



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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The IFF RC meeting on Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th of September 2015

Hotel Park-Inn, Prague

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:

Ms. Brigitta Radacsi

1 § Opening and welcome

Mr. Koskela opened the meeting at 09:00 and welcomed the RC members to the meeting and thanked for the good input during the Saturday's working session.

2 § Referee and observer classification updates

The IFF RC updated the referee and observer classifications and also had a discussion of the referee situation in general. Some referees have ended their career for the time being or at least taken a time out. Fortunately only few pairs have informed that they will quit.

The RC decided to propose new referees and two referee observers based on the proposals from the IFF member associations. The referees are:

Jukka Kortinen / Tero Kontinen from Canada

Roman Cibík / Michal Tomáš from Slovakia

Jörgen Andersson / Daniel Dufvenberg from Sweden

Tomas Magnusson / John Gundin from Sweden

The observers are:

Jesper Juul Goebel from Denmark

Reine Sjödin from Sweden



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3 § Observer and referee nominations for the Women's WFC2015 Final Round

The RC decided to nominate the following referees and referee observers to the Women's WFC2015 Final Round, which will be played in Tampere in Finland from the 4th to 12th of December 2015.

The nominations are:

Lucie Hejnova / Jitka Romancakova CZE
Martin Petrik / Tom Podlesny CZE
Tom Kirjonen / Jyrki Sirkka FIN
Juhani Kirves / Henrik Snellman FIN
Sandra Zurbuchen / Corina Wehinger SUI
Roland Brändle/Remo Niedermann SUI
Therese Edin / Frida Nilsson SWE

Observers:

Sami Rahikainen FIN, head of the referees
Lubos Maly CZE
Frank Leuenberger SUI
Göran Norberg SWE

4 § New physical tests for international referees

The RC discussed widely about the need of updated and new physical tests for the IFF referees. Czech, Finnish, Swedish and Swiss Floorball Federations have tested different new testing modes and two tests out of several turned out to be the best ones. The so called YoYo and Piip tests. YoYo test has been tested by the Swedish and Czech Federation and the RC decided to take the YoYo test in use from the season 2016-2017 on.

The test will include the 160 meters running track and after that YoYo test. The IFF RC will provide the information about the details of the test by the end of November 2015 to all IFF member associations. The information shall include the instructions how to carry out the tests, video examples and instructions how to practice for the test. The limits to pass the test will also be informed at the same time.



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5 § New movements and positioning guidelines

The Swedish Floorball Federation has been educating new movements and positioning guidelines for their referees for the past two years. The basic idea is the same as it has been in all IFF educational materials, but the new idea is to give the referees more freedom to move in certain situations in order to be able to see more and also to be able to spot some difficult situation especially in front of the goals.

RC discussed about the issue and the main concern was that the RC wants to have joint IFF way instead of national educations and interpretations. The Swedish educational materials regarding movements is vast and Mr. Mats Öster promised to deliver the educational material with video clips to other selected IFF member associations for studying and commenting by the end of October 2015.

The material will be studied and commented and the RC will collect the information for its next meeting in spring 2016. After that the mutual objectives will be decided and the purpose is to organize an education for all IFF observers during the early stage of Men's 2016 WFC Final Round in Riga in Latvia.

This way it's easier to find the IFF way in all referee related educations and eventually spread the same message to all IFF member associations regarding the referee education.

6 § Instructions for the checking of the goalkeeper face mask grills(App 1)

Mr. Halonen presented the draft of the guidelines for the checking of the goalkeepers' face mask grill. It was decided that the instructions will be sent out to the IFF member associations as soon as possible in order to get the information to all parties and in order to avoid any unnecessary problems between the clubs, players and the referees.

Mr. Halonen also informed the RC that the use of an over length stick will continue. The IFF will grant the permission based on applications for the upcoming seasons 2015-2017. The players who are granted the permission will receive a personal permission and the IFF will publish the names of the players



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on its website: <http://www.floorball.org/pages/EN/Permissions-to-use-over-length-stick>

7 § Closing of the meeting

The chairman thanked all the participants for a very fruitful weekend and ended the meeting at xxxx

8 Next Meeting

Will take place from 27th to 27th of March 2016 somewhere in Europe.