

Appendix 7

Report from EuroFloorball Cup 2008 in Vantaa (Finland)

1. General information

The final round was played in Vantaa 2008-01-09 to 2008-01-13. Sixteen teams participated in the tournament for men and women and following teams won the tournament:

Women – UHC Dietlikon (SUI)

Men – AIK (SWE)

2. Final round EFC in Vantaa – organiser and arenas

Organiser

The tournament was held without problems regarding organiser and their work. Tournament management, hall management and their crew responded fast to any jury wishes and all other wishes and tried to do the tournament as good as you can expect.

I had also a lot of contact with the teams and they were all very satisfied with the hospitality from the organiser and the help they got in different matters and that I should give their regards to the organiser for their good work.

I think the organiser succeeded to make the tournament really good and it was easy to work with people who see solutions and not problems.

Arenas

The matches were played in two arenas Vantaa Energia Areena and Myyrmäki sport hall.

Vantaa Energia Areena

The arena could take 2600 spectators. It was also the base for the tournament office. All different sections and needs was arranged in the arena (TV-stands, VIP sections, meeting rooms, press room, restaurant, first aid, tournament office, internet connection on the specially made press stand, etc, etc). The security was good and there were security checks on necessary spots. The arena (of this size) is the best ever in my opinion – everything was really close and the spectators could easily find their way around the arena.

Myyrmäki Sport Hall

The sport hall is a smaller arena with spectator capacity of 500 spectators. The organiser had made the best of the possibilities in the arena and it had the things that you need (VIP sections, meeting rooms, press room, restaurant, first aid, internet connection in the arena).

The security was good and there were security checks on necessary spots

When teams from Finland participated in Myyrmäki Sport Hall the arena was really crowded and too small to handle these types of matches.

The arena was not suitable to play a bronze match in and IFF got a lot of criticism regarding this.

From my point the IFF have to be more careful regarding arenas and size of the playing field including extra space outside the rink.

3. Final round EFC in Vantaa – teams

The final round was held with just some minor problem regarding teams;

- Teams who wanted to put in new players/leaders on the list
- Team lists which were not correct
- Teams who didn't bring their passports to the meeting

Everything was solved and the teams were satisfied.

Technical meetings

During the final round we had two technical meetings for men and women.

All teams attended the meetings they had to participate in. In the second meeting some extra team attended (we invited all teams to the second meeting, but only the ones playing semi-finals had to come).

Team list which not where correct/passports

After the technical meeting we checked the passports and made necessary adjustments on the list regarding passport- or ID-number. Some teams didn't bring there passports to the technical meeting and was checked before the first match instead. No player was denied to play in the tournament.

4. Final round EFC in Vantaa – referee management

The jury would like to thank the RC management, Klaus Koskela and his crew. Teamwork between Jury and RC has developed very positively during the past years and worked very well during the tournament, especially seeing the good balance during the various meetings and that we work as a team without interfering with each others job.

5. Other

Some short information regarding different things:

- TV was broadcasting matches from the tournament
- There were a lot of VIP-activities – among other activities the Chinese ambassador and the city of Vantaa had receptions during the week.
- The transportation for officials was good
- The Vantaa Energia Areena arena was perfect in all aspects
- The security work very well
- There were a special VIP room for the referees in Vantaa Energia Areena – which was good (preparations, talks with observer and possibility to eat)
- The prize ceremony went smoothly without any problems
- The IFF hotel was good and had all necessary equipment
- All teams had doping control
- All teams behaved well during the tournament
- The organiser had a lot of staff on every match which made the work run smoothly
- Some problems occurred regarding the clock in Myyrmäki Sport Hall – broke down several times during the week

We had some problems with Floorball Magazine (Innebandymagazinet). They entered the locker rooms of the teams with video camera and some of the teams were very upset regarding this.

Best regards

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