



## Fistball as a Team Sport in the USA

As Fistball continues to gain acceptance as a team sport here in the USA, it should be noted that Fistball has been played locally in NJ and PA sports clubs since the 1930's – and in Wisconsin for 60 years fielding both u18 and over 18 club and national teams that have competed in international competition.

The immediate United States Fistball Association focus is to create awareness and grow the sport of Fistball with an emphasis on u18 and u21 youth athletes - hence the Fistball Curriculum for schools.

Exciting opportunities exist for those players that choose to play Fistball, for example, in 2016, the USFA sent the first u18 Girls USA National Fistball team to compete the World Fistball Championship held in Nuremburg, Germany. In 2017 the USFA sent both a u18 Girls and u18 Boys USA National Fistball team to the u18 European Championships in Switzerland. Plus, during July 2018, the USFA held the u18 World Championships for the very first time in N.J. with 8 Countries participating. In addition, we are now actively recruiting for both u18 Boys and u18 Girls National Fistball teams to compete in Austria during the summer of 2020 and the 2022 Fistball World Championships in New Zealand.

Since Fistball has been played internationally for decades, it has been also featured in the World Games and will be featured once again in 2021 World Games held in Birmingham Alabama. Plus, because of the international acceptance of the sport, Fistball has a good chance of being a demonstration sport for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

We look forward to collaborating with you in the development of our next generation of Fistball players for the United States Fistball Association and for the United States National Fistball Teams

Respectfully,

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President



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