

Report from RACC-organisation (CB-meeting in Madrid 2017-04-09)

1. Rules Group

Rules group held its 2nd meeting on the 11-12.03.2017. Different members of the rules group had done pre work in order to make the meeting more efficient but still we have an ongoing discussion about how to write some things in the rule book to make the more easy to understand.

Rules Group: Martin Sykora, CZE, Niklaus Güpfert, SUI, Pasi Kylmämaa, FIN, Mattias Linell, SWE, Martin Klabere, RACC and Stefan Kratz from the office.

In total there were ~ 150 proposals for rule change and new interpretations sent from 7 countries, ATC and IFF office.

Information regarding new rules that have a bigger importance:

(We have done several minor changes to clarify rules)

- Use of goggles is mandatory for players under 17 years old but recommend the use for players under 19 years old including rules how to handle players that don't use.
- Compression were (now only in regulations)
- Face off – several small changes but in general free hit will be granted directly not only regarding things the players doing the face off does, also what the other players do (standing closer than 3 m, start to run over center line before whistle etc.)
- Pass to goalkeeper – only if the ball, in the referees' opinion, is played intentionally
- When a field player plays the ball with his head – free hit instead of 2 minutes
- Penalty shot – In cases where there is a delayed penalty shot and no other offence is made there will only be a penalty shot, not 2 minutes if the penalty shot is missed and no other penalty is affected if there is a goal (Not: Here we are working on the text due to that many different rules is effected of this change and we still have offences that happens in connection to delayed penalty shot and also if there is 5 minutes penalty)
- Field player raises his stick over an opponent's head and the opponent is hit – today this is always 5 min bench penalty regardless. New rule gives the referees to use all rules (meaning; 2 min or 5 min depending on the situation)

- Match penalty 1 regarding: When a player is guilty of dangerous physical play – we have tried to clarify the rule due to the fact that it is used in a very different way in our member countries.
- Reorganizing - Correctly scored goals and Incorrectly scored goals – today there is mix of correct and incorrect under both chapters

Other

We also has put in a lot of effort how to solve the penalty shot in a way that it isn't always a discussion if the ball went backwards or not. Unfortunately we haven't found a better solution than we have today due to new even more difficult situations that we don't want.

There are a number of proposals regarding the time of the Extra time and number of players on the field, which has not yet been handed in to IFF from several countries. These shall not affect the ordinary rules.

We are also looking into the possibility to have some video examples to clarify the difference between some rules (5 min or M1)

The final proposal of the Rules of the Game edition 2018 will be presented to the CB before the next meeting. In September 2017 the new book will be officially released to the member associations and there is a plan to invite to seminar during WFC in Slovakia in December.

2. Jury

See proposal from RACC in the minutes regarding including Mr. Jens Orhoj from Denmark to the IFF Jury list.

3. RACC

RACC is planning to have its first meeting in Vantaa on the 20-21.05.2017. All members of the new RACC has informed that they will participate in the meeting.