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Sports Programme - Criteria

	"Competition"	"Showcase"
• Urban history or urban development plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• No unreasonable interruption of city traffic & operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Action / physical component predominant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Contained competition cost, FOP size, no of athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Competition maturity and credibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Global Presence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• No thermic motor, mind or combat sports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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DISCIPLINE
<p><i>Please name and describe the discipline and events you would propose for the World Urban Games?</i></p> <p>We would propose to include Urban Floorball to the World Urban Games as an official competition sport. The 1st Urban Floorball World Championships is planned to be held during 2018, most probably in connection to the IFF's Men's World Floorball Championships in Prague in December. We believe Urban Floorball could also work well as a showcase event.</p> <p>It is a very fast outdoor version of floorball, played regularly in 30-40 countries on either asphalt or another flat outdoor surface, such as a sport court.</p> <p>It is played in a floorball rink which can vary from between 20-24 x 10-12 m, generally with a format of 3 vs 3 plus goalkeepers. The team can consist of up to 8 players and the tournament format is flexible based on the number of teams and the available number of rinks. A game is 2 x 12 minutes.</p> <p>We want to propose the Urban Floorball 3 vs. 3 with goalkeeper as the Competition format and if not accepted we would like to propose it for the Showcase together with the mini-game module for SPorts initiation for the audience, on a Come and Play approach!</p>

URBAN HISTORY or URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN
<p><i>Please describe in detail the urban history of the discipline you are putting forward or provide details of your federation's urban development plan (date of approval by board, scope, timelines, etc) that is currently being implemented with regard to the proposed discipline.</i></p> <p>The urban history of floorball is an essential part of the development and spreading of floorball. In it's pure format, Floorball is an indoor sport, however, it has also always been played outdoors, especially in a large number of our smaller member countries and those developing Floorball countries that are on their way towards joining the IFF. It is in the DNA of our sport. There are several versions of Urban floorball, played both with and without goalies.</p> <p>Urban floorball has been a way of introducing the sport to schools, universities and the workplace. In Finland and Sweden, the national associations run urban floorball for the army recruits in the garrisons with a national final tournament for the regional winners. In the Czech Republic a national series has been built around the promotion of the WFC 2018 in Prague, with the finals to be held during the WFC final weekend. In Switzerland, the majority of their lower league and junior competitions are built on a 3v3 playing format, just like Urban Floorball.</p> <p>IFF has built an Urban Floorball concept, which was approved by the IFF CB in 2015 and a number of our member associations have already played these Urban or Street Floorball tournaments in the off-seasons (usually summer) for over 20 years. As well as the competition model, we have created a game format for Urban Floorball that is used for recreational sports, where no pre-formed teams are needed. Mini-games of 3-4 mins are played and teams change after each game. There is also a mobile app (Pointsmaster) to support this game format. If Urban Floorball is not included to the World Urban Games, IFF would like the opportunity to present this activation format that, with the access of the mobile app, can allow Urban Floorball to easily be played by anyone, anywhere around the world.</p> <p>The Urban development plan will be a part of the Plan of Action for the IFF General Assembly in December 2018, where we will introduce a Urban 3 vs 3 Regional Competition in Africa, South America and the Caribbean for the season 2019-2020. Also the possibility of starting playing the IFF Urban Floorball Championships in connection to the World's Largest Floorball tournament, the Czech Open is being discussed presently with the Czech Federation and the tournament organiser, securing the biggest floorball stars to participate.</p>

NO UNREASONABLE INTERRUPTION OF CITY TRAFFIC & OPERATIONS
<p><i>Please confirm that the proposed discipline and competition format will not unreasonably interrupt city traffic and operations.</i></p> <p>We can confirm that the proposed format of the Urban Floorball competition format will not unreasonably interrupt any city traffic or other operations, if we are placed on a large flat space like a square or parking place.</p>

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ACTION / PHYSICAL COMPONENT PREDOMINANT	
<p><i>Please provide describe the physical and action component of the proposed discipline. Please provide links to relevant videos.</i></p> <p>The 3vs3 Urban Floorball is a very fast and dynamic game format of Floorball, where the game alternates from goal to goal in seconds as there is no off-side in the game. Urban Floorball is predominantly a goal-scoring game and there are a lot of really beautiful goals scored. It requires the players to be constantly on the move, either following their opponents, challenging for the ball in close physical contests, or using stick-handling skills and body movements to beat their opponents to create goal-scoring situations.</p> <p>Some videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTAFB8MM48c (IFF Urban Floorball Video) https://youtu.be/LWJgadWIOh0?t=8m45s (Latvian Urban Floorball game) https://youtu.be/EwC3nyk_YZc (Urban Floorball Finals, Helsinki August 2017, Legends game and mini-games)</p>	

CONTAINED COMPETITION COST, FOP SIZE, NO. OF ATHLETES	
<p><i>What kind of Field of Play and other competition related areas are required? Please specify dimensions, floor material and other key considerations, including potential sharing opportunities.</i></p> <p>A flat, hard surface is required. Playing on asphalt/concrete is possible, but using a sports flooring is preferred. Both a synthetic floor (Gerflor) or an outdoor floor (SportCourt) can be used. Depending on the size of the tournament, we would use two or three rinks of 24x12 m, which requires a maximum free space of 90 x 40 m on a 'town square' or a large parking lot.</p> <p>REQUIRED SPORT MATERIALS: 2-3 rinks; 6 - 8 goal cages (includes spares); 300 balls. IFF can provide these materials for the tournament or sports demonstration. Competition players provide their own sticks and sportswear. IFF will provide sticks and instructors for the demonstrations and public games.</p> <p>A tournament with 8 + 8 teams can easily be played during one day, as each game can be played within 30 minutes, with two 2x12 minutes periods. There would be a total of 18 matches per category.</p>	
<p><i>How many athletes / teams (indicate Men & Women) would participate in each event?</i></p> <p>Urban Floorball is normally played in three categories - Men, Women and Mixed. We would like to propose to have 6 men's & 6 women's teams in the tournament. These teams could then also play a mixed series, if possible. Each team would consist of 9 people - seven players and two team officials = a total of 42 male athletes, 42 female athletes & 24 team officials. In the mix series each country could then nominate four female and four male players to the team. If the number of athletes is an issue, as an alternative we can play with only one category of 6 teams = 42 athletes and 12 team officials</p>	
<p><i>What would be an average cost for the construction / rental of the FOP / course for the discipline/events?</i></p> <p>If using the IFF floorings, rinks and other materials (provided free of charge by the IFF) , the only cost would then be for the transportation of the material to the host city, which would be around 4,000 - 8,000 EUR depending on the location. Laying the floor for three fields takes approx. 4 hours, and the average cost for construction/removal including some spectator stand (if even needed) is around 8.000 - 10.000 EUR. If the flooring & other materials need to be rented, then this price would be dependent on the local market price.</p> <p>Competition equipment also includes chairs, tables, match clocks, removable scoreboards and a PA system. The cost for this is approx. 5,000 EUR, so in total, the cost for the whole set-up is around 25,000 EUR.</p>	
<p><i>Please specify the number of Technical Officials and IF representatives (eg referees, judges, etc) that are required to conduct the competitions.</i></p> <p>To run the proposed event you will need a total of 11 persons (two technical officials, five referees, one jury and one IFF media persons). In addition some 5-10 volunteers are needed to help with the running of the tournament per rink and day.</p> <p>IFF has a strong tradition of providing livestreams of all IFF events and would like to do the same for this event. This can be discussed separately with the LOC as to whether IFF would be responsible for this or if it is handled by the Host City.</p>	
<p><i>Please list and describe any specific sport equipment needed for the Field of Play or the Athletes?</i></p> <p>A flat, hard surface is required. Playing on asphalt/concrete is possible, but using a sports flooring is preferred. Both a synthetic floor (Gerflor) or an outdoor floor (SportCourt) can be used. Depending on the size of the tournament, we would use two or three rinks of 24x12 m, which requires a maximum free space of 90 x 40 m on a 'town square' or a large parking lot.</p> <p>REQUIRED SPORT MATERIALS: 2-3 rinks; 6 - 8 goal cages (includes spares); 300 balls. IFF can provide these materials for the tournament or sports demonstration. Competition players provide their own sticks and sportswear. IFF will provide sticks and instructors for the demonstrations and public games.</p>	
COMPETITION MATURITY AND CREDIBILITY	
<p><i>Please list the international events (World Championships, World Cups, etc) for the proposed discipline/events for both senior Men & Women.</i></p> <p>IFF has not yet organised any international championships in 3 vs 3 Urban Floorball, but there has been Friendly International Games played and in some of the countries they have been playing national Street Floorball series for over 20 years, with regional tournaments and a National Final Tournament. In floorball, 3 vs 3 is the most commonly used training form for all elite and national teams, so it is a very familiar playing format at all levels. Now that the full version of Floorball is well-established at international level, our focus has shifted to developing and formally introducing other modified formats to the world stage. The original idea was to launch the IFF Urban 3vs3 Floorball Championships in the SportAccord Urban Games with the previous set-up. When it disappeared, the project was put on hold. For us this format with smaller teams and smaller field space and played outdoors is the basic format for regional competitions, which will be run in Africa and Asia.</p>	
<p><i>Please indicate (for both Men & Women) the number of editions already hosted as well as the number of athletes by nationality for the last two years represented in these events.</i></p> <p>There are no international championships organised. The national events have gathered thousands of players and in Switzerland it is used as an official playing format in junior and lower level adult leagues.</p>	

GLOBAL PRESENCE

What is the latest number of member National Federations per continent of the IF?

IFF has presently 68 member federations: Africa 7, Asia 13, Americas 7, Europe 39 and Oceania 2

NO THERMIC MOTOR, MIND OR COMBAT GAMES

Please confirm that the proposed discipline does not require a thermic motor nor is a mind or combat discipline?

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