



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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APPENDIX 21

The IFF Referee Committee meeting in Copenhagen, hotel Sydhavnen
29th-30th of September 2012

Hans Botman, chairman
Thomas Thim, vice-chair
Pierre Boudville
Lukas Gyger
Klaus Koskela
Jan Nordli
Petr Michalek
Veli Halonen, secretary of the meeting

1 § Opening of the meeting

Mr. Hans Botman opened the meeting on at 09:00 and welcomed all the RC members to the meeting

2 § Nominations for 2013-2014

The RC had a long discussion about the upcoming referee nominations. Otherwise the situation is quite good, but the RC was worried about the amount of female referees. The IFF member associations shall be informed that they should also concentrate and help the female referees to develop in order to be able to nominate more female referees. There was also some development in the number of IFF referee observers proposed by the member associations. The RC decided to present the following referees and observers to be nominated as IFF referees and observers. (Appendix 1)

The RC also discussed about the development group and the development group has turned out to be a good system and that way there has been several new referee pairs promoted to be referees in the IFF ordinary referee group. The RC decided to continue with the group based on the good results.

The referee classifications were also updated. (Appendix 2)

3 § WFC 2012

RC discussed about the referee nominations for the upcoming WFC in Switzerland and RC decided to nominate following referees.

Petr Cerny/Jiri Janousek CZE
Daniel Bartosek/Michael Bartosek CZE



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Andrew Lewis/Anssi Silvo FIN
Björn Aksel Henriksen/Jan Magnar Ingebrigtsli NOR
Glen Boström/Sven Hammerin SWE
Håkan Grahn-Gustavsson/ Johan Råsbrink SWE
Thomas Baumgartner/Thomas Kläsi SUI

During the upcoming men's WFC final round only the last two days will be played in same arena. The referees and the observers will be divided to two cities, Zurich and Berne. There will be two separate observer teams, just the way there will be two separate Jury teams. The observer teams will work in a close co-operation and there might be a possibility to arrange skype/video based meeting every day. The tournament will be challenging, but all the actions have been taken in order to secure the tournament to be as smooth as possible.

The RC proposes to the IFF CB that all the referee pairs would arrive on the same day to the tournament, which would be the 1st of December 2012.

The RC also nominated the following referee observers to the men's WFC 2012:

Thomas Thim SWE, as the head of the referee management
Ronny Brännbacka FIN
Lukas Gyger SUI
Sami Rahikainen FIN

We have had some situations when the RC has nominated some referee pair to an event and then before the actual event one of the referees of that specific pair has cancelled participation due to some reason. The RC proposes to the CB that in these cases the referee could be replaced by another IFF referee from that same member association. This way the organizer of the event should not pay too much extra caused by this cancellation of one referee.

4 § Status report Development Group

Mr. Jan Nordli gave a report about the functions in the development group. There have been 7 referee pairs in the development group in the past two years and 3 pairs have been promoted to the ordinary IFF referee group. There have been referees from Denmark, Germany, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. For the nomination period 2013-2014 there were 2 referee pairs promoted to the ordinary group from the development group.

The development group work continues also during the upcoming nomination period with 7/8 pairs. The RC tries to find suitable tournaments for the referees in the development group in order to be able to eventually promote the referees to the IFF ordinary referee group.

The RC has been negotiating a five years contract with the organizers of the Czech Open that the Czech Open will also use referees from the IFF referee development group. The office has not yet received the contract proposal from the Czech Open organizer.



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5 § Referee education structure

Mr. Halonen presented the guidelines for the use of the IFF educational referee material (Appendix 3). The basic idea is that the IFF will find a way to educate the educators in the member associations. The first level material is available in the IFF website, but from the level 2 on the educators should be educated so that they could be able to educate the material in their own countries for their referees.

The Finnish and Swedish Floorball Federations will organize a meeting in order to be able to create the structure for the education. Mr. Thim and Mr. Halonen will co-operate with Finnish and Swedish federations with the arrangements, but IFF is not arranging this meeting.

Mr. Koskela presented a plan for the top referee education and for the coaching of the referees (Appendix 4). Now that the new education material for referees is available, the RC wants to continue with the development of the educational material for the top level observers and educators, as was status in the plan of action. Mr. Koskela will arrange the workshop to start to create the material. The aim is to develop the material in a similar international cooperation as we did with the referee education material.

6 § IFF RC plan of action 2010-2015

The RC discussed about the RC plan of action for 2010-2015. There were 15 different issues in the plan and at least some actions have been taken to all 15 items and some plans are in active use already. All in all we are well on track. This clearly proves that a longer term plan is really needed and it helps the planning and target setting (Appendix 5).

The IFF RC Chairman Mr. Hans Botman informed the RC members that he won't run for the next IFF CB and this is his last term as the IFF RC Chairman. RC also discussed about the upcoming RC and it seems that there will be at least some changes. The IFF CB will eventually decide about the members of the new RC after the new CB has been elected in the IFF General Assembly in Switzerland in December 2012.

7 § Joined meeting with the Danish Floorball Federation's Referee Committee

The meeting with the RC of the Danish Federation started at 17:00. The representatives from the Danish RC were: Claus Gorman (Chairman of the Danish RC), Erik Bilde, and Torben Rafu

There are 4 members in the Danish RC and there were 3 of them participating the meeting. The number of Members will be increased to be 6 members.

Mr. Erik Bilde described the referee situation in Denmark.



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The referee system is based on two different groups. The federation referees, who get the annual education and the amount of those referees is approximately 100. The other group, which is bigger, is the Club team referees, who only have to take education once in every 4 years, basically then, when the new rule book is published. The level of the referees is generally ok especially in the higher levels. The basic problems are education for the lower level referees and also the referee nomination is not that good. The teams are in charge of nominating the referees for the matches from the second division level down. All the referees in Denmark are registered to the clubs.

The nomination system is naturally cheap for the teams, since the club team referees handle the matches from the second division down. The Danish RC is nevertheless not very happy with the system and their objective is to increase the number of matches, which are nominated by the federation.

There are 6 observers in Denmark and two of them have also acted as IFF observers during the nomination period 2011-2012, Mr. Ken Poulsen and Mr. Erik Bilde.

The national leagues are divided to two separate leagues and they will then eventually play against each other in the semi-finals and finals. The plan is to have one league, with 8-10 teams from the season 2013-2014 on.

The amount of the referees is adequate, but the biggest problem is the quality. There are 3 international referee pairs in Denmark, but the gap in skills is huge under them. The Danish RC is working to improve the general level, but as always, it's a matter of money and a lack of skillful educators.

The joined meeting was fruitful and this way IFF was also able to receive more thorough information from the Danish Federation. The IFF is carrying out an audit for its member associations and based on that audit the IFF can then learn how the IFF can support its member in their future development.

8 § Rules of the game

Mr. Gyger sent a question about a rule interpretation they have faced in Switzerland. The RC discussed about the issue and gave an answer to Mr. Gyger.

The new rules of the game will be valid from July 2014 on. The RC discussed about the proposal the RC sent to the IFF RACC rule group after the last RC meeting in Berlin in March 2012. The proposal was to change the structure of the rules of the game in order to make it easier to understand and also easier to educate. The IFF RACC rule group studied the proposal and they requested an example specifically of the sections 5 and 6 in the rule book. Mr. Gyger will construct an example version to be delivered to the RACC rule group before March 2013, when they have their next meeting regarding the rule book, which will be valid from the 1st of July 2014. .



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9 § More support for the referees

There have been tests in several IFF member associations to use the headsets for the referees. The RC also talked about this matter and Mr. Halonen will study the possibility to test the headsets during the group phase in the men's WFC final round. The basic idea is to loan the sets from somewhere, from IFF members or from some other sports. The schedule is somewhat tight, but Mr. Halonen will present this issue to the RC by e-mail latest on the 12th of October.

The RC is proposing to the IFF RACC to study the possibility to have the goal cameras in IFF events.

10 § Updates

Mr. Boudville gave a report about the referee situation in Asia. There have been a big number of events and educations arranged for the referees in Asia. Also newer associations have been involved. (Appendix 6)

The online rule test status to be checked by Mr. Thomas Thim. The company has stopped communication after last spring and there have been no information from them since.

11 § Closing of the meeting

Mr. Hans Botman ended the meeting on Sunday the 30th of September at 12:05 and thanked all the RC members for a good meeting and also for the past years together in the IFF RC. This was the last meeting for the present RC and for some members as well. RC members also thanked Mr. Botman for fruitful years and for the achievements of the IFF RC and for the effective work of the RC.