

Appendix 12

RACC report – September 2011

RACC is fully focusing on handling all competitions in 2011. This year brought new challenge with total change of club competition system with new Champions Cup which has an effect on Euro Floorball Cup and also system of qualification.

Next to this RACC already plans year 2012, where there might be up to 14 different IFF events.

System of competition is now so wide, usually on a high level and also dynamic which means a lot of recourses, both professional (office) and volunteers (RACC, jury etc.) has to be invested.

Information from RACC meeting – May 27-29.5

1) Competition system

A) WFC

RACC confirmed that evaluation of the new system will take place after the Women's WFC 2011 but the fresh first experiences were in detail discussed and noted for further evaluation.

B) U19 WFC

RACC continued with U19 future discussion. There has to be a clear view how the event will develop especially if number of teams will grow. Since the Adult system is not taken as ideal for U19, potential ways are:

- Same system as now but more spots to qualify
- A-division + several B-divisions
- A-division 10 teams and qualifications

For the Women's U19 there is not yet a need of qualifications so there will be no need of change for a while

For the Men's U19 there is already a change in number of direct qualified teams made for next U19 WFC.

The next Men's U19 WFC could mean that a qualification is needed outside Europe which could mean other terms for qualification.

RACC also evaluated WFCU19 term survey between federations which was done base on the proposal from some federations. After evaluation **RACC propose to the CB:**

to move the U19 WFC to be played one week earlier than today, meaning that the term shall involve the 1st weekend of May. The main reason is to lower the problem of term collision with the final school exam from the category which plays the WFC. Official change would be valid from 2013 (2012 organizer uses new term by their own request).

For the long term perspective, RACC feels if there is which to promote the WFCU19 there is probably a need of total changing the term. For this change more detail discussion is needed.

C) Club competition

CC and the new EFC will be played 2011 for the 1st time.

RACC made a recap of the discussion development which started already in the RACC workshop two years ago when it was clear that no Swedish men's team registered for the EFC.

RACC discussed the process in changing the system and the outcome also involving the cost allocation in the CC divided between Clubs, Associations and IFF.

One problem mentioned is that the EFC winner in the CC can't be in the next CC and also the possible worse ranking in the EFC if the national Champion is playing the CC and the runner-up in the EFC.

It was discussed the ranking of a nation having a team both in the CC and the EFC.

The RACC decided that the EFC winner participating in the CC will be ranked 1st in the EFC ranking and the EFC champion of the same year is ranked 2nd.

Long discussion were taken about the date – both tournaments are played at the same date which is not ideal.

It was discussed how a division of terms could look. RACC think that it would be an advantage if the competitions could be played in different terms, even if they are played the week after each other i.e. EFC 1st week and CC 2nd week.

It was discussed to have the same system in the EFC with a 2nd team from the organizer and decrease the number of direct qualified.

RACC decided to propose this for discussion with other IFF bodies.

2) Jury work

A) Recap of tournaments from past season

Recap of the EFCQ:s, U19Q, EFC, WFC and WFCQ:s were made.

Many practical adjustments to the preparation stage and daily tournament work were agreed.

They will be included into the internal Jury guideline document and some them proposed into organizers hand book.

Important issue was the procedure between first and final list regarding team officials. It was agreed that solution for being able to change a team official even though the new official is not in the first list must be found. Office was given the task.

The procedure of changing players during the event in the final list from the first list has to standardized (with reason or just information etc.) it shall be investigated how it is done in other sports.

B) Jury guideline document

RACC went through the updated jury guideline.

Fines during tournament - for practical reasons it would help during events if the smaller potential fines during tournament would be put in the competition regulations instead of the juridical regulations and handled by the jury during the tournament.

C) Jury report structure

Martin Wolmhed presented a proposal of structure of the jury report after IFF events. RACC decided to follow it.

Team feedback form from IFF events will be prepared by Kaarina and sent to the RACC for comments.

It was discussed how a possible feedback to the organizer could look.

D) IFF Handbook

An update will be done during summer so possible ideas should be put forward to Kaarina. Division of compulsory and additional was discussed.

3) Upcoming tournaments

- A) Decision of organizers & groups WFCQ 2012
Europe: Germany, Poland, Slovenia
- B) Asia: Japan
Americas: USA
- C) Decision on EFCQ organizer
As of today Slovenia is the only organizer. RACC to decide on how to deal with the situation if more organizers are needed. Office to find organizer and propose for an e-mail decision by RACC.
- D) Jury in upcoming events was decided until the end of 2011
- E) Upcoming tournaments status check

Information was given about the upcoming tournaments; EFCQ 2011, EFC 2011, CC 2011, WFC 2011.
Looking for U19 2013Q (Italy interested) – decision September 2011
Looking for EFC 2012 (Latvia could be asked again)

4) Regulations

- A) Check of present regulations and proposals

RACC discussed that regulation which should contain a rule of compulsory light and dark color sets of uniforms form all teams (TV reasons)

RACC than discussed the number of players on the finals list, which was lowered to 20 few years ago. RACC is of the opinion that previous number of 23 was better and will prepare a proposal to CB in that way.

There is a need to discuss within CB the status of the “Guidelines for potential organizers” since they were not updated for some years and for example handbook is more detail and much more updated. RACC is of the opinion that GOP could be taken away in favour of the IFF Event Handbook

- B) System of the ranking for teams not playing for exact place (qualifications etc..)

RACC decided details for ranking, which will be based on points per match and goal difference in the Qualifications (WFCQ & EFCQ).

Ranking based on all matches played during season will be discussed in the future.

- C) Regulation for national teams in club competitions

Based on questions sent by more federations about participation of the national teams in club competitions RACC discussed the requirements

the organizer mentions the eventuality of the national team participation in the tournament regulations
the organizer will receive an official approval of the respective Association and also confirmation that the individual players participation corresponds with the national legislation
the national Association will report the participation to the IFF
the organizer ensures that a potential match between two national teams within the tournament would be refereed by international referees

5) Competition seminar

There is a plan to organize a Competition seminar for federations. The seminar could be held already during this summer (possibly in connection with Czech Open?).

Main goal of this seminar would be to improve the cooperation of all federations during the preparation of IFF events and also to improve the knowledge of reason of different requirements and regulations of IFF events.

Ideal participants should be persons in the Associations which are responsible for national teams and which are active in the preparation of national team participation. Sometimes these persons are also present at IFF events usually in the role of technical leaders.

RACC discussed the agenda of the competition seminar based on the IFF competitions.

Basically the target group would be participation but some time should be about organizing.

Important is to get also the smaller Associations to participate.

Ideal are 2 persons from each Associations (Association person + National team persons) – important to get the correct persons to participate.

Topics:

Cooperation with IFF office

Preparation within a team at home

Work of team leaders during IFF event

Short information to Organizers on how to organize

Special programme for new Associations (how to fill in team list etc.)

Agenda was discussed.