



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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## APPENDIX 26

### Helsinki, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 IFF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE Minutes 1/2015

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2015  
**Place:** Email meeting  
**Decision:** Circulation

**Participants:** Ismo Haaponiemi, chairman (FIN)  
Rainer Martiskin (AUS)  
Tomas Vaculik (CZE)

**Excused:** Linda Noppa (SWE) – due to case concerning a Swedish Player

**Object:** Match Penalty 3 to Team Sweden player #77 Gustav Widuss for rude misconduct towards the referee during the Men's U19 WFC 2015 bronze game 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2015.

**Facts of the case:** According to the report from the match referee Mr. Andrew Lewis after the conclusion of the game CZE – SWE on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2015 penalized the Swedish player Mr. Gustav Widuss #77 with a Match Penalty 3 (rule 617) for rude misconduct towards him. The misconduct was verbal including a number of obscene sentences towards the referee.

The player Mr. Widuss followed the referee Mr. Lewis to the mid-line calling him names and cursing him in accordance with the updated referee report. Mr. Widuss repeated the cursing a number of times.

The player was showed the red card and directed to leave the venue. Mr. Widuss left the field of play as directed.

Mr. Widuss in his first answer to the referee report indicates that he has only approached the referees and trying to start a discussion, not saying anything out of the normal. In his second statement, after the updated statement of Mr. Lewis, he tells that he tried to start a conversation with him, but as the referee didn't answer according to Mr. Widuss he admits to have criticised the way the referees had refereed the game and used some obscene words doing so. Mr. Widuss felt that Mr. Lewis didn't respond to him and called out.

**Basis for decision:** Report from the Referees in the Men's U19 WFC 2015  
Updated report from the referee Mr. Andrew Lewis  
Explanation from the penalized player Mr. Gustav Widuss  
Updated report from Mr. Gustav Widuss

**Essential provisions:** IFF Juridical Regulations  
(Art. 14 Infringements against a referee, Art. 22 Offensive behaviour)



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### Consideration:

The IFF Disciplinary Committee finds that the incident has fulfilled the criteria's for the DC to take it under consideration.

It is with-in the responsibility of any player to conduct himself in accordance to the IFF Game Rules and the related regulations and guidelines given at the IFF technical meeting to the Team management.

Any player playing in a World Floorball Championship is aware of the fact that there are no situations where the verbal abuse of the official referees are acceptable on the field of play.

According to the IFF Juridical Regulation Article 14 – Infringements against a referee, Article 15 – Type of Sanctions and Article 22 – Offensive behavior stipulates that the player has not acted in accordance with what becomes a accredited player of the U19 WFC.

The Disciplinary Committee finds that the Mr. Widuss has based on the referee reports breached the IFF Game Rules and shall therefore be sanctioned for his behaviour towards the referee Mr. Lewis.

The IFF DC finds the behaviour of player after the game to be unacceptable and regrettable and that he therefor have to accept the consequence of his action.

### Decision and applicable provisions:

In accordance with the regulations namely Article 22, Offensive behavior, Article 14 Infringements against a referee and Section 3, Disciplinary Committee, Article 46, General jurisdictions of the juridical regulations the disciplinary committee imposes the following sanction to the player Mr. Gustav Widuss;

**the Player Mr. Gustav Widuss is sanctioned with a suspension of any Floorball activity in three (3) official matches in his team Fagerhult Habo IBK, Allsvenskan Södra under the direction of the Swedish Floorball Federation, as Mr. Widuss does not seem to appear in any IFF Event and therefore needs to serve his suspension in the national series. The Player is sanctioned from playing from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September until the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, which includes three games.**

### Reasons:

The IFF DC finds based on the analysis of the available material that the player did not behave in the way becoming an athlete at an IFF Event, by not complying with the requirements and provisions of the IFF Statutes, Regulations and other legal instruments in accordance with the IFF Juridical regulation Article 15.

Any Player who insult in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language shall in accordance with the IFF Juridical Regulation Art. 22, be suspended with a match suspension.

The player shall be suspended with at least two (2) matches and in this case the DC finds that a three (3) matches suspension is in place here, taking into consideration the IFF juridical Regulation Art 14., which stipulates that the sanction shall be increased if the victim of the infringement is a referee.

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The rules and regulations of the IFF, as well as the general guidelines of proper behavior are the basis we build the existence of International Floorball and all the member associations, clubs and players needs to respect these.

**Decision procedure:** The decision was made unanimously.

**Appeal procedure:** The directions for an appeal according to the IFF Juridical Regulation Chapter V, Article 69-77.

In Helsinki, 11.09.2015

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IFF DC chairman

**John Liljelund b.d.**  
secretary

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