

RACC meeting - April 4.-6. 2008

Place: Clarion Congress Hotel Prague

Participants: Filip Suman Chairman
Hans Botman
Martin Wolmhed
Stefan Kratz Competition Manager

1) Opening of the meeting

Filip greeted welcome to Prague and opened the meeting.

2) Information from the last CB meeting

Filip informed from last CB meeting and the competition related questions.

3) Goals of the meeting

The RACC discussed the aims and goals of the weekend

4) Previous Tournaments

a) Information from previous tournaments (EFC in Vantaa and U19 WFC in Kirchberg & Zuchwil)

Martin reported that both the U19 WFC 2007 and the EFC 2007/2008 were well organized.

The problems in the U19 WFC were too small arenas as far as spectators concerns. There were also, again in an IFF event, some problems with the hanging of the flags and it was discussed that a flag manual should be prepared.

The jury report from Vantaa was discussed, for instance the RACC has learned from the last years that arenas not fulfilling the regulations should not be used, and minor changes were discussed.

Martin to finalize the jury report latest 09.04.2008.

The RACC decided that a flag manual shall be prepared and forwarded the task to Stefan to prepare a proposal latest 30.06.2008.

5) Game Rules edition 2010

a) Information from the rules group meeting

Martin informed from the rules group meeting held 14-16.03.2008.

The basic guidelines from the CB for the group were that changes, which would affect the nature of the game, should be kept to a minimum in order to allow the rules and the sport as such to consolidate.

The aim was 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.

Martin shall prepare a report to the CB meeting in April

b) Next step to prepare the rules 2010 edition

Martin informed that the rules work continues according to the system for changing the game rules meaning that an invitation will be sent to all member Associations to, on their own cost, participate in the interpretation seminar to be organized during the EFC Final round in Switzerland.

6) Tournaments in 2008

a) List

Check of the upcoming tournaments

The jury list prepared by Filip was discussed.

The need of more persons in the jury management in future and how to solve the tournaments during the autumn 2008 was discussed. Two members of jury management have announced that they are not able to fulfill tasks of Jury members due to work/family reasons. Different proposals how to solve this problem were discussed. RACC will ask the CB about the possibility to recruit one or two new Jury management members.

b) Jury nominations

Filip presented changes in the nominations until December 2008 and the RACC discussed how to prepare the first months in 2009 (WFCQ in February) because the nomination has to be made during 2008.

c) Preparations

Check of preparations of upcoming tournaments

Stefan informed about the present situation for WFC 2008 C-division, U19 WFC 2008, EFCQ 2008, U19 WFCQ 2009 & WFCQ 2009.

Concerning the U19 WFC it was discussed that it would be good to have prepared schedules in case of withdrawals in the B-division. Stefan will prepare schedules.

Regarding the EFCQ West the **RACC decided** that info concerning that no organizer is yet found shall be sent by Stefan on Monday 07.04.2008 to the Associations concerned. The message is a warning that if there is no organizer there will be no qualification for their teams and the qualifying spot goes to the EFCQ East.

RACC discussed when to publish registered teams and agreed that this should take place within one month from the last day to register.

RACC discussed about the registration procedure (how to handle registered teams without payment in time) and the difficulties to plan events. RACC needs to get CB guidelines to handle this.

The RACC inspected the O2 arena and also checked out the new Sparta Arena which should be used as second arena in Prague. Martin will prepare a report from the inspection.

The U19 WFCQ as registered will be played as a 5 day tournament with one group of 6 teams, no finals or placing matches

The WFCQ 2009 as registered will be played 4+3, with 5th, semi, 3rd and final.

The EFC 2008 Final round will be played in two arenas in Winterthur, Switzerland 08-12.10.2008.

The U19 WFC 2009 is played in Finland 06-10.05.2009

The RACC decided to propose to the CB to fix the last date for an EFCQ West organizer to 15th of June.

d) Organizers

Actions needed to find organizers for "free" events in 2008/2009 were discussed.

7) Tournaments in upcoming years - time-line

a) Checking the time-lines for future WFC, U19 WFC, EFC

The time-lines for the coming IFF events were checked and it was noted that it is time to again ask for organizers according to the approved the time-line.

It was further noted that the number of WFCQ 2010 organizers shall be settled in May 2008.

8) Regulations:

a) Friendly internationals regulation

RACC had prepared proposals on how to solve the tasks given by CB concerning a summer testing period for players in Club teams and the freeing of players for the national teams.

Club Teams

How to create an easy-to-handle system for the possibility to test players during the summer period was discussed and that the basics shall be as follows:

Period of time: 1st of June – 31st of August
Who shall agree: Player and giving Club
Information: 21 days before to Organizer and giving Association
Term of validity: The actual tournament

The RACC decided to propose to the CB that this shall be handled in § 3.2 of the Friendly International Matches regulations which then would be changed as follows (new text in bold Italics):

3.2 Only players being licensed for a club taking part in an international club match or tournament shall be eligible to play for the club concerned.

A Club may grant their players exemption from this regulation for participation with another Club in a specified friendly international tournament being played between the first of June and the last of August, provided that the tournament allows such participation and that the player is not under

suspension. Such an exemption shall be informed to the national Association of the Club giving the exemption and to the organizer of the tournaments 21 days in advance of the tournament.

The RACC further decided that a form for the Clubs to use when informing shall be prepared for downloading from the IFF web site.

National teams

Based on the questions raised during international calendar meeting concerning preparation of the national teams after change of the WFC term RACC discussed the issue. The RACC is of the opinion it is not possible to create any additional international weekend.

The RACC decided to propose to the CB the following to create better possibilities for the National Teams to prepare themselves for WFC in December and WFCQ in February and came to the following proposal:

There should be given the possibility to free players for one camp in a weekend outside the international weekends and that this weekend shall be in the period 1st of September to 15th of February and that the weekend shall be informed latest 30th of June.

The basic freeing of the National teams players for friendly internationals during international weekends shall be changed from Thursday noon to Wednesday noon

That the freeing for the international weekend in November shall be Monday noon

Friendly International Matches regulations

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9) Jury guide-line

a) RACC continued with work on document – “Information for Jury members” which will be a help to all (especially to novices) to fulfill their jury tasks.

Martin to send new version of the document with changes approved during the meeting

10) RACC Management

a) Meeting

The RACC discussed the next meeting with the RACC management and came to the conclusion that this meeting should be organized by the newly appointed RACC after the next General Assembly, sometime during the spring 2009 as ideal preparation for 2009/2010 with possibly new members of the Jury management.

11) Any other business

Guidelines for potential organizers should preferably be published in the web site.

12) End of the meeting

Filip thanked the RACC for good and fruitful discussions and closed the meeting.

Stefan Kratz
Competition Manager

Filip Suman
RACC Chairman