

WFC 2012 QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications to the WFC 2012 were played in Germany, Slovenia, Poland, USA and Japan during the period 31.01-11.02.2012.

A total of 23 teams qualified for 11 spots and those qualified were:

Germany:	Norway and Germany
Slovenia:	Estonia and Slovakia
Poland:	Russia, Poland and Hungary (as best 3 rd placed team)
USA:	USA and Canada (Brazil withdrawn)
Japan:	Singapore and Japan

Some numbers:

A total of 47 WFCQ matches were played. In addition 4 APAC only matches and 1 exhibition match (USA-Canada) were played.

To these qualifications we used 12 referee pairs, 5 jury persons, 5 referee observers and 5 IFF staff.

13 doping tests were carried out.

A new IFF website record was reached during the WFC Qualifications played in Europe.

The new record was reached on Saturday February 4th 2012 during the WFC Qualifications and the international weekend when 22 004 visitors visited www.floorball.org. The unique number of visitors was 13 032 and there were 154 824 page views.

Remarks:

Basically four out of the five WFCQ's worked well. The problems which have been have mainly concerned the communication on beforehand where there is more to wish from our organizers.

The WFCQ Americas however caused a lot of extra work very near to the event.

When it concerns the organization it all started with moving the event from Texas to California without informing the IFF on beforehand via non-responding to IFF questions and negligence of the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations to the situation with an arena that did not live up to the IFF rules and regulations.

In the end there were doping tests carried out, the arena which had the measurement 32x20 hosted an exhibition match only and another arena (Huntington Beach – The Rinks) was rented late but in time to host the official WFCQ match on a regular size court.

Since Brazil withdrew from participation of the WFCQ Americas, due to financial reasons, on 31.12.2011, the qualification was played with two teams which both were qualified on beforehand.