



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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## Appendix 17

### **IFF Referee Committee meeting, 27-28. September 2014 Scandic Hotel Upplands Väsby**

Present:

Mr. Klaus Koskela, Chairman  
Mr. Lukas Gyger, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Pierre Boudville, RC member  
Mr. Radek Hora, RC member  
Mr. Mats Öster, RC member  
Mr. Veli Halonen, RC secretary

Excused:

Mr. Daniel Bollinger, CB representative  
Ms. Brigitta Radacsi ATC representative in the RC

#### **1 §. Opening and welcome**

The IFF RC vice chairman Mr. Lukas Gyger opened the meeting at 13:45 on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September and acted as the chairman due to the flight delay of the IFF RC Chairman Mr. Klaus Koskela. Mr. Gyger welcomed the RC members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RC meeting of the year 2014.

Each RC member gave a short review of the opening of the season in their own countries and there has not been any problems with the implementation of the new rules. In Czech Republic and Finland the TV visibility has increased from the previous season.

#### **2 § IFF RC plan of action 2011-2015**

The RC decided to start the updating of the plan of action in its next meeting and all the RC members will come up with development topics from their own responsibility areas. The RC will start the next meeting with a working session to gather the topics for the plan of action 2016-2020, which will then be presented to the IFF CB after finalized

#### **3 § Referee and observer nominations for 2015-2016**

Mr. Klaus Koskela joined the meeting and acted as the chairman from this paragraph on.



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The IFF member associations had send referee nomination proposals to the office mainly on schedule. Some member associations were granted extra time due to their education schedules.

The RC decided to propose to the IFF CB 52 referee pairs and 20 referee observers according to the appendixes.

The amount of referees is increasing and there were proposals from several “new associations” and the situation looks brighter than it has looked during the previous years.

The implementation of the IFF referee development group has worked well and the IFF has been able to promote several referee pairs to the ordinary group via the development group.

The RC also discussed about the possibility of the EFT countries to think about a reserve pair for the use of the IFF in urgent cases. The IFF has been forced to nominate referee pairs outside of the actual IFF referee group to some tournaments due to injuries of originally nominated pairs.

Mr. Halonen will send an inquiry to EFT federations in order to discuss about this possibility.

#### **4 § Men's WFC 2014 referee and observer nominations**

The RC decided to nominate following referees to the Men's 2014 WFC.

Petr Cerny / Jiri Janousek CZE

Tero Fordell / Lasse Vuola FIN

Björn Aksel Henriksen / Jan Magnar Ingebrigtsli NOR

Bartosz Burek / Wojciech Czarnecki POL

Sharil Ismail / Dennis Lim Chin SIN

Ola Hamberg / Daniel Skoog SWE

Thomas Baumgartner / Thomas Kläsi SUI

The RC decided to nominate following observers to the Men's 2014 WFC

Radek Hora, head of the referees CZE

Klaus Koskela, FIN

Mats Öster, SWE



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Lukas Gyger, SUI

#### 5 § Basic guidelines for the observer nomination

The RC decided to basically nominate the head of the referees to the IFF major tournaments (Adult's WFC) and then the head of the referees will participate to the procedure of nominating the observers.

The RC will not continue to publish the annual planning for the observers due to the fact that it has turned out to be very demanding to follow the plan because the circumstances of the observers change during the year for example with work and family related issues.

The RC will make a nomination plan for internal use in order to help the planning, but the nominations will be based on the availabilities informed by the observers.

#### 6 § IFF social media guidelines

Mr. Lukas Gyger will produce a summary of the social media guide to be presented to the IFF referees before the start of the tournament and also to be added to the referee guidelines as a reminder. The social media guide for the referees is based on the IFF social media guide, which was approved by the IFF CB in its meeting in September 2014 in Madrid.

#### 7 § The new moving and positioning system in Sweden

The RC had a wide discussion about the movement and positioning system of the Swedish referees reported by the IFF observers since the WFC 2013. The impression was that the Swedish federation has changed the movement and positioning system to the old system.

Mr. Mats Öster presented the system Sweden is using and it basically is the same what the IFF RC has been educating to international referees. The implementation of the new system has obviously not yet succeeded 100 % and there has been some misunderstandings by the Swedish international referees and observers.

Mr. Öster will keep informing the Swedish referees and the observers about the right way of conducting the new system, which basically give the referees better possibilities to see what happens in the front of the goal and other demanding spots in the rink.

#### 8 § Reports

- Mr. Gyger presented the report of the status of the Gold level referees group
- Mr. Öster gave a short report of the situation and status of the Silver level referees



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- Mr.Hora gave a report of the status of the referee development group
- Mr.Boudville gave a report of the referee situation in Asia and Oceania

#### 9 § Other issues

The RC discussed about the possibility to have a new mode of physical tests for the IFF referees and the main intention is that the test could be carried out indoors and the test would last one hour. This would ease the testing in the future, because the new test should not require as much space as the present one does.

The RC chairman, Mr. Koskela will study different kind of tests in co-operation with the RC members and the possibility to use some new test mode as IFF referees physical tests. The discussion will continue in the next meeting in order to develop new test model and to choose the one, which suits to IFF purposes. The IFF member associations will be informed about the possible new test mode at least one year before it will be used.

The RC talked about the upcoming RC budget and possible needs for the RC for the future years.

The RC has had a discussion with the IFF Athletes Commission for collecting feedback from the playing teams about the referees in the IFF events. The RC will propose to the IFF CB that the RC could carry out a test with the feedback during the upcoming Men's WFC 2014 in Gothenburg.

The referee management of the tournament would then inform the teams in the Technical Meeting.

The purpose to collect the feedback would be to get more information about the referee performances and based on that feedback to focus also on issues which the teams might find disturbing.

No data of the persons who will be giving the feedback will be revealed to anyone, not even to the members of the RC. The feedback will be handled anonymously and the feedback will be presented as a general summary.

#### 10 § Next meeting

The next RC meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 somewhere in Europe.



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#### 11 § Closing of the meeting

Mr. Koskela thanked the RC members for a very fruitful meeting and closed the meeting at 12:30 on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.