

IFF ROAD MAP – Thailand

As an advisor for the thai floorball I would like to give a short report to the IFF CB.

The progress of floorball in Thailand is on a good track. They started the sport in Pattaya this spring and since that the regular practises every Sunday have been runned. The floorball movement has been very well accepted and supported by the administration of the city of Pattaya.

The men responsible in thai floorball are Niels Colov (administration) and Ossi Viljanen (training and competition). They have very sensible plans for the future. The constitution of the Thai Floorball Federation is expected to be built in one month. Most probably after that they will be able to apply for the provisional membership of the IFF. Hopefully that happens already this year.

At start the thai floorball has faced the same problems as everyone of us before; the lack of practise halls and and some envy from other sports. Still they have achieved good results; maximum 50 boys at one practise session. Other growing group of players are the expats who find floorball very efficient for their condition.

Pattaya has very good indoor sport halls where to arrange bigger events, even international level. The relationship with the political decision makers is very important and that is very well handled by Colov and Viljanen. Mr. Colov has very good network from his other activities in thai society.

It was a great pleasure to welcome the AOFC delegation to Pattaya in July. It seems that Thailand, Singapore and Malesia can do very good co-operation in the future. Mr. Sani and Mr. Sureishi offered their helping hand to thai floorball and some co-operation has already started.

I hope we can hear some good news from Thailand soom.

With this report I send some pics taken in Pattaya this July.