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Proposal of WFC 'new style' system

Basics:

The WFC 'new style' will consist of continental qualification tournaments and a final round with 16 teams. Of these 16 teams, 15 have qualified through continental tournaments and 1 is the organizing country.

The WFC 'new style' will be played for men and women only, not for U19.

The first WFC 'new style' for men could be played in 2010, based on the CB decision and willing of the appointed organizer. The first WFC 'new style' for women should start year after men.

WFC Final round

The WFC final round will be played with 4 groups of 4 teams. During the group phase, the teams play each other once (single round). The highest 2 ranked teams play quarter finals, followed by semi-finals and finals. A full tournament will be played with placement matches for all teams. The 3rd and 4th ranked teams play placement matches against the other 3rd or 4th ranked teams.

The tournament like this can be played in 2 arena's, with 4 matches in each arena every day and a total of 7 days, allowing the semi finalists a day rest between quarter finals and semi finals.

The seeding in the 4 groups will be based on a ranking. This ranking is based on the results during the last 2 WFC's and the last 2 qualifications. Based on this ranking the teams will be divided in 4 baskets (1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16). For each group, one team will be selected from each basket.

A ballot will decide the order in the groups. The order of the matches is fixed in the Competition regulations.

Quota

The quota for the WFC final round will be based on the number of registered teams. After the registration deadline, the number of registered teams will be divided by 15, thus giving the quota factor. The number of registered teams per continent will then be divided by the quota factor, thus giving the number of places in the final round for this continent, based on whole numbers. If after this a place remains, it will go to the continent with most registered teams. If still a place remains, this will go to the continent which comes closest to reaching the next quota place limit.

Remarks:

- If there is only one country registered for a continent, this country could be added to the continent with the least registered teams or to the continent decided according to costs.
- The organizer is considered 'extra' and thus gives the organizers continent an extra place in the final round.
- Quota example: Europe 25, Asia 6, America 3 participants: Europe 11, Asia 2, America 1 places, one for the organizer and one extra for Europe = total 16.

WFC Qualifications

The Qualification is played with continental tournaments. The winner of the tournament and preferably also the second ranked team qualify for the final round.

Considering the current development of Floorball, we can expect to have qualification tournaments in Europe, America and Asia/Oceania. In both Europe and Asia there will probably be multiple qualification tournaments.

Qualification timeline

Qualifications should be played between April and October in the year before the final round. (Final round in May)

Best term for qualifications should be discussed from different points of views, but by choosing October, the Qualification round will be closer to the upcoming WFC than the previous WFC, thus making it easier for the teams to train and prepare. Plus it will still give the WFC organizer enough time to prepare for the final round. However, the ballot for the final round has to be done immediately after the Qualification round.

All European Qualification tournaments have to be played at the same time because of the possibility that best 3rd team qualifies. The other continents don't have to play their qualification in the same weekend, but they have to be played at the same time or before the European tournaments.

Qualification ballot and ranking

Ballot for the Qualification should be based on ranking. The previous 2 WFC's plus the last qualification will be used for the ranking.

The ballot for the Qualifications can be done in May, during the WFC. For the qualification ballot a similar system will be used as for the final round ballot.

If not all groups will have the same size, a ballot will decide what groups will have an extra participant.

Qualification tournaments and organizers

The number of European qualification tournaments will be the number of continental places, divided by two. Countries can bid for a qualification tournament. Preferably the lower ranked teams will get the tournament. If no team wants to organize the qualification tournament, rule that the highest ranked team will have to organize the qualification tournament can be considered.

If Europe will have an uneven number of continental places, the best ranked third team will also qualify for the final round.

The selection of the qualification organizers can be done prior to the ballot. All organizers will simply be placed in different groups.