

Meeting with the IOC President Thomas Bach and the IOC Sports Department, Lausanne, Switzerland, 30.09.2015

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Report on present issues

1. General

IFF got an audience with IOC President Bach, as a result of the aftermath to the letter sent to the SportAccord ex-president in May, in which IFF criticised the actions of Mr. Vizer.

IFF first meet with the IOC Sport Department (Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director and Christian Wassmer, IOC Recognised IF's liaison) to discuss the present situation and prepare for the meeting with the IOC President.

2. Meeting with IOC Sports Department

The IOC Sports Director Kit McConnel is quite new in his position and does not really know Floorball that well, so IFF gave him a short update on the present situation and the IFF ambitions and next steps.

The following issues were discussed:

- Possibility to include countries like Greenland, Hong Kong and Scotland as IFF members. Mr. Wassmer will discuss this with the NOC Relations department
- The IFF Urban Floorball concept and the ambition towards the Youth Olympic Games
- IFF actions to fulfil the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations
- Cooperation with FIH and the FIH reaction due to the IFF application for the Tokyo Olympic Games Additional Events
- IFF materials for the Olympic Channel. Mr Wassmer will check the next steps for IFF
- The present situation with SportAccord, where Mr. McConnell was very distant and telling that is not for IOC to decide or take any party.

3. Meeting with President Bach

The objectives for the meeting were to give the IOC President an update of the IFF's recent actions, goals and objectives in order to meet the IOC requirements, for a possible inclusion in the Multi-Sport Events, presenting the status of Floorball with focus on the Olympic Agenda 2020 and seeking the IOC Presidents advise for the next steps, for a possible inclusion in the Sport Initiation Programs of the Olympic and Youth Olympic Games and the participation in the YOG.

It was a very open and fruitful meeting, in which a lot of views were exchanged of how Floorball could move forward in a number of fields, as it is what the Olympic movement is looking for - a truly Youth oriented sport. We originally got 15 minutes, but the meeting lasted for over 45 minutes.

The IOC President congratulated the IFF for its active and good achievements in relation to the implementation of Good Governance Policies and adaptation of the Olympic Agenda 2020 in our operations and the formation of the Ethics Commission. President Bach stressed that it is the task of every federation to try to develop their sport in the best possible way and urged IFF to continue the good dialogue with the IOC Sports Department and the IOC Sports Director Mr. Kit McConnell when it comes to the Sport Initiation program and the YOG 2018 and the Olympic Games 2020.

In the discussion President Bach reacted very positively to the IFF activities in the field of Social Media and was especially interested to hear about our policy of streaming all our events on the IFF YouTube channel. He suggested that the IFF would start cooperating with the Olympic Channel to give the sport additional visibility on the Olympic platform

Upcoming meetings and issues

- To discuss the steps forward related to the IOC Olympic Channel
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- To get information on the situation on the countries like Greenland, Hong Kong and Scotland
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New ideas, etc...

- To continue the process to support the Olympic Organisations (ASOIF and AIOWF) in the process in relation to SportAccord