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Final round of the Women's World championship 2007 in Denmark Number of teams

Dear CB,

For the final round of the above mentioned World-Championship 2007 23 teams registered.

Therefore it has to be decided whether 23 teams shall take part at the final round (10 A-division, 8 B-division, 5 C-division) or only 20 teams as in previous Championships.

We recall:

The RACC has proposed to reduce the number of teams at final rounds to 16, thus playing qualifying matches (tournaments) making the WFC more attractive and also "easier" to organize with only 16 teams, which was sanctioned by the CB at its meeting on January 8th, 2006 in Ostrava.

Furthermore it was also decided to increase the number of teams in the A-division to 10 which means that 20 teams will be divided into an A- and a B-division. It goes without saying that no C-division should be played with only 3 teams.

Now the constellation is such that the 16 teams which took part in Singapore also would qualify directly to the final round and that 7 teams could play a qualification for the remaining for places in Denmark.

After a thorough discussion within the RACC the following was established:

The decision of RACC and the CB should be adopted also for the WFC 2007 WFC i.e. have qualification in order to determine the 4 countries taking part at the final round.

Canada being an extra-European shall be invited and the remaining 6 countries (Poland, Estonia, Slovakia, Slovenia Austria and Italy) shall go through qualification. The three first named shall form one group and the other three the second group. The respective qualification group shall be organized within one of the three countries in the group. Both tournaments shall be played the same weekend. The winner and the best ranked second shall qualify to the final round.

It also has to be stated that five of the six teams did not enter for financial reasons so the above proposal is in line with the aim of the CB to have Associations to invest their funds in their own Championships instead of just traveling to World Championships.

At the technical meeting at the World Championship in Singapore the teams were informed, that the procedure of the qualification for the WFC in Denmark would be informed later, depending of the number of teams entering!

In view of the above the RACC is convinced that this is the best solution to define the 20 participants in Denmark and in line with the decision taken by the CB in Ostrava.

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