



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

*Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF*

## IFF INFORMATION LETTER 1/2006

**Dear IFF Members,**

The IFF wishes to strengthen the information flow between the IFF and its Member Federations. Therefore we wish to periodically inform our member Federations about the International activity in Floorball and the new decisions and regulations that will affect our Member Federations.

In this first Information letter of the year 2006 we are focusing on the issues that were decided upon on the IFF Central Board Meeting in Ostrava 7.1.2006:

- 1. New IFF Members**
- 2. Floorball Development Programme**
- 3. World Floorball Championships**
- 4. European Cup: Qualification and Final round**
- 5. Changes in the Competition Regulations - National Teams**
- 6. Changes in the Competition Regulations - Club Teams**
- 7. Changes in the Transfer Regulations**

### **1. New IFF Members:**

- Mongolian Floorball Federation was granted Provisional membership in the IFF as member number 37. Mongolian Floorball Federation also became a member of the Asian and Oceanian Floorball Confederation (AOFC).

### **2. Floorball Development Programme**

- The first pilot test for the IFF Floorball Development Seminar was held in Eger, Hungary from the 16-18.12.2005 with 22 participants from Austria, Hungary, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.
- The Development Function's Steering Group and the Central Board have evaluated the feedback and results from the Seminar and found the Development Programme very important and positive for the development of Floorball.
- The IFF is now announcing the Member Federations to apply for organising Development Programme Seminars for 2006. A separate letter for applying for organising a Seminar will be sent out later during January. The goal is to organise a maximum of five Seminars during 2006.

### **3. World Floorball Championships:**

- In order to improve the attractiveness of the WFC in the future a new system will be adopted. Starting **earliest from year 2010** the final round will consist of 16 teams being

divided into four groups on equal basis thus replacing the actual system of divisions A, B and C. The qualified teams shall be drawn into the different groups according to the seeding system. On top of that quarterfinals shall be played.

- The following system of qualification for the final round shall apply:
  - a) The Organiser is automatically qualified for the Final round.
  - b) The Reigning champion shall no longer be qualified automatically.
  - c) Regional qualifications shall be organised in the years before the final round takes place.
  - d) The qualification groups shall be formed on the valid seeding system.
- Based on the present number of IFF-member associations the following quota system is applicable (will be subject to adaptation depending the number of member-associations):

Europe	11 places (including possible organiser)
Asia/Oceania	4 places (including possible organiser)
Americas	1 place
Africa	0 places

#### **4. European Cup: Qualification and Final round (starting from season 2007/2008):**

- The name of the European Cup shall be: **EuroFloorball Cup**. The seeding shall be changed from a 5 years to a 3 years cycle, thus making it more attractive for teams which do not belong to the best ranked associations. The Final round shall still be played with eight teams. (both women and men)
- The Qualification shall be organised in the period between the last weekend of August and the first weekend of September. The Qualifications for the Final round shall contrary to the actual system, be organised in regional tournaments.
- The Reigning Champion and the organiser of the Final round shall automatically be qualified. The Qualifications shall be divided into two or more regional qualification tournaments, depending on the number of places available for the Final round. All the teams which, according to the Regulations, are not directly qualified for the Final round according to the seeding system may take part. The winner of such a Qualification tournament will qualify for the Final round.
- The second ranked teams in the respective national championship (or possibly national cup-winners) of the first four seeded countries shall play for one place in the Final round. These "second ranked " teams shall be in one group, with the winner going through.
- The final round shall consist of the following participants: The organiser, the reigning champion, the top seeded from the ranking - giving a total of 5 teams - and the three qualifiers. Only two teams from the same nation shall be eligible to take part in the Final round.
- The Swiss Federation was granted the organisation of the EuroFloorball Cup final round in **2009**.

#### **5. Changes in the Competition Regulations - National Teams**

- Starting from the **WFC in Sweden 2006** the home team for the final match in all IFF Events will be defined by drawing of lots. To be a home team has an effect according to the Rules 502.
- From the **1<sup>st</sup> of January 2006** the availability of players, for their respective national teams for IFF International Events and Friendly Internationals during the International week-ends,

shall be freed for participating in their respective national team at least three days in advance of an IFF International Event and on Thursday at noon for Friendly Internationals during IFF International week-ends.

- From **July 1, 2006** a team in an IFF International event shall consist of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials. The First list can still consist of 30 players, of which 10 are on stand-by and can easily be called upon.
- From **July 1, 2006** a player, who represented a country in a U19 international match may be eligible to play for another country in the A-National team if he/she fulfils all the requirements (citizenship, etc.) to do so. A player however, who played for an A-Team for a specific country, regardless of her/his age, may still not represent another country.

#### **6. Changes in the Competition Regulations - Club Teams (starting from 1.7.2006)**

- A player eligible for the qualifying round in the IFF Club competition shall be licensed for the club concerned no later than the **31st of July** and not later than **31st October** (up to now September 30th) for the final round.
- A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the EuroFloorball Cup.

#### **7. Changes in the Transfer Regulations (starting from 1.7.2006)**

- In the pas there were some misunderstandings with the definition of "A Player". In order to avoid any misunderstanding in the future, the definition shall be clearer as follows: *"A player is a person belonging to a club of an IFF member Association participating in a national or regional competition, organised by this IFF member Association."*
- No transfer fee shall be due for a player under the age of 15 years, making a transfer from one country to another,
- A transfer of a player under the age of 15 years, moving with his/her family to another country, may not be hindered, unless he/she is under national suspension.
- The transfer period between two consecutive international transfers, shall be 21 days. This in order to avoid a player moving for one or two matches from one country to another.