

**ASEAN Region Development and WFCQ AOFC
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**Report on
present issues**

1. General

The preparations for the AOFC WFCQ were a little problematic as there had not been any information from Dato'Seri Chaiyapak Siriwat about the political situation in regards to the SEA Games in advance of our arrival. Upon arrival we got information that Mr. Siriwat had been ill for over two months which explained the lack of communication.

The organisation of the WFCQ has been mainly handled by the daughter of Mr. Siriwat Penthai Siriwat, who has taken a leave of absence from her regular work to run the competition. The preparations were made very well from a technical point of view, but the lack of Floorball experience was visible and required quite some involvement from the IFF Office, especially during the first day of the seminar.

The WFCQ was well visibly in the Thai media, with articles in the main newspaper Tairack and the visibility in at least five TV channels. T-Sports (Sports channel) and the Pattaya Satellite TV followed all Thai games, the Thai semi-final and bronze game was additional followed by Channel 11 (National TV), Spring News and MCot.

In advance of the WFCQ a Coaching seminar was organised for a total of 11 hockey coaches, in which the basic skills and tactics were educated, including game observation and planning trainings. There was some issues with the language skills of the participants, but that was solved partly by a translator and a lot of sign language.

2. SEA Games preparations

Due to the illness of Mr. Siriwat, the planned set of meetings with the Singapore, Philippines and Malaysia NOC's has not been held and there are no present plans to meet them in the near future, as MR. Siriwat is still out of business for the coming two months.

According to the agreement the Thai Hockey had invited representatives from Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines, but they didn't arrive and it was a little unclear of the reason for this.

Mr. Siriwat is of the opinion that the door for the SEA Games and the Floorball participation has almost closed as the SEA Games council have decided not to have Floorball on the games program, but there still are some possibilities. Apparently there is some application process to the program and therefore IFF needs to seek the support of the Philippines NOC and Singapore.

Further discussions of the situation will be held in the next weeks, when Mr. Siriwats condition becomes better.

3. Meeting with Malaysian Floorball (Mr. Rizal, Mr. Hafidz bin Zainalabidin)

Based on the discussions with Mr. Siriwat, the IFF held a meeting with the Malaysian Association to look upon the next steps in the SEA Games process.

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Malaysia Floorball needs to have the regional sport commission accreditation from 8 of the 14 regions to get the accreditation of the Olympic Commission of Malaysia (OCM). Floorball now has the accreditation of 5 regions and the sport is played in 8 and the estimation is to have all documents in the next 2-4 months. There is a lot of new clubs and it was agreed that both the Malaysia Floorball and IFF would contact the OCM to discuss the possibilities to have any form of Floorball in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games. Mr. Rizal expressed that it has been very difficult to even get a meeting with the OCM and the interest to Floorball is low, when Malaysia doesn't have a gold medal chance in the SEA Games. The only two persons who can influence the situation is either the OCM President Prince Tunku Imram and the Sports minister.

It was agreed that also IFF should ask the OCM of the status of Floorball in the SEA Games 2017. IFF is to contact both the OCM and the Sports Minister.

Based on the answer from the OCM and the Sports minister, IFF should discuss the issue with the OCM secretary general Ms. Beng Choo Low, who during the 2015 SEA Games indicated that a demonstration tournament could be possible.

Mr- Rizal also promised to get back to IFF with information of who are the Malaysian SEA Games Council members.

In addition Malaysia will start helping Brunei to set up Floorball. More information will follow.

4. *AOFC General Assembly*

The AOFC General Assembly is held every second year in connection the Men's WFCQ and had a total of 12 of the 13 AOFC members present. Mr. Chaiyapak Siriwat was elected as the new AOFC president and Mr. King will continue as the Senior vice president. The IFF ATC members Jun-oh Lee (KOR) and Jill Roberts (AUS) are also now members of the AOFC CB.

The AOFC will concentrate on the following issues in the coming years

- Mr Siriwat informed that the AOFC will organise an Asia Cup and the timing will still be discussed
- AOFC now has an IFF RC approval International Development group with four referee pairs (Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore). Out of these the Malaysians were given a chance to referee a game during the WFCQ.
- The solution concerning the AOFC development person will be discussed by the IFF ExCo and CB. The Project Oceania will continue in Fiji.
- An Asia Game task Force was founded, with participation from Indonesia, Iran, Korea and IFF.
- A system for the application process of the IFF Events (WFCQ and U19 WFCQ) was agreed and the AOFC Competition committee will give their proposal to the IFF.
- Within the next 4-6 weeks AOFC will propose the organisers for the U19 WFCQ 2017, WFCQ2017 and WFCQ2018.

Mr. Siriwat informed that there will be an AOFC Office in Bangkok, in connection to the Thai Hockey Association.

Mr. King will provide a more thorough AOFC AGM report.

5. *Meeting with Iran Floorball Federation (Mr. Ali Davallo)*

Mr. Davallo informed that the Iran NOC has sent a letter to the Arabic NOC's seeking support for the spreading of Floorball in the region. IFF had not been informed about this, nor seen the letters, which were promised to be sent to IFF. The Iran NOC has also contacted the Asia Olympic Committee concerning Floorball on the Asian Games.

The process for the Asian Indoor and martial Games has not really moved forward at all, The Iran NOC secretary general Mr. Alipur has spoken with the Turkmenistan NOC and are willing to meet with the IFF, but it is still unclear when this could be arranged.

It was agreed that Mr. Davallo will in March write the West Asia development plan in March.

IFA asked for some sticks for support for their school development. IFF will provide the sticks in March.

6. *Meeting with Philippines Floorball Association (Mr. Ralph Ramos)*

It was agreed that IFF will run a Floorball Development Seminar for Coaching and Refereeing in Manilla in the end of May. The PFA will confirm the date in the coming weeks.

7. *Meeting with Indian Floorball Federation (Mr. Atul Gupta)*

The InFF is also asking for a seminar, but it was agreed that the InFF will propose the dates for the seminar.

It was agreed that IFF will send a set of old school sticks to India to support the national development.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- IFF to write to OCM/Malaysian Sports Minister to ask for the status of Floorball in connection to the 2017 SEA Games.
- IFF to continue the discussions with Mr. Siriwat of the next steps and contacts to the Singapore and Philippines NOC.

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

- IFA is asking for material support to develop the sport (150 sticks and 400 balls)
- Indonesia is asking for material support to develop the sport (100 sticks and 300 balls)
- Agree upon the date for the FDS in Manilla, Philippines
- IFF to send a school set of sticks to India
- Agree upon the date for the Indian seminar.

New ideas, etc...

- IFF to continue discussions with Iran, Malaysia and Thailand for the possibility to receive the TV signal from the WFC.