



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

IFF Referee Committee meeting in hotel Jury's INN Prague.

17th to 18th of September 2011-09-17

Present:

Mr. Hans Botman, chairman

Mr. Thomas Thim, vice-chair

Mr. Klaus Koskela

Mr. Jan Nordli

Mr. Pierre Boudville

Mr. Lukas Gyger

Mr. Petr Michalek

Mr. Veli Halonen

1. Mr. Hans Botman, the chairman of the IFF RC opened the meeting on the 17th of September 9:00 and welcomed all the RC members to the meeting.
2. The RC had wide discussion about the referee nominations for the Women's WFC, which will be played in St.Gallen Switzerland in December 2011. The RC also talked about the new system for referees, when the nominations are divided into the men's and women's categories, which have been in use from the beginning of 2011.

Mr. Veli Halonen presented the nomination proposal made by the office

The RC had a wide and long discussion about the nominations for the Women's WFC. The basic idea, since the referee nomination system has been divided to two categories is to nominate those referees who are concentrating on the women's matches should mainly be the ones in the events for women. However, we have only started the new specialized system in 2011. At this moment, there are not enough referee couples specialized on the female side and most of the couple we have are quite new and need to grow into the system. All candidates were carefully evaluated and it was decided that some couples needed to get a bit more experience on other tournaments before we can nominate them for WFC.

Based on the feedback from the IFF referee observers and the RC, RC decided that at this moment we do not have 6 gold level referee couples on the female side. Since



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this is WFC, we need to secure that the nominated referees have the knowledge and experience to lead such an important tournament. Therefore the RC decided to complete the nomination with couples that specialize on the male side, but have the quality and experience to lead a WWFC.

The RC decided the nominations for the Women's WFC 2011

RC also had a general discussion about the nominations and from the nomination point of view there have only been problems dividing the nomination for the Champions Cup and EFC Final round, since there are men's and women's teams in the same tournament and also 2 extra teams from the organizing countries in the Champion Cup. Otherwise the system has worked out well.

The RC nominated Swiss referee pair Niklaus Güpfert/Thomas Ziegler to be IFF referees and the office will try to find a suitable nomination for them for the upcoming international weekend.

The RC also finds it very important to increase the number of female referees based on the equality function, which is also an important issue for the IOC. Therefore the RC requests female referee proposals from those IFF member federations, which already have female referees in their national highest level. At this time that would mainly mean Sweden.

For the future nominations the head of the referee management of each tournament is also added to the e-mail delivery list, when the proposal will be sent out.

3. The RC had a discussion about the referee nomination for the U19 friendly internationals. The RC will do its best in order to support especially the smaller federations in this issue by nominating the referees the most cost efficient way. The RC decided that it will be possible to nominate referees from the development group for U19 friendly internationals, once the RC feels that this couple is ready for such a nomination. If the referees from the IFF development group will be used, there will always be an observer nominated.
4. Mr. Lukas Gyger gave a presentation of how the IFF RC can and will support the potential Gold-level referees in their careers as IFF referees in the future. Especially the referees from smaller countries, where the level of Floorball is not that high and they should have more challenging matches during the regular season and perhaps in some other country. (Appendix 1)



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The RC will continue discussion and planning of the possibility to implement this system sometime in the future. The RC members will also discuss this issue in their national federations and about the possibility of longer term referee exchange programs between nations especially in the areas, where the distances between countries are not that long, so that the referees don't actually have to move.

5. Mr. Gyger also presented the plan of action to support the existing Gold-level referees.(Appendix 1)

The RC had a long and fruitful discussion about the presentation. Mr. Thim and Mr. Gyger will be in touch with the organizers of the Women's WFC in order to find out the possibilities to at least have some of the issues mentioned in the presentation, for example the possibility to offer the referees some help, such as massage etc.

RC also discussed about the possibility to arrange an education for the IFF Gold-level referees annually. The education would contain physical test, rule tests and referee education. Mr. Thim and Mr. Gyger will come up with a proposal

6. Mr. Jan Nordli gave a report about the IFF referee Development Group. The group has been formed at the present time there are 10 couples in the development group. The general idea is to be able to appoint a 'coach', which is an IFF referee observer, who can help the referees in their career.

4 couples of the group have already been observed and coached during summer in the major club tournaments.

Mr. Jan Nordli is waiting for more proposals from the IFF member association in order to increase the amount of the referees in the development group.

Mr. Nordli proposed to the IFF RC that the RC would nominate the Danish Couple Jacob Frejlev/Kurt Pedersen Lot from the development group as official IFF referees and the RC approved the proposal. He also proposed that the office would send out information to the associations once more as a reminder to study the possibility to propose more referees to the development group, which was also approved.

The RC also discussed about the ways to increase the amount of the female referees in the IFF level as well as in general. Female referees can naturally also be part of the IFF referee Development Group. The RC concluded that we need to start by enlarging the number of female referees on the national level. The RC has noted that this is



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quite a challenge for most members. The IFF CB is also working on the issue of female players and coaches and the RC finds it important to add female referees as one topic to that. The RC proposes to create a working group for the development of the female referees together with the equality function and the national RCs. This working group should learn from other sports and help the IFF members to build a system for female referees. Mr. Hans Botman will contact the IFF office, the equality function and the national federations to build a joined working group.

7. Mr. Pierre Boudville gave a report about the referee situation in the AOFC. (Appendix 2). The RC approved the report and discussed about the situation in Asia. The RC will also study the possibility to help Japan, with its request, about having an experienced IFF referee observer sent over to educate the Japanese referees. That could be possible to arrange during the Men's qualification in Japan in January 2012.
8. Mr. Thomas Thim gave a report of the status of the new referee educational material. The material is now basically ready and it will be delivered to the RC members in a CD-rom format. The RC talked about the possibility to arrange a meeting with the core countries about the use of the new material, since it is essential that there are instructions and guidelines for the IFF member associations how to use it and to whom and which level it will be used. Mr. Thomas Thim and Mr. Veli Halonen will investigate the possibilities for that. There is also need for a training course for the national trainers, who will educate the material in their own federations.

Mr. Thim also presented the on-line rule test system, which is one part of the educational material.

9. The IFF Chairman Mr. Hans Botman ended the meeting 11:30 on Sunday the 18th of September and thanked all the participants for a good and fruitful meeting.

Next meeting: The RC decided to have the next meeting 10th-11th of March 2012 in Berlin. The RC would like to include a meeting with the RC of the Floorball Deutschland to discuss development and cooperation. The meeting will start on Saturday the 10th of March and end on Sunday the 11th.



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