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European Cup 2005/2006 Final Round in Ostrava, Czech Republic 04-08.01.2006

Report

Basically the EC Final Round was reported in the CB meeting 07.01.2006 in Ostrava and this is to serve as a concluding report.

From the last CB meeting:
Mr. Orlando reported on the European Cup in Ostrava, stating that it is well organised, the only problem, which is a pity, is that there has not been a great number of spectators during the first day of the tournament.

Mr. Vaculik explained that due to the rivalry between Ostrava and Prague there are not a lot of locals supporting Tatran. Another issue can be the televised matches of Tatran. The question can also be if the event has been well marketed.

Mr. Eriksson noted with pleasure that Czech TV are televising three games on Czech national TV. Mr. Eriksson also informed after having discussed with Mr. Suman that as until today it seems to be as many spectators as it was at the EC 2003 in Prague, but that Mr. Eriksson also shared the opinion that it was a pity not more would be able to experience floorball live.

Mr. Gilardi feels that the entrance fee can not be the reason for not having more spectators.
Mr. Kauppinen felt that there is a need to have some requirements also related to spectators in IFF events.

To be added to the above report I have asked for reports from the Jury Chairman, Martin Wolmhed and the Head of Referee Management, Klaus Koskela. These reports are attached and will be taken into consideration within the RACC.

Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon by the CB

None

New ideas, etc…

A new document concerning the requirements for an organizer is under production.

Kindest regards

Stefan Kratz
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Report from European Cup 2006 in Ostrava

1. General information

The final round was played in Ostrava 2006-01-04 to 2006-01-08. Sixteen teams were participating in the tournament for men and women and the following teams won the tournament:
Women – Iksu (SWE)
Men – Warberg IC -85 (SWE)

2. Final round EC in Ostrava – organiser and arenas

Organiser
The final round was held without problems regarding organiser and their work. Tournament management (Rolf Franke, David Koudelny, Petr Seda, Robert Segeta and Lubomir Simon), hall management and their crew responded fast of any of the jury wishes and all other wishes and tried to do the tournament as good as you can expect.
I had also a lot of contact with the teams and they were all very satisfied with the hospitality from the organiser and the help they got in different matters and that I should give their regards to the organiser for there good work.

I think that the organiser succeeded to make the tournament one of the best ever.

Arenas
The matches were played in two arenas Poruba Arena (men group and final matches) and Privoz Arena (women group matches).

Poruba Arena is an ice hockey arena with a spectator capacity of ~ 5000 persons. It was also the base for the tournament office and had also a hotel were the referees and RC management was staying. All different sections and needs were arranged in the arena (TV-stands, VIP sections, meeting rooms, press room, restaurant, first aid, tournament office, internet connection, etc, etc). The security was really good and there were security checks on necessary spots.
There was some minor problem regarding the signal after period/match end during the first day.

Privoz Arena was a smaller arena with spectator capacity of ~ 500 persons. It was a good arena for teams, spectators and VIP, but had no press area in the arena or internet connection which made it hard for press persons to work in an easy way (and there were press officers from different countries following the tournament).
There was a minor problem before the first match due to the fact that the goal area was not in the correct position from the rink/centre of the field.

3. Final round EC in Ostrava – teams

The final round was held with just some minor problem regarding teams;
- teams not attending at Technical meeting
- team lists which not where correct
- teams didn't get there luggage.

Technical meetings

During the final round we had two technical meetings for men and women.
At the first meeting following team did not attend:
Iksu (SWE) – They did not attend to the meeting because they were transported by the organiser from Vienna and the bus light broke down and the driver had to drive almost 100 km with a flashlight in his hand. The team was picked up in Vienna at about 16.00 and didn't arrive to the hotel until 00.30 (the trip was 320 km in total) – normally they would have been in Ostrava for the technical meeting in time.
At the second meeting following team did not attend:
FBC Liberec (CZE) – They where playing the last match before the technical meeting in Privoz arena (about 20 minutes from the hotel where the meeting was held) and a snowplough was blocking the road for 15 minutes. Something which also happened several times during the jury transports between the arenas. The team management came just before the meeting was over.

Conclusion: I propose that both teams which missed the technical meetings should remain unpunished due to the circumstances above.

Team lists which where not correct

After the technical meeting the teams made some adjustments on their team lists and before the teams first match their passports were compared with the team lists and still there were some changes. In total there were only two teams who didn't have any remarks on their team lists (Fredrikshavn Bulldogs (DEN) and Tikkurilan Tiikerit (FIN)). No player was denied to play.

Teams without luggage

At the technical meeting there were two teams which didn't have their luggage, SV Wiler-Ersigen (SUI) and Tunet IBK (NOR). Both teams had lost there luggage during flight connections.
The team from Switzerland got their luggage the same night but the Norwegian team didn't get their luggage until 13.00 the day after (they had there first match at 16.00). We (jury) had made preparations for changing the schedule if the luggage wouldn't appear in time.

4. Final round EC in Ostrava – referee management

The Jury would like to thank the RC management, Thomas Gilardi and Klaus Koskela, and their crew. Teamwork between Jury and RC has developed very positively during the past years and worked very well during the tournament, especially seeing the good balance during the various meetings and that we work as a team without interfering with each others job.

5. Other

Some short information regarding different things:

- TV was broadcasting three matches during the tournament
- The transportation for the referees between Prague and Ostrava (both ways), was not good due to the fact that they had to go by bus (400 km) and the weather conditions made the trip very long and it also started very early Monday morning (04.00) when they were going back home.
- There were a special VIP room for the referees in connection with both arena and dressing room – which was good (preparations, talks with observer and other referees and a perfect room to be in during intermissions)
- The prising ceremony had some minor problems regarding getting the teams to follow the directions they were given
- The transportation to Ostrava was not so easy and teams and officials had to make a lot of different preparations to get there. Most of the participants used airplane to Prague, Vienna or Katovice and then airplane, bus, car or train to Ostrava.

Best regards

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1. Transportation

Transportation, on the behalf of the referees, to Ostrava should have been informed better and planned in a different way. When the refs came to Praque they were told to take a bus (transporting some team) to Ostrava. The trip to Ostrava took some 4-5 hours and during the trip there wasn`t any food. So the refs were very tired and hungry when they arrived and we tried to make the first meeting very quickly.

The trip to back to Praque was taken care in a better way. The refs could choose between a train or bus. However the transportation should always be by plane.

I was satisfied with my own transportation. I was also lucky when my flight back to Finland succeeded all the way from Ostrava and I didn`t need to take the team bus to Vienna or to Praque. Other's weren`t so lucky.

I was told that there wasn`t any seats on the flights left but during my both flights from and to Vienna there were just 4-6 passengers on the plane.

Transportations during the tournament in Ostrava were good. I didn`t notice any problems with it. I think the organizer tried to do their best.

2. Venues

The big venue connected with our hotel was good. It was a perfect situation for the refs and also easier for the organizer when no transportation was needed. The minor hall was in general ok; perhaps too noisy because of the wall construction.
Otherwise I can`t say so much about this arena, because I was there just once during the tournament.

3. Accommodation

The hotel where referees and referee management stayed was in general all right.
I didn`t here any complains about it. The best thing of course was that it was connected with the arena.

The meeting room we used was the same where the press were and that wasn`t so good. Yet no problems occurred and every meeting went smoothly.

4. Possible other issues

In general the organizer tried to their best. They were eager to full fill wishes we wanted. Our drivers were understandable persons.

The first evening there wasn`t any person from the organizer to help us but later we had a former int. referee with us and he was of a great help. The referees´ VIP- room was very good and every referee could relax there or have discussion with others. This means actually a lot for the development of the referees.
Ref. management has stayed many times together with the jury at the same hotel and that is a good thing. We always have good discussions about the matches, venues or the practical problems regarding the tournament. Many times we have been a good help to each other. This time the jury stayed in another hotel.

Klaus Koskela