

FLOORBALL AND CONFEDERATIONS

THE FUTURE

DISCUSSION PAPER

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Currently there is one formalised Confederation being the AOFC
- 1.2 The IFF through the WFCQ process effectively has another Confederation in the Americas and it is likely that in the future there will be one also from Africa.
- 1.3 The AOFC is currently carrying out the following roles
 - Assisting IFF with
 - Development work in the region
 - Political work in relation to multi sports games in the region
 - Political work for new members
 - Taking decisions and making recommendations to the IFF on a number of areas including
 - Tournament hosts
 - Membership of AOFC personnel to IFF committees/functions
- 1.4 AOFC has established an office at the offices of Thailand Hockey, it currently has no employed personnel but has been reviewing the option with IFF to employ a Development Officer

2.0 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 A major issue that we need to consider is how to ensure as we grow as a sport and we are seeking more opportunities to participate in multi-sport games is **“How we manage and maximise the co-ordination of lobbying at the International level”**. If we do not have a well structured approach we run the high risk of various bodies promoting their own interests over the IFF interests and conflicts occurring or different messages being delivered.
- 2.2 As the number of countries grows and the need or otherwise for Confederations grows the IFF needs to assess the structure of having Confederations and if the decision is made to maintain the Confederation structure what role will the Confederation play
 - Question 1 what role do we want Confederations to play
 - Question 2 do we want to have Confederations

2.3 Question 1

- Role of Confederation. The role of the Confederation will need to address which of the following they are responsible for and which IFF will continue to manage
 - Nominating WFCQ tournament hosts to IFF
 - Coordinating Tournament calendar in the region

- Supporting development works in the region with a Development Officer
- Carrying out Political lobbying works in the region for
 - o Regional multi sports games
 - o New member countries
 - o Confederation IOC members and bodies lobbying
- Carrying out works to identify and develop new member countries

2.4 Question 2

- Benefits of having Confederations
 - Allows for WFCQ to be done on a Confederation basis which allows more countries particularly developing countries to participate in International events. Many would not apply to go to WFC but by participating at WFCQ within a Confederation more developing countries are participating
 - Shows a local Political body for regional multi sports games and allows more direct contact with regional bodies such as SEA Games. Asian Games etc
 - Spreads the capacity for smaller and developing countries to be involved in decision making in their region and participate in the development in their region
 - Creates better contact and support structures in the region as they are developing closer ties to each other
- Disadvantages of having Confederations
 - Creates an additional potential political body to deal with
 - Extra funding required for the Confederation to carry out on the ground works or engage employees. Can those funds be better used in each NA or by IFF on other priority projects
 - Confederation may work at odds with IFF if they are not on the same page or have different agendas. This is particularly so with tournaments in conflict at regional V international calendar
 - It can take scarce resources from NA's and still requires a champion to drive the Confederation

3.0 OPTIONS/CONCEPTS

3.1 It is proposed that this discussion regarding Confederations becomes a CB Working Session topic for further discussion and for the CB to develop a preferred position on the issue. Some of the considerations the session can address include

- Does the Confederation become a body of the IFF?
 - What role and powers
- Does the Confederation become a member of the IFF?
 - Separate membership class
 - Voting rights
 - Membership of IFF bodies
- What representation does the Confederation have in the IFF?
 - Membership of IFF bodies

- New representative body to coordinate Confederations and give them a voice
- How are the Confederation boundaries established, ie around qualifications, as per Football or other?

3.2 The session should also address the 2 questions