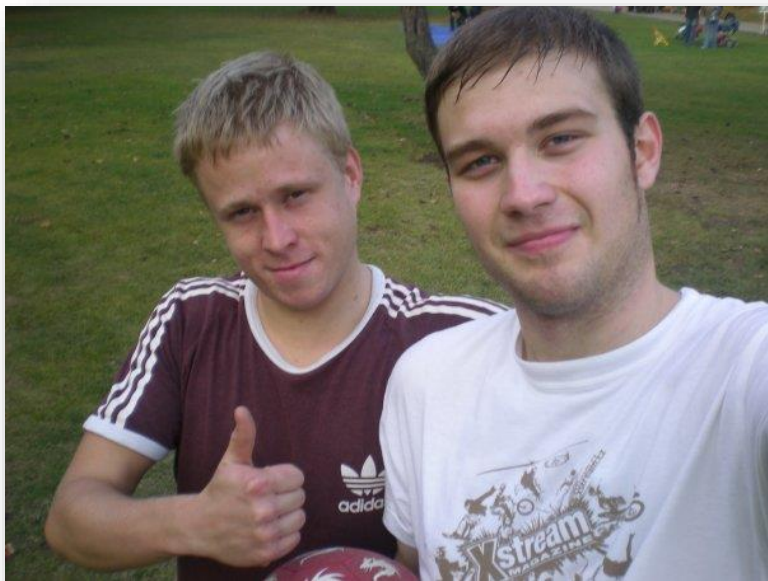


Super ball and its development throughout the years

It has been an amazing 7 years for the small country in the middle of Europe hosting international tournaments in Football Freestyle. Prague, World Champ or Super ball, however you call it, these tournaments have become the top event of the freestyle season and have become known around the world. It has become a tradition for freestylers to go every summer to Prague, like going to McDonald after every meeting. But who are the people behind it? How have the years passed and where did the idea come from? Everybody knows about it but let's have a look under the cover a little bit.



2008 Everything started with the meeting of two players, Lucaso and Vasek Klouda. After a few training sessions Vasek introduced Lucaso to Dexter who came with the idea to create an official association to help the sport to grow. Since then we have been able to organize tournaments under the header of CFFA. The Footbag group around Dexter like Honza Weber and Milan Benda started to affect the Football Freestyle scene.



Grand Prix of Prague 2009

First tournament ever was Grand Prix of Prague which was supposed to be Open Czech Championship. It meant everyone could enter but the title was given only to a Czech citizen. As more than 20 players from Poland, Hungary or Sweden appeared it was clear we had to evolve to something bigger. To the classic scheme of Freestyle Battle competition Routine was added, and also this year Sick Three competition started. This one in particular became very popular and was used many times in other championships around the world. The idea came from Footbag. The tournament had around 50 participants from Czech republic and abroad.

	Battle	Routine
1	Pawel Skora (Poland)	Philip Warren Gertsson (Philippines)
2	Philip Warren Gertsson (Philippines)	Pawel Skora (Poland)
3	Metod Ciernik (Slovakia)	Gustav Björnberg (Sweden)





European Freestyle Football Championships 2010

Things started to get busier than we thought so we decided we had to make it bigger. As there was no official European Championship we have decided to make it open. Organization was done with the help of friendly contacts and a team was formed (Lucaso, Dexter, Honza, Dan) as well as media. Lucaso became the main director (players, system, pre-production), Dexter with Dan became production managers (money, venue, contacts), Honza Weber took media and with the help of our main graphic designer Dawe (website, posters, logo) we made a perfect team to make it happen. Expenses were covered from the budget of CFFA which was collected throughout the year and stuff we got from sponsors for free served as prizes. This amazing tournament had 108 participants and became the biggest event ever.

	Battle	Routine
1	Lukasz Chwieduk (Poland)	Pawel Skora (Poland)
2	Krzysek Golonka (Poland)	Krzysek Golonka (Poland)
3	Arthur Mansilla (Brazil)	Philip Warren Gertsson (Philippines)



World Freestyle Football Championships 2011

Due to the popularity of the 2010 event all of players were asking about next year, so we couldn't disappoint them. With CALD (Czech frisbee association) we put our powers together and created an unique event: World Freestyle Football and Frisbee Championships. We were players ourselves who came to organization so we already knew what everyone loves about events and tried to provide as well as we could. That's why we brought Dj Skodiss into our team to play the freestylers requests. New competition 'Double Routine' was discovered here and we also let our soft side of our sport show up with the first ever Female Battle. With 128 participants from 34 countries we became bigger than last year and again the biggest in the world.

	Battle	Routine	Dbi Routine	Female
1	Szymon Skalski (Poland)	Krzysiek Golonka (Poland)	Gautier Fayolle & Clem Keym (France)	Kitti Szász (Hungary)
2	Pawel Skora (Poland)	Wassim Benslimane (Algeria)	Szymon Skalski & Krzysiek Golonka (Poland)	Melody Donchet (France)
3	Andrew Henderson (UK)	Stefan Florescu (Romania)	Andreas Cetkovic & Melody Donchet (France)	Laura Biondo (Venezuela) & Lucia Kevická (Slovakia)





Super ball 2012

First year when we have decided to avoid official names and so we formed Super Ball, more of a brand. There were many names mentioned in the brainstorming meeting and we have chosen the only one! And that's how Super Ball was created. 169 players from all countries around world came to support and be part of this very special event. Highlight of this tournament were mind-blowing combos during battles and behind the scene. Freestylers recording every step of the best players then created many videos, which became part of playlist on every YT channel.

	Battle	Routine	DbI Routine	Female
1	Andrew Henderson (UK)	Gautier Fayolle (France)	Gautier Fayolle & Clem Keym (France)	Lucia Kevicka (Slovakia)
2	Michal Rycaj (Poland)	Wassim Benslimane (Algeria)	Andreas Cetkovic & Soufiane El Marnissi (France, Belgium)	Laura Biondo (Venezuela/Italy)
3	Gunther Celli (Italy)	Lukasz Chwieduk (Poland)	Petr Karasek & Mirioslav Sosnar (Czech republic)	Kristyna Knapova (Czech republic)

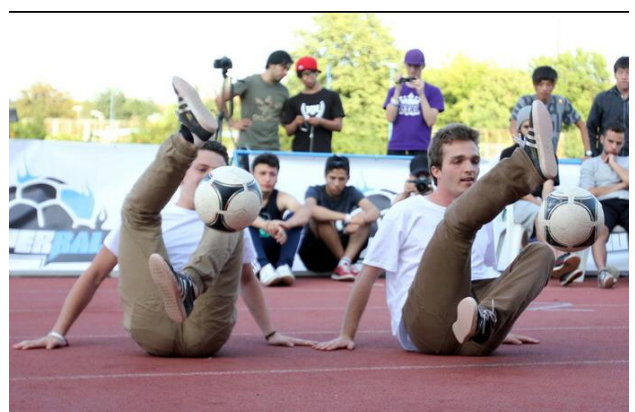


Super ball 2013

Expectations were hyped and attendance of players overcame all predictions. Over 220 players were present and we had again prepared something special for them. New competitions, bigger players pack, better service, less confusion, possibility of dinner, new sponsors which were helping to provide better service and of course, again the possibility to gain points to become part of F3 World Tour 2014.

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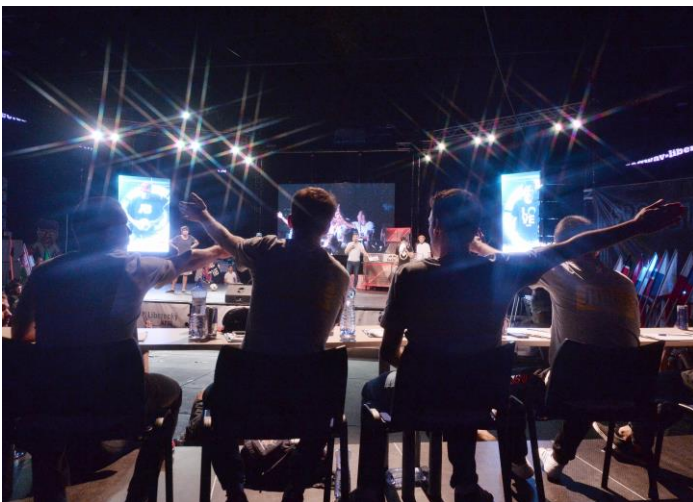


Super ball 2014

This year was full of changes. The biggest one was change of venue and location. We moved the event from capital to smaller city Liberec 100 km north from Prague. It was quite a risk as players were used to Slavia area and surroundings. But this move was necessary as in Liberec we got much more possibilities and we wanted to bring something new to the world of Freestyle Football. The change seemed to be great move. Everything turned to be professional. Qualification venue was occupied for whole week and finally looked nothing like last years. But the best thing was the final venue. Fully functional ice hockey arena transformed into event stage. Final of top players of the world have been watched by 1000 people on 9th August 2014. Pedrinho from Brazil was crowned no. 1 in battle competition and became Super ball champion for year 2014.

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Super ball 2015

After huge success of previous year there was no doubt organizers will bring Super ball back to Liberec. The bar was set very high so there was a lot of work to do to make Super ball 2015 even better. For the first time organizers introduced Panna tournament and Rookie competition for beginners. All players accepted these competitions positively. The whole week was perfectly planned and except few unexpected delays everything went well. The final day happened again in Home Credit arena Liberec with spectacular set up. The most famous czech sport channel CT Sport streamed top of the finals live to around 500 000 households which was enormous visibility. All competitions were very tough to judge but after energetic final Michal Rycaj (Michryc) from Poland defeated young talent Erlend Fagerli from Norway. Everyone enjoyed after party and they are already looking forward to see each other next year.

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Super ball 2016

This years Super Ball had everything; passion, friends, surprises, amazing performances, anything you could ask for a freestyle event. The final took place on wonderful Dr. Benes square in Liberec and was tremendous finish of incredible week. There were 234 players from 41 countries. But also about 20 freestylers came by to check it out, so all together there were about 250 freestylers from all over the world! With that many freestylers it is obvious that such event is going to be legendary. And it indeed was.

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Super ball 2017



After 3 years spent in Liberec, Super ball moved back where it started, Prague. Well known athletic area of Slavia Prague became the centre of Freestyle universe for a week and 314 athletes from 53 countries has made another record in attendance. The final was held in the center of Prague on Jan Palach square, next to the magnificent Opera house. The setup was amazing and the atmosphere was as unique as it usually is in the Super Ball finals. The wonderful Lorenzo Pincirolì from Da Move crew got a partner host, Petr Cerha, famous media star in Czech republic. The finals were livestreamed to Sporf facebook site with tens of thousands of viewers and it was also broadcasted live on Czech national TV. All together Super Ball 2017 was bigger, the level of freestyle was higher and it was easy to see the improvement in the whole event

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Super ball 2018



Over 400 players, over 50 countries, over 1,000,000 ATWs – just some stats from this year's Super Ball edition. Even though this Super Ball was scheduled differently compared to the previous ones, the atmosphere was as incredible as always. Some players arrived to the beautiful Czech Republic capital, the city of Prague, a few days prior to the actual event to enjoy the vibes of the freestyle world's upcoming epicentrum.

The Super Ball 2018 was so far the biggest (415 athletes from 52 countries) and the best open freestyle football world championship event so far. But as it happens every time, we can expect it to be once again bigger and better next year.

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Super ball 2019



On Super Ball 2019 as usual all the possible records were broken when it comes to the size of the event. Over 400 players from over 50 countries with France and Poland having 25% of all the participants. Advantage of having hotel and both venues under 1 roof in Top Hotel Prague was incredibly convenient and athletes have made the best out of it. Never ending sessions were spread everywhere and excitement flowed from every corner.

Erlend has overpowered every competition he participated in (Show Flow, Double Routines, Battles). But of course he was not the only one who had raised the level. In this Super Ball, it was clear that in couple years some players are going to be very, very strong. For example Machine (Col), Moha (Esp), PatShaw (USA) were showing signs of potentiality. To sum up the whole Super Ball by words of participants: "It was the best week of freestyle ever."

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Super ball 2020



The year 2020 is remembered as the year challenged by the global pandemic, but it's not going to be remembered as the year when Super Ball could not be held. The world situation affected the numbers of Super Ball, but it couldn't affect the vibe that guarantees the best week of the year for many freestylers.

In this year's Super Ball no world championships titles were given, as the competition was a world open freestyle competition. Nevertheless, it lured over 60 participants to compete in the Super Ball competition set up in the PVA Expo Prague + around 50 additional participants and visitors counting 120 athletes from 20 countries in total.

There were some rule changes after listening to requests of community. In the top 16 of the battles, the classic time limit of 3 x 30 seconds was erased and players could do their three runs without time restrictions. It was a good year for some testing to come back strong.

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