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Para Athletics League is preparing its second year. It wants to reach out to other clubs.

After a successful first year of the Para Moravia Cup athletics league, its organiser Emilova sportovní, z.s. has announced plans for 2023.

A total of five athletics clubs took part in the first year of the Para Athletics League. They organized competitions in throwing disciplines in Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc, Zlín and Banská Bystrica for a total of one hundred athletes. Foreign athletes from Slovakia, the United Arab Emirates, Poland, Morocco, Croatia and Hungary also participated in the sanctioned competitions of the league. A total of 129 medals were distributed, 20 special medals for the best athletes of the event and 4 awards for the best athletes of the league. A total of 9 national records were broken.

"I am glad that the testing first edition of the league passed. After its evaluation, we are continuing preparations for the next one, even expanding it," comments the director of the first edition of the league, Pavel Zbožínek, who is also the chairman of the organizing association Emilova sportovní, z.s., adding: *"During the evaluation of this season, we were not completely satisfied with everything, but I believe that the new structure and the setting of the rules will help us to eliminate these shortcomings and ensure the further successful continuation of the development of this competition."*

Emilova sportovní, z.s. has appointed the league's executive committee, with Pavel Zbožínek as chairman, Aneta Inochovská as sports director, and Paralympian Ales Kisý completing the committee's trio. Vojtěch Kocůrek became the new director of the Para Moravia Cup Athletic League.

And it was the sporting director who revealed the sporting plans for the year 2023: *„The competition has so far been designed for athletes in the throwing disciplines, for both sitting and standing. In the new year, we will be we're going to expand the league to include running events, which will bring even more athletes.“*

"In early November we will approach other clubs with an offer to participate in our league. By the end of the year we will evaluate the interest, send out the league rules to the confirmed candidates and conclude a contract with them for 2023," adds Vojtěch Kocůrek, the league director, and continues.

The new athletics league is held under the auspices of the Czech Association of Physically Handicapped Athletes and each of the participating clubs is committed to organising one athletics league round. This will be recalculated according to the global conversion system (World Para Athletics Point Scores for field events 2022). The organisers will seek to sanction events into the IPC world rankings.

The league aims to improve the quality of athletics competitions, develop Para athletics, including recruiting new athletes and establishing cooperation in the field of promotion and awareness.

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