

SportAccord Extra Ordinary General Assembly and IF Forum, Lausanne, Switzerland, 11.-13.2015

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Report on present issues

1. *General*

The SportAccord had called together an Extra Ordinary General Assembly to discuss the future of the SportAccord and the SportAccord Convention. The ASOIF and AIOWF had presented a proposal for the new statutes, which were much criticised from especially the ARISF IF's. However it had become clear that this was the wish of the Olympic movement, so it put the ARISF IF's in a tight spot. As discussed in the IFF ExCO IFF was in favour of the present proposal, apart from the fact that ARISF would lose one seat in the SportAccord council and that the all members would lose their vote in the SportAccord AGM.

The IF Forum was built around the topics of Good Governance, the fight against Match Fixing and Sustainability. The recent turmoil and aftermath of the FIFA, IAAF and Russian Doping scandal coloured the discussions heavily.

The IOC clearly stated that the need for Good Governance is now crucial to keep the Autonomy of the Sports Movement.

2. *SportAccord Extra AGM*

The SportAccord Extra AGM took a very interesting direction, when the Agenda was changed just prior to the meeting and the interim president Mr. Gian Franco Kasper addressed the AGM that the Statutes proposal was just meant to provoke discussion.

The SportAccord Council changed their proposal to the following:

- 1) Asked the AGM to in principle approve the idea to merge the SportAccord and the SportAccord Convention. This the AGM approved, almost unanimously
- 2) Asked the AGM to authorize the SportAccord Council to start the negotiations with the SportAccord Convention for a merger. Approved by the AGM.
- 3) Asked the AGM to give the SportAccord Council the task to revise the proposal for the new SportAccord. All IF's have the possibility to provide new proposals.
The Council stated that the initial Statutes proposal was made to trigger discussion. Now the SportAccord Council, will based on the IF input prepare a new proposal for the 2016 SportAccord AGM, even that the proposal will not be handed out in accordance with the present Statutes.
The AGM approved the proposal
- 4) The SportAccord Convention 2016 will be held in April, even though the City has not been decided yet.

So the process will be continuing for the next six months...

The SportAccord Council was quite clear in their message - talk to your respective organizations, they are represented in the SportAccord council. From our perspective it is important to clarify what the task and objective of SportAccord is and why it is needed for.

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3. *IF Forum topics*

The IOC President Bach declared in his opening speech that the Doping Administration must be made independent of the Sport Organisations, to secure the Credibility of Sports. He also felt it is imperative that we will have impartial controls in the future. The Credibility and Good Governance is key for the protection of the clean (doping & match fixing) clean athletes. He also stressed the need to re-structure the sport organisations to secure the Good Governance

The SportAccord Convention President Ricci Bitti also spoke on the importance to start the process to set all Good Governance elements in place in the IF's, as there seems to be a lot to be done.

Good Governance

In the Good Governance session the IOC Deputy Director General Pere Miro stressed that Good Governance and Autonomy is just two sides of the same coin. This is clearly stated in the Olympic Agenda recommendation 27. He further said that the IF's need agree with the Basic Universal Principle of Good Governance (PGG) and the compliance shall be monitored and evaluated, by both the IOC and the IF's themselves.

Kit McConnes, IOC Sports Director stated that the IOC Sports Department will coordinate the Best Practices in use

The following examples of Good Governance were mentioned:

- Separation of powers and conflict of interest
- Composition of Executives and legislative bodies
- Methods and procedures for election
- Limit the number of mandates and age limits
- Transparency
- Code of Ethics
- Assigning Competitions
- Sponsorship deals
- Fight against corruption and prevention programs
- Avoid double roles of the key executive officers in the IF's

Match Fixing

The overall message in relation to Match Fixing, is that the IF's all have a huge responsibility in this field to educate their athletes and their entourage, as this is a bigger threat to Sport than Doping.

The IOC will produce a set of model rules for the IF's in relation to Match Fixing. IOC is using a data collection system called Integrity Betting Intelligence System (IBIS) to monitor all forms of abnormal betting. This is only used by Olympic IF's

As an Educational Tool the IOC has produced the Fair Play Campaign, which has a quite easy message:

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| Be True: | Never fix your matches, Always do your best |
| Be Safe: | Never bet on your sport or your competitions |
| Be Careful: | Avoid sharing information that could be used for betting |
| Be Open: | Speak out if you are approached. |

4. *Bi-lateral meetings during the IF Forum*

As a part of the preparation of the SportAccord Extra AGM and the aftermath, IFF discussed with a lot of persons, in order to get a clear picture of the situation:

- Paul-Erik Höyer (Badminton), Rene Fasel (Ice-Hockey), Kelly Fairweather (Hockey), Jose Peruena (Canoing/IWGA), Raffaele Chiulli (Powerboating), Riccardo Fraccari (Baseball-Softball), Volker Bernardi (Flying disc), Tommy Viking (American Football), Marco Maria Scolaris (Sports Climbing), Brian Porteous (Orienteering), Anna Arazhova (Underwater)

IOC/Kit McConnell

A follow-up discussion on the meeting in September and the need for IFF to start the discussions concerning the Olympic Channel. IFF to contact Kit.

Mr. Christian Wassmer has left the IOC and they are to re-install a replacement by the end of the year, until that Kit will act the contact point.

IMGA – European Master Games 2019/Jens V. Holm and Kai Holm

The process for the 2019 EMG is still open and the decision will be taken in August 2016 for the organiser. As Scotland will take the EMG 2023, the main contestants are Helsinki/Lahti (FIN), Odense (DEN) and St. Petersburg (RUS).
IMGA is still very keen to include Floorball in the organisation contract for the EMG organiser.

IWGA – World Games 2017/Joachim Gossow

General update on the process for marketing and TV/Internet streaming, the IF's will be informed about the TV plan as soon as the LOC TV Contract is made. IFF and can then start the discussions with the IWGA about what needs we have additionally for the TV and streaming.

Mr. Gossow apologised for the mistake being made by the Wroclaw LOC, as they had sent out the wrong World Games Sport programme to the participating IF's. For example Floorball had got the wrong dates, but Mr. Gossow assured that Floorball is played from the 27th to 30th of July.

It was also discussed that Floorball will make a rink commercial for the WFC in Tampere for the "Road to Wroclaw".

dotSport/Pierre Gremeau

The process has been prolonged since Dounut and Famous4 have both after they lost the initial complaint against the validity of the SportAccord dotSport application, have now launched a complaint against the ICANN. This process is probably going to take some additional 6-9 months. We expect to have a decision in Q2/2016

The dotSport Policy Advisory Board is only able to start the launch process after the ICANN has cleared the case with Dounut and Famous4.

The service provider Core will run the administration of the dotSport and the estimation that it will start in Q4 of 2016.

The IF's have been given two acronyms to use, in our case floorball.sport and iff.sport. It is then up to us to decide how we want to use the third level domain names, like floorball.rus.sport, wfc2018.iff.sport or AIK.floorball.sport

More information will come in April 2016.

FISU/Eric Saintrond

Discussions about the possibility to have some kind of presence for Floorball during the FISU Winter Universiade 2021 in Switzerland. IF has contacted the FISU vice president Leonz Eder (SUI) and asked for support. He referred to FISU rules and therefore we contacted Mr. Saintrond. It seems to be a problematic case, but we will continue discussions with Mr. Eder.

Upcoming meetings and issues

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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- Answer the ARISF questionnaire on the proposed changes of the SportAccord statutes
- Contact Kit McConnell to start the process in relation to the Olympic Channel

New ideas, etc...

- Address the WFC 2015 technical meeting with the Fair Play Campaign information
- Contact IWGA to secure the rink commercials for the WFC2015 in Tampere