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From August 2nd to August 6, 2023, the sandy beaches of Fortaleza, Brazil, were transformed into a battleground for the 22nd edition of the Beach Tennis World Championships. The tournament brought together athletes, fans, and enthusiasts from around the world to celebrate and share the exciting moments of Beach Tennis games.



The Organisator:

The CBBT Confederação Brasileira Beach Tennis has put all its effort into organizing a magnificent event, which is why it has made available to the players and teams an area of more than 6000 m2, with 36 courts of which 10 were illuminated. The players could find various bars, restaurants, and shops, where the participants had many choices in terms of entertainment and activities. The Championships took place in 5 intense days, where more than 1350 games were played, in all categories Pro, Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners, which is why this Championships complies with the fundamental principles of IFBT, which is the Sport for All. The IFBT World Championships is the most democratic event because is open at all levels of players, "Long live the World Championships for All, long live the Sport for All".



The Champions:

The Championships consisted of open tournaments and tournaments for national teams. The World for All. The World Championships for all distributed 66 gold medals, 66 silver medals and 66 bronze medals in the open categories.

We want to highlight the results in the maximum Pro category. In Men's Doubles, the Brazilian pair of Fernando Albuquerque and world number one Luis Pedreira needed to play an exciting super tie break match to beat their compatriots Hugo Dojas and Pedro Marsiri, the result was 6/7, 6/1, 10/8.

In Women's Doubles, the Ecuadorians Chiara Tabacchi and Maria Quintana beat the Brazilian pair Livia Campos and Lennilayne Santos the final by 6/2 6/1.

In Mixed Doubles a final between two Brazilian couples. Francisco Netto and Lennilayne Santos beat Juliana Carrilho and Roberto Simoni in the final by 8/5.

An important novelty has been the tournament for Nations, where the Pro, Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner categories have been played. In youth the categories Under 14, 16 and 18, and in Masters the categories Over 35, 40 and 50.

In Pro category, the gold medal was to the Brazilian team 1, the silver medal to the Ecuadorian team, and the bronze medal to the Brazilian team 2.

You can find the entire list of medalists in https://www.ifbt.eu/world-championships-2023/

Congratulations to all the participants!



International Participation:

The World Championships during the last 21 editions had always been held in Southern Europe. The IFBT Executive Committee decided that the World Championships in its 22nd edition should be held on the American continent, and approved that it be held in Brazil, a country where there has been extraordinary growth in recent years, and that it be the CBBT Confederação Brasileira Beach Tennis, the organization organizing this event for the experience demonstrated in the ability to organize a great event. It would also be a good opportunity for players from the rest of the American countries to have a tournament close to their homes.

The tournament attracted participants from 15 different countries! Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Bolivia, Perú, Ecuador, Portugal, Servia, Inglaterra, USA, Italy and Brazil.

Players showed their skills in the 5 days of impressive matches, demonstrating their dedication to the sport and their commitment to giving their all on the sand.



The Setting:

The tournament was not just about the games; it was a complete experience. Spread across 36 courts and covering an expansive 6,000 square meters, the event provided many options of activity. From the matches on display to the various bars, restaurants, and shops, attendees were spoiled for choice in terms of entertainment and leisure activities.



Supporting Cast:

Behind the scenes, a team of 12 referees ensured the games were played fairly and according to the rules. In addition, 40 dedicated staff members to ensure the smooth functioning of the event, allowing participants and spectators to enjoy every moment.



Players Well-being:

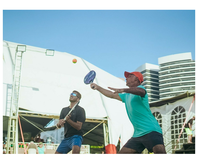
During the World Championships, the organizers ensured that the athletes' well-being was a top priority. Six skilled physiotherapists and two doctors were on hand to provide care and assistance, helping players perform at their best and recover quickly.



The Beach Tennis World Championships in Fortaleza, Brazil, was an incredible experience for participants and spectators, displaying not only the athleticism of the players but also the spirit that defines the sport. The tournament united people from many backgrounds and cultures in the experience of excellence and shared passion.



IFBT would like to thank the CBBT Board Team, staff members and all the women and men who with their work and enthusiasm made this tournament unforgettable!



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