

IFF Medical Committee Meeting, St. Gallen, Switzerland, December 3rd 2011

Participants:	Dr. Walter Frey	IFF Medical Committee chairman
	Dr. Lars Erik Bartels	IFF Medical Committee member (present during topics 3-10)
	Dr. Patricia Wallace	IFF Medical Committee member
	Dr. Liene Kozlovskā	IFF Medical Committee
	Merita Bruun	IFF Anti Doping Administrator
	John Liljelund	IFF General Secretary (present during topics 1-3)
	Tomas Eriksson	IFF President (present during topics 1-3)

Report on present issues

1. Opening

Dr. Frey opened the meeting at Hotel Walhalla and welcomed everyone to the first medical committee meeting. Dr. Frey congratulated the IFF for the achievement of receiving the full IOC recognition and presented the newest IFF medical committee member Dr. Kozlovskā.

2. Short report of actions taken after the last held meeting

Ms. Bruun made a short recap of the activities taken in the field of the anti-doping work and for the medical committee since the last medical committee meeting held in September 2010 including test statistics, results and testing pools.

3. Short report on the WADA Symposium

Ms. Bruun gave a short report about the WADA Symposium held in Lausanne in April 2011 covering the present issues in anti-doping work. The main focus was on Code Compliance, blood testing and the code revision process. The revised Code will come into force in January 2015.

4. Prohibited List 2012

The IFF Medical committee discussed the changes in the Prohibited List, which effects the IFF Event guidelines, and anti-doping information on the IFF website. The IFF Medical Committee also suggested that the IFF could use the existing databases for medication details and drug reference, for example the antidoping.ch and ASADA resources. The IFF Medical committee was of the opinion that there is ongoing work for permitted beta 2 agonists and were happy that the common asthma medication, formoterol, is permitted starting from January 1st 2012.

Mrs. Kozlovskā informed about a current case in FIFA with Clenbuterol. In the U17 championships in Mexico, many players were tested positive of clenbuterol and there is now a study going on FIFA. No sanctions yet as both FIFA and WADA are investigating the matter.

5. Updated Test Distribution Plan to meet the WADA requirements.

Ms. Bruun presented and the IFF Medical committee discussed the updated IFF Test Distribution plan. The IFF will gradually increase the amount of in- and out of competition tests to meet the WADA requirements.

6. IFF Risk Assessment document for effective Test Distribution Planning

The IFF Medical committee discussed the document, which will be evaluated continuously and felt that it is of importance to collect all the previous statistics in one document. The IFF medical committee also felt that the laboratory statistics can be annoying as the statistics are not always the same that the IF's receive.

Report on present issues (cont.)

7. IFF Anti-doping awareness and education

Ms. Bruun presented the current anti-doping education and awareness tools and the IFF Medical committee discussed how the IFF Say NO! to Doping campaign could have more visible elements in the future. The IFF Say NO! to Doping campaign has been run by six IFF member associations.

8. Blood testing in Floorball – discussion

The IFF Medical committee discussed blood testing in general and the possibility to conduct blood testing in Floorball in the future. The fact that WADA recommends 10 % blood testing, still based on the IF's own risk assessment was discussed. The IFF Medical committee emphasized the WADA Recommendations tend to become regulations and therefore suggested that the IFF should make an evaluation of possible blood tests and costs for the future in order to be ready if needed. The IFF Medical committee also discussed the athlete biological passport and the aim is to continue to collect information about these issues.

9. Example: Positive analysis result of a ski jumper

Dr. Frey presented a different case with a ski-jumper where a suspected positive doping case in the end led to an early detection of a tumour. Dr. Wallace also reported of similar cases in Chinese Taipei.

10. Other issues: Injury assessment in Floorball

The IFF Medical committee members were very satisfied with the IFF's current anti-doping work and were of the opinion that the Medical committee could also start concentrating on athlete health issues. As all the IFF anti-doping work is in line with the WADA requirements at least for now and the number of TUEs in decreased due to the changes in the Prohibited List, the IFF Medical committee could be more active in the field of injury assessment.

Mrs. Kozlovska presented a model used in ice hockey, where all teams are to fill in an injury report after the matches. Ms. Bruun informed that the IFF receives the information of severe injuries when teams are changing players due to injuries and also through the daily report during the events and this information could be used for collecting player injury information. The Medical committee discussed the options and will try to create a model that could be used in Floorball and the possibility to launch the model in WFC 2012.

The IFF Medical committee was also of the opinion that the IFF could collect more injury prevention reports and surveys and publish them through the IFF channels.

IFF Medical Committee member, Mrs. Kozlovska, will participate in the implementation of the ambitious anti-doping program of the Olympic Games in London 2012

IFF Anti-doping administrator, Ms. Bruun, is elected to the WADA education committee for 3 years from 1.1.2012.

Upcoming meetings and issues

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- The IFF will make the small changes in the IFF Event guidelines.
 - The IFF Medical committee will look into the injury assessment reporting more thoroughly and Mrs. Kozlovska will send the example of the injury assessment survey.
 - The IFF Medical committee to follow the WADA Code review process and react with feedback if there are issues that will affect Floorball.
 - The preliminary plan is to have the next meeting in connection with the WFC in Zurich.
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