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WFC boys U19 2007

A total of 19 teams have registered. This is more than would fit within the system of 8 teams in A division and 8 in B division which was used for last two Men's U19 WFCs.

All 16 teams which played in 2005 in Latvia were told that they were qualified for A and B division in 2007 and all of them registered. This leaves no spot for potential qualification. Tournament with 16 teams would practically mean that no new teams would have a chance to participate and category would be closed.

In the invitation for U19 2007 it was stated that IFF invites each member to take part and there was also information that (except "A" division teams) further registered teams will form a B-division.

There has to be discussion with organizer how to secure the possibility to participate for new teams.

In case this discussion will be successful RACC proposes to increase both the A division and B division to 10 teams. (in 2007 the B division would consist of only 9 teams)

Promotion/relegation: The 10th ranked team at WFC 2007 will relegate to B division; the winner of the B division will be promoted to A division during WFC 2009.

To increase the A division from 8 to 10 teams, we suggest to promote the 2nd and 3rd ranked team from WFC U19 2005. This would not require any additional qualification matches.

An alternative solution could be to promote the 2nd ranked team and play a qualification match between the 3rd ranked team and the team that was relegated from A division. However, this would require extra qualification matches that have to be played as soon as possible, preferably in April 2007.

RACC will hand in a proposal how to handle the further growth of the WFC U19 prior to the CB meeting in September 2007, so all teams which will participate in WFC will know in advance how U19 2009 will be organized.