

World Tournament 2002



The 2002 World Tournament was held in Loughborough, Great Britain from Wednesday 21st to Sunday the 25th August 2002. The TAGB organised and ran this successful event in conjunction with the FITB, tchoukball's global governing body.

Loughborough University was the venue for 'World Tournament 2002'. Loughborough was chosen because of its reputation for sporting excellence, the quality and value for money of its world-class sporting facilities, and its proximity to East Midlands Airport for overseas teams.

This was an international tournament and the TAGB entered male and female squads. Traditionally, the host nation is allowed to enter a second team. The TAGB entered a junior team called 'GB Ravens'. Also running alongside the main tournament was a mixed event, designed for male and female players to play alongside each other. A female team called 'Brandts' was also present, combining players from 4 different nationalities to fulfil friendly fixtures in the true spirit of tchoukball.

Participating was:

Brazil
Canada
Great Britain
Japan
Italy
Switzerland
Republic of China

Final Positions:

Position	Men	Women
1 st	Republic of China	Republic of China
2 nd	Switzerland	Switzerland
3 rd	Great Britain	Great Britain
4 th	Canada	Brandts
5 th	Japan	
6 th	Brazil	
7 th	Italy	
8 th	GB Ravens	

Results (on next page):

M = Men's tournament
W = Women's tournament

Day	Gender	Team 1	Score	Team 2	
Wednesday 21/08/2002	M	Republic of China	44 – 42	Switzerland	
	M	Brazil	47 – 43	Italy	
	M	Great Britain	46 – 24	Canada	
	M	GB Ravens	42 – 31	Italy	
	M	Brazil	33 – 47	Canada	
	M	Great Britain	53 – 59	Switzerland	
	M	GB Ravens	52 – 62	Japan	
	W	Republic of China	32 – 28	Switzerland	
	W	Great Britain	48 – 26	Brandts	
Thursday 22/08/2002	W	Republic of China	31 – 17	Brandts	
	M	Switzerland	51 – 41	Japan	
	M	GB Ravens	26 – 52	Switzerland	
	M	Republic of China	38 – 35	Canada	
	M	GB Ravens	53 – 45	Brazil	
	M	Great Britain	52 – 49	Japan	
	M	Great Britain	53 – 14	Brazil	
	M	Republic of China	42 – 38	Japan	
	M	Italy	36 – 44	Canada	
	W	Switzerland	56 – 22	Brandts	
	W	Great Britain	36 – 40	Switzerland	
Friday 23/08/2002	W	Great Britain	20 – 33	Republic of China	
	M	GB Ravens	29 – 34	Republic of China	
	M	Japan	43 – 48	Canada	
	M	Italy	33 – 54	Switzerland	
	M	Great Britain	30 – 36	Republic of China	
	M	Japan	68 – 40	Brazil	
	M	Switzerland	58 – 38	Brazil	
	M	GB Ravens	44 – 49	Canada	
	M	Great Britain	51 – 24	Italy	
	W	Great Britain	28 – 39	Switzerland	
Saturday 24/08/2002	W	Brandts	20 – 33	Republic of China	
	W	Republic of China	33 – 24	Switzerland	
	M	Great Britain	60 – 26	GB Ravens	
	M	Republic of China	27 – 18	Italy	
	M	Brazil	33 – 38	Republic of China	
	M	Switzerland	57 – 22	Canada	
	M	Japan	56 – 39	Italy	
	SEMI-FINAL				
	M	Switzerland	53 – 40	Canada	
SEMI-FINAL					
M	Republic of China	42 – 38	Great Britain		
Sunday 25/08/2002	FINAL				
	M	Republic of China	49 – 36	Switzerland	
	FINAL				
	W	Republic of China	36 – 29	Switzerland	

Statement from the Organising Committee



"The Organising Committee for the World Tchoukball Tournament 2002 would like to publicly thank all those individuals who gave up their time in any way for all their help over the World Tournament week. Without the hard work and patience of those people, the tournament would not have been the success it was.

We thank the Fédération Internationale de Tchoukball for their strong support and advice both before and during the tournament, to ensure that the games were conducted with the very highest possible level of integrity. We would particularly like to thank Michel Favre (FITB President), Charles Tschachtli (General Secretary), Daniel Buschbeck (Marketing Director), and Michel Thomann (Technical Committee President) for their support and openness during the tournament.

We thank the many 'staff' for the tournament who manned the merchandise stands, drove teams to and from airports and helped us at times when we were under great pressure. Our thanks also go to all the team representatives both from Great Britain and from the teams themselves. The important work you did dealing with issues that arose during the tournament was invaluable in ensuring that our time was spent dealing with the actual running of the tournament.

Our thanks go to the players who attended the tournament for their magnificent attitude throughout World Tournament 2002. Their spirit and sense of fair play exemplified the motto of Tchoukball as 'A Sport For All'.

Without a doubt, all the games played this tournament were of a very high standard over the 5 days. Some of the most exciting games the sport has ever witnessed, such as the Semi-Final between the Great Britain and Republic of China sides took place this August. It is our honour to have been responsible for this.

Our final thoughts are to the countries who were not able to take part this time, such as USA, India, Pakistan, France, Czech Republic and Argentina. Our very best wishes go to you all."