



International Floorball Federation
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- Central Board
Via E-mail

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Re: 2011 and 2012 World Championships

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Members of the Central Board,

Swiss Unihockey has been tasked by the International Floorball Federation (IFF) with hosting the world championships in 2011 (women) and 2012 (men).

Switzerland in general, and the Swiss Unihockey family in particular, are looking forward to these two events with great anticipation. We have made numerous preliminary inquiries and various possible organization options have been examined.

As we have already informed IFF Vice President, Mr. Renato Orlando, we are faced with issues at various sites (availability and rental of athletic venues, seating capacities, TV broadcast options including collaboration with Swiss TV, etc.), or we have been informed that obtaining the desired facilities and services during the month of December is possible only under very difficult conditions or not at all. The sports venue issue in particular is the most serious (only ice hockey arenas can be considered for conducting the Unihockey World Championships).

After giving the matter considerable thought and receiving feedback from various institutions, athletic venues and Swiss Television (cf. enclosure), Swiss Unihockey hereby respectfully requests that the 2011 Women's World Championship and 2012 Men's World Championship **be moved back to May 2011/May 2012** (the original world championship dates).

Apart from various environmental factors we would especially like to draw your attention to the circumstance that at the time Switzerland made application for hosting these world championship games and was awarded them there was no indication that they would be postponed from May, the month originally scheduled, to December. In May the various infrastructures are available to us and we can use them to full advantage.

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In moving the world championships back to the original date the IFF would be complying with a vital need and desire of Switzerland. In so doing, we would have the possibility to offer optimal conditions to the teams and all those involved (IFF, national associations, media, etc.) for the world championships.

Moving the games back to May could also be an opportunity for the IFF.

We are convinced that we will be able to offer all participants optimal conditions in May of 2011/2012 for fantastic world championships and respectfully request that the IFF Central Board approve our petition.

We would be extremely grateful to receive a reply from you by mid April 2009.

Kind regards,

swiss unihockey

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Edwin Wiedmer
President

A blue ink signature of Patrick Falk, featuring a large, bold 'P' and 'F'.

Patrick Falk
General Secretary