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## **Molten Extends Global Partnership with WPV -A Strategic Partnership Empowering the Future of Sitting Volleyball-**



Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki) have agreed to renew the partnership with the World ParaVolley (WPV) to continue supplying the official game balls for its competitions.

The renewal of this partnership further strengthens the long-standing relationship and reinforces the continued growth and development of ParaVolleyball. Since 2017, Molten has been the official supplier of game balls for the Tokyo and Paris Paralympic Games, and all WPV-sanctioned tournaments, including the Sitting Volleyball World Cup, the Beach ParaVolley World Championship, and Zonal Championships. Looking ahead, Molten is also expected to provide the official game balls for the upcoming Los Angeles and Brisbane Paralympic Games. In addition to supplying official game balls, Molten also provides equipment to support the development of ParaVolleyball.

Molten is committed to developing optimal products and to creating an ideal environment through which everyone, regardless of their role in sports, can experience the powerful emotions that only sports can inspire. Through this commitment, Molten strives to make a world where sport is an integral part of everyday life.

“We are honored to extend our partnership with WPV and look forward to further strengthening our collaboration. With our unwavering commitment to delivering the highest quality products, we are proud to support the continued development and growth of ParaVolleyball through this partnership,” stated Kiyofumi Tamiaki, President of Molten Corporation.

“Molten has been an incredibly reliable partner over many years so for us it was a logical consequence to enter discussions on a long term extension of our partnership. We are very proud that our joint journey continues towards the LA2028 and Brisbane2032 Paralympics with many other competitions along the way.” said, Juergen Schrapp, WPV President.

#### ■ About the World ParaVolley (WPV)

The organization serves as the International Governing Body for ParaVolleyball disciplines, including Sitting Volleyball (Indoor/Beach) and Standing Volleyball (Indoor/Beach). It unites national teams from around the world and is responsible for the promotion and development of the sport, the establishment of standardized rules, and the organization and management of International Competitions.

URL: <https://worldparavolley.org/>

#### ■ About Molten Sports Business

Since its establishment in 1958, Molten has been manufacturing and distributing premium sports equipment, particularly competition balls for basketball, handball, football, and volleyball.

With a commitment to the highest standards of quality recognized worldwide, Molten continues to enhance its technologies and support athletes, coaches, and sports communities across the globe.

Visit the Molten Sports Official Site: <https://www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/>

## ■ Social Initiatives of Molten Sports Business

Molten aims to become a social brand that addresses societal challenges through its products and activities.

Key initiatives include:

- [MY FOOTBALL KIT](#), an assembly-style football designed to bridge experience gaps among children and promote educational opportunities.
- [B+](#), a basketball brand initiative aimed at promoting and strengthening the sport.
- [Arch to Hoop](#), an initiative by the General Incorporated Association "Arch to Hoop Okinawa" that addresses experience gaps between children and adults through basketball.
- [Keep Playing](#), an initiative promoting the continued participation of women in sports under the slogan "Keep doing what you love. Keep playing sports."

Additionally, Molten is taking steps to reduce environmental impact by revisiting the materials used in its products.

## ■ About Molten Corporation

Starting with the manufacturing and sales of competition balls and automotive components, Molten has expanded its business by leveraging two core technologies: hollow-body technology, which controls internal air pressure, and polymer chemistry technology for advanced materials development.

Today, Molten operates in diverse fields, including sports equipment, automotive parts, medical and welfare devices, and marine and industrial products such as floating piers and bridge bearings.

Through continuous innovation, Molten remains committed to exploring new possibilities and contributing to a safe and sustainable society.

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