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1. NEW SYSTEM FOR IFF EVENTS

During the meeting in Varberg, Sweden the CB discussed and decided upon new systems for future IFF events. These new playing systems will be implemented gradually and will be evaluated continuously during the process.

1.1 EuroFloorball Cup Qualification system for EFC 2008 & EFC 2009:

The qualifications for the EFC will be played for both men and women with two regional qualification tournaments and one qualification tournament for the 2nd best teams or National Cup winners of the four best seeded countries.

The winners of these three groups will be qualified for the EuroFloorball Cup. Only two teams can however participate from the same country. The Final round will be played with 8 teams, as was decided by the CB in January 2006.

The qualification tournaments for men and women will be organised together, in the same country/city. The organisers are chosen latest 30th of April the same year.

Qualification tournaments for EFC 2008 national champions

For the EFC 2008 Qualification tournament the organisers are Italy and Norway and the registered teams are divided into two groups based on both geographical and ranking concerns.

ITALY Italy Latvia Denmark Austria Slovakia Slovenia Hungary Spain	NORWAY Norway Russia Estonia Great Britain Netherlands Germany Belgium Poland
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Qualification tournament for EFC 2009 national champions

The system of regional qualifications will be fully implemented for the EFC 2009 qualification tournaments (played in 2008). Two regional tournaments will be organised and the teams are divided according to geographical concerns to an East and a West group. These groups can however be adjusted according to the teams participating.

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EAST GROUP	WEST GROUP
Russia	Iceland
Finland	Norway
Estonia	Sweden
Latvia	Denmark
Ukraine	Germany
Poland	Netherlands
Czech Republic	Italy
Slovakia	Great Britain
Austria	Switzerland
Hungary	France
Slovenia	Spain
Georgia	Belgium
Armenia	Liechtenstein

1.2. Future Floorball World Championships

A new system for future World Championships will be implemented gradually starting from the Men's World Championship 2010 that will be played in Finland.

2010 Men's Floorball World Championships

The CB decided that the Men's WFC 2010 will be played with 16 teams in four groups of four teams with the top seven teams from the A-division and the winner of B-division of the WFC 2008 automatically qualified to the Final round. The other countries will have to qualify separately for the WFC Final round.

This system will be valid for 2010 and 2011 and will be reviewed continuously.

2. APPOINTED NEW ORGANISERS OF IFF EVENTS

The IFF CB has appointed the following organisers for the future IFF events:

2008

EuroFloorball Cup Regional Qualifications 2008 to Italy and Norway (played in 2007)

2010

EuroFloorball Cup Final Round 2010 to the Danish Floorball Federation

2011

Women's WFC 2011 to the Swiss Floorball Association

Men's U19 WFC 2011 to the Norwegian Bandy Federation

2012

Men's WFC 2012 to the Swiss Floorball Association

EuroFloorball Cup Final Round 2012 to the Czech Floorball Union

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3. UPCOMING IFF EVENTS



3.1. Women's 6th WFC in Denmark

The tournament will be played 12th-19th of May 2007 in Arena Nord in Frederikshavn, Denmark.

The ticket sale and the press accreditations for the WFC 2007 will begin in February. More information can be found from the organiser's webpage www.wfc2007.org.

WFC 2007 Qualifications

During the spring three qualifications for the WFC 2007 will be played.

09-11.02.2007 Qualifications to the B-division

Wolsztyn, Poland 09.02 19:00 Poland-Slovakia 10.02 16:00 Slovakia-Estonia 11.02 13:00 Estonia-Poland	Kapfenberg, Austria 09.02 19:00 Austria-Slovenia 10.02 16:00 Slovenia-Italy 11.02 13:00 Italy-Austria
Referees: Anssi Silvo/Jukka Paso (FIN)	Referees: Thomas Erhard/Philippe Renz (SUI)

The winners of each qualification together with the best 2nd team will play the B-division in Frederikshavn 12-19.05.2007

17.02.2007 Qualification to the A-division (2nd leg)

Surugadai, Japan

17.02 14:00 **Japan-Singapore**

Referees: Thomas Baumgartner/Thomas Kläsi (SUI).

Singapore won the 1st leg 3-1. The winner, qualifying for the A-division, is decided as follows:

- 1) Most points
- 2) Goal difference (nothing extra for away goals)
- 3) In case of the same points and goal difference 10 minutes extra time (sudden death) is played
- 4) If still not decided penalty shots will follow

Doping tests

At least one player per team will be tested during the WFC 2007 in Denmark. Those players who use medications that fall under the **Prohibited List** (found on the IFF webpage under materials) must fill the **IFF TUE form** (found on the IFF webpage under materials) with their physicians and submit them to the IFF Head Office (at least 21 days

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before the event). The last day to send in a TUE before the WFC 2007 is 22nd of April 2007. Read more about the TUEs from the IFF webpage www.floorball.org under Anti-Doping.

3.2. Men's Under 19 WFC in Switzerland

The IFF Central Board decided that the Men's U19 WFC 2007 shall be played with 16 teams and that the four teams having registered (Hungary, Russia, Slovakia and Slovenia) but not paid their participation fee will have to take part in a qualification for the 16th and last spot in the U19 WFC 2007.

The teams can't participate in the qualification if they have not paid the outstanding participation fees by the 31st of January 2007. The qualification must be played before the end of April 2007.

The team qualifying will be promoted according to the existing ranking after the qualifications.

4. IFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SEMINARS

The feedback from all the Development Seminars has been very positive and the IFF is looking forward to organising more seminars for its Member Association in 2007. The IFF's aim is to organise three to five Floorball Seminars during the year 2007, with one in Canada, two – three in Europe and one in Asia

1.1 Development Program Seminar in Canada

The IFF will organise one seminar in Toronto, Canada in cooperation with the Canadian Unihockey and Floorball Federation. The planned dates are 2nd-5th of April 2007.

More details will be added to the IFF webpage www.floorball.org under Development Program.

5. IFF FINANCIAL TARGETS

The main focus for 2007 is on Floorball Development and gaining new members. The budget ends up on 866.000 CHF. The biggest incomes are the Material approving system, the marketing income and participation fees to IFF events. IFF is planning for a plus minus financial result in 2007.

For the year 2007 IFF will continue to make major financial investments into the Development of the member associations and the potential new members. The target of reaching to the set requirements of the International Olympic committee, of having 50 members in the end of 2007, is one key area of activity for the coming year. IFF has started a programme called IOC 50 Road Map and some funds have been allotted for the support of entering new countries.

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IFF is growing and the need to give more support to the member associations also increases, so the plan is to during the year employ a fourth employee to the IFF Office. This person will take responsibility of the growing marketing work, which is also visible on the income side. IFF further needs to employ a competition secretary in the near future to work with the increasing number of competitions, which will grow when the qualifications for the WFC's are implemented.

In the field of marketing, the main focus is to increase the co-operation with Infront that owns the marketing rights of IFF and also work more closely with TV. During the year IFF will negotiate with Eurosport to secure TV signals from all IFF Events and with the local broadcasters, in order to have Floorball visible on the TV's of as many IFF member federations possible.

6. IFF REFEREE CRITERIAS

The IFF Referee Committee has introduced a new three stage quality level system for the international referees. The referee criteria's consists of three different levels in which international referees will be ranked based on experience, physical condition and language. The qualification will be given by the RC and all referees will be ranked in June 2007.

More detailed information of the referee criteria can be found from the IFF webpage under meetings as appendix 27 in the minutes from the CB meeting held in Varberg 6th of January 2007.

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