



# THE IQA

## SHAPING THE FUTURE OF QUADBALL

The International Quadball Association, or IQA, is not just an institution; it's the heart and soul of the global quadball community. Since its establishment in 2010, the IQA has been dedicated to regulating quadball and guiding the national governing bodies (NGBs) that govern this captivating sport worldwide. Headquartered in the United States, the IQA has emerged as a unifying force, fostering the growth and global presence of quadball.

### Our Illustrious History

The IQA's journey began in 2010, and since then, it has been a story of dedication and growth. With each passing year, we've witnessed quadball evolve into an international sensation. The commitment of our members, players, and volunteers has been instrumental in shaping the IQA into the influential institution it is today.

### Organizational Structure: Working Together for Quadball's Future

At the helm of the IQA is a dedicated Board of Trustees, comprising individuals who are passionate about quadball and its global potential. The Board exercises ultimate authority over the IQA's policies and activities. This leadership includes a Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and a Treasurer, you can know more of them in [this link](#), they drive the vision and mission of the IQA.

## Joining the IQA: The Quadball Community Awaits

One of the most exciting aspects of the IQA is the opportunity it offers for anyone passionate about quadball to get involved. As a player, a fan, or a volunteer, you can become part of our vibrant quadball family. The IQA welcomes your support and engagement, and there's a role for everyone who wants to contribute to the sport's global success. Quadball is more than just a game; it's a community united by a shared love for the sport.

## Our Sport Values: A Compass for Quadball

The IQA and the quadball community uphold several core values that guide our actions and decisions:

**Inclusivity:** Quadball is a sport that embraces diversity. We actively encourage participation by people of all backgrounds, regardless of their ethnicity, cultural heritage, age, language, gender, or sexual orientation. The Gender Rule in quadball is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity, allowing players to identify with the gender they choose.

**Integrity:** On and off the field, integrity is paramount. Quadball players strive to be people of honesty and high moral principles, setting a standard for sportsmanship and fair play.

**Accessibility:** Quadball is unique in its ability to attract people who may not have been traditionally inclined toward sports. We are determined to make quadball as accessible as possible, breaking down barriers and ensuring that people with varying physical abilities can enjoy the sport. Initiatives like Wheelchair Quadball reflect our commitment to inclusivity.

## Organizational Values: The IQA's Guiding Principles

The IQA's organizational values underpin our mission and our approach to the sport:

**Openness:** As the International Quadball Association, we prioritize transparent communication with our members, NGBs, and the entire quadball community. We aim to be open, welcoming, and approachable, fostering an environment where people feel comfortable engaging, working, or volunteering.



**Empowering:** We believe in empowering individuals within our quadball community to reach their full potential. Volunteers play a critical role in advancing the sport, and we are committed to providing them with the support, skills, and resources they need to excel. We collaborate with NGBs, teams, and players worldwide to elevate the sport to new heights.

## The IQA's Mission: Guiding Quadball's Global Journey

Our mission is simple yet profound: to lead and promote the sport of quadball. We achieve this by organizing international sporting events, supporting other quadball groups, and sharing the values of gender equity and inclusivity with a broader audience. The IQA serves as the driving force behind quadball's continued expansion and success on the global stage.

## International Events: Celebrating Quadball on the World Stage

The IQA is known for organizing prestigious international events that unite quadball enthusiasts worldwide. These events include the IQA World Cup and the Continental Games, which encompass the Pan American, European, and Asia-Oceania regions. These events bring the best quadball talent together and showcase the sport's incredible energy and diversity on a global scale.

## Our Global Reach: Quadball by the Numbers

The IQA's impact is truly global, as reflected in our extensive reach:

- The IQA boasts 37 NGBs across different countries.
- We have a thriving international community of 946 teams, with more joining every year.
- Over 7,464 players from diverse backgrounds are proudly part of the IQA family and continue to grow the sport.
- In North and South America, the IQA has 6 NGBs, 169 teams, and 2,831 players.
- In Europe, our influence spans 22 NGBs, 235 teams, and 3,549 players.
- In Asia, the IQA shines with 6 NGBs, 30 teams, and 580 players.
- Oceania is home to 2 NGBs, 35 teams, and 710 players.
- The IQA has expanded its reach to Africa with 1 NGB, 4 teams, and 200 players.

- In total, the IQA oversees an impressive 37 NGBs, 946 teams, and 7,870 players across the globe, further solidifying its position as a driving force in the world of quadball.
- In total, the IQA has 125 universities teams, 113 of them in a competitive status. Mostly in the USA.
- IQA has 15 youth registered teams. Most of them in Europe.

## A World of NGBs: Quadball Across Continents

Explore the vibrant world of quadball by meeting our National Governing Bodies (NGBs) that are integral members of the IQA. Each NGB represents their region and plays a crucial role in shaping the future of quadball. If your region isn't represented, and you're eager to dive into the world of quadball, reach out to us at [membership@iqasport.org](mailto:membership@iqasport.org).

## Referees & Rulebook: Guardians of Fair Play

Behind every thrilling quadball match are dedicated referees, guided by the IQA rulebook. The IQA proudly certifies 2,362 referees worldwide. Their expertise ensures fair play, adherence to rules, and the exciting atmosphere of quadball. The IQA Rulebook is the most important document for the sport - it tells you how to play our exciting sport!

The International Quadball Association is not just a governing body; it's a dynamic, passionate community dedicated to the growth, inclusivity, and global reach of quadball. We invite you to join us, celebrate the values that make quadball unique, and experience the excitement of a sport that knows no boundaries. Together, we're shaping the future of quadball, one goal at a time.