

Future of Floorball report IFF CB 02.09.2018

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1) Participants

a. Participating in Associations meeting 2017

Associations meeting - Ordinary Members participating

Australian Floorball Association
Austrian Floorball Association
Czech Floorball
Danish Floorball Federation
Estonian Floorball Union
Finnish Floorball Federation
French Floorball Federation
German Floorball Association
Hungarian Floorball Federation
Italian Unihockey and Floorball Association
Indian Floorball Federation
Israeli Floorball Association
Japan Floorball Association
Latvian Floorball Union
Netherlands Floorball and Unihockey Association
Floorball New Zealand
Norwegian Bandy Federation/Floorball section
Polish Floorball Federation
Russian Floorball Federation
Serbian Floorball Association
Singapore Floorball Association
Slovak Floorball Association
Slovenian Floorball Association
Spanish Unihockey and Floorball Association
Swedish Floorball Federation
Swiss Floorball Association
Thailand Hockey Association
Ukraine Floorball Federation
United Kingdom Floorball Federation
United States Floorball Association

Associations meeting - Provisional members participating

Armenian Floorball Federation
Cote d'Ivoire Floorball Federation
Lithuanian Floorball Federation
Floorball Turkey
The Floorball Venezuelan Federation

Total of 35 Countries

b. Answering template Future of Floorball

Answering on template Future of Floorball - Ordinary Members

Australian Floorball Association
Austrian Floorball Association
Belgian Floorball Federation
Brazilian Floorball Association
Floorball Canada
Czech Floorball
Danish Floorball Federation
Estonian Floorball Union
Finnish Floorball Federation
French Floorball Federation
German Floorball Association
Hungarian Floorball Federation
Italian Unihockey and Floorball Association
Icelandic Floorball Committee/NOC Iceland
Indonesian Floorball Association
Israeli Floorball Association
Japan Floorball Association
Latvian Floorball Union
Liechtenstein Floorball Association
Norwegian Bandy Federation/Floorball section
Pakistan Floorball Federation
Philippine Floorball Association
Serbian Floorball Association
Singapore Floorball Association
Slovak Floorball Association
Spanish Unihockey and Floorball Association

Answering on template Future of Floorball - Ordinary Members continue

Swedish Floorball Federation
Swiss Floorball Association
Ukraine Floorball Federation
United Kingdom Floorball Federation
United States Floorball Association

Answering on templatelater Future of Floorball - Provisional members

Cameroon Floorball Association

Cote d'Ivoire Floorball Federation
Floorball Turkey

New countries compared to the associations meeting

Total of 34 Countries

Total of countries that were a part of either Associations meeting or answering the template Future of Floorball is 43 countries. This means that 38 of 44 ordinary members is a part of the total material that RACC based the proposals on.

2) Summary of answers

Below there will be some small comments on some of the questions

1. Changing the number of people (player/leaders) on the bench during match in the upcoming years.

With 18 persons on the bench how would you use them?

The two big proposals are 16+2 and 15+3 and RACC came to the conclusion that 3 leaders is necessary to have

When should the new system with less number of people start?

There were equal results for 2019, 2020 and 2021. RACC have made the proposal to 2021 due to question 3 below and also because we need to have some preparation time before we change

For which events should this apply for?

More than 50% answered all IFF events

When change is done on IFF level will you change your national leagues also?

19 nations answered that they will do changes in the national leagues

What is the lowest number of people on the bench that you can imagine and how would you use them?

This question was more for seeing how they would think if they would have totally free choice and we have a difference from 10 + 1 to 20 + 4.

2. Changing the regular playing time to be shorter as a consequence of the above in a near time distance.

What is your view on how we should play?

26 nations want 3 x 15 minutes and from them 16 wants 10 minutes break

When should the new system with shorter game time start?

There were equal results for 2019, 2020 and 2021. RACC have made the proposal to 2021 due to question 3 below and also because we need to have some preparation time before we change

For which events should this apply for?

More than 50% answered all IFF events

When change is done on IFF level will you change your national leagues also?

21 nations answered that they will do changes in the national leagues

3. Changing our format to more teams participating in the adult WFC in the upcoming years (earliest WFCQ 2021 – qualification and final tournament should be played with the same format regarding item 1 and 2 above).

Number of teams participating in the WFC?

18 countries wanted to 20 teams and 10 countries wanted 24 teams. Only 2 teams wanted to continue with 16 teams. So there is a clear wish for more teams participating in the Adult WFC. RACC chooses 20 teams due to that we don't have organisers that can handle more teams at the moment.

When should the new system with more teams participating in the adult WFC start?

16 countries wanted the tournament to have a new system 2021 and 6 at 2022.

4. Changing our competition calendar to be more flexible to the new demands

Is the 2 new international weekends in June and July acceptable for your national federation?

29 countries answered Yes

5. Changing the time for playing WFC for U19

See Question 5 under item 3

6. WFC final round 2022 to be played somewhere during the period of 28.10.22 – 13.11.22 (9 days within the period)

32 countries answered Yes

3) Proposal

Question 1

RACC proposes following:

That the ordinary number of players should be 15 and that the number of leaders should be 3 which gives the total number of persons on the bench to 18.

Change should be implemented from 2021 and be valid for all IFF and multisport events.

Question 2

RACC proposes following:

Ordinary playing time should be 3 x 15 minutes with an intermission of 10 minutes.

Change should be implemented from 2021 and be valid for all IFF and multisport events

Question 3

RACC proposes following:

20 teams participating in the adult WFC from 2021

Question 4

RACC proposes to put in the 2 new international weekends during June/July.

Question 5

Due to that the answers are very inconsistency with no new month/week that has a clear acceptance RACC proposes a new form of questionnaire were member federations fill in result for every week from May to September. RACC also proposes to ask the same question for a possible U18 instead of U19. The reason for this is that many countries, orally or in their comments in the template, are bringing up the problems with final exams that could be avoided if we lower the age to U19.

Question 6

RACC proposes that the WFC 2022 is played in the period between 28.10.22 – 13.11.22.

Future of Floorball

Ordinary Members	Question 1							Question 2					Question 3		Note
	Tot 18 Player	Leaders	Year	Events	National League	Players lowest	Leaders lowest	Plaing time	Interm	Year change	Events	National League	Number of teams	Year	
Australian Floorball Association	17	2-3	As soon as practical	All IFF	Yes	15	2	3 x 15 or 3 x 17	5 or 7	As soon as practical	All IFF	Yes	20	As soon as practical	
Austrian Floorball Association	16	2	Note	Note	No	20	2	3 x 20	10	Note	Note	No	24	2021	We dont want to reduce 22 + 2-3. If reduction is nessesary for being a part of multi-sportevents we will accept everything
Belgian Floorball Federation	16	2	2018	All IFF	Yes	16	3	3 x 20	5	2018	All IFF	Yes	24	2021	WFC 2018
Brazilian Floorball Association	18	2	2020	All ABF	Yes		2	3 x 12	4	2019	All IFF & ABF	Yes (2020)	24	2021	
Floorball Canada	16	2	2021	U19 WFC	No	14	2	3 x 20	10	2021	U19 WFC	No	20	2020	Leauges follow a different format
Czech Floorball	14	4	2022	All IFF	Yes (national)	14	3	3 x 15	10	2022	All IFF & national leagues	Yes	20	2022	We wrote the year 2022 because we suppose that it's necessary to connect the change with the new edition of rules of the game. We suppose the standard 4 years period but in case there is effort to prepare the new edition earlier the change can also be earlier (for example 2020 or 2021) but for that we expect big support from the whole floorball (federations) to do all necessary step which are connected with that change asap. 14 + 3 – we feel that is extreme number.
Danish Floorball Federation	Note	Note	Never	Youth events	No	18	5-6	3 x 20	10	Never	Junior under 15	No	16	2022	We are right now working on a program, all the teams in the league will use 18 players so we can get more young players in the league. That's how we educate and give young players the chance to play in higher level, And for us the cost will be higher with IFFs proposal. Never, because its only tested in one tournament at the moment, most do much more testing. No, we like the games 3x20 with 10 min breaks, it's a lot of money in 10 min. break people can buy beer, hotdogs and so on
Estonian Floorball Union	15	3	2019	All IFF	Yes (adult)	15	2	3 x 15	10	2019	All IFF	Yes	20	2022	Yes, we are also willing to try this change in our adult leagues since it's relatedness to number of players on the bench. For youth we already have shorter matches in different age levels

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Finnish Floorball Federation	15	3	2018	Multisport events TWG/OG	No	15	3	3 x 15	10	2018	Multisport events TWG/OG	No	WFC divided at least into two groups A and B in the same tournament: 8-10 teams in group A and 10-12 teams in group B.	2021	Some of the topics in the questionnaire have such a significant impact on the future of floorball that we think the floorball community should have more time for common discussion and valuation on the international and national level. The effects of the possible changes should also be thought carefully on the international and national level. The Olympic games will become open for floorball earliest 2032. Therefore the CB of SSBL does not see it necessary to decide on any changes in playing time and number of players and officials at this short notice.
French Floorball Federation	16	2	2020	All IFF	Yes	15	1	3 x 15	10	2020	All IFF	Yes	24	2021	Adults and U16. U13 and below have adapted game time
German Floorball Association	15	3	2021	All IFF	Yes	14	3	3 x 15	10	2020	All IFF	Yes	24 (woman 20)		At least when most of the countries are doing their change in the national leagues
Hungarian Floorball Federation	15	3	2020	All IFF	Yes	15	3	3 x 15	10	2020	All IFF	Yes	16	2024	4 x 12. Raise the cap only if there will be enough strong contenders because with raising the cap you have to maintain the average quality of the WFC matches.
Icelandic Floorball Committee/NOC Iceland	13	3	2019	WFC (Maybe WFCQ)	Yes	10	1	3 x 15	5-10	2019	All IFF	Yes	20	2019	

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Indonesian Floorball Association	16	2	2019	TWG, AOFC	Yes	12	1	3 x 15	10	2019	All IFF/AOFC	Yes	24	2019	
Israeli Floorball Association	15-16	2-3	2021 or 2022	All IFF	Yes	12	1	3 x 15	10	2021 or 2022	All IFF	Yes	20	2022	Enough time to adjust the system smothely
Italian Unihockey and Floorball Association	17	1	2020	All IFF	Yes (national)	14	1	3 x 15	5-10	2020	All IFF	Yes (national)	20-24	2021	3 x 14
Japan Floorball Association	16	2	2024	All adult IFF	Yes	16	2	3 x 15	10	2024	All adult IFF	Yes (adult)	24	2024	
Latvian Floorball Union	15	2	2021	WFCQ W 2021	Yes	15	2	3 x 15	10	2021	WFCQ W 2021	Yes	20	2021	
Liechtenstein Floorball Association	16	2	2019	All IFF	Note	13	2	3 x 15	8	2019	All IFF	Note	20	2021	We are participating in Swiss League
Norwegian Bandy Federation/Floorball section	15	3	2024	U19 WFC	Note	17	5	3 x 15	10	2024	All IFF	Comment	20	2024	Not decided on top levels. Not for youth were already now have a different system with number of players in lower ages
Pakistan Floorball Federation								3 x 15	5	2018	All IFF	Yes	20	2018	
Philippine Floorball Association	16	2	2021	All IFF	Yes	12	1	3 x 15	10	2021	All IFF	Yes	20	2021	
Singapore Floorball Association	15-17	2	2020	Adult IFF	No	13	1	3 x 15	10	2020	Adult IFF	No	20	2022	No to most extent as even our highest league, our players are not professional. Teams typically register 25 to buffer players who cannot commit for games, due to their prior commitment
Slovak Floorball Association	15	3	2021	All IFF	Yes	15	3	3 x 15	10	2021	All IFF	Yes	24	2021	
Serbian Floorball Association	15	3	2020	All IFF	Note	15	3	3 x 20	10				20	2021	We do not have a team with more than 15 players, so for us there would be no real change. We would change to what IFF decides to be regular. Without stoping the time, only last 3 minutes. We believe that division system is/was better. If 20 countries participate and the groups are created according to ranking, we would just have A&B Divisions again, without C Div. WFC.
Spanish Unihockey and Floorball Association	16	4	2019	All IFF	Yes	12	3	3 x 15	10	2019	All IFF	Yes	20	2021	

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Swedish Floorball Federation	15-16	2-3		Multisport events IFF	2022/2023	15	2	3 x 15	10-15	Multisport events IFF	2022/2023	20	20	2021	Earliest 2022/2023 in relationship with new rule book. 20 teams if number of people is lower. SFF believes that the number of people does not necessarily have to be the same in all competitions / championships. It could vary based on the extent and needs. We also prefer that it needs to be tested and evaluated at more international competitions, such as EFT, before a definite decision.
Swiss Floorball Association	20	5	Not yet	All IFF	Note	20	4	3 x 20	12	Not before we have serious prospects for being included in the Olympic Program	All IFF	We cannot answer this question at this stage. For sure, we try to have similar systems in all our leagues.	20	2022	Reducing number of players and staff members does not develop our Sport in a positive way. In the past years, we have been trying to bring our sport on a professional level, which also means that staffs have to work more and more professional. How can we present our Sport in a professional way with two staff members on the bench...? we do not support reduction of number of players and staff. We do not see many advantages for our Sport, as long as floorball is far away from being included in the Olympic program. We cannot answer this question at this stage. For sure, we try to have similar systems in all our leagues. Reducing game time does make sense in connection with World Games and applying for inclusion in the Olympic program. However, we clearly think that our current mode of playing is the most attractive possible for all players, spectators and sponsors. We support the idea of having more teams at the WFC, but only considering our answers under items 1 and 2. If more teams cause more games, we reinforce our arguments on having sufficient team- and staffsizes.

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Ukraine Floorball Federation	15	3	Not yet	OG & WG	Maybe	13	2	3 x 15	5	2021	OG & WG	Yes	24	2024	
United Kingdom Floorball Federation	16	2	2019	Youth events	Note	17	1	3 x 15	5	2019	All IFF events if squad size is reduced	Yes	20	2021	It could cause issues having such a low number for adult teams; with say 2 or 3 staff members, 2 goalkeepers this would leave only space for 13 field players which could be a struggle for international games. Unlikely to affect UK – teams tend to be small.
United States Floorball Association	16	2	2021	TWG 2021	Yes	12	2	3 x 15	5	2021	TWG 2021	Yes	24	2022	

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Provisional members															
Cameroon Floorball Association	16	2	2021	All IFF exc CC/EC	Yes (Adults)	12	1	3 x 15	7	2020	First CC/EC then Adults IFF	Yes	20	2021	
Floorball Turkey	15	3	2019	All IFF	Yes	13	2	3 x 15	10	2019	All IFF	Yes	24	2021	
Cote d'Ivoire Floorball Federation															

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 - What is your view on how we should play?
 - Regular playing time
 - Intermission time
 - When should the new system with shorter game time start?
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 - When change is done on IFF level will you change your national leagues also?
- Changing our format to more teams participating in the adult WFC in the upcoming years (earliest WFCQ 2021 – qualification and final tournament should be played with the same format regarding item 1 and 2 above).
 - Number of teams participating in the WFC
 - When should the new system with more teams participating in the adult WFC start?

Future of Floorball

Ordinary Members	Question 4	Question 5			Question 6	Note	
	Int weekends	week	4th/1st June/July	Other week	Year		Proposed term
Australian Floorball Association	Yes	April W1-4	No		2021	Yes	Would like to see WFC for men and women in January
Austrian Floorball Association	Yes	June W1	Yes		2021	Yes	Qualifying not in August, better in the beginning of August. Beginning of May is the worst date for juniors for Austria
Belgian Floorball Federation	Yes		July W1 (June not possible)		2021	Yes	
Brazilian Floorball Association	Yes	Anytime	Yes		2021	Yes	
Floorball Canada	Yes	May W1-4	NO		2021	Yes	
Czech Floorball	Yes (but not July W1 or 2)	July W3 or 4	No		2022	Yes (preferred 5.-13.11.2022)	
Danish Floorball Federation	Yes	April W4	No		Never	Yes	No because then we have to change our top leagues, to start later and that's not good for our A national team
Estonian Floorball Union	Yes	Note	No		Note	Yes	For us to participate in tournament on 4th/1st week of June/July seems slightly impossible. Youth have their summer holiday, which makes the preparation really difficult. Also the season lengthens for almost two months.

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Finnish Floorball Federation	Yes (note)	May W1, June W3-4	June W4		2021	Yes	We don't have the need for more international weekends during June, July and August but we are not against these international weekends if some countries need them.
French Floorball Federation	Yes	May W1 Q in August W4	July W1		2021	Yes	There are usually very little floorball activity in summertime in France. We are not against the creation of these 2 new weekends but it is unlikely we will use them in a short term (mainly due to financial constraints). First week of May for (U19 WFC) (June is dedicated to high school diploma) Last week of August for qualifying tournament (university starts early September)
German Floorball Association	Yes	October - February	No		2021	Yes	Yes they are. They are not relevant for our federation. If we need time in summer for training camps of the nationalteams it doesn't matter if it's an IFF weekend or not. But we have definitely problems with the IFF weekend in April (4th week). At least change it to last week of April (if the U19WFC stays at 1st week of May) – please no gap between these two weekends. But it would be really good and give the federations much more possibilities if this weekend would be cancelled or postponed. There are so many dates that it should be possible to extend the season and with IFF Weekend in the end of April and the U19WFC in the beginning of May this is not possible in a useful way. Beginning of May is a bad date for us. End of May (earliest 3rd week) would be a possibility if the calendar shouldn't be changed too much. But we would prefer a date in the period October- February. Our suggestion is February (maybe one weekend after the WFCQ) or November. If it would be November, maybe the qualifications should be played end of May. In our opinion it is better to play 2022 and not 2023. Problem: a few weeks before the football WC the preliminary reports of that event receive great attention and most of the TV time. For this it shouldn't be too close to this event. So the date is ok, but we would prefer to have it one or two weeks more early.
Hungarian Floorball Federation	Yes	April W1	NO		2020	Yes	This has been a problem for us for forever because the players have their high school final exams at the first days of may. Our suggestion is, to participate with players who are still actively playing the national championships, would be April 1st week. Would not suggest it because all of the national championships are over for one or two months by that time and to play high quality games the NT members need to be 'in the game'
Icelandic Floorball Committee/NOC Iceland	No (note)	March W1-4 Q in October W1-4	Maybe June W4. Not July W1		Dont know	Yes	We prefer that our players use the summer for 'recharging batteries' and perhaps for attending some fun/morale building summer tournaments

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Indonesian Floorball Association	Yes	June W1-4	June W4		2021	Yes	
Israeli Floorball Association	Yes	July W1	July W1		2020 Q-tournamnet and 2021 for final tournament	Yes	Final and qualifiing week at the same time July W1
Italian Unihockey and Floorball Association	Yes	March to May	Yes (July W1)		2022	Yes	WFCQ Sep W1 = problem - prefere W2
Japan Floorball Association	No	August W1	No		2021	Yes	No, Because Japan is in the league season
Latvian Floorball Union	Yes	April W4/May W1	No			Yes	Regarding point 6 - if we change the date of WFC, then maybe it's worth to think and speak about more further future - if we will become as summer Olympic game participants and it will happen every 2 even year, for example - there is Olympic games in August and WFC in December, these events will be really close to each other
Liechtenstein Floorball Association	Yes	May W1	Yes		2021	Yes	Prefere June W4
Norwegian Bandy Federation/Floorball section	Yes	May W1	Yes		2021	Yes	Yes it works for us but we prefer to play the World Championship in January 2023.
Pakistan Floorball Federation	Yes	June W1-4/July W1-4	Yes		2020	Yes	
Philippine Floorball Association	Yes	June w4	Yes		2021	Jan 2023	
Singapore Floorball Association	Yes	June W2 or 3	No	June W1	2021	Yes	
Slovak Floorball Association	Yes	June W3 or 4	Yes (June W4))		2021	Yes	
Serbian Floorball Association	Yes					Yes	Acceptable yes, but... We would probably never use it because in June and July we have dead season with players on vacations. If there are bigger associations that would be able to use these weekends, then why not.
Spanish Unihockey and Floorball Association	Yes	July W1	July W2		2021	Yes	Yes, but probably problematic in June depending on the University exam dates.

Ordinary Members	Question 4	Question 5			Question 6	Note	
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Swedish Floorball Federation	No (note)	Juni W4/July W1	Yes		2021	Yes	No, if not the 4th weekend in April will be cancelled. Preferable Friday 28.10.22-6.11.22 and Int weekend (WFC camp) 17.10.22-23.10.22
Swiss Floorball Association	No (note)	May W1	No		No change	Yes	No. Maximum 1 international weekend in Summer and only if April int. weekend is cancelled. Summer is a difficult time to have national team camps due to holiday season and due to exam periods at many Swiss Universities. WUFC (students WFC) shows that many players cannot join the team due to exams. First weekend in May - There is no better moment to play this WFC. Playing later in summer will reduce game quality (long break between season and WFC). And again, summer is exam season for students and apprentices.

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Ordinary Members						
Ukraine Floorball Federation	Yes	May W1	No		No change	Yes
United Kingdom Floorball Federation	Yes	July W1	July W1		2021	Yes
United States Floorball Association	Yes	May W1	July W1		2021	Yes

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Provisional members						
Cameroon Floorball Association	Yes	July W1 or 2	Yes		2021	Yes
Floorball Turkey	Yes	May W1	No	July W1	2021	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire Floorball Federation						

4. Changing our competition calendar to be more flexible to the new demands
Is the 2 new international weekends during ~~summer~~ June and July be acceptable for your national federation?
5. Changing the time for playing WFC for U19
When would you like to play the WFC final tournament for U19 - month/week?
(don't forget to take in the possibilities to play the qualifying tournament)
Would it be possible to move the tournament to 4th/1st week of June/July?
Which year should possible change be done? (earliest 2021 due to set organiser and date)
6. WFC final round 2022 to be played somewhere during the period of 28.10.22 – 13.11.22 (9 days within the period)
Is period of 28.10.22 – 13.11.22 (approximate 9 days within the period) preferable for your national federation?