

Floorball Development Seminar in Teheran, I.R. of Iran 23.-25.2.2015

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Report on present issues

1. *Background*

The Iran Floorball Association has participated in two International Events so far, the APAC/WFCQ 2011 in Japan and the ISF Championships in Czech Republic. The Association is led by its president Mr. Ramenzali Davallo, who is presently employed as the secretary general for the Iran Basketball federation, who is well connected within the Sports Community in Iran.

At the moment Floorball is being played in 10/20 provinces in Iran. There is active groups in 18 cities all over the country, with some 250 players in total. There are no national league played at the moment, but tournaments are organised for Adults, juniors 10-12, 13-15 and 16-19. In 2015 more tournaments shall be organised.

Even though the sport is recognised by the NOC, it receives no support and it is financed purely by Mr. Davallo and with the support he receives from his partners.

The Women's National Team had plans to play in the WFCQ 2015, but didn't participate due to financial reasons. Iran is considering participation in APAC/WFCQ.

During the visit IFF discussed with the IFA and the Iran Sport Federation of Sport Associations, which has the task to represent 17 non-olympic Sports in Iran by the NOC. This organisation had approached IFF earlier. Based on the discussion IFF can continue to communicate directly with IFA. IFA asks for additional material support of sticks and balls, which IFF promises to supply.

2. *The Seminar*

The seminar was organised in two streams, one for coaching (24 participants) and one for refereeing (29 participants), with a total of 53 participants, both Men and Women from 7 provinces (Ham, Kerman, Kurdistan, Qum, Semnam and Teheran), in the Azadi Sport Complex Basketball hall. Most of the participants were PE teachers.

In the field of refereeing the focus was put on learning the basic game rules, the game management, the use of referee signs, movement on the field and basic communication skills towards the players. All participants had the chance to referee in the games played during the seminar.

In the field of coaching the group was divided into a male and female group, where focus was given to basic personal technique and tactics, stick handling, the stages of the game and individual player roles. A lot of focus was given to the basic tactical parts of the game, as opening, attacking, giving pressure and defending. The IFF concept for the PointsMaster game format was introduced as a form of practise and an introduction and recreational game format. In the end of the seminar a PointsMaster tournament was played, where female referees refereed the men's games.

The participants received an level 1 certification for acting as coaches or referees in Iran as a result of a completed course.

3. *Floorball Development in West Asia*

Mr. Davallo has for some years proposed that Iran would take a bigger responsibility to start floorball in the neighbouring region. IFF is positive to this development

- It was agreed that Mr. Davallo will through his contacts start working to spread the sport to Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and other countries in the region
 - IFF will continue the process started in the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar.
 - IFA will present an action plan and preliminary budget for how to start the promotion of the sport in these countries. Based on this plan IFF will write a Letter of Recommendation to Mr. Davallo/IFA, to work on behalf of the IFF in the region.
 - IFF can think to support the project with Floorball material and pay a part of the costs related to the project, based on receipts and invoices. This can be handled in exchange for some of the outstanding membership fees.
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4. *Turkmenistan Asian Indoor Games 2017*
Mr. Davallo is a close friend of Mr. Hussain al Mossalam, the Asian Games secretary general, with whom he is discussing the possibilities for Floorball to participate in some form during the games.
 5. *International Tournament in Iran*
The IFA would desperately need to host some kind of International Tournament in Iran. There is the possibility to play on the island of Quich, which is an international part of Iran (no visa required).
IFA will look upon the possibilities to host an APAC or a WFCQ in the future.
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Upcoming meetings and issues

- IFF to discuss level of support and transportation for IFA concerning equipment (VH/JL)
 - Discussed to send 100-150 sticks and 300-400 balls to Iran
 - IFA to provide the IFF with shipping information (IFA)
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- IFA hand in a plan on the promotion of Floorball in West Asia by end of March (IFA)
 - IFF to write a Letter of Recommendation to Mr. Davallo/IFA for the promotional work based on the approved plan (JL)
 - IFF to decide what level of support is given for the West Asia project (JL)
 - IFA to report on the discussions concerning the Asian Indoor Games 2017 in Turkmenistan
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New ideas, etc...

- IFF to invite all the ambassadors of the IFF member associations for one day to participate in the WFC 2015 in Tampere, to promote the sport.