

Two-Time World Cup Power Soccer Champions to Play at Georgia World Congress Center

Team USA, the World Cup Power Soccer Champions, will play two exhibition games Nov. 1, at the Medtrade show. Free public admission.

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, October 13, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Team USA, the current and back-to-back [World Cup Power Soccer](#) champions, will play exhibition games at Medtrade, the nation's premiere trade show dedicated to the home medical equipment (HME) industry. Power Soccer is the first and only competitive team sport developed specifically for power wheelchair users. Athletes' disabilities include quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, and many others.



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“It means so much to play for our country and to wear the red, white and blue,” said Pete Winslow, a 22-year-old Team USA player from Woodbury, Minn. “This is the highest level of competition for our sport, and I am happy to be a part of something bigger than myself. I also want to make history and to be a part of a team that wins three straight World Cups.”

Media outlets and the public in the Atlanta area have a rare chance to see the World Cup Champion Team USA in action. Exhibition games will be played Tuesday, Nov 1, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The first game will take place at 11:00 a.m., and the second at 1:00 p.m. Public admission to watch the games is free by registering first and obtaining a complimentary pass at www.medtrade.com/watchTeamUSA.

The Game of Power Soccer

Most sports authorities agree that soccer is the world's most popular sport—whether based on most fans, most participants, or whatever other definition is used to determine popularity. Many games have descended from the sport, and variations have developed from the game. Some were developed out of necessity, while others were modified to cater to people with disabilities.

Powerchair Football (aka Power Soccer) hopes to qualify the sport for inclusion in the Paralympics in the near future. Founded in France in 1978, today the game is played in 27 countries governed by the Fédération Internationale of Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA).

Thanks to the United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA), the sport became more widespread

in the United States in 2006. International World Cup competition began in 2007, with Japan serving as the first host country. France hosted the second World Cup in 2011.

Both World Cups were won by the USA team. Players for Team USA are selected from over 60 club teams currently playing the sport in the United States. USPSA will host the third Powerchair Football World Cup in Kissimmee, Fla, July 5-9, 2017.

“Power Soccer is not just about winning and losing,” says Dominic Russo, USPSA president. “Life skills are developed to prepare these people for contributions to an independent lifestyle and productive contribution to society. All they need is a little help to discover their abilities, and power soccer helps to facilitate that end.”

The game is usually played in a gymnasium on a regulation basketball court. Two teams of four players attack, defend, pass and spin-kick a 13-inch soccer ball in a fast, skilled, and challenging game similar to the able-bodied game. Four major Championship Cup competitions are held annually around the United States, all sponsored by [MK Battery](#), one of the world’s leading suppliers of batteries used in power mobility equipment, and the Official Sponsor of the USPSA and Team USA.

“This is an expensive sport for traveling to regional and international competitions,” says Wayne Merdinger, executive vice president and general manager of MK Battery, the main sponsor and official battery of U.S. Power Soccer. “Transporting competition-level wheelchairs and other specialized equipment for both the personal needs of players and for the games are big issues for the athletes, families and the fledgling not-for-profit. They require personal attendants, staff, referees, facilities and other costs typically associated with major sporting events. We encourage other corporations and individuals to step up and sponsor this worthy sport, especially for the tax deductible costs associated with the upcoming World Cup next year in Florida.”

Prior to the demonstration games during the Medtrade show, the team will be introduced during the American Association for Homecare Washington Update, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 1, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., in Auditorium C101 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

[United States Representative Tom Price](#) (R-Ga) is also confirmed for the AAHomecare Washington Update. Prior to serving in Congress, Price earned an M.D. at the University of Michigan and practiced for nearly two decades as an orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Price has extensive knowledge of the benefits of home medical equipment (HME) and has proposed legislation to help the industry solve



**World Cup Team USA
Exhibition Games**

November 1, 2016
11:00am, 1:00pm on the Show Floor
(along the center cross aisle at #644)

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The poster features a photograph of a player in a wheelchair on a soccer field, a QR code, and a team photo of the USA National Power Soccer Team.

2017 World Cup Team to play exhibition games Nov.1st at Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta during Medtrade show. Public welcomed. Register and obtain complimentary passes at www.medtrade.com/watchTeamUSA



Home Medical Equipment Industry Show at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Open to the public for Power Soccer World Cup USA team exhibition games on Nov. 1st.



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Learn more about Power Soccer in the USA by visiting www.powersoccerusa.net/ and FIPFA at <http://fipfaworldcup.org/>

Medtrade is scheduled for Oct 31-Nov 3, 2016, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Obtain a complimentary pass to watch Team USA play at www.medtrade.com/watchTeamUSA.

About Medtrade

Medtrade and Medtrade Spring are the two largest home medical equipment trade events in North America, bringing

together manufacturers, providers, and retailers from across the country and around the world. Established in 1979, the shows gather hundreds of HME related brands, thousands of attendees, and are highly regarded industry events. Medtrade Spring and Medtrade are owned and operated by Emerald Expositions, a leading operator of large business-to-business trade shows in the United States, producing more than 80 trade shows and over 100 face-to-face events in total, including conferences, summits and other events. Emerald Expositions connects more than 335,000 sellers and buyers each year and operates within the U.S. in 10 end markets (Gift, Home, General Merchandise and Manufacturing; Sports & Apparel; Design; Jewelry, Luxury & Antiques; E-Commerce; Creative Services; Licensing; Healthcare; Military; and Food). More info about Medtrade Spring and Medtrade can be found at www.medtrade.com.

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