



IFF EVENTS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S WFC

The Men's & Women's World Floorball Championships (WFC) are played with 16 teams in December. The continental qualification tournaments are played in February the same year. The Men's WFC is played in even years and the Women's WFC in uneven years.



U19 WFC

The Under 19 World Floorball Championships (U19 WFC) are played with eight teams in the A-division and eight teams in the B-division in May. The qualification tournaments are played in September the previous year. The Men's U19 WFC is played in uneven years and the U19 Women's WFC in even years.

CC AND EFC

The Champions Cup is for the club champions from the Top 4 ranked European nations, plus the winner from the previous year's EFC. The CC is played every year in October for both men and women. The EuroFloorball Cup (EFC) is for the club champions from the 5th and lower ranked European nations. It is played every year in October for both men and women, and the qualifications are in August the same year.

The upcoming IFF Events are found on the IFF web page www.floorball.org under IFF Events.

IFF MATERIALS



As a part of the service to the member associations IFF has produced education, information and promotional materials. All the written materials are free to be downloaded from the IFF website www.floorball.org under Materials, and most of the written materials are also published in an easy read version on issuu.com/iff_floorball.

The IFF has also produced an IFF Events Mobile App with live scores, game notifications and real-time game statistics from the major IFF Events.

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FLOORBALL IS A FAST GROWING SPORT PLAYED INDOORS WITH STICKS. EACH TEAM HAS FIVE FIELD PLAYERS AND A GOALKEEPER WITHOUT A STICK.



FLOORBALL

Floorball is the sport of today and becoming the sport of tomorrow. During the 30 years of floorball history, the development and growth of the sport has been amazing. Since the first Floorball Federation was founded in 1981 in Sweden, the sport has spread all over the world and it is now played in over 60 countries.

Floorball is the fastest growing sport in a number of countries and now has a total of 300,000 licensed players and approximately 2 million recreational players in the world. There are no signs that this positive development would slow down in the near future.

Although floorball is a professional sport amongst the elite players requiring their full-time involvement, it is still also a sport for all. Floorball is widely played in schools, among youth and adult recreation and corporate sports groups and it has become the alternative team sport for both men and women in a number of countries. One of the great advantages of Floorball is the easiness to start playing and the relatively low costs. Floorball is a sport for short and tall, young and old, boys and girls as well as disabled players – Anyone can play the game!

FLOORBALL HISTORY IN SHORT



Some roots of floorball have been found as far back as from 1958 when an industry in Minneapolis, USA introduced plastic sticks under the name Cosom. Cosom floor hockey was played in the USA and Canada. In the 1970's the floorball sport we play today was developed in Sweden and in 1986 the International Floorball Federation was founded by the Swedish, Finnish and Swiss Floorball Associations.

INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION

The International Floorball Federation, IFF, is the head organisation of world floorball. The IFF is a rapidly growing sports federation, with 55 Member Associations from all continents.

In July 2011 the IFF was granted the full recognition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which opens new doors for Floorball worldwide. The IFF has been an ordinary member of Sport Accord since 2004 and also cooperates with the International University Sports Federation (FISU), the International Schools Sport Federation (ISF), the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA), the International Master Games Association (IMGA), the International Committee of Electric Wheelchair Hockey (ICEWH) and the Special Olympics.



The Strategic vision for the upcoming decade is defined as follows in the IFF Vision statement:

"To be the internationally approved sole owner of the dynamic sport of Floorball and to ensure all its different forms and identities and to serve as an attractive sport for all. Being a healthy organisation with sufficient human and financial resources, with over 100 international member associations, which are having and organising their own national championships, and with five continental confederations."

Floorball is adaptable to be played on a global level taking into consideration all the different infrastructural conditions, according to the standardised game rules, with a World Floorball Championships played with participants from five continents, based on the qualifications and being on the program of the Universiade, the World Games and/or the Olympic Games until 2020."

IFF DEVELOPMENT WORK

The IFF is focused on the development of its members and on gaining new Member Associations. The work of strengthening the development of the IFF Member Associations started in 2005 through the IFF Development Program Seminars and in 2012 with the Association Audits. The IFF is also actively supporting new countries where there is floorball activity with equipment, educational and promotional material.

