

IFF LICENCE FOR PARTICIPATION AT MAJOR EVENTS – VERSION 2.0

DISCUSSION PAPER FOR IFF CB

In preparing this discussion paper and suggested new draft IFF Licence requirements the following issues were considered

- **How much does IFF want to use the Licence Conditions to help the following**
 - Development in new countries
 - Confirm present status and push existing countries to improve their operations and organisational governance etc
 - Continue the path towards meeting the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations and the IFF IOC Road Map objectives
 - Use to identify and continue to push the EOTO process and related tasks for areas of deficiency

- **Does the IFF develop a fixed and firm set of requirements or is there some flexibility allowed for individual circumstances**
 - Do we need to consider recognition issues for each country
 - Do we need to consider political issues with new countries and regions
 - Which events does this apply for all WFC, U19 WFC, EFT, CC or Regional?
 - What constitutes National Championships as many countries currently only play an Open tournament due to number of teams and/or distance costs

- **How does the IFF check compliance – audit/when**
 - The decision of the IFF License 2.0 will finally be taken by the IFF General Assembly in 2016
 - An Initial Audit of the Member Associations will take place during 2017
 - Based on this a yearly check-list of topics to be developed shall be made together with the National Association. This check-list shall be on the IFF License 2.0 web page
 - The implementation of the IFF License 2.0 will be used for the registration of the 2020 Men's World Championships in 2018

- **Timeframes for compliance, what should they be**
 - The defined license criteria's must be fulfilled by December 2018, when the registration takes place.
 - The Development Check-list topics shall be planned and executed before 31st of May 2020.
 - A new Audit shall be made in 2021

After considering the above issues the following revised Licence structure and requirements are proposed for CB discussion and decision

1.0 Licence Requirements

That the licence requirements be split into 3 tiers that will achieve the following goals

- 1.1 Allow developing countries to participate in an entry level competition, at an early stage in their development without the need to meet all the requirements with their normally limited resources.

This will allow those newer countries to participate in regional tournaments such as IFF Challenge, APAC, SEA Game challenge etc. and also to play Friendly Internationals against other countries.

- 1.2 Tiers are set for countries to develop their internal systems etc and to progressively move into the higher level of international tournaments.

2.0 Licence Tiers

TIER 1

- **Basic requirements to participate in Regional Floorball tournaments (organised by IFF National Associations) and Friendly International matches at country level**

TIER 2

- **Basic requirements to participate in WFCQ, EFCQ and Continental/Regional tournaments (ie Regional Multi Sports Games such as SEA Games)**

TIER 3

- **Basic requirements to participate in WFC tournaments, U19 WFC or Global Multi-Sport Games**

Requirements for participation at the relevant Tier Tournament are detailed on the attached IFF License Matrix

3.0 INCENTIVES

There is need to use the system to encourage countries to continue their internal development. It is proposed this is done through a combination of incentives and conditions so the program is not open ended. In the long term it is not felt that countries should be rewarded for not growing and aiming to participate in the higher level tournaments.

3.1 Incentives (not applicable to Friendly Internationals between countries not part of a recognised tournament)

- 3.1.1 Tier 1 countries receive a discount on participation fees at regional tournaments starting at 30% reducing by 10% for each year. The aim is in 3 years time they progress to the next level of Tier and tournament. The mechanics to action this can be through a subsidy from IFF or provision of sticks and balls to the equivalent value or holding an IFF Development training session
The incentives are not available after 5 years membership of IFF. Therefore to achieve full benefit the member will need to participate within 2 years of membership
- 3.1.2 Tier 2 countries receive a development training session or IFF works to setup an EOTO project for that country or a 1 off grant for first time participating at a Tier 2 tournament
- 3.1.3 Tier 3 countries receive a 1 off grant for their first time participating at a Tier 3 tournament

3.2 Conditions

- 3.2.1 Countries have 2 years from initial membership of IFF to participate in a Tier 1 tournament to qualify for the Tier 1 incentives.
- 3.2.2 Countries have 2 years to advance to a Tier 2 tournament after their initial Tier 1 tournament participation before the incentives run out
- 3.2.3 Countries have an additional 2 years to advance to the Tier 3 tournaments
- 3.2.4 Countries that have been a member of the IFF for more than 4 years and have not participated in any Friendly International or tournament when this Licence System 2.0 will be implemented has a time frame of 12 months to participate in the any Event.

4.0 Actions

- 4.1 The following actions are proposed
 - 4.1.1 CB to discuss the concept and proposed requirements, in its meeting in December 2015.
 - 4.1.2 The CB approved Concept will be presented to the IFF Associations Meeting 2015
 - 4.1.3 A final proposal be developed including wording changes to current regulations during 2016
 - 4.1.4 CB approve final proposal for the IFF GA 2016.