

Floorball Development Seminar in Bagkok Thailand, 30th of June -2nd of July 2017

Participants:

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Report on present issues

1. The Thai Federation requested a seminar for the referees because they need officially certified referees in order to get fully official position in Thailand and in order to achieve this the referees need to be certified and on later stage the referee organization can then certify the referees nationally.

The seminar contained only the referee block education with 25 participants from Thailand, eight from Indonesia and one from Singapore. The seminar was carried out with the normal three-day program starting on Friday at noon and ending on Sunday afternoon.

Most of the Thai participants have background as field hockey referees and that was quite visible in the seminar. The basic knowledge of refereeing already existed and the Indonesians are all involve with Floorball, either as players or referees. The seminar was the level 1 basic education.

The contact person and the organizer of the seminar from the Thailand Hockey Association's side was Ms. Penthai Siriwat and the arrangements worked well. The class room education was carried out in the hotel and the arena was only 10 minutes' walk from the hotel, where the field practice took place.

The AOFC Cup was played at the same time so one significant part of the seminar was also to follow a real game, where the participants could see how the referees work in a real game. Unfortunately, there was not the possibility to practice in a real game with the participants as there is, when also the coaching block seminar is carried out at the same time.

The feedback from the seminar was only positive and the participants were active during the seminar. There was a need for an interpreter and that slows the seminar a bit, but luckily the interpreter also had referee background himself.

Upcoming meetings and issues

There's still vast need for referee educations in AOFC area and the plan for the RC is to be able to secure the level of refereeing in the area, so that all the games played in AOFC area could be refereed by local referees. The IFF RC also needs to nominate the Asian referee to IFF events in Europe to gain even more experience of fast games. The level of sports has increased in AOFC area and the teams are getting more and more demanding also towards the level of the referees.

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

The IFF development functions need to deepen the plans together with the AOFC educators of the referee path to first become national and then in later stage international referees.

New ideas, etc...