



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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Helsinki, Finland 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2016

## IFF Development Board meeting 2016

**Place:** IFF Office, Alakivenkatu 2, 00920 Helsinki, Finland

**Time:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2016, at 12:30 EET

**Participants:**

Exel (E-SG)	Jaakko Aro, Lauri Nevalainen
FatPipe (Powerstick)	Sami Turtiainen
Salming (X3M)	Frida Bakkman
SP	Lars-Åke Henriksson
IFF	John Liljelund and Veli Halonen

## Minutes of the meeting:

### 1) Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 12:30 and made a Roll Call

#### *Principles of the IFF Development Board*

The IFF Development Board is an advisory board to discuss and propose how to deal with issues with-in the Material questions in the IFF. The decisions of the DB will be given as advice to the IFF Central Board.

#### *Activities of the IFF*

Mr. Liljelund made a short recap of the present IFF Activities

- Mr. Liljelund gave a short report of the EFT tournament in Lausanne on the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and told that there were several persons from the IOC, Master Games and World Games watching Floorball live during that event
- Floorball will be played on the Wroclaw World Games and IFF asks cordially all manufacturers to promote the Event through its own medias, as this is the Olympics for Floorball. Mr. Liljelund also described the importance of the World Games for Floorball globally. He also asked the DB members to be active in promoting the upcoming World Games among their own contract players and in their own marketing channels as the World Games can be considered the "Olympic Games" of Floorball
- The Men's World Floorball Championships 2014 was ranked #23<sup>rd</sup> by the Sportcal Global Sports Index out of 77 Events
- There will be a Chinese Floorball Federation formed in the near future, supported by the Chinese Government.



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- IFF will employ a Development Coordinator during Q2
- Discussions ongoing for the European Master Games in 2019 to participate
- IFF has published a School Curriculum, which we hope all of the companies are willing to use.
- IFF is building a Combined Sales to Sponsors with the 10 biggest European Nations

The DB discussed last year the possibilities to share information from where contacts are taken and Mr. Liljelund stressed the importance of this, since actions need to be activated based on this.

## 2) General update

Mr. Liljelund reported on the *Material Approval system financial outcome 2015*  
The total revenue for the system 2015 was CHF 295.549 (CHF 266.956) and  
the costs for running the system was CHF 246.801 (CHF 229.806)  
giving a surplus of CHF 48.748 (CHF 37.149).  
Out of this 80 per cent, which equals a sum CHF 38.998 (CHF 29.719)  
for the use of the Development Board.

### *Number of sold sticks, balls and other material*

SP has on the request of IFF moved over to follow the marking of Floorball materials to a calendar year system, starting from 2011.

The total number of sold certified material for 2015 was:

- Balls 2.302.704 pcs (2.255.135 pcs)
- Sticks 708.728 pcs (706.043 pcs)
- Goals 2.712 pcs (2.865 pcs)
- Rinks 415 pcs (385 pcs)
- Face masks 2.010 pcs (2.000 pcs)

The DB discussed about this issue.

- Mr. Aro described the importance of the stick sales.
- Ms. Bakkman told that some 10 % of the Salming sales comes from non-marked school sticks.
- Mr. Turtiainen could not specify the size of the markets in general and he thought that the number of sold sticks doesn't correlate with the number of global sales. He also told that he has seen several different manufacturers especially from Asian the sport fairs and they also offer Floorball related equipment, which are not noticed brands and not certified by the IFF.
- Mr. Liljelund explained to the DB that the Chinese federation has been informed and instructed that they also need fully to implement the IFF material regulations in order to be officially recognized.
- Mr. Liljelund also explained the structure of the Chinese federation



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### 3) Proposal for Changes of the Material Regulation 2016

Mr. Henriksson reported that there has been a number of process ongoing that have required to clarify the text in the IFF Material Regulation, edition 2016.

#### 1.3.2.4 Embossed mark for blades, balls and masks

*The IFF-mark has to be shown as an embossed or broken through marking stamped onto or laser cut-out metal plate and welded or hard soldered to the net on the left side of the mask.*

#### 2.3.2 Goal Dimensions - Goal dimensions

*The dimensions of the goal have been corrected to the right measurements for goal width 1600 x 1150 mm*

#### 2.5.1 Face Mask Size "Guidelines for ..... in a match situation" -

- *An IFF-marked grille (embossed IFF-marking on a metal plate on the left side of the grille) should be considered as an approved grille and need not necessarily be measured; unless there are indications that the grille has been changed/mended in some way.*
- *An unmarked grille must always be measured to prove that the grille openings are within the set requirements.*
- *During the certification approval test a measuring gauge with a dimension of 70 x 8mm is used. The measuring gauge should not be able to be inserted in any of the facemask's grille openings so Measurement of grille openings in a match situation, by means of e.g. measuring tape, should be viewed as a rough method to measure the openings in the grille.*
- *The grille openings must in most cases never be measured to more than 70mm in any direction. In some grilles all grille openings are not rectangular, but have other shapes (e.g., sharply tapered or curved forms). If you measure these types of grille openings to a value exceeding 70mm; then it is also important to measure the opening perpendicular (the height) to the other direction.*
- *If the height is measured to a value below 8 mm e.g. due to nearby parallel grille threads, the length of the part that has a height less than 8mm is to be measured.*

*The newly measured part length shall be deducted from the previously measured grille opening value that was exceeding 70mm.*

- *If the result value still is found to exceed 70mm; the grille is not fulfilling the requirement. Otherwise if the result value is below 70mm: the grille is fulfilling the requirement.*

- The DB members pointed out the fact that the approval of the new grill markings are taking way too long in SP. The DB's opinion is that there's no need to test the helmets, which have been approved earlier if the only question is if the new marking is all right.
- The DB asked Mr. Henriksson to check within the SP if the procedure can be changed and the helmets, which have already been approved don't have to testes again. Just to inform the manufacturers if the marking is correct.
- Mr. Henriksson asked the DB members to inform the SP that this needs to be changed and that the approval of the markings need to be a smoother and faster procedure.
- Mr. Liljelund proposed that the IFF would have a meeting with the SP Certification Department in this matter in order to find a solution for this problematic situation.



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5.3.7.3 Implementation - minor adjustment of the text for the new testing of the ball bounce.

The Revision Time Table for the Material Regulation 2018.

IFF/SP has built the time table for the submission of proposals for the Material Regulation edition 2016 and the process of the Development Board to discuss these. The time table is as follows:

- Last day to send in new ideas 28th of February 2017.
- IFF/SP checking the proposals in March-April 2017.
- Draft sent out to all manufacturers end of April 2017.
- IFF CB makes decision in May 2017.
- Material Regulation published by 1st of July 2017.
- It takes effect 1st of July 2018.

The DB approved the proposals and timetables in paragraph 3.

#### **4) DB Support Projects for 2015**

Mr. Liljelund to made a short recap about the situation of the Development Projects ongoing. The IFF Development Board has in 2015 approved to support two projects namely the continuation of the Polish school project in the Wroclaw region, where the 2017 World Games are played and the Hungarian school project.

The IFF member associations have been asked to submit a report of the use of the support until the meeting, which the Development Board will discuss.

The IFF proposes that the Development Board would for 2016 continue with these two projects as they have been quite successful, as the preparations of the Wroclaw World Games are continuing and the Games will be played in Poland in July 2017 and the Hungarian project has increased the number of players in the schools. In addition to this we are proposing to start a new project in Russia, in order to strengthen the development of the sport in the country.

In order to strengthen the continued development of Floorball in the Wroclaw region and Poland as a whole, IFF proposes to support the Polish Floorball Federation in their work to build the sport in the Wroclaw region, where the International World Games Association World Games will be played in July 2017. The PFF project is to continue the growth of awareness and start the sport in schools and universities and build a base for the sport in the region. The IFF proposes to support the Polish Associations (PFF) project and that the DB would grant the project 11.500 CHF for the year 2016. This project PFF will apply support for the year 2017 as well.

In addition to this, IFF proposes that the DB would continue to support the regional development program of the Hungarian Floorball Federation School Project started already, to strengthen the operations of the Clubs and the building of the path from schools to club competitions and support the spreading of the sport in the country. The IFF proposes to support the Hungarian project and that the DB would grant the project 11.500 CHF for the year



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2016.

The project of the Russian Floorball Federation is a new one and will concentrate on increasing the number of teams and players in the different provinces of Russia, based on a number of seminars run in the country. The focus is to strengthen the appearance of Floorball in Russia. The IFF proposes to support the Russian project and that the DB would grant the project 10.000 CHF for the year 2016.

The IFF also proposes that 5.000 CHF will be used for the Branding of the Floorball Champions Cup, as the interest for the Manufacturer Village has been quite low among the manufacturers.

The DB approved the proposals for the development support to Poland, Hungary and Russia and to use the proposed 5.000 CHF for the branding and promoting of the Champions Cup 2016.

### 5) How to organise the collection of Materials for the SP Surveillance Tests

As decided that the IFF and SP will collect the materials for the surveillance tests directly from the wear-houses.

- Mr. Henriksson told that the collecting of the surveillance material will start during the upcoming autumn 2016
- Mr. Henriksson also told that there will be a newsletter about this issue to be sent out in the beginning of June 2016 and that the collection of the surveillance materials will be carried out in co-operation with the manufacturers.

### 6) Other issues

IFF has together with the EFT countries rebuilt the Champions Cup and the tournament will be played in Borås during three days, instead of five days earlier and the IFF will run a separate version of the *Floorball Manufacturer Village at Champions Cup in October in Borås, Sweden*, from the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2016

- Mr Liljelund brought up the issue that maybe it would be the time to change the name of the Development Board and asked from the members if they would come up with a proposal of the new name. The DB decided to continue the discussion of the new possible name for the Board. Mr. Liljelund's proposal for the name of the Board was the "IFF Material Board".
- Mr. Liljelund also asked the DB members to try to think and find persons who could act as Floorball Ambassadors. The persons don't have to have Floorball background, but they should be well known persons in order to promote the Sports. There is a need of persons outside the bigger IFF Member Associations.

### 7) Next meeting

The next meeting will be held latest in May 2017, IFF will call for the meeting at a later stage. One option is to have the DB meeting in conjunction with the MU19 2017, which will be played in Borås Sweden in May 2017.



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### 8) Ending the meeting

- Mr. Liljelund ended the meeting at 14:00 and thanked the participants for a very fruitful and efficient meeting.