



Annual Report

TEQ Sri Lanka

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Introduction

The Teqball Federation of Sri Lanka (TEQ Sri Lanka) is a governing body for Teqball in Sri Lanka. It was established at its inaugural meeting which was held on 05 December 2018. And its first Annual General Meeting was held on 26 December 2019 at Olympic House, National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka.



Our vision is *'Teqball for All'* so as to provide an opportunity to everyone in the nation without any discrimination regardless of gender, age, ability, and knowledge level.

Our slogan is *'Proud to be Teqlankan!'* for the promotion and development of Teqball around Sri Lanka.

Our emblem colour shall be blue, orange, and white. The emblem is illustrated below.



The TEQ Sri Lanka is established with the following objectives:

1. To encourage, promote, develop and control the sports - Teqball in Sri Lanka

2. To acquire by all lawful means, movable and immovable property and to apply both capital and income thereof, for or towards all or any of the objectives of the TEQ Sri Lanka
3. To formulate and enforce laws governing Teqball in Sri Lanka, and generally to be guided by such definitions as are laid down by the Fédération Internationale de Teqball (FITEQ)
4. Generally, to do all such other acts and things as may seem to the TEQ Sri Lanka to be convenient and/or conducive to the carrying out of the objects of the TEQ Sri Lanka.

Our short term goal is to take part in the **Asian Beach Games** to be held in 2021 in Sanya, China.



Recognitions:



TEQ Sri Lanka was recognized as a Co-opted Member by NOC Sri Lanka on 24 January 2020.

TEQ Sri Lanka was recognized as one of the National Sports Federations by the Ministry of Sports and gazetted on 03 July 2020.



TEQ Sri Lanka was recognized as a National Teqball Federation by FITEQ on 01 September 2020.





General Secretary of FITEQ visits Sri Lanka

- Mr. Marius Vizer Jr, General Secretary of FITEQ (Federation Internationale de Teqball) was welcomed by Teqball Federation of Sri Lanka officials from the Bandaranayake International Airport on March 3, 2020.
- On March 4, 2020 Marius met the President and Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka and discussed on the development of Teqball in Sri Lanka.
- On March 5, Marius met the Director General of Sports – Mr. K.D.S. RuwanChandra regarding the recognition of TEQ Sri Lanka by Ministry of Sports as well as the teqball development.

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Teqball

ENTER TEQBALL TO SRI LANKA

Enter is never static. Contin-
ing ourselves to sport, almost
all sports especially the most
popular ones have also experienced
the motion of change over a period of
time and sometimes have branched
out into separate sports that have
Olympic status. For instance tennis,
table tennis and badminton to a great
extent could be put into that slot. The
scoring systems are somewhat simi-
lar, but only the apparatus are differ-
ent, but you get the racket, court and
the net. On the other hand football or
soccer is so common and ubiquitous,
there is no one I guess through the
bigger margin of the globe who has
not dribbled the football and tried to
score a goal.

The game of football is so big, it is
a billion dollar business and at times
even into the blue chips in the world.
So, if someone tries to pull out the
ladle out of the teqball game and put a
football there what would they call
it... a "Flagfoot"? No, they call it
Teqball and what you'll be gathering
momentum in the world and in a big
way it and even has set foot on Sri
Lanka too.

The way Wikipedia explains it
Teqball is a ball sport that resembles
table tennis, but is played on a curved
table with a ball similar to a football,
and the players can hit the ball with
any part of the body except the hands.
Teqball can be played indoors two-

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players as a singles game, or between
three or four players as a doubles
game.

The game is represented at an
international level by the Fédération
Internationale de Teqball (FITEQ). A
number of world-class footballers
have been attracted by the game, and
after being included at the African
Beach Games, the sport is now
aiming for Olympic inclusion.

History

Teqball was invented in 2004 in
Hungary by two football enthusiasts,
Gábor Kereszty, a former profession-
al player and Viktória Huszti, a com-
puter scientist.

The responsibility of taking Teqball
to Sri Lanka has come upon the
former hockey federations secretary
Dimitri Ipatovitch - the President of
Teqball who always has an eye for
adventure. He said initially the game
was introduced to the Olympic Com-
mittee Secretary General Maxwell de
Silva by Marius Vizer Jr - General
Secretary of Teqball and de Silva in
turn asked Ipatovitch if he wished to
set up games in Sri Lanka last year
Ipatovitch explained, "By nature I like
challenges. In last year I held the
initial AGM, and got the ball rolling,
and we had our first workshop at the
Prison Dept Premises. But, still the
game of Teqball is new to us. At pres-
ent we have about five clubs involved
with the game, but still we are
engaged to establish play stations
because we are awaiting the Teqball-

ables to be brought to Sri Lanka by
the FITEQ.

"We are also happy to announce
that the Federation has five tables and
five balls to set the ball rolling in the
five clubs. Tomorrow, we are expect-
ing the presence of Marius Vizer Jr to
officially inaugurate the game of
Teqball in Sri Lanka and from there
we are hoping to move forward as far
as we could."



Teqball Inaugural Workshop

Some of 60 athletes and officials representing five clubs took part in the workshop which was held in the indoor stadium of Welikada Prison, Colombo on March 5, 2020 with the presence of Mr. Marius Vizer Jr, and Mr. Suresh Subramaniam – President of NOC Sri Lanka. Two Malaysian National players were also invited for the demonstration of Teqball.



Club Development and Teq Table Distribution

#	Name of the Club	District	Coordinator
1.	Prisons Sports Club, Colombo	Colombo	Mr. T.I. Uduwara
2.	Jaffna Teq	Jaffna	Mr. S. Jivinthan
3.	Colombo Teqball Club	Colombo	Mr. S. Gobinath
4.	Mannar Teq	Mannar	Mr. T. Sivanantan
5.	Vavuniya Teq	Vavuniya	Mr. A. Andrew
6.	Teq Batti	Batticaloa	Mr. Mohamed Irfan
7.	Kili Teq	Kilinochchi	Mr. L. Arunakhanthan
8.	QLE Teqball Club	Kandy	Mr. R.C. Thoradeniya
9	Mahara Prisons Sports Club	Colombo	Mr. P. Dhanuka
10.	Mullai Teq	Mullaitivu	Mr. S. Surenthar

Teq Sri Lanka has already registered ten clubs by March 2020. Since the pandemic started in March last year, no activities could be able to carry out. However, TEQ Sri Lanka was working on the documents to get recognitions from Ministry of Sports and FITEQ.

Moreover, FITEQ sent us only four tables in February - which are highly expensive tables – competition tables. Therefore, the athletes from Prisons Sports Club, Colombo and Mahara Prisons Sports Club were only able to practice until we got the second set of tables in September 2020.



Teqball Launched in Central Province

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, TEQ Sri Lanka distributed two teq tables to Diyatalawa and Bandarawala in Central Province in October 2020. Also, a Teqball introductory workshop was conducted on 3rd of October in Bandarawala. Maj. Gen. Costa graced the inauguration ceremony as the Chief Guest. Four Teq Lankans demonstrated the sport and trained the local players.





Teqball - A Demonstration sport at Olympic Day 2020

National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka gave an opportunity to TEQ Sri Lanka to demonstrate a new sport - Teqball during the Olympic Day [OD] Celebrations 2020 which was held at Olympic House on June 23. It was demonstrated by the Teq Lankans and live telecast by the NOC Sri Lanka.



Moreover, FITEQ General Secretary Mr. Marius Vizer Jr delivered an introductory remark virtually from Hungary.

Also, teqlankans were also part of the NOC Sri Lanka's CSR project - Tree Plantation during the OD Celebrations. They have planted trees in various places around Sri Lanka as well as supported the campaign through their social media.





Media: Facebook

Official Facebook was created on January 28, 2020. All our activities are regularly updated on the Facebook.



Asian Beach Games 2020



Sri Lanka was included in the Asian Beach Games to be held in Sanya, China from November 28 - December 04, 2020. Remarkably, Teqball was included in the Games for the very first time. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic

it was postponed to 2021. However, Sri Lankan national pool teqlankans did their training from Mahara Prison Ground. That is TEQ Sri Lanka's short term goal and our teqlankans are still practising and aiming for medals in the Games.

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