

Floorball Development Seminar in Gwalior in India. Coaching and refereeing blocks, 9th to 11th September 2016

Participants:

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Report on present issues

1. The seminar took place in the ITM University Campus in the city of Gwalior in India and started on Friday the 9th of September with two blocks, coaching and refereeing. There were 73 participants altogether, 25 in the coaching block and 48 in the refereeing block. The participants were from different parts of India and almost all the states in India were represented.

From the InFF's side Senior Vice-President Mr. Atul Gupta was the host of the seminar. The President of the InFF Doctor Prabha Kumar was not able to be in the seminar due to a sudden illness.

All the participants were very eager to learn and they had been waiting for the seminar. Indian Floorball Federation organized the seminar in co-operation with ITM university, which provided the facilities and accommodation for the InFF free of charge. Some language barriers occurred with some of the participants, but in general the level of English skills were quite good.

Seminar was built based on the IFF development seminar materials and adjusted according to the skills of the participants. Both class room lectures and practical rehearsals were used. The playground was outdoors and therefore the practical trainings were carried out in the mornings and in the evenings due to the heat during the day time. Both Friday and Saturday evening a training match was played, where the coaches were testing their skills and referees their own. There's a lot of potential in Indian Floorball and there seems to be a need for a team sports, which suits everyone.

Feedback from the participants was mainly positive. Some practical issues were mentioned such as the audio system especially in the bigger class room could have been better. More practical issues were also asked for, but this time due to the heat it could have been difficult to organize. On a scale 1-5 the overall score of the seminar was 4,29. Coaching block being 4,26 and refereeing 4,32.

There were also discussions with the InFF and especially that they need to go international and start to play international games and to participate to the IFF events. The Senior Vice-President Mr. Atul Gupta promised that they will register for the upcoming men's WFC2018 and will play in the qualifiers. Mr. Gupta and Mr. Rajamanikam from Singapore also decided that they will investigate the possibility to take an Indian Club team to practice and play in Singapore and educate the Indian coaches during the training camp. They also decided to bring two Indian referee pairs to Singapore with the team, so that the referees would be educated by the Singaporean referee educators. This project will be part of the IFF Each One-Teach One project.

The coaching seminar was conducted by Mr. Saravanan Rajamanikam from Singapore and the referee seminar by Mr. Veli Halonen from the IFF office.

Upcoming meetings and issues

The IFF development functions need to be in touch both with the InFF and Singaporean Floorball Association in order to consult them with their plan to start the EOTO project as partners and as a part of this project to follow up the plans of these two IFF member associations to have joint projects with the Indian and Singaporean club teams to practice together. The project also includes referee exchange and co-operation.

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

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New ideas, etc...