

On 5th November 2016 in Pabianice the Move Now Foundation in cooperation with ŁWZBad organized the first 'Badminton for all' integrated tournament. Amateur players and disabled players competed alongside and with each other in the District Sports Hall.

The tournament was attended by 16 Para-Badminton players and 73 amateurs who played a total of 158 fierce matches in 12 different categories. It was a day full of positive energy, great people and good sports atmosphere.

Pabianice had the chance to see the following Polish Para-Badminton stars in the tournament: current World Para-Badminton silver medalist in Singles and Doubles (cat. SU5) - Bartłomiej Mróz, Katarzyna Ziębik - gold medalist Carlton Irish Para-Badminton International (cat. SL3), Jakub Sikorski - the leading Polish representative in the wheelchair (cat. WH1), Maria Bartusz - two-time World Cup medalist in Para-Badminton (cat. SS6), Denis Grzesiuk - the youngest member of the polish team (cat. SL4) and Grzegorz Jednaki - bronze medalist Carlton Irish Para-Badminton International 2015 in the mixed doubles (cat. SS6).

Representations from amateur clubs, leagues and groups of badminton enthusiasts came from all over Poland. Pabianice hosted players from: Sochaczew, Łódź, Wrocław, Góra Kalwaria, Szczerców, Radomsko, Gniewkowo, Warszawa, Imielin, Kędzierzyn Koźle, Zakopane, Nakło nad Notecią, Domecko, Mszczonów, Olsztyn, Garwolin, Piotrków Trybunalski, Skierniewice and Pruszków.

Matches were played in 4 categories of Para-Badminton singles, 6 of amateur singles and 3 of doubles. Great interest during the 'Badminton for all' tournament enjoyed the doubles open matches, where for the first time in the history of tournaments in Poland, the mixed pairs of people with and without disabilities competed between themselves. A mixed Bartłomiej Mróz and Kasia Ziębik won 3rd place among 14 mixed pairs who participated in the competition, losing only in the semi-final, fierce match with Natalia Mróz and Tran Minh Quang.

The tournament was organized by the Foundation Move Now from Pabianice led by Dorota Gawrońska-Popa and Mariusz Popa. Their goal is for Pabianice to become a second place of Para-Badminton in Poland, after Kędzierzyn Koźle.

From this year, as part of a sports club 'Badminton for all', the foundation conducts integration activities. The coaches from the club teach badminton to people with disabilities. The club's representative - Daria Bujnicka, debuted in the Pabianice tournament and took 4th place in her category SS6.

We'd like to thank all participants of the 'Badminton for all' tournament for participating. We promise to organize another cool badminton event soon!

For photos of this event, click on the links below:

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