



## Futnet Situation in America

This a report prepared by the Costa Rican Futnet Association regarding the promotion of futnet in the American continent, for the 2012 UNIF Ordinary Congress, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Nymburk, Czech Republic



1. **Canada:** Mr. Christian Prevost, footvolley promoter, has been in touch with UNIF authorities. His work team sent a team to both World Cups, adapting the skill of their footvolley players into the futnet rules. They lack of an association exclusive for futnet, but this issue can be solved through their structure in the footvolley. An interesting fact is that Mr. Prevost has good international contacts and access to an important number of players who can easily do both sports.



2. **USA:** The local association is very active in the city of San Diego. This year they had the visit of Mr. Stelik, from UNIF technical committee who had the chance to be a part of their trainings and help them in the development of the sport in USA. Their project involves young players that, in the close future, we believe that can become promoters, coaches and professional players that will make futnet grow in and outside the state of California. We recommend them to get more involved at a federal level and to increase their presence in the social media, website and marketing, as they represent a very powerful nation in sportive, political and financial aspects.



3. **Mexico:** Mr. David Solano traveled to Mexico City, to be a part of the Homeless World Cup (October 4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>), as a member of the Costa Rican coaching team. Taking advantage of this opportunity he had a 1 hour telephone meeting with Mr. Enrique Aranda, president of a local sports agency that organizes recreational futnet events. Mr. Aranda was motivated by the idea of joining UNIF and also by the possibility of organizing international events in his hometown Guadalajara, a city that owns a great sportive infrastructure. His organization will be represented during the World Cup by Mr. Jorge Moreno.



4. **Costa Rica, Central America & The Caribbean:** this is one of the few Latin members in UNIF and the only representative from this region that will participate in 2012 World Cup. In 2013, San José will host the Central American Games (a competition that is part of the International Olympic Cycle). The association's general secretary, Mr. Esteban Santiago, is a member of the organization committee for this event, so there is a good chance to make contacts in the region and take advantage of this event to promote futnet in Central America. Mr. Santiago traveled to Cuba as delegate for an international tournament and he had a meeting with local coaches. Some of them showed interest in futnet, so there is a good chance that soon we will have a federation in Cuba.





5. **Colombia:** they are very active in what they call “Skill Game” (in Spanish: Liga de Habilidad), which is a futnet version played in a smaller court, mainly as a recreational sport. Their local project has organized several tournaments with the support of sponsors and the recognition of UNIF; also they have an important social awareness, as their referees must have some type of physical disability. Currently they lack of an official association and there are other promoters interested in the sport.



6. **Chile:** Mr. Solano had a meeting in Santiago with representatives of “Acción Total”; a local enterprise that organizes recreational futnet tournaments and also other projects, such as the Homeless World Cup (HWC). At the moment they lack of a national association and their priority is the HWC. However, their experience in the management of sportive events is a plus and the promoters and Mr. Solano shared a few words in Mexico, during the HWC, where both parts expressed their desire to restart the work towards the official inclusion of Chile as UNIF full member.



7. **Argentina:** the only South American nation that has the category of UNIF Founding Member is, sadly, very inactive. They don't react to e-mails requesting information about their activities. Mr. Solano went to Buenos Aires in July for personal issues and tried to contact them, but they did not respond the request to have a meeting. It is a priority for UNIF to analyze the situation in this country, as they do not represent the potential of a historical nation in the sports world.



8. **Paraguay:** they have started their official registration process, which has been affected by the conflicts in the internal political situation. These circumstances also forced the cancellation of the meeting that Mr. Augusto Candia, their main promoter, was going to have with Mr. Solano, during his trip to South America.

9. **Other nations:** in the past there were contacts in Bolivia, Uruguay and Peru, made by former UNIF'S Executive Board Members. However, these people have not been interested in a professional futnet project, or else, not interested at all in the idea. No official contacts have been made in Venezuela, Suriname, Ecuador, Guyana and Brazil.

### Final recommendations:

- A. Create the Panamerican Futnet Association in 2013. Costa Rica promotes itself to host the founding meeting and to be uncharged of the headquarters and banking account. The other positions may be negotiated amongst the American countries, with the supervision and support from UNIF
- B. Make an updated contact list for the continent
- C. It is a priority to start looking for contacts in Brazil
- D. To vote as soon as possible what procedure UNIF most follows with Argentina (sanction, last warning or expel)