



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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Appendix 13

ATHLETE'S COMMISSION (AC)

During 2011, the AC members were contacted by phone and email and were asked the following questions:

- 1) What are your wishes and ideas concerning IFF events and IFF rules & regulations? Think from the athlete perspective: What kind of problems are there now? How to develop these areas better?
- 2) How could IFF support top athletes? Is there a need to produce some materials or other help? What could this be?
- 3) Your own ideas for the Athlete's Commission work? What kind of role should the Athlete's Commission have? What kind of issues shall be commented or taken care of?
- 4) Your willingness to participate to IFF activities on the web or on social media. Would you like to write an athlete blog (in English) to the IFF web pages, or some other activities in IFF Facebook or IFF Twitter?

Here are the combined responses from the AC members who replied:

1) What are your wishes and ideas concerning IFF events and IFF rules & regulations? Think from the athlete perspective: What kind of problems are there now? How to develop these areas better?

- Suggestion of the IFF and National Federations discuss to arrange an international pre-tour or pre-games with the best nations and the best players in regions in Europe where the floorball could be bigger (rather than these events being held in the 'best nations' home countries)
- EFT to be played in France in spring 2013
- Doping control must be of the highest quality with doping control agents who have very good English in order to be able to explain the testing process as clearly as possible
- Making sure that when there are men's and women's combined events (eg. Champions Cup and EuroFloorball Cup) that the women's games are given as much priority as the men's games. For example, having medal games and play-off games in the main hall, not a secondary venue
- Regarding RULES: the possibility to always have a winner in a match, so if a regular or group match ends with a draw then there would be a short extra time and penalties. This would be good for the players to practice under pressure and spectators would enjoy the excitement. This would however also affect the point scoring system, then maybe there should be 3 points for winning a game in regular time. If extra time/penalties are used, then 2 points to the winner and 1 to the loser.
- The rules should be kept as simple as possible so it is easy to learn Floorball and spread the sport
- If IOC requires less players in one team, then the player amount shall be decreased. Then however, the game time should be considered also. Otherwise, there is no need to lower the amount of players per team, quite the contrary actually, since there is lots of matches in a short time in WFC
- As players we have no chance to speak with referees about regulations or penalties

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2) How could IFF support top athletes? Is there a need to produce some materials or other help? What could this be?

- IFF could try to create special shoes for Floorball like there already is in other sports (handball, basketball), so shoes with qualities that are designed for floorball.
- Maybe also some other special equipment designed for Floorball players
- Athlete Seminars in connection to the big events. There could be education about physical training and also about tactical aspects – these could be interesting topics for the athletes. Athletes could sign-up individually for the seminars or teams could sign-up for them
- Seminars for coaches as the players benefit when coaches have better education
- Athlete seminars – but hard to find a topic
- International training camps for young players. These could be organised by other parties, but coordinated or promoted by the IFF
- Information about injuries and how to train better the physical condition for floorball

3) Your own ideas for the Athlete's Commission work? What kind of role should the Athlete's Commission have? What kind of issues shall be commented or taken care of?

- The AC work should take care of the development of floorball from the players point of view
- Important that the AC takes care of the player's rights so we feel that we can play the floorball that takes our sport forward
- The role of the AC should be for the utilisation of our (the athletes) experiences during the IFF events
- AC needs to be more visible for all athletes
- AC should be a link between athletes and IFF, and should take advantage of there being more people involved, giving more ideas when working together than just one person.
- Every athlete should know that they can have an influence for the IFF through the commission. Could, for example, be a questionnaire for athletes in big events, like WFC, asking the opinion of the athletes about a specific topic and if there is something that they would like to influence
- Hard to figure out the tasks for the AC
- Use of AC members to help promote floorball with the younger players

4) Your willingness to participate to IFF activities on the web or on social media. Would you like to write an athlete blog (in English) to the IFF web pages, or some other activities in IFF Facebook or IFF Twitter?

- Willing to participate in AC blog or some other activities as long as they are not too time consuming tasks and fits to their timetable.
- Willing to participate in web interaction, maybe to write blog or something similar

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