

Venue Inspection and Contract Negotiation, Halifax, Canada, 07. – 09.03.2018

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Report on present issues

1. *Venue Inspection Dartmouth Sportplex and Dalhousie University sports venue*

The LOC is planning to play the U19 WFC 2019 in two different venues, the main venue will be the Ice hockey arena Dartmouth Sportsplex, which is presently under reconstruction for the 2nd arena, which unfortunately will be too small for floorball. The Sportplex is well suited as the U19 main arena, with some 3.000 spectator seats and good media, VIP and catering rooms. The only issue with the venue is the that there are only one real referee dressing room. But there are some opportunities to solve the issue.

The real advantage with the Sportplex is that it is less than 50 meters from the IFF hotel the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, where the IFF personnel will be accommodated.

The LOC has now planned to use the Dalhousie University sports venue Dalplex as the second arena and training venue, which is situated on the peninsula of Halifax. This is located on the University campus, where the LOC is also offering the teams a very inexpensive accommodation at the University. Accommodation is very modern and clean. All rooms for the teams will be single rooms (there are some twins available but only enough for 2 or 3 teams). Each room has a bed, cupboard, desk and small sink/wash basin in it. On each floor there are communal bathrooms, lounge area, small kitchen, laundry. If possible, they will house one team per floor, but this will depend on how many teams take the campus option.

Teams who stay at the university campus will have access to:

- all meals at the university cafeteria (including boxed meals if they can't make the meal time schedules)
- access to gym and swimming pool
- dedicated team meeting room (classroom)

The second venue Dalplex is old but acceptable. They will be doing some renovations to it during this spring, like laying a completely new wooden floor and moving a lot of the current activities out of there (such as a fitness centre and aerobics floor) to a new complex next door. The venue is a large bubble / dome building.

The free height is about 10m – a little bit less towards the edges where it curves downwards. The Competition rink and practice rink will be located here. They will be separated by curtains / netting and a large space between the two areas. The court can basically be positioned anywhere they like and then the spectator stands will be placed around it. LOC are going to get full venue plans with measurements and room layout sent to us

The dressing rooms are going to be the biggest logistical problem. There are not really 4 clear locker room spaces, as we would expect. There are three large changerooms (like those at swimming pools) which have two or three small locker rooms off from each of them. How they manage this for matches will be something they will need to come to us with a plan about. Because of this, I doubt that teams will be able to have access to a locker room for practice when there are competition matches at the same time, as there just won't be space. There are rooms for referees and doping control.

The lighting is not great, but they do streaming of their varsity basketball and volleyball matches from there so it is sufficient. Need to send to them our lighting requirements chart that we have and they will see what they can do. It's possible that the lighting could be upgraded a little during their renovations this spring

Report on present issues (cont.)

2. *Organisation of the Event.*

The three persons behind Premier Floorball Mr. Anthony Mac Neil (president), Mr. David Tonen (marketing and visibility) and Mr. Darin Roche (sponsorship manager), who have then gathered other persons to the LOC. The preparations are running well and the LOC will finalise the negotiations after the approval of IFF for the selected venues.

The LOC has good contacts in the City and have negotiated with the hotels, that are all situated in the centre of the City. There is a preliminary booking made for all the hotels and the LOC has been able to secure the bookings until the 1st of January 2019, after which the conditions are not valid, if the participating nations will not book their accommodation.

Ms. Mitchell had a meeting with Ms. Shelly Tonen, who is responsible for the organisation of the matches in the tournament and Mr. Chris Bewsher who is responsible for the transportations and the campus logistics.

3. *U19 WFC 2019 Agreement*

The negotiations for the Organisers agreement were finalised after some discussions. and the issues that will require special attention from the IFF are:

- The Accommodation booking system, as the booking is only until 1st of January 2019
- The Internet-TV production and possible TV production
- Travel of Teams to Halifax, as there are limited flights.
- Food system for IFF personnel

The LOC will just approve the contract in their next meeting after which it will be signed.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- The LOC to approve the organiser agreement in their next meeting

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

- Discuss how the LOC will use Eventello in the preparations
- Discuss how to build the match schedule after the qualifications
- LOC to send out the Accommodation letter directly after the qualifications

New ideas, etc...

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