to cope with the upcoming immaterialized economy), which The Corporation to manage, and to turn in liquid financial resources, these assets. Without to be comprehensive such list may include: the rights over the promotion on certain territories, the sales and commercials' rights over the official equipment and costumes, the right to certify the new Woodball courses, the informational database management and maintenance, etc., etc. Because the profit of The Corporation would come from activity which coincides with the objective of the Federation, the last will be liberated from the necessity to deal with material affairs and every expenditure will be taken by the Corporation. Although this the Corporation can and should pay, say about 1% of its pure profit to the International, the Regional / Continental and the National federations for PR expenditures, travels and communications funds, etc.. The Corporation liberated of all purely sports logic will possess maximum efficiency in business, the Federation freed from real business responsibilities could act as sport NGO provided with unlimited financing, hence realizing the ideal for sport organization. Such success would be quickly copied by other new and old sports, thus automatically expanding the assets of the Corporation. Because the Corporation will manage the Federation strategy, no controversy between the Corp. and Fed. Activities are possible to occur. The marketing experience and the dimensions and trends in the most developed economies in Eastern Asia, Western Europe and Northern America (our first targets for promotion and consolidation IN Woodball) shows that the promotion strategies should be based in non-conventional, new, interesting PR and commercial bases. The overall activity is hard to generalize in several words and thus to remain understandable without extensive use and application of maths, that's why we will close this article of ours with the next several.

Examples

With which also we'd like to "reserve" our "sacred rights" onto their implementation in the reality in the following areas: The Antarctic Woodball Tournament, Woodball-on-Ice, The Tour-Operator networks, Universities, Schools, Big Hospitals, Social Care Facilities...etc.

The space of all possible Woodball promotion solution literary dwarfs the scales of the Galaxy, at least we should be confident, that this game was created with enough and exact dose of ingenuity inserted, so it to be able to withstand the storm of the transitions of the global economy from one mode to another.

Photo Gallery



International Seminar on Woodball Rules 2006
2006 國際木球規則研討會
21 Apr. 2006 : Ningbo, China



Guang Zhou Woodball Invitation Compellion 2006
2006 廣州木球邀請賽
1 Apr. 2006 : Hong Kong



2006 China International Woodball Open Championship 2006
2006 中國國際木球公開賽
19-24 Apr. 2006 : Ningbo, China



Hong Kong Woodball Open Championship 2006
2006 香港活木球公開賽
2 Apr. 2006 : Hong Kong



International Woodball Open Championship 2006
2006 國際木球公開賽
27-28 Mar. 2006 : Hong Kong



5th Thailand Woodball Open Championship 2006
第五屆泰國木球公開賽
28 Feb. - 5 Mar. 2006 : Chiang Mai, Thailand



Buryatia Woodball Open Championship 2006
2006 布里亞特木球公開賽
26 Jun. 2006 : Ulan-Ude, Buryatia



The Introduction of Woodball in Eastern Africa Workshop 2006
2006 東非木球講習會
22-25 Jun. 2006 : Kampala, Uganda



4th European Woodball Open Championship 2006
第四屆歐洲木球公開賽
4-7 Aug. 2006 : Tartu, Estonia



Woodball Open Tournament



Woodball Friendly Match in the 8th FISU Forum

2006 : Abu Dhabi, UAE



Woodball Championship



Description of Woodball Rules Amendment

Page	Woodball Rule
5	Ch. 1 Sec. 2 Art. 1 Amendment Rule The design of the Woodball course is comprising of twelve fairways or its multiple number. Current Rule On a Woodball course should be planned twelve fairways.
6	Ch. 1 Sec. 2 Art. 2 Amendment Rule A twelve fairway Woodball Course requires a total distance of at least 700 meters and more. Current Rule A twelve-fairway Woodball course requires a total distance of at least 500 meters and more.
6	Ch. 1 Sec. 2 Item 8 Additional Rule The round string used for fairway boundary line shall be 1 cm diameter in white or yellow color. Current Rule None
6	Ch. 1 Sec. 2 Art. 6 Amendment Rule According to the area of the Woodball Course, different fairway distances are designed varies from 30 to 130 meters. Current Ruledifferent fairway distances vary from 20 to 100 meters.
6	Ch. 1 Sec. 3 Art. 2 Amendment Rule The width of each fairway should be designed in accordance with its natural features, but the narrowest should not be less than 3 meters in width and the widest should not be more than 10 meters. Current Rule The width of each fairway should be planned in accordance with its natural features, but the narrowest should not be less than 2 meters in width, and the widest should not be more than 20 meters.
6	Ch. 1 Sec. 3 Art. 3 Amendment Rule The length of a fairway, 50 meters and under is termed as short distance, and in between 51 to 80 meters is termed as medium distance, and between 81 to 130 meters is termed as long distance. Current Rule The distance of a fairway shorter than 35 meters is called short distance, and between 36 to 65 meters called medium distance, and between 66 to 100 meters called long distance.
8	Ch. 1 Sec. 3 Art. 8 Amendment Rule Between the rear of the gate area and the fairway boundary keeps a buffer zone of 2 meter and more in width. Current Rule Between the rear of the gate area and the fairway boundary keeps a buffer zone 1 meter and more in width.
15	Ch. 4 Sec. 3 Art. 1 Added Rules Linesmen could be assigned in the championships to assist referees in judging the ball is out of boundary and where the exit point of the ball rolled out of boundary. Current Rule None
16	Ch. 5 Sec. 1 Art. 2 Amendment Rule Every player should complete the games through the first to the twelfth fairway (or its multiple fairways as stipulated), and the final outcome is determined by the total strokes count in play. Current Rule Every player should complete the games through the first to the twelfth fairway (or as stipulated), and the final outcome is determined by the total stroke count in play.
16	Ch. 5 Sec. 2 Art. 1 Amendment Rule Type of competition: 1) Singles Competition: The singles as a competition unit. 2) Double Competition: Double or mixed double as a competition unit. 3) Team Competition: A team with 4 to 6 players as a team competition unit. Current Rule Type of competition: divided into (1) Individual competition: The individual as a competition unit. (2) Team competition: The team as a competitor unit.
16	Ch. 5 Sec. 2 Art. 2 Amendment Rule Method of competition: 1) Stroke Competition: The competitor who completed twelve fairways or its multiple fairways with lowest strokes shall be the winner. 2) Fairway Competition: The competitor who has won a greater number of the twelve fairways or its multiple fairways with the lowest strokes shall be the winner. Current Rule Method of competition: Divided into (1) Stroke competition: The competitor who completed twelve fairways in the fewest strokes is the winner. (2) Fairway competition: The competitor who has won a greater number of the twelve fairways in the fewest strokes is the winner.
20	Ch. 5 Sec. 3 Art. 3 Item 1 Amendment Rule Each player should have his records of stroke count on each fairway and the total stroke count on all the twelve fairways or its multiple fairways otherwise his result shall not be calculated. Current Rule Each player should have his records of stroke count on each fairway and of the total stroke count on all the twelve fairways, otherwise his result shall not be calculated.
21	Ch. 5 Sec. 3 Art. 3 Item 2 List A Amendment Rule The outcome of twelve fairways or its multiple fairways competition, each player has completed is decided on the stroke count. The lowest strokes shall be the winner. In the event of the same number of total stroke count, the one who score the least stroke at last twelve fairways onwards shall be the winner or other decision to be stated by the organizer hosting the championship. Current Rule The outcome of a twelve-fairway competition every player his completed is decided on the stroke count. The fewest strokes is the winner. In the event of the same number of total stroke count, the competitor who has won a great number of the fairways in the fewest strokes is the winner. Accordingly, outcome is conducted in the same manner or extra game in a given fairway assigned by the organizer goes on until the result comes out.
25	Ch. 8 Art. 2 Amendment Rule A player hits his ball in play on the fairway, and it rolls out of boundary line without touching the line is treated as out of bounds. Penalty one stroke is applied. Current Rule A player hits his ball in play on the fairway, and it falls on the ground out of the boundary. It is treated as out of bounds. Every time a ball out of bound is to add to the player one penalty stroke.
25	Ch. 8 Art. 3 Amendment Rule During competition, if the ball is obstructed against the next player, the concerned player can always request to play first or pick up and do the marking with the permission of referee. Violating the standing order, penalty one stroke is applied. Current Rule During playing, if the ball is required to be picked up, with the consent of the referee the player can do so and put a mark on the position where the ball lay.