

Austrian Para-Badminton Timeline

November 2013...ABA at the Para-Badminton World Championships in Dortmund/Germany

- Networking, attending Para-Badminton workshop and BE meeting and of course watching games



Para-Badminton World Champs 2013 in Dortmund (credit: ABA)

October 2014...first national Para-Badminton tournament in Vienna

- 5 players, regular training sessions are planned, Tokyo 2020 as long-term goal



Participants, umpires and guests of honour at the 1st national tournament (Thomas Herndlhofer)

since January 2015...regular training sessions in Vienna

- 2 times a week, offered by the Austrian Badminton Association



Regular training sessions in Vienna (ABA)

December 2015...second national Para-Badminton tournament in Vienna

- 7 players, more opportunities to play are planned, strengthen cooperation with Austrian Paralympic Committee and Austrian Sports federation



Participants and ABA president at the 2nd national tournament (Thomas Herndlhofer)

December 2015...Participation in first BE Para-Badminton Education Course in Veenendaal, the Netherlands

- knowledge transfer among the participants about development of Para-Badminton in Europe: goals, measures, theoretical and practical sessions for each Sports Class.



Practical session at the 1st BE Para-Badminton Education Course (BEC)

February 2016... Para-Badminton match Austria vs. Germany at Austrian Open

- international match Austria against Germany could be played on the final day of the Austrian Open through the financial support of the Austrian Paralympic Committee; very good possibility to promote Para-Badminton



Austria against Germany at the Austrian Open 2016 (Thomas Herndlhofer)

since March 2016...WBH Vienna offers regular Para-Badminton training

- once a week, WBH Vienna offers training for Para-Badminton players.
- the aim is to integrate disabled participants into training with non-disabled players. More ABA clubs shall follow this strategy



WBH Vienna has been offered regular training since March 2016 (Thomas Herndlhofer)

April 2016...first international participation

- two Austrian players took part in Turkish Para-Badminton International 2016
- classification
- great experience
- knowledge transfer



Classification at Turkish Para-Badminton International 2016 (ABA)
(ABA)

Austria against Switzerland

April 2016...Para-Badminton at rehab fair in Wels/Upper Austria

- great possibility to promote Para-Badminton



Para-Badminton at rehab fair in Wels (ABA)

July 2016...Para-Badminton workshop in Vienna

- main aim was to promote Para-Badminton



Para-Badminton workshop in Vienna (ABA)

August 2016...ABA applied for funding for Para-Badminton

- strategy concept for Para-Badminton in Austria which was developed through knowledge transfer at Para-Badminton education course last year and adapted to the possibilities/structure in Austria
- main strategic goals: attracting new players, offering a large number of opportunities to play (→clubs), develop competition system to increase performance level of Austrian players, participation in international tournaments, Tokyo 2020

Measures to be taken in 2016:

- **Participation in the 2nd BEC Para-Badminton Education Course in October**
- **Participation in the European Para-Badminton Championships in October**
- **1st Austrian Championships will take place in December**

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