

Report from Rules Group meeting 2012.03.09-11

1. General information

Rules Group

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2. Task of the group

The opinion from IFF CB is that changes, which affect the nature of the game, shall be kept to a minimum in order to allow the rules and the sport as such to consolidate.

It is our aim to create an ideal balance between continuity, which is necessary for floorball's further development, and conservation, which is necessary to keep the sport understandable both by spectators and the media.

General

- The rule book is working good as it is
- We don't want to change to much
- We don't want to make any changes that could make the sport different
- We have to consider that there are 54 countries who will handle the changes

3. How we handled the proposals

We got 83 proposals that effected 99 rules from 9 countries, 1 CB member, IFF office, RC, RG and 2 individual persons (CFBU, NBF, BEL, AUS, SIBF, SSBL, SUHV, FB, LAT)

We have divided them into 7 groups:

1. To be further considered – 26 (mostly interpretations or technical matters)
2. To be worked out – 1 (RC – restructuring of the rules completely)
3. Considered as a referee instruction - 1
4. Considered as a regulation - 5
5. Not to be adapted - 33
6. Rules for test – 1 (SSBL – receiving foot pass shall be allowed)
7. Language / moving text – 16

The group has also looked into some special issues and made some necessary corrections.

The members of the Athletes Commission were given the possibility to comment upon the outcome but there were no comments given.

4. Rules for test

There are one rule for test (SSBL – receiving foot pass shall be allowed). All Associations were given the possibility to test this but only Israel has applied to test (alongside Finland).

5. Process until July 1, 2014

The time line follows the decided system and the Rule Group intend to invite all countries to a rule seminar during WFC in Czech Republic December 2013 – the schedule looks as follows:

March 2013 – RG to finalize the rule book

May 2013 - IFF CB to make the final decision of the new rule book

September 2013 (at the latest if approved in May 2013) - New IFF Rules of the Game shall be sent to all member Associations

July 1, 2014 - The new edition of the IFF Rules of the Game becomes valid

Best regards

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