



## INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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### Appendix 25b

## Special Olympics Floorball Resource Team meeting & SO WG Local organising committee meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 Seoul & Gangneung, Korea

### Special Olympics Floorball Resource Team meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> in Seoul

#### Participants:

Venisha Bowler (SOI Senior Director), Mariusz Damentko (SOEE Director), Steen Houman (SO floorball technical delegate), Jonas Hviid (SO floorball technical delegate assistant), Ji Suk Chae (SO Korea Sports Director), Hwang Joo Kim (KFF) and Merita Bruun (IFF)

#### Special Olympics International (SOI) Strategic Plan Overview

The SOI aims to increase the number of coaches and to add more sports (33 now) for SO athletes on the program. There is more emphasize also on high level athletes and to plan more competition opportunities for SO athletes. The unified sports, SO athletes competing together with pairs (many team sports) is very popular and at some point unified floorball teams could be formed.

#### Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia (SOEE) plan:

The SOEE aims to have 2 competitions per athlete available each year and to recruit and train at least 1500 new coaches.

SOEE has gained partnership with 5 sport federations, IFF being one of the sport federations. There has been and the aim is still to have demonstration matches in IFF events, promotion through the IFF communication channels and an own SO web page on the IFF website. Also education materials and coaching guidelines for SO floorball coaches are needed. The IFF materials can be adopted and used for SO floorball purposes

SOEE is involved in for example the European Basketball/soccer week and aims to increase participation in other sports weeks as well. Investigate the possibility to organise the European SO floorball week in two years?

#### Special Olympics Korea & Korean Floorball Federation cooperation

SO Korea has 11 summer sports and 7 winter sports on their program, which is more than 10 000 registered athletes. SO Korea is on the beginning stage in both floorball and floor hockey and is now starting building teams to have one So floorball team for World Games

#### KFF partnership:

- SO Korea to send teams to play into the KFF leagues
  - 2-3 SO floorball teams next year, enter in specific division with normal leagues
- 5 Special schools are running floorball in Korea
- KFF to train SO floorball teams and referees and KFF to Promote floorball through SO floorball
- Rules translated into Korean in cooperation with KFF
- More international competition needed, Singapore to take part in the future?
- Participation also into European tournaments?



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- Equipment support, Sticks & Balls for promotion, an equipment bag, 50 sticks 200 balls -> KFF (IFF if needed)

### Special Olympics Floorball Resource Team Structure

There are currently 32 SRT (Sport Resource teams) in Special Olympics. The rules proposals (every two years, next time 2014) to the International rules committee. Floorball resource team is structured as follows:

- Steen Houman (chair), Mariusz Damentko, Jonas Hviid, Heinrich and Bruun (as partner member)

### SO Floorball Vision until 2015

- Get Official World Games status, next possibility in 2014
  - Over 24 programs in 3 regions needed, a coaching guide, resource team, international governing body, SOI Health assessment
- To have 15 000 active SO Floorball players in 30 countries
- To create information & education SO Floorball material
- To host annual regional SO Floorball tournaments and seminars

And:

- More competitions in Europe and more teams from new countries
- Registered players, need to have correct numbers (annual census report)
- Find country to host European competition (second part of the year, SUI (Ticino)).
- Small field floorball court rules to be adapted
- SO Floorball facebook group (SOI confirmation)
- More rinks and equipment
- Development seminars in combination with tournaments

### IFF & SO cooperation ideas:

- Demo matches in CC/WFC 2012
- Education materials shared with SO
- Floorball Ambassadors and SO floorball promoters
- IFF Media channels can be used based on agreement
- Participation in some of the IFF development seminars?



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## **June Meeting with local GOC Sports Department - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Floorball planning session in Gangneung**

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### **WG 2013 Floorball schedule**

The opening ceremony is on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2013 and the floorball tournament will start on January 30<sup>th</sup> with two days reserved for floorball. Eight teams will participate: Sweden, Finland, Russia, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland and Korea. Floorball will be played in the in the Cultural Sports Centre with the same flooring as floor hockey.

Observation of matches enough for deciding the groups, pre-divisioning although individual skill contests will also be conducted (nations are to do them beforehand as well). SO has asked FIN & SWE not to bring their best players, in order to promote the sport in the best way in the demonstration match. No flags or national anthems in Special Olympics WG events.

- **LOC (GCO) to provide:**
  - LOC to provide 1 official
  - 4 large goals (160x115 cm)
  - 2 rinks (size of one big rink and 8 corners, SO floorball played with smaller rink)
  - Tape for marking (same as floor hockey) 2 inch wide
  - Benches/Chair
  - Personnel:
    - 4-6 KFF referees
    - 4 officials match secretary (KFF)
    - 4 ball boys (LOC)
    - LOC to provide accommodation and food
  - Award presenter & Speaker (Korean/English) (LOC)
  - Layout of the Cultural Sport Centre also in electronic format
  - Match records from IFF if needed
  
- **Preliminary match Schedule:**
  - Two groups with four teams, semi-finals and medal matches
  - Venue change to floor hockey after the medal ceremony on day two, day two preliminary schedule:
    - 17:00 to start medal ceremony, out at 18:00 the latest the 2<sup>nd</sup> day
    - Floor hockey to start building at 17:30, first matches at 09:00 next day
  
- **SO Floorball WG 2013 Promotion ideas:**
  - Zorro players from KFF



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- Walk around and have shows in the SO floorball arena and maybe in the SO WG village as well.
- Investigate the possibility to have a promotional booth (SOI)
  - Video clips, leaflets, information etc.
- Promotion beforehand
  - Newsletter, website, social media (SO, IFF)
  - Promotion in Delegation package, delegation update newsletter, coaches handbook
  - Floorball banner photos to be taken during CC/WFC 2012
- Speed shooting
  - Look for device from Denmark
  - Hardest shot, precise speed, shoot your age, shoot your weight
    - Speed shooting floor piece from GCO (LOC) (3m x ,90cm)
    - sticks (KFF/IFF if needed)
    - balls (KFF/IFF if needed)
- Beat the goalie, save the shot contest?
- Olympic Village activity:
  - Exposure, promotion, to discuss with the event teams
  - Advertisements: IFF to send photos to SO Damentko (SO photos, Kohonen? and IFF logo)
- **WG 2013 Timeline and To Do's:**
  - Merita to write and publish news with photos, share with SOI, SOEE, floorball resource team
  - Floorball resource team to finalise schedule and send to GOC
  - SOI to investigate the possibility for promotional booth and SO floorball facebook page
  - Merita to find good SO photos for banners and roll-ups and send to Mariusz
  - Merita to investigate the possibility to make and plan promotional video clips and help with promotional material
  - KFF to provide promotional material for the WG arena
  - Mariusz to send out score sheet ISC and video instructions – added resources on the website SOI – added on IFF Youtube channel?
  - Registering for WG 2013 ends in October and information sheet to be sent for participation nations:
    - male or mixed teams
    - over 16 age
    - maximum 8 players, minimum 6 players
    - Teams to submit individual skill scores beforehand (until 31<sup>st</sup> December), instruction to be sent later.