

Appendix 21

The Minutes of the IFF Referee Committee meeting

2.-3. of March 2019

Hotel Amura, Madrid, Spain

Working session on Saturday the 2nd of March to Sunday the 3rd of March

Present:

Mr. Carlos Lopez, Chair

Mr. Lukas Gyger, Vice-chair

Mr. Ola Hamberg

Mr. Peter Harris

Mr. Radek Hora

Mr. Mika Saastamoinen

Mr. Peter Zamecnik

Mr. Veli Halonen, RC secretary

1 § Welcome and Opening of the meeting

Mr, Carlos Lopez opened the meeting at 13:00 on Saturday the 2nd of March and welcomed the RC members to the meeting. Mr. Lopez gave a sort presentation of himself and also told about the work of the IFF Referee Committee as a part of the IFF organisation.

2 § How the RC works

Mr. Halonen described the tasks of the Referee Committee and the decision making process inside the IFF mainly to give the idea for the new member of the Referee Committee, Mr. Ola Hamberg. Mr. Halonen also described how the IFF committees work and what are the workloads of different committees inside the IFF.

3 § Internal workload inside the RC

The RC discussed about the internal workload inside the IFF. The RC agreed that there need to be persons inside the RC, who are in charge of the development of the different sectors and groups inside the IFF RC.

Mr. Carlos Lopez as the chair, will be in charge of the connections to the IFF Central Board and also of the connections with the IFF member associations' referee organisations together with Mr. Halonen in order to find out the challenges, the IFF member associations are having with the referee topics and also to find out the ways to increase the co-operation even more between the RC and the IFF member associations.

Mr. Lukas Gyger is the contact person of the IFF Way of Referee Playbook topics with the IFF member associations and also reports to the IFF RC about the development and updates of the IFF Referee Playbook.

Mr. Ola Hamberg is the person responsible for the referees and will help the referees with the questions, planning of the referee careers and help to plan the path how to become a top referee on international level.

Mr. Mika Saastamoinen was elected to be in charge of the IFF observers. Mainly to help the observers and the IFF member associations to find suitable persons to educate and observe the referees, not only on international, but also on the national level.

Mr. Peter Harris is in charge of the AOFC region and is co-operating with the AOFC, IFF office and regional educators still to increase the number of international referees and observers in the AOFC region.

Mr. Radek Hora and Mr. Peter Zamecnik are in charge of the IFF Referee Development group as they've done during the last two years together. The work of the development group is very important for the IFF and for the member associations. The concept of the Referee Development Group is a cost efficient way to increase the number of referees and to have more referees from IFF member associations according to the requirements by the IFF License System 2.0.

4 § Plans for the upcoming years 2019-2024

The IFF RC had a brain storm session about the topics for the future. The IFF RC was in the opinion that it would be good to open up the work of the RC a bit more and to spread the information what the RC is actually doing and eventually trying to make it easier for the IFF member associations to approach the RC. The plan is to have a session for referee work during the IFF Associations' Meeting in December 2019 in Neuchatel in Switzerland. The key issue from the RC's point of view is still to increase the co-operation in referee related issues with the IFF member associations.

The RC is also planning to find suitable web based tools to help the work of the IFF observers and educators and eventually to be able also to organise web based education sessions for the international referees.

5 § Reports from the WFC, Champions Cup and Women's WFCQ 2019

The RC handled the head of the referees reports from the WFC 2018, the Champions Cup and from the Women's WFC2019 qualifications. The general outcome, based on the reports, was that the observers and the referee teams made a fairly good job in all mentioned events. In the Champions Cup and WFC qualifications there were only few minor problems.

In the Men's WFC 2018 there was an internal problem inside the referee team, which didn't affect the games or the actions of the referees in the field of play. The referee management in the tournament was able to solve the problem and the event as such, was a huge success from the tournament perspective.

It was also discussed that in the future the planned head of the referees will be taken into the discussions to define, which referee pairs to be nominated to the event. It's not only the question how good the referees are, but it's also a matter of how well they fit into the referee team.

6 § Report of the observation web based tool

Mr. Halonen shortly reported about a web based observation tool which was tested in the EUR2_EUR 4 qualifications in Slovakia. The system was quite good but the problem at the time is that all these systems work well under very good connections, but the problem is in many events the poor internet connection or no internet connection at all in the spectator area, where the observers mainly sit during the observations. There are several free applications for that use and the RC members will test different systems in their respective countries and the RC will have more thorough discussion over this topic in the next meeting.

7 § Plans to increase the number of Heads of the referees in the IFF events RC

The IFF RC has created a plan to increase the number of the Heads of the referees and in two years' time there should be 6 to 8 persons, who can act as the head of the referee in IFF events. This naturally requires some career planning and also personal discussions with the persons involved.

8 § Referee and observer classifications RC

The RC updated the classifications of the referees based on the observer feedback and the recommendations from the heads of the referees from the previous events. The referees will receive the information of their personal classification if it has changed.

The RC proposes to the IFF CB to promote development group referees Mr. Markus Dobernig and Mr. Jurgen Filipic from Austria to the IFF ordinary referee group. The IFF RC also proposed to nominate Mr. Michal Gorski and Mr. Arkadiusz Kalwasinski from Poland to the IFF referee development group. The RC also proposes to nominate Mr. Philipp Khruschev and Mr. Pavel Vinogradov from Russia to the IFF Referee Development group.

9 § Reports from the development group and AOFC region RH and PH

Mr. Harris reported about the development in the AOFC region and at the time the development looks very positive. Women's WFC qualifications 2019 was the first ever tournament, which was refereed with referees only from the AOFC region. That is the way the RC sees it to be in the future as well. Mr. Harris also hoped that the IFF RC would still occasionally nominate observers from Europe for the tournaments in the AOFC region in order to be able to broaden the view and perspective of the referees in the AOFC region and also to occasionally nominate AOFC referees to smaller IFF events in Europe.

Mr. Hora reported about the function of the development group. For the year 2019 the IFF RC will have development group educations in Czech Open, Slovak Floorball Cup and the Ukrainian Open. The extra investments are not very big and this is a good way for the IFF member associations to have the referees to be educated cost efficiently. The IFF RC will provide the observers and educations and the IFF Member associations cover the costs of the referees.

10 § Planned seminars for 2019

Mr. Halonen shortly reported about the planned seminars for the year 2019. Mainly about the four day clinic in Singapore in the end of April 2019. Other referee related seminars can be organised, if the IFF member associations so request.

11 § Situation with the referee equipment

The IFF referees still use the Asics referee equipment until the IFF sales will be able to finalize a new contract.

12 § Future and updates for the Playbook RC

The IFF Referee Playbook steering group decided in its last meeting that the next meeting will take place after the first full season with the rules of the game 2018 shall be over. Mr. Gyger and Mr. Halonen will check the possible time frame for the meeting to take place in the end of May 2019 so that the feedback and experiences of the new rules of the game and the Playbook usage can be collected. The RC discussed about the possible updates and since the Playbook Steering group has already defined the development topics, the RC didn't add anything to that. The main future developing topics will be still to concentrate of the use of advantages and on the so called "big penalties" in order to try to avoid physical injuries in the games, both on national and international level.

13 § Next meeting

To take place somewhere in Europe in September 2019

13 § Closing the meeting

Mr. Lopez closed the meeting on Sunday the 3rd of March 2019 at 13:05 and thanked the participants for a very smooth and fruitful meeting.