

RACC Meeting Upplands Väsby 28.-29.06.2014

MW = Martin Wolmhed, ML = Michael Lachenmaier, MB = Marek Budzinski, BW = Beat Wullschleger, SM = Sarah Mitchell, JJ = Jan Jirovsky, SK = Stefan Kratz

1. Tournament reports

- Reports from previous events have been reviewed by MW & SK and already some things from these reports have been included to the regulations

2. Central Board Work

- Olympic short-list
 - MW showed and discussed the IOC short-list evaluation criteria and how the CB have been working with this.
 - RACC also need to focus their work (where possible) on addressing the criteria that are directly related to the RACC
- Each One Teach One (EOTO)
 - MW showed the CB evaluation and Action plan for EOTO. Explained the process of how the information has been gathered and how it will be put into action.
- EOTO tasks for RACC
 - Help NAs on how to build a national organization and secure players
 - Help NAs to build an IFF competition structure
 - Create list of different types of competitions that NAs could have (weekly matches, tournaments, regional etc)
 - Regional competition is perhaps the best way to start
 - France, Latvia & Germany as examples of regional development
 - Examples of large small countries
 - Due to CB in November (Office do proposal - SK)
 - RACC to define exactly what constitutes a national competition
 - Could introduce a system of gradual development of competitions for license system
 - Don't want to set just a minimum level that countries achieve and then don't develop further from
 - Due to CB in November (SK/MW do proposal)
 - Help NAs on how to build a basic player license system
 - Gather examples from members
 - License system has to provide money for the NA
 - JJ – sees no advantage of having a card system.
 - First step could be to build simply a basic Excel file for the new NAs to use, with instructions on how to actually implement the system
 - ML – basic online tool for federations could be built and given by IFF. JJ agrees that it could be quite simple to create. More effective to create the system and give it to them rather than just guidelines.
 - JJ to provide recommendation of such a system
 - Due to CB in November (Office - SK write some guidelines)

- Build a tool for competition and how to organise this – create excel based macro for building series and tournaments
 - Due for CB – November (Office to do this task – SM)
- Problem of low number of international matches at home and away
 - NAs feel that often their national team is not playing enough in their home country
 - Not possible in the schedule to add another international weekend
 - Could remind NAs that they are not limited to playing only on set international weekends
 - Office send out reminder - SK
- Look upon the next phase of the competition system (CB November)
 - There are some points already made in discussions about WFC and U19 WFC events that could be put together to make a list of possible future changes
 - Due to CB in November (Office to do proposal – SK)
- Ranking system
 - If we include all the new tournaments the ranking system is going to be a complicated process
 - Rankings are based on 1yr, 2yr, or 3yr results depending on the event. Need to write some explanation of the reasons why.
 - ML – all games should count towards ranking
 - SM – if a small country can only afford to participate in one event a year they are disadvantaged in their possibilities of ever improving their ranking
 - MW – could there be a European ranking
 - At the moment, there are enough European teams (and enough matched) for a ranking system but not in other regions
 - How do other sports with similar regional differences solve the problem?
 - Possible proposal to CB in November (SK/MW do proposal)

3. WFC

- Update on 2014 event preparations
 - Preparations going ok
 - Ticket sales not as good as was hoped
 - Problem with size of Lisebergshallen – organisers should be requesting technical exception. Highlights the problem of when should the venues be approved by RACC – at this point it is too late.
- Competition Regulations – National Teams Edition 2014
 - Info about having to provide photos before event and to bring playing shirts to TM now added (to all competition regulations)

- New WFC system review
 - Reviewed the list RACC had from when the system began to be changed

Evaluation from 2011 – new points in **RED**

Good	Bad	Adjust
Qualifications Qualifications still good	Big results Problem still exists but has been moved from Final Round to the qualifications	Only org and champ direct qualified Only org direct qualified
One city Two cities still a problem	Too expensive (qual. + final round) Top countries now paying more as well	Change quota allocation to quality Quota rules have been changed to not allow a new continent to qualify directly (if they only have one country registering). In this case they must participate in another region's qualification event
Play against top teams from other parts of the world New system removed this a little especially for the non-European teams	No challenge in the group matches New system has fixed this problem	For the future: Bigger and longer tournaments – WFC every 4 th year and continental in between Same things still be considered
Quarterfinals	Some qualifications expensive due to few participants Problematic in Asia & Americas in particular	The missing 7 th place (semifinal) Now played but still is always a problem for scheduling
System easy to understand New system a little more difficult than the first change to the system. Difficult to explain but once understood it is thought to be great (JJ)	Time between semifinal and bronze match Can't be fixed because of TV	Also a 2 nd group round Now have the extra qualification round. Maybe in the future with a bigger tournament can have some kind of 2nd group round
Everyone can reach the final tournament (and win)	Schedule: 6 matches in 8 days No 7 th place match	

	The extra qualification round is a disadvantage to those teams playing in it	
More continents in the final tournament	Not the 16 best teams participated Must be a world event. Very few sports actually have only the 'best' in the world competing	
More countries could be organizer now with the qualification system Already some new organisers		
Quarterfinal losers still have something to play for	For 5-12 they have a lot of games. Top teams have rest days.	
Schedule	Scheduling of quarterfinals is difficult. TV & team & organiser needs all clash	Number of days and the scheduling could still be looked at. Need to have two full weekends for the event and maybe even matches on the Friday.
16 teams cheaper organization		
"Real World Championships"	Groups are presented as equal which makes it difficult to understand	New system is difficult to explain – need to have some standard explanation as well as some new naming system for the groups to identify that A & B are higher ranked than C & D
More matches – good for media, spectators	More matches – bad for organisers, players	

- WFCQ new system review
 - Teams like it for different reasons
 - Euro in particular – lower teams getting to play against the higher teams
 - For Americas & AOFC not as good – still playing the same teams
 - Americas have option of playing twice against each other

- MB – for organiser it is good to have best teams playing to help attract spectators and interest in the event
- Big scores still but in better spirit than at WFC
- Could introduce another qualification event where the best 3rd placed teams play to then qualify, rather than the 3rd best team being calculated on point system
- We have more organising countries
- Scheduled at same time as international weekend – good and bad

4. U19 WFC

- Update on 2015 event preparations
 - Final round organisers have begun planning – no discussions yet with IFF staff
 - EUR Qualifications will be played only in Spain (not Ukraine) and organisers going well. Some problems with team communications – but hopefully fixed last week with IFF help.
 - LOC are nervous about Ukraine participation. Ukraine have advised that things are a little difficult.
- Competition Regulations – National Teams Edition 2014
 - Changed info about the number of U19 teams that directly qualify to next WFC
 - Changed info about the qualification age for the qualifications to be the first day of the Final Round event (same rules as for adults).
- New system & qualifications
 - Current system has 10 teams direct qualification – decision made to change to 9 teams (+ organiser) to be applicable already for U19 WFC 2015.
 - Possible change for U19 Men could be to adopt the adult system and have groups to be via ranking
 - Women's system will remain as it is
 - MB – suggested having a C-division for U19 WFC Men, but CB have already previously decided to not use this system anymore.

5. EFC

- Update on 2014 event preparations
 - Final round in Norway, qualifications (with 9 teams) in Poland
 - Both organisers on track
- EFCQ review
 - Fee has been reduced by 30% this year and teams pay no referee costs
 - Interest has been quite good this year – from both participating teams and potential organisers
- Competition Regulations – EuroFloorball Cup Edition 2014
 - No changes – apart from shirt info
- How do we proceed with this competition?
 - ML – question about the EFC ranking system. Difficult for teams not ranked high enough to have direct qualification to get it. SK – system rewards those that participate consistently and is over 3yrs because event is held annually

- MW – had feeling that EFC was about to die last year and no qualifications and then this year we have lots of teams and close to even more. SK – teams were more interested and we could have had more organisers
- Can still have the EFC without a qualification if needed. No organiser = no qualification. Have shown that this is an option if needed.
- Reduced cost for both teams and organisers is more attractive
- Smaller, growing nations are interested in this event
- Still difficult to get organisers for both Final Round and qualifications

6. CC

- Update on 2014 event preparations
 - Organisers are prepared very early
- Regulations for Champions Cup Edition 2014
 - Only changes are regarding the shirts
- New playing system proposals
 - A lot of discussions between the stakeholders about what system should be in the future.
 - Swiss are still outside the system and not a definite inclusion
 - For cost purposes - system will change from 5 days to 3 days. Top 2 ranked start on Saturday in semis. Other teams play on Friday to qualify for semis. +5th place match

7. Rules of the Game

- Review of new edition changes (valid from 01.07.2014)
 - Rules & Competition Committee name should be taken away from the Rules
- Process for implementation and information to NAs
 - BW – suggest that request should be sent earlier than January 2016. Not enough time for federations to prepare. Could be in August 2015
 - After March 2016 – rules group meeting proposals could go to RC & RACC for discussion and they could give input back to the rules group before their following year's meeting where the final proposals are decided.

Proposal to CB in November (SK do proposal)

8. Other Regulations Update

- Organiser Regulations Edition 2014
 - Changed office space regulation to be a combined office space
 - Any changes to regulations should be highlighted to make it easier to see new ones. Appendix will be added (SM).
 - JJ – venue plans could be sent to the Jury before the event
 - Inspection of venues before event – especially for new venues – should be implemented
 - JJ – some numbers for venues in regulations are maybe too big. Floor space and spectator numbers is too big – especially for U19s. SK – might be a problem with reducing the size for the effect on multi-sport.

Office will talk about what we could change and report back to RACC.

- JJ - Streaming guidelines document. SM – now in use
- International Friendly Matches
 - Need reminder to NAs that they can apply to have their own referees (Office to send out reminder)
 - Need to remind about the requirements for advising of international matches
 - ML – could RC put together guidelines about the nominating of referees that shows what kind of matches in which they can have referees from their own country
 - Office asked about the issue of National teams playing practice games against club teams – who is responsible if something goes wrong? RACC not sure of how to handle, so office will consider some suggestions to come back to the RACC with
- Fines update and handling procedures
 - A few new fines are the shirts and behavior towards organisers
- IFF Guidelines for the Conduct of the Athletes Entourage 2014
- IFF Transfers Regulations Edition 2014
 - Transfer fees have been raised
 - Timing of how it is handled has been changed including the introduction of an express transfer
 - Student transfer rules changed to be based on continental transfers rather than 'Europe'

9. Match Record

- New match record system
 - Will be introduced at EFCQ
 - This is an intermediate step before we get to the printed match record
 - Propose to use for EFCQ, MU19 WFCQ, CC, EFC
- Printed match record proposal
 - In the process of being developed with the statistics system
 - Plan to have ready for WFC

10. IFF Event Handbook

- Competition section is to be updated
 - Living document and there is no set date for updating.
 - All RACC members can send suggestions / changes etc at any time to SM

11. New IFF Competition documents

- IFF Event Participant Acknowledgement and Agreement
 - Jury will need to handle this during events
 - IFF needs to work with LOC to remind teams just prior to event that the forms are needed
 - SM to add to TM ppt & to Team Manager's guidelines

- SM to send to EFC & U19 teams
- IFF Guidelines for Team Managers
 - SM to send to EFC & U19 teams
 - SM to make some changes to the 'Before the match' rules to include the new match record system
 - Add to transportation that they need to be on time
 - Behaviour during the match – add officials of opposing team
 - Add the responsibility for only 5 officials on bench
 - Add something re changing / late players and accreditation check before playing
- Organiser Information Package Example
- Team Information Package Example

12. Jury Work

- Discuss and update guidelines
 - SM to update
- Discuss and update tournament report format
 - SM to investigate possibility of this being on Webropol
- Letter templates for warnings / fines
 - SM to send to all Jury members before events
- Venue Inspection form update
 - SM to update
- Inspection Report update
 - SM to update
- Frequent Jury questions document
 - SM to update
 - Office to look at what happens if Jury sees something in a match that is not reported by referees or via a protest

13. Jury Appointments

- Upcoming tournaments
 - Need to check with Veli about Tamuz Hidir being part of Referee development group as well? Could be problematic for being on jury.

14. Other topics

- JJ - Should be highlighted about GKs also needing numbers front and back on shirts. SM can add this to the Team Info Package
- JJ – Teams being allowed to have training session in comp venue before first match – what about when venue changes / new city. MW – this needs to be clarified in the regulations that it is only before the first match due to that we are using the same floor, rink and commercial. SM/SK to do this.
- JJ – things that are 'approved by RACC' should be shown to all RACC members before being published
- BW – standard IFF corporate identity for IFF documents, emails that RACC send etc
- ML – notice to all RACC members when some regulations change