



# INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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To: Georgian Floorball Association  
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cc: IFF Central Board (CB)  
IFF Appeal Committee (AC)  
Organiser of WFC 2006 C-division

## **Central Board decision concerning the Georgian Floorball Association - suspension**

The Central Board decided at its meeting in Ostrava on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, to suspend the Georgian Floorball Association (GFA), from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, if the GFA had not fulfilled the needed requirements by this date.

The IFF Executive Committee (ExCo), during its meeting in Jönköping, decided that the needed requirements, i.e. paying the debts to IFF, giving a sufficient explanation of the reasons for not turning up at the World Floorball Championships 2005 in Singapore and in the European Cup qualifications in Denmark 2005, have not been met by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

**Therefore the Georgian Floorball Association is suspended from all IFF activity starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2006.**

GFA has repeatedly failed in paying their debts to IFF, nor has it fulfilled the decisions of the IFF Central Board in giving a sufficient explanation for why the Georgian Teams did not participate in the World Floorball Championships in 2005 in Singapore and the European Cup Qualification in Denmark. The actual debts are as of February 13<sup>th</sup>, a total of 2.650 CHF. The GFA has also failed in giving a sufficient guarantee that the Georgian National Team will be able to participate in the upcoming WFC 2006, C-division.

In accordance to the suspension GFA is not allowed to participate in IFF events, i.e. IFF Championships and European Cups, (lex decision on Polish FA). GFA is not allowed to participate in IFF work, including appointing referees and committee members. Neither is GFA allowed to play friendly internationals with other IFF member associations. This also means that it will not be possible for the Georgian Floorball Association to participate in the World Floorball Championships 2006, in the C-division in Spain.

This decision is based on IFF regulations stated in the Juridical Regulations § 1.3, § 2.1. and § 2.8.

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A possible appeal, according to the Juridical Regulations chapter 2 § 4.2, shall be directed to the IFF Appeal Committee.

This decision will be made public at [www.floorball.org](http://www.floorball.org) on Wednesday, February 15th, 2006.

The IFF CB would have expected that the GFA would have taken the opportunity provided and given the IFF the required documents and paid their debts as this is custom in a partnership and is very disappointed about the dealing of the case by the responsible persons of GFA.

IFF will revert to you and set up a mandatory meeting with responsible persons, i.e. the GFA President and Secretary General (vice Presidents).

We still hope that a mutual agreement can be reached in a very near future and the IFF is willing to meet the officially recognised persons of the GFA to discuss the situation. One possible date for this is during the World Floorball Championships 2006 in Sweden and the IFF General Assembly.

Looking forward to your reaction, we remain

With sincere regards,

**International Floorball Federation**

**Tomas Eriksson**  
**President**

**John Liljelund b.d.**  
**Secretary General**

Enclosures: Extract from the Juridical Regulations

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## **§ 1.3 Suspension**

- a) A suspension consist of prohibition from participation, for a given period of time, in any official activity within the sphere of the IFF. A suspension may be imposed on all IFF members and NA's.
- b) A suspended National Association is obliged to reimburse the IFF for all expenses incurred by the latter for the study of its case (investigation or conciliation working group, juridical expenses, etc.).
- c) In order to recover its full affiliation, the said National Association must have satisfied the financial obligations above, unless an exceptional derogation is granted by IFF.

## **§ 2.1 Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee**

- a) The NA's have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by IFF Regulations.
- b) A late payment of the membership fee might entail a fine of CHF 100,- charged to the NA which, in addition, may be suspended until payment has been made.
- c) In case of delay exceeding six (6) months, the sanction specified under Chapter 1 article 2.1 b) above, shall be imposed.
- d) Should the non-compliance continue for more than one (1) year, the NA shall be subject to suspension.

## **§ 4.2 Appeals**

- a) All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal committee or the Central Board having been made.
- b) All appeals shall be send through the actual national association.
- c) The appeal shall be sent to the office of IFF within 21 days from announcement of the first decision. The appeal shall be accompanied by deposit of:
  - 1. CHF 1.000 for an appeal against a warning or a fine.
  - 2. CHF 5.000 in any other case.
- d) In case of received appeal the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the following deadlines:
  - 1. For fines, a date shall be communicated in good time by the Appeal Committee with the party concerned.
  - 2. For discharge or suspensions given by the Central Board in the first instance, the deadline shall be a maximum of 7 days following receipt of the appeal and the appropriate deposit at the office of IFF.
- e) If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded.

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