

Helsinki, Finland, 29th of April 2024

IFF Central Board meeting 2/2024 28.04.2024 as a face-to-face meeting in Solna, Sweden

Place: Quality Hotel Friends, Råsta Strandväg 1169 56 Solna , Sweden

Participants:	Tomas Eriksson	President
	Filip Suman	Vice President
	Jörg Beer	
	Tamuz Hidir	
	Steen Houman	(remote participation)
	Calle Karlsson	
	Stephen King	§§ 1 – 9a
	Martin Klabere	
	Carlos Lopez	
	Agata Plechan	ATC chair
	Pakkamol Siriwat	§§ 1 – 9a
	Kaarina Vuori	§§ 1 - 9a
	Veli Halonen	Operations Manager
	Stefan Kratz	Competition Manager (remote participation)
	Sarah Mitchell	Event Manager
	John Liljelund	Secretary General
Excused:	Monica Birdal	Treasurer

Minutes

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson welcomed all members to the second CB meeting of the year 2024 and informs that Mrs. Bakke is not able to participate for personal reasons and that Mr. Houman is participating remotely. Mr. Eriksson thanked for a splendid CB workshop on Friday and Saturday and congratulated the Swedish federation for setting new records for spectators in floorball matches for both Men and Women in the Super Final in the Friends Arena. Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 09:00.

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there are the following updated or new appendix for the meeting.

Appendix	2b	-	Financial report 2024 (updated)
Appendix	3	-	Claims participating nations WFC 2024-2025 (update)
Appendix	6	-	WFC 2025 Registrations (update)
Appendix	16	-	CC Marketing guidelines (New)
Appendix	22	-	Strategy Status report (New)

CB decided: To approve the report, the new and updated appendixes and the agenda for the meeting

§ 3 Minutes from the CB meetings: 01/2024 in Malaga, Spain (03.03.2023)

The minutes from the last CB meeting 01/2024 were scrutinized, approved and put ad acta. (**Appendix 1**)

CB decided: To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meeting 01/2024

§ 4. Financial questions

a) Financial report 2023 by 31.12.2023

Mr. Kratz presented the financial report and balance sheet by the 31.12.2023 (**Appendix 2a**).

The outcome per 31st of December is CHF 7,584 which is some CHF 16,192 (2022: CHF 23,776) lower than last year but slightly better than the preliminary report in the last meeting.

The liquidity per 31st December is CHF 419,195 some CHF 106,073 less than the same time last year (2022: CHF 525,268) partly due to the less income on marketing, sales and material approval income.

CB decided: To approve the report.

b) Financial report 2024 by 28.04.2024

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Mr. Kratz further presented the financial report and balance sheet by the 28.04.2024 (Appendix 2b). Even though it is still a bit early in the year a forecast is included in the report.

The outcome per 28th of April is CHF 216,970 which is some CHF 111,649 (2023: CHF 105,321) better than last year, partly due to earlier payment of WFC organisers fees.

The liquidity per 28th April is CHF 550,834 some CHF 162,827 better than the same time last year (2023: CHF 388,007)

The finances are continued to be monitored on a daily basis, and possible saves will be considered if and when we see signs of possible less income than now budgeted. The projected forecasts have been included, with the change of moving the IFF App costs and income to an own cost place.

Mr. Eriksson thanked the IFF administration of being 100% on track of the finances. Mr. King asked if the referee shared cost have been invoiced earlier, to which Mr. Kratz answered that this has been done to secure the income, before we have the costs.

CB decided: To approve the report.

c) Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2024 – status April 28th

Mr. Kratz reported on behalf of Mrs. Birdal that the claims situation by 28.04.2024 for Associations participating in the WFCs in 2024 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (**Appendix 3 and 4**).

Since the last CB meeting Slovenia has made their last payment and cleared their debts. Contacts have been taken to the Latvia and Philippines to build new pay-off plans to solve their debts (**Appendix 5**). The new payment plans are being updated as soon as they are agreed upon. Latvia wants to have all their debts to be paid by the end of July, but IFF has raised the question in regard to their debt to the swiss company Gast, which needs to be fixed.

The status for registrations to the WFCs 2025 was presented (**Appendix 6**).

The administration has sent a letter to the countries having paid their registration late and informed them that they are confirmed for participation. The countries that hadn't paid the registration have been informed of the final deadline 31.05.2024 to pay the registration fee, otherwise their registration will not be approved.

Ms. Vuori asked about Great Britain and why we are not discussing with them, as they should also have a plan. Mr. Kratz answered that the IFF Office has now concentrated on the major problems. Mr. Liljelund stressed that we need to finalise the building of the new system and follow it without any deviations.

CB decided: To approve the reports, to continue to follow up on the pay-off plans for Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Latvia, Malaysia, Philippines and Russia, to continue to follow up on the debts of the non-participating Associations and to monitor the debts situation of the teams registered for the WFCs 2025.

§ 5. World Championships

a) Women's WFC 2023, Singapore

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Quantum Analytics Event Report for the WFC 2023 in Singapore. (**Appendix 7**) has been finalised and published on the 18th of April. The delay in reporting was due to some feedback missing from the LOC and the other Singaporean parties. Mr. Eriksson felt that we have been able to measure the WFC's and their effects and asked that we should convey a thank you for the good work. Mr. Suman was surprised to learn there were only 4,300 sold tickets for the event but also wanted to highlight the success with the TV audience, even if we had the WFC outside Europe.

Mr. Liljelund informed that we will receive the IFF Strategy review done by Quantum Analytics.

CB decided: to approve the reports.

b) U19 WFC 2024, Finland

Ms. Vuori reported on the preparations of the U19 WFC in Lahti Finland. (**Appendix 8**) The preparations are proceeding well, with less than two weeks before the event, but some of the tasks are trailing a little behind timetables. The LOC has now two full-time employees and a person recruited as a bought service to handle the communications and social media. In addition, the LOC has engaged two trainees one person for contacting Finnish clubs and one person form the 3v3 tournament. A total of 16 employees of the Finnish Floorball Federation staff/team leaders will join the Event. There are a total of some 150 volunteers and the only lack is for the

security and the 3v3 match secretariat and rink staff, which will have to be purchased from the local club.

The original number of 200 tournament tickets have been sold out and an additional 50 have been released this week. The single day tickets have sold between 109 – 195 per day to a total value of some 38.000 EUR, with a ticketing budget of 99.000 EUR. In addition, there has been sold some 700 tickets to the sport clubs, through a special campaign. The LOC is still planning some actions to be taken to increase ticket sales.

The LOC has a special theme day for each of the Event days. The opening day is a School day, with over 1.000 students in the morning games. On Thursday there is a Sokos Family Day with outdoor activities and a Paw Patrol Meet & Greet (Finnish children's TV program). On Friday there is the National Club Day, with season ending program and then a memorial game FIN-NOR for a former U19 female player who passed away in cancer. On Saturday there is a Eurovision Song contest happening and on Sunday it is Mother's day and also the WFC lottery, where 6000 floorball balls are dropped from the ski jumping tower.

The 3v3 has caused extra work, but the IFF Office has been helping here a lot. The number of persons that have applied to become a volunteer is around 170 persons. The financial situation looks pretty good, if the lottery will give the budgeted income.

Ms Mitchell reported on the preparations of the U19 WFC 2024 where the organisation for the event is on track. The LOC has been working on all the tasks but has been a little bit slow in finalising a lot of the details. The team lists were published on Friday 12th of April. One concern regarding the teams is the size of the Team Canada delegation which has just 11 players (including only 1 goalkeeper) + 8 team officials, with no emergency players. This could be very problematic if they suffer any injuries.

Mr. Liljelund reported on the TV situation. The TV production is being done by PolarHD and the preparations for this are all in order. All matches will be streamed on the IFF media App and the Finnish matches will be broadcasted on the online platform of the Finnish National Broadcasting Company YLE Areena. Discussions are still ongoing concerning the possibility of a highlights package to be shown for the final game of Finland on Sunday the 12th on TV. The Danish matches will be streamed on the Sportway channel. Discussions are still ongoing with Czech Republic and Switzerland for possible broadcasts.

Mr. Suman asked about the marketing of the ball lottery, to which Ms. Vuori answered that the balls will be released and the former ski jumping world champion Janne Ahonen will jump from the ski jumping tower. What is the amount of volunteers needed for the 3v3 event? Ms. Mitchell answered that you need 2 persons for each match secretariat and having shared rink persons as we have nettings in between the courts. We are working with some 20 plus persons in the venue for each match. So you would need some 80 persons for the whole event. Mr. Suman hopes that in the future the LOC is able to secure the required number of volunteers to organise the 3v3 event, to which Mr. Beer confirmed.

Mr. Hidir asked about the announcement about the U19 WFC volunteers, to which Ms. Vuori answered that there were some suspicious applications, which were declined. Ms. Plechan asked if the Eurovision evening in the WFC venue is open for anyone, which Ms. Vuori confirmed.

3v3 WFC 2024 (Finland)

Ms Mitchell reported on the preparations for the first 3v3 WFC. There has been, as expected, a lot of tasks that have arisen with the organisation that were not considered in the original planning, especially to do with the basic logistics of running such an intensive competition with 5

courts in use at the same time. The amount of resources, both in terms of equipment and staff, has proved a little bit difficult for the Finnish Federation to plan for and provide, while at the same time maintaining a focus on the U19 WFC, however the IFF is confident that the event will be successful. Both the LOC & IFF have one dedicated person to manage the event full-time.

The number of volunteers has been particular problem. Staff from both the U19 WFC LOC and the IFF will be used, when available, to ensure that all the key tasks are covered for the 3v3. The impact of reduced volunteers will be most visible in the reduction of planned livestreams that can be provided. There will be one main show court that will be produced by PolarHD and the other courts will be streamed directly to the app using a single camera (mobile phone or tablet), and the number of games will depend on the availability of staff / volunteers.

The groups and match schedules (**Appendix 9**) were released in early April and all team lists have been published. The event will be played with 30 men's teams divided into 7 groups and 14 women's teams in 3 groups. Both a Championship Final and B-final will be played for both men & women. Originally, the plan was to have the final matches and medal ceremonies in the U19 WFC venue, however the logistics of this proved too difficult and it was decided that it was better to keep all matches & ceremonies in the 3v3 venue, especially considering the difference in venue branding as well as there being entrance fees for the U19 event.

Mr. Klabere feels very worried when Ms. Mitchell says that this will be a second Champions Cup in regards to the unexpected nature of the preparations. Ms. Mitchell says that one concern is there could be a flow of effects if there are some problems on one court that cause any major delays.

CB decided: to approve the reports

WFC 2024 Sweden

Mr. Klabere reported on the preparations of the WFC 2024 and the LOC report. (**Appendix 10a**) Tickets for all days/all passes have been released on March 27th in direct connection after the publishing of the first version of the match schedule. The ticket sales linked to the final weekend is still very positive. So far the fans from, mainly, Finland, Switzerland and the Czech Republic are still waiting to see how/when the quarterfinals will be played (on Thursday or Friday on Dec the 12-13th).

The school project "Little WFC" has so far reached over 8,600 pupils up to the age of 9 in 67 schools. A floorball instructor has visited their physical education lesson and they have been invited to a training session at a local floorball club afterwards. The goal is to visit over 20,000 pupils in the region.

The Region of Skåne will, together with the Swedish Floorball Federation, invite the Swedish Ambassadors of the qualified nations to a welcome ceremony in Malmö on June 18th. The purpose is to offer the participating nations to invite their national networks to the championships, to organize activities with their targets groups and the possibility to present themselves in conjunction with the world championships to promote tourism and business opportunities.

A TV site visit with production companies and some of the larger broadcasting companies is planned to be carried out on June 27th in both arenas.

The major implemented LOC sustainability activities in relation to the GAMES-project.

Both the Swedish floorball's internal resources and external resources work with the sale of the commercial rights. Currently, agreements have been signed with partners corresponding close to

40% of the target in the budget. The LOC has planned the following Marketing milestones (**Appendix 10b**)

Ms Mitchell reported that the group ballot was held on Tuesday 5th March at the Turning Tower in Malmö. The groups were decided as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Norway	Slovakia	AOFC3	AOFC2
Germany	Latvia	AOFC1	Slovenia
Switzerland	Sweden	Estonia	Poland
Czechia	Finland	Canada	Denmark

**AOFC teams will be placed into the groups based on the ranking of the qualified teams, not their placing at the AOFC qualification event*

The preliminary match schedule (**Appendix 11**) has been published and all tickets are now on sale. The IFF will organise, as discussed in the CB in advance of the WFC in Singapore, a meeting with the main TV takers in May or June, after the FIS meeting has been held to finalise the match schedule based on the TV needs.

The organisation of the AOFC qualifications in Philippines are on-track. The LOC has been very good in communicating with the teams and has made some good promotional material for the event. The LOC have been given the right to broadcast the Philippines matches on their Facebook.

The TV discussions have been finalised this week and the LOC has agreed to approve the offer from PolarHD and IFF will sign the agreement with them. The LOC and IFF will make a decision for what company to work with just before the CB meeting, so more details will be given in the meeting. The discussion with Protocol Sports marketing for the continuation of the TV right sales is continuing and IFF should receive an offer for a continued agreement before summer. The discussions with takers will start after the TV takers meeting in May or June.

Mr. Suman asked about how the expectation of the ticketing income is fairly low for the WFC 2024. Mr. Klabe explained that the lower ticketing income could still be easily be changed in a positive direction. Mr. Suman felt that it is good that IFF will now be motivated in the future to support ticketing sales.

CB decided: To approve the report

d) Upcoming Events

U19 WFC 2025 (Switzerland) + 3v3 WFC 2026

Mr. Beer reported on the plans that Swiss Unihockey has concerning the organisation of the Men's U19 WFC 2025 in Zurich and the project built around it and the idea to have a similar event for the Women U19 WFC in 2028. (**Appendix 12 a**) The SUHV has **received** support from the City, Canton and Federal government, which will give the possibility to play the finals in the Swiss Life Arena, providing an excellent environment for the young players.

Ms Mitchell reported that the contract with the Swiss has now been signed and the IFF Office has begun communications with the head of the LOC – Mr. Andreas Cadisch. There was a **CB** decision from the LOC to re-use the event logo from WFC 2022 for the U19 event as well as

several other future events in Switzerland, which neither the IFF competition or marketing staff were in favour of. It was the view of the IFF that a new logo should be designed for each event to give it an individual identity. The Swiss idea was that they could create more familiarity and visibility for the events through the use of a single logo. Discussions between the LOC & IFF have reached a compromise whereby a similar logo will be used for multiple events, creating a brand family which the Swiss are very happy with. CB decided for the logo. **(Appendix 12b)**.

Swiss Life Arena has been confirmed for the final weekend, and other days will be at Saalsporthalle and Sporthalle Hardau. The original schedule CB decided for a 6-day event from the LOC was amended by the IFF and is still to be confirmed **(Appendix 13)**. The introductory U19 WFC 2025 website (www.floorball.sport/u19wfc2025) has been launched and this will be redirected to the main event domain later in the year. Ms. Mitchell confirm that the match schedule still needs to be discussed, whether all the teams shall have the same rest day or it should be during two days. Mr. Klabere felt that it is up to the Swiss, when they want to execute the resting day. Discussions will be held during the next week.

A total of 26 teams have registered, which is one more than in 2023. Japan and Ukraine **are** back in the U19 WFC and Hungary has not registered. The Americas qualification will be played 02-04.08.2024 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. For the AOFC qualification there are discussions on playing in the Solomon Islands during mid-late September 2024. For the EUR qualification there is currently only one interested organiser (Poland) and discussions are in progress to see if it is possible to play the complete qualification with 11 teams in one place. Updated registration list (with updated payment info) **(Appendix 6)**

Ms. Mitchell confirmed that the cooperations with the LOC will begin more regularly after the U19 WFC in Lahti. Mr. Klabere and Mr. Suman congratulated the Swiss initiative, but stressed that the 6 days is an exception for the U19 WFC, as we need to have it as a five day event, otherwise we might not have organisers. Mr Suman made a similar comment about the use of Swiss Life Arena – it will make for a fantastic event but it cannot be the benchmark for future U19 WFCs. Mr. Klabere asked why the LOC could not reuse the logo, the IFF Office felt that the reusing of exactly the same logo benefitted swiss unihockey more than the IFF in creating branding awareness and that each event should have its own identity, but the family branding will work well.

Mr. Lopez asked if there are any updates for when the European qualifications will be played. Poland is not presently ready to have all the teams, so the IFF looking for other solutions. There are two other possible options but neither are favoured by the IFF Office unless absolutely no other options are available, but this must be fixed in the next two weeks.

CB decided: to approve the report

WFC 2025 (Czech Republic)

Ms. Mitchell reported that the communication with the LOC has begun earlier than expected, mainly due to the release of the event logo which was done in connection with the Czech league play-offs and Superfinal. The information on the proposed logo and the release was received very late by the IFF which caused significant issues in the approval process, not just with the logo itself but also with associated products that the LOC had already prepared such as a temporary website and event merchandise. The IFF is happy with the logo and branding, however, it has been made very clear that providing sufficient time in the approval process must be given in the future. Mr. Suman thanked the IFF administration for the flexibility to solve the issues so quickly.

The contract negotiations are in the final stages, after a meeting was held on the 12th of April, but this has also been a rather drawn-out process with the first draft of the contract being with Czech

Floorball for over 5 months before coming back to the IFF. The agreement was signed in connection to the IFF CB meeting in Sweden. Mr. Suman reported that the LOC has already had their first meeting and the work is already running at full speed. The target is to enhance the total number of the female players in Czechia.

A total of 29 teams have registered, which is one less than in 2023 and the Ukraine is the one missing. Discussions with possible organisers for the qualifications have begun. There is needed 2-3 in EUR, and one in each of AOFC & AMER. The possibilities for AOFC could be India, Japan or Singapore to organise and the AMER will be in the USA. Updated registration list (with updated payment info) (**Appendix 6**)

Mr Suman said that the problem with the late presentation of the logo / branding information to the IFF has been addressed internally. He is confident in the experience of the LOC members and trusts that this situation will not happen again.

CB decided: to approve the reports.

European Championships 2026

Ms Mitchell reported that no communication with these organisers has begun yet. For European Championships there is still the need to create Competition Regulations & Organiser Regulations. Mr. Suman felt that it will be very important to create the competition regulations closer to the U19 regulations, to have conditions enabling a broader number of organisers. The European Floorball Championships will be played in the 1st to 6th of September.

Ms Mitchell asked for confirmation of the official name that should be used for the European Championships, which was agreed as Euro Floorball Championships, as this was the event name that was presented to, and approved by, the IFF General Assembly in Zurich 2022.

3v3 WFC 2026

The IFF Competition Office would like to propose that the 3v3 WFC 2026 could be held in conjunction with the U19 WFC 2026 (Italy) and possibly played as an outdoor event. If CB is in favour of pursuing this proposal, then discussions with the Italian Association should begin as soon as possible so that they can secure venue & accommodation space.

CB decided: to approve the reports

§ 6. Club competitions

a) Champions Cup

Mr Liljelund reported on the CCSG Meeting held on the 22nd of March to discuss the feedback from the season 2023-2024 Champions Cup, the preparation time-table for the edition 2024 – 2025, needed changes of the CC regulations, updating the Broadcast/Streaming guidelines, suggestions of possible changes for 2024-2025 and the financial analysis from a club level. (**Appendix 14**) The CCSG discussed the financial outcome of the Champions Cup 2023-2024 and the outcome for the clubs, based on their reports (**Appendix 35ab**)

Ms. Mitchell reported that the CC Competition & Organiser Regulations have been updated for 2024-2025 through consultation with the IFF, CCSG, RC, and RACC. (**Appendix 15**). There are

still two open questions in regard to the CC Regulations, namely the number of team officials on the bench and the way the match clock will run.

The IFF Marketing function has prepared the CC Marketing Guidelines (**Appendix 16**), which the IFF CB is to approve on a principle level, as the countries are still in the process to approve it finally. The Broadcast/Streaming Guidelines (**Appendix 17**) have also been updated and all stakeholders has now finally approved them. All teams apart from the Finnish Men's teams have been cleared, which will be settled later on Sunday the 28th of April and now ready to send out the invitation earlier than planned.

NORTH MEN

Storvreta IBK v Nokian KrP
Oilers / Classic v Pixbo IBK

SOUTH MEN

Zug United v Mlada Boleslav
Tatran Střešovice v SV Wiler-Ersigen

NORTH WOMEN

Thorengruppen IBK v Classic
TPS v Pixbo IBK

SOUTH WOMEN

Kloten-Dietlikon Jets v Florbal Chodov
1.SC Vitkovice v Zug United

The invitation to register will be sent out at the beginning of May with registrations due no later than 31st May. A new timeline for the organisation of the CC has been made by the IFF (**Appendix 18**)

CB decided: To approve the reports

b) Euro Floorball Cup & EuroFloorball Challenge

Ms Kratz reported that discussions with possible organisers will begin once league finals in the eligible countries conclude and national champions are known. The competition office proposes that a decision on whether to hold either or both of these events must be made no later than 15th June to allow the necessary time for the event planning or for teams to make alternative arrangements for participation in other club events during summer.

CB decided: To approve the reports

c) AOFC Club Championships

Ms Mitchell reported that the IFF was informed on the 7th of April, of the planning of the 2nd AOFC Club Championships, which are scheduled to be played in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia from 9th – 15th July. This was via an email sent from the organiser directly to the AOFC National Associations. A huge amount of organisation has already been undertaken (**Appendix 19**) with no communication at all with the IFF.

After the same event last year, where the IFF was also not informed of any of the planning until the very last minute, the AOFC was advised that they must seek approval from the IFF for all events, so it is unacceptable that this has happened again. While the IFF is fully supportive of this event, it must be run according to IFF Guidelines and event protocols.

The IFF informed of the need for IFF competition & media staff to be present at the event, as well as IFF political representation. The development of Floorball in the AOFC region, and particularly in China, is very important, especially with TWG 2025 coming up and the IFF must be informed of all AOFC activities to ensure that we are supporting their efforts and that it is following the strategic plans of the IFF.

A request for more information from the organiser (Mr Ching) was sent on 7th April and was received on 22nd April. From this information the IFF Competition Department has advised to the AOFC that the event should be categorised not as an IFF event, but as an International Club Tournament organised by China Floorball and AOFC. The event will be open to any club teams from the AOFC region, including non-IFF members, so the reference to the event being the AOFC Club Championships must be removed, as this event title of AOFC Club Championships should be reserved for a future official IFF event for the regional club champions (similar to the current EuroFloorball Cup). By being run as an International Club Tournament there is no need for any official reporting of the matches &/or involvement of IFF in the organisation of the event.

Ms. Siriwat informed that AOFC was not communicated on the matter either, so the matter will be discussed internally for the name change. Mr. Eriksson asked Ms. Siriwat to convey to the AOFC that more information are needed and things can't happen without a consultation with the IFF. Mr. Houman finds it very positive that such an event will be organised, but is this behaviour a mistake. Ms. Siriwat explained that it is maybe more about having the advantage of the AOFC name. Mr. Eriksson concluded that all initiatives for regional club tournaments are positive, but they have to be handled in accordance with the IFF regulations and guidelines.

CB decided: To approve the reports

§ 7. ExCo, Strategy Implementation and Ad Hoc group reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Eriksson reported on the activities of the ExCo since the last meeting. The ExCo has worked on a few separate topics, namely the preparation for the SportAccord convention and the meeting with the Swiss Unihockey.

The IFF president Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Liljelund had a meeting with the leadership of Swiss Unihockey in Zurich on the 4th of April, to receive information of the Swiss federation idea for an continued Event stream until potential WFC in 2032, including a number of international events. The idea is to organise the following Events in the coming eight years: the Men's European Floorball Championships 2027 (possibly in cooperation with Germany), Women's U19 WFC 2028 – Zurich & Winterthur, the Women's WFC 2029 and the Men's WFC 2032. In addition to this the Swiss federation is participating in the organisation of the Special Olympics Winter World Games in 2029.

For the U19 WFC 2028 the LOC needs to build the event as a duplication of the Men's U19 WFC. The event would be a major promotion of women's Floorball, with a kick-off meeting in connection to the Super-Final 2024, with 120 women keen to work on developing women's Floorball. There are three concrete targets for this, namely: Push development in women's floorball, Expansion of the community and a Tournament of a top standard. The SUHV has received extremely positive feedback from the Swiss government for an excellent organisation of the WFC 2022, which they find to be a benchmark for how events should be organised, not only a 9-day event, but a two year process with a lot of side projects.

In addition to this the SUHV is in discussions with the body organising the European Championships in Switzerland in 2030 to include Floorball to the Event. In the event there are the following secured sports: Triathlon, Table Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Rowing, Sport Climbing, Cycling and Canoe Sprint and then there are the sports that can choose to participate Athletics, Aquatics and Gymnastics. There are spots for 5 para sports (Rowing, Canoe Sprint + 3 other) and three spots for new sports, where potentially Floorball and orienteering + some other are on the table. The Swiss NOC is presently conducting a feasibility study to be ready for the Autumn in

2024 (**Appendix 20**) Mr. Beer asked the IFF CB to have the authorisation to continue the lobbying work with this matter.

Mr. Liljelund felt that it is very important to follow-up on the process, as this is a major opportunity for us, so we need to be flexible in this. Mr. Eriksson felt that this is very important and we should support this, in conjunction with the ongoing discussions with the calendar. Ms. Vuori asked if this is for both Men and Women, which is the case, but it is only a once-off participation in the event because it is being held in Switzerland. Mr. Suman felt that this is very important from both a calendar scheduling and political aspect to be present and have the possibility to showcase the sport to all these International Federations. The CB felt that we have to be flexible towards this initiative.

The IFF CB discussed the next steps of the Future of Floorball process, based on the CB workshop evaluation. (**Appendix 21**) and the work will continue as planned based on the result of the CB workshop.

Based on the positive feedback received from the Good Governance webinar held by the ETC interim chair held in Ukraine, the ETC plan to hold a new open webinar for all IFF member federations in May. The invitations will be sent out in the beginning of May. The work to find new members for the IFF Ethics Commission has continued and interviews has been held with a potential new member.

The IFF Office has further been managing two cases of Sporting National applications, which have had some administrative mistakes in the handling of them by the National association. The associations in question have now when the administrative errors have been corrected and the Sporting nationality applications have been approved, be sanctioned in accordance with the IFF Juridical regulations.

CB decided: To approve the report and authorised Mr. Beer to continue the lobbying towards the inclusion of the European Championships in Switzerland.

b) Strategy Implementation

Mr. King reported on the work of the IFF Strategy Implementation, where the Strategy Working Group (SWG) chair has prepared the Strategy Status Report (**Appendix 22**). The IFF Committees and the Office is working with the Suggestion Actions table and updating that ongoingly, in accordance with the decision taken earlier that the updates have to be taken in time for the IFF CB meeting. The link to the Strategy Implementation table:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hRw_iAWuPDdTGsAaiPXZ6Ysn3QJl_Z4?usp=sharing

The next step is to start the preparation of the Phase 2 Implementation plan and the report of the Phase 1 Implementation outcome

CB decided: To approve the report

c) CB Member responsibilities

Mr. Houman reported about the Six Nations cooperation and next Six nations tournament will be played in the city of Wolsztyn in Poland and will continue with 3x15min playing time, to ensure that all teams can play against all the teams in three days.

Mr. Lopez reported that nothing much has happened with the situation in Latin America, except that an on-line meeting with Floorball4all has been held and how to cooperate better, which will also effect the activities in Latin America.

Mr. Lopez further reported about the development in regard with the EuroPower and their meeting held on the 17th of April and the next steps. **(Appendix 23)** The meeting discussed and analysed the problems the EuroPower group is facing and to adjust the competition calendar for the group for 2024 – 2025. In the first 12 months of the project there has been six tournaments played. Mr. Klabere was very happy to have new organisers for the events, with Belgium in this case. Mr. Hidir felt that there are more countries could be interested to join.

Mr. Suman reported on the progress of the Czech Erasmus+ project Floorball - Fit for Future continuation and the transformation to an IFF Program Fit For Future and how it has been organised **(Appendix 24)**. The program is run as an IFF operation, coordinated by Mr. Frederik Dilger, working four days a week for the program, based on the financial support provided by the EFT countries.

The program had its official launch on the 17th of April with a Teams meeting and the second meeting will be held on the 24th of April. In the meeting the program was introduced and an invitation for the interested member federations for a bi-lateral meeting will be organised to help the federations to move forward and enrol in the program and start the process for the evaluation of the maturity level of the federation. **(Appendix 25-26)**. Based on the first introduction meeting held, already eight one-to-one meetings about the program has been scheduled (Austria, Belgium, China, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines and Ukraine)

Mr. Dilger visited the IFF office on Friday the 19th of April to discuss the practical coordination and connection between the Fit4Future program and the general IFF operations. Mr. Suman thanked the IFF for the support for the launch of the program.

Mr. Hidir reported on the situation in East-Europe and in the Middle East **(Appendix 27)**. On the 16-17th of March the Temirtau Open 2024 was organized in Temirtau in north of Kazakhstan. Adult teams participated from different regions of Kazakhstan. Also the annual tournament Taraz Open is planned for 25-26 of October, with plans to secure participation from neighbouring countries Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Three new regional branches were opened during this year. For National recognition at least branches in half of the country's 14 regions are needed.

On the 6th of April the Moldovan Floorball Championship was played in Chisinau, Moldova, with the categories for men, adult, junior and girls. In the beginning of May a floorball camp will be organized together with floorball4all with participation of Swiss and Swedish coaches. In Moldova the current President of the Federation Danil Opinca has decided to focus more on Floorball4all projects in Eurasia while the President of the biggest club Meteor will be in charge of development in Moldova.

The Ukraine federation is planning to hold its annual meeting to the 17th of May, followed by the playoff weekend on the 18-19th of May in Lviv for Men's Highest League, Men's first league, Junior U16 and U14. The competition calendar is also set for next year and the Championship will be widened with 2 first leagues divisions, women's league and U12 junior Championship. The Ukraine Open will be played in Lviv 6-9 of June.

A meeting was organised with Floorball4all and Mr. Hans Peter Koller, president and Mr. Benjamin Lüthi CEO to discuss about the concrete cooperation between IFF and Floorball4all. IFF was represented by Mr. Hidir, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Halonen and Mr. Liljelund. It was agreed that both organisations would increase the level of communication between the organisations and write a letter to both organisations members inform about the signed MoU and the need to

cooperate on the national level. Also the possibility to organise a common American competition with Floorball4all and IFF nations, with for example a 3v3 event in 2025.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 8. International Sports

International Olympic Committee/IOC

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IOC has sent out a Declaration Against the Politicisation of Sports (**Appendix 28**), which was a topic that reoccurred in a number of Thomas Bach's speeches during the SportAccord convention.

During the IPACS (International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport) Good Governance session it was indirectly said that IPACS, which has run the Good Governance review of ASOIF and WOF, will also run it for the ARISF and AIMS IF's. In relation to this IFF needs to update some of its policies and take action to be prepared to meet the 50 IPACS recommendations (**Appendix 29**)

The IOC informed during the SportAccord that the process for the application for the IOC development support for 2024 will be sent out latest in May.

The IFF Secretary General and a number of the IFF staff have participated in the IOC's Webinar on Good Governance series. The first webinar, held in March was 'Transparency & Checks and Balances/ Control mechanisms', while the next to be held in May will be 'Focus on Organisational Integrity'.

SportAccord

Mr. Eriksson reported that the SportAccord Convention was held in Birmingham, Great Britain in beginning of April. The SAC in Birmingham was a first test for SportAccord. It seemed that most of the International Sport Federations have rejoined the event after five years since the last, but a lot of the business participants for the congress and fair were still missing. Now there was mostly Cities and federations presenting. There were around 1.500 delegates participating in the Event.

It can be concluded that SportAccord is still in a transition period, after the dissolution of GAISF and it is a little unclear exactly what tasks SportAccord will have, apart from organising the SportAccord Convention and the IF Forum. The process of defining the SportAccord goals and tasks is still ongoing.

The SportAccord recognition process is still being re-constructed, but the idea is to control the process of the new members better. The new applicants are to participate in the SportAccord convention to showcase their sport and the observer status will be valid for two years, to fulfil the requirements and the documents for approval. The criteria are the same that was used to becoming GAISF members. AIMS wants to have the responsibility to welcome any new sport organisations to community, as the accepted members will become AIMS members. There will be a group consisting of the umbrella organisations and IOC and the rivalry issue will be handled in cooperation with the umbrella organisation member federations.

Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations/ARISF

Mr. Eriksson reported that ARISF has informed that the ARISF AGM 2024 will be held during the IF Forum during the 21st to 23rd of October. The original idea was to have it during the SportAccord convention, but due to time constraints was changed. The plan is to bring the ARISF AGM back to the SportAccord convention in 2025.

There has happened a lot with ARISF during the beginning of 2024. The rebranding of the ARISF logo and visual elements has gone very well: logo, website and the arisf.sport has all been updated. The New Strategy Plan, New Statutes, opening of an Office in the MSI and the office has been populated by Ms. Eva Orellana, as the office coordinator. The registration with the registrar of commerce has been made and now working on the registration for VAT. The integration of the bylaws mentioned in the new Statutes is ongoing. Future there is an ongoing discussion that IOC wants to make a good governance assessment of the ARISF and AIMS federations, probably after the Paris 2024 Olympics. The work with what ARISF will do for its member will continue during May and June.

During the SportAccord convention ARISF organised the following workshops and meetings:

- ARISF Sustainability Workshop, presented by: Alibaba Cloud & Green Future Project
- ARISF & WADA Clean Sport Workshop, presentations: World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Lacross and American Floorball
- WADA is planning to remove ARISF from the list of signatories!
- Official Meeting ARISF EB/IOC Meeting
- ARISF /AIMS Executive Boards Meeting
- ARISF/IPACS Good Governance Workshop
- ARISF /AIMS Executive Boards Meeting

In the meeting with the IOC, it became evident that all processes are more or less put on hold until after the Paris Olympic games and the discussions with IOC concerning the cooperation will happen in the later part of the year.

International World Games Association/IWGA

Ms Mitchell reported that direct contact with the TWG 2025 Sports Department has begun. The first meeting between the IFF and the Floorball Competition Department in Chengdu was held on the 7th March. Initial discussions were to do with the competition venue, official equipment required, the need of a training venue, and the match schedule. Since the meeting we have received confirmation of a training venue which is located next to the competition venue.

A first list of equipment has been sent to the OC as well as the first plans for the venue. TWG use an online software tool – Sword Venue – for the venue layout and equipment planning. Ms Mitchell and Ms Kraus participated in an online training session for this tool during April. A meeting between the IFF and the IWGA Sports Director is planned for the beginning of June.

The IFF had an online meeting with the TWG host broadcaster, ISB, to discuss the broadcast plans for Floorball, including the preliminary requirements for camera numbers and camera positions. Based on the initial broadcast plans, there should be coverage of all days of the Floorball event. ISB provided further details on their new media platform which will provide free streaming as well as other media material from TWG.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) has nominated the city of Karlsruhe as a candidate for hosting The World Games 2029. Earlier this year, two cities from Germany, Karlsruhe and Hanover, had expressed their interest in hosting the 13th edition of the multi-sport event in 2029. Karlsruhe is the first city to apply for a second edition of the Games: the city organised the third edition of The World Games in 1989.

The IWGA has in its Executive Committee meeting confirmed that the IWGA will next year have its AGM at the SportAccord Convention. The discussion of the organisation of the SportAccord Multi-Sport games are continuing, as both ASOIF and WOF prefer to have the same body to organise any Multi-Sport Games. The calendar for the different multi-sport games has to be clarified in coordination with IOC, SportAccord. The issue is not to have multi-sport games in between the Olympic games and the World Games.

The IWGA AGM will be held in Esslingen, Germany on the 1st of May.

University Sport/FISU

Mr. Liljelund reported that after the conclusions of the 3v3 World Floorball Championships IFF will again take contact with FISU. During the SportAccord convention it became clear in discussions with the FISU secretary general Mr. Eric Saintrond that Mr. Delgado was no longer working for FISU and therefore the contact with FISU had ceased. One option would be to run a specific series for University teams in the 3v3 WFC.

Multi-Sport Games

SEA GAMES 2025 Thailand

Ms. Siriwat reported that Floorball is in for the next three upcoming SEA Games – Thailand 2025, Malaysia 2027, & Singapore 2029. The host city contract for Thailand will be signed in early June. Ms. Mitchell informed that the SEA Games (9th -20th of December) clashes directly with the WFC, but discussions between the IFF and Floorball Thailand has ensured that Floorball will be played at the end of the SEA Games. Teams playing in both the WFC and SEA Games will have to go directly after the WFC to the SEA Games.

Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Siriwat reported that the AIMAG preparations have really progressed in recent months after funding was secured. The Floorball venue has been confirmed, flooring has been secured and it is now agreed that Taishan Sports will provide all the FOP equipment.

Ms Mitchell reported on the 1st Technical Delegates Meeting that was held in Bangkok from 2nd – 3rd March. Ms Mitchell and representatives from Floorball Thailand attended the meeting which included a presentation of the general planning of the event, an inspection of the Floorball competition venue (Thai-Japan Bangkok Youth Center), as well as meetings with event providers such as Taishan Sports who will be responsible for the venue equipment.

The preparations for the event have been very problematic (it was originally scheduled to be played in 2021) but the organisation now appears to be well advanced for the event which will be held from 21st – 29th November 2024. The team registration was extended until the end of May, with a maximum of 8 men's & 8 women's teams to be included. The event will be played with the teams divided into two groups in each gender, according to ranking, and will use a 3 x 15minute playing format. A 2nd Technical Delegates Meeting is scheduled for the end of August.

CB decided: To approve the reports

§ 9.

Committees and Commissions

a) Rules and Competition Committee (RACC)

Mr. Klábere reported from the RACC meeting held 09.04 (**Appendix 30**).

An update of the text regarding the release of players has been worked out based on the comments from the last CB meeting and Czech Floorball (**Appendix 31**). The wording of the regulation is agreed by everyone, but the way how to implement this has to be worked upon and a guideline has to be created, where the responsibility has to be with the National association in question to inform the Player and the respective Club/National Association who has been selected.

Further Mr. Klábere reported on the first meetings with the Rules Reference Group regarding the Rules of the Game edition 2026 and the proposed changes of the rules. The proposals have been sent to Member Associations, IFF RC, IFF RACC and IFF Athletes Commission for feedback until 31.05.2024 (**Appendix 32**).

The IFF CB workshop discussed about the need to ask the National Associations for the opportunity to come up with their own proposals for how an activity rule could be included in the rule book, still without making the Gap bigger. The Rule Group will be given the task to prepare a letter to the member associations.

Based on the feedback from the Associations Meeting as well as the last CB meeting the IFF Office and RACC have now made new international calendar proposal (**Appendix 33**), which the CB discussed in their workshop. These CB proposals reflect the need to have major events spread throughout the year, playing of events in periods where we believe we can get the most TV exposure, the distribution of major events for the benefit of the players as well as the National Associations. Based on the CB workshop it was discussed that the RACC should build a proposal considering the advantage and disadvantage of a change from a bi-annual to a WFC every four years based on the following factors: Multi-City solution, Different time of participation for the teams, Bigger Media visibility, Possibility for more sponsor investment, Higher Revenue on Investment, Number of Days and the number of Teams, Number and What type of levels of the groups, What type accommodation system and shared accommodation costs and When to change the system.

The process looks like the following:

- => Agreeing for an a) or b) solution for the WFC option
- => RACC to build a proposal
- => Analyse of the proposal by the CB in a Teams meeting
- => SWOT Analysis on the effect and Strategy relevance
- => Asking feedback from the membership groups
- => Analysis of the feedback
- => Preparation for the September CB meeting

Mr. Liljelund proposed, in accordance with the decision of the previous CB meeting, an addition to the Organisers Regulation, concerning the inclusion of a share of the ticket revenue for IFF from the major events. A general update of the Organisers Regulation will be done later in the year. The changed article 2.6.1 Ticket Revenue would be like this:

“The IFF grants the Host the revenue from the sales of entrance tickets, from which 10 percent of the net revenue (direct ticket sales costs excluded) belongs to the IFF. This applies to all IFF Events (as per 1.1) except for qualification events and club tournaments.”

CB decided: To approve the report and to update the text for the release of players in the competition regulations and the text in article 2.6.1 in the Organisers Regulation concerning the Ticket revenue according to the CB decided.

The CB also approved the proposal of the IFF Reference Group proposal for the Rule tests. The CB further decided to give the RACC the task to start the process to look at the calendar process. The Rule Group is asked to ask the member associations for proposals of how an activity rule could be included in the rules.

CB decided: To approve the reports.

b) Referee Committee (RC)

Mr. Lopez reported that the IFF Referee Committee is working on the updates of the referee and referee coach nomination criteria which will be sent out to the IFF member associations in the beginning of June. The criteria are created for the upcoming new nomination period 1.1.2025-31.12.2026.

The work to plan the officiating system for the upcoming 3v3 events has also started. The main objective being to secure a cost-efficient way to secure proper officiating for the WFC level events and not to increase the costs for the participating teams. For the 3v3 WFC 2024 all the referees will come from the host country, Finland. After the initial 3v3 WFC tournament we will have more practical information to work with in order to see how this can be dealt with in the future in conjunction with the organising country and the IFF.

Mr. Klabere asked who will educate the referees for the 3v3 WFC. Mr. Halonen answered that this is handled by the Finnish referee committee. There will be 14 referees on Saturday and 4 referees on Sunday. They will be paid 85 CHF per day and the costs will be shared by the LOC and the IFF. After the 3v3 WFC in Lahti, the RC will build some referee education material for future 3v3 WFCs as well as for the National Associations to adopt in their own 3v3 events.

The RC is organising webinars for the referee and referee coaches about Leadership and Communication on the 14th of May 2024 for the AOFC region and 22nd of May 2024 for the other continents.

CB decided: To approve the report and the nomination criteria

c) Medical committee

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Varecka that WADA following their review of the IFF Corrective Action Report (CAR) related to the Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ) - IF CCQ 2022-2023 and our responses to address the required Critical / High Priority / General corrective actions, WADA has concluded that on 03 April 2024 IFF has appropriately completed all needed corrections and has therefore received the full WADA Code compliance. **(Appendix 34)**

Mr. Varecka has continued to work on, the already earlier indicated needs to have a renewal of the IFF Medical Committee composition. Discussions have been started with a candidate from Switzerland, which will continue in June and the Mr. Varecka has had discussions with one potential candidate from Ukraine. As a result of these discussions the Ukraine Federation has on the 26th of April nominated Dr. Rostyslav Yuzkiv as a member for the IFF Medical Committee.

At the same time, the present IFF Medical committee member Mr. Jonathan Koo has handed in his resignation from the committee, with immediate effect. The IFF CB needs to look for solutions to this, as we need to have a functional Medical Committee.

Mr. Houman informed that also Dr. Bartels is looking to resign.

CB decided: To approve the report and accept the nomination of Mr. Rostyslav Yuzkly as a member of the Medical Committee and the resignation of Mr. Koo from the medical committee.

d) Athletes commission

Ms. Plechan reported on the activities of the ATC. The ATC has been working on preparing the agenda for the upcoming meeting during the U19 WFC in Lahti.

The ATC blog article written by Yui Takahashi was published in March and the April blog article is being written by Josefina Eiremo, to be delivered and published soon.

The ATC are preparing a video from the ATC members to the athletes participating in the upcoming U19 WFC and 3v3 WFC, to raise awareness about ATC during this event, as well as being present during the U19 WFC. If the video turns out as planned, it will be shown during the captain's meeting and in the arena during the breaks.

CB decided: To approve the report,

e) Development Committee (DevC)

Mr. Houman reported that there has been only a few federations that have submitted any inputs, to the Development Committee question to the smaller IFF member associations. After the pervious CB meeting the IFF Development Committee sent an email to all IFF member associations with less than 3000 members/licensed players and asked for their opinion how to attract new players and how would they do it and how have they done it so far. Eight member associations replied, and the outcome is that the DevC is scheduling some online meetings with the associations to discuss further of their ideas and to share experiences of best practices.

All inputs which have been received though, have many good thoughts. Based on the inputs, next step can be decided on the topic to Attracting new players. From the input one of topics is to get more awareness of the sport.

Mr. Suman stressed that it would be good to communicate to the members of the Development Committee of the activities taken

Mr. Halonen reported that before summer there is a plan to run a clinic for the Asian referees in conjunction with the WFCQ 2024 in Philippines and also to have development discussions with certain AOFC countries regarding the administration and development of administration. Certain AOFC nations have also registered for the Fit for Future program launch meetings.

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Entourage Commission (ENC)

Mr. Hidir reported on the work in relation to the IFF Entourage Commission and the actions that has been taken.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 10. **Functions**

a) **Communication & Media function**

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kihm that the daily business of the IFF Media department runs normally. The cooperation with the LOC media team for the U19 WFC 2024 and the 3v3 WFC in Lahti has been very close and really good.

CB decided: To approve the report

b) **Marketing function**

Mr. Beer, reported about the current sales and marketing situation. (**Appendix 36**)

The good cooperation with the Swedish Federation continues, we have some potential companies to offer the mid-circle to (and some other elements which belong to the IFF). We will follow up on the leads started with the Finnish Federation once the U19 WFC 2024 is over. Currently there are no active cases by the sales agency Red Carpet Brand Alliance (RCBA) but the outlook with the 2026 and 2027 events taking place in Finland creates a good base for sales activities towards Nordic companies.

The IFF is continuously in contact with companies that have been sponsors in past events (Dachser and Fisherman's Friend) and pushing for new ones. Recently we have had good meetings for example with Vitamin Well (drink) and DHL (courier service) and are discussing the elements on which to base a more concrete offer. The sustainability angle is an on-going approach angle to find common value-base for discussions (Kuusakoski (Nordic recycling company (mainly metals), Swappie, (serviced 2nd hand phones), Oatly (oat-based products), Korkia (renewable energy investment fund)). Further, we also looking at functional consumer goods such as smoothies, protein bars and isotonic/vitamin drinks. Based on the concept developed for WFC 2023 (Goal of the Day / App promotion / Fleurop) we are also trying to close deals with a smaller value but positive income approach. This concept has been offered for example to Fodora (food delivery platform).

The IFF is still evaluating the continuation of the Protocol Sports agreement as we are approaching the end of the agreement (August 2024). If the decision would be to continue the partnership a new contract would need to be formulated to change some of the agreement clauses for example contract term, termination, sales process and potentially any new contracts that have been primarily negotiated directly by the IFF: Mr Liljelund has meet with Mr. Khaled Abdalla during the SportAccord convention and we are awaiting a CB decided for a new agreement from him.

Cooperation with the existing IFF sponsors is working well. For the U19 WFC 2024 Gerflor has agreed to deliver a new floor (in the new BLUE colour) since the IFF does not yet have two own floors of the new colour. Gerflor is posting a series of floorball related posts on their LinkedIn and Instagram channels. PUMA Nordic is going to propose to deliver some additional material for the WFC 2024 referees. Further, depending on WFC schedules in Malmö there would be the opportunity for stakeholders to visit the PUMA Nordic facilities in Helsingborg. PUMA is thinking of creating selected IFF-products as an own "product line" which might also be partially connected to the 40th IFF anniversary in 2026. There is also a preliminary discussion of a possible web shop integration into the IFF website (white lable web shop solution with selected referee and IFF items). IFF has also been able to facilitate two negotiations for PUMA (Floorball Canada and Floorball Denmark).

Planning for the next CCMNG meeting in Malmö 29th of August is on-going. The agenda will consist of sales and marketing related topics, success cases and development ideas/possibilities. A meeting and mingling of national federation sponsors attending the WFC 2024 is being prepared together with the LOC / Swedish Federation.

The graphic image for CC2025 has been updated. For a cost-effective solution it was decided to use the same theme as for 2024. The available material has been distributed to the four national federations and CC2025 will be promoted during the final events and/or series of each respective country. The clubs which qualify will receive the material once confirmed. As the CC concept in its new format does not have an LOC the IFF media team has been posting material on the CC and IFF channels. The IFF has prepared a suggestion to the CCSG about the sales model going forward.

During the first quarter of 2024 the IFF has also orchestrated the creation and launch of the 3v3 brand. The plan is to use the same logo also for future 3v3 events but leave some room for the LOC to adapt the colour. A guideline for this has been prepared for LOCs. Once we collect the experience from the inaugural event the IFF will also investigate the commercial elements and possibilities of the 3v3 event. In the existing IFF sponsor agreements only the one for PUMA includes this event.

The IFF has revised the Player of the Year concept for the CB to discuss, develop and possibly decide on (**Appendix 37**)

CB decided: To approve the report and decided to discuss this in the IFF CB workshop in September.

c) **Material function**

Mr. Liljelund report that IFF has held the annual meeting with Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson from RISE on the 4th of March, to discuss the cooperation with RISE. (**Appendix 38**). As the RISE Floorball expert Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson will retire in the end of September and RISE has not yet made any plans, there is a little concern for how to continue. Mr. Henriksson will then work some 35-40 per cent until the end of 2025, to finalise the present years Material Approval reporting and finances some 40 % until end of February 2025.

The amount of pre-sold marking stickers for total year 2023 is
From the start of the year 2023:

Balls	1.890.953 pcs	(1.843.902 pcs)	2,6 %
Sticks	417.487 pcs	(468.998 pcs)	- 11,0 %
Goals	2.320 pcs	(1.570 pcs)	47,8 %
Rinks	340 pcs	(389 pcs)	- 12,6 %
Face masks	300 pcs	(300 pcs)	0,0 %

IFF is at the same time continuing the discussion some Floorball material manufacturers to discuss the way forward concerning the testing and approval system for the Floorball Material on the 26th of April, as there has been a number of serious issues with especially the certification unit of RISE. The discussion is what kind of system should be in force in the future.

Mr. Halonen reported that he participated in the creditors meeting of the bankruptcy estate of E-Sports Group (EXEL) on the 16th of April 2025. The old debts of E-Sports Group to the IFF directly is roughly around 3200 € and the debts to RISE, which is basically also a debt to the IFF, is more than 20.000 € (some 17.000 EUR for IFF). The new debts E-Sports Group has are some 309.824 SEK to IFF, but through RISE and then directly to RISE is 24.365 SEK. Based on the Finnish legislation both the IFF and RISE are not primary creditors, which are considered to be

the ones with set collaterals, which means there's only a very small possibility to get anything back from the Bankruptcy estate.

The outstanding debt of E-SG/Exel is neither booked as an income, nor is it in the present balance sheet, and hence the final outcome will have a limited financial effect to the IFF balance, as it is only the Chapter 11 IFF part. This is due to the fact that most of the debts are debts E-SG has to RISE, which RISE then pays us.

If some operator is planning to take over the Exel Floorball brand, they need to cover these old debts to RISE/IFF, before the certificates for the approved materials can be moved to the new operator. IFF had an agreement with E-Sports Group of a payment plan and we have informed that to be able to move forward Exel needs to provide a new payment plan and a bank guarantee for the outstanding sum.

CB decided: To approve the report

d) Equality function

Ms Mitchell reported on a meeting between IFF & the Swedish Floorball Federation on 8th April to discuss the future of the Fifty/Fifty project. The Swedish Federation has funding for the project for 2024, however if the international model is to continue to be promoted then additional funding will be required &/or the IFF will need to take over responsibility. This would include providing an updated English materials (such as videos) as well as an English support / FAQ function.

The Fifty/Fifty project will be part of the IOC Sustainability Case Studies and it is possible that after this exposure there may be interest in the project from outside of Floorball. There would then be the possibility of 'selling' the concept to other sports or even businesses for their own HR education. The main issue that needs to be resolved first is to do with the ownership of the project material. As it was developed by one of the Swedish regional organisations then it is not clear whether either the Swedish federation or the IFF would have the right to monetise the material. The IFF & Swedish Federation will work towards WFC 2024 in promoting the platform and a decision should be made later in the year about how it will continue after that.

The IFF CB will in the September meeting run the Fifty/Fifty education as a part of the CB workshop. The IFF Office staff will also complete the Fifty/Fifty education in the coming months.

CB decided: To approve the report

e) Parafloorball function

Mr. Houman reported that the preparations for the World Winter games in Sestriere (Torino) 2025 are continuing. As there has been a lot of interest for floorball from many countries, but since the WWG is unfortunately affected by some financial cut, this means that far fewer teams can participate than there would be willing to. The Special Olympics International is therefore discussing the possibility to organise some regional competitions to provide the opportunity for all programs to participate.

The IFF and SOI met during the Birmingham SportAccord. Floorball is the sport with biggest growth in percentage with 25% within Special Olympics in the latest census report, having now 50.000 players. Floorball is now offered in 78 programs (Nations) which is a growth from zero in just some 10 plus years. The focus for the future is to work on the American continent in order to

keep the growth and within 5 years time to surpass 100 programs and 100.000 players. IFF was also informed that the SOI Winter World Games will be held in Switzerland in 2029.

In mid-April an online seminar has been held with the programs in the Asian region, in order to keep the growth. This is part of the legacy from WFC 2023 in Singapore, where Special Olympics Asia Pacific was present at the WFC 2023 and was impressed with the work from IFF. In Japan, former IFF ATC Member and Japanese international player, Yui Takahashi, is leading the development of SO Floorball.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the discussions with the Swedish Floorball Federation Parasport section, which has been leading the group of different Para Floorball disciplines (Special Olympics, Manual wheelchair, Volt Floorball and Power hockey) have continued. The para-floorball group is still looking on the best way for them to apply for membership in IFF, whether it is as one ParaFloorball organisation or on their own, based on the IFF statues affiliated memberships option. The ParaFloorball group will discuss internally and then come with their CB decided of how to solve it, in advance of the IFF General Assembly in Malmö.

Mr. Suman stressed that the process of including para sport under the umbrella of the national sport organisations is very important.

CB decided: To approve the report

f) Sustainability function

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta that the next reporting cycle (year 2023) for Sports for Climate Action network members will not be due until third quarter of the year, but preparations to collect needed data is an on-going process (for example office (waste/heat/energy), employee travel (office/home-office/flights), procurement (paper/cartridges)).

The IFF will continue to promote the FairFloorball initiative in all events. The 3v3 World Floorball Championships will also be added to events where it will be promoted. FairFloorball is visible in all possible channels (venue, stream, social media, captains, referees). We are planning on environmental sustainability awareness raising campaigns for U19 WFC 2024 and WFC 2024 which will also feature FairFloorball. During the U19 WFC 2024 there are theme days: Kids, Family, Students, Eurovision Diversity and Mother's Day which all will also include sustainability elements (all of these have been developed by students from the local University of Applied Sciences).

The IOC has recently not replied about the final status of the Sustainability Case studies (we did deliver more picture material on request early March) however the expectation is that they should be very close to finished. The cases are Green Goal initiative at the WFC 2022 and the Fifty/Fifty equality online training module (original concept by the Swedish Federation but fully translated into English).

The GAMES project is progressing well under excellent guidance of project lead Sant'Anna. The project mid-term conference was held on the 28th of February 2024 in Oslo in cooperation with the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences which was a success. The third GAMES webinar (in a series of six) was held on the 9th of April with around 40 people participating. The topic was about integrating sponsors in the sustainability programmes of World Floorball Championships. The feedback was good, and we received good questions during the Q&A session. Floorball, and the other sports organisations in the project are working towards their six official goals for the project (**Appendix 39**)

The IFF organises a Sustainability Seminar which is held in connection with the U19 WFC 2024 in Lahti on the 8th of May 2024 (over 30 registered participants). The IFF periodically publishes news about our participation in the GAMES project and the results thereof.

Several elements of the WFC 2024 LOC is going to implement are to be found in the GAMES roadmap appendix. To increase awareness building in and around the event the LOC and IFF are working closely together. The plan to organise a used floorball equipment collection is progressing and might extend from being a local project in the Malmö to an all-Sweden project. The LOC is also negotiating with several sponsors to include sustainability elements in the sponsorship package (inspired by WFC 2022).

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 11. IFF Office

Mr. Liljelund reported that the process of defining the different tasks for each person in the IFF Staff has continued and will be finalised in beginning of May. IFF will make Ms. Blanka Benyo, the current trainee, an offer for a full-time position later in June, when her tasks have been defined.

Mr. Liljelund to further inform that a meeting has been held with the Finnish Ministry of Education about the hosting of the IFF office in Finland and a continued support from the Ministry. The present agreement ends in the end of the year 2024 and it needs to be solved before the summer break in Finland (July). The Finnish government is presently cutting the support of Sport with approx. some 20-25 %, but despite this the Ministry has given the green light to support the IFF Office in the future, but we are still waiting for a final confirmation from the ministry. After this negotiations will start with the Finnish federation on the agreements on the IFF Office and the IFF secretary general.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 12. Members

Membership questions

Mr. Halonen reported that the IFF office has received all the needed documents for the change of the membership in Cameroon. The new association is also called the Cameroon Floorball Association and they have the official recognition from the authorities in Cameroon. The association is run by the President Ms. Elise Kana. The association already participated to the Africa Cup in September 2023. The problematic situation in Cameroon has been going on for almost six years and now finally the IFF office can propose to change the representation in Cameroon. The present member is aware of the change.

Mr. Hidir and Mr. Houman asked if the new organisation has been active, to which Mr. Halonen answered that they have been very active in the last 6 months and participated in the Africa Cup in Cote d'Ivoire.

CB decided: To approve the report and the change of the membership of the Cameroon Floorball Association

Members under suspension

Nothing reported

New Member applications

Mr. Halonen reported that the process with the Moroccan Floorball Association is ongoing and they want to apply for a recognition from their ministry of sports and youth before they fully apply for the membership within the IFF. The IFF office has delivered a support letter to Moroccan Academy Sports Association - AIN SEBAA, which was addressed to the ministry of sports and youth. As soon as they finalize all the documents the membership application will be brought to the IFF CB.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 13. Next meeting

Mr. Eriksson to conclude that the next planned ordinary CB meeting (M3), has been planned for the 8th of September, in conjunction to the EFT tournament in Winterthur, Switzerland. Starting on the morning of the 6th of September.

The plan for the CB meetings in 2024 looks like the following, in accordance with the query sent out after the previous CB meeting:

M4	02.-03.11.	Helsinki, Finland
M5	13.12.	Malmö, Sweden
	14.12.	GA Malmö
M6	15.12.	New CB

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 14. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked for a very good CB workshop and CB meeting and closed the meeting at 13:15 CET.

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President

COSTS		Budget	Outcome	Compared	Expectation	Forecast	Outcome
Cost Centre			31.08.2024	31.08.2023	01.09-31.12	31.12.2024	/Ann.budget
10	Central activities*	24960	19262,86	23277,99	5697,14	24960,00	0,00
11	Office	831000	498310,82	491687,45	332689,18	831000,00	0,00
12	CB	37700	32532,25	16913,06	5167,75	37700,00	0,00
13	ExCo	3700	3009,65	1052,16	690,35	3700,00	0,00
14	GA/AM	8000	0,00	0,00	8000,00	8000,00	0,00
15	External meetings	11600	10376,42	9451,31	1223,58	11600,00	0,00
17	Parafloorball	3000	0,00	0,00	3000,00	3000,00	0,00
18	Equality Function	6200	0,00	0,00	6200,00	6200,00	0,00
19	Athletes Commission	10000	5072,44	3297,11	4927,56	10000,00	0,00
20	WFC	219700	85898,39	131849,25	133801,61	219700,00	0,00
21	U19 WFC	89100	51613,47	89545,31	28486,53	80100,00	9000,00
22	EFC	44000	0,00	13031,30	0,00	0,00	44000,00
23	Champions Cup	248640	52874,15	38675,74	195765,85	248640,00	0,00
24	World Games	0	3900,70	0,00	25000,00	28900,70	-28900,70
25	WUC	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
26	Regional Games	12000	0,00	15099,44	12000,00	12000,00	0,00
27	3v3 WFC	0	14887,66	0,00	0,00	14887,66	-14887,66
29	Anti-Doping	36000	12645,09	13423,18	23354,91	36000,00	0,00
30	WADA and Edu. Meetings	3000	2321,49	1250,99	678,51	3000,00	0,00
40	RACC	11800	0,00	0,00	11800,00	11800,00	0,00
50	RC	13400	7998,34	3095,48	5401,66	13400,00	0,00
60	Development	32300	11594,35	4201,01	20705,65	32300,00	0,00
61	Development mtrl	120000	120000,00	120000,00	0,00	120000,00	0,00
70	Material	120100	8171,36	20236,81	111928,64	120100,00	0,00
80	Marketing	66000	41911,91	8956,57	24088,09	66000,00	0,00
81	TV	202000	1733,56	1277,73	200266,44	202000,00	0,00
82	Internet TV	0	0,00	73121,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
83	Information*	77800	12940,89	50615,19	24859,11	37800,00	40000,00
84	IFF Media app*	100000	111114,45	0,00	28885,55	140000,00	-40000,00
89	MC	6000	0,00	17,76	6000,00	6000,00	0,00
91	AC	1000	0,00	0,00	1000,00	1000,00	0,00
92	DC	1000	0,00	0,00	1000,00	1000,00	0,00
TOTAL		CHF 2340000	1108170,25	1130075,84	1222618,11	2330788,36	9211,64
INCOME		Budget	31.08.2024	31.08.2023	01.09-31.12	31.12.2024	
3011	Transfers	120000	80630,00	69190,00	39370,00	120000,00	0,00
3012	Participation fees	290500	265200,00	300000,00	2500,00	267700,00	-22800,00
3013	Organizers fee	370500	290325,00	286100,00	80175,00	370500,00	0,00
3014	Shared cost payments	96000	75000,00	70500,00	12000,00	87000,00	-9000,00
3015	Part.fees - non-competition	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
3019	Temporary play	6000	8085,00	8305,00	0,00	8085,00	2085,00
3020	Sports Nationality	4500	6600,00	2728,43	0,00	6600,00	2100,00
3210	Membership fees	198000	196900,00	193500,00	0,00	196900,00	-1100,00
3219	Fines	10000	4005,44	900,00	5994,56	10000,00	0,00
3250	Sponsors & advertisements	237000	47108,83	30713,97	189891,17	237000,00	0,00
3251	Value in kind	152000	152000,00	120000,00	0,00	152000,00	0,00
3260	TV	260000	3103,96	21695,58	256896,04	260000,00	0,00
3261	Radio	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
3270	Internet-TV**	148000	0,00	85737,57	0,00	0,00	-148000,00
3300	Office support	120000	139403,79	120000,00	0,00	139403,79	19403,79
3310	Development support	40000	28117,40	30292,70	11882,60	40000,00	0,00
3320	Contributions	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
3370	IFF Media app**	0	70748,34	0,00	77251,66	148000,00	148000,00
3510	Sales	25000	0,00	146,93	25000,00	25000,00	0,00
3860	Material approval income	260000	87396,55	83189,50	172603,45	260000,00	0,00
3861	Material exemptions	1500	1125,75	668,98	374,25	1500,00	0,00
3899	Other incomes	1000	0,00	4000,00	1000,00	1000,00	0,00
8020	Interest	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
8080	Exchange rate gains	0	386,46	164,12	0,00	386,46	386,46
TOTAL		CHF 2340000	1456136,52	1427832,78	874938,73	2331075,25	-8924,75
RESULT		CHF 0	347966,27	297756,94	-347679,38	286,89	286,89

*IFF Media app license fee moved from 83 to 84

**Media app income moved from 3270 to 3370

Centr. activities	2024	2023
Memberships etc	7064,43	3136,23
Bank fees etc	6269,43	6810,56
Taxes	5929,00	13331,20
TOTAL	19262,86	23277,99

Full year 2023

Balance sheet	Appendix 2	
ASSETS	01.01.2024	31.12.2024
Current assets		
Cash	0,00	0,00
Credit Suisse 559200-11	419195,01	629095,08
Credit Suisse MasterCard guarantee	16850,40	16800,00
Receivables		
Deferr.exp. and accr.income	1688,88	0,00
Claims 2019	37291,88	33691,88
Claims 2020	23225,00	22225,00
Claims 2021	57145,00	54345,00
Claims 2022	43850,00	43850,00
Claims 2023	239788,27	55750,00
Claims 2024	0,00	52300,00
Receivables from rel.parties	46979,30	40622,14
Total assets	886013,74	948679,10
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accr expenses and deferr income	-280900,68	-218900,68
Other current liabilities	-27325,43	-32545,10
Loan	-45000,00	-30000,00
Transfers to reserves	-361097,79	-158177,21
Material Board reserves	-27897,90	-17297,90
Equity		
Retained earnings	-143791,94	-143791,94
Outcome 31.12.2024	0,00	-347966,27
Total liabilities & equity	-886013,74	-948679,10
Outcome of the material appr. system:		
Income		
Costs		
Profit		
80%		
20%		
Liquidity calculation 01.01-31.12		
Liquidity at update	629095,08	
	-347679,38	Forecasted -31.12
Diff.	281415,70	
Pre-payments, refunds etc		
WFCs 2026 fees	80000,00	80000
	0,00	0
	0,00	
Liquidity 31.12	361416	Forecast Paid

Follow-up IFF claims (updated 31.08.2024)

Appendix 3

WFC 2024-2025 teams

Association	Total debt	Paid WFC 2024	Paid U19 WFC 2024	Paid WFC 2025	Paid U19 WFC 2025	IFF Events organiser debt	Pay-off plan followed	Pay-off plan not followed	Comments
Australia	0	03.01.2023	15.05.2023	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	0			
Austria	0	09.05.2023	Not registered	12.10.2023	30.01.2024	0			
Belgium	0	29.12.2022	Not registered	24.10.2023	24.10.2023	0			
Canada	10800	01.02.2023	31.08.2023	04.01.2024	04.01.2024	10800	X		U19WFC2019 org.
China	0	04.04.2023	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	0			
Czech Republic	0	12.12.2022	12.12.2022	20.12.2023	07.12.2023	0			
Denmark	0	16.01.2023	16.01.2023	08.01.2024	08.01.2024	0			
Estonia	0	27.12.2022	Not registered	27.12.2023	27.12.2023	0			
Finland	0	01.11.2022	01.11.2022	13.12.2023	13.12.2023	0			
France	0	31.08.2023	13.03.2023	31.01.2024	31.01.2024	0			
Germany	0	04.01.2023	04.01.2023	22.04.2024	22.04.2024	0			
Great Britain	2200	30.05.2023	Not registered	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	0			Annual fee 2022
Hungary	0	12.06.2023	12.06.2023	17.02.2024	Not registered	0			
Iceland	0	26.12.2022	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	0			
India	2500	Not registered	Not registered	03.01.2024	Not registered	0			Annual fee 2024
Italy	2200	23.12.2022	23.12.2022	11.01.2024	11.01.2024	0			Annual fee 2024
Japan	0	06.01.2020	Not registered	11.01.2024	11.01.2024	0			
Korea	0	30.12.2022	Not registered	27.12.2023	Not registered	0			
Latvia	12000	31.08.2023	14.09.2023	31.05.2024	03.04.2024	0			Annual fee 2022-24. New plan
Liechtenstein	0	14.12.2022	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	0			
Netherlands	0	30.01.2023	Not registered	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	0			
New Zealand	0	14.12.2022	14.12.2022	27.12.2023	27.12.2023	0			
Norway	0	27.12.2022	21.12.2022	28.12.2023	28.12.2023	0			
Philippines	1800	31.08.2023	Not registered	26.06.2024	Not registered	0	X		Annual fee 2022
Poland	0	11.05.2023	11.05.2023	23.04.2024	23.04.2024	0			
Russia	16000	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	0		X	Ann.fee 2020, 2022-24
Singapore	4000	15.12.2022	15.12.2022	29.01.2024	04.12.2023	0			Annual fee 2024
Slovakia	0	23.05.2023	20.07.2023	31.05.2024	31.05.2024	0			
Slovenia	0	16.05.2023	Not registered	Not registered	14.03.2024	0			
Spain	2200	22.11.2019	Not registered	07.02.2024	07.02.2024	0			
Sweden	0	25.10.2022	28.10.2022	17.10.2023	30.10.2023	0			
Switzerland	0	24.10.2022	16.05.2023	01.12.2023	03.11.2023	0			
Thailand	1800	29.12.2022	Not registered	27.12.2023	Not registered	0			Annual fee 2024
Ukraine	11200	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	29.05.2024	0		X	Plan: 1700 in Oct. start 2021. Ann.fee 2023-24. Paused
USA	0	27.12.2022	No participate	24.01.2024	24.01.2024	0			
	66 700					0			

Follow-up IFF claims (updated 31.08.2024) - Associations not participating in WFC and/or U19 WFC 2024-2025

Appendix 4

Association	Total debt	IFF Events organising	Pay-off plan is followed	Pay-off plan is not followed	Comments
Argentina	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Armenia	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Belarus	9000	0			Annual fees 2019-24. Suspended
Brazil	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2020-24
Burkina Faso	3700	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2020-24
Cameroon	4500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Central Africa	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2020-24
Colombia	1500	0			Annual fee 2022-24
Cote d'Ivoire	13000	0		X	Annual fees 2017-2018,2021-24, WFCQ 2020&2022. Plan: 500 per quarter starting March 2020.
Croatia	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Georgia	3000	0			Annual fees 2019-24
Haiti	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Hong Kong China	500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2019.
Indonesia	6500	0			Participated in SEA Games. Annual fees 2019 & 2021-24
Iran	4700	0			Annual fees 2019-24
Ireland	1500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-21. On hold
Israel	0	0			Have not participated in any IFF event
Jamaica	2500	0			Annual fee 2020-24
Kazakhstan	0	0			
Kenya	9000	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2019-24
Kiribati	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2020-24
Kuwait	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2020-24
Lithuania	0	0			Have not participated in any IFF event.
Malaysia	8800	0		X	Annual fee 2020, 2022-24
Malta	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Mexico	500	0			Annual fee 2024
Moldova	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Mongolia	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Mozambique	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Nigeria	3000	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fees 2019-24
Pakistan	8000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Portugal	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Romania	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Rwanda	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Serbia	5000	0			Annual fees 2019-24
Sierra Leone	4800	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Solomon Islands	0	0			
Somalia	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2019, 2021-24
South Africa	1500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-21. On hold
Togo	2500	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2020-24
Turkey	9000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
Uganda	5800	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2019-24
Venezuela	4500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-24
	158 300	0			

DEBTS PAY-OFF PLANS (IFF Events participants)

Update 31.08.2024

APPENDIX 5

Canada	Plan is followed	
Debt 17.2.2023	18000	CAD
New/Additional	0	Plan 31.7 annually 5000 CAD until cleared
Payments	3600 31.7.2023	5000
	3600 23.6 2024	5000
	31.7.2025	5000
	31.7.2026	5000
	31.7.2027	6000
Debt 31.08.2024	10800	

Philippines	Plan is followed	
Debt 17.04.2024	3600	Annual fees 2021, 2022
New/Additional	0	
	1800	Plan 900 CHF every 6 months starting 30.6.2024
Debt 31.08.2024	1800	

Ukraine	Plan is paused	
Debt 13.12.2019	8500	
New/Additional	4400	Annual fee 2023, 2024
		Plan 31.10 annually 1700 until cleared
Payments	1700 09.12.21	
Debt 31.08.2024	11200	

Latvia	New plan	
Debt 17.04.2024	8000	Annual fees 2022,2023
New/Additional	4000	Annual fees 2024
		Plan 4000 CHF each 30.9, 31.10, 30.11
Debt 31.08.2024	12000	

Cote d'Ivoire	Plan is not followed	
Debt 13.12.2019	2000	
New/Additional	13500	WFCQ &, ann.fee 2020-2021, WFCQ & ann.fee 2022-2024
		Plan 500 CHF every Quarter
Payments	1500 2020, 2021, 2022	
	1000 11.01.2024 (4th-5th)	
Debt 31.08.2024	13000	

Malaysia	Plan is not followed	
Debt 13.12.2019	3700	
New/Additional	11000	Ann.fee 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
		Plan New plan to be proposed
Payments	1500 31.01.20	
	2200 13.05.20	
	2200 14.12.21	
Debt 31.08.2024	8800	

Russia	Suspended	
Debt 13.12.2019	1000	U19Q 2019
New/Additional	18000	U19/WFCQ/Ann fee 2020, Annual fee 2022, 2023, 2024
Payments	1000 18.11.20	U19Q 2019
	2000 20.07.21	U19/WFCQ 2020
Debt 31.08.2024	16000	

Women's WFC 2025 REGISTRATIONS - Payment order qualifying teams

Appendix 6

Final round

Update 26.06

	Reg. Date	Team	Paid date	Remarks	Last WFC		Paid
1	19.12.2023	Czech Republic	20.12.2023		2023	EU	7000

Qualifications

2	09.10.2023	Austria	12.10.2023		2023	EU	3000
3	16.10.2023	Sweden	17.10.2023		2023	EU	3000
4	23.10.2023	Belgium	24.10.2023		2023	EU	3000
5	20.12.2023	Switzerland	01.12.2023		2023	EU	3000
6	04.12.2023	Finland	13.12.2023		2023	EU	3000
7	27.12.2023	Estonia	27.12.2023		2023	EU	3000
8	26.12.2023	Korea	27.12.2023		2023	AOFC	3000
9	12.12.2023	New Zealand	27.12.2023		2023	AOFC	3000
10	28.12.2023	Thailand	27.12.2023		2023	AOFC	3000
11	28.12.2023	Norway	28.12.2023		2023	EU	3000
12	29.12.2023	Australia	03.01.2024		2023	AOFC	3000
13	31.12.2023	Great Britain	03.01.2024		2023	EU	3000
14	31.12.2023	Netherlands	03.01.2024		2023	EU	3000
15	21.02.2024	India	03.01.2024		New	AOFC	3000
16	20.11.2023	Canada	04.01.2024		2023	AM	3000
17	03.01.2024	Denmark	08.01.2024		2023	EU	3000
18	04.01.2024	Japan	11.01.2024		2023	AOFC	3000
19	22.12.2023	Italy	11.01.2024		2023	EU	3000
20	16.10.2023	USA	24.01.2024		2023	AM	3000
21	29.01.2024	Singapore	29.01.2024		2023	AOFC	3000
22	26.01.2024	France	31.01.2024		2023	EU	3000
23	31.12.2023	Spain	07.02.2024		2023	EU	3000
28	26.01.2024	Hungary	17.04.2024		2023	EU	3000
24	31.12.2023	Germany	22.04.2024		2023	EU	3000
25	31.12.2023	Poland	23.04.2024		2023	EU	3000
26	21.11.2023	Slovakia	31.05.2024		2023	EU	3000
27	31.12.2023	Latvia	31.05.2024		2023	EU	3000
29	20.02.2024	Philippines	26.06.2024	Bank stopped payment	2023	AOFC	3000

U19 WFC 2025 REGISTRATIONS - payment order

	Reg. Date	Team	Paid date	Remarks	Last WFC		Paid
1	23.10.2023	Belgium	24.10.2023	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
2	20.12.2023	Sweden	30.10.2023	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
3	24.10.2023	Switzerland	03.11.2023	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
4	07.12.2023	Singapore	04.12.2023	Qualification	2023	AOFC	3000
5	07.12.2023	Czech Republic	07.12.2023	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
6	04.12.2023	Finland	13.12.2023	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
7	27.12.2023	Estonia	27.12.2023	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
8	12.12.2023	New Zealand	27.12.2023	Qualification	2023	AOFC	3000
9	28.12.2023	Norway	28.12.2023	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
10	29.12.2023	Australia	03.01.2024	Qualification	2023	AOFC	3000
11	31.12.2023	Netherlands	03.01.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
12	31.12.2023	Great Britain	03.01.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
13	02.01.2024	Canada	04.01.2024	Qualification	2023	AM	3000
14	03.01.2024	Denmark	08.01.2024	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
15	23.12.2023	Italy	11.01.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
16	30.12.2023	Japan	11.01.2024	Qualification	2019	AOFC	3000
17	31.12.2023	USA	24.01.2024	Qualification	2023	AM	3000
18	16.10.2023	Austria	30.01.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
19	26.01.2024	France	31.01.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
20	31.12.2023	Spain	07.02.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
25	29.01.2024	Slovenia	14.03.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
21	31.12.2023	Latvia	03.04.2024	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
22	31.12.2023	Germany	22.04.2024	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000
23	31.12.2023	Poland	23.04.2024	Qualification	2023	EU	3000
24	15.03.2024	Ukraine	29.05.2024	Qualification	2015	EU	3000
26	21.11.2023	Slovakia	31.05.2024	Directly qualified	2023	EU	5000

Helsinki, Finland 12.09.2024

**To: IFF Member Associations
The IFF President and CB**

cc: IFF committee members

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 18th IFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Dear Ms./Mrs./Mr. President,

The IFF Central Board hereby invites the member associations of the IFF to participate in the 18th General Assembly of the International Floorball Federation in Malmö, Sweden on Saturday the 14th of December 2024.

The IFF 18th General Assembly 2024 will be held **on Saturday the 14th of December 2024, starting at 08.30 in the Malmö Arena Hotel**. The detailed information of the meeting system will be provided in the Final Announcement of the IFF General Assembly in November 2024.

1. Regarding participation in the General Assembly

All member Associations are welcome to participate in the General Assembly with two representatives each. If an interpreter is needed, the association may use one. Each member federation needs to inform which delegate will use the vote of the association. Please remember to register the name of the representative of the member associations who can vote in the General Assembly no later than the 22nd of November 2024 to the IFF Office, at the mail address halonen@floorball.sport

All member Associations are entitled to make proposals to the General Assembly, but only the ordinary member Associations are entitled to vote, see § 29.1. IFF Statutes. Nota bene that the ordinary members must have fulfilled all their obligations towards the IFF in accordance with the IFF Licence System, i.e. amongst other things have no debts to the IFF unless an IFF approved payment plan is followed. See § 29.2 IFF Statutes.

ARTICLE 29 VOTING STATUS

- 29.1 Each member Association is allowed to participate with two persons (delegates legitimated by the National Association) at the General Assembly. A person can only represent one Association.
- 29.2 Each ordinary member Association which has fulfilled its obligations to IFF is entitled to one vote at the General Assembly. The CB informs the voting roll and distributes it together with the documents of the General Assembly latest 30 full days before the General Assembly.

2. Regarding acquisition of ordinary membership

Presently the IFF consists of 45 ordinary members and 35 provisional members. The CB may only grant provisional membership for a period of four years. After a maximum of 4 years from becoming a provisional member, the Association will, automatically, become an ordinary member, after a decision at the IFF General Assembly. A provisional member association can also choose to apply for ordinary membership earlier.

The IFF CB strongly urges the provisional members to consider their situation to apply for the ordinary membership in accordance with the § 13 IFF Statutes below:

ARTICLE 13 ACQUISITION OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 The Association can be a section of another Sports Federation which is a member of the National Sports Confederation.

- 13.2 If the statutes and regulations correspond to the statutes of the IFF and the conditions for membership are fulfilled. The provisional membership shall be granted by the CB.
- 13.3 Provisional membership shall only be granted for four years. After a maximum of 4 years from becoming a provisional member the Association will, automatically, become an ordinary member, after a decision taken at the IFF General Assembly, if the Association in question is fulfilling the requirements of article 14.

ARTICLE 14 ACQUISITION OF ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

- 14.1 The Association shall be a self-ruled Floorball Association or a self-ruled Floorball section in another Association.
- 14.2 The Association shall consist of at least 10 Clubs. Exceptions can only be granted by the CB.
- 14.3 The Association shall be the Organizer of National Floorball Championships.
- 14.4 The Association shall be member of the National Sports Confederation (Exception: if there are justifiable reasons).
- 14.5 An application for ordinary membership can also be handed in to the IFF according to article 12, paragraph 1, earlier than the four years.
- 14.6 Ordinary membership is granted by the General Assembly.

3. Regarding nominations:

The IFF Central Board invites its member Association to make nominations, motions and proposals according to the IFF statutes concerning nominations, see § 27 as follows:

ARTICLE 27 NOMINATIONS, MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 27.1 Candidates for election to any office in the IFF shall be nominated to the official address of the IFF at latest 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly. Only persons of an ordinary member are eligible for elections.
- 27.2 All proposals and motions of the member Associations shall be sent in to the official address of the IFF at latest 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly.

The position that the IFF invites to nominate candidates for the period 2025 - 2028 are:

- IFF President
- Nine members of the IFF Central Board
- Chair of the Disciplinary Committee (DC)
- 2 members and 2 substitutes of DC
- Chair of the Appeal Committee (AC)
- 2 members and 2 substitutes of AC
- Chair for the IFF Ethics Commission (ETC)
- 3 members of ETC

***Nominations, motions and proposals shall be sent to:
IFF, Alakiventie 2, 00920 Helsinki, Finland, or by email office@floorball.sport, to be IFF by hand
no later than 60 full days before the General Assembly (Monday 14th of October 2024).***

Summons to the 18th IFF General Assembly together with the agenda, CB reports, the financial reports for the years 2022 and 2023 with the related auditors' reports, budgets for the years 2025 and 2026, a proposal for updates of the IFF Statutes and possible other motions and proposals will be sent to you latest 30 full days in advance (Thursday 14th of November 2024) of the IFF General Assembly.

With sincere regards,

International Floorball Federation

Tomas Eriksson
President

John Liljelund b.d.
Secretary General



Women's U19 World Floorball Championships 2024

8.-12.5. | Lahti | Finland

SHORT REPORT



The women's under 19 World Floorball Championships 2024 were organized in 8.-12.5.2024. The event was originally scheduled for 1.-5.5.2024 but it was and rescheduled by one week due to another event at the Lahti Sport and Fair center. The cooperation with City of Lahti enabled that the new dates were found quickly and there was no harm for the organizing the event.

The venue was great for this kind of event it enabled for the LOC to plan both arenas, training court and various activities under the same roof. The happy atmosphere at the tournament, savings on budget, 16 WU19 teams, 42 3v3 teams and almost 16 000 spectators at the arena is something that we should be proud of. The feedback has been positive and our around 200 volunteers has been in a key position creating the unique atmosphere.

We also had a privilege to organize first ever 3v3 WFC in Lahti during the event. It took a bit more work and money but was worth it. There is now good base to develop the 3v3 WFC for the future.

Hanne Nyrönen
Event Manager

IFF Women's U19 World Floorball Championships 2024

1. WU19 WFC2024 in Numbers

1.1. Attendance

The attendance goal was over 10 000 spectators during the event. The total daily attendance amount was 15 941 and it is a new record for WU19 WFC. Also, the final reached the one match attendance record.

Date	Daily Attendance
Wed 8.5.	2586
Thu 9.5.	3044
Fri 10.5.	2364
Sat 11.5.	3900
Sun 12.5.	4047
Total	15941

Most Attended Games	Spectators
Finland - Sweden Final	1965
Switzerland - Czechia bronze	1767
Czechia - Finland semi-final	1705

1.2. Ticket Sales

DAY	TOTAL NUMBER OF SOLD TICKETS PER TICKET TYPE					
	February	March	April	Final sales	Goal based on budget	% of the goal
8.5. day ticket	3	3	9	281	500	56 %
9.5. day ticket	25	48	70	744	500	149 %
10.5. day ticket	16	18	38	575	500	115 %
11.5. day ticket	23	23	43	846	1000	85 %
12.5. day ticket	47	56	81	913	1500	61 %
Tournament ticket	47	64	110	300	150	200 %
VIP	0	4	8	22	50	44 %
TOTAL SOLD TICKETS	161	216	359	3681	4200	88 %

DAY	TOTAL INCOME PER DAY			
	Final sales €	Goal based on budget €	% of the goal	Total capacity available for sale
8.5. day ticket (Tiketti)	3992	8850	45 %	1250
9.5. day ticket (Tiketti)	11574	8850	131 %	1250
10.5. day ticket (Tiketti)	7636	8850	86 %	1250
11.5. day ticket (Tiketti)	13366	22500	59 %	1250
12.5. day ticket (Tiketti)	17450	33750	52 %	1250
Tournament ticket (Tiketti)	25215	12975	194 %	300
VIP	1364	3250	42 %	250
Group tickets + LOC sales	18605			
Internal purchases (SSBL)	1114			
TOTAL INCOME	100289	99025	101 %	6800

DAY	FREE TICKETS (competitions and event partners) INCL. MLL charity tickets			
	FINAL			
8.5. day ticket	285			
9.5. day ticket	295			
10.5. day ticket	292			
11.5. day ticket	228			
12.5. day ticket	235			
Tournament ticket	7			
VIP	37	(doesn't include the invited VIP guests)		
TOTAL	1379			

1.3. Event Budget (30.8.2024)

The event budget was created for 2 years (2023-2024). The total budget for the event was -126 000€. The support from the Ministry which turned out to be 50 000€ less than on budget for year 2024 and that is why the budget was fixed early 2024. Also the 3v3 WFC was included in the same budget early 2024.

The saving on budget was mostly done in 2024 when we saved around 30 000 € compared on budget.

Incomes

Ticket Sales	100 289 €
Sponsors and event partners (incl City of Lahti)	102 100 €
3v3 participation fee	6 600 €
Sales (mercandice, lottery)	20 600 €
Ministry of Education and Culture	80 000 €
Incomes	309 589 €

Expences

Arenas and other rentals	13 300 €
Purchasing services	127 900 €
Accommodation and meals	52 700 €
Marketing and materials	21 300 €
IFF fees and other expences	44 700 €
Travel	35 400 €
Rewards (purchased services)	26 300 €
Full-time staff	79 400 €
Expences	401 000 €

Total	-91 411 €
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1.4. YLE Arena spectator numbers

		Stream starts
8.5.2024	Finland-Poland	9 000
9.5.2024	Finland-Sweden	15 000
10.5.2024	Finland-Norway	8 000
11.5.2024	Finland-Czechia	17 000
12.5.2024	Finland-Sweden	28 000

YLE Arena	77 000
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1.5. IFF app Livestream Views

Most Live Stream Views (Top 10):

Competition	Home team	Away team	Attendees	LiveViewers
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	4935	785
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	4322	634
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	4068	576
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Switzerland Women Under 19	Czech Republic Women Under 19	2784	508
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	2780	495
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	2587	412
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Norway Women Under 19	Sweden Women Under 19	3907	395
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Poland Women	2599	370
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Switzerland Women Under 19	Slovakia Women Under 19	1999	348
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Latvia Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	2371	316

Most Highlights Views (Top 10) (per 14th May 2024):

Competition	Home team	Away team	HighlightViewers
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Norway Women Under 19	Sweden Women Under 19	1198
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	1043
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	966
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	924
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Latvia Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	794
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	739
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Australia Women Under 19	Germany Women Under 19	690
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Singapore Women Under 19	New Zealand Women Under 19	548
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Poland Women	521
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Switzerland Women Under 19	Slovakia Women Under 19	521

1.6. Digital marketing report

U19 WFC 2024 channels were Instagram, Facebook, X and IFF Floorball TikTok. The most used channel was Instagram, since the targeted audience uses the most Instagram.

Social Media marketing started 1st September 2023 and the last post was published 31st May 2024. In total, on Instagram, has been published 136 posts, which 46 were Reels and 90 pictures, in addition to these numbers it has been published hundreds of Stories.

On Instagram Reels has gotten all together 2 296 662 (46 videos) views. Instagram pictures have gotten altogether 98 214 likes (90 posts), where the most liked one: 4979 as Miisa Turunen "how it started vs how it is going now".

On TikTok, it was published in total eight videos which gained in total 2 345 965 views. TOP three: 2 300 000 views (what to do with the stick), 41 640 (Finja x slow motion video) and 32 954 (xmas edition). Paid advertising budget was 2000€ and 97% was used. The focus was for TikTok non-followers. The strategy was to achieve young Finnish people, who are not naturally following floorball.

For the other ads, 1 the final game ad: picture, reach 23 967, commitment 945, the average price for one person 0,10€. Audience: mostly 25–44-year-old men from Uusimaa. 2 the "we go to the finals" picture: reach 26 822, commitment 706, average price 0,31€. Audience: mostly 25–34-year-old men from Uusimaa. 3 Janne Saarinen video: reach 11 617, link click 456, 3 sec 40%, Average price 0,13€. Audience: mostly 25–34-year-old men from Uusimaa.

A lot of marketing was done on Finnish Floorball Federation social media channels (IG, YT, FB, TikTok, X, LinkedIn, website). The following numbers are daily results from the WFC week (6.-12.5.2024). On FB, the daily reach was 72 000 (195,5%) of which 23517 were followers and 48 779 non-followers. On Instagram, daily reach was 257 400 (132,90%), content interaction 79 000 (466,9%) and link click 1 600 profile (446,50%).

The successes of digital marketing were cooperation with Janne Saarinen (radio and salibandy channels), brand-understood posts as players my days and how it started vs how it's going as well as 2,3m views on TikTok with what to do with the stick.

This analysis has not taken into consideration Stories, FB, website or X (U19 WFC) or the long-term view of Salibandy .fi channels. Lahti city, MLL, IFF, radio or other relative channels.

U19 WFC 2024: Analytics of the media app data

Events sold (Event pass and PPV):

U19 WFC 2024: 29,7K CHF (gross, last year u19 55,9K)
 YTD 2024: 64K (Sales, last year same time period 91K)

User Registration on the app:

Before u19 WFC 2024 & 3v3: 58'687
 On 14th May 2024: 64'834
 PLUS: 6'147 Users

Most Live Stream Views (Top 10):

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All Single game view purchases (PPV)

Competition	Home team	Away team	NoOfPPVPayments
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	151
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	76
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Sweden Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	75
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Switzerland Women Under 19	Czech Republic Women Under 19	43
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	39
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Singapore Women Under 19	New Zealand Women Under 19	30
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Norway Women Under 19	Sweden Women Under 19	27
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Norway Women Under 19	Poland Women	27
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Slovakia Women Under 19	Czech Republic Women Under 19	24
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Germany Women Under 19	Singapore Women Under 19	24
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Sweden Women Under 19	Poland Women	21
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Slovakia Women Under 19	Latvia Women Under 19	20
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Latvia Women Under 19	Switzerland Women Under 19	19
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Singapore Women Under 19	Italy Women Under 19	17
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Switzerland Women Under 19	Slovakia Women Under 19	15
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Australia Women Under 19	Germany Women Under 19	14
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Slovakia Women Under 19	Poland Women	14
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Norway Women Under 19	Germany Women Under 19	13
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Denmark Women Under 19	Norway Women Under 19	13
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	Singapore Women Under 19	Australia Women Under 19	12
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Finland Women Under 19	Norway Women Under 19	12
Women's U19 World Championships Group A	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Latvia Women Under 19	12
Women's U19 World Championships Group B	Poland Women	Finland Women Under 19	9
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	New Zealand Women Under 19	Australia Women Under 19	9
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Canada Women Under 19	Italy Women Under 19	8
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Czech Republic Women Under 19	Finland Women Under 19	7
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Italy Women Under 19	Hungary Women Under 19	7
Women's U19 World Championships Group C	New Zealand Women Under 19	Germany Women Under 19	6
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Denmark Women Under 19	Italy Women Under 19	5
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Hungary Women Under 19	Denmark Women Under 19	5
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Latvia Women Under 19	Denmark Women Under 19	5
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Hungary Women Under 19	Canada Women Under 19	3
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Latvia Women Under 19	Germany Women Under 19	3
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Hungary Women Under 19	New Zealand Women Under 19	3
Women's U19 World Championships Playoff	Australia Women Under 19	Canada Women Under 19	2
Women's U19 World Championships Group D	Canada Women Under 19	Denmark Women Under 19	1

Details on the app per participating country

PPV: 771

Row Labels	Sum of PPV
AU	17
CA	1
CH	148
CZ	33
DE	12
DK	7
EE	1
FI	11
GB	1
HU	10
IT	10
KR	1
LV	27
NO	51
NZ	17
PL	26
SE	290
SG	64
SJ	2
SK	38
Grand Total	767

Event pass: 1209

Event Pass	Countries
FR	2
AT	2
AU	75
BA	1
BE	3
CA	17
CH	251
CN	1
CZ	101
DE	65
DK	16
EE	1
ES	1
FI	25
GB	3
HU	18
IS	1
IT	11
JP	1
KZ	1
LV	32
NL	2
NO	79
NZ	75
PL	27
RU	1
SE	257
SG	87
SK	47
TH	2
US	3
ZA	1
Grand Total	1209

3v3 WFC 2024: Analytics of the media app data

The video stream was for free

Most Live Stream Views Men (Top 10):

Time	Comp. Category	Competition	Home team	Away team	Attendees	LiveViewers
2024.05.12 09:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	3597	1426
2024.05.12 07:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Finland Men 3v3 Lahti	1831	619
2024.05.11 15:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Switzerland Men 3v3	France Men 3v3 West	1068	510
2024.05.11 17:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Estonia Men 3v3	1285	449
2024.05.11 11:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group E	Finland Men 3v3 Lahti	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	760	357
2024.05.11 15:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Finland Men 3v3 White	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	776	313
2024.05.11 06:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group B	Netherlands Men 3v3	France Men 3v3 West	659	266
2024.05.11 11:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group F	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 2	Poland Men 3v3 Team 1	487	262
2024.05.11 13:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group G	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 1	Finland Men 3v3 White	507	243
2024.05.11 08:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group G	Estonia Men 3v3	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 1	459	243

Most Live Stream Views Women (Top 10):

Time	Comp. Category	Competition	Home team	Away team	Attendees	LiveViewers
2024.05.12 08:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	2142	894
2024.05.11 09:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Finland Women 3v3 White	Sweden Women 3v3	1261	402
2024.05.11 07:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Sweden Women 3v3	Poland Women 3v3	1269	369
2024.05.12 06:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Women 3v3	Germany Women 3v3	1033	360
2024.05.11 07:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group B	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	Slovakia Women 3v3	846	300
2024.05.11 16:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Switzerland Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 White	1085	218
2024.05.11 12:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group C	Czechia Women 3v3	Estonia Women 3v3	436	212
2024.05.12 06:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	Switzerland Women 3v3	1260	183
2024.05.11 13:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Latvia Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 White	440	182
2024.05.11 09:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Poland Women 3v3	Latvia Women 3v3	373	125

Complete Overview:

Time	Comp. Category	Competition	Home team	Away team	Attendees	LiveViewers	ReplayViewers
2024.05.12 09:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	3597	1426	1268
2024.05.12 08:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	2142	894	422
2024.05.12 07:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Finland Men 3v3 Lahti	1831	619	396
2024.05.11 15:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Switzerland Men 3v3	France Men 3v3 West	1068	510	275
2024.05.11 17:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Men 3v3	Estonia Men 3v3	1285	449	330
2024.05.11 09:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Finland Women 3v3 White	Sweden Women 3v3	1261	402	209
2024.05.11 07:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Sweden Women 3v3	Poland Women 3v3	1269	369	251
2024.05.12 06:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Women 3v3	Germany Women 3v3	1033	360	155
2024.05.11 11:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group E	Finland Men 3v3 Lahti	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	760	357	134
2024.05.11 15:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Finland Men 3v3 White	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	776	313	140
2024.05.11 07:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group B	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	Slovakia Women 3v3	846	300	161
2024.05.11 06:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group B	Netherlands Men 3v3	France Men 3v3 West	659	266	214
2024.05.11 11:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group F	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 2	Poland Men 3v3 Team 1	487	262	110
2024.05.11 13:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group G	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 1	Finland Men 3v3 White	507	243	84
2024.05.11 08:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group G	Estonia Men 3v3	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 1	459	243	100
2024.05.11 09:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group A	France Men 3v3 North	Hungary Men 3v3	481	237	126
2024.05.11 16:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Finland Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 White	1085	218	521
2024.05.11 12:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group C	Czechia Women 3v3	Estonia Women 3v3	436	212	96
2024.05.11 10:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group E	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	Germany Men 3v3 Team 2	445	210	78
2024.05.11 06:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group F	Slovakia Men 3v3	Poland Men 3v3 Team 1	678	209	208
2024.05.11 10:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group D	Spain Men 3v3 Team 1	Poland Men 3v3 Team 2	404	197	104
2024.05.12 08:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	USA Men 3v3 Red	Germany Men 3v3 Team 2	871	190	198
2024.05.12 07:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 1	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 2	897	188	234
2024.05.12 06:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Finland Women 3v3 Blue	Switzerland Women 3v3	1260	183	382
2024.05.11 16:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Latvia Women 3v3	Finland Women 3v3 White	440	182	48
2024.05.11 11:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group D	USA Men 3v3 Red	Switzerland Men 3v3	945	168	144
2024.05.11 06:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group D	Switzerland Men 3v3	Spain Men 3v3 Team 1	1373	157	342
2024.05.11 08:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group C	Iceland Men 3v3	Spain Men 3v3 Team 2	381	153	94
2024.05.11 18:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	USA Men 3v3 Red	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 1	576	148	154
2024.05.11 16:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	USA Men 3v3 Red	Iceland Men 3v3	339	144	52
2024.05.11 09:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group A	Poland Women 3v3	Latvia Women 3v3	373	125	85
2024.05.11 16:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Sweden Women 3v3	Latvia Women 3v3	862	123	72
2024.05.11 16:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Germany Women 3v3	Estonia Women 3v3	367	122	51
2024.05.11 06:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group A	Hungary Men 3v3	Ukraine Men 3v3 Team 2	506	122	126
2024.05.11 14:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	Italy Men 3v3	Burkina Faso Men 3v3 Team Burkindi	340	117	98
2024.05.11 15:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Championship Play-offs	Czechia Men 3v3	New Zealand Men 3v3	629	109	77
2024.05.12 07:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	Slovakia Women 3v3	Poland Women 3v3	412	108	77
2024.05.11 17:30	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	Ukraine Women 3v3	Iceland Women 3v3	288	98	62
2024.05.11 11:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group B	France Men 3v3 West	Czechia Men 3v3	491	98	55
2024.05.11 06:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group A	Sweden Men 3v3	France Men 3v3 North	2111	89	512
2024.05.11 14:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC Group B	Slovakia Women 3v3	Ukraine Women 3v3	238	81	38
2024.05.12 06:00	Women's 3v3 World Championships	Women's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	Slovakia Women 3v3	Ukraine Women 3v3	244	67	51
2024.05.11 14:30	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC B-Final Play-offs	France Men 3v3 North	Côte d'Ivoire Men	242	60	76
2024.05.11 06:00	Men's 3v3 World Championships	Men's 3v3 WFC Group F	Côte d'Ivoire Men 3v3	Latvia Men 3v3 Team 2	906	56	381

Interesting: a very high number of replay viewers; higher than normal

Helsinki, Finland, May 30th, 2024
IFF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes 3/2022

Date: 30th of May
Place: Email meeting
Decision: Circulation

Participants: Ismo Haaponiemi, chair (FIN)
Tomas Brezina, member (CZE)
Peter Vrba, member (SVK)
Linda Noppa, member (SWE),

Excused:

Object: In the match of Norway v Germany on Saturday 11th May 2024 at the Women's U19 WFC 2024 in Lahti, Finland, the IFF Referee Management of the event reported an incident for review by the Event Disciplinary Function, involving Mia Osterbo Nilsen, #21 from Team Norway. The incident under review happened at 29:56.

Close to the German goal, the Team Norway player Osterbo Nilsen had possession of the ball behind the goal line and attempted to move past the goalkeeper into a scoring position. The German goalkeeper and two defenders blocked the player's movement. After losing possession of the ball Osterbo Nilsen intentionally first pressed her stick to the upper body and neck of the German goalkeeper and then ripped it loose and swung her stick at the goalkeeper, making direct contact with the helmet, with the hit being strong enough to completely knock the helmet off the goalkeeper's head. The incident was not penalised by the referees.

It was the opinion of the Referee Management that Osterbo Nilsen should have received a match penalty for violent physical play, according to Rule 614:3 - When a player is guilty of violent physical play (909). According to the Rules of the Game 2022 (Rule 613:2): Match penalty shall lead to suspension for the rest of the match and from the following match in the same competition and possible further punishment according to the conditions and routines set by the administrating authority.

Case Facts: The incident was reviewed by the IFF Event Disciplinary Function (EDF) and it was their opinion that Mia Osterbo Nilsen made a direct contact with the head of the opponent player, with a movement of the stick that was intentional and with force. The preliminary decision of the EDF was that the player should have been penalised with a Match penalty, which is an automatic suspension from the next game in the event. The player was given the opportunity to enter a statement about the incident but decided not to.

The final decision of the EDF was that Mia Osterbo Nilsen was suspended from Team Norway's next and last match in the Women's U19 WFC 2024, being the 7th place match against Denmark on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 10:30 EET. The EDF is limited to applying decisions only to the matches in its specific event, which in this case was only one remaining match. However, due to the seriousness of the action – direct contact with a stick to an opponent's head – the EDF will refer the situation to the IFF Disciplinary Committee for further review and possible further suspension.

The IFF Disciplinary Committee (IFF DC) asked for the statements of the Team Norway player Mia Osterbo Nielsen and the referee pair Igor Ivanchenko and Danylo Abeliashchev from Ukraine.

The referees stated that in that situation, the referee Ivanchenko was placed behind the goal and says he saw that the Norwegian player Nr. 21 with the ball tried to pass an opponent, from the side of the goal, but the ball was knocked out and she made a body contact with a player from

German team. In this situation the attention of Ivanchenko went to the ball and then he saw that the Norway player Nr,21 was blocking the goalkeeper and whistled for a free-hit. He noticed that the helmet came off from the goalkeeper and saw the movement of the Norwegian player's stick at waist level, but not the hit itself. He stopped the game and warned the player that she must be careful and she must be sure when she take out her stick that it is safe for other players.

The referee Abeliashev was situated by the mid-line. From his position, the situation at the goal could not be clearly seen because the field players from both teams blocked his view to the goal. The defender near the goal also had her back to the referee and covered the actions of the Norwegian player. Mr. Abeliashev commented that "After the whistle of my colleague, I saw how the goalkeeper's helmet flew off, but I could not see what contributed to this".

The Norwegian player Mia Osterbo Nielsen gave the following statement: My action in the heat of the moment in our match against Germany is something I regret. I have learned from it and will be working hard to prevent this in the future. My intension was never to hit or hurt the goalkeeper.

Basis for decision: Report of Ms. Marjo Alanko, Head of Referees, U19 WFC 2024
Video clip from the game covering the situation
IFF Event Disciplinary Function final decision – Case Mia Osterbo Nielsen
Statement of Ms. Mia Osterbo Nielsen, Team Norway Player
Statement of Mr. Ivan Ivanchenko and Mr. Danylo Abeliashev, referees in the game

Essential provisions: IFF Rules of the Game
IFF Juridical Regulations (Art. 72.5.) Forwarding an IFF EDF decision to the IFF DC
IFF Juridical Regulations (Art. 54.4.) Disqualification from competition

Consideration: The IFF Disciplinary Committee finds that the incident has fulfilled the criteria for the DC to take it under consideration.

The Norwegian player Mia Osterbo Nielsen clearly first pushes her stick to the upper body of the Team Germany goalkeeper and then after drawing it back violently hits the goalkeeper.

As the referees in the match, didn't see the actual situation clearly, they only gave a free-hit for Team Germany and warned the Norwegian player Osterbo Nielsen.

As the IFF Event Disciplinary Function has defined in its final decision, the player should have been awarded a Match Penalty for a violent physical play, in accordance to the IFF Rules of the Game. A player must always take responsibility of her stick in all situations and in this case the player violently struck the opponents goalkeeper.

Decision and applicable provisions:

The IFF Disciplinary Committee decides to sanction the Team Norway Player Ms. Mia Osterbo Nielsen with a suspension of participation in three International Matches. As it is unsure, if the player will have any International Matches in the near future the sanction is changed for a suspension for a period of three first games served in the national series of her club of the season 2024-2025.

Reasons: The IFF Disciplinary Committee finds that the Team Norway player Ms. Mia Osterbo Nielsen has breached Rule 614:3 for violent physical play, according to - When a player is guilty of violent physical play (909).

As the referees didn't award the player with the Match Penalty, the IFF EDF According to the Rules of the Game 2022 (Rule 613:2) awarded the player the Match Penalty and forwarded the case, as it was felt to be more serious than just a Match penalty to the IFF DC:

The decision is made based on the IFF Juridical Regulation (Art 33.4.c, 54.4. & 54.10. and 72.5.)

Decision

Procedure: The decision was unanimous

Appeal

procedure: The directions for an appeal according to the IFF Juridical Regulation Chapter V, Article 93-100.

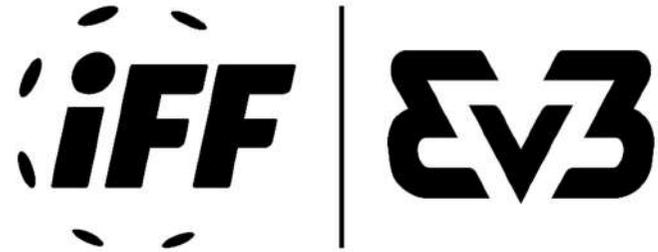
An appeal may be lodged to the Appeal Committee against any sanction passed by the Disciplinary Committee, the Jury or the Central Board, unless the sanction pronounced is a warning, reprimand, suspension of less than three matches or up to two months or a fine less than 5.000 CHF. (Juridical Regulation Art 94.1 a-d.)

In Helsinki, 30.05.2024

Ismo Haaponiemi
IFF DC chair

On behalf of the IFF Disciplinary Committee

John Liljelund
Secretary of IFF DC



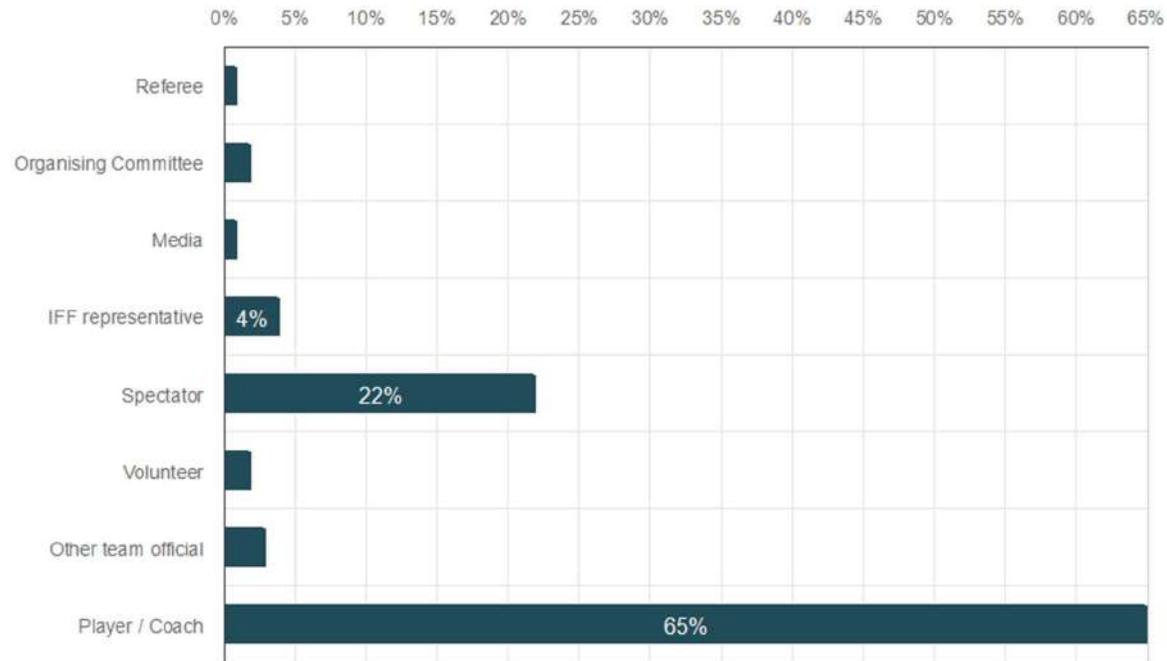
IFF 3v3 WFC 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT

Webropol online survey
Total number of respondents: 161

Survey group

Choose the group that fits best for your role at the event

Number of respondents: 161

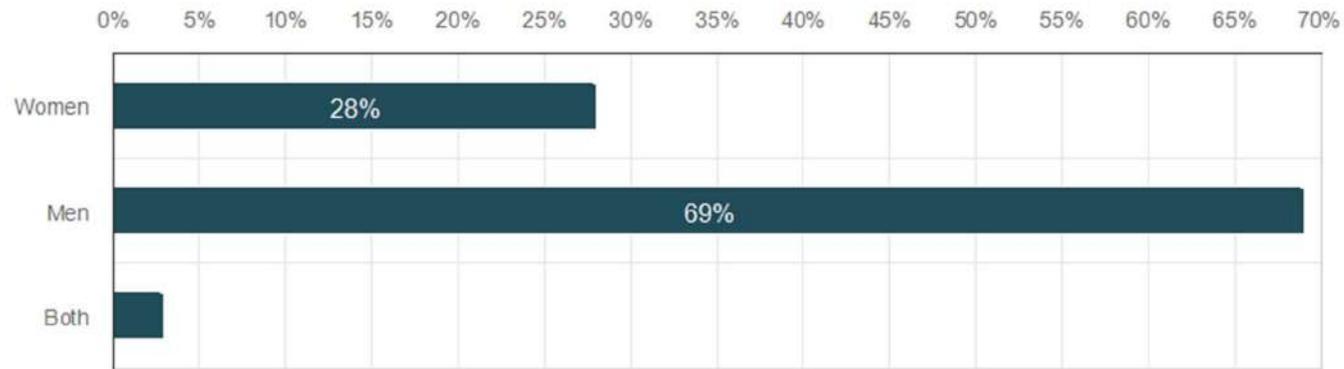


	n	Percent
Referee	2	1,2%
Organising Committee	3	1,9%
Media	2	1,2%
IFF representative	6	3,7%
Spectator	36	22,4%
Volunteer	3	1,9%
Other team official	5	3,1%
Player / Coach	104	64,6%

Event category

Select the event category that you were a player or coach for

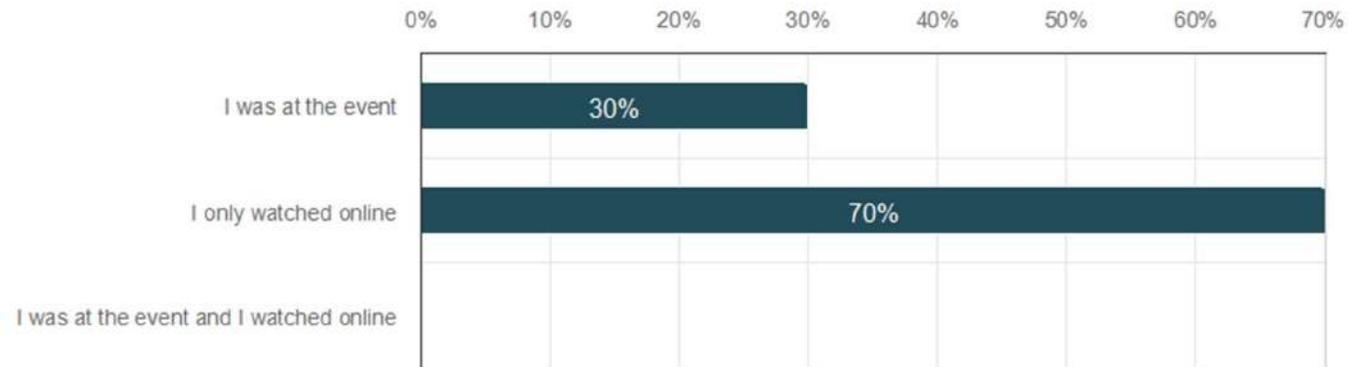
Number of respondents: 109



	n	Percent
Women	31	28,4%
Men	75	68,8%
Both	3	2,8%

Were you at the event in person or did you watch online?

Number of respondents: 37



	n	Percent
I was at the event	11	29,7%
I only watched online	26	70,3%
I was at the event and I watched online	0	0,0%

What country are you from

If you are answering as a team representative please give the country of the team you were part of at the 3v3 WFC 2024

Number of respondents: 161

Country	n.	Country	n.
Belgium	1	Latvia	9
Burkina Faso	1	Mexico	1
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Netherlands	13
Czechia	5	New Zealand	5
Estonia	3	Poland	9
Finland	15	Slovakia	4
France	9	Spain	5
Germany	5	Sweden	8
Hungary	5	Switzerland	48
Iceland	4	Ukraine	1
Italy	4	USA	4
Korea	1		

How would you rate your overall experience at 3v3 WFC 2024?

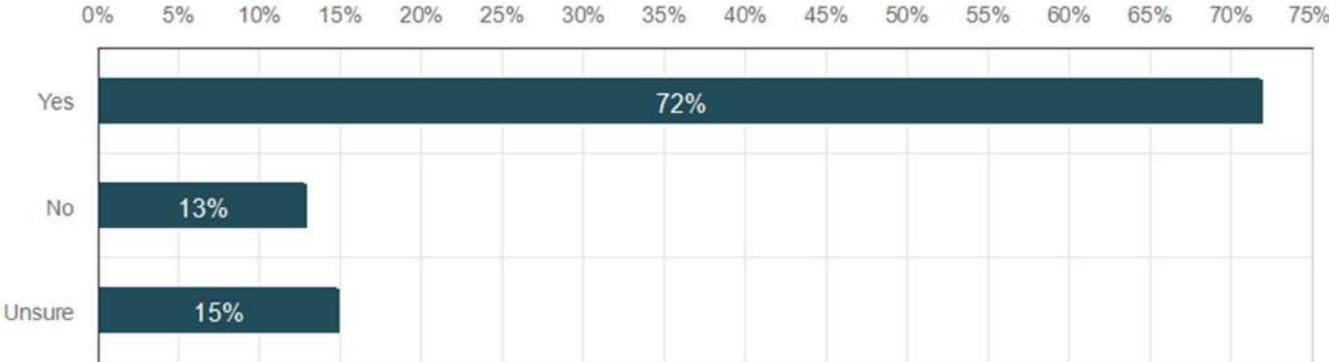
This includes the number of groups, play-offs, A & B-finals etc

Number of respondents: 161

Min value	Max value	Average	Median
2,0	10,0	7,9	8,0

Were you satisfied with the playing time for the matches? (2 x 10mins)

Number of respondents: 161



	n	Percent
Yes	116	72,1%
No	21	13,0%
Unsure	24	14,9%

Briefly explain why you were not satisfied with the playing time and/or what playing time you think should be used?

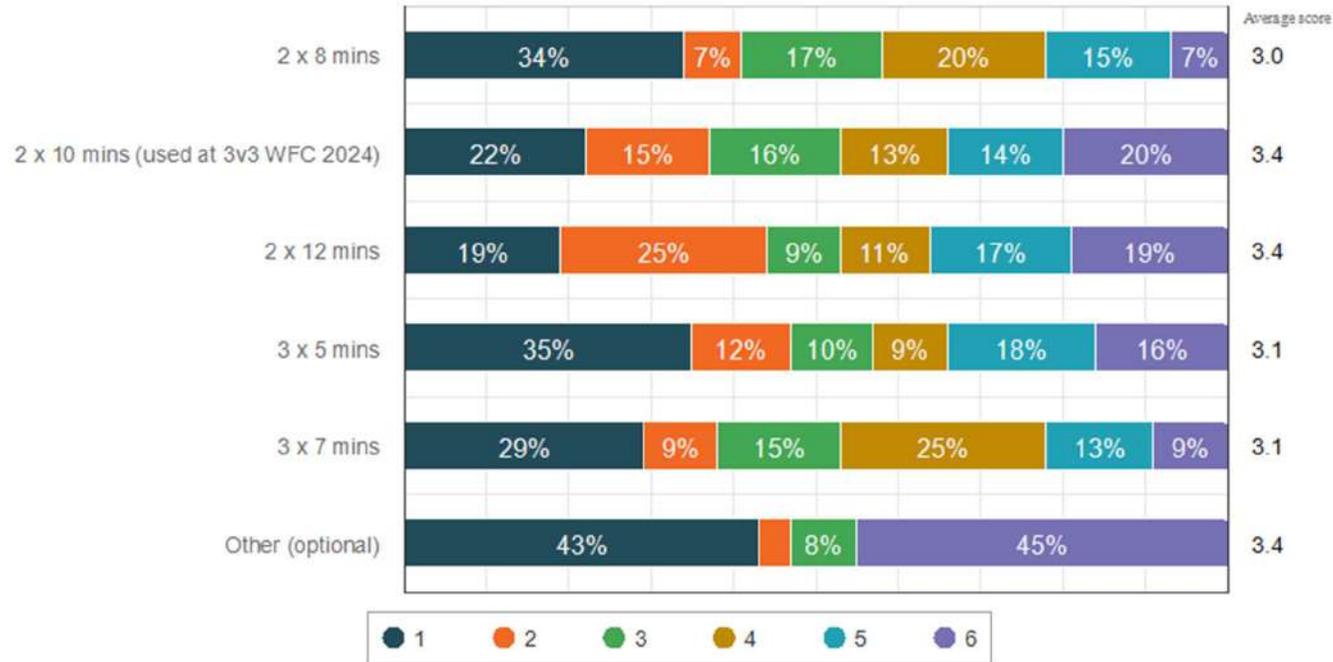
Number of respondents: 21

Responses
To short, need 2x20' or 3x20' like Switzerland
It should be 3x10 minutes
Too short / 2x20min
2x15 min would have been better, so the games are a bit longer. I must add that the allowed player count on the bench should also be increased, since the games are being played in high intensity and if the time is increased more players are required.
It is too fast. It would take at least 2x20 not effective (<i>C'est trop rapide. Il faudrait au minimum 2x20 non effectif</i>)
Please take a look at the Swiss 3v3 players. The games look more professional and more interesting. In my opinion there can only be one national team per country.
I would prefer to play effectively over the whole game and 3x20
2x20 mins would be better (<i>wäre besser</i>)
Way too short! Just when you were getting into the game and getting to know the opposite team's way of playing, the match was over.
I would have liked 3x10 min or 2 X 15
It was a bit short would prefer 2x12
There is almost no time to change things, it feels like it is over very shortly after starting and it feels quite short comparing to the preparation time the players have anyway.
To short, at least 2x15 or even 2x20
The playing time of 2x10 min was quite long for the goalkeepers
2x20 or 3x20
Too short. 20x2 (like switzerland leagues)
At least 2x15 mins
The time is too short for me
2x 15 mins or 2x 12
It's too short! It should be at least 2x15
too short

Preferred playing time

Please rank the possible playing times in order of preference. If one of your preferred times is not included then choose 'Other' and specify the playing time and rank it with the other selections (this is optional)

Number of respondents: 161



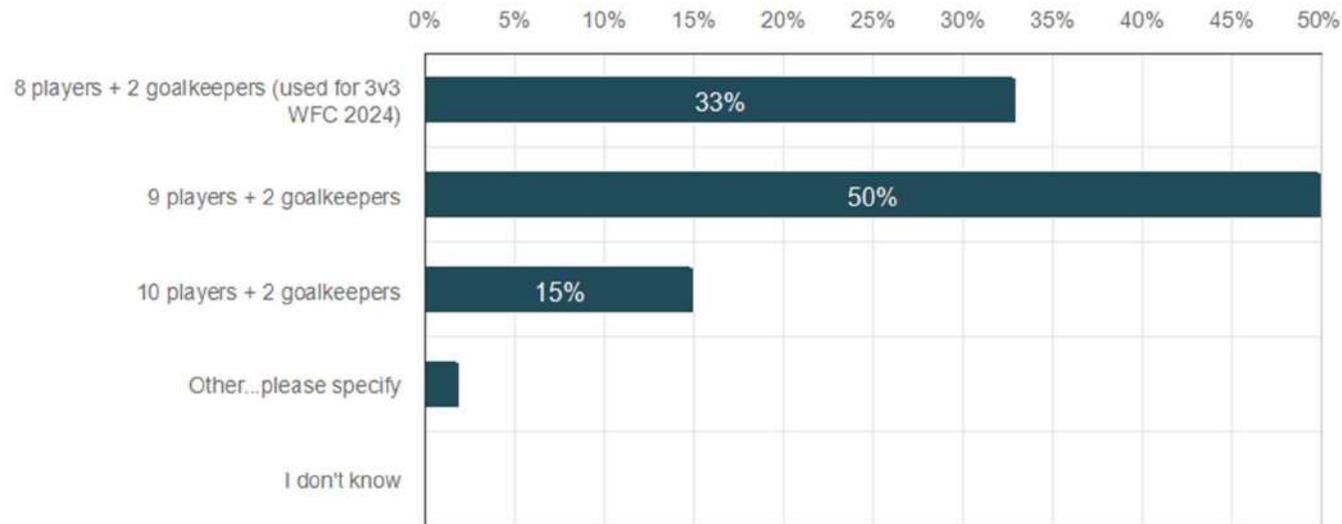
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average	Median
2 x 8 mins	33,5%	7,4%	16,8%	19,9%	14,9%	7,5%	3,0	3,0
2 x 10 mins (used at 3v3 WFC 2024)	21,7%	14,9%	16,2%	13,0%	14,3%	19,9%	3,4	3,0
2 x 12 mins	19,3%	24,8%	9,3%	10,6%	17,4%	18,6%	3,4	3,0
3 x 5 mins	34,8%	11,8%	9,9%	8,7%	18,6%	16,2%	3,1	3,0
3 x 7 mins	28,6%	9,3%	14,9%	25,5%	13,0%	8,7%	3,1	3,0
Other (optional)	42,8%	4,1%	8,2%	0,0%	0,0%	44,9%	3,4	3,0
Total	30,1%	12,1%	12,6%	13,0%	13,0%	19,3%	3,2	3,0

Other suggestions	n.
2 x 20 mins	12
3 x 10 mins	9
2 x 15 mins	17
3 x 20 mins	1
3 x 3 mins	1
3 x 6 mins	1
2 x 10 mins with time stopped when there is a foul	1
2 x 10 mins with last minute stopping time if ball is out (players can't waste time to win)	1
2 x 5 mins	1
Same playing time, but after full time I think that it should be some kind of extra time. Example 5 minutes. Then you can go to penalties if the result is still equal	1

Number of players per team

What do you think is the optimum number of players for a 3v3 team (based on the 3v3 WFC 2024 format)

Number of respondents: 161



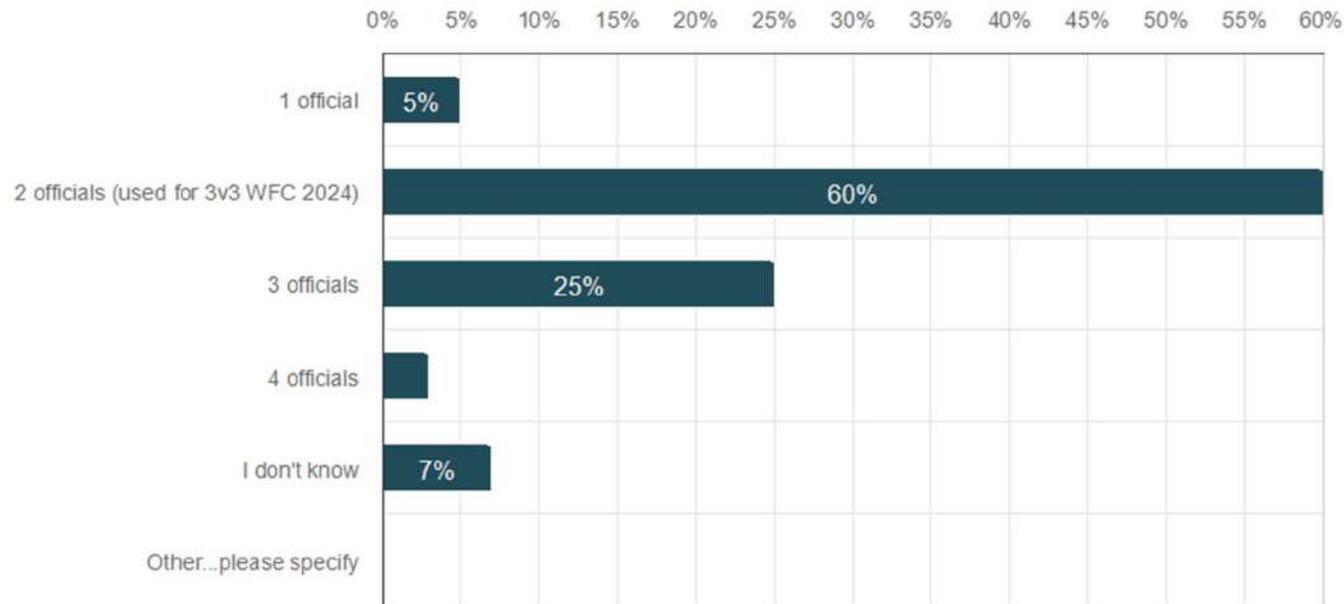
	n	Percent
8 players + 2 goalkeepers (used for 3v3 WFC 2024)	54	33,5%
9 players + 2 goalkeepers	80	49,7%
10 players + 2 goalkeepers	24	14,9%
Other...please specify	3	1,9%
I don't know	0	0,0%

Other suggestions
15 players
12 players + 2 goalies
6 players + 2 goalkeepers

Number of officials per team

What do you think is the optimum number of team officials for a 3v3 team (based on the 3v3 WFC 2024 format)

Number of respondents: 161

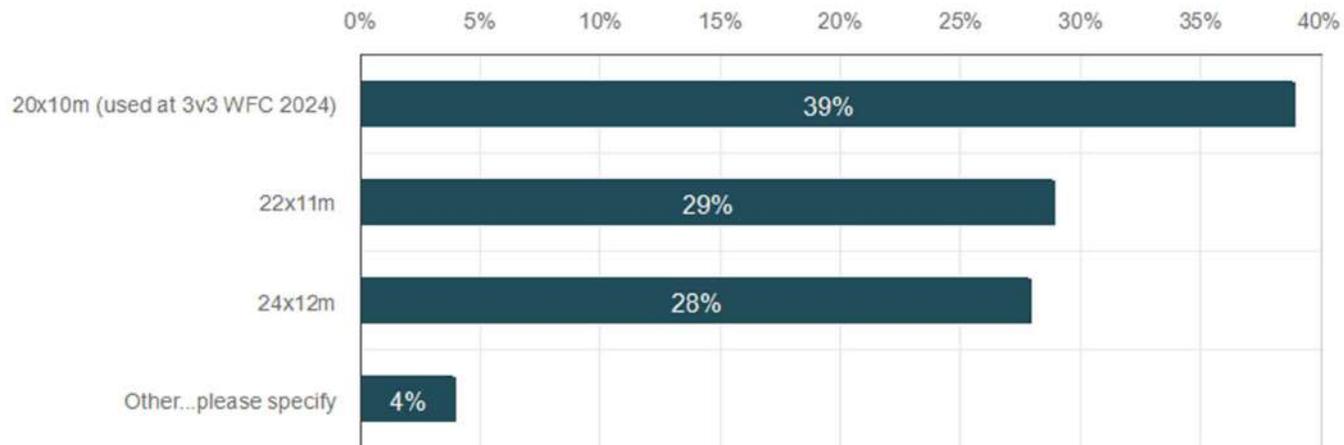


	n	Percent
1 official	8	5,0%
2 officials (used for 3v3 WFC 2024)	97	60,2%
3 officials	41	25,5%
4 officials	4	2,5%
I don't know	11	6,8%
Other...please specify	0	0,0%

Choose the field size that you think would be best for 3v3?

At 3v3 WFC 2024 the court was 22x11m

Number of respondents: 161



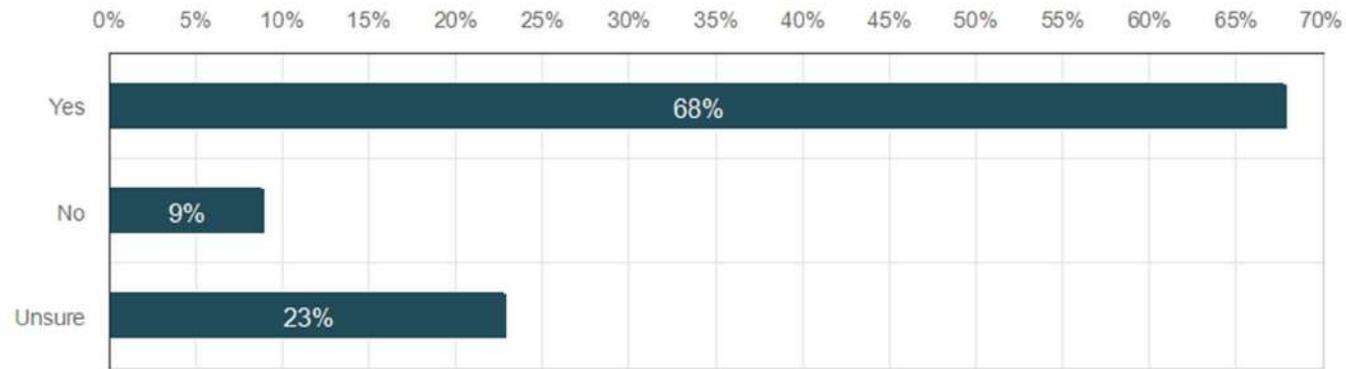
	n	Percent
20x10m (used at 3v3 WFC 2024)	63	39,1%
22x11m	47	29,2%
24x12m	45	28,0%
Other...please specify	6	3,7%

Other suggestions	n.
24 m x 14 m	5
28 m x 14m	1

Goal cage ball bag placement

Were you satisfied with the placement of the ball bag attached to the back of the goal?

Number of respondents: 161



	n	Percent
Yes	109	67,7%
No	14	8,7%
Unsure	38	23,6%

Briefly explain why you were not satisfied with the placement of the ball bag attached to the back of the goal. How would you change it?

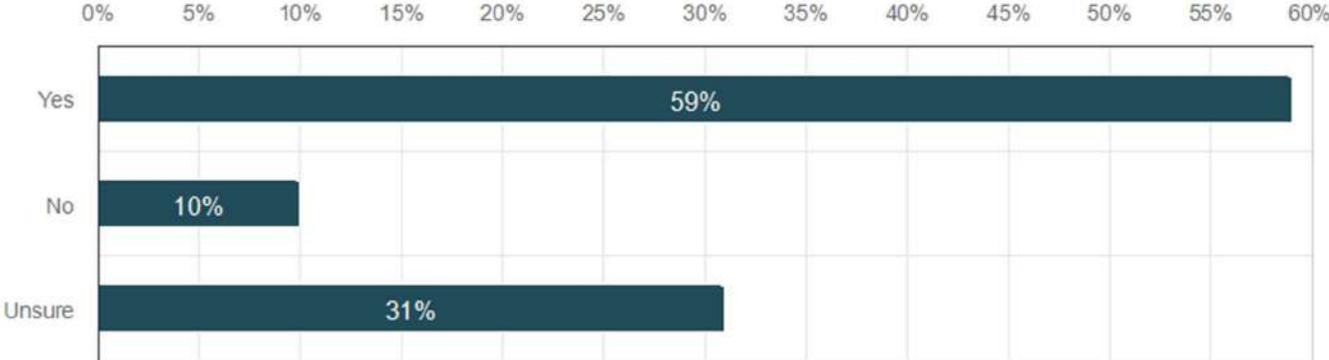
Number of respondents: 14

Responses
It's like in practise.
No Sense
Basically, behind the goal is good. It is difficult for small people to reach the ball sack. It must be placed higher up.
This look like of a fun game. Please use the rules of 5 v 5
Since we play without in Switzerland and I would prefer to play "normally"
I would leave it out, it is very unprofessional (<i>Ich würde es weglassen, es ist sehr unprofessional</i>)
for shorter goalies it was a struggle grab a ball of the bag was more than half way empty.
Especially for women (or short goalkeeper) was hard to get to the ball. So you cannot use the advantage of playing the ball, because it takes longer time to get to the bag.
Its like a fun tournament. I would prefer the normal game.
For women is the ball bag good but for men not because floorball on the small field is more entertaining when you have more tactical decisions like free hits.
Free hits when the ball goes out
Cause it's not even penalty then
It was so confusing
I am small and had a hard time reaching a ball quickly enough, unless the bag was really full. I had to pull the bag towards me first. I would keep the balls on top of the goal.

Goal cage ball bag size / shape

Were you satisfied with the size &/or shape of the ball bag attached to the back of the goal?

Number of respondents: 161



	n	Percent
Yes	95	59,0%
No	16	9,9%
Unsure	50	31,1%

Briefly explain why you were not satisfied with the size or shape of the ball bag attached to the back of the goal. How would you change it?

Number of respondents: 16

Responses
When it was not full it was pretty slow to reach in for a ball for a fast counterattack
It would help if the opening of the bag is large and stable, e.g. with a ring/wire and the bag must be well filled.
This look like of a fun game. Please use the rules of 5 v 5
There were sometimes issues grabbing the ball fast because of the shape of the opening on the bag. For example a more rigid bag or container or even a rail-like slot running across the back bar of the goal with balls ready for pickup
It would be nice to have it more shaped as a bin. It will be easier to grab balls from the bag. Also for short goalies it is difficult to get the balls at the bottom of the bag.
High behind, forcing the goalkeeper to always get up to be able to take a ball, which prevents the restart from being even faster (<i>Haut derrière, obligent le gardien à toujours se relever pour pouvoir prendre une balle, se qui empêche la relance d'être encore plus rapide</i>)
If you try to get a ball it took long to get one out of the bag - especially if there weren't many balls in anymore.
When it was full of balls, it was ok, but when it was pretty empty, the goalkeeper sometimes had a "rough" time to get the ball. It just took longer than normally.
For short goalies it was hard to reach. It should be easily reachable for every size of goalies.
An easier bag that can be open all the time, faster and easier to catch the ball than a basic bag, not on the roof of the goal but just behind the top iron to hang somehow (<i>Helpompi pussukka joka voi olla koko aika auki, nopeampi helpompi napata pallo kun perus pussukka, ei maalin katolle vaan just taka yläraudasta roikkumaan jotenkin</i>)
A shallower bag would make it easier to recover the ball.
A wider opening would make it more easy to grab a ball. For small goalies it was quite difficult.
The bag was too soft/limp. I would prefer it to be made of a hard material and placed a little higher, or just keep the balls on top of the goal, which is easiest/best.
A bit bigger bag with fixed opening, so it's easier to grab a ball

How would you rate the playing format for 3v3 WFC 2024?

This includes the number of groups, play-offs, A & B-finals, penalty shots, rules etc

Number of respondents: 161

Min value	Max value	Average	Median
2,0	10,0	7,8	8,0

Name at least one feature of the 3v3 format that you liked

Number of respondents: 161

1.	2.	3.
Goal keep ball		
Everyone country are welcome		
The Penalties		
Intensity	Scoring	
the playing time		
I Have all liked		
Penalties		
Fun, fast		
High intensity (<i>Hohe Intensität</i>)		
Smaller nations able to participate	Could be the future in Olympics	
Format of games being played, group games, and playoffs	Penalty shots	Rule about a hard foul, being an instant penalty
Good fast paced game	Weaker countries have better chance against top nations	
Group stage	Playoff	Final
Tempo	Tension (<i>Spannung</i>)	
Chance to play other teams	Well organised	
Game speed		
Fast game		
Goalie throw in on out ball	No 4:3 & 2min	Number of matches played (overall, distribution could be better)
tough and intense games	attractive rules	meeting other nations
Tournament at one weekend (4 days were also ok)	live transmission at IFF App	Organisation and promoting from IFF
Constant action on court and many highlight worthy sequences	Lots of games to watch and easy to move from game to game	Opportunity to watch players from nations that don't normally appear in the World Championships

It was like a celebration of the sport!	Intensity	Tactical solutions
Good Referee	Super organized	Free Parking
All countries had a team		
Fast game (<i>Schnelle Spiel</i>)		
Personal skills played big part	New features/aspects (new kind of penalty shot for example)	Goalie making goals
3 against 3 was very cool (<i>3 gegen 3 war sehr cool</i>)		
Many teams	Good atmosphere	Penalty shot
emphasis on skill	Fast paced	
Speed of game	Respectful players	
Lot of involvement for goalies	Size and shape of court	
More than 1 teams could attend from each country	Not only star players from countries	Fast speed
Fast game	Plenty of situations during game	Good atmosphere
Very quick. action packed. fun to watch!	Less players required to make a team. Making it possible for more countries to join.	Possible to win on hard work over skill. A & B finals. Always nice to have somewhat of a chance to win a price!
i loved the ball throwing in from the keepers instead of hit ins		
2x10 allows for high-speed high intensity games		
Many teams could join, no qualification	Everyone playing in the same hall	
Atmosphere		
It makes the game more dynamic		
Dynamics	A large number of goals	
Playoff		
The penalty shots instead 2min penalty		
Lots of games		
game rules	a lot of matches	
Quick game because the goalie throws the ball when it is out	Men and woman in the same venue	3v3 style and A & B tournament

penalty shots	small goalie area	
I liked that there were B-finals. So everybody gets to play extra matches and "go" for a win	I like the rule of the goalie throwing the ball, it speeds the game up very much	
When the ball goes out the goalie throws in the new ball		
Game kept going	Size of field	Goalie bag
Playing time (<i>Le temps de jeux</i>)		
Game intensity (<i>Spielintensität</i>)		
Penalty		
Multiple rinks playing at the same time	Throw in by goalkeeper makes game really faster	
Speed	Goalie can score	
The atmosphere	All the rinks under one roof	
Playing	Playing	Playing
Few breaks	Goalkeeper that has a bigger role than normal	rough game/good tolerance of physical effort
A lot of action	Ball bag throw-ins	Very demanding (always in scoring position)
free hit rule	goalkeeper gives new balls	
A LOT of games in short time		
Atmosphere	Game	
speed		
It was fun	It was intense	Many shots compared to 5v5.
Good teams		
3 VS 3 is cool		
The event at itself		
Being able to play against countries that we have never played before.	Great refs.	Rules and format make for a very fast and exciting game.
Ball cage. Because game will be faster	Penalty shots	
Playing format with A- and B-playoff	The way the groups were built	Number of games per teams
Rules	The whole "vibe"	

Many nations participated		
Beers		
That it was played during only a couple of days at the same place as U19 WFC	That it was A and B play-offs	
The goalkeeper ball bag		
That it is a 3v3 WFC		
High intensity		
Fast game and game flow	No power Plays (very little)	The role of the goalie
How intense the games are		
The format was perfect for women because the size of the field was perfect.		
Technical ability of the players		
Continuous play after ball went out of court.	Penalty shot.	
the way the keepers threw the ball when it went out to keep it fast paces		
Only one team of a country		
Game itself	Format	
Corner hits, free hits kicks instead of goalkeeper throw-ins.	Playground size.	There are opportunities to play against players of the highest level.
Organisation	Atmosphere	Talk with every national team for experience
Groups into A & B Finals		
Goalies can score goals		
The fact that is so fast	The fact that everyone can win	
The fast game play		
Playing field size (<i>Spielfeldgrösse</i>)	Goalie throws (<i>Goalieeinwürfe</i>)	Free-hits on the halfway line (<i>Freischläge auf Mittellinie</i>)
It was great that the IFF App was there for the supporters at home, it would have been better if everything was on it for the sunday too (ex. Scoring Board)	It was a super opportunity to play for our country even if we are not professionnal	Very interesting to meet other players from other countries
Many new countries participated	High intensity	Spectator friendly

Speed of play	The fact that the goalkeeper is much more involved in the game	
The goalkeeper was more involved in the games than in the usual format		
Penalty		
Everything is possible, results can be a surprise		
Goalkeeper room needs to be a little bit bigger	Penalties need to be made like at the 5 v 5	
Tempo of play	Speed	Entertainment value
The pace	More technical	
Fast games	Atmosphere between the different teams and players	Lot of fans
Throw in by goalie	Physicality	
That it's change as usual game		
Goalie throw ins.	Pace of game.	
Playoffs A and B	Penalty shots	
More like 2 days or 3 days and not a day and half		
tempo / fastness	skills	
Atmosphere/buzz in the hall (<i>Tunnelma/pöhinä hallissa</i>)	Many different countries (<i>Monta erimaata</i>)	Positive atmosphere overall (<i>Positiivinen ilmapiiri kokonaisuudessaan</i>)
2x10 times	20x40m	Ball bags
The game time		
Play-off B	Shoot as 2min penalty	
Fast	Spectator friendly	Evens out the team
Penalty shots		
Fast-dynamic play	More countries	
Speed of game	.	.
Goalkeepers can throw in the ball when the ball went out		
Play-Offs		
A lot of people in same place	Not too long time between games	A lot of countries participated

Intensity	Terrain sizes	
The new penalty rule was interesting		
Intensity		
Games are fast and there is something happening all the time	The difference in level between countries isn't as big as in 5vs5. Even though it's hard to beat strong countries, the results are closer which make it more interesting	
Play off		
France vs Côte d'Ivoire		
Fast play	goalies can score a goal	
Involvement of the goalkeeper		
Lot of games		
Play-offs	Number of groups	
Penalty shots	Goalie throw ins	
Nice atmosphere. More chilled than in WFC	Great to have a tournament with national team after the season	Different playing format that is very interesting for all participants. There is way bigger chance to play a tight game against TOP4 countries
penalties		
I liked final, there was space for spectators and was good emotions!	Groups was nice, I think it can stay the same.	
Penalty	Ball from Goalkeeper	
playoff B		
Playing with Finland		
All fields under one roof		
Easy format to follow		
Short playing times	New format of the penalty shot	The goalkeeper may not be taken out
That the fields were inside the same hall		
Goalies are allowed to score	Penalties	
I like the speed of the game, it is very fast and there is lot of body battles for the ball	As a goalie I like the ball feeding in the game, I am the one starting the play after ball is played out of the field	

I really like penalty shots		
3v3 format, so fun to play		
I liked the A and B division, it's cool to contest for something in the lower level as well.	Penalty is fun I liked it.	The best one is the Goalie can score, that's the most fun to watch.
Format		
Fast game	attractive to watch	
speed	lots of goals	intensity
The part of the goalie		
Penalty shots	Goalies can make goal	
The fields were easy to find because they were in the same room	The people at the registration/information table	Having it at the same time as WU19.
No delays of matches	Possibility to have a training the day before	
Rules	No. of groups	Schedule of groups
Fast pace	Lot of 1v1	Easy refereeing (allowed for some slightly different plays)
Penalty shots	Goalie throw ins	groups
Short, quick paced game		

Name any features of the 3v3 format that you did NOT like

Number of respondents: 123

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Time	Free-hit on middle line	Penalty
Country can have 2 uneven teams		
The fact that not all the matches were filmed, for the family and friend wanting to watch.		
The whole event could be longer	There should be a stream if every game	
only one free hit point	too small field	different rules then used in Switzerland, where 3vs3 is based already long time
No game for 3rd place	2 v 3 player format, after a 2+2 penalty	Tournament being played in such a small time interval
Not playing out spots 5-8, second day hall was empty mostly		
Size of the field	Penalty shot how it's shooting	Time of the game.
Not a good stream	No 3rd place game/bronze medal	
Game behind the net		
For a goalkeeper not to be allowed to leave the small goal area can be difficult	The penalty shots	
No time & space for goalie warm-up/shooting etc.	Modus of the A play-offs. Optional end to the tournament after defeat in the quarter-finals on Saturday.	Medal ceremony
no placement games	games only on 1 day	the way statistics and results were displayed
field	Playing times	rules
Penalty shots were not exciting. Maybe let the shooter start from opposite goal and keep the normal penalty shot rules, but no zorro.	Courts without stands made it feel more like a local competition than World Championships.	
Modus (that not all would be 4. Place)	Larger grandstand in the final	
Playing field size (<i>Spielfeld grösse</i>)		
A little bit too crowded on field of this size		
Too many teams of one nation (<i>Zu viele Mannschaften einer Nation</i>)	Everything was very unprofessional (<i>Alles war sehr unprofessional</i>)	The field was too small, so it wasn't exactly exciting tactically (<i>Das Feld war zu klein, darum war es taktisch nicht gerade spannend</i>)
Field was little bit too small		

2 x 10 is good but would have appreciated an extra sip of drink so for example 3 x 6 would be good	Penalty shots. With current skill level of players and considering the length of the rink, half court would have been more forgiving for goalies	
It's difficult to be a referee, maybe referee need to be out of rink		
Penalty shots would be nicer normal way	Not sure about free-hit placements only from side	Referees allowed lot of slashing and use of freehand.
Play-off set up felt a bit unfair (two great teams played against each other in the play-offs first)	Only one referee	Short event (some teams played on one day only)
Quite allowing rules especially with certain referees.	if the game is tie, game ends only after penalties, not very sportsmanlike	semifinal teams only had games on the first day, but the teams who were in the lucky-loser playoffs had games also on the second day?
Foul from the same spot. This made the game feel very static. Not many options. Why not just take the free hit from the spot where the foul was made?	Only one referee in the first matches. Referees were not able to see everything.	Field was very small. Almost impossible to make an actual attack. Felt like almost shooting. A little more space might be nice.
No time for warmup	No bronze match for b-finals	Only 1 match on Sunday
almost all matches in 1 day (2 days travelled because 1day for many teams)		
We missed the loser final for the B pool. It will be nice to play also the games of the "losers".		
Penalty shot (not like the normal IFF)		
too less social media		
Top4 mixed with lower ranked right away	All the games in 1 day almost	
no matches for places	only one day of playing	
I missed the game for the 3rd place	I would like to play more games (4 on saturday and at least 2 on Sunday) maybe 3 on sunday if you have to play a final or 3rd place	
the amount of matches teams had to play, would be better if it was spread out a bit more		
There need to be 2 referees on the field, they can be static in each corner. But the referees miss a lot and the game is very intense	Penalty shots need to be from a larger distance, maybe the face-off dot. From 5 meters it is nearly impossible for the goalie to stop the ball	
Amount of refs	Free hits	Amount of games
No national anthems of the finalist teams before the start of the final match (<i>Pas d'hymnes nationale des équipes finalistes avant le début du match de la finale</i>)		

It may be better to play for every place in playoff system	A bit uneven level of referees	Only one day of playing
Too small court		
Mad players		
Just two playing days and with that almost all games at one day and just one or two at the second day.	No small final for the 3. place and with that no medal or anything. But the „winner“ of the B-finals got one.	No space for warm up and shooting before and between the games
Parallel penalty shots should be eliminated (takes too much time) - maybe replace by a 2min personal penalty or so (no power play)	More penalties (especially when a foul kills a goal scoring opportunity - free hit in the middle is not enough	Rethink 5min / match penalties. Power plays are weird, almost certainly lead to a goal anyway. Maybe penalty goals (1 goal for 2+2/5, two goals for match penalty) against the team?
too much games in 1 day	more than one team per country	
More chairs		
Third place was not played out	2-3 teams per nation	
brutality		
I wish it could be some extra time before penalties. Example 5 minutes.	The floor was very hard which caused damage on your wrists and legs.	It was very loud and high volume in the arena.
It should be allowed to replace the goalkeeper with a field player		
No freehits (ball bag not needed)	Not flexible (replace goalie with 4th player)	Why more teams by nations it's a world cup
Clash between WU19 games and 3x3 games		
Penalty shots was a bit too close	The court was a bit too small. You could shoot from everywhere	
That the losers of the first A-playoff games, not getting a possibility for the B-playoff	Too tight matches together	Too little spectator stands
Most of the matches only on Saturday (there is a chance, that you will be done with the whole tournament in 1 day)	Not playing for all the placement (like 5th, 6th, 7th place etc.)	The kid's zone in the junior Championship had better field - like Swerink, and we had some super old with no bouncing effect
unevenly distributed teams		
The penalty shots	Too many games during one day, almost not even time to eat	
Just one referee		
We need better livestreams		
Ball bag	Penalty	
Sometimes too little rest between matches		

By the men it was only 1-2 passes and then shot. The tactical game wasn't there		
Ball bag is useless	Free hits only from the central line	No 4 vs 3
Group set up. It felt like some teams had a much easier ride to the playoffs than others.		
how crowded the venue was		
Short playing time	No more than 1 team per nation and gender	No third place game
It is not possible to watch every match.		
Only 8 players (10 was better if one team have injury)		
No pause time when ball is out of play		
Not being able to replace the goalie with a player at any time.		
No free hit		
it needs at least 2 divisions from the start (es braucht ab Beginn mind. 2 Divisionen)	only 8 field players are not enough (<i>nur 8 Feldspieler sind zu wenig</i>)	
No small final and no medals for the 3rd place...	All the fields weren't filmed, very sad for the people who couldn't come to see us.	The All-Stars team should be chosen by the organizers, not the supporters to be fair.
All games in one day for most teams is not good.	Players has to increase their experience by being allowed to enter the U19 WFC with their badge if there is empty places.	
No bronze medal for the 3rd	That there were several teams per country	
Penalty shots should be like in the usual format and not 'free hits'		
Places in the groups wasn't clear and that's why playoff games seemed incorrect, how it's possible that group B team who lost to everyone got 3rd place!	Don't have a normal video recording where you can see the time	Need two referees to each game, because there was a lot of things that one referee couldn't see
Ballbag at the goal		
Too small field		
Penalty shots		
No space for warm up	That there was no bronze medal game	
Time keeping - it should be stopped effectively!	No warm-up area!	Group equality
Not a podium but just the two first team	Not a live stream for every pitch	

Viewing area for fans.		
Playing so much in a single day		
no 2 min penalties		
Penalty shots (<i>Rankkarit</i>)	A bit of a mess (<i>Vähän sekamelska</i>)	Locker rooms (<i>Kopit</i>)
Long waiting time between games	Amount of games per day	Long waiting time between games
Inconsistent selection of teams in countries		
Ball bags		
No real stands around the games	Need 4 different real courts with stands, speakers, music	
More spectator seatings!!		
One referee, and less rules	Penalty shots (why the change)	
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too many teams per country (Finland 3 men's teams (<i>zu viele Teams pro Länder (Finnland 3 Männerteams)</i>)	Adjust playing time (<i>Spielzeit anpassen</i>)	B-Finals unnecessary (<i>unnötig</i>)
Everyone should have games next day	No need to stop clock if difference is eg 8 goals	5 sec time to continue after foul. Important in the end of the game.
Rules for the penalty shots	Not enough games	
one referee can't see everything that is happening in game		
Field size	Team size	Game rules
2 teams from one country	Only 8 players	Only 2 days of competition
Didn't quite understand the final rankings	More medics needed per event	Video for all games would be a thing to have. That could help in dispute situations and make our sport more popular (more viewers)
They need to know 3rd place too, they want to know who is the 3rd in world	In second day games can be plays later too	
Free-hits from center Line		
different teams for a single country		
Maybe too many matches in one day. Maybe one more day would be good.		
No games for 3rd rank	Confusion when both goalkeepers throw in at the same time	

That there wasn't games for both days		
For me it is little bit short on the game time.		
Non-occurrence of the third place game		
Lack of stream	Too short	
Penalty		
field was very small		
too small rink	different rules than in 5v5	
It doesn't gave a game for the third place	B-Playoffs were more named than the third Place from the tournament	
Too many games in one day	The changing rooms were too far away. Not good, especially for goalies.	The floor on field no.1 was not good for goalies. It was hard to slide/move.
No free ticket to u19 matches	The penalty shot rule	Players were wasting time if their team was winning
1/8 finals played same day with group matches	B- Final - teams which didn't advance have played next games and won medals and cup.	
Playing behind the goal		
Field was too small		
No 3rd place match and final B winner receiving medals / cup for ending on 8th position in the final ranking		

What changes would you suggest to the playing format?

Less teams? More teams? Extra time in play-off matches? More days? Rule changes?

Number of respondents: 108

Responses
Include overtime before penalty shootout.
I have really all liked
More days for sure
Rules like in Switzerland
More days would definitely be better, no more than 2 games in a day Having 2 referees for all the games would be great, since a very often a goal, or a player was in front of his view Games were played very close next to one another, by this I mean the time interval between games was small, often I did not even have the time to warm my hands up in the new field.
Rules changes. Playing more time (2x20' non effective). Penalty shot as big field. Free hit as usual.No Ball bag being the goalkeeper.
More days, it was pretty hectic, Penalties could be similar to normal penalties. Right now a goalkeepers size makes quite a big difference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One more day - a & b in the group matches - placement matches on sunday (more matches for A play-offs) - no extra time in play-off matches (one tournament, one format) - goal crease or strict compliance with the rules for the goalkeeper area - Referees not only from one country
More days - at least 2 days with games for every participating team /preliminary groups + play-offs incl. placement matches
only one team each country. Rules like 5v5. Share A- and B „tournament“. bigger field, longer games.
I would like to see a change in the rule for taking a penalty. More like a normal penalty, but zorro penalty not allowed.
<p>More Days like U19 VM</p> <p>Rule Changes like we play in Switzerland</p> <p>Just one Team from the same Land</p>
No more days, rather shorter playing time if more teams/matches
<p>I think the idea of a 3v4 world championship is great. However, we should exchange ideas more with Switzerland, as they have been playing this format for a long time and everything works very well. The whole event should also be organized more professionally, as it was like a fun tournament in Lahti.</p> <p>Only one team from each nation should take part in the world championship.</p> <p>There shouldn't be so many fields in one hall.</p> <p>It would also be great if the national anthems were played before the game, as it is a world championship.</p> <p><i>(Ich finde die Idee ist sehr toll eine 3vs4 Weltmeisterschaft zu machen. Jedoch sollte man sich mehr mit der Schweiz austauschen, da man dort dieses Format schon sehr lange spielt und alles sehr gut funktioniert. Zudem sollte man das ganze Event professioneller organisieren, da es in Lahti wie ein Plauschturnier</i></p>

<i>war. Es soll von jeder Nation nur noch eine Mannschaft an der Weltmeisterschaft teilnehmen. Zudem sollten nicht so viele Felder in einer Halle sein. Ausserdem wäre es toll, wenn die Nationalhymnen vor dem Spiel laufen, da es ja eine Weltmeisterschaft ist.)</i>
Bigger field.
Before mentioned tweak to penalties and 3 period model for extra break. These purely from a goalies pov.
Extra time in play offs. And only OT winners at finals!
More days for sure. The atmosphere was insane day 1 but the final day only few teams left it was nothing. And also more than 4 games a day is just too much.
Even more teams from each country. Overtime first instead of penalty shots in play-off matches. Every team should have games on both days!
Extra time in playoff matches if the game is a tie. Justified game system. The ones being the last in their groups had games on two days, the teams that were the top 2 possibly had only on 1 day. This should be regulated so that the best teams play more. A certain time for each team to eat. Now there were really short breaks after each game before the next one and there were no reasonable pause to eat properly. Affected the game quite a lot.
1. More days. Less cramped schedule. Less cramped hall. Make it feel like a world championship. Because of the setup of playing all matches basically in one day (only finals on the second day), this WFC did not have the allure of a WFC at all. No time or space to prepare for the match. It felt like a regular tournament (very similar to Tallink floorball cup that I played a week ago - which is a lot of fun, but is just another tournament). 2. Play more matches. Netherlands gents played 5 matches, ladies 4. 80/100 minutes of playing time is just not enough to make it worth the trip. More matches in the group phase? Keep on playing until the final ranking? Since it is only 20 minutes playing time, 3 matches would be the same as a 'regular' floorball match. I would suggest try to have 3 matches per day. Some time in between to prepare, determine what can be learned from last match. 3 or 4 days? 3. I assume part of the reason for this format is to also give smaller floorball countries the chance to join in the WFC. Then it would be nice for them to give them the opportunity to win matches. So I would say that especially the teams that did end low in the first pool should be given the chance to play against other 'worse' teams. Being able to win a match always is good for the spirit... Being out after 4 matches versus very good teams while you know there are teams around that you could possibly beat just sucks (The Netherlands women played a friendly vs Ukraine and won). 5. Golden goal in play-off matches?
play against more different teams, i would have loved to have played against some more countries, even as a friendly match
2 match days for all team and 3.day for finals games
More games and more spread about the days. Some teams didn't have any games on Sunday, or just one.
- more teams - extra time in play off matches - more days - more verbal communication from referees
more day so we play less games during day as it is tough and fast format extra time in play-off as it is game about everything (maybe 12mins will be enough) divisions- so teams can play more even matches and change themselves to be better and get to higher division (motivation?)
Spread the games over more days. Weigh the pools, like in a normal wfc. Play out entire ranking.
more days - 2 or 3 instead of 1 (for majority)

<p>I would like more playing time per game (3 periods from 10 minutes) I would like to play a bit more games (maybe 4 on Saturday and 2 or 3 on Sunday) I missed the match for the 3rd place Having 3 lines of field players would be nice Maybe in the (semi) finals instead of penalties, two minutes of extra time can be done first?</p>
<p>more days to play, to spread the matches out to give more time between matches, for example have the group stage matches for a team in a short amount of time, then the next stage of the tournament the next day and then so on...</p>
<p>The best thing to spread the games over more days. We played 5 matches on 1 day and none on the second day. The ladies had to play 1 match on sunday. This is not ideal and it is too intense. Penalty shot from 7 or 8 meters would be better.</p>
<p>More days. Now we had to play 6 matches on day 1 and 0 on day 2 felt a bit unbalanced and 6 in one day was a little too much.</p>
<p>More days, more refs per game, free hits also in corners</p>
<p>Do not have teams play more than 2 matches per day (<i>Ne pas faire jouer les équipes plus de 2 matchs par jour</i>)</p>
<p>Only one team per country.</p>
<p>More days would be suitable, and playing for every place would be nice.</p>
<p>Definitely more days I was playing for the first time and im not used to playing matches in a row and I was stressed out if there was more longevity it would be better maybe so I don't definitely think this applies to everyone my age</p>
<p>Extra time in play-off matches would be cool. Longer games and with that more days for the tournament</p>
<p>It would be cool to establish "real" national teams I would reduce the number of fields and rather have a longer (full two days?) tournament One key issue may be that the short matches do only work in tournaments, not in "everyday" league format. However, longer match times may be too demanding</p>
<p>More days</p>
<p>Only one team per nation Longer duration for the games Ranking/ game for third place</p>
<p>penalty shootout instead of shot defined more rules</p>
<p>Extra time before penalties. Longer break between the games. Also less games a day. It would be better because too many games a day could cause a lot of injuries.</p>
<p>It should be allowed to replace the goalkeeper with a field player</p>
<p>One team per nation More play time No ball bag. Same rules as 5vs5 Goalie replacement by field player like 5vs5</p>
<p>Have the tournament concurrent with the U19 tournament but not have games from both tournaments happening at the same time. (e.g. 3x3 games could start in the afternoon after U19 games have finished. (So you might need to spread it over 3 days.). Otherwise we risk drawing spectators and attention and prestige away from the U19 tournament.</p>

To look at the number of teams in the A- and B- playoff and having more games on the second day of the tournament
- More days, definitely. So you will play at least one match each day (it comes with the playing for the placement/position). - Rules are great, but maybe at least during play-off matches, it would be great to have possibility to take time-out. - Maybe more playing time in play-off is also a great idea.
Tournament should be played over 3 days to allow more teams to participate Last two min of the match should be effective time Extra time of 3min in play off matches and only then penalty shots.
Extra time in play-off matches Not more days, but a match schedule with some more breaks, maybe fewer matches, or another set up for the play-off day Rules should be developed
We need better livestreams Play a game for third place
Less teams One of every county More days Normal Floorball rules
Only one team per country The number of teams was good One day more, Three Days
Replace the keeper with an outfielder. 2 min penalties. Normal penalty no 5m free hit. More free hit spots. In general I think the swiss system would be perfect.
--> Play with a format that is established as a small court game. f.e. Switzerland , Slovakia, Czechia etc.
More teams and more days. We travelled all the way to Finland for a one-day tournament. Would be nice to be able to play a few more.
Only one team per Nation and Gender, more days, more playoff games
Make groups with more team in order to make home and away match on the friday and saturday, and make the plays off A & B on sunday Or , let this organisation and the teams who are eliminated on saturday can be plays with others national team in a « mini tournament » for more experience. More players (10 players + 2 goalies) in order to make 3 « lines » and one substitute in case of injury for any team
Extra time in play-off 2 teams per country seems fair Have a limited time to shoot the ball after whistle on penalty shots
Try to play the elaborated Swiss format.
10 field players, 3 staff per team (10 Feldspieler, 3 Staff pro Team) Play for and award 3rd place (3. Platz ausspielen und auszeichnen) at least 2 strength classes with promotion and relegation options (mind. 2 Stärkeklassen mit Auf- Abstiegsmöglichkeiten)
More teams, but only one team pro country, to be fair. A litte bit longer than 2 days :) Extra-Time in playoffs matches would be amazing ! And the normal 2min penalty, and normal penalty shot also, to respect the real game ;)

And maybe put the national anthem of the teams before the game for the final, with an entry ?
I think it's great to have men and women at the same time, I like it !
More playing days, at. least one more. Give access to the U19 WFC if there is free places in the venue.
A normal goalkeeper's area with 2 sections as on the large pitch. Perhaps the quarter-final matches should be longer and, above all. Do over maybe 4 days if the matches are longer
More days and more matches. For example we only had four matches and currently being 7th on world rankings and in the other hand teams ranked lower had like 6 or 7 matches. It would be great if there would be matches for 9th, 11th place and so one matches. As a team captain, my teammates also told me that playing against more national teams would be preferable.
Only one team per country
Overtime, maximum 2 teams per gender per country
More teams. More play-off matches. More days.
More games would be nice, maybe on more than just one and a half days. A bronze medal game should be a must.
Clear ranking based seeding for the group stage
One team per Country (as every World Championship) Game for the 3rd place or at least a podium with the first team, second and the two 3rd. A live stream for every pitch More days
More days of play. Extra time for deciding draws with golden goal. Only one team per country
as many teams as possible; not only two days but three; game for the 3'rd place!!; maybe a 1 or 2 min penalty; maybe a gym for the warmup
There could be longer, more continuation games also for small floorball countries. (<i>Voisi olla pidempi, enemmän jatko pelejä myös pienille sähly maille</i>) The penalty shot rule was pretty awful (<i>Rankkari sääntö oli aika kamala</i>) Medal games (bronze) like at world championship competitions (<i>Mitali pelit (pronssi) kerta mm kisat</i>)
The tournament would be nicer over more days, so the players also have time to regenerate.
More games/days
More days surely, a bit of rule changes
Same format with games/teams/playing time Better arena - more like the 4 back court at IFU Arena so you can fit 500 spectators
More days definitely! Extra time is definitely not needed, games should head straight to penalties
2 referees, more days so games are not at the same moment for the livestream.
More days would be great, 4 matches with this level of intensity may be too much

More days (eg. group first day, play-off second day, finals 3rd day)
No the same country (2)
maybe more days ,like 3 days. And also play bronze match too
Just take the playing rules from the 3vs3 in Switzerland
More days Penalty like 5vs5, not a shoot
More teams, like 32 teams and 8 group of 4 team. More games ! Add ranking games More days ! Instead of two days, 4 days will be perfect
More days!! Quite a lot of games per day. The games are also very intense. More teams always welcomed, but not more than x2 teams per nation.
In the playoff two referees would be great! Maybe games last minute or two minutes can stop the time when ball is out. For spectators need more space. Because there was a lot of fans.
I like the playing format overall
One more day and max 3 matches in a day. Would limit possibilities of injuries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two days games for every team!!! - One game needs the rink for 45 min, not only 30min (it was to tight) - only one team of each country allowed - Two different tournaments are needed, divided into strength classes - there needs to be a sanction option if the goalkeeper mistakenly throws in a ball (for example: the second incident in a match results in a penalty shot for the opposing team)
There should be games on both days. For example all the ranking games can be on next day. This also because team will book the hole weekend for this. Field size could be a bit bigger, like 22x11. Then there could be a rule that if the score different is for example 10 goals, then the clock won't stop in second period at all. Then the games would not be late.
1 more day (Group, Playoff, Semifinal and Final) Teams that lose 1st Round A-Playoffs go to the B-Playoffs
I would suggest to have more matches on terms of place, when we lost in the first round of A Play-off it was over. Maybe match the overall place would be nice :)
More officials (physio for example), more days like 2-3 days
More teams please , and limit the teams by country for 2. It could be a 3-4 day tournament as well, if there are more nation.
Normal Penalty without zorro
I think, it would elevate the recognition of the sport if only one team per country is allowed to play. it makes absolutely no sense that one country sends two or more teams. it seemed to be a bit beer league style with that format.
More days.
Extra time in playoffs, more days (we played all of our 4 matches just in 6 hours), more matches in playoff (we did not play match for 5-8 place)

This playing behind the goal, pls

Played over 3 days with placement games as far as possible.

The amount of games for one day was a bit too much.

I would still like it to be held with the U19 if possible and have the possibility to see the finals like we did this time, our team all went to the finals game and had a great time.

In the future now that there is rankings it would be nice to have a similar format as in WFC with stronger teams grouped together and lower ranked teams in one. Where at least 4 teams from the weaker get the chance to play against stronger in the playoffs.

Do you have any other feedback about the 3v3 WFC?

Number of respondents: 72

Responses
I want it all years 😊
Every game should have stream
Better streaming on all games
Having a larger space around the field, often i felt that fans and stands were too close to field. Having a larger space for fans, often they had to stand and could not even see the game at all, especially in the final, everything was so packed.
Less team. Maybe change the way how the format are existent. To be honest i wasn't a fan of the 3x3 in this format
It was really cool event and it was fun to be able to see other games between ours.
Thank you for bringing the tournament to life & the organization. Multiple field in one venue & contact with fans and other teams was nice. Stadium speaker would be nice. And better catering facilities in the stadium.
If organised on the side of the U19 WFC a better connection between the 2 events. It was unclear even for the LOC of the 3vs 3 whether the players could be part of the u19 event as spectators. Many of the side activities were only in Finnish. Not sure of the purpose of the pre-tournament questionnaire about the players - the info has never been used anywhere. No possibility of refreshment for the teams during the tournament - all the restaurants were inside in the area where only people with accreditation or ticket were allowed.
Thanks for the 3v3 tournament. Great to give thus format a chance. We see a great chance for the floorball sport in the world (look in Switzerland, approx. 50% plays 3v3)
I think it's great that you have introduced the 3v3 World Championships. In the country where I coach, floorball isn't well known, so we often play 3v3 because of too few players. It's also difficult to get access to a 20x40m court. The 3v3 World championships will elevate the status of this format. Nobody can say that 3v3 isn't real floorball anymore.
Thanks for all!!! You are Great 🙏
Changing rooms would have been nice.
It was nice that there was multiple teams per country. Big tournament with many teams seems nice to this format with small groups of players.
Thanks!
Nice atmosphere. Hall was quite noisy and the air was really bad. Otherwise really good.
Have more stands for people to watch the matches. It is hella fun to watch 3v3. Just a shame that there is no space to do so. Make this survey a bit more user friendly. I just scrolled left on my laptop touchpad and went back in the survey. Then all info was lost and I had to type everything again. Great that you give the opportunity to give feedback! I loved the 3v3 format itself, just didn't feel like a WFC ;)
Decide if this tournament for professional players or for amateurs, and set same rules for them
great tournament,

nice atmosphere, good organization
-Not many Livestreams (maybe all in livestream) -No Assists in the Stats (to see who is a game-maker) -Commentary
It was amazing, thanx for organizing!
It was a fun tournament and would love to go again next year!
The tournament was really fun, everybody together in the hall is a great atmosphere. I've already mentioned it, but there need to be 2 referees on the field. In such a small space slashing is a big issue, would be good to allow less slashing in the games. It takes away the flare of the 3v3 game.
It was GREAT experience and I am so happy you made this format so whole world can find out about beauty of this sport!! Good luck with next tournament
Perfect
Very nice and entertaining and well organised event.
It was so fun!
We might think of better display of the groups calculation rules for the players. Simplify information to the teams on what rules the final groups standings are calculated. Should have volunteers or staff where one is responsible for maintenance of one field of play. It is the responsibility of teams to leave the bench clean but we need one staff/volunteer per rink to look after the left trash/water etc.
It was very much fun, very cool, interesting and attractive to play! Important for the small field floorball to get a little more popular. It would be nice to do it again.
The final matches should have a speaker / announcer - or microphone connection from referee to the spectators. In general, the format shall be pushed. It is great fun and very relatable.
Thank you for everything
A minor annoyance, the music on the main stage was just another noise contributor which after spending so much time in the arena it would have been nice to not have that in the background as well. The tournament was great, everything went well without any major issues. IFF/organizers did more than I think they need to do, it would be enough to give the teams a time and location to be somewhere and organization for each team will take care of the rest. Thank you so much for a great time and hope to see you again next year.
Enjoyed it very much. Thank you to those who organised and contributed to its success.
Fun with a new tournament. Fast and good floorball which is entertaining to see.
Very good initiative
We still didn't find out, why we had to fill the answers for the "party player, snacker, trick player" and the team song? So maybe put some explanation, why are we need to write this down and where it will be used. Also some "tournament party" wouldn't be a bad idea. Or place where the teams can go after the matches and get to know each other?
It was okay to watch but the camera could be a little bit far behind
Decide what kind of teams/level there should be and be transparent and clear with that.

A bit more professional, it was like a chat tournament
Play for 3rd Place All games livestream
It was fun to watch the women but the men wasn' t as much fun.
The Livestreams were really bad. I wanted to watch the Swiss teams, but it was almost impossible. I would pay for the streams, if the quality is better.
The Food offer was really bad
Thanks to the organizers who organized the 1st World Cup. <i>(Danke den Organisatoren, die die 1. WM organisiert haben).</i>
For a first time it was a beautiful tournament. Thank you for making this possible, it was a very good experience!!
A normal goalkeeper's area with 2 sections as on the large pitch. Perhaps the quarter-final matches should be longer and, above all, filmed. There should be a short final like in other world championships. And the 3rd place finishers should also receive a medal. A more official award ceremony. The election of the all-star team should be made by the IFF and not by the public, and that should be said at the prize-giving ceremony.
Overall, it was great. We can't wait to participate in the next 3V3 World Championships.
Overall really good tournament. All teams, all countries have a chance to fight for high places. Winners are unpredictable. Even if the the country don't have a chance to collect players for a WFC (20 players) this is great opportunity to collect a smaller national team
Its very cool. I play 3 v 3 in Switzerland and I'm keeper I wanna see more of 3 v 3
Excellent game format
It was a great experience
A World Cup needs - a warm up area! - changing rooms!!! With no transfer and enough for several teams!
Thank you for the organisation and the friendly Welcome
Overall, I thought the event was very good, and it was enjoyable for the teams and spectators. I recommend having more room around each rink, more seating, and more places for the players to hang out and warm up. Basically just more room overall so it is not so congested. I think charging a modest fee to watch would be acceptable to offset the costs needed for more room. For a first time event, I thought it was a great success.
I loved it! playing was fun and watching other teams in this format was so good. the connection to the U19 WFC was great
I loved the tournament and I am very glad I was part of this format.
Make it more professionally and shiny
This is more a general thing, but please make sure that the streams are cheap enough for students in countries where there is almost no Floorball now. I'm really trying set-up some trainings at a high school in NL, and previously when it was able to stream free during the school breaks, we had a lot higher influx of students trying and knowing Floorball. I feel that the IFF is just getting more and more a burden on the expansion of Floorball than promoting it
Thank you for opening the opportunity for other players to take on a ,professional' role in floorball.

A technical meeting before this tournament would help a lot, so all teams are on the same page about rules etc. Thank you for organising this event! Was fun :)

It was great tournament! I would like to go there and win that next year! 😊

As an event, this was bad, even inferior. We were stuck in a very small space, where neither players nor the spectators could fit. It's embarrassing that players change their clothes next to the field because changing rooms are in another building. The teams did not have the opportunity to have break rooms where they could store snacks or perform "maintenance tasks" for example taping. That's not professional at all. Also as such a short event, I feel like I don't want to go next year. It is frustrating to travel for only two days. This should be world championships, but there was no world championships vibes. It didn't feel like a valuable event, because I felt the games/schedule was in a hurry. There were no national anthems or time for ball warm up.

It needs livestream for every field, some very interesting games were not streamed at all

Make sure that every Team has at least one Game streamed

IFF 3v3 WFC 2024

FEEDBACK REPORT SUMMARY

RESPONDENTS

Total number of responses was 161

Majority of respondents were players – 64.6%

Majority of respondents were male – 69% (which is equally reflective of the event participants being 68% male)

Of the respondents who were spectators, 70% of them watched the event only online

The respondents were from 23 different countries

The largest number of responses came from Switzerland (48), followed by Finland (15), Netherlands (13), France & Poland (9), Sweden (8), with the rest having 5 or less responses.

The average experience rating for the event was 7.9/10

PLAYING TIME

72% were happy with the playing time of the matches (2 x 10mins)

The main reason giving for being dissatisfied with the playing time was that it was too short

The preferred playing time (chosen from a given selection) was:

- 1) Alternative playing time (43%)
- 2) 3 x 5 mins (35%)
- 3) 2 x 8 mins (34%)
- 4) 3 x 7mins (29%)
- 5) 2 x 10mins (22%) (*used at 3v3 WFC 2024*)

The most common other suggestions for alternative playing times (freely suggested) were:

- 1) 2 x 15mins
- 2) 2 x 20mins*

**NOTE: 2 x 20mins is the format used in Swiss 3v3 competition so the high preference for this may be impacted by the large number of Swiss respondents*

NUMBER OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

The preferred number of players (chosen from a given selection) was:

- 1) 9 players + 2 goalkeepers (50%)
- 2) 8 players + 2 goalkeepers (33%) (*used at 3v3 WFC 2024*)

The preferred number of officials (chosen from a given selection) was:

- 1) 2 officials (60%) (*used at 3v3 WFC 2024*)
- 2) 3 officials (25%)

FIELD SIZE

The preferred field size (chosen from a given selection) was:

- 1) 20x19m (39%) (*used at 3v3 WFC 2024*)
- 2) 22x11m (29%)
- 3) 24x12m (28%)

BALL BAG

68% of respondents were satisfied with the placement of the ball bag (attached to the back of the goal)

The most common reasons for being dissatisfied with the placement of the ball bag was the difficulty of getting balls when the bag was getting close to being empty, or the difficulty of reaching the bag (which was often explained in relation to the shorter height of female goalkeepers)

59% of respondents were satisfied with the shape & size of the ball bag

The most common reason given from the 31% of respondents who chose 'Unsure' as their answer about the shape and size of the ball bag, was that having a larger opening that made getting the balls out easier / faster would be better

PLAYING FORMAT

The average rating of the playing format was 7.8/10

Some of the most popular features of the format (based on open answers) were:

- The possibility for smaller nations to participate
- The speed and intensity of the games
- The possibility to play against lots of different countries
- Teams getting a 'second chance' with B-finals
- The atmosphere with multiple courts under one roof
- Penalty shot
- Goalkeepers being more involved in the game

Some of the features of the format that were NOT liked (based on open answers) were:

- No bronze medal matches
- Countries being able to have multiple teams
- Games not spread over two (or more days)
- With only 1 referee many things were missed & play was more physical
- Penalty shot

By far the most popular suggestion for a change to the playing format (based on open answers) was to have more days. Other suggestions were:

- Playing overtime before a penalty shootout in play-off matches
- National anthems before finals
- 2 referees for all games
- Being able to replace the goalkeeper with a field player
- A larger goalkeeper area

OTHER FEEDBACK

The most common other suggestions for the future (based on open answers) was:

- Having every match streamed
- Food / drink options for the teams
- Locker rooms located within the venue
- Warm-up area
- Match speaker, especially for the finals
- More media coverage
- Matches & medals for 3rd place

WFC 2024: Report from LOC September 2024

Match schedule

An updated version of the match schedule was released on September 3rd (version 3):

The graphic displays the match schedule for the Men's World Floorball Championships 2024, held from December 7th to 15th in Malmö, Sweden. It is organized into four main stages: Group Stage, Play-offs / Quarterfinals / Placement, Semi-finals / Placement, and Final / Bronze Match / Placement. The schedule is split between Malmö Arena and Baltic Hall. A legend identifies four groups: Group A (Norway, Czechia, Germany, Switzerland), Group B (Sweden, Slovakia, Latvia, Finland), Group C (Estonia, Australia, Canada, Philippines), and Group D (Slovenia, Poland, Thailand, Denmark). Sponsors listed include international brands like Linac, Gerflor, Swerink, Puma, and national partners like Obos, Stadlum, and Svanhede. The slogan 'The floor is yours' is at the bottom.

Ticket sales

With 100 days to go on August 29, LOC announced that 4,000 final weekend packages remained for sale in Malmö Arena. The LOC also only has 10 boxes left to sell on the final day. Close to 5,000 tickets have currently been ordered by floorball clubs for group stage matches.

The ticket sales started already in November 2022. Since January 2024, ticket purchases at Ticketmaster have been made from the following countries:

Sweden 54%

Switzerland 18.5%

Denmark 6.5%

Finland 5%
Czechia 4.5%
Germany 3.5%
Norway 3%
Rest of the World 5%

Marketing

The school project "Little WFC" started locally in Skåne/Malmö in September 2023, and will continue in the fall of 2024 until the championships. So far, over 8,600 pupils up to the age of 9 in 67 schools have been visited by a floorball instructor in a physical education lesson and have been invited to a training session at a local floorball club afterwards. The goal is to visit over 20,000 pupils in the region to before the WFC in December. As part of the project, the possibility for schools in the southern part of Sweden to order free WC tickets was opened at the beginning of September. During the first day, 500 tickets were ordered. The project is financed by Visit Skåne and the City of Malmö, with the support of friends such as Gerflor and OBOS.

The LOC has produced custom marketing materials for several countries (and more to come) – see Appendix 1.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a focus area for the championships. WFC 2024 is now close to get a sustainability certification.

The GAMES project will hold its sixth steering group meeting and "Final Conference" (a public seminar) on December 9-10th during the championship in Malmö.

TV

On 27 June, a TV site visit was carried out with the production company PolarHD, SVT, YLE and with representatives from IFF, LOC and the two arenas.

Partner sales

Both Swedish floorball's internal resources and external resources linked to the championships work with the sale of the commercial rights. Currently, agreements have been signed with partners corresponding almost 70% of the target in the budget.

Appendix 1: Customized marketing

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Appendix 2: WFC 2024: Report from LOC April 2024

Group ballot

The group ballot for the WFC took place on March 5th in Malmö. The official match program (first edition) was presented on March 25th:

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OFFICIAL MATCH SCHEDULE

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GROUP STAGE | **ROUND OF 16 & PLACEMENT** | **QUARTERFINALS & PLACEMENT** | **SEMIFINALS & PLACEMENT** | **FINAL BRONZE MATCH & PLACEMENT**

	SATURDAY 7.12.2024	SUNDAY 8.12.2024	MONDAY 9.12.2024	TUESDAY 10.12.2024	WEDNESDAY 11.12.2024	THURSDAY 12.12.2024	FRIDAY 13.12.2024	SATURDAY 14.12.2024	SUNDAY 15.12.2024
MALMÖ Malmö Arena			08:30 GROUP D		11:00 PO2 A3-C2				
	10:00 GROUP A	11:00 GROUP A	11:30 GROUP A	12:30 GROUP A	13:30 PO2 B3-C2	13:30 Q1-Q2 PO1			
	15:30 GROUP B	15:30 GROUP B	16:30 GROUP A	16:30 GROUP A	18:00 PO3 A4-D1	18:00 QF4	18:00 QF3	18:00 SEMIFINALS Q1*	12:30 BRONZEMATCH
	18:30 GROUP A	18:30 GROUP B	19:00 GROUP D	19:00 GROUP B	19:00 PO4 B4-C1	19:00 QF2*	19:00 QF1	19:00 SEMIFINALS Q2	16:00 FINAL
MALMÖ Baltic Hall	10:00 GROUP C	10:00 GROUP C	11:00 GROUP D	11:00 GROUP C	11:00 PO1 D3-C4	11:00 PLACE II L 8-12 PO4	11:00 PLACE II L 8-12 PO1	11:00 PLACE 5-8 L QF2 - L QF3	0:00 PLACE 7 L 5-8 1 - L 5-8 2
	14:00 GROUP D	14:00 GROUP C	14:45 GROUP C	14:45 GROUP D	15:00 PO5 C3-D4	15:45 PLACE 9 L 13-16 PO1	15:45 PLACE 9 L 13-16 PO2	15:00 PLACE 5-8 L QF1 - L QF4	13:30 PLACE 5 W. 5-8 1 - W. 5-8 2
	18:30 GROUP B	18:30 GROUP D	19:00 GROUP B			18:00 PLACE 10 W. 10-12 PO1	18:00 PLACE 10 W. 10-12 PO2		

The match schedule is subject to change due to TV &/or local organiser needs. * Sweden will play at this time if directly qualified.

GROUP A NORWAY CZECHIA GERMANY SWITZERLAND
GROUP B SWEDEN SLOVAKIA LATVIA FINLAND
GROUP C ESTONIA AOFC 1 CANADA AOFC 3
GROUP D SLOVENIA POLAND AOFC 2 DENMARK

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National sponsors: OBOS, stadium, VÄSTANBEDE, Scandic
Partners: Smart Energy, Malmö, MALMÖ 2024

Ticket sales

Tickets for all days/all passes was released on March 27th in direct connection after the first version of the match schedule has been presented. The ticket sales linked to the final weekend are still very positive.

Fans from, mainly, Finland, Switzerland and the Czech Republic are still waiting to see how/when the quarterfinals will be played (on Thursday or Friday on Dec the 12-13th).

The sales have so far, towards the AOFC countries, been very limited as the qualification has been postponed by the IFF til the end of May.

Marketing

The school project "Little WFC" started locally in Skåne/Malmö in September 2023. So far, over 8,600 pupils up to the age of 9 in 67 schools have been visited by a floorball instructor in a physical education lesson and have been invited to a training session at a local floorball club afterwards. The goal is to visit over 20,000 pupils in the region to before the WFC in December. The project is financed by Visit Skåne and the City of Malmö, with the support of friends such as Gerflor and OBOS.

For an overall international timetable, see appendix 2 "Marketing milestones" (activities will be added).

Welcome Ceremony/Reception

The Region of Skåne will, together with the Swedish Floorball Federation, invite the Swedish Ambassadors of the qualified nations to a welcome ceremony in Malmö on June 18th. The purpose is to offer the participating nations to invite their national networks to the championships, to organize activities with their target groups and the possibility to present themselves in conjunction with the world championships to promote tourism and business opportunities.

TV

A site visit with production companies and some of the larger broadcasting companies is planned to be carried out on June 27th in both arenas.



Sustainability

Sustainability is a focus area for the championships. Next step will be a sustainability seminar in connection to the U19 WFC in Lathi, Finland on the May 8th. The major implemented activities from the LOC in relation to the GAMES-project during February-April have been a:

- Participation in the mid-term conference in Oslo on February 29th and,
- Webinar with focus floorball on April 9th.

WFC 2024 is still working towards a sustainability certification.

Partner sales

Both Swedish floorball's internal resources and external resources linked to the championships work with the sale of the commercial rights. Currently, agreements have been signed with partners corresponding close to 40% of the target in the budget.

Appendix 3: WFC 2024: Report from LOC February 2024

Organization

The operational work from the Swedish Floorball Federation is led by Magnus Nilsson as event director, together with Amanda Emet as event coordinator and Tobias Linderoth as event project manager. On March 1, Maja Wijkström starts as responsible for WFC's communications. The local work is, on part time, led by Henrik Paulsson from the Skåne Floorball Association, with Ellen Tillman as responsible for the "Little WFC" project.

The WFC 2024 is organized in close cooperation with the City of Malmö, Visit Skåne and Malmö Arena.

Venues

The WFC 2024 will be played in Malmö Arena and the Baltic Hall, easily accessible by train from Copenhagen Airport in Denmark. Scandic Hotels is the official hotel partner of the championships.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a focus area for the championships. Through participation in the Erasmus project GAMES, together with IFF, the event's sustainability work is made visible to all target groups. WFC 2024 is also intended to be sustainability certified.



Group ballot

The group ballot for the WFC will take place on March 5 in Malmö. A first version of the game program is then produced.

Ticket sales

Tickets for selected days such as the final weekend have been on sale since November 2022. A new ticket release will take place on March 27.

Marketing

The school project "Little WFC" started locally in Skåne/Malmö in September 2023. So far, 350 classes and 8,000 pupils up to the age of 9 in 65 schools have been visited by a floorball instructor in a physical education lesson and have been invited to a training session at a local floorball club afterwards. The goal is to visit over 20,000 pupils in the region to before the WFC in December. The project is financed by Visit Skåne and the City of Malmö, with the support of friends such as Gerflor and OBOS.

Through the Swedish lottery organization Folkspel, a WFC-designed scratch card has been produced which from 1 April will be sold by the floorball clubs in Sweden and thereby contribute to the marketing of the championships. A total of 1 million lottery tickets are available for sale at SEK 50/lot, of which SEK 20 goes to the selling club.



TV

The Swedish games during the WFC will be broadcast on Swedish Television's (SVT) channels. The broadcasts in SVT from both WFC 2022 and WFC 2023 have had a total reach of over 3,000,000 viewers on their channels.

Partner sales

Both Swedish floorball's internal resources and external resources linked to the championships work with the sale of the commercial rights. Currently, agreements have been signed with partners corresponding to over 30% of the target in the budget.



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GROUP STAGE

PLAY-OFFS / QUARTERFINALS / PLACEMENT

SEMI-FINALS / PLACEMENT

FINAL / BRONZE MATCH / PLACEMENT

SAT 7.12

SUN 8.12

MON 9.12

TUE 10.12

WED 11.12

THU 12.12

FRI 13.12

SATURDAY 14.12

SUNDAY 15.12

MALMÖ ARENA

9.30			
AUS - CAN			
11.30	11.30	12.30	12.30
CZE - FIN	GER - SWE	NOR - GERM	CRO - POL
14.30	14.30	16.00	16.00
SWE - SVK	SWE - LAT	CZE - SWE	SWE - NOR
18.30	18.00	19.00	19.00
NOR - CZE	CZE - DEN	POL - DEN	FIN - SWE

BALTIC HALL

11.00			
EST - AUS			
11.00			
EST - CAN			
11.00			
CRO - LAT			
11.00			
CAN - PHI			
14.00			
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MALMÖ ARENA

9.30 P01		11.00 9-12 #1			
A3-D2		L.PO2-L.PO3			
12.30 P02		14.00			
B3-C2		13 th PLACE			
16.00 P03		17.30*		16.00***	
A4-D1		QF2		QF3	
19.00 P04		20.30**		19.10****	
B4-C1		QF1		QF4	

BALTIC HALL

10.45 13-16 #1		10.45 9-12 #2		10.45	
D3-C4		L.PO1-L.PO4		11 th PLACE	
13.45 13-16 #2		13.45		13.45	
C3-D4		15 th PLACE		9 th PLACE	

MALMÖ ARENA

16.00*	
SEMI-FINAL #1	
19.10****	
SEMI-FINAL #2	

BALTIC HALL

11.00 PLACE 5-8 #2	
L. QF2 - L. QF3	
14.00 PLACE 5-8 #1	
L. QF1 - L. QF4	

MALMÖ ARENA

12.50	
BRONZE MATCH	

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BALTIC HALL

9.30	
7 th PLACE	
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5 th PLACE	

GROUP A

- NORWAY
- CZECHIA
- GERMANY
- SWITZERLAND

GROUP B

- SWEDEN
- SLOVAKIA
- LATVIA
- FINLAND

GROUP C

- ESTONIA
- AUSTRALIA
- CANADA
- PHILIPPINES

GROUP D

- SLOVENIA
- POLAND
- THAILAND
- DENMARK

The match schedule is subject to change due to TV &/or local organiser needs.

- * Sweden to play at this time, if directly qualified.
- ** Czechia to play at this time, if directly qualified.
- *** Switzerland to play at this time, if directly qualified.
- **** Finland to play at this time, if directly qualified.

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Organization

- The Steering Committee of the Men's U19 WFC 2025 has been founded in autumn 2023
- The WFC Organization Committee is run by swiss unihockey
- Project Leader Andreas Cadisch has started in January 2024
- A project assistant will be hired from 1st of October
- Close cooperation with the office of swiss unihockey is running
- The operation at the venues in Zurich is run by the local club GC Unihockey
 - o Responsible for the Saalsporthalle will be Lea Riesen from swiss unihockey
 - o Responsible for the Sportshall Hardau will be one person from GC Zürich
 - o Responsible for the Swiss Life Arena (Final Weekend) will be Daniel Kasser
- GC Zürich is in charge to recruit about 90% of the needed volunteers
- For the upbuilding & rebuilding of the arenas we can count on help of civil defence
- The booking of the teams will be handled like at the WFC 2022 and Gast Reisen SA will be in charge.

Finances

- The budget is CHF 1.5 Mio
- The goal is a break-even result with inclusion of investments of CHF 350'000.- for activities to help floorball growing
- The budgeted revenue from the public authorities (state, canton, host cities) is CHF 900'000 Tsd, an mostly secured.

Sponsoring

- U19 WFC OC was able to sell 1 Leading Sponsor package (Die Mobiliar) and 1 Main Sponsor package (GAST Reisen)
- We have verbal declarations of intent from 3 more companies to buy either a Leading package or a Main Sponsor package
- Further negotiations are in progress

Marketing and Communication

- The goal is to attract about 15'000 to 20'000 spectators in the arenas
- Swiss unihockey is in negotiations with TV24 as a broadcaster of the swiss games as well as the final weekend in the Swiss Life Arena.
- An agreement with PolarHD to produce all games is made.
- The start of the ticket presale is planned on October 19th, directly after the group ballot
- The Webiste (www.u19wfc2025.ch) is live since march and swiss unihockey took over the social media channels after the Women's U19 WFC 2024.

Venues

- Final Weekend: The Swisslife Arena in Zurich (11'000 spectators)
- Group-stage: Saalsporthalle in Zürich (2'500 spectators)
- Group-Stage / Placement Games: Sportshall Hardau (1'500 spectators)



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Ticketing:

- The start of the ticket presale is planned on October 19th, directly after the group ballot
- No final decision made about the prices (Meeting the 10. of September for a final decision)
- There will be tickets which grant access to both arena during the group-stage and Tickets that only grant access to one arena.
- We intend to do a week-pass for all games
- We intend to do a weekend pass for the Swiss Life Arena

Legacy Projects:

Streetfloorball

- To promote the U19 WFC 2025 and Street Floorball in Switzerland we will organize different Street Floorball events and promote the clubs with Street Floorball fields.

Inclusion

- There will be show matches around and during the U19 WFC 2025 with people with physical or psychological disorders.
- We also plan to include people with physical or psychological disabilities in the staff of the Men's U19 WFC 2025
- Last but not least we intend to have as much persons with physical or psychological disabilities as spectators in the arenas.
- Inclusion will also be part of the opening & closing ceremony and during the games (best player awards) national anthems, etc.
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Advancement of women in Floorball

- We plan different workshops before & during the Men's U19 WFC, how to grow the women's percentage in Swiss Floorball (Players, Coaches, Officials, Referees)
- Goal is, to bring the know-how from active or past players to the trainings
- During the EFT 2024 in Winterthur will be a first Women's Forum

Sustainable promotion of physical activity

- Every buyer of a ticket of the Men's U19 WFC 2025 will get a voucher for a movement activity promoted by swiss unihockey

Schools

- Like in 2022 we invite schools for free to watch the games during the group-stage.
- We also invite sportscamps (during the U19 WFC there are holidays in Switzerland) to watch the games with the kids and try to combine it with "training with stars"

Families

- There will be different activities for families (Tournaments before the Men's U19 WFC 2025)
- There will be a family-sector in the Swiss Life Arena



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- There will be a fun-zone for Kids in the Swiss Life Arena

Enhancement of Clubs

- Different Workshops for clubs how to get more members, how to use alternative options (like street floorball) for practices (in Switzerland we have a sportshall capacity problem)

3v3 World Championship 2025:

- Will be played in Winterthur Friday, 2nd and Saturday 3rd of May 2025
- Practice-Day Thursday, 1st of May
- Final Games and Group-Games in the AXA-Arena Winterthur
- Group-Games also in the Tennis-Arena next to the AXA Arena.



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EUR1

28th January - 1st February 2025
Valmieras, Latvia

Group A

- Sweden
- Norway
- Germany
- Belgium
- Austria

Group B

- Finland
- Latvia
- Estonia
- Spain
- Great Britain

PLAYING FORMAT

Teams play once against each team in their group
Top 3 from each group qualify

EUR2

29th January - 1st February 2025
Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy

Group C

- Switzerland
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Netherlands

Group D

- Slovakia
- Poland
- Italy
- France

PLAYING FORMAT

Teams play once against each team in their group
Cross-over placement games (1v1, 2v2, etc) on final day
Top 2 from each group + winner of 5th place (3v3) qualify

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Group E

- Japan (11)
- Thailand (16)
- New Zealand (23)
- India (37)

Group F

- Singapore (12)
- Australia (15)
- Philippines (24)
- Korea (28)

PLAYING FORMAT

Teams play once against each team in their group
Cross-over semi-finals 1v2 + play-offs 3v4
Final placement games (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th)
Winners of semi-finals + winner of 3rd place qualify

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Group G

- USA (14)
- Canada (26)

PLAYING FORMAT

Teams play each other three times
Each game must have a result (extra-time / penalties)
Team with two wins will qualify



QUARTERFINALS MATCH SCHEDULE

NORTHERN CONFERENCE							
Date	Time	Home		Away		Venue	City
24.08.2024	17:00	Nokian KrP	-	Storvreta IBK	<i>Men</i>	Nokian Palloiluareena	Nokia
29.08.2024	18:30	Storvreta IBK	-	Nokian KrP	<i>Men</i>	IFU Arena	Uppsala
23.08.2024	19:00	Pixbo IBK	-	Esport Oilers	<i>Men</i>	Wallenstam Arena	Mönlycke
31.08.2024	14:30	Esport Oilers	-	Pixbo IBK	<i>Men</i>	Tapiolan Urheiluhalli	Espoo
25.08.2024	13:00	Classic	-	Thorengruppen IBK	<i>Women</i>	Bläk Boks	Lempäälä
31.08.2024	13:30	Thorengruppen IBK	-	Classic	<i>Women</i>	Thoren Arena	Umeå
25.08.2024	18:30	Pixbo IBK	-	TPS	<i>Women</i>	Wallenstam Arena	Mönlycke
31.08.2024	16:00	TPS	-	Pixbo IBK	<i>Women</i>	Kupittaaan Palloiluhalli	Turku

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE							
Date	Time	Home		Away		Venue	City
22.09.2024	18:00	SV Wiler-Ersigen	-	Tatran Střešovice	<i>Men</i>	Sporthalle Grossmatt	Kirchberg
27.09.2024	19:00	Tatran Střešovice	-	SV Wiler-Ersigen	<i>Men</i>	Sportovní Centrum Repy	Prague
22.09.2024	16:30	Florbal MB	-	Zug United	<i>Men</i>	MSH Mlada Boleslav	Mlada Boleslav
28.09.2024	17:00	Zug United	-	Florbal MB	<i>Men</i>	Sporthalle Zug	Zug
22.09.2024	15:00	Zug United	-	1. SC Vitkovice	<i>Women</i>	Sporthalle Zug	Zug
29.09.2024	15:00	1. SC Vitkovice	-	Zug United	<i>Women</i>	SH Sareza	Ostrava-Privoz
20.09.2024	18:30	Florbal Chodov	-	Kloten-Dietlikon Jets	<i>Women</i>	Sportovni Hala Jizni Mesto	Prague
27.09.2024	19:30	Kloten-Dietlikon Jets	-	Florbal Chodov	<i>Women</i>	Sporthalle Stighag	Kloten

The 2nd Asia-Oceania Floorball Club **“Hohhot Cup” Competition**

Final Standings

Women’s Adults

Winner	: SCC Thailand (THA)
Runner-up	: NUS Jupitans (SGP)
3 rd Place	: China Sulu Ding (CHN)
4 th place	: LZD Tomorrow's Star(CHN)

U18 Mixed Categories

Winner	: SFLS-Cahe Harmony United (CHN)
Runner-up	: LZD Tomorrow’s Stars (CHN)
3 rd Place	: Shenzhen Sports School (CHN)
4 th Place	: USFC Zobel IBK (PHI)
5 th Place	: Hong Kong China Floorball Association (HKG)
6 th Place	: Arystan (KAZ)
7 th Place	: Macau China Representative Team (MAC)
8 th Place	: Tianjin Red Star Vocational School (CHN)

Helsinki, Finland 14th of June 2024

IFF ExCo Meeting 01/2024

Date: 14.06.2024 – over Teams

Time: 12:00 -13:30 CET

Present:

Tomas Eriksson	IFF President, chair
Steven King	member
Filip Suman	member
John Liljelund	member, secretary

Excused: Monica Birdal, member

Agenda

1. Opening

Mr. Eriksson welcomed the members of the ExCo to the first meeting of the year and opened the meeting at 13:00 CET.

2. Approval of the Agreement for the IFF Office in Helsinki and the Secretary general with the Finnish Floorball Federation

Mr. Eriksson informed that, as discussed in the last IFF CB meetings, the IFF have now received the confirmation from the Finnish Ministry of Sport for their continued support for the IFF Office in Helsinki, Finland for the period of 2025-2028. In connection to this, there have been discussions with the Finnish federation about moving the IFF Office up to the Finnish federation offices on the 2nd floor in Myllypuro.

The previous CB meeting gave Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Liljelund the task to prepare the agreements for the hosting of the IFF Office in Helsinki and the employment system for the IFF Secretary general. Both agreements are to be signed with the Finnish federation and we have sent these to the Finnish federation and waiting for their comments, which have been promised during the week starting on the 10th of June. The proposed agreements have been built based on the valid ones. **(Appendix 1 and 2)**

In order to secure the IFF Office placement in Helsinki and to avoid any unnecessary issues, the IFF ExCo would need to approve these agreements, so that they can be signed, as it will be too late to have them signed only after the CB meeting in September, especially if there would occur some questions.

Mr. Suman asked if there are any changes in the agreements. Mr. Liljelund explained that there has been some small changed in the agreement for the IFF Office and for the secretary general agreement the sum has been raised to 175.000 CHF from 171.000 CHF. Mr. Liljelund also

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informed that he will bring a proposal for the IFF CB for his employment contract in the meeting in September.

ExCo decided: To approve the agreements

3. IWGA Women's Leadership course

Mr. Eriksson to report that in the IWGA Annual General meeting in Esslingen in May, IWGA Vice President Tom Dielen presented IWGA's inaugural women leadership course which will be organised in November 2024. The Women Lead Sports Programme offers a distinctive mix of practical tactics and expert theory, with a track record of proven success, empowering women to pursue leadership roles and foster gender equity. The online course shall target women actively involved in the leadership pipeline of International or National Federations.

A second workshop has already been approved for a similar period in 2025. The IWGA Executive Committee decided to offer this programme for free to its members. Particularly members of the ARISF and AIMS group are targeted, considering that ASOIF has been offering this programme successfully to its member associations for several years. Each IF can nominate up to two (2) participants.

The education is built, to answer the concern raised by IWGA member that there are far too little women in the leadership of the IWGA and its members, to increase the number of female leaders within the IWGA IF's. There is a need to be able to bring more females also to different roles in the IWGA organisation. The programme has 22 slots and already there has been over ten nominees proposed, so even if we can nominate two persons, we might end up with just one.

The online workshop will start on Monday, 4 November and will be held in four (4) consecutive sessions on the exact same time and day each week. Each session takes two (2) hours. In addition, five (5) hours of web-based content will be offered to the participants. The participants are expected to dedicate 30 - 60 minutes between sessions, with 90% of the content delivered online, to qualify for certification. We are to nominate this persons latest on the 30th of June.

The IFF President and the IFF Office have short-listed a number of candidates that could be possible for this, and they are: Agata Plechan, Zuzana Svobodová, Pakkamol Siriwat, Lara Heini and Helen Wiklund-Wårell.

Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Suman felt that it is a good initiative and would like us to nominate two candidates. Mr. King asked if the nominee needs to be a member of the IFF CB, to which the general feeling was that the candidates doesn't need to be CB members.

ExCo decided: To nominate Ms. Agata Plechan and Ms. Zuzana Svobodová candidates for the IWGA Women's leadership program

4. Renewal of the TV Sales agreement

Mr. Liljelund reported that the agreement with Protocol Sports Marketing will end in the end of August and will automatically continue for another five years if we don't cancel the agreement at

least a month before. IFF met with Mr. Khaled Abdalla during SportAccord in Birmingham and was offered a proposal for the future, which we have not received despite having been promised for May.

As Protocol Sport has been able to provide some exposure deals, they have not brought too much deals with revenues, we have been looking for other solutions. We have contacted two companies (SpringMedia and Icarus) to ask for their interest to work with IFF.

Spring Media has informed that they are interested but have not yet provided any ideas and Icarus has promised to provide an offer next week. **(Appendix 3)**

Mr. Suman felt that it was a good initiative to discuss with also other companies. It would not be in the interest of the IFF to sign a five-year agreement, which Mr. King fully agreed to. In the discussions with Protocol Sports, The basis for the discussions with Protocol Sport must be conducted so that a decision can be made later than in the end of August.

ExCo decided: that IFF shouldn't sign too long agreements and revert to the topic in beginning of August.

5. Agreement with FICS (Federation of International Chiropractic's in Sport)

Mr. Liljelund to inform that IFF has discussed with FICS about starting a cooperation, which would include the use of the FICS services during the Major IFF Events, based on the positive experience from The World Games in Wroclaw 2017 and Birmingham 2022.

The idea is to have a team of FICS chiropractic's for the WFC 2024, providing services in both venues for the accredited persons. The FICS works on voluntary basis and IFF would have to cover the board & lodging for the doctors. The IFF Office proposes that we would make this investment to help the athletes during the event. The FICS doctors do not deal with the athletes during the games, but can provide services both before and after the games.

FICS has prepared an agreement for the cooperation **(Appendix 4)**, which would need to be signed before the IFF CB meeting in September so that we could start the preparations for the WFC 2024.

ExCo decided: To approve the agreement

6. Any other business

The ExCo decided to have a ExCo meeting on the 27th of August at 12:00 CET to prepare for the IFF CB meeting and CB workshop.

7. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson close the meeting at 12:45 CET

John Liljelund
secretary general

Tomas Eriksson
IFF President

Helsinki, Finland 27th of August 2024

IFF ExCo Meeting 02/2024

Date: 27.08.2024 – over Teams
Time: 11:00 -12:30 CET

Present:

Tomas Eriksson	IFF President, chair
Steven King	member
Filip Suman	member
John Liljelund	member, secretary

Excused: Monica Birdal, member

Agenda

1. Opening

Mr. Eriksson welcomed the members of the ExCo to the second meeting of the year and opened the meeting at 11:00 CET.

2. Approval of the Agreement for the IFF Office in Helsinki and the Secretary general with the Finnish Floorball Federation

Mr. Eriksson informed that the Finnish Floorball Federation has approved and signed the agreements for the hosting of the IFF Office in Helsinki and the employment system for the IFF Secretary general.

ExCo decided: To approve the report

3. IWGA Women's Leadership course

Mr. Eriksson reported that IWGA has informed that a total of 40 applicants had been nominated for the IWGA's inaugural women leadership course which will be organised in November 2024 by the IOC. The Women Lead Sports Programme offers a distinctive mix of practical tactics and expert theory, with a track record of proven success, empowering women to pursue leadership roles and foster gender equity. The online course shall target women actively involved in the leadership pipeline of International or National Federations.

The IFF ExCo decided in its previous meeting to nominate Ms. Agatha Plechan and Ms. Zuzana Svobodová for the course. As there was a large number of candidates, IFF was only awarded one place, which went to Ms. Agatha Plechan. IWGA has already agreed with IOC to organise a second course next year.

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Ms. Plechan has been informed about the approval.

ExCo decided: To approve the report

4. Renewal of the TV Sales agreement

Mr. Liljelund reported that based on the discussion held in the IFF ExCo , the IFF Office contacted the Protocol Sports Marketing and asked again for the new offer, which we hadn't yet received, based on the discussions held during the year. Protocol sports came back with a statement that as the sales target of 50.000 USD has been achieved (total sales 51:000 USD, out of which IFF has sold and dealt with most companies), the deal would automatically be renewed. In addition Protocol Sports felt that IFF should pay a retainer fee, for the work Protocol is doing and that IFF should provide the present deals we handle directly with the TV's into the hands of Protocol.

Based on this the IFF Office consulted Mr. Philippe Renz for legal advise and Mr. Renz recommendation was that we would terminate the contract in writing. This was done on Monday the 19th of August, in which we said that we are still willing to discuss a new contract, for a three year period, but not with such terms as they proposed. Protocol Sports Marketing on Tuesday the 27th for a meeting to clarify the situation.

Depending on their response, we will continue negotiations with them or seek contact with a potential new partner.

ExCo decided: To approve the report

5. Freeing of Players for National Teams

Mr. Liljelund reported that in the last CB meeting the wording of the regulation was agreed upon by everyone, but the way how to implement this had to be worked upon and a guideline had to be created, outlining the responsibilities of all parties (National Association, Player, Club). The text worked out by the competition office and then agreed upon by the RACC is 4.1-4.4 & 4.11 (market red). The articles 4.5-4.10 has only been renumbered.

The IFF Event manager Ms. Mitchell has asked the IFF ExCo to take the decision in this matter, so that the change of the regulation can be taken into force by the 27th of August, so that it is in place for the Friendly Internationals for the International weekend.

Competition Regulations – National teams & Friendly international matches

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.**

- 4.2. The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.
- 4.3. It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4. It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).
- 4.5. For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.6. For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.7. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February, 4th weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd weekend of October and 2nd weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.8. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10. Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.
- 4.11. **Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.**

Mr. Suman felt that the decision should not be made to become in force without a pre-information. Mr. King asked what the players responsibility is. The ExCo discussed how the issue if the nominated player is not telling their own club will be handled, but the responsibility in the end is still with National Association nominating player

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ExCo decided: to approve the changes in the regulations and to publish the information that they will become valid from the 08.09.2024 and to present this to the CB for confirmation.

6. Change of IFF Juridical Regulations, due to the change of the Freeing of Player rules.

Mr. Liljelund to report that the IFF Office has prepared also the relevant addition in the IFF Juridical Regulations, by adding a point in Article 25 Breach of Competition Regulations.

The ExCo discussed the formulation of the new Article in the Juridical Regulation 25.2., to clarify the time the player needs to be freed. The new point would be as follows:

25.2. If a player, having advised their National Associations of not being available for a national team event to which the player was nominated, then participates in a club match during the same period as the national team event dates, in accordance with the Competition Regulations – National teams & Friendly international matches Art 4.5-4.7, the National Association of the player's club will be sanctioned as follows:

First time (1-2 players)	1.000 CHF
First time (more than three players)	10.000 CHF
Second time (regardless of the number of players)	15.000 CHF
Third time (regardless of time period)	Suspension from International Floorball activities for up to two years

ExCo decided: to approve the changes in the regulations with the additions made by the IFF ExCo and to publish these as valid from 08.09.2024 and to present this to the CB for confirmation

7. Preparation of the IFF CB workshop 3/2024 in Winterthur

Mr. Eriksson informed that he has with the secretary general prepared the program for the IFF CB workshop based on the decision of the previous CB meeting and the input received. The program and the plan looks like this, after some small changes made by the ExCo:

Friday 6.9. CB workshop	10:45-18:15 (18:30)	Dinner: Fondue
Saturday 7.9. CB workshop	9:30-17:30 (18:30)	Dinner: SWE-SUI (19:00)
Sunday 8.9. CB meeting	9:00-14:30	Match: SUI-CZE (15:00)

Proposed topics to be discussed in the workshop

10:45-13:00	Event Structure (based on Calendar Working group proposal)
13:00-13:30	International Calendar/New Format of WFC (CWG update, next steps)
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:00	Player of the Year concept
15:00-16:00	Strategy Implementation process Phase 1 and Plan for Phase 2 work
16:00-16:15	Coffee
16:15-17:15	Fit4Future - Next steps
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9. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson to close the meeting at 12:05 CET

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 - The problem is that federations have come up with their own Rules.
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Introduction To Good Governance in Sport
IFF Ethics Commission webinar
25.05.2024
Sylvia Schenk & Bill Howitt

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Overview

- Welcome & Introduction to Good Governance
- Warming up
- Short history of integrity
- Architecture of Good Governance
- Challenges in Sport
- Conflicts of Interest
- Good Governance – Key elements

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Welcome

- The IFF has been working with Good Governance for the last 6-7 years, with the introduction of Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest and a number of other policies to guide the governance of the IFF activities.
- This webinar is a start to enlarge this also towards the IFF member associations, in order to have enhance the level of governance within the Floorball community.
- The webinar is presented by the IFF Ethics Commission

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Introduction to Good Governance

- Overall Importance:
- The focus on the way of how the Sport organisations have increased a lot during the last few years – for obvious reasons.
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- In this webinar we will try to give you a first peak how to move forward and start working on these questions.

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Expectations within the Olympic Movement

- The guidelines and rules for the Olympic movement are set by the IOC.
- The IOC is in 2024 giving a lot of focus on the education of the Good Governance, running a series of webinars for the ARISF (Association of IOC Recognised International Federations) and AIMS member federations.
- IOC is working based on the 50 IPACS Good Governance recommendations and the IOC has been making an evaluation (3 times) of the Olympic federations and planning to make this also for the ARISF and AIMS federations later in the year. The previous one was made in 2019.

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What has IFF done so far

- The Good Governance work started already some 10 years ago, partly because the IFF receives support from the Finnish Government, through the Finnish federation
- IFF established an Ethics Commission in 2016 and it has created a number of policies and guidelines:
 - IFF Code of Ethics
 - Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Good Governance Policy
 - Discrimination Harassment and Abuse Policy
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- Certain GG-requirements are included in the IFF Licence system
- There is a Good Governance part in the Captains Meeting in the IFF Events

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Why turn towards the member federations

- The fact that the IFF has the Good Governance policies and procedures in place, doesn't make the International Floorball community stronger, if the IFF members don't have the basic governance structures in place.
- This concerns at least the following aspects of your activities:
 - Organisational structure
 - Code of conduct
 - Conflict of interest
 - Harassment policies
 - Rules on betting

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Expectations towards national federations

- The IFF ETC is now starting the Good Governance webinars and is also going to create some guidelines and materials to help for the member federations
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Warming up

Paul is a player in the U19-team. His parents are generous sponsors of the team.

Paul is not the best player, but Coach Colin appoints him for every match while better players often have to sit on the bench.

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Warming up

Goalkeeper Graham observes coach Charles embracing player Patricia. It looks like Patricia doesn't like it, she tries to pull herself away.

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Short history of integrity

The hidden crime:

- Bribe payer and bribe taker
- Two different actions and spheres
- No obvious victim/damage
- No sensibility for harm done - Peccadillo
- Slow Development
- Step by step into dependance

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Short history of integrity

Definition Transparency International
Abuse of entrusted power for personal gain

- All kinds of *misuse of power*
- Also immaterial advantages
 - „Sextortion“
- Not just breaching no criminal laws
- ➔ Conflicts of interest, ...
- ➔ Specific approach ➔ Prevention needed

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Short history of integrity

- Sub-Sahara crisis + end of cold war
- No rule of law ➔ Investments at risk
- Transparency International founded 1993
 - Bring corruption onto the agenda
 - Develop legal instruments + prevention
- 1997 OECD Convention on Corruption
- 2003 UN Convention against corruption
- ...

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Short history of integrity

Impact on Germany as an example

- Foreign bribery – from tax deduction 1996 to crime 1998
- Scandals re hospitality etc.
- Sexual harassment – from „Don‘t talk about!“ to MeToo
- ➔ Fundamental changes

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Short history of integrity

The impact of corruption internationally

- Instable states, weak economy
- Rich elites - poor people
- Logistics for organized crime and terrorists
- Undermining enforcement of
 - Environmental laws
 - Human rights
- ➔ No Peccadillo

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Short history of integrity

- Expectations have changed
 - People want to be informed/have a say
 - Sponsors/governments set conditions
 - Public scrutiny for tax payers' money
 - Protect your people + reputation
 - Communication worldwide on any negative incident within hours
 - Important asset for sport organizations/events
- Sport is about Fair Play!

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Architecture of Good Governance



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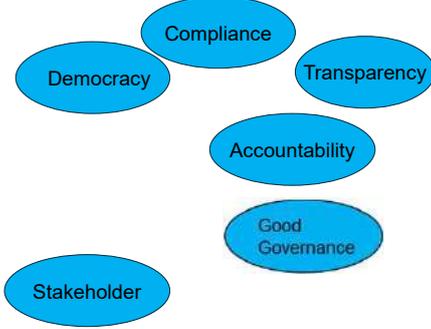
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Architecture of Good Governance

Less Confusion



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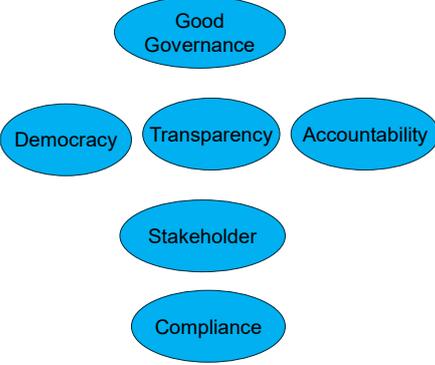
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Overall Approach

Principles

Participation:

Implementation/Control



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Architecture of Good Governance

Football match as “metaphor”

- Pitch + ball + goals
 - Rules defining the game
 - Prevent misbehavior
 - Risk analysis → Specific rules
 - Information + education/training
 - Referee
 - Yellow + red card
- Leading by example – Zero-tolerance

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Architecture of Good Governance

Compliance program

- Structure - Pitch + ball + goals
 - Statutes etc. - Rules defining the game
 - Prevent misbehavior
 - Risk analysis → Code of Conduct – Specific rules
 - Information + education/training
 - Control + Grievance mechanism - Referee
 - Sanctions - Yellow and red card
- Leading by example – Zero-tolerance

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Challenges in sport

The importance of doubt



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Challenges in sport

- Relatively small entities
 - Lack of (qualified) staff
 - Lack of financial resources
- Complicated Structure
 - Transfer to national level → No top down!
- Global membership
 - Countries with high corruption level

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Good Governance - Key Elements

- Don't reinvent the wheel → New instruments
- Walk the talk – No window dressing
- Step by step
- Responsible leadership
- Learning organisation
- Clean from the Top
- Change the culture
- Take your time

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Introduction To Good Governance in Sport
IFF Ethics Commission webinar
25.05.2024
Bill Howitt

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What is a Conflict of Interest?

- A conflict of interest occurs when an entity or individual becomes unreliable because of a clash between personal (or self-serving) interests and professional duties or responsibilities.
- Such a conflict occurs when a company or person has a vested interest—such as money, status, knowledge, relationships, or reputation—which puts into question whether their actions, judgment, or decision-making can be unbiased.
- It also includes a conflict between a Board Member, Employee or Volunteers duty to Sport Matters and another duty that the member has (for example, to another organization).
- A conflict of interest may be actual, potential or perceived and may be financial or non- financial.

Conflict of Interest in Sport?

- Conflicts of interest exist in all organizations including sport and sports administration.
- A conflict of interest is any situation where a personal interest could, or could appear to, prevent an individual from making a decision only in the organization's best interests.
- All persons involved in the management, administration, coaching and playing of a sport have a lawful, moral and ethical obligation to act in the best interests of the organization and sport.



Is it Wrong to have a Conflict of Interest?

- It is not wrong or unethical to have a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, it is wrong and unethical to fail to declare a conflict or potential conflict of interest.
- Once declared, the conflict or potential can be managed to avoid a negative impact on those that might be affected.
- If a person directly involved in the management, administration, coaching and playing of a sport perceives that a conflict of interest might exist, then the situation must be managed to ensure that the conflict or perception is managed to avoid ill-feeling or a negative impacts.

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Example – Coach/selector and player

- A team coach who is also part of the selection of the playing team has a child, sibling or other close personal association with a member of the training group.
- This situation can be avoided by the coach in declaring the conflict of interest to the club administration group. Strategies to manage a potential conflict might include a selection process by a panel but must include transparency and good communications with the entire team.
- Awareness and openness is the key to this situation.

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Example: Sponsor demands

- Another example might be a major club or organization sponsor has a child that plays in one of the teams. As the season approaches the finals, the club sponsor tells the club or organization that if their child does not get selected in the playing team for the finals, the sponsorship will be withdrawn the following season.
- A very difficult situation to manage, however the club would need to be brave. The President or other appropriate person in the management of the club would need to have a firm conversation with the sponsor outlining the selection process for the finals and be very clear that their sponsorship is important but cannot affect the selection of the team.

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The effect of poor sponsor management

- The effect of not managing this conflict gives the sponsor power over team selection and may result in players being unsatisfied with team selection and club management resulting in players leaving the club or not being fully committed to the club.
- Clubs and Associations must make sure they have a very clear policy around the role of the sponsor and that policy forms part of any sponsorship agreements or contracts.

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Board/Committee meeting conflicts

- At board and committee meetings the agenda must be circulated well in advance to provide an advanced opportunity to declare conflicts of interest. This would then provide the opportunity to withhold any documents relating to the agenda item from the person declaring a conflict of interest.
- There must be an opportunity provided by the meeting chair to allow for any participant to declare a conflict of interest prior to addressing any agenda items.
- The chair may highlight the need to do so as relevant to the agenda, and participants are expected to use their judgement based on the content of the meeting, likely discussions and impact of decisions when deciding whether to declare a conflict. The secretary or governance lead may also raise the issue if they think that a board member has forgotten to do so themselves.
- The most effective means of managing conflicts is to ask the conflicted board member to leave the room while discussions take place and decisions are made. If the person with a conflict of interest remains in the room for discussion, it is possible that they can still influence others through non-verbal cues or failure to refrain from participating in the discussion.

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Other possible conflicts or potential conflicts

- There is no definitive list of possible connections that could be interpreted as potential conflicts of interest for board members, however the following influences are common:
- Current employment and any previous employment in which the individual might continue to have a financial interest
- Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), including trusteeships, directorships, sports body roles, local authority membership or tribunals
- Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organizations
- Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings

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Conclusions

- Managing conflicts of interest is important to the integrity of your sports organization, and if done well, can enhance stakeholder trust and confidence.

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you just have to start!

Thank you very much!

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Anonymous Complaint dated 24 July 2024

STATEMENT

Of the

International Floorball Federation Ethics Commission (ETC)

Composition: Bill Howitt, Carol Roberts, and Sylvia Schenk (Acting Chair)

Main Facts:

The anonymous complaint dated 24 July 2024 alleges "Harassment/Abuse", and, specifically, "abuse of power of social media to promote friends" and "conflict of interest".

The alleged perpetrator seems to be identified as " Storverta social media creator".

An internet search for "Storverta" shows a Swedish Floorball club Storvreta:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz5xLHsVrgA>

<https://www.storvretaibk.se/>

Conclusion:

As the complaint was sent anonymously, the ETC has no ability to ask the complainant any questions to clarify or seek any further details. There also appears to be no reason why the complaint was sent anonymously.

In the absence of any detailed allegations, the ETC cannot examine whether

- It has jurisdiction to act or
- Any infringement of the IFF Ethics Code occurred.

Being active on social media is helpful to promote the sport of Floorball. In the absence of any specific details in the complaint, the ETC is unable to proceed with an investigation.

The case is closed.

Bill Howitt Carol Roberts Sylvia Schenk

IFF ETC Members

IFF STRATEGY UPDATE

Updated: 30.08.2024

ID	PRIORITY	TARGET	ACTIONS						TOTAL
			FINALISED		ONGOING		NOT STARTED		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	
2,2	Development, Service Level and Expansion	Closing the Gap	6	85,71 %	1	14,29 %	0	0,00 %	7
		Strengthening Members	2	100,00 %	0	0,00 %	0	0,00 %	2
		Player No Growth	1	33,33 %	2	66,67 %	0	0,00 %	3
		Knowledge gather & Share	5	55,56 %	4	44,44 %	0	0,00 %	9
		Development Projects	7	58,33 %	4	33,33 %	1	8,33 %	12
3,1	Awareness & Visibility	More TV time & Utilising Media	11	73,33 %	4	26,67 %	0	0,00 %	15
		Strengthening marketing efforts	4	36,36 %	6	54,55 %	1	9,09 %	11
3,3	Governance, Sport Culture and Leadership	Finance	2	50,00 %	2	50,00 %	0	0,00 %	4
		Professional Structure	3	21,43 %	8	57,14 %	3	21,43 %	14
		Good Governance	1	12,50 %	7	87,50 %	0	0,00 %	8
		Sustainability	8	50,00 %	8	50,00 %	0	0,00 %	16
4,1	Sport Presentation & Appearance	Equal Safe & Clean Sport	6	31,58 %	13	68,42 %	0	0,00 %	19
		Entertaining Events	8	47,06 %	8	47,06 %	1	5,88 %	17
		Versions of the Game	8	57,14 %	6	42,86 %	0	0,00 %	14
	PROGRESS AT 09-11-23		22	20,18 %	70	64,22 %	17	15,60 %	109
	PROGRESS AT 25-02-24		56	38,62 %	70	48,28 %	19	13,10 %	145
	PROGRESS AT 25-04-24		68	47,22 %	64	44,44 %	12	8,33 %	144
	PROGRESS AT 30-08-24		72	47,68 %	73	48,34 %	6	3,97 %	151

NOTES Where part of an action has been completed but not all of the action it has been classified as Ongoing
Where an action has commenced but it is an ongoing long term action it has been classified as Completed



IFF WFC EVALUATION PROGRAMME

IFF Strategy Implementation - IFF WFC Progress Report

MAY 2024



INTRODUCTION

The IFF Women’s World Floorball Championships held in Singapore in December 2023 (WFC 2023) was the fourth WFC (men’s and women’s) to take place following the release of the IFF Strategy 2021-2032.

Quantum conducted an extensive evaluation of the WFC 2023 as part of the IFF WFC Event Evaluation Programme 2021-2024 to assess the impact of the event on local economies and communities. The perception of WFC host destinations and of the sport of floorball, as well as the commercial growth of the sport, was also assessed.

The aim of this document is to build on key data and insights that have been gathered and reported from past evaluations in the context of the IFF Strategy 2021-2032.

Specifically, this document represents the third edition of the annual review process that aligns the evaluation findings with the priorities, targets and KPIs set out in the strategy.

As part of its suite of services, Quantum provides this annual update to help the IFF monitor the development of its flagship events based on a range of evaluation parameters.

The analysis reflects key data and insights from all editions of the WFC analysed as part of the IFF WFC Event Evaluation Programme and has been broken down into two parts:

I. Fulfilment of strategic goals.

20 KPIs from the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 have been considered and corresponding metrics from the WFC evaluation have been presented to showcase how the WFCs contribute to achieving floorball’s strategic goals.

In reference to one of the IFF Strategy priorities relating to sport presentation and appearance, the summary of the athlete and spectator feedback from the post-event surveys has also been provided within this document.

II. Benchmarking analysis.

Key data indicators from the WFC 2023 have been compared with data available from previous world championships to facilitate the longitudinal assessment of the development of the Men’s and Women’s WFC.

FULFILMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS



PRIORITY: AWARENESS & VISIBILITY

TARGET: MORE TV TIME AND UTILISING NEW MEDIA

#	KPI	CORRESPONDING WFC 2023 EVALUATION METRIC	OVERVIEW 2020-2022
1	30 million live TV spectators for the Major IFF Events	5.4 million Despite the time zone, the WFC 2023 saw a significant increase in TV viewership over the previous women's WFC in 2021.	WFC 2020 (M): 5m WFC 2021 (W): 4.3m WFC 2022 (M): 5.4m
2	30 countries that are streaming IFF Events live	16 countries TV and streaming agreements covered 16 territories across three continents, although in comparison with previous editions there were fewer TV broadcasters (7 in total) and 78% of overall coverage was generated via streaming.	WFC 2020 (M): 17 WFC 2021 (W): 71 WFC 2022 (M): 73
3	10,000 articles on digital media in Major IFF Events	n/a No worldwide monitoring of digital media was conducted. The local organisers recorded 480 pieces of coverage in Singapore and the wider region.	WFC 2020 (M): 2,587 WFC 2021 (W): 1,865 WFC 2022 (M): 2,310
4	1 million followers and 5 million total engagements annually on IFF and IFF Events social media	183,781 (followers) 211,990 (engagements) The number of engagements via social media during the WFC 2023 was on par with other recent WFCs.	WFC 2020 (M): 230,000 WFC 2021 (W): 215,000 WFC 2022 (M): 221,000
5	150,000 IFF mobile app users	54,590 The number of users of the IFF App which was launched ahead of the WFC 2022 increased by around 40,000 during the twelve months leading up to the event.	WFC 2020 (M) / WFC 2021 (W): 71,500 WFC 2022 (M): 15,248 (new app launched)
6	Investigate and test new broadcasting possibilities like D2C	The IFF App remained the key platform for floorball fans to watch live streams and highlights from the tournament.	n/a

FULFILMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS



PRIORITY: AWARENESS & VISIBILITY

TARGET: STRENGTHENING MARKETING EFFORTS

#	KPI	CORRESPONDING WFC 2023 EVALUATION METRIC
7	Floorball stands for clean and fair sport, with no fan related violence	<p>87% of spectators and 95% of players surveyed following the WFC 2023 agreed with the statement that floorball is a clean and fair sport.</p> <p>These percentages were, respectively, 86%/94% at the WFC 2020, 92%/93% at the WFC 2021 and 97%/97% at the WFC 2022.</p>
8	IFF has one title sponsor and yearly sponsor income of at least one million EUR and to have at least one global company as a sponsor	<p>Sports apparel brand PUMA joined IFF's roster of sponsors in 2023, while the IFF continued to explore new ways of engaging partners through on-site and digital activations.</p>

FULFILMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS



PRIORITY: DEVELOPMENT, SERVICE LEVEL AND EXPANSION

TARGET: CLOSING THE GAP

#	KPI	CORRESPONDING WFC 2023 EVALUATION METRIC
9	Floorball has a TOP 10 instead of TOP 4, with countries from three continents	<p>There was only one change in the top 8 of the WFC 2023 in comparison with the WFC 2021, but Japan recorded its best ever performance at the WFC, finishing 9th.</p> <p>The average winning margin dropped from 6.7 goals at WFC 2021 to 5.3 goals at WFC 2023.</p>
10	The IFF launches organisational development projects and a coaching project in cooperation with the more developed MAs	The Floorball Fit For Future (4F) Erasmus+ programme continued throughout 2023 with the plan to create a handbook and development guidelines for the current and future member federations.

FULFILMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS



PRIORITY: GOVERNANCE, SPORT CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

TARGET: STRONG FINANCIAL BASE / GOOD GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP / LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY

#	KPI	CORRESPONDING WFC 2023 EVALUATION METRIC
11	The financial income of the IFF and the Member Associations is growing	The hosting of the WFC in Singapore presented a financial challenge for the IFF and the local organiser. A loss of EUR 0.55 million was reported by the LOC in February 2024. It is recommended that the long-term impact of hosting the WFC in a developing market should be monitored from a commercial perspective.
12	The own created revenue through sponsorship and TV rights of IFF is over 25% of the total budget	The IFF generated close to CHF 676,000 in media and sponsorship income in 2023 (including in-kind agreements and income from the IFF App), around 31% of the total revenue achieved in 2023.
13	Include Athletes representation in all IFF bodies and create digital tools for Athletes to provide their voice in all matters	All players competing at the WFC 2023 were given the opportunity to provide their feedback in the post-event athlete survey.
14	There are events with campaigns promoting sustainability	The FairFloorball campaign continued at the WFC 2023 and the Fair Floorball Player Awards were presented after each team's final match at the WFC 2023, recognising players embodying the values of fair play and respect.
15	The IFF Events are carbon neutral by 2028	The environmental impact of the WFC 2023 was not measured.

FULFILMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS



PRIORITY: SPORT PRESENTATION AND APPEARANCE

TARGET: EQUAL, ACCESSIBLE, SAFE AND CLEAN SPORT / ENTERTAINING EVENTS

#	KPI	CORRESPONDING WFC 2023 EVALUATION METRIC
16	There are increased numbers of female coaches, referees and officials	Two out of seven referee pairs were female. The number of female referee pairs has not changed since WFC 2019.
17	The IFF engage floorball stars at the event	The IFF continued to promote competing teams and players through video and visual content produced for social media channels.
18	The IFF engages fans by letting them take active part in the execution of an IFF Event	Due to financial constraints fans were not actively engaged at the WFC 2023.
19	The IFF includes entertaining events in the Fan Zone to attract spectators at Major IFF Events	On selected days, fans were given the opportunity to play floorball at a small outdoor court adjacent to the competition venue at the WFC 2023, but no other entertainment was provided to spectators attending the event.
20	The IFF conducts fan surveys at IFF Events and utilises data to develop the events	The IFF continued to survey spectators as part of the event evaluation project run by Quantum Consultancy. The WFC 2023 organising committee provided support in organising a team of volunteer surveyors on-site and through distributing the questionnaire to ticket buyers post-event.

BRIDGING THE GAP – MEN’S VS. WOMEN’S WFC

ATTENDANCE (WFC 2011 TO WFC 2023)

Year	Attendance	Tickets sold
Men’s WFC		
2012	75,178	n/a
2014	104,445	n/a
2016	85,110	32,543
2018	181,518	47,163
2020	71,361	27,297
2022	155,485	39,340
Avg.	112,183	36,586
Women’s WFC		
2011	28,180	n/a
2013	43,806	n/a
2015	36,147	n/a
2017	31,688	9,909
2019	44,513	11,753
2021	21,207	4,883
2023	21,628	4,638
Avg.	32,543	7,796

BRIDGING THE GAP – MEN’S VS. WOMEN’S WFC

The IFF puts a strong focus on the development of women’s floorball, as evidenced in the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 and through programmes such as GoGirls! Floorball. Following the WFC 2023, Quantum has studied the key indicators relating to the men’s and the women’s World Floorball Championships to understand the gap between IFF’s pinnacle events for both genders.

ATTENDANCE

- The average attendance at the men’s WFCs between 2012-2022 was 112,183, 3.4x the turnout at the women’s WFC 2011-2023 (32,543)
- During that period, the highest attendance for the women’s WFC is 44,513 at the WFC 2019 in Zurich, Switzerland, while for the men’s WFC the record was set at the WFC 2018 in Prague, Czech Republic (181,518).
- There is also a substantial difference between the two events when it comes to ticket sales. On average, 4.7x more tickets are sold for the men’s WFCs (36,586) than for the women’s WFCs (7,796). Ticketing data has been recorded since 2016.
- It is worth noting that the attendance at the WFC 2020 and WFC 2021 (both hosted in 2021) was affected by the pandemic, while three of the WFCs in the analysed period have been held outside the most traditional floorball markets (Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland): WFC 2016 (Latvia), WFC 2017 (Bratislava) and WFC 2023 (Singapore) which also had an impact on spectator turnout.

FINANCIALS

- In 2018-2023 the local organisers of the men’s WFCs generated €4.68 million of income on average vs. €1.13 million for the women’s WFCs.
- All three editions of the men’s WFCs in the analysed period recorded a profit (€0.35 million on average) while the organisers of the women’s WFCs reported a deficit of €0.26 million on average.
- The women’s WFCs rely far more on public funding as the source of income. Since 2018, the contribution from local and national governments accounted for 45% of the total revenues for the women’s WFCs and 33% for the men’s WFCs.
- In turn, the men’s WFCs generate a significantly higher income from ticket sales. The average revenue from ticketing totalled €2 million in recent years (WFC 2018 to WFC 2022), or 43% of the overall income, while for the women’s event it was €0.25 million (WFC 2019 and WFC 2023, no data is available for WFC 2021).

BRIDGING THE GAP – MEN’S VS. WOMEN’S WFC

QUANTUM OBSERVATIONS

#1

The data shows that while the gap between men’s and women’s events in terms of media and social media interest is relatively small, there is a significant discrepancy in the financial budgets and attendances between men’s and the women’s WFCs.

#2

Even with a smaller budget and lower attendances, much could be done to improve the spectator experience at the women’s WFCs. If savings can be made on e.g. venue rental costs through making the decision to play in smaller venues, additional funds could be allocated to event presentation and entertainment, generating positive memories for fans in attendance. This would improve the overall event atmosphere, in turn aiming to cultivate an entertained and engaged live event audience for future events.

#3

It appears that in most cases the opportunity to drive the development of women’s floorball through hosting the WFC is not being capitalised on by local organisers. Concrete development/promotional programmes should be initiated by local hosts to reflect the growing focus on the women’s game. Organisers can further support the hosting of WFCs by engaging and securing more commercial partnerships, using the story of the growth of the women’s game.

BRIDGING THE GAP – MEN’S VS. WOMEN’S WFC – CONTINUED

EVENT EXPERIENCE

- Post-event surveys which have been conducted at the WFCs since 2018 (with the exception of WFC 2019) demonstrate that fans attending the men’s WFCs have a more positive experience than spectators attending the women’s WFC.
- The average spectator satisfaction rate (% fans who described their experience at the event as good or very good) stands at 96% across the last three editions of the men’s event and 84% for the two most recent editions of the women’s tournament.
- In general, fans attending the men’s WFCs have been more complimentary about sport presentation, atmosphere at the event and event promotion – factors which in the case of the women’s WFCs may be affected by lower attendances and tighter event budgets.

BROADCAST AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- Both the men’s and the women’s WFCs have enjoyed strong broadcast viewership in recent years. In the four key floorball territories (Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland), for which viewership data has been collected consistently, the cumulative audience for the women’s WFC was 3.59 million on average from 2017-2023, while for the men’s WFC the average total audience was 4.7 million (2018-2022).
- Across the last four editions of the tournament for each gender, the number of broadcast hours averages 405 and 401 for the men’s and the women’s WFCs, respectively.
- The social media following for both events has also been broadly similar – since 2016, on average the men’s WFCs have had 8.1 million impressions and 0.3 million engagements, while for the women’s tournament the averages are 7.2 million impressions and 0.2 million engagements.

BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS



BENCHMARKING SUMMARY

Metrics	WFC 2021	WFC 2023	% ↑↓
Attendance	21,207	21,628	↑ 1.9%
Tickets Sold	4,883	4,638	- 5%
Athletes	315	320	n/a
Competing Nations	16	16	n/a
Accredited Media	230	83	- 64%
TV Broadcasters	15	22	↑ 47%
TV Territories	27	16	- 41%
Broadcast Hours	379	791	↑ 109%
Social Media Impressions	6,723,979	6,169,520	- 8%
Social Media Engagements	214,817	211,990	- 1.3%
Volunteers	51	402	↑ 688%

BENCHMARKING SUMMARY

The following section maintains the key data metric analysis which was established in 2021 after the WFC 2020 and WFC 2021. The 11 key data indicators identified for analysis in accordance with the data metrics identified by the key themes of the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 are as follows:

Attendance	Accredited Media	Social Media Impressions
Tickets Sold	TV Broadcasters	Social Media Engagements
Athletes	TV Territories	Volunteers
Competing Nations	Broadcast Hours	

The overall attendance and ticketing outcome of the WFC 2023 was similar to the interest generated by the WFC 2021. However, attendances at the WFC 2023 were lower than the average turnout at the previous six editions of the tournament (21,628 vs. 34,257). While most of these tournaments were held in the more established floorball markets, the total attendance in Singapore was still 32% lower than in 2017 when the event was held for the first time in Slovakia.

Despite reaching less territories than in 2021 with TV broadcasts, the number of broadcast hours and the overall viewership of the WFC 2023 were significantly greater than at the WFC 2021. Meanwhile, the social media reach and engagement data demonstrates consistency in spreading the message about the WFC on digital platforms.

There were significantly more volunteers engaged at the WFC 2023 than at the previous edition of the tournament, but the volunteer support at the WFC 2021 was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the following page, Quantum has provided a historical overview of WFC event impact measures to support the future development of the event and to ensure progress is targeted and achieved at future editions.

BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS

WOMEN'S WFC HISTORICAL DATA TABLE (2011-2023)

Edition Year	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023			
Start Date	04-Dec-11	07-Dec-13	04-Dec-15	01-Dec-17	07-Dec-19	27-Nov-21	02-Dec-23			
End Date	11-Dec-11	15-Dec-13	12-Dec-15	09-Dec-17	15-Dec-19	05-Dec-21	10-Dec-23			
Event Days	8	9	9	9	9	9	9			
Host City / Cities	St. Gallen	Ostrava & Brno	Tampere	Bratislava	Neuchâtel	Uppsala	Singapore			
Host Nation	Switzerland	Czech Republic	Finland	Slovakia	Switzerland	Sweden	Singapore	Max.	Min.	Average
Attendance	28,180	43,806	36,147	31,688	44,513	21,207	21,628	44,513	21,207	32,543
Average Daily Attendance	3,523	4,867	4,016	3,521	4,946	2,356	2,403	4,946	2,356	3,662
Tickets Sold				9,909	11,753	4,883	4,638	11,753	4,638	7,796
Athletes	320	320	324	320	316	315	320	324	315	319
Competing Nations	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Qualification Nations	23	23	24	31	30		29	31	23	27
Accredited Media			146	194	166	230	83	230	83	164
TV Broadcasters				23	39	15	22	39	15	25
TV / Streaming Territories		6	14	14	19	27	16	27	6	16
Broadcast Hours				156*	277**	379**	791**	379 [†]	277 [†]	401 [†]
Social Media Impressions			108,119	5,790,041	10,156,209	6,723,979	6,169,520	10,156,209	0	7,209,937***
Social Media Engagements			115,023	177,791	327,844	214,817	211,990	327,844	0	209,493***
Volunteers			308	110	650	51	402	650	51	304

*Live coverage only **Live, delayed + highlights **Live, delayed + highlights **Live, delayed + highlights

***2017-2023

[†]2019-2023

'Average Daily Attendance' and 'Qualification System Registered Nations' have been added to this table for future monitoring in accordance with IFF Strategy 2021-2032



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ID	EXPLANATORY	REQUIREMENT	PROOF	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
	NOTE					
1,0	F	Registered as an NGO in their country with relevant Gov't body	Certificate	X	X	X
2,0	F	Recognised with NSO and/or NOC if able	Letter from NOS/NOC			X
#####	F	Have been full members for at least 12 months	Approval date		X	X
3,0	A	National League/Championships Tournaments being played	Competition results		X	X
#####	A	National Club Tournaments being played (or similar)	Competition results		X	X
4,0	A	Club Tournament being played	Competition results	X	X	X
5,0	A	CB being elected by the General Meetings	Document of proof	X	X	X
6,0	A	They hold (Annual) General Meetings	Copy of minutes	X	X	X
7,0	A	They have a Bank account	Copy of Bank Statement	X	X	X
8,0	A	They prepare annual accounts	Copy of Annual accounts	X	X	X
#####		They need to have audited accounts	Auditors report			X
9,0	B	They have a membership/licence system in place (membership/licence fee)	Evidence of existence		X	X
10,0		They have Policies/Procedures including a minimum of	Copies of policies			
	B	o Good Governance	Evidence of existence	X	X	X
	B	o Conflict of Interest	Evidence of existence			X
	B	o Codes of Conduct (Directors, Team management, Players)	Evidence of existence		X	X
	B	o Equality	Evidence of existence			X
	B	o Match Fixing/Irregular Betting	Evidence of existence		X	X
	B	o Anti-Doping	Evidence of existence		X	X
11,0	A	They have a Strategy document	Evidence of existence		X	X
#####	A	They have a Mission/Vision Statement	Copy of Mission/Vision Statement		X	X
12,0	A	Complete Fit For Future evaluation yearly (Phase 1)	Evaluation report		X	X
#####		Make and follow F4F Development Action Plan (Start Phase 2 +1 year)	Participation			
13,0		They have the a Development Plan including	Copy of Development Plan			
	A	o Women			X	X
	A	o Juniors/Schools			X	X
	A	o Referees (Have International Referees)			X	X
	A	o Coaches			X	X
	A	o Organisational Development			X	X
14,0	E	No debts due to IFF at time of registering for WFC/WFCQ	IFF Bookkeeping	X	X	X
#####	E	No debts to IFF Member Associations	IFF Office	X	X	X
15,0		Respect the IFF Marketing Rights and Rules	IFF Office	X	X	X
16,0	E	Hand in Reports of number of members and NA officials yearly to IFF	IFF Office	X	X	X
17,0	A	Website and/or Facebook/Social Media	IFF Office	X	X	X
18,0	A	Participate in the IFF License compliance reviews (every 5th year)	IFF Office	X	X	
19,0	D	Participate in the Anti-Doping education for National Teams	IFF Office	X	X	X

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- A Licencing system to be used to audit the position of members against the Tier requirements for Tiers 1 & 2. This will allow a closer look at each member on at least a 5 yearly basis and confirm if they have progressed. If they havent then IFF can target working directly with them
- B Evidence of existence will be done either through the 5 yearly audit for Tier 1 & 2 and by the submission of the relevant evidence of Tier 3 members within 12 months of the Licence system being adopted
- C The evidence for these items is required to be supplied at the first WFCQ or WFC the country participates in after this Licence System Rev is adopted
- D The evidence of this requirement being complied with it needs to be submitted before each WFCQ or WFC that the country participates in for each team. Submission to be part of the documents supplied by each country with their Final Team List
- E IFF office to check these items annually or when teams nominate for WFCQ
- F Required to be full members, IFF needs to receive evidence

NOTES	1	2025	License Evaluation
	2	2026	Rules take effect
	3	2027	F4F Evaluated will start to work on Phase 2
	4	Tier 1 Countries can participate in 3 v 3 International Competitions	

LATIN AMERICA REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

- **REFEREE BASIC EDUCATION ONLINE COURSE**

In conjunction with a referee course that is being held for Spanish new referees this educational material has been offered to the Latin America countries and three persons from Ecuador and Peru are doing it.

The referee course is basically a presentation of the Rules of the Game and basic situations.

- **COLOMBIA**

From Floorball Colombia a letter of recognition has been asked to try to join the next General Assembly (by Colombia Gral Secretary).

Done by the Office and sent.

- **CHILE**

Very little advances in terms of the first Club recognition in the country.

- **PERU – ECUADOR – BARSIL – FLOORBALL4ALL**

I have been invited to an online meeting next 3rd September to talk about next steps towards official recognition and join IFF.

To be informed in the CB meeting.

- **MEXICO**

Internationally:

- Contact continues to be established with Mexicans who practice floorball abroad and are interested in supporting the Federation to integrate a national team. There was a conversation with the Presidency of the Swiss Federation of Floorball, with the support of the Spanish Association.

- Still pending collecting the material provided by the IFF is, standing in Madrid, Spain.

- Taken part in various IFF meetings with different topics and It is giving continuity to the issue of the administration system.

Nationally:

The institutional image is being changed to make an attractive Floorball brand nationwide.

Close to open an office.

The presidency of the Mexican Floorball Federation met the Presidents of the Kickboxing, Muaythai, Basque Pelota Federations, Flying Disc, Korfbal, Bridge, Orienteering Sport and Bandy, which are Mexican Sports Federations whose International Federations are members of ARISF with the aim of creating a collaborative national project that allows recognition by the

Mexican Olympic Committee of all related sports that lack of official recognition. Consequently, they have participated in the creation of AFR Deportes, A.C. which is in talks with the Mexican Olympic Committee to obtain official recognition from the National Olympic Movement, that eventually will benefit Floorball. The leadership of this issue is brought by the Mexican Floorball Federation.

Various meetings of the CB continue to implement the actions to be developed and the respective programs.

The House of Floorball is being consolidated at the Polytechnic Institute National.

Talks are being finalized to establish Floorball project in the States of Nuevo León and Yucatán.

Other meetings are being held with the General Secretary of the National Council of Sports in Education (CONDDE) which is a member of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) to be able develop floorball as a university sport in Mexico.

In general, doubts have been clarified by people who have come to ask about the practice and development of floorball in Mexico, taking into account their concerns to strengthen the programs that are they are elaborating.

APPENDIX 24

IFF Floorball:FitForFuture Development Program: Status report (September 2024)

Overview

The Floorball:FitForFuture (4F) program was officially launched on April 17, 2024. Since its inception, **25 IFF Member Federations** have actively participated in the program. Following two online launch meetings in April, the weeks and month that followed were filled with various activities, as detailed below:

- **Registration Process:**
 - The registration process was created and in addition to the “original” nine 4F-countries, 20 IFF Member Federations have registered for the development Program.
- **1:1 Meetings:**
 - At least two 1:1 meetings (with some federations 3-4 meetings) were conducted with 17 new federations
 - Program philosophy introduction
 - Access to the 4F IT software was provided
- **Evaluation Phase:**
 - **25 federations are actively involved in the evaluation phase** (stand: August 16, 2024)
 - 4F – Countries (9)
 - Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Slovakia
 - New Countries (16)
 - Austria, Belgium, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands, Ukraine, United Kingdom, China, Canada, México, France, Australia, Philippines, India, Japan, Burkina Faso
 - The federations were intensively supported throughout the process, ensuring they received the necessary guidance and resources to successfully evaluate the current state of the federation
 - Additional nations participating in the World Floorball Championships (WFC) were contacted twice regarding their participation in the program
- **Contractual Matters:**
 - Three essential contracts have been drafted and signed:
 - Agreement between EFT countries and the IFF
 - Contract between IFF and Floorball Germany
 - Contract between Floorball Germany and Frederik Dilger
- **Digitalization and Further Developments**
 - The first phase of the program, based on matrix evaluation, has been released

- Preparation for second phase Development Action Plan is currently underway
- Current Work with the 4F Project Group
 - Regular meetings with the mentee countries: Spain, Slovakia, and Poland. In Germany, regular exchanges occur with the board and general secretary.
 - Federations are working on the DAP and Plans of Execution.
 - First federations are working on their second evaluation
- Work with Documents:
 - The matrix has been revised. Numerous wording changes were made, and two new activities were included.
 - Additional documents, such as the glossary and guidelines for the IT software, are being adjusted
- Exchange 4F group
 - An intensive exchange with the 4F group is planned for October during a live meeting, focusing on building a network for experience exchange between two federations

REPORT East Europe and Middle East

8/9/2024 by Tamuz Hidir



Photo: Signature of the MoU between Ukrainian Floorball Federation and the National Anti-doping center of Ukraine.

This report outlines recent activities and upcoming events in Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Kazakhstan

In July, six coaches from Kazakhstan participated in a summer camp all-star mission in Jönköping, Sweden, which provided valuable experience and exchange opportunities with their Swedish counterparts. Furthering their development efforts, Kazakhstan is planning

the IFF International Development Seminar, which will be held in conjunction with the Taraz Open in south Kazakhstan on the 26th and 27th of October. The seminar, would then be scheduled for the 25th and 26th of October, aims to provide training for both referees and coaches. The goal is to attract participants not only from across Kazakhstan but also from neighboring countries such as Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, and Armenia. Additionally, there has been growing interest from China, following the participation of a Kazakhstani team in a club tournament held in China.

The 3 vs 3 format has also inspired the NFFK to start their own development . For example the IFF 3 vs 3 rulebook is now being translated.

Moldova

In Moldova, the growth of floorball has been marked by international collaboration. In May, the Moldovan Floorball Federation, in cooperation with the Allstar mission from Sweden, organized a development camp. The event brought together coaches from Sweden who contributed to a series of productive training sessions and workshops.

Ukraine

On the 17th and 18th of August, the Academy of Floorball was held in Kyiv, where over 20 coaches participated in workshops and training sessions for coaching level 1 and 2. The Ukrainian Floorball Federation (UFF) has also during summer completed the Fit for Future questionnaire and are planning the next steps forward in their development strategy. In early August, the UFF signed cooperation agreements with the Ukrainian National Anti-Doping Center, the Klitschko Foundation, and United by Sports. Additionally, the UFF has started collaborating with Ukraine's largest physical education university to allow sports management students to complete internships at the UFF.

The UFF has also initiated a partnership with the Swedish company Spintso to provide referee equipment. The new season's competitions are in full swing, with the Ukrainian

Ukrainian Youth Cup scheduled for the 14th and 15th of September, and the adult Ukrainian Cup following on the 28th and 29th of September, both in Uzhgorod. The Ukrainian Floorball Championship will begin in October.

The Ukrainian national teams are continuing to participate actively in the EuroPowerLeague. The men's team is set to compete in France in October, while the women's team will head to Italy in November. The U19 national team is awaiting their qualification details, while the U19 girls' team participated in the Prague Games this July, gaining valuable international experience.

Also worth mentioning that Ukraine had 3 teams participating in WFC 3 vs 3 in Lahti.

Russia and Belarus are left out because of the current suspension.

2024 APPLICATION FORM
IOC IF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2024 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name	3v3 Floorball
Project Description	<p>Ordinary Floorball is played on a 40 m x 20 m playing area which can cause certain challenges around the world since the playing area is so “big” and feasible venues are not available for “new” sports, like Floorball. The maximum number of players in a competitive team is presently 20 for the competition format of Floorball and in order to attract players in developing Floorball countries a new and more accessible competition format is therefore needed, which would significantly lower the entry level to competitive Floorball.</p> <p>The IFF 3v3 project started in 2023 with test events and actual plan is to build a product which is World Championship level for both women and men categories. The test events, for example the Africa Cup and its popularity both among the IFF member associations and on the Floorball media and social media indicated that this chosen project is a right one. Therefore the IFF Central Board decided in the end of 2023 to organise a 3v3 World Championships in May 2024 with maximum of 48 teams. The decision taken in the end of 2023 and the competition taken place in May was an ambitious plan. Also, the continental 3v3 tournaments are included to the project plan. The objective is to have the 3v3 WFC as an annual event among other IFF events and the plan is to organise the event as a closing event of the season either in May or early June. 2025 is already set to be played in May.</p>

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CATEGORISATION

Type of activity	Event	Training	Promotion	Digital	Education	Other
	X	X	X		X	
	<p><i>New playing formats, which are at the same time official and more cost efficient are very important for the development of Floorball. Playing naturally is the key factor for all development and when it's done under an official structure the value seems to be higher in the eyes of the less developed member nations. To gain more new regions and continents. We at the time have Africa, Asia & Oceania, Europe and North America under the wings of 3v3 and part of the plan is to expand it to Latin America as well.</i></p>					
Target group	Youth	Women	Elite	Master's	Administrators	Other
	X	X	X	X		
	<p><i>All players who want to play. We already have all the above-mentioned categories participating and events have been organized globally. 3v3 is a suitable and cost efficient playing format for all.</i></p>					

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Vision/Main objective(s)	To more popularize the 3v3 playing format and to make it as an everyday addition for the full size games all over the world as an entry level to the sports. To have is as an annual event alongside with the other IFF international events.
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	Based on the test events ran, the objective is to increase the number of 3v3 events played worldwide and also to introduce the 3v3 as a playing format for IFF member associations, since it has not been an official option in most of the Member Associations. That is also the objective of the IFF strategy implementation plan for 2021-2024.
Partnerships	All IFF member associations, financially the IFF partners as well as the financial partners of the IFF member associations.
Action plan - please indicate if this project is part of the IF strategic plan?	The first tests were run in 2023. For the 2024 to run a full scale 3v3 World Championships for both genders, update the rules of the game based on the outcomes of the events and to collect data from the events and define the needs of changes and updates based on the feedback. Run the already existing tournaments and support the member associations of implementing the format to their competition systems.

BUDGET ITEMS

Please elaborate on the above activities and provide an estimate to be allocated to each item

Activity	Item	Estimated amount
<i>Promotional material</i>	<i>Social Media promotional material, competition logos, materials for the events</i>	4.000 USD
<i>3v3 WFC 2024 event</i>	<i>The over all costs of the event to be organized in May 2024, other events in the latter half of the year</i>	8.000 USD
<i>Implementation of the format</i>	<i>Consulting the IFF members to implement the new format to their own competition structure</i>	2.000 USD

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2024 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name	GoGirls! Floorball
Project Description	<p>GoGirls! Floorball is the IFF project aimed at helping to increase and promote the participation of girls and women in floorball throughout the world.</p> <p>Floorball has traditionally been a very gender equal sports and we have had the same competitions in both gender from the very beginning of the sports. In some cultures, it is also more demanding to get girls and women to play due to different reasons.</p> <p>The GoGirls concentrates on promoting girls in sports by organising happenings, running promotional campaigns, activating sporting ambassadors and creating supportive materials. Also to support the fostering of female participation in decision making in all levels.</p> <p>The IFF is looking onto developing the Swedish federation education program Fifty-Fifty for the international scene, if we can find funding for it.</p>

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CATEGORISATION

Type of activity	Event	Training	Promotion	Digital	Education	Other
	X	X	X		X	
	<i>Oranising happenings in conjunction of the IFF events, creating promotional material and organise educations mainly in conjunction of the IFF events. To have promotional sports ambassadors present in the IFF events.</i>					
Target group	Youth	Women	Elite	Master's	Administrators	Other
	X	X	X	X	X	
	<i>Mainly girls and women on all sporting level and when talking about the participation. It's very important also to communicate with the administrations of the need for this kind of a project. It's not always that clear to support both genders the same way.</i>					

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Vision/Main objective(s)	<p>To increase the number of girls and women in sports and especially to lower the entry level for girls for Floorball.</p> <p>Make it as easy as possible for the girls and also to provide professional guidance from the very beginning to find the importance of participation and the joy of sport.</p> <p>Create a starting guide for girls floorball in cooperation with the major national associations.</p>
Partnerships	All IFF members, other global stakeholders concentrating on girls and women is sport. Financial partners supporting gender equality.

Action plan - please indicate if this project is part of the IF strategic plan?	To create promotional material, run small educational meetings in conjunction of the events, “hire” sporting ambassadors for the promotional work and help the member associations with their own initiatives. To create a start guide for how to start girls floorball in clubs. The objective is also part of the IFF strategy plan 2021-2032
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BUDGET ITEMS		
Please elaborate on the above activities and provide an estimate to be allocated to each item		
Activity	Item	Estimated amount
<i>Promotional material</i>	<i>Create material for the media use</i>	<i>4,000 USD</i>
<i>Promoting is media</i>	<i>Advertising more broadly</i>	<i>2.000 USD</i>
<i>Educational material</i>	<i>Create How to start material</i>	<i>2.000 USD</i>
<i>Organising educations</i>	<i>Educations and sporting ambassadors</i>	<i>4.000 USD</i>

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2024 APPLICATION FORM
IOC IF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2024 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name	Good Governance development
Project Description	<p>IFF has at the present time 80 member associations and a large number of the members are still on the development level that they mainly concentrate on running competitions and events nationally.</p> <p>A project called Floorball Fit For Future was carried out in 2021-2023, which was EU funded and that project indicated the need to secure a stronger organisational structure, based on education and development of a lot of the good governance aspects in the IFF member associations.</p> <p>The knowledge in that sector is quite vague and in order to secure the development of the members to right and democratic direction it is essential to run programs to the boards and administration of the IFF members.</p> <p>As a part of the Project IFF will update its own Statutes, Policies and Guidelines in accordance with the IPACS (International Partnership Against Corruption in Sports),</p>

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CATEGORISATION

	Event	Training	Promotion	Digital	Education	Other
	Type of activity					X
	<p><i>To run educations through the Fit For Future Program on the organisational development through the use of the Organisational Maturity Matrix created as a result of the Erasmus+ project.</i></p> <p><i>To run web-based educations for the administrations of the IFF member associations and their clubs defining the importance of a well lead board work, existence of up to date statutes, Policies and guidelines to secure the good governance in all levels. To co-operate with the members to define their needs in the administration.</i></p>					
Target group	Youth	Women	Elite	Master's	Administrators	Other
					X	
	<p><i>The central boards and the administrations of the IFF member associations.</i></p>					

SBoaCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Vision/Main objective(s)	<p>Most of the smaller IFF members don't have a structured leadership, instead of that they have persons running the operations.</p> <p>Elected Boards exist, but the responsibility areas are not set or defined and not clear. To educate the administrations to understand and realise the meaning and importance of the good governance and organized leadership.</p>
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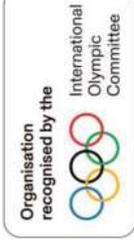
Partnerships	The IFF member associations, IFF Ethics Commission
Action plan - please indicate if this project is part of the IF strategic plan?	To update the IFF Statutes, policies and guidelines in accordance with the IPACS recommendations. To run bilateral and multilateral webinars for the IFF members and also to organise small seminars in conjunction of the IFF events and to organise a joint meeting in conjunction of the IFF General Assembly in December in Sweden in Malmö. The need for the Good Governance has been defined as one KPI in the IFF strategy 2021-2032.

BUDGET ITEMS		
Please elaborate on the above activities and provide an estimate to be allocated to each item		
Activity	Item	Estimated amount
<i>Material creation</i>	<i>Materials from experts</i>	<i>4,000 USD</i>
<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Live meeting costs</i>	<i>4.000 USD</i>

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The President of the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations

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TWG 2025 schedule

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AUGUST	Sunday 3rd	Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th
	Arrival	Acclimitisation	Training	Group 09:00-22:00	Group 09:00-15:30	Group 10:00-21:00	Group 10:00-21:00	Group 10:00-21:00	Semi-finals 11:00-20:30	Placements 11:00-20:30	Medal matches 10:00 - 19:30	Departure
					TWG Opening Ceremony 17:00-22:00						Medal Ceremonies 19:45 - 21:00	



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Dear IF representatives,

Dear Partners,

Dear Friends of The World Games,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that I welcome you to The World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China. This spectacular city, known for its rich cultural heritage and dynamic spirit, is the perfect stage for the celebration of sports, unity, and the relentless pursuit of excellence that define our event, The World Games.

As we only just celebrated the One Year to Go mark, we are not just getting ready to participate in a multi-sport event; we are set to partake in a global festival of athleticism and camaraderie. The World Games have always been a platform for showcasing not only the extraordinary talents of athletes from around the world but also the values of fair play, respect, gender equity and international friendship. These games will serve as a reminder that despite our diverse backgrounds, we are united by our shared passion for sport and our collective aspiration for a better, more connected world.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the city of Chengdu, the Local Organising Committee, our sponsors, and countless volunteers whose dedication and hard work will make this event possible. Their commitment to excellence and hospitality will ensure that every participant and spectator have an unforgettable experience.

To the IF representatives and officials, thank you for your unwavering support and guidance. Your expertise and dedication are crucial to the success of our athletes and the smooth operation of this event.

As we embark on this exciting journey together over the coming months, you will find valuable information to prepare in this first issue of the Bulletin. Another three issues will follow in the lead up The World Games with up-to-date and relevant communication.

Thank you for being a part of The World Games 2025. I wish all our stakeholders the very best in their preparations and we remain available to support you along the way.

Warm regards,

International World Games Association President

José Perurena



TWG 2025 Chengdu LOC and Chengdu ExCo

2.1 The Organising Committee of The World Games 2025 Chengdu (TWG 2025 Chengdu LOC)

On 1 November 2023, TWG 2025 Chengdu LOC was established, with Minister of the General Administration of Sport of China and Governor of Sichuan Province as the Presidents, leaders of the General Administration of Sport of China, Sichuan Province and Chengdu Municipality as Vice Presidents, and Mr WANG Fengchao, Mayor of Chengdu, as the Vice President and Secretary General.

2.2 The Executive Committee of TWG 2025 Chengdu (Chengdu ExCo)

In March 2024, upon the approval of TWG 2025 LOC, Chengdu ExCo was established as its executive entity, with Mr WANG Fengchao, Mayor of Chengdu, as the President, executive leaders of Chengdu as Vice Presidents, and Mr XU Xingguo, Vice Mayor of Chengdu, as the Vice President and Secretary General. Chengdu ExCo consists of the following 10 departments in charge of the preparations for TWG 2025 Chengdu: General Affairs Office of Chengdu ExCo, Department of Discipline Inspection, Auditing and Legal Services, Department of Workforce Management (Volunteer Services), Department of Logistical Support, Department of Sports (Doping Control), Department of External Liaison, Department of Media (Opening and Closing Ceremonies), Department of Transportation and Security, Department of TWG Village, and Department of Urban Affairs and Services.

2.3 Venue Clusters and Venue Operations Centres (VOCs)

According to the venue distribution and the administrative divisions of Chengdu, eight Venue Cluster Committees have been established, the Tianfu New Area Venue Cluster Committee, Eastern New Area Venue Cluster Committee, Hi-

tech Zone Venue Cluster Committee, Jinniu Venue Cluster Committee, Wuhou Venue Cluster Committee, Longquanyi Venue Cluster Committee, Xindu Venue Cluster Committee, and Jianyang Venue Cluster Committee. Under these Venue Cluster Committees, there are a total of 22 VOCs set up, namely, the Xinglong Lake Hubin VOC, Xinglong Lake Beach VOC, Tianfu Park VOC, Chengdu Sport University Ball Games VOC, Chengdu Sport University Water Sports and Flying Disc VOC, Chengdu NO.7 High School Eastern Campus VOC, Sancha Lake Water Sports VOC, Eastern New Area Foot Orienteering VOC, Tianfu International Hotel Billiards Sports VOC, Hi-tech Zone Wushu and Powerlifting VOC, Hi-tech Zone Ball Games and Flying Disc VOC, Chengbei DanceSport VOC, Sichuan Softball VOC, Sichuan Gymnasium VOC, Dong'an Lake Indoor Sports VOC, Dong'an Lake Outdoor Sports VOC, Qinglong Lake Archery VOC, Longquan High School Korfball VOC, Xiangcheng Floorball VOC, Chengdu Roller Sports VOC, Jianyang Polo VOC, and Jianyang Cultural and Sports Centre Gymnasium VOC.

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Logo, Slogan and Mascot

3.1 Logo

On 17 May 2024, the International World Games Association (IWGA) and Chengdu ExCo officially released the logo of TWG 2025 Chengdu. The logo design is inspired by the Chinese giant panda, hibiscus flower and Chinese knot, with Chinese Red, Jinsha Yellow, Park Green, Panda Black and Snowy White as the main colours. As an important symbol of TWG 2025 Chengdu, this logo effectively conveys the Olympic spirit and highlights the traditional Chinese elements and the characteristics of Chengdu, highlighting the values of “Unity, Inclusiveness and Diversity”.



Logo + IWGA Logo



Horizontal Version



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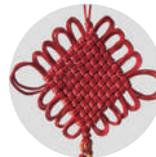
Vertical Version

The unveiled logo boasts vibrant hues and a minimalist design: the semicircular perimeter intertwined with a pattern of triangles elegantly frames a blooming hibiscus flower. Five colourful geometric blocks ingeniously form the faces of four cartoon pandas.

The Logo's composition draws upon the form of the Chinese knot, an ancient hand-made craft that symbolises unity, prosperity, and good fortune with its myriad shapes, akin to a Rubik's Cube woven from cords. The semicircles mimic panda ears while also serving as geometric hibiscus petals. Each of the four symmetrical sections presents a panda's face.



Panda



Chinese knot



Hibiscus flower

In early April, the review and selection meeting was convened in Chengdu, where 23 renowned designers, senior experts, scholars, and researchers, including HAN Meilin, senior professor of arts from Tsinghua University, and QIAN Zhe, BIL Division Chief of Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics, assessed the shortlisted designs and narrow down to ten finalists. Following further professional refinement, five candidate logos were chosen for a public vote.

The five-day voting campaign attracted over 100,000 participants, with a total of more than 220,000 likes. The logo, which was inspired by the hibiscus flower, the giant panda and the Chinese knot and designed by John Fairley, secured the top spot with 55,679 votes, making it the crowd favourite. After joint review by TWG 2025 Chengdu LOC and IWGA, the logo was officially unveiled.

3.2 Slogan

The slogan “Boundless Sports, Countless Wonders” implies that in Chengdu, a land of promise, tradition and modernity coexist in harmony, the fast pace of a metropolis and the slow life of the residents form a delightful contrast, the leisure and easiness on every street and lane and the competing essence of sportsmanship echo each other, and sports, like a dazzling spark, ignite the infinite potential and possibility of this city, making happiness prevail in this land of countless wonders.

Among the 3,749 designs solicited from home and abroad, we found evident similarity. Many designs integrate the fighting spirit of sports with the charm of Shu culture. Some designs share the same vision and inspiration. Taking “sports vibes, Chengdu flavours, and international communication” as the key idea, upon the agreement with the IWGA, the Executive Committee of TWG 2025 Chengdu finally selected “Boundless Sports, Countless Wonders” as the slogan of TWG 2025 Chengdu after several rounds of review and discussions, with input from parties of interests and experts. This slogan is widely representative and highly accepted by the public.

“Boundless Sports” implies the infinite possibility of sports spirit, which encourages every athlete to challenge themselves and transcend the limit, and “Countless Wonders” shows the harmonious integration of “fast and slow” and “traditional and modern” lifestyle in Chengdu,

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hoping that guests from all over the world can also feel for themselves the unique life philosophy and human care of Chengdu in their spare time.

The slogan of TWG 2025 Chengdu embodies the world’s love for sports and recognition and affection for Chengdu. It represents not only collective wisdom, but also shared perception and aspiration. It is a thriving force supported and accepted by the public, vividly interpreting Chengdu’s passion for sports and attitude towards life.

3.3 Mascot

The mascots of TWG 2025 Chengdu are “Shu Bao” and “Jin Zai”, with the two treasures of Sichuan, i.e., the giant panda and Sichuan golden snub-nosed monkey, as the prototype. The giant panda is the best-known animal of Chengdu, and the Sichuan golden snub-nosed monkey is full of vigour and vitality. These two treasures are expected to showcase the image of Chengdu as a liveable and hospitable city and call on everyone to cherish rare animals and protect biodiversity.

The names of the mascots are inspired by “Shu Jin” (Shu brocade), with “Shu” and “Jin” as the first word of the names, respectively. The second word of each name captures the nature of giant panda and the Sichuan golden snub-nosed monkey. The giant panda is known for its loyalty and integrity under its cute and fluffy look and is therefore named “Bao” (meaning “baby”). Sichuan golden snub-nosed monkey is smart, brave, and bouncy. So, it is named “Zai” (meaning “young child”).

“Shu Bao” and “Jin Zai” give expression to Chengdu’s unique charm. As the ambassadors for cultural exchange, these two treasures will start from Chengdu, and embark on a journey to tell the story of Chengdu worldwide and make the message from Chengdu heard by the world. They will bridge Chengdu and the world, so that the spectators from across the globe can enjoy the sports festival held in Chengdu while savour the city’s infinite vigour and boundless glamour.



SHU BAO



JIN ZAI



Media Coverage



4.1 TWG Twelve Monthly Fairs

TWG Twelve Monthly Fairs, launched in January 2024, focusing on the 35 sports of TWG 2025 Chengdu and aiming at diversified experience activities participated by all people, multi-channel popularisation of TWG sports, and multi-aspect promotion of Chinese culture. So far, six Monthly Fairs covering experience activities of 14 sports of TWG 2025 Chengdu have been well planned and conducted, and a fair in the shape of TWG Logo has been organised in the combination with elements of intangible cultural heritages and folk customs, attracting nearly 300,000 visitors. These activities have been reported by more than 60 media at all levels, including People’s Daily, Xinhua News Agency, and China Media Group (CMG), and IWGA’s official website, and the related topics have been viewed for more than 20 million times on the Internet.



The Monthly Fair of January, titled with “Friendship Fair”, was held in Guixi Park on 27 and 28 January, providing experience activities on the sports of tug of war and archery, and an exhibition match of korfball participated by the invited national beach korfball team and the citizens.





February

The Monthly Fair of February, titled with “Joy Fair”, was held at the 53rd Chengdu International Panda Lantern Festival in Tianfu Joy Park from 10 to 24 February, i.e., the 1st day to the 15th day of the first month in the Chinese lunar calendar, providing experience and science-popularisation activities on the sports of sambo, kickboxing, and powerlifting, and inviting visitors to enjoy the TWG lantern groups and guess the TWG lantern riddles.




March

The Monthly Fair of March, titled with “Challenge Fair”, was held at Danjingtai on 24 March, recruiting citizens to participate in foot orienteering as experience officers. Along the orienteering routes, participation-recording sites were set with interesting experience activities of boules sports, disc tug of war, Cuju (ball-kicking), and kite flying provided.





The Monthly Fair of April, titled with “Running Fair”, was held in Chengdu SKP on 21 April, inviting parkour world champions to support the Parkour experiencing adults and children, and providing experience and exhibition activities involving TWG sports such as FPV drone racing and boules sports.





The Monthly Fair of May, titled with “Dance Fair”, was held under Jiaozi Twin Towers on 25 May, staging dancesport show with Latin dance and standard dance, providing open dancesport classes for the citizens, inviting trampoline world champions to lead the Trampoline experience activities and assessment experts to interpret the logo of TWG 2025 Chengdu on the site, and providing experience activities on TWG sport of floorball, as well as intangible cultural heritage activities such as the ball game Budaqiu and lacquer fan making.





The Monthly Fair of June, titled with “Boat Fair”, was held in Huanglongxi Ancient Town on 1 and 2 June, providing experience activities on TWG sports of Canoe (including dragon boat and kayak), and powerboating (motosurf), organising a fair in the shape of the TWG Logo and inviting citizens to participate in intangible cultural heritage and folk experience activities such as sachet making and paper dragon boat folding. On the occasion of Children’s Day, entertaining activities such as water gun archery and mini billiards and interactive performances such as puppet shows and clown magic shows were presented to all children.





The Monthly Fair of July, titled with “Water Fair” was held safely and orderly in Chengdu Polar Ocean Park and closed at 16:00, 28 July 28, providing exhibition, performance and experience activities on the sports of freediving, life saving (pool) and freestyle-inline, as well as a fair in the shape of the TWG logo, TWG 2025 Chengdu themed exhibition, ancient-style handicraft bracelet making, and colour-filling of TWG 2025 Chengdu logo on umbrella.



4.2 Publicity and Media Coverage

Since October 2023, nearly 100 media outlets at all levels, including People’s Daily, Xinhua News Agency and China Media Group, made intensive interviews and reports on major events and milestones of TWG 2025 Chengdu, such as the 1st Competition Managers Meeting and CoCom Meeting, the Global Promotion and Fun TWG Experiences for All Campaign, TWG Twelve Monthly Fairs, and the solicitation and release of the logo, slogan, and mascot of TWG 2025 Chengdu, producing a total of nearly 15,000 relevant reports, thus creating a favorable atmosphere of public opinion.

On 2 February, the headline news entitled “Sports Economy Stimulates Consumption Potential” was released on the Business Column of the People’s Daily, covering the friendly matches under the Fun TWG Experiences for All Campaign and other warm-up activities as the starting point. Spotlight news titled “TWG is Coming”, “Logo of TWG 2025 Chengdu Officially Released” and so on were reported in Evening News, Sports World, Sports Express and other brand columns of CCTV. In addition, Xinhua News Agency, China Daily, China News Service and other media released a number of news, coverages on the Friendly Matches under Fun TWG Experiences for All Campaign Launched in Chengdu, Embracing the New Year with Sports, Attracting Visitors by Friendly Matches under Fun TWG Experiences for All Campaign.

Short videos such as “TWG 2025 Chengdu, Leap to Infinite” have been produced and released. The official social media matrix of TWG 2025 Chengdu has launched a series of TWG themed posters. A series of interactive activities on the theme of New Year Greetings from Panda, as well as themed posters and WeChat red packet covers, have been launched on domestic and foreign social media platforms, with more than 20 million participants in total.

4.3 One-Year Countdown Ceremony

A series of celebrations of the one-year countdown of TWG 2025 Chengdu were held from 6 to 11 August 2024 in Beijing, Hong Kong, China, and Chengdu.

On 6 August, the Press Conference of One-Year Countdown of TWG 2025 Chengdu was held in Beijing. At the conference, representatives of Sichuan Province and Chengdu Municipality updated the preparations in terms of sports organisation, venue construction, and cultural activities and released the slogan, mascot, official apparel, and licensed products of TWG 2025 Chengdu, which were covered by nearly 30 media at the central, provincial, and municipal levels. On the same day, The World Games Chengdu-Hong Kong Tour themed train bound for Hong Kong West Kowloon Railway Station was launched from Chengdudong Railway Station, carrying Sichuan-born Olympic champions, Roller Sports athletes, entrepreneurs from Sichuan and HK, Sichuan Opera artists, intangible cultural heritage inheritors, Sichuan cuisine business owners, and museum exhibition guides to HK for the promotion of TWG 2025 Chengdu on occasion of the one-year countdown.



On the afternoon of 7 August, Chengdu-Hong Kong Tea Party, an activity under the One-Year Countdown of TWG 2025 Chengdu, was hosted at sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck. At the Party, the Executive Committee of TWG 2025 Chengdu signed a strategic cooperative agreement with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, a sponsorship agreement with Xtep Group Co., Ltd., and a low-altitude economy intention agreement with FYUAV (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. The marketing plan of TWG 2025 Chengdu was also published, inviting domestic and overseas companies to join TWG 2025 Chengdu as TWG partners, to share opportunities afforded by TWG 2025 Chengdu, and to seek industrial growth.



On the evening of 7 August, the One-Year Countdown Ceremony of TWG 2025 Chengdu was staged at the International Friendship Pavilion of the main venue of the International Horticultural Exhibition 2024 Chengdu in Chengdu Eastern New Area. At the event, Chengdu



invited friends from across the world to participate in TWG 2025 Chengdu under the slogan of “Boundless Sports, Countless Wonders”. IWGA President José Perurena delivered a speech through video in which he praised the effective and excellent work of TWG 2025 Chengdu LOC, and stressed his firm belief that Chengdu will present The World Games in a successful, splendid, and exceptional manner. The first batch of TWG 2025 Chengdu apparel was rolled out, including those for staff, Games volunteers, city volunteers, technical officials, security staff, and transport staff. At the end of the ceremony, DENG Yawen, a Sichuan-born Olympic champion, athletes from the National Beach Korfball Team, and the resident representatives from all walks of life invited sports enthusiasts worldwide to gather in Chengdu next August and enjoy the grand sports festival.

On 7-11 August, the 5-day TWG Carnival was held in the main venue of the International Horticultural Exhibition 2024 Chengdu for residents and tourists. It integrated sports experience for DanceSport, Floorball, Roller Sports, and Beach Korfball, and carnival events including the TWG Twelve Monthly Fairs and Themed Music Flash Mob Show, and presented these events at 17 performance and experience areas, providing all visitors with immersive experience and marching performance.

During the Paris 2024 Olympics, Chengdu worked with the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), setting up a special session for TWG 2025 Chengdu at the AIPS Centennial Celebration. At this session, the mascot of TWG 2025 Chengdu



made its debut on the international stage. AIPS President Gianni Merlo announced the official launch of The World Games 2025 Chengdu Young Reporters Programme and sending an invitation from Chengdu to the world. Meanwhile, at the Bastille Design Center in Paris, the TWG 2025 Chengdu Day under the Ode to Chinese Sports Spirit Exhibition was hosted by the Chinese Olympic Committee, with mascot photo-taking devices set up on site and small gifts such as brochures and badges of the TWG 2025 distributed to all visitors.

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Main Media Centre

The Main Media Centre (MMC) is the headquarters for media operations, sports broadcast and press release during TWG 2025 Chengdu. It is located in the Western Financial Innovation Center, the core area of the Eastern New Area, Chengdu. This cluster is a built-up area and an office area for financial and headquarters enterprises, equipped with mature commercial service centres, starred hotels and apartments, public libraries, and art galleries.

The MMC covers an area of about 20,000 square metres, consisting of the Main Press Centre (MPC) and the International Broadcast Centre (IBC). The MPC is located in Building 1 (1F and 2F) and the Conference Centre, covering an area of about 11,000 square metres. The IBC is located in Building 7 (1F-3F), covering an area of about 6,000 square metres. In addition, there is a 2,000- square-metres space, mainly used for the construction of the City Hall, where cultural events and interactive activities can be held.



Near the MMC is the recommended media hotel, Grand Mercure Chengdu East. The proximity makes it easy for media personnel to balance work and life during their stay. In addition, the MMC is close to Tianfu International Airport, TWG Village, Eastern New Area Venue Cluster, Tianfu New Area Venue Cluster, and Hi-tech Zone Venue Cluster, and is about 6.5 kilometres away from Chengdu Second Ring Expressway. It is also adjacent to Sancha Station of Metro Line 18. People can go to the Tianfu International Airport and downtown of Chengdu by such convenient means of public transportation.





6.1 Sports

TWG 2025 Chengdu will be held from 6 to 17 August 2025, with a total of 61 disciplines under 35 sports.

Sports

S/N	Sport	Discipline
1	Air Sports	Drone Sports
2	American Football	Flag Football
3	Archery	Field
4		Target
5	Baseball-Softball	Softball
6	Billiards Sports	Carom
7		Pool
8		Snooker
9	Boules Sports	Lyonnaise
10		Pétanque
11	Canoe	Dragon Boat
12		Marathon
13		Polo
14	Cheerleading	Pom
15	DanceSport	Breaking
16		Latin
17		Standard
18	Fistball	Outdoor
19	Floorball	Indoor
20	Flying Disc	Disc Golf
21		Ultimate

S/N	Sport	Discipline
22	Gymnastics	Acrobatics
23		Aerobics
24		Parkour
25		Trampoline
26	Handball	Beach
27	Ju-Jitsu	Duo
28		Duo for athletes with impairment
29		Fighting
30		Jiu-Jitsu (Ne-Waza)
31	Karate	Kata
32		Kumite
33	Kickboxing	K1 Style
34		Point Fighting
35	Korfball	Beach
36		Indoor
37	Lacrosse	Sixes Lacrosse
38	Life Saving	Pool
39	Muaythai	Muay
40	Orienteering	Foot Orienteering
41	Powerboating	MotoSurf
42	Powerlifting	Classic
43		Equipped
44	Racquetball	Racquetball
45	Roller Sports	Freestyle-Inline
46		Inline Hockey
47		Speed Skating
48	Sambo	Combat
49	Sport Climbing	Speed
50	Squash	Squash

S/N	Sport	Discipline
51	Triathlon	Duathlon
52	Tug of War	Outdoor
53	Underwater Sports	Finswimming
54		Freediving
55		Freediving for athletes with impairment
56	Waterski & Wakeboard	Wakeboard
57		Wake Surf
58		Cable Wakeboard
59	Wheelchair Rugby	Low Point
60	Wushu	Taolu
61		Sanda

Notes:

Link to the Schedule for TWG 2025 Chengdu

<https://www.theworldgames.org/editions/Chengdu-CHN-2025-14/schedule>

Map Chengdu

https://cdmzj.chengdu.gov.cn/cdmzj_gb/c121951/2022-01/24/content_a2fdd8a8de374db89e17b230b6576ef0.shtml

Doping Control

Doping is strictly prohibited and the organisers of TWG 2025 Chengdu are committed to supporting the work of anti-doping agencies. Testing can and will be carried out at any time in accordance with the *World Anti-Doping Code* and the *WADA International Standards for Testing and Investigations*.

In accordance with the IWGA schedule of providing anti-doping guidelines to the local organising committee, the anti-doping plan for TWG 2025 Chengdu is expected to be released in Bulletin #3 in February 2025.

Medical Insurance

As the insurance partner of TWG 2025 Chengdu is still in the process of selection, the insurance requirements and repatriation policies for participants of TWG 2025 Chengdu will be released in December 2024.

6.2 Competition Venues

The competitions of TWG 2025 Chengdu will be held in 28 venues in 8 Venue Clusters.

Competition Venues

S/N	Venue Cluster	Venue
1	Tianfu New Area	Xinglong Lake Hubin Arena
2		Xinglong Lake Beach Arena
3		Tianfu Park
4	Eastern New Area	Chengdu Sport University Sancha Lake Campus Boules Sports Court
5		Chengdu Sport University Sancha Lake Campus Ball Games Gymnasium
6		Chengdu Sport University Sancha Lake Campus Natatorium
7		Chengdu Sport University Sancha Lake Campus Athletics Field
8		Chengdu No.7 High School East Campus Athletics Field
9		Sancha Lake Ma'anshan Arena
10		Sancha Lake Taohuadao Arena
11		Eastern New Area Orienteering Venue 1
12	Eastern New Area Orienteering Venue 2	
13	Tianfu International Hotel Complex Tianfu Hall	
14	Hi-tech Zone	Hi-tech Zone Sports Centre Gymnasium
15		Hi-tech Zone Sports Centre Public Fitness Gymnasium
16		Guixi Park
17	Jinniu District	Chengbei Gymnasium

S/N	Venue Cluster	Venue
18	Wuhou District	Sichuan Baseball-Softball-Hockey Centre
19		Sichuan Gymnasium
20	Longquanyi District	Dong'an Lake Sports Park Multi-Function Gymnasium
21		Dong'an Lake Sports Park Athletics Field
22		Dong'an Lake Sports Park Central Square
23		Qinglong Lake Park
24		Longquan High School Gymnasium
25	Xindu District	Xindu Xiangcheng Sports Centre
26		Chengdu Roller Sports Centre
27	Jianyang City	Jianyang Cultural and Sports Centre Natatorium
28		Jianyang Cultural and Sports Centre Gymnasium

7 TWG 2025 Chengdu-Accreditation Packages against Fee per Night/Day

Extra Team Officials (IF), Extra Sport Officials (NOC-NSO), Display Programme participants and IF/NOC-NSO Guests must pay for their accommodation and some on-site services, depending on their category. Accreditation will only be delivered on site on D-day if payment has been made in advance (the procedure will be communicated in due course).

Accreditation - Option 1 - IF Extra Team Official and NOC-NSO Sport Official

Athlete Village (A or B) accommodation in single or double room with breakfast, access to Games zones according to participant's specific role, Opening and Closing ceremonies march in and access in a dedicated seating area, F&B, local transport and airport transfers

CNY 726.00 per night per person

Accreditation - Option 2 - IF and NOC-NSO Guests

HQ Hotel - Intercontinental Century City hotel accommodation in single room with breakfast, access to Games zones according to participant's specific role, local transport and airport transfers

CNY 1,335.00 per night per person

Accreditation - Option 3 - IF and NOC-NSO Guests

HQ Hotel - Intercontinental Century City hotel accommodation in double room with breakfast, access to Games zones according to participant's specific role, local transport and airport transfers

CNY 1,470.00 per night for two guests

Accreditation - Option 4 - IF and NOC-NSO Guests

Access to Games zones according to participant's specific role, local transport and airport transfers (without accommodation and F&B)

CNY 135.00 per day per person

Accreditation - Option 5 - Display Programme Participants

Athlete Village (A or B) accommodation in single or double room with breakfast, access to Games zones according to participant's specific role, F&B, Local transport and airport transfers

CNY 726.00 per night per person



Instructions to Visitors



Due to the frequent updating of the visa-free policy country list, the Visa Policy will be provided in the Bulletin #3 to be published in February 2025. In the meantime, queries can be sent to: visa@theworldgames.com



General Guidelines on Authorised Identifications at TWG



The General Guidelines on Authorised Identifications at TWG provides a comprehensive set of rules for the use of identifications by all athletes, officials and other accredited persons within The World Games venues and sites. These Guidelines ensure that all identifications are in compliance with applicable rules and maintain the integrity and consistency of TWG. These rules specify, among others, the size, placement, and nature of authorised identifications, and detail the responsibility for compliance and the consequences of infringement to the Guidelines. This document is an important reference for maintaining the consistency and standards of The World Games.

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19th August 2024

To

**OCA Executive Members
Member NOCs of OCA**

Re: Cancellation of the 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is to inform you that the 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games to be held in Bangkok and Chonburi from 21st to 30th November 2024, stands **cancelled**.

The OCA Executive Board in its Emergency Meeting held online on 15th of August 2024 unanimously took a decision to cancel the games due to lack of budget, infrastructure and other HCC requirements. However, the EB gave the Organizing Committee till Monday 19th of August 5pm Bangkok time to inform the OCA if they can meet with all the requirements of the Host City Contract. Failing to do so will result in automatic cancellation of the Games.

Therefore, as per the decision of the OCA Executive Board the games are cancelled and the next edition of the Games will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the dates for which will be finalized shortly and sent to all concerned.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

**Raja Randhir Singh
Acting President, OCA**

C.C: President/Secretary General, IF/AFs

RACC meeting - 14.05.2024 via Teams

Meeting time 14.05.2024: 17.15-18.30 PM CET.

Invited participants:

Martin Klabere, Chair
Jan Jirovsky, Vice Chair
Lara Heini (ATC)
Zane Klabere

Meelike Terasmaa
Ari Vehniäinen
Beat Wullschleger

Sarah Mitchell, IFF Event Manager
Stefan Kratz, IFF Competition Manager

Absent:

Marek Chomnicki
Kenneth Ho
Monika Kraus, IFF Competition Coordinator

Tomas Sladky (ATC)
Teo Turay
Victoria Wickström

1. Opening of meeting

Martin opened the meeting at 17:15 CET and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes from the last RACC meeting (Appendix 1)

Minutes from the last meeting were scrutinised and approved.

3. General update of the IFF events

Champions Cup

Ms. Mitchell briefly informed that the invitation for the CC 2025 has been sent with last day to register 31.5.2024. The schedule will be prepared thereafter to be made ready in June.

WFC 2024

Ms. Mitchell briefly informed that the WFCQ for AOFC will be played in the Philippines (Pasig City, Manila) 21-25.05. The complete WFC schedule will be published thereafter.

Women's U19 WFC 2024

Ms. Mitchell briefly reported from the Women's U19 WFC played in Lahti, Finland 8-12.05. It was a very successful event with new spectator records being made for both overall spectators as well as the highest for a single match (SWE v FIN final).

3v3 WFC 2024

Ms. Mitchell briefly reported from the 3v3 WFC 2024 played in Lahti, Finland 11-12.05. The event went really well and the majority of feedback was very positive. The event will be reviewed but already some ideas are that the field of play might need to be a bit bigger and the physical play attended to. There were some comments regarding that extra time wasn't played in the play-offs and also that Associations could register more than one team.

The World Games 2025

Nothing to report

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Men's U19 WFC 2025

Mr. Kratz briefly reported that he is still in discussion with organisers for the EUR qualification. The Americas qualification will be played 02-04.08.2024 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. For the AOFC qualification there are discussions on playing in the Solomon Islands from 21st – 23rd September 2024 which will most likely be confirmed by AOFC by the end of May.

Women's WFC 2025

Mr. Kratz briefly reported that he has approached three possible organisers for the EUR Qualifications. During the WFCQ AOFC, Ms Mitchell will discuss with the AOFC about their possible qualification host. USA is to host the Americas qualification and this will most likely be in Fort Worth, TX.

4. Other questions/tasks

IFF Competition calendar

Ms. Mitchell presented the calendar proposal based on the discussions in the last IFF CB meeting (Appendix 3). The main reason is to give more time between the major championships that would allow federations to focus on other development, rather than just getting their national teams from one WFC event to the next. It would give the opportunity for other events to be introduced, such as regular continental championships as well as possible international qualification events, rather than regional ones. Mrs Klabere reported that Latvia is very positive towards this 4-yr cycle. Mr Jirovsky also commented that Czech Floorball is in favour of this. Mr Vehniäinen said that it would add more prestige to a WFC event for a player as you would have less opportunity to participate in one. Ms Heini said that from a player perspective this might be a bad thing, but if there are other new major events as well then that is good. In general, the RACC members all expressed a positive attitude to a change to a 4-year cycle calendar from 2028. The RACC also saw the opportunity for the change to a 4-yr cycle to also allow for a more significant change to the WFC format which we have been looking at now for a long time. If only held every 4 years then the possibility for it to be a longer event, with more teams, held in multiple cities etc is much more feasible.

New playing format of the WFC

Mr. Klabere reported from the last CB meeting and the discussions on a new playing format for the WFC (Appendix 2 and 4). Basically the format is back to the drawing board but with the 4-yr calendar cycle proposal it gives more opportunity for future changes.

IFF Rules of the Game edition 2026

Mr. Kratz reported that the rules proposals have been sent to Associations and Committees where feedback shall be sent to IFF latest 31.5.2024. Further the Associations and Committees have been asked to send in possible proposals regarding activity rules which have been discussed for a long time but there were no such proposals handed in by the time for sending proposals of rules changes.

5. Next RACC meeting

Next meeting to be held in August, exact time and date tbd.

6. End of the meeting

Martin thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 18:40 CET.

Martin Klabere
IFF RACC Chair



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

NATIONAL TEAMS

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1. IFF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2. All IFF Member Associations are entitled to apply to organise IFF Championships.
- 1.3. The organisers of IFF Championships are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from the IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4. The duties and responsibilities of the organisers are laid down in the IFF Organisers Regulations.
- 1.5. Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via another person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where their own team participates.
- 1.6. Further, their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.
- 1.7. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.8. Participants in IFF Events are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the IFF Event organiser.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. IFF shall stage a World Championship for national representative teams in principle:
 - a) the final round for adults in the week involving the 2nd full weekend of December every year, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
 - b) the qualifications for adults in the week involving the 1st full weekend of February every year, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
 - c) the final round for juniors in the week involving the 1st full weekend of May every year, in odd years for Men Under 19 and in even years for Women Under 19
 - d) the qualifications for juniors in the week involving the 2nd full weekend of September every year, in odd years for Women Under 19 and in even years for Men Under 19
- 2.2. All IFF Member Associations which are not under suspension may apply to participate in a Championship.
- 2.3. Registration shall be made on the official IFF form. Registration and payment of the participation fee shall be submitted to the IFF as follows:

2.3.1. **Adult WFC**

- a) 7000 CHF for directly qualified and 3000 CHF for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than 31st of December two years before the year of the Championship.
- b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF, to be paid before the event.
- c) The teams qualifying for the WFC final round shall pay an additional fee of 2500* CHF within 30 days from having qualified to the final round.

2.3.2. **U19 WFC**

- a) 5000 CHF for directly qualified and 3000 CHF for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than the 31st of December two years before the year of the Championship
- b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification and the final round respectively shall be equally shared by all teams. The cost is set to 1500 CHF per team, and event, to be paid before the event.

2.4. A team that registers for a competition and then withdraws from the championship, either prior to the start of, or during competition, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

2.5. Costs for travel to and from the arrival city, board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team. The arrival city of a tournament shall be the city with the nearest harbour, railway station or international airport to the main city of the competition. The organiser shall take the cost of transport from the arrival city onwards. In case of any doubts, it is the IFF Central Board/RACC which defines the arrival city of the tournament.

2.6. The host shall pay for no more than 30 persons (20 players and 10 officials) per team for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the arrival city to their respective accommodation. The host shall also pay for the participating teams for travelling from their accommodation to the official venues and to training sessions according to the official program and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city.

2.7. The responsibility for the organiser to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team. The teams must use the local transport provided by the organiser.

2.8. Teams may select their own hotels in the competition city or the immediate vicinity, however, when accommodation not listed by the organiser or outside the designated radius is chosen, extra costs for transportation and other LOC services may be charged.

2.9. Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.

3.2. A player may represent one nation in a recognised junior (U17, U19) international match and another in a recognised adult (U23, adult) international. Once a player has

represented a nation in a recognised adult international match this rules out the possibility to play for another nation at any international level (junior or adult).

- 3.3. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams &/or a Club team from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.4. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.
- 3.5. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:
 - 3.5.1. **Permanent Nationality**. Any person holding a permanent nationality is eligible to play for the representative teams of the association of that country.

Proof of permanent nationality:

- The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a permanent international passport that explicitly, and in Latin characters, states the player's first name(s) and surname(s), as well as their day, month and year of birth
- Identity cards or other local supporting official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification for the purpose of proving nationality

- 3.5.2. **Sporting Nationality**. In the case of a player who has not represented any country at international level, they can choose their sporting nationality based on fulfilling one of the following criteria:
 - i. born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - ii. biological mother or biological father was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - iii. grandmother or grandfather was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - iv. has lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years

Proof of sporting nationality

- Birth certificate showing the player's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth; OR
- Birth certificate showing biological mother/grandmother's or biological father/grandfather's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth PLUS proof of relationship to the player; OR
- Proof of having lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years.

- 3.6. A player may, only once, request to change the association for which they are eligible play at adult level, to the association of another country of which they hold the nationality. A request to change association may be granted only in the following circumstances:
 - The player wishes to represent an association that was admitted to federation membership after they were already assigned sporting nationality by way of participation in an international event;
 - The player never represented their current association in any international event after the association which they wish to represent was admitted to membership;
 - The player, at the time of playing their first match in an international competition (at any level) for their current association:
 - held the nationality of the association which they wish to represent; or
 - in the case of a newly recognised country, obtained the nationality of the association which they wish to represent as soon as reasonably practicable after the country was recognised by the majority of the members of the United Nations

- 3.7. All players in the WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round to be eligible to participate.
- 3.8. All players in the U19 WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30th June in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate.
- 3.9. All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the event in which they will participate
- 3.10. Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the Championship.
- 3.11. 30 full days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 20 players, 7 officials, 3 extra officials, 10 emergency players and 2 Team Media Attachés. Only players included on the emergency list will be eligible to be substituted to the final team list in case of injury or other reasons.
- 3.12. Together with the list, the teams shall send a photo of each team member (players and officials) and a picture of the team jerseys showing both the front and the back.
- 3.13. Passports or other internationally accepted ID card may be checked in connection with the accreditation.
- 3.14. Every player and official must have signed the IFF Event Participant Acknowledgement & Agreement form before they will be provided with accreditation.
- 3.15. A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The signed list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match. At the same time the team line-up form shall be handed in. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone. The printed match record shall be signed by team officials after the match.

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.
- 4.2. The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.
- 4.3. It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4. It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).

- 4.5. For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.6. For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.7. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February, 4th weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd weekend of October and 2nd weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.8. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10. Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.
- 4.11. **Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.**

§ 5 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR ADULT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (WFC)

- 5.1. The Adult World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.
- 5.2. The final round shall consist of 16 teams.
- 5.3. The WFC final round shall be played in 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the two previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

Group A and B:

Basket 1: Ranking 1-4

Basket 2: Ranking 5-8

Group C and D:

Basket 3: Ranking 9-12

Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

5.4. Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule):

Play-off 1:	3 rd group A	-	2 nd group D
Play-off 2:	3 rd group B	-	2 nd group C
Play-off 3:	4 th group A	-	1 st group D
Play-off 4:	4 th group B	-	1 st group C
Quarter-final 1:	1 st group A	-	Winner PO4
Quarter-final 2:	1 st group B	-	Winner PO3
Quarter-final 3:	2 nd group A	-	Winner PO2
Quarter-final 4:	2 nd group B	-	Winner PO1
Semi-final 1:	Winner Q1	-	Winner Q4
Semi-final 2:	Winner Q2	-	Winner Q3
3 rd place:	Loser Semi	-	Loser Semi
Final:	Winner Semi	-	Winner Semi

5.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match

5.6. Ranking matches between 5th and 16th place shall be played as follows:

13-16:1	3 rd group D	-	4 th group C
13-16:2	3 rd group C	-	4 th group D
9-12:1	Loser PO2	-	Loser PO3
9-12:2	Loser PO1	-	Loser PO4
5-8:1	Loser Q1	-	Loser Q4
5-8:2	Loser Q2	-	Loser Q3
Match for 15 th place	Loser 13-16:1	-	Loser 13-16:2
Match for 13 th place	Winner 13-16:1	-	Winner 13-16:2
Match for 11 th place	Loser 9-12:1	-	Loser 9-12:2
Match for 9 th place	Winner 9-12:1	-	Winner 9-12:2
Match for 7 th place	Loser 5-8:1	-	Loser 5-8:2
Match for 5 th place	Winner 5-8:1	-	Winner 5-8:2

5.7. Qualification for the Adult World Championships is played with continental tournaments. The model of the qualifications and the number of places will be based on the number of qualifying teams per continent. The system of the qualification will be decided by the RACC.

§ 6 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19 WFC)

6.1. The U19 World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.

6.2. The final round shall consist of 16 teams

6.3. The U19 WFC shall be played 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

<u>Group A and B:</u>	<u>Group C and D:</u>
Basket 1: Ranking 1-4	Basket 3: Ranking 9-12
Basket 2: Ranking 5-8	Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

6.4. The continued play after the group matches shall be as follows (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule):

Semi-final 1:	Winner of group A	–	2 nd of group B
Semi-final 2:	Winner of group B	–	2 nd of group A
3 rd Place:	Loser Semi	–	Loser Semi
Final:	Winner Semi	–	Winner Semi

6.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match.

6.6. Ranking matches for 5th to 15th place shall be played as follows:

Qualifying to top 8:	4 th group A	–	1 st group D (Q1)
	4 th group B	–	1 st group C (Q2)
Match for 5 th place:	3 rd group A	–	3 rd group B
Match for 7 th place:	Winner Q1	–	Winner Q2
Match for 9 th place:	Loser Q1	–	Loser Q2
Match for 11 th place:	2 nd group C	–	2 nd group D
Match for 13 th Place:	3 rd group D	–	3 rd group C
Match for 15 th Place:	4 th group C	–	4 th group D

§ 7 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT & U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

7.1. The matches within each group shall be organised so that each team play each other once.

7.2. In the group matches 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

7.3. The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:

a) The total number of points.

b) If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included, if necessary, shall be decisive.

c) If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.

d) If the ranking cannot be decided by the internal matches, the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

f) If most scored goals are not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking unless the ranking concerns only the two teams playing a last round match deciding about promotion or relegation when extra time and, if needed, penalty shots shall decide the ranking.

The results of all matches versus a team which has missed a match or matches, and lost these by walk over 5-0, shall not have an effect on the final ranking between teams having ended up in the same amount of points, unless the team having missed the match or matches is itself involved.

- 7.4. All matches of the continued play after the group matches shall, when ending with a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots. This shall be valid also for qualifications involving two teams only playing two matches where the qualification, if a draw after two matches, shall be decided by extra time and possible penalty shots following directly after the second match.
- 7.5. The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2hrs 45mins between the start of matches being played on the same rink. In principle, a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day. A minimum of 3hrs should be allowed for matches that require a result and could be decided by extra time and penalty shots.
- 7.6. The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.
- 7.7. Teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

§ 8 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 8.1. The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey. IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the Championship.
- 8.2. Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights, and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.
- 8.3. In the final round of the Adult World Championships, players must have the surname written in the back of the player's shirt. The name must be written with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high. Players with the same surname should be identified with the addition of the initial of their first name.
- 8.4. A player taking part of the Championship shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition. Changes due to unforeseen circumstances, such as damage to the uniform, or blood, may be allowed with the permission of the IFF / Jury.
- 8.5. If two teams have the same colour the IFF shall decide which team shall change.
- 8.6. All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the First Technical Meeting of the event.

§ 9 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

- 9.1. A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 9.2
- 9.2. IFF is entitled to have advertisements (10 x 15cm) on the player's outfit.

§ 10 PROTESTS

- 10.1. The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2. When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 10.3. The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the Jury within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 10.4. Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 10.5. A protest must be written, signed, and accompanied by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 11 ANTI-DOPING

- 11.1. All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to participate in an IFF Championship.
- 11.2. TUE applications must be submitted to the IFF at least 30 days prior to the start of the event. Alternatively, a player may submit, no later than a NADO-approved TUE for confirmation by the IFF.
- 11.3. All doping matters during an IFF event shall be referred to the applicable deciding body, and all decisions will be based on the valid IFF regulations and the applicable IFF Anti-Doping regulations.
- 11.4. All players registered for participation in an IFF Event agree to undergo doping control testing. Refusal of a player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result.
- 11.5. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Any decision about punishment shall be taken after the investigation is over, according to the IFF Anti-Doping regulations.

§ 12 BETTING

- 12.1. It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own Floorball matches and Floorball competitions
- 12.2. It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.
- 12.3. The use of electronic equipment in relation to one's own match/es is limited according to the information in Section 14 of this document.
- 12.4. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.

- 12.5. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 12.6. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 12.7. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 12.8. To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 12.9. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

§ 13 REFEREES

- 13.1. All matters concerning referees in IFF National Team competitions shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 13.2. All International matches between two national teams (Adults, U23, U19) shall be refereed by an international referee pair who shall be appointed by the IFF Referee Committee.
- 13.3. The Referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees. In some events, the IFF Referee Committee may appoint referees from the IFF Referee Development Group
- 13.4. Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 13.5. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

§ 14 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- 14.1. Participants’ laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including mobile phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 14.2. For the purpose of statistics and player analysis only, tablets and other electronic devices may be used on team benches’.
- 14.3. Headsets may be used for communication between team staff within the competition venue. No communication connections with sources outside the competition venue are allowed during the time related to your match.

§ 15 INTEGRITY

- 15.1. The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they, and their clubs, fulfil their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).
- 15.2. Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.
- 15.3. Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financial dealings.

§ 16 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 16.1. The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding disciplinary matters during the Championship.
- 16.2. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 16.3. When a disciplinary matter is reported by any of the teams playing in a match or by the IFF, then the decision shall be made by the Event Disciplinary Function of the event.
- 16.4. A suspension decided by the Event Disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches and applies only to matches in the said event.
- 16.5. When taking disciplinary decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 16.6. The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in latest 09:00 the morning after the match. The disciplinary function shall decide and inform of the decision no later than 15:00 the day after the match, or no later than 2hrs prior to the player's / team's next match in the event, whichever occurs first.
- 16.7. A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written, signed, and accompanied by the amount of 500 CHF, which will be returned only if the decision is in favour of the reporting team. If the report refers to a video clip this shall be included in the report
- 16.8. When handling a disciplinary matter during an IFF event the IFF Disciplinary function may use video recording only if the recording is from the official filming of the event, as defined by the IFF.
- 16.9. The Disciplinary function of the event will be comprised of representatives from the Jury, Referee management and IFF staff of the event.
- 16.10. All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the CB or the RACC of IFF shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies

§ 17 WALK OVER

- 17.1. When a Walk Over (W.O) is at hand, meaning when a team does not line up to a match, the match is forfeited, and the opponent shall be considered having won the match with the result 5-0.

§ 18 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 18.1. A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team to hold for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup and shall bring it to the next Championship in perfect condition. The holder shall be responsible for engraving of its name according to the guidelines laid down by IFF.
- 18.2. A replica of the cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team.
- 18.3. The challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times.
- 18.4. The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 18.5. The 3rd placed team shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.
- 18.6. A maximum of an additional 10 medals (gold, silver, bronze) may be produced, the cost of which is the responsibility of the respective medal winning team.
- 18.7. The referees in the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees in the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.
- 18.8. Each participating player and team official in the teams placed 4th -16th, and referee shall be presented one IFF Memory medal each.

§ 19 THE RINK

- 19.1. The rink shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

§ 20 PRACTICE SESSIONS DURING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 20.1. Teams are entitled to one practice session, of at least 45 minutes, in the competition venue, on the official training day, usually the day before their first official match in an event.
- 20.2. During the event, teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area or a playing area of the same size as the competition arena. Where possible, the playing surface and rink should be the same as in the competition arena.
- 20.3. In Adult WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session plus one daily training session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser.

- 20.4. In U19 WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser. The costs for all other training sessions, including transport, is the responsibility of the teams.
- 20.5. Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.
- 20.6. Teams shall bring their own balls and other training equipment to practice sessions.
- 20.7. The event organiser is responsible for ensuring that the training venue equipment (flooring, rink, goal cages) are prepared and in place for each training session.

§ 21 OFFICIAL MEETINGS

- 21.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain's & Technical meeting shall be held where the organising committee, the head of delegation of each team, the team captain, the head of referees and the IFF Jury shall be present.
- 21.2. A second technical meeting may be held after the group matches.
- 21.3. A third technical meeting may be held after the play-off matches.
- 21.4. The organisers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 21.5. The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the Jury or the organising committee.
- 21.6. During an event, all meetings that IFF informs as Official Meetings, shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 22 TICKETS

22.1. Participating Teams

- 22.1.1. Each participating team is entitled to, free of charge, a maximum of 30 tickets/reserved seats, in the form of accreditations, for the players and officials of the team. Only those on the Final team list will receive accreditation/reserved seats.
- 22.1.2. For Adult WFC these are valid for the time the team is playing in the Championships. The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition.
- 22.1.3. For U19 WFC these are valid for the duration of the event.
- 22.1.4. The organiser of the Championship must reserve the needed number of reserved seats for all the participating teams for the group rounds. For the play-off rounds the organiser needs to reserve the same number of reserved seats equal to the number of teams still participating in the tournament.
- 22.1.5. For the Adult WFC, the participating teams are entitled to reserve and purchase tickets for the play-off phase of the tournament in the lowest price category, no later than three months prior to the start of the Championships. If a team, which has reserved and paid for tickets for the play-offs, would qualify for the play-offs, the organiser shall reimburse the price of the tickets.

22.2. Participating Associations

22.2.1. Each Member Association with a team participating in a Championship is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire event, free of charge.

22.2.2. Each participating Member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

22.2.3. The ticket quota of each participating member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organiser, and shall be divided as follows:

- a) For their own team's matches in the group
- b) For matches played by other teams in the same group
- c) For matches in other groups
- d) For their own team's matches in continued play after group matches
- e) For other matches in continued play after group matches

22.3. Associations attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting

Each Member Association, without a team taking part in the Championship, but attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting is entitled to 2 VIP accreditations for the Championships, valid only for the time defined in the specific meeting invitation/registration information.

§ 23 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

23.1. The CB and/or RACC of IFF shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Regulations, as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.
- 4.2. The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.
- 4.3. It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4. It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).
- 4.5. For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.6. For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.7. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February, 4th weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd weekend of October and 2nd weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.8. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10. Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.

- 4.11. Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.



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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1. Friendly International matches are either:
 - a) Internationals played between national teams of the Member Associations of IFF;
 - b) Any other match where a national team plays against a Club or regional team from another country;
 - c) Club matches played between club teams representing the highest league from at least two different nations;
 - d) National League matches played abroad
- 1.2. Friendly International matches shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.3. All IFF Member Associations shall inform the IFF when organising friendly international matches. The organiser of internationals shall use the IFF form “Information form for International Matches and Request of Referees”. The information form shall be sent to IFF no later than sixty (60) days prior to the match / start of the event. Forms received after this time will be subject to monetary sanctions.
- 1.4. The organiser may use the guidelines of the IFF Organisers Regulations, when organising Friendly International Matches.
- 1.5. In Internationals the official match record of IFF shall be used. The Match Record shall be signed by the organiser, the referees and the teams and sent, along with other match secretariat papers, to the IFF Office by the organiser no later than seven (7) days after the last match.
- 1.6. Matches between a national team and a club or regional team from a different country may be played without any official record of the match, however, the National Association of the participating national team should inform the IFF with the IFF form “Information form for International Club Tournament” at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- 1.7. Club tournaments, involving club teams from the highest division of at least two Member Associations, are International Elite Club Tournaments. These tournaments shall be informed to IFF by the organiser / Member Association of the organiser with the IFF form “Information form for International Club Tournament” at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- 1.8. For National league matches played abroad, an open application letter should be made by the participating Member Association to the IFF at least sixty (60) days in advance. Once approved, the Member Association hosting the foreign National league match/es should inform the IFF with the IFF form “Information form for International Club Tournament” at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- 1.9. All International matches (tournaments) between two national teams shall be included in the IFF list of International matches. All International Elite Club Tournaments shall be included in the IFF list of International Club Tournaments
- 1.10. Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via other person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that i.e. players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where the own team participates. Further, their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.
- 1.11. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. All IFF Member Associations or club teams which are not under suspension may play friendly internationals or send club teams to International Club tournaments.
- 2.2. Participation in an elite level International Club tournament (as mentioned in § 1.8) in another country requires the approval from the respective National Floorball Association.
- 2.3. Participation of National teams in club competitions is possible when:
 - a) the organiser mentions in the invitation the possibility of a national team/s participation in the tournament regulations;
 - b) the organiser receives official approval from the respective Association and also confirmation that the individual players participation corresponds with the national legislation
- 2.4. The National Association shall report the participation of one of their national teams in a club competition to the IFF.
- 2.5. The organiser shall ensure that a potential match between two national teams within the tournament would be refereed by international referees.
- 2.6. Participation of a national team in a match against a club or regional team from another country is possible when the organiser receives official approval from the Association in which the match shall be played
- 2.7. Further, the National Association of the national team participating in such matches shall report the participation of their team to the IFF (as mentioned in § 1.6) and provide the confirmation from the hosting association when submitting the information form

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.
- 3.2. A player may represent one nation in a recognised junior (U17, U19) international match and another in a recognised adult (U23, adult) international. Once a player has represented a nation in a recognised adult international match this rules out the possibility to play for another nation at any international level (junior or adult).
- 3.3. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams &/or a Club team from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.4. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.
- 3.5. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:
 - 3.5.1. **Permanent Nationality**. Any person holding a permanent nationality is eligible to play for the representative teams of the association of that country.

Proof of permanent nationality:

- The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a permanent international passport that explicitly, and in Latin characters, states the player's first name(s) and surname(s), as well as their day, month and year of birth
- Identity cards or other local supporting official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification for the purpose of proving nationality

3.5.2. **Sporting Nationality.** In the case of a player who has not represented any country at international level, they can choose their sporting nationality based on fulfilling one of the following criteria:

- born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- biological mother or biological father was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- grandmother or grandfather was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- has lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years

Proof of sporting nationality

- Birth certificate showing the player's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth; OR
- Birth certificate showing biological mother/grandmother's or biological father/grandfather's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth PLUS proof of relationship to the player; OR
- Proof of having lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years.

3.4. A player may, only once, request to change the association for which they are eligible play at adult level, to the association of another country of which they hold the nationality. A request to change association may be granted only in the following circumstances:

- The player wishes to represent an association that was admitted to federation membership after they were already assigned sporting nationality by way of participation in an international event;
- The player never represented their current association in any international event after the association which they wish to represent was admitted to membership;
- The player, at the time of playing their first match in an international competition (at any level) for their current association:
 - held the nationality of the association which they wish to represent; or
 - in the case of a newly recognised country, obtained the nationality of the association which they wish to represent as soon as reasonably practicable after the country was recognised by the majority of the members of the United Nations

3.5. Friendly Internationals can be played in the age categories of U17, U19, U23, and Adult. It is allowed, upon agreement, between the participating countries, that different age category teams compete against each other in the same event.

3.6. In the case of an event with different age categories playing against each other, the event will be classified according to the oldest age category.

3.7. A team shall be classified according to the age of the oldest player in the team.

3.8. All players must be aged as follows to be eligible to participate in each age category:

- U17:** players shall be aged at least 14 years old at the start of the event and turn 17 years no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event
- U19:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event and turn 19 years no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event (see 3.9 for exceptions)

- c) **U23:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event and turn 23 no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event
- d) **Adults:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event (see 3.9 for exceptions)

- 3.9. For events involving teams that are preparing for an upcoming WFC or U19 WFC, the ages of the players in the respective adult or U19 team can be the same as the official age eligibility for the final round event. This only applies for Friendly International matches held after the WFC or U19 WFC qualifications and before the WFC or U19 WFC final rounds.
- 3.10. All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the event in which they will participate
- 3.11. Only players being licensed for a club taking part in an international club match or tournament shall be eligible to play for the club concerned. A Club may grant their players, who are under contractual basis, an exemption (Temporary Play) from this regulation for participation with another Club in a specified friendly international tournament. The tournament shall be played between the first of May and the last of August and the tournament shall allow such participation. The player shall not be under suspension and shall not have participated in the EFCh.
- 3.12. Such an exemption shall be informed to the National Association of the Club giving the exemption and to the organiser of the tournaments 21 days in advance of the tournament by filling in the Temporary Play form. All Temporary Plays shall be published on the IFF web pages. A maximum of two Temporary Plays per player and year is allowed.
- 3.13. At least 10 days prior to the start of the match / tournament a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials.
- 3.14. Every player and team official included on the team list shall also be included on the published team list visible in the IFF Media Platform and online statistics.
- 3.15. After submission of the team list to the IFF, no changes, except to shirt numbers, may be made to the team list.
- 3.16. A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. These players and officials may only be selected from the official team list of 30 players and 10 officials that has been submitted to the IFF.
- 3.17. A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat no later than 30 minutes before the start of the match. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.
- 4.2. The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.

- 4.3. It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4. It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).
- 4.5. For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.6. For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.7. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February, 4th weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd weekend of October and 2nd weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.8. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10. Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.
- 4.11. Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.

§ 5 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

- 5.1. Friendly International Matches shall be organised in accordance with the guidelines of the IFF Organisers Regulations. Exceptions may only be made by a mutual agreement between the participants concerned.
- 5.2. For National League matches played abroad and for matches played between a national team and a club or regional team from another country, the respective rules of the National Association should be followed.

§ 6 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 6.1. The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 6.2. IFF may decide about further regulations for friendly international matches regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment.

§ 7 VENUE

- 7.1. For Friendly International Matches the venue shall be chosen in accordance with the requirements of the IFF Organisers Regulations. Exceptions may only be made by a mutual agreement between the participants concerned.

§ 8 ADVERTISEMENTS

- 8.1. A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit.
- 8.2. IFF shall have the possibility to ask for advertisements on the player's outfit, based on an agreement with the National Associations.

§ 9 ANTI-DOPING

- 9.1. For all Friendly International Matches the valid IFF regulations and the WADA Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.
- 9.2. All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List should have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) when participating in a Friendly International Match. A valid TUE issued by either the IFF or a NADO is allowed.
- 9.3. For player's participating in Friendly International Matches, all TUE applications must be made with the player's own National Anti-Doping Organisation.
- 9.4. All players registered for participation in Friendly International Matches agree to undergo doping control testing. Refusal of a player to submit to a doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result.
- 9.5. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Any decision about punishment shall be taken after the investigation is over, according to the applicable Anti-Doping regulations.

§ 10 BETTING

- 10.1. It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own Floorball matches and Floorball competitions
- 10.2. It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be

expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting

- 10.3. The use of electronic equipment in relation to one's own match/es is limited according to the information in Section 11 of this document
- 10.4. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 10.6. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 10.7. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.8. To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a "betting right" of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.9. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

§ 11 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- 11.1. Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including mobile phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 11.2. For the purpose of statistics and player analysis only, tablets and other electronic devices may be used on team benches
- 11.3. Headsets may be used for communication between team staff within the competition venue. No communication connections with sources outside the competition venue are allowed during the time related to your match.

§ 12 REFEREES

- 12.1. All matters concerning referees in IFF Friendly International Matches shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 12.2. All International matches between two national teams (Adults, U23, U19) shall be refereed by an international referee pair who shall be appointed by the IFF Referee Committee. The organiser may propose preferred referee pairs, but the final decision is at the discretion of the IFF Referee Committee
- 12.3. The Referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees. In some events, the IFF Referee Committee may appoint referees from the IFF Referee Development Group
- 12.4. The organiser of the Friendly International Matches is responsible for all costs related to the appointment of international referees, including travel, accommodation, daily allowance and insurance
- 12.5. The costs of the appointment of referees for an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country, shall be agreed upon by the participating teams.
- 12.6. Any breaches or infringements that occur in Friendly International Matches shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Regulations.
- 12.7. The organiser of an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country shall follow the respective rules of their National Association when appointing referees for these matches.
- 12.8. The hosting National Association of an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country, reserves the right to directly appoint referees to the matches
- 12.9. Matches involving two U17 teams do not require the appointment of international referees. The hosting National Association reserves the right to appoint referees for these matches.
- 12.10. Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 12.11. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

§ 13 INTEGRITY

- 13.1. The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they, and their clubs, fulfil their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).
- 13.2. Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.

13.3. Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financial dealings.

§ 14 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 14.1. The organiser of the Friendly International Match may appoint a jury to act as disciplinary function for the event
- 14.2. All sanctions imposed by referees and/or the jury shall be informed to the National Associations of the player or of the official, and to the IFF.
- 14.3. A disciplinary matter reported of any of the playing teams in a Friendly International Match shall be decided by the disciplinary function of the event.
- 14.4. A suspension decided by the event disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches.
- 14.5. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

§ 15 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 15.1. In case of any unforeseen circumstance, the organiser can contact the IFF Office for assistance to solve the issue.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF THE GAME RULES EDITION 2026 - final

	1. Proposals To be changed	Proposal	Reference group comments	Remarks
202.1	In case of a time out, require the away team to carry out their substitution first. Give possibility to withdraw the requested time out also when the next interruption is caused by a penalty shot	FIN1,FIN4	RG to work out proposal	
301.1	Specification of the rules dealing with staying of players and members of the team staff in the substitution zone during the match	CF5	RG to work out proposal	
301.1	Players and coaches in the substitution zone	SUI2:1	RG to work out proposal	Tested by SUI
302.1	Players and coaches in the substitution zone	SWE2:2	RG to work out proposal	Tested by SWE
302.2	A player leaving the rink outside their own substitution zone must not be replaced until play is interrupted.	RG1	RG to work out proposal	
304.1	A goalkeeper shall not be permitted to act as captain of a team	RG2	RG to work out proposal	
305.1	Specification of the rules dealing with staying of players and members of the team staff in the substitution zone during the match	CF5	RG to work out proposal	
305.1	Players and coaches in the substitution zone	SWE2:2	RG to work out proposal	
401.1	Remove that grey jerseys are not allowed. Remove that the socks needs to be mutually uniform	RG3, RG4	RG to work out proposal	
401.2	Adding a definition for the use of goalkeeper's trouser extensions	ATC1, FINTec2	Review equipment rule, add to interpretations.	From 1.7.2025
401.3	Add text that numbers on the front of the jersey should be centred on the chest. Numbers on the jersey should be in contrasting colour	RG4,RG6	Number to stay in the chest (only). Number in contrasting colour	
403.3	Review the whole rule regarding Goalkeepers equipment	RG7	Review equipment rule, add to interpretations	
405.1	Make the rule clearer by adding more examples	RG8	RG to work out proposal	
409.1	Modify the text of the rule so that it includes all the nuances of incorrect equipment and defective sticks.	FIN11	RG to work out proposal	
409.2	Add tampering with the blade as one of the complaints that a captain could request control of equipment for	RG9	RG to work out proposal. No change of blade concavity allowed	From 1.7.2025
502.1	A goal scored before, but in connection with the final signal shall not be confirmed with a face-off	RG10	<i>Goal could be put in the scoreboard before face-off</i>	
502.5	When teams are ready for the face-off you are not allowed to change the player chosen to take the face-off.	RG11	RG to work out proposal	
504.1	When a delayed penalty is carried out because of the ball leaving the rink, the hit-in should always be awarded to the non-offending team of the delayed penalty situation	FIN8	RG to work out proposal	
505.2	Give the referees the possibility to resume play with a hit-in when a team waives their right to a face-off.	RG12	RG to work out proposal	
505.3	Change from free-hit to a hit-in when the offending team controls the ball during a delayed penalty	RG13	RG to work out proposal	
507	Continue to improve to make it clearer and easier to understand	RG14	RG to work out proposal	
507.1	Make it an offence to follow the goalkeeper's movements with the sole purpose of obscuring the view	SWE2:5	RG to work out proposal	From 1.7.2025
507.2	Improve the rule regarding holding	RG15	RG to work out proposal.	
507.3	Remove. This kind of play with a stick is already defined punishable by penalty if necessary by the rule 605, 4. This rule is seldom used actively.	FIN13		
507.8	Not allowing a field player to pass through the goalkeeper area in any circumstances	FIN5	RG to look on this with the goalkeeper safety	From 1.7.2025
507.15	Impose free hit if a hit-in or free hit is wrongly executed to gain big advantage	SUI1:4	RG to work out proposal (without taking away the quick play)	noted 507.16
507.16	Changing the rule about the possible controlling of the ball by the goalkeeper	CF7	RG to work out proposal	
508.2	Starting penalty shots closer to the goal. If the player starts the penalty shot with the foot, the penalty shot should be retaken	RG16,RG17	RG to work out proposal	
508.4	Reshape the penalty shot	SUI1:2,SWE2:3	RG to review	Test SUI&SWE
508,23	New. Create a possibility of imposing a free hit for "lying play"	SUI1:13	RG to work out proposal	
602.2	When a delayed penalty is carried out because of the ball leaving the rink, the hit-in should always be awarded to the non-offending team of the delayed penalty situation	FIN8	RG to work out proposal	
602.2	The wording, changed 2022, is still not clear enough and needs to be worked on further.	RG18	Review	
603	Review how multiple penalties should be handled and if coincidental penalties in some cases should have no effect on the number of players on the rink	RG19	RG to work out an Appendix	
603	Change the way multiple penalties are handled when a player from each team is penalised at the same time.	SWE2:4	RG to work out a proposal and include in the Appendix.	
605	Continue to improve to make it clearer and easier to understand.	RG20	RG to work out proposal	
605.2	Improve the rule regarding holding	RG15	RG to work out proposal	

605.6	Adding to the interpretation part of the rule a definition which allows the rule to be used also in case of unnecessary physical provoking in off the ball situations.	FIN12	Review	
605.6	Better protection of goalkeepers - responsibility on the field player to try to avoid a collision	SWE2:1	RG to work out proposal	From 1.7.2025
605.14	Make it an offence to intentionally stretch the jersey to block a shot	RG21	RG to work out proposal	
605.16	Include unintentional play from the substitution zone	CF1	Review	
605.16	Players and coaches in the substitution zone	SWE2:2	Review	
605.21	Specification of the rules dealing with staying of players and members of the team staff in the substitution zone during the match	CF5	Review	
605.27	Make it an offence to intentionally drop the stick or part of the stick	RG22	RG to work out proposal	
607	Continue to improve to make it clearer and easier to understand.	RG23	Review	
607.4	Better protection of goalkeepers - responsibility on the field player to try to avoid a collision	SWE2:1	Review	From 1.7.2025
608.2	Team staff incurring a personal penalty shall immediately go to the dressing room and must not take any further part in the match	FIN9	RG to work out proposal	
610.1	Explicit mentioning of inappropriate celebrations	CF8	RG to work out proposal	
613	Continue to improve to make it clearer and easier to understand	RG25	Review	
613.3	The referees could impose a match penalty even after the final whistle as long as the players and referees are still on the rink	RG24	RG to work out proposal	
613.13	Improve the rule to cover more situations of gross unsportsmanlike conduct and make it clearer	RG26	Review	
614.X	Adding a new rule concerning of violent play with the stick	FIN2	RG to work out proposal	
614.4	Cancellation of rule to be added in 614.11	CF6	Review	
614.10	Make the rule clearer and include when a player engages in an altercation from the substitution zone	RG27	Review	
614.11	Add scuffle from 614.4	CF6	Review	
614.12	Adapt the rule to make it a logical continuation of the rules regarding careless, reckless and violent physical play	RG28	Review	
614.13	misconduct	FIN10	Review	
614.15	Introduce new rule Violent play with the stick (match penalty)	RG29	Review	
615.8	The rule needs to be more structured and clearer	RG30	Review	
701.1	A goal scored before, but in connection with the final signal shall not be confirmed with a face-off	RG10	RG to work out proposal	
702	Give the referees the possibility to award a goal if there's an offence committed leading to a penalty shot when the goalkeeper is replaced by a field player	RG31	RG to work out proposal	
702.4	New. A goalkeeper should be allowed to score a goal	FIN3	RG to work out proposal	
703.5	Remove. A goalkeeper should be allowed to score a goal	FIN3	RG to work out proposal	
803	Sign, Combine with 804	MK1	Review	
804	Sign, Combine with 803	MK1	Review	
810	Remove the part of the sign where the referee should point to the centre spot	RG32	Review	
901	Sign. Combine 902 and 903 into 901	MK1	Review	
902	Sign. Combine 902 and 903 into 901	MK1	Review	
903	Sign. Combine 902 and 903 into 901	MK1	Review	
	2. To be worked out/further discussed by the rules group or explained			
	Improve the foreword	SWE1:1	Review	
	More informative, extensive explanation of Violent in the Glossary	FIN	Review	
	Define "Tackle" and "Play" in the Glossary	RG	Review	
	Add an appendix with examples for managing multiple penalties	SWE1:2	RG to work out proposal	
201.1	Discuss and decided about clear line for game time. The proposal is to always count 00:00-20:00	MK2	RG to work out proposal	
	3. Association proposals To be tested			

301.1	Players and coaches in the substitution zone	SUI2:1,SWE3:2	To be tested by SWE and SUI	
508.4	Reshape the penalty shot	SUI2:2,SWE3:3	To be tested by SWE and SUI	
508.23	Create a possibility of imposing a free hit for 'lying play	SUI2:3	Not to be tested	
605.6, 607.4	Better protection of goalkeepers - responsibility on the field player to try to avoid a collision	SWE3:1	Not to be tested	
	4. Considered as referee guidelines/instructions			
506.1	Guide the referees more clearly to apply the advantage rule as much as possible.	CF3	Education	
	5. Considered as regulation not game rule			
305.1	Enable to add two more members of the staff in the match record	FINTec1	Refer to Regulations of possibility for administrating authority	
	6. Not to be changed			
402.1	Remove restrictions for the colouring of referee shorts and socks	FINTec3		
405.1	Remove restrictions for the long tights	FINTec4		
507.4	New interpretation of high stick - board level (50cm) instead of knee level	ATC2		
507.8	Allow player inside goalkeeper area if not hindering the goalkeeper	CF2		
507.23	New rule: When a player is guilty of a dangerous play against own person	CF4		
601.2	A penalised player should be able to leave the penalty bench also during the intermission between regular time and extra time.	FIN7		
603.8	Reinstall possibility for minor penalty in connection with a penalty shot	SUI1:5		
605.20	Adding a "no-entry rule" to the opponent's half after a goal is scored	CF9		
702.1	Remove the "clearly moving away from the goal line" part of the rule. Adding the word "entire"	FIN6,FINTec5	Still review the text	
702.2	Adding the word "entire"	FINTec5		
	7. Could be used nationally			

ATC1-2 Proposals from the IFF Athletes Commission

CF1-9 Proposals from Czech Floorball

FIN1-13 Proposals from Finnish Floorball Federation

FINTec1-5 Proposals of more technical nature from Finnish Floorball Federation

MK1-2 Proposals from Martin Klábere

RG1-32 Proposals from the IFF Rules Group

SUI1:1-5 Proposals from Swiss Floorball Association

SUI2:1-3 Proposals on testing from Swiss Floorball Association

SWE1:1-2 Proposals on editorial changes from Swedish Floorball Federation

SWE2:1-5 Rule proposals from Swedish Floorball Federation

SWE3:1-3 Rule proposals for testing from Swedish Floorball Federation

1 To be changed: The proposals should be adopted

2 To be worked out: The rule group should work with these for possible adoption

3 To be tested: These proposals should be tested for possible adoption

4 Considered as guidelines: These proposals should be in guidelines/educations

5 Considered as regulations: These proposals refers to regulations rather than rules

6 Not to be changed: The proposals should not be adopted

7 Could be used nationally: Exemptions from the game rules that should be informed to IFF

401.2 Adding a definition for the use of goalkeeper's trouser extensions

→ better in 403.3

403.3 The goalkeeper may use any kind of protective equipment, but this shall not include parts intended to cover the goal.

Helmet and thin gloves are allowed. All forms of adhesives or friction checking substances are prohibited. No objects must be kept on or in the goal cage. The goalkeeper may not use any kind of protective equipment which covers more than the body of the goalkeeper. This includes oversized clothes, shoulder pads, etc. Zippers, pockets, straps, velcros, etc. shall be closed and tightened.

605.23 > When a player, despite summons from the referees, omits to correct their personal equipment. (no offence sign)

This includes when the administrating authority has decided that protective goggles are mandatory and a player despite summons from the referees omits to wear them correctly. This also includes when a player omits to pick up lost personal equipment at the next interruption.

In case a bench penalty is imposed the personal equipment shall be corrected before serving the bench penalty.

→ to become active by September 2024

409.2 Add tampering with the blade as one of the complaints that a captain could request control of equipment for

→ Definition of tampering to be made in 406.2

409.2 > *The team captain may request control of a hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade.*

605.7 > When a team captain requests control of a hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade and the controlled equipment is correct. (no offence sign)

The team captain will serve the penalty.

406.2 > The blade shall not be sharp, and its hook shall not exceed 30 mm.

All tampering with the blade, *except bending in longitudinal direction*, is prohibited. *Tampering includes grinding, melting or any other modification of the blade structure or its concavity.*

The hook shall be measured as the distance between the highest point of the blade's inner side and an even surface on which the stick is lying. Changing the blade is allowed if the blade is approved with the shaft and being of the same brand, but the new blade shall not be weakened. Taping the joint between the blade and the shaft is allowed, but no more than 10 mm of the visible part of the blade shall be covered

→ to become active by September 2024

507.1 Make it an offence to follow the goalkeeper's movements with the sole purpose of obscuring the view

→ in rule 507.7 (not 507.1)

507.7 > When a player, in control of the ball, trying to reach it, or trying to get a better position, moves backwards into an opponent, or prevents an opponent from moving in the direction intended. (908, 911)

This includes when the attacking team prevents or obstructs the formation of a defence line at a free hit awarded within 3.5 m of the goalkeeper's area or when a player in the attacking

team actively and repeatedly follows the goalkeeper's movements with the intent to obscure the goalkeeper's view.

→ to become active by September 2024

507.2 Improve the rule regarding holding

→ too complicated to work out and educate to referees and players in that short time. Too much impact on the game. To be worked out by July 2025.

507.8 Not allowing a field player to pass through the goalkeeper area in any circumstances

507.8 > When a field player is in **or passes through** the goalkeeper area or ~~in~~ the area where the goal cage normally stands. (914)

A field player is allowed to pass through the goalkeeper area if, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, and the goalkeeper's actions are not hindered. If, when a free-hit for the opposing team is hit directly at the goal, a field player of the defending team is in the goalkeeper area, in the goal cage or, if the goal cage has been moved, in the area where the goal cage normally stands, a penalty shot shall always be awarded. A field player is considered to be in the goalkeeper area if any part of the body touches the floor inside the goalkeeper area. A field player with only the stick in the goalkeeper area is not considered to be in the goalkeeper area. The lines belong to the goalkeeper area

→ to become active by September 2024

603 Change the way multiple penalties are handled when a player from each team is penalised at the same time.

603.3 No more than one bench penalty per player and two bench penalties per team shall be measured simultaneously.

All bench penalties shall be measured in the order they are imposed. A player, whose penalty can not be measured, shall be on the penalty bench from the moment the penalty is carried out. If more than one penalty is imposed simultaneously on a team, the referees decide which of the new penalties shall be measured first. Shorter bench penalties shall, in this case, always be measured before longer.

→ too complicated to educate on short notice - to be worked out by July 2025

605.6 Better protection of goalkeepers - responsibility on the field player to try to avoid a collision

607.4 Better protection of goalkeepers - responsibility on the field player to try to avoid a collision

605.6) When a player is guilty of careless physical play. (909)

This includes when a player tackles, trips or obstructs an opponent in a careless manner.

This also includes when an attacking player omits to make a reasonable effort to avoid a physical contact with a goalkeeper inside the goal crease, unless the physical contact is negligible.

607.4) When a player is guilty of reckless physical play. (909)

This includes when a player tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or the goal cage, or otherwise attacks an opponent recklessly.

→ to become active by September 2024

TEST RULES

301.1 Players and coaches in the substitution zone

→ use 605.16 (feet on the board) and 605.21 (standing in substitution zone) to solve it

301.1 Each team is allowed to use a maximum of 20 players. These shall be noted in the match record.

*Players may be field players or goalkeepers. No other players than those noted in the match record are allowed to participate in the match or be in their own substitution zone. **Players in the substitution zone shall sit down on the players' benches unless in connection with a substitution or if clearly necessary for other reasons.***

305.1 Each team shall note, at the most, five members of the team staff in the match record. No other persons than those noted in the match record are allowed to be in their own substitution zone. With the exception of a time out a member of the team staff shall not enter the rink without the referees' permission. All coaching shall take place from the team's own substitution zone where the team staff shall be situated during the match.

Team staff shall, except when giving tactical instructions to players or when clearly necessary for other reasons, stand behind the players' benches. The referees may grant exceptions if there's not enough space in the substitution zone. Team staff is not allowed to stand in an elevated position, for example on a chair or a bench.

605.16 When a team plays with too many players on the rink. (922)

This includes when a player in the substitution zone or in the penalty bench zone places a foot on the board or in any other way passes the vertical plane from the board with any part of the body or equipment regardless of whether play is affected or not.

The team should be made aware of this before any actions are taken. Only one player shall be penalised.

605.21 When a player or a member of the team staff protests against the referees' decisions, or when coaching is performed in a disturbing or otherwise incorrect way. (925)

This includes when a member of the team staff places a foot on the board or in any other way passes the vertical plane from the board with any part of the body or equipment regardless of whether play is affected or not.

This also includes when a member of the team staff repeatedly omits to stand behind the players' benches when not giving tactical instructions to players or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons or when a member of the team staff is standing in an elevated position. The member of the team staff should be made aware of this before any actions are taken.

This also includes when a player stands up in the substitution zone except in connection with a substitution or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons. The team should be made aware of this before any actions are taken. Only one player shall be penalised.

→ to become active in SWE and SUI (testing nations) by September 2024

ZORRO

508.4 The player taking the penalty shot may play the ball an unlimited number of times and shall follow a continuous movement towards the goal cage.

Continuous implies that the player and the ball are not allowed to come to a full stop or change direction away from the goal cage simultaneously.

A zorro type move where the ball remains stationary on the blade and the ball changes direction in the air more than once is not permitted.

As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball or the ball has touched the front face of the goal cage, the player must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.

If the ball hits the front face of the goal and without passing the imaginary extended goal line passes the goal line from the front, the goal shall be allowed. If the ball crosses the imaginary extended goal line, the penalty shot is over.

Game time shall be stopped during the entire penalty shot.

→ to become active in SWE and SUI (testing nations) by September 2024

Helsinki, Finland 26th of June 2024

IFF Calendar Working Group Meeting 01/2024

Date: 25.06.2024 – over Teams

Time: 15:00 CET

Present:

Martin Klabere	chair
Calle Karlsson	member
Steven King	member
Filip Suman	member
Kaarina Vuori	member
John Liljelund	member, secretary

Excused: Sarah Mitchell, member
Pakkamol Siriwat

Report

1. Opening

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting and welcomed all members, concluding that Ms. Mitchell is on vacation and Ms. Siriwat has not informed anything about not participating in the meeting. Mr. Klabere was asked to act as the chair for the group.

2. Making a SWOT analysis for the Calendar proposal

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF Office has made their own SWOT analysis of the Calendar proposal during the IFF Office Summer summit, which has been sent to the participants in advance.

The Calendar Working Group (CWG) analysed the proposal and made an SWOT analysis, in addition to the one made by the IFF Office.

It was agreed that Mr. Liljelund will collocate the two SWOT analysis into one to have a better picture of the effects of the proposal. This combined Swot is an appendix to this report.

The SWOT analysis is a living document and additions or alterations can be done during the process, so if any CWG member wants to add anything, please provide these to the Office.

The CWG also discussed some initial ideas for the implementation of the new International Calendar:

- To play the European Championships for two years 2026 Women and 2027 Men

- If the Euro is not played in 2028 or 2029, it makes it easier to enlarge the tournament for 2030 to 12 or 16 teams. This would also make it possible to be part of the Euro Championships, if Floorball is included for 2030 in Switzerland.
- When to start the implementation of the new calendar, the CWG felt that 2028 would be the easiest

3. Working plan for the CWG

The CWG discussed the road forward and agreed on the following actions to be taken and the timetable for the work. As there are a number of questions and qualification details that can't be decided prior to the Big picture decisions have been made, it will be imperative to present the Big picture proposal first and make a decision of the start of implementation before the IFF General Assembly in December. In the proposal there will be a list of decisions that will need to be taken after Big Picture decision.

The CWG decided to organise a webinar for the member federations about the proposed Calendar proposal in the end of August. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Liljelund were given the task to prepare a summary document prior to the next CWG meeting of the proposal on general level and focusing on why the changes are proposed and what the benefits are. The proposal shall be circulated prior to the CWG meeting.

Mr. King and Mr. Liljelund will in the end of August validate that the proposal is in-line with the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 targets.

The CWG members are to think of what questions shall be given to the member federations to give feedback on prior to the next CWG meeting. The questions will be given to the members after the webinar. The webinar will also be recorded.

The CWG built the following timeline for the work:

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| - Summary of the proposal | 9.8. | (Sarah & John) |
| - Next CWG meeting | 16.8. | (All) |
| - Calendar webinar | End of August | |
| - CB workshop on work | 6.-7.9. | |
| - Analyse of member feedback | September | |
| - Report and final proposal for CB | End of October | |

4. Next meeting

The next CWG meeting will be held over Teams on the 16th of August at 15:00 CET

John Liljelund
secretary general

Helsinki, Finland 16th of August 2024

IFF Calendar Working Group Meeting 01/2024

Date: 16.08.2024 – over Teams

Time: 14:00 CET

Present:

Martin Klabere	chair
Pakkamol Siriwat	member
Filip Suman	member
Kaarina Vuori	member
Sarah Mitchell	member
John Liljelund	member, secretary

Excused:

Calle Karlsson	member
Steven King	member

AGENDA

1. Opening

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 14:00 CET and welcomed all members, concluding that Mr. Klabere had been named the chair of the working group in the previous meeting. Mr. Klabere started to run the meeting.

Mr. King and Mr. Karlsson were unable to participate in the meeting.

2. Possible additions to the SWOT analysis done by the CWG and the IFF office

Mr. Liljelund informed that the updated Calendar proposal SWOT has been sent to the CWG members after the previous meeting. The decision was that the SWOT analysis is a living document that can be edited accordingly. The CWG felt that we need to discuss the Calendar proposal and the Event structure first, before looking into the need to have additions made to the SWOT-analysis.

In the previous meeting the CWG also discussed some initial ideas for the implementation of the new International Calendar:

- To play the European Championships for two years 2026 Women and 2027 Men
- If the Euro is not played in 2028 or 2029, it makes it easier to enlarge the tournament for 2030 to 12 or 16 teams. This would also make it possible to be part of the Euro Championships, if Floorball is included for 2030 in Switzerland.
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3. Discussion on the proposed Calendar proposal Information sheet

Ms. Mitchell presented the proposal for the Calendar proposal Information sheet and explained how it has been built and the reasons for including a broader information and the WFC 4-year proposal. Ms. Pakkamol asked if the proposal will make us avoiding other global events. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Klabere explained that we need to build the best possible calendar for Floorball, as there always will be challenges with other events. Especially as also the big events tend to change their term, making it very difficult.

4. Updated Calendar proposal

Ms. Mitchell explained that there have been some modifications made to the original Calendar proposal to better make it possible to fit in all qualifications and not to play the World Floorball Championships and logically the Euro Floorball Championships back-to-back, after the change has been introduced.

The CWG discussed the issue that with the present proposal the Women's teams from the top-ranked countries will play a WFC in 2032, Regional championships and TWG in 2033 and the next main event in 2036, creating a two-year empty time period. Mr. Suman proposed to create an empty space in the years when The World Games are played. The issue with the two-year gap is biggest for the top players, where drop-out by ending of careers could be a major issue. Ms. Mitchell will provide an alternative 4-yr timeline with the proposal documents for the CB so that there is more than one option to consider.

The logic to expand the number of teams in the WFC is to have more teams participating and a bigger interest to participate in the global qualifications if there are more spots to play for, if we move to having the WFC only every four years. Ms. Vuori felt that the enlargement of the WFC we should still wait. The CWG discussed the possibility of enlarging both the Euro Floorball Championships and the WFC. Mr. Liljelund pointed out that when the Euro Floorball Championships were decided, it was stated that an evaluation would be made after the first two events are played.

Mr. Suman felt that the creation of the global WFC qualifications, number of 20 teams in the WFC and the Regional championships every fourth year are all very interesting proposals and will bring a lot of additional values. Mr. Suman asked how the global qualification groups are drawn, Ms. Mitchell felt that it has to be done by a ballot with the pot groups divided by continent to ensure a continental mix in the qualification events.

Mr. Suman proposed that we should start to speak about the Competition structure first, even before starting to talk about the Calendar proposal. Ms. Vuori asked if the ideas to profit more from the WFC are coinciding with the Calendar proposal. Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund explained that there is a possibility to have more revenues and save some competitions for the members.

The CWG agreed that we should be careful in referring to the changes with different terminology. There are several different areas now being discussed: 1) Competition structure (2yr or 4yr cycle); 2) Competition calendar (when will the IFF events are played); 3) Competition formats (number of teams, qualification numbers, regional quotas etc).

The CWG discussed the Competition/Event structure in detail.

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5. Preparation of the CB Calendar workshop

Mr. Liljelund concluded that the Calendar workshop will be built around the Competition structure for the future and have a decision upon that we can move forward based on this. Ms. Mitchell will prepare the material.

Ms. Mitchell will additionally prepare a WFC Timeline with the WFC and Continental championships each gender every second year.

The discussion can then continue on the Calendar proposal as there are still some interim calendar changes that should be implemented before any possible change to a 4-yr system, such as the moving of the U19 WFC to February, the adult WFC to October, and the adult WFCQ events to the latter part of the year prior to the WFC (instead of Jan/Feb).

6. Date of the Calendar webinar and duties

Ms. Mitchell felt and the CWG agreed that we need to have the webinar after CB meeting to explain about the changes. The date for the webinar will be decided in the CB.

7. Working plan for the CWG

The CWG discussed in the previous meeting about the road forward and agreed on the following actions to be taken and the timetable for the work. The CWG members were to think of what questions shall be given to the member federations to give feedback on prior to the next CWG meeting. The questions will be given to the members after the webinar. The webinar will also be recorded.

Mr. King and Mr. Liljelund will in the end of August validate that the proposal is in-line with the IFF Strategy 2021-2032 targets.

The CWG built the following timeline for the work after this CWG meeting:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| - CB workshop | 6.-7.9. |
| - Calendar webinar | Date to be decided. |
| - Analyse of member feedback | September - October |
| - Report and next proposal for CB | End of October |

8. Next meeting

The next CWG meeting will be held over Teams on the 18.9. at 15:00 CET

9. Closing the meeting

Mr. Klabere closed the meeting and thanked the participants for a good meeting at 15:35 CET

John Liljelund
secretary general

WFC 4-year PROPOSAL

THINKING BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

- Need a new qualification system for a 4-year WFC cycle
- Continental Championships should become the premier events that qualify teams for WFC
- International qualifications create new possibilities for teams to play countries other than only those from their own region
- Teams have more chances of qualifying by way of the international qualifications
- Create prestigious events that the smaller countries have a higher chance of winning
- Create more interesting events for organisers

STRENGTHS

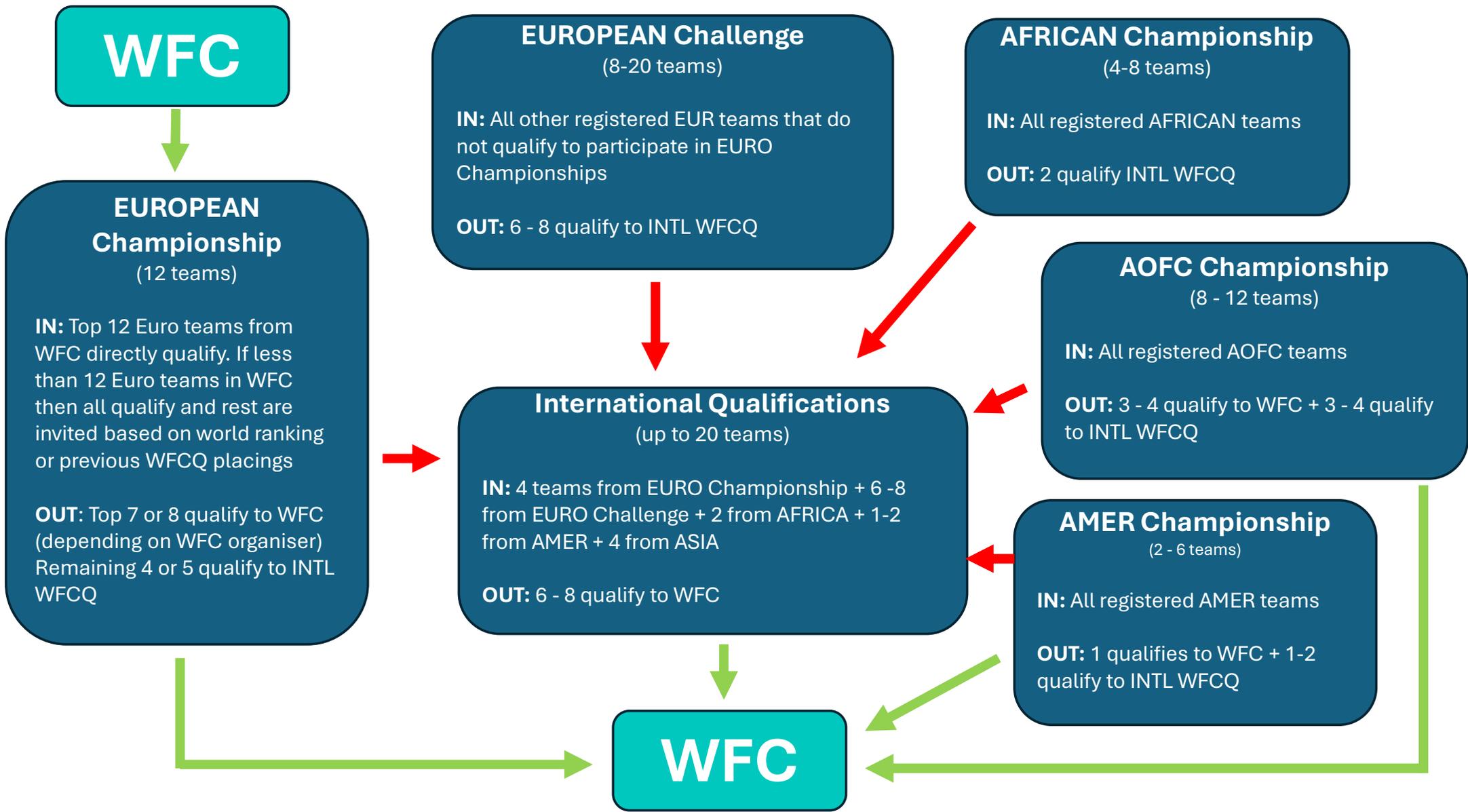
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- International qualifications gives lower-ranked teams the possibility of playing against new teams in new locations
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- More high-quality events with more evenly matched teams
- Gives major IFF international events every year – important for sponsors and content for media channels

WEAKNESSES

- Travel to international qualifications will be more expensive (but will only be once every 4 years compared to participating in regional qualifications every 2 years)
- Some teams will play multiple events (Continental event + International qualifications + WFC)

TO NOTE....

- Each event is played once every 4 years for each gender
- The numbers of teams indicated for each event is an example only
- The number of teams that qualify from one event to the next is an example only
- All playing formats are examples only
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- AOFC could be split in the future into separate Asian and Oceania Championships



PLAYING FORMATS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**6 -10 day event / One host
8-12 teams**

Teams divided into 2 groups of 4/6

Group matches
3/5 games per team

Play-offs
1v2 cross-over semi-finals & then medal matches
Others play direct cross-overs for final placements (3v3, 4v4, 5v5, 6v6)

EUROPEAN CHALLENGE

**5 or 6-day event / Multiple hosts
Maximum of 5 teams in a group**
Possible to have 2 groups in one location

Group matches
3-4 games per team

Play-offs (only if 2 groups in one location)
1 v 1 as final. 2v3 for qualifying places. 4v4 / 5v5 or 4v5 as placement matches

INTERNATIONAL WFC QUALIFICATIONS

**7-day event / Two hosts
20 teams**

Teams divided into 4 groups of 5

Group matches
4 games per team

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AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

3 to 5-day event / One host

All teams in 1 group

Group matches + Play-offs
Depends on number of teams

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With 3 teams play each other twice + final.
With 4+ teams play group games + play-offs & placement matches

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**6 or 7-day event / One host
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3v4 cross-over and then placement matches
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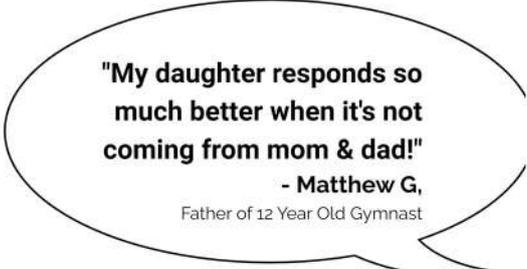
APPENDIX 40

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How: Pair top floorball athletes, either active or recently retired (Mentors) with young future stars (Mentees). Provide them with opportunities to connect and facilitate mentorship, allowing the young players to benefit from the experience and knowledge of the top athletes.

Duration:

- 8 months (length of floorball season) from the moment of joining the program with frequency of online meetings of 1 per month
- Participants can terminate their participation in the Program by notifying the Chair of IFF ATC - Agata Plechan under email:.....

Mentors (our Ideal Buddy):

requirements:

- National team players or top league players from top 4 countries (Sweden, Finland, Czech Republic, Switzerland)
- Role models on their teams
- Available for 1-2 hours per month to be active in the program
- Interested in sharing their experiences and providing mentorship to young future stars
- Open to share with IFF ATC any unusual occurrences or impediments during the Program.
- Provide a reflection on the process, its quality, and usefulness at the end of the Program.

Recruitment of Mentors: (not for the testing phase)

1. The recruitment of Mentors will begin immediately after its announcement of the program, which will state the period it will cover.
2. During the recruitment period, interested candidates must declare their interest by sending their declaration of interest and required documents to the provided email address.
3. Additionally, the IFF ATC can invite athletes it considers suitable for the Buddy profile and who would add value to the program.

Ideal Future Star:

- U19 national team player or close to being part of it
- Passionate about floorball
- Eager to develop and improve
- Has clear goals and ambitions
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Language Skills:

- English proficiency
- Alternatively, IFF ATC will match Mentors with Mentees sharing the same native language.

Operation of ATC Buddy Program:

1. Mentoring officially starts when the IFF ATC notifies the Mentee of their assigned Mentor. The Participants should meet shortly after to determine the Mentoring's specific operations and get to know each other.
2. Both Mentor and Mentee would receive topics of their meetings before the first get to know each other online meeting.
3. Contact between the Mentor and Mentee will be digital with the frequency of 1 per month.
4. Participation in the Program is voluntary, and Participants are not remunerated for their work.
5. Mentors, and Mentees must treat all data received and information shared during the Mentoring confidentially.

Guiding principle:

Despite the responsibilities outlined in this document, the Program is based on a principle of procedural flexibility, meaning decisions agreed upon by the Mentor and Mentee take precedence over the regulation in these matters.

The IFF Athletes' Commission will support the Mentoring processes, assisting participants as needed via check-ins, email, text messages, short calls.

proposal:

Testing Period:

- Maximum of 8 pairs (16 athletes in total: 8 buddies and 8 future stars)
- Initial selection of players by the IFF ATC, with potential for the program to become open for everyone to sign up in the future.
- ATC members to oversee monthly check-ins, addressing any challenges and ensuring meetings occur, pair each ATC member with one pair Mentor-Mentee
- Introduce the idea to the athletes picked by ATC, share topics to discuss in each of the meetings and invite them to the program.
- Possible start at the beginning of the 2024/25 season

Buddy (Mentor) Toolkit:

- Technical requirements: stable internet connection, computer
- Knowledge of Teams or Google Meetings usage
- Ability to cover eight suggested topics, dedicating 1-2 hours each month from September 2024 to April 2025

Suggested Monthly Topics:

1. Introduction:

- Get to know each other: share how and why you started playing floorball.
- Discuss favourite positions on the field, equipment preferences (what stick do you use? why?), and ask simple questions to build athlete to athlete connection

2. Daily Routine of a Top Floorball Player:

- Discuss sleep, nutrition, mental preparation, special rituals, games, training, and balancing free time with friends and family.

3. Overcoming Challenges:

- Share experiences of overcoming difficult moments in your career (excluding injuries, which is a separate topic).

4. Inspiring Moments:

- Talk about the most inspiring moment of your floorball career.

5. Balancing School and Floorball:

- Discuss time management strategies for balancing school and training effectively.

6. Dealing with Injuries:

- Share personal stories or experiences of teammates overcoming serious injuries and the support they or you received.
- How was it to come back to the floorball field?

7. Handling Mistakes:

- Discuss how to cope with mistakes during the game, such as missing a goal or a penalty shot, or receiving a penalty yourself.

8. Dealing with Coaching Decisions:

- Discuss how to handle being benched during a game or not being selected for the national team.

End of testing period:

After 8 meetings of each pair.

- Online check in with ATC members and all participants of the program to share their experience and feedback.
- Future decisions on how to proceed.

SUMMARY OF ATC MEETING - MAY 2024 DURING WFCU19 AND 3V3 WFC



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8.-12.5. | Lahti | Finland



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ATTENDEES

Chair: Agata Plechan (POL) **IFF:** Monika Kraus (POL)

Members:

Lara Heini (SUI)

Tomas Sladky (CZE)

Junoh Lee (KOR)

Jarno Ihme (FIN)

Yui Takahashi (JPN)

Sergio Garces (ESP)

Absent:

Josefina Eiremo (SWE)

Kabaziba Daphine (UGA)

1. Summary of the meeting discussions on various topics

- Meeting with John Liljelund - Secretary General - discussion on the ATC contributions, rules, the decisions making process. In the future ATC to be invited to the CB workshops.
- Meeting with Mr.Thomas Eriksson - IFF president - ATC had a chance to meet with IFF President and have very active discussion on the ongoing matters within IFF, rules of the game and important for players topics
- Discussion about Activity Rule: At first, as ATC wanted to come up with our own version of the Activity Rule, but it was a bit difficult honestly speaking, so we discussed a bit more of what the approach should be.

We looked at the below rule that already exists: 5.21

21) When a team delays play. (924) This includes when a team plays in a systematically passive way behind their own goal cage. The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken. **We think that this rule could be expanded into something that would be an activity rule. How: for example to extend the area, going from *behind their own goal cage to half of the field*.** We are not in favor of introducing anything that would require additional lines on the field of play or anything that is related to fixed time (amount of seconds counting down like in basketball). In general, we think that something similar to the activity rule in handball could be beneficial for testing in floorball, but unfortunately we do not have a full proposal ready from our side. Of course the referee sign would have to be something to discuss here as well, to make it simple and visible as what they do in handball we already use for other kinds of situations.

2. Rules change discussion and future plans:

We went through the process of rules changes with Sergio explaining what happened during the Reference Group meeting. The official finalised list will be shared at the end of May and we decided to meet then to go through the list. During that meeting we will also take a look at the existing rules to deliver our feedback to IFF on which rules are not needed in the book.

Agata will send doodle to find the date for meeting beginning of June, so we can go through the rules list.

3. International Calendar discussion:

We shortly touched upon needs of big updated to the international calendar.

We understand need for changes, although, there was not much support from the Asian part of ATC with the biggest argument being that it would be challenging for Asian teams to meet European teams as the level of AOFC cup is lower than WFC.

On a positive note, we believe this could keep players active for a longer time? Difficult to say, but the argument was that you usually want to play WFC to retire after, so it would keep some players around for longer. But the effect can also be opposite.

We also believe that this decision might not be supported by European countries ranked 5 - 10? as they have less international games than top4 and many of them are not part of the bigger tournaments such as World Games and would be in favor of playing WFC every second year.

But again, we understand the need for this change and we will support it.

4. Player of the Year

We took a look at the current proposal(s) for the player of the year award and came with a couple of comments/feedback to the idea in general:

- We think it could be great opportunity to show top10 players of the year - announcement could take place throughout time period (use 1-2 weeks and make an announcement each day, every second day?). We think that this could give visibility to players from other countries than top4, for example Latvia
- Innebandymagazinet player of the year is being announcement in January - shall IFF focus on player of the season and the voting + announcement could take place when season ends?
- Would IFF player of the year be totally separated from what Innebandymagazinet is doing, or shall we work together?

5. Social media

Unfortunately, there was not time to catch up with IFF social team during the tournament, but we managed to have some individual conversations with the IFF social media crew we decided to:

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- Plan in advance activities and ATC presence on IFF social media during the events

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Discussion:

- Develop the idea further, what do we want to achieve, clear goal.
- What should be the next steps
- Possible challenges
- Perfect image of the buddy: who are we looking for?
- Toolkit for the buddy?

Outcomes:

- Language: English, if possible other languages to match with the native languages. Match players language skills.
- Target group: u19 national team? With possible exceptions.
- Who are our buddies? To start with we would like to reach to players and pick them, until we could let it run by itself - ATC members to take lead on checkups with players if monthly catch up took place. Buddy target group: national teams players, top leagues, both male and female
- Have an amount of spots available for testing period. Depending on how many players would like to test this.
- Possible start: beginning of the next season 24/25
- Buddy toolkit: list of topics - to cover 1 topic per meeting: 1. what is 24/7 of a top floorball player 2. How did you go through a difficult moment of your career? 3. The most inspiring moment 4. How are/did you combining school with floorball & training 5. How do you pass through a serious injury (how do you come back?) - if applicable 6. how to handle it if you make mistake in the game? 7. What if your coach decide to put you on the bench? 8. How you should react when national team coach doesn't choose you?

Next steps:

Agata to finalize the idea based on the group discussion we had in Lahti, gather feedback from the office and the next step would be to present the idea to some of the players from our network we would reach out to. Hoping they would sign up to test this project.

3vs3 WFC feedback gathered by ATC during the tournament



Elite vs Fun & Future

- More teams from one country = fun, but not serious
- SSL players vs leisure players = not serious, and felt a bit unclear if serious or not
- 47 Goals in 2x 10 min = not serious
- LAT won, SWE W with a close game against LAT in ¼ final. New Z winning against CZE, SWE not winning etc.=> it was closer, exactly what we needed
- Countries that never could play a WFC (Spain, Burkina Faso...) have the chance to participate and play against big nations
- Countries that don't have people or money to come to a 5 vs 5 WFC can do it here, amazing!
- Challenging for federations, how much to focus on this tournament. Again, question of how serious this WFC should be.
- If we want to grow, it might be the right thing to do (our new beach volleyball)
- A, B even C division with final of each of them granting qualification to higher division
- For the future, I would strongly suggest mixed games as it is a trend in sports and this can aim at the Youth Olympic Games.
- To avoid the conflict between elite and fun, the IFF should create some kind of clear rules for player's nomination into the national team, which all nations will follow; the image of 3 vs.3 WFC cannot be destroyed by freedom of sending groups of friends into this event.
- From the Spaniards players, fun to play against big nations.
- An agreement among IFF and Federations to set the rules to participate in the tournament once they decide what direction to take (elite, fun, A-B-C divisions..)
- Maybe it will be nice to have "divisioning" in this kind of tournament. This is an idea from the Special Olympics. If we do divisioning the small nations can play against big nations in the group stage, then we can also have serious play-offs. Let's read the link about divisioning.
- Speed is one of core attractions for floorball, meaning that we do not need more speed in floorball, but simpler rules are needed to attract more spectators.

3vs3 WFC feedback gathered by ATC during the tournament



Referees

- 1 difficult, would be better with 2
- Good that in the finals there were 2 refs
- Need education but was quite good for the first time
- More things are allowed on the other side of the refs position
- Some refs were clearly communicating team's jerseys colours + showing which goalkeeper shout do the throw (it was very helpful, considering this is very new rule)
- Referees developed their work during the tournament, what was positive- it will be important to educate them a bit earlier before next WFC about speed of the game, how to keep the flow and clear advices for players and also for scoreboard, because they do also hell of the job during those crazy fast games.
- It was nice to have a woman ref for the men's games
- For me, the game was too fast to follow. Referees seem not to call many fouls because of the speed of the game. Too many calls will ruin the speed of the game, but too few calls will ruin the game as the game might become too aggressive and too violent. It will also be good for spectators to understand the game a bit better with some poses after the whistle.

Infrastructure:

- Cool under 1 roof, great to have all fields so close, but better space to warm up needed
- Centre court, could have a bit more space to watch the game
- Nice to also have U19 under 1 roof. In an ideal case (bigger U19 arena) it could be for free to watch U19 for the participants of 3vs3
- Music during final was unnecessary, but there were some comments that music was great to have
- Lockers facilities could have been located inside the building, not to shower, but just change clothes + storage space
- Small tribunes around each field, smaller than around rink1, but still giving a chance for spectators to have good view, there were some exciting games on other rink than 1 when many people gathered to watch
- The pilot and very first time project "survived" very well. small fields next to each others were cool, under one roof perfect
- Other comments about music, great to have, but not in final games
- More stands to watch the 3vs3 around all fields.
- During the finals many people stood around.
- More 3vs3 games streamed

3vs3 WFC feedback gathered by ATC during the tournament



Field:

- A bit small, especially for men
- Goalkeeper Area, maybe good as it is and goalkeepers just need to get used to it. Protection of goalies is important so maybe it is good. No player in this area! If field gets a bit bigger maybe then it can be as it is in CH
- Team bench area should be clearly divided from spectators area
- Slightly bigger goalkeeper area

Playing time

- Talked to many players and they said 10 min was just about right, shorter would be more lucky winners (around 20 players)
- 2 said it was a bit long (1 was playing all the time as the rest was not so good, Stefansson in Island)
- Some comments that maybe in playoffs you should have longer games (especially if we want to reduce it to 8 or 9)
- It would have been appreciated to have some more time between the games (10 min) so that you have some time on the field
- Some comments that it would have been nice to play a sudden death instead of directly penalty shoots for playoffs
- Proposal for sudden death: 3 min (no golden goal)

Team size

- Comments on that one more field player in the team roster will work, so they can have 3 lines of 3
- 8 and 2 were good (most of the players), 1 said it was too many games or more people would be needed

Perception

- Fast and attractive!
- Interesting as high action rate
- Great atmosphere
- Safe and fair play

3vs3 WFC feedback gathered by ATC during the tournament



Rules

- Faster thanks to the ball pack on the goal and the goalie starting, I was sceptical about this but I liked it! Also almost all comments were positive about that!!
- Ball bags can be hard to reach if almost empty for small goalkeepers! Also 2 others said this could be improved. What was good was that even if the goal fell down, not all balls were falling out. In some of the games goalkeepers really had to do a lot of squats to reach the ball many times.
- It was on the edge of being dangerous, it was a lot allowed with the body and should maybe be reduced a bit.
- Penalty, good solution
- Should a goalie really be able to score?
- How early can you take a ball as a goalkeeper?
- If these are the new rules, should CH and FIN adjust it or do we have 2 rules
- Free Shots in the middle: here I got diverse feedback, some said the physical game was really hard and you only got a free shot in the middle, others said that this is too big of a chance there free shots in the middle
- Got some comments about that it is tricky with the running time, you can systematically change with free shots
- Idea to have effective time in the last minute of the game, some teams were really playing passive in the last minute
- Shall 2 min penalty be 1 min with this short playing time?
- Idea to allow goalkeeper throw the ball without the rule that it needs to touch the floor before middle line
- There was a running discussion already during the first games about the distance of the penalty spot: most of the answers were about putting the spot a bit further from the goal (maybe to the middle-spot of the ring?).
- Many hard faults without penalty min
- 2 refs for all the games, not just the final or final rounds.
- Complaints about some teams losing time because of the running time.
- From the spectators' view, it can be hard to understand that goalies throw the ball when the ball is out. Also, they can think about why a player starts the ball from the middle line when a foul happens somewhere else.

3vs3 WFC feedback gathered by ATC during the tournament



Organisation

- Well done! Players were impressed how good it worked, as it was for the first time
- Biggest creds to Sarah, for having schedule, rules and emotions in the final in full control (TOTALLY!)
- Nr of games and break in between games was appreciated. One comment that you should have more games if you do not win
- Some comments that it would have been nice to play over 3 days so that you can watch some games as well
- Having 3rd place game, or in general placement games until the end of the tournament
- There was one comment that it was not professional enough but called WFC, but with lots of understanding for this being the 'pilot project' tournament
- I heard that IFF did so much work because of some issues between the LOC. Great job done and I suggest making this format easy to deliver for the LOC without too many staff working for many different venues.
- Presence of medical help in 3vs3 arena, as they had to walk all the way from main arena when needed, with that many games at the same time and high speed, a lot of things can happen
- Idea for the future: official players party - players were willing to meet each other in the evening- after group games.
- Too many games in one day. Some teams played their first game at 8:00am and the last one at 21:00 pm.
- One more day of competition. More time to rest, watch other games, visit the host city

Feedback has been shared with the IFF office.



ATC elections 2020/21

Term end: 2025

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Elections for the male candidates of the IFF Athletes' Commission (ATC) were held during the WFC qualifications in February. There were seven candidates from China, Czech Republic, Finland, Korea, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine, and four were elected to serve on the ATC from 2020-2024.

The successful candidates were (pictured left to right):

Jarno Ihme (FIN), Tomas Sladky (CZE), Sergio Garces (ESP), Junoh Lee (KOR)



Elections for the female candidates of the IFF Athletes' Commission (ATC) were held via an online survey distributed to all IFF Member Associations. There was a record eleven candidates from India, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland and Uganda, and four were elected to serve on the ATC from 2021-2025.

The successful candidates are: **Kabaziba Daphine** (UGA), **Josefina Eiremo** (SWE), **Lara Heini** (SUI), **Yui Takahashi** (JPN).



Agata
starts as
Chair,
January
2021



Fair Play prize awards

11.5.	16:30	Arena B	(11th and 12th)	Lara
11.5.	16:30	Arena B	(11th and 12th)	Junoh
11.5.	19:30	Arena B	(5th and 6th)	Tomas
11.5.	19:30	Arena B	(5th and 6th)	Yui
12.5.	10.00	Arena A	(9th and 10th)	Junoh
12.5.	10:00	Arena A	(9th and 10th)	Lara
12.5.	10:30	Arena B	(7th and 8th)	Tero Kalsta, IFF, Sales Coordinator
12.5.	10:30	Arena B	(7th and 8th)	Tero Kalsta, IFF, Sales Coordinator
12.5.	13:00	Arena A	(3rd and 4th)	Jarno
12.5.	13:00	Arena A	(3rd and 4th)	Yui
12.5.	16:00	Arena A	(1st and 2nd)	Sergio
12.5.	16:00	Arena A	(1st and 2nd)	Jarno



Start of work in this group was challenging due to covid-19:

- Agata new in her role
- Many cancelled and postponed events
- No chance for us to meet face to face
- First real meeting taking place in 2023 in Tampere
- Our time limitations (life, floorball, work)

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Jarmo Ihme



Monika Kraus



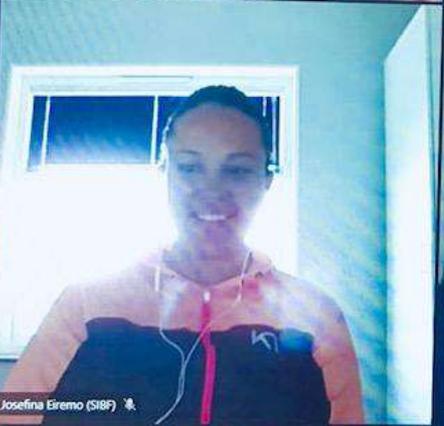
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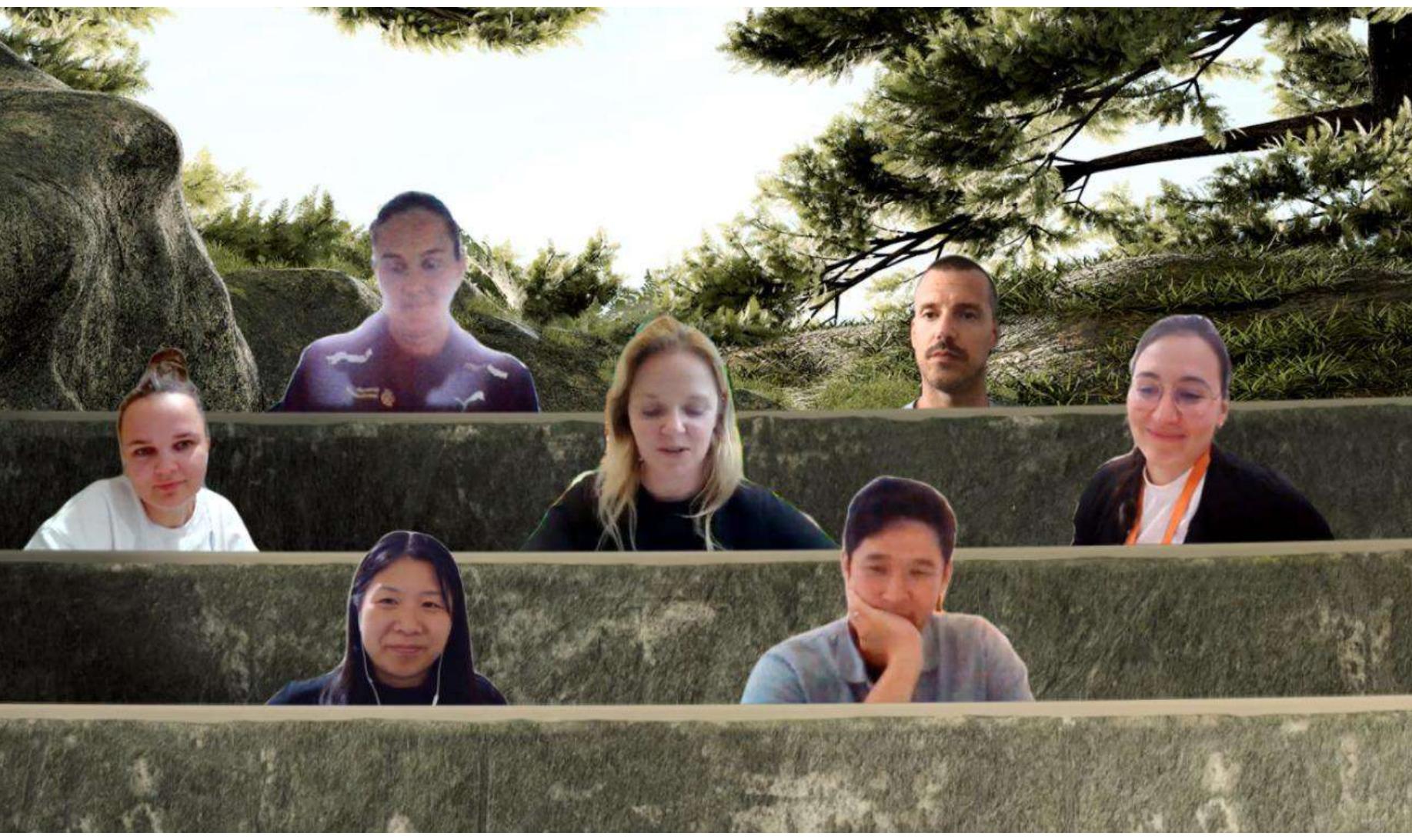
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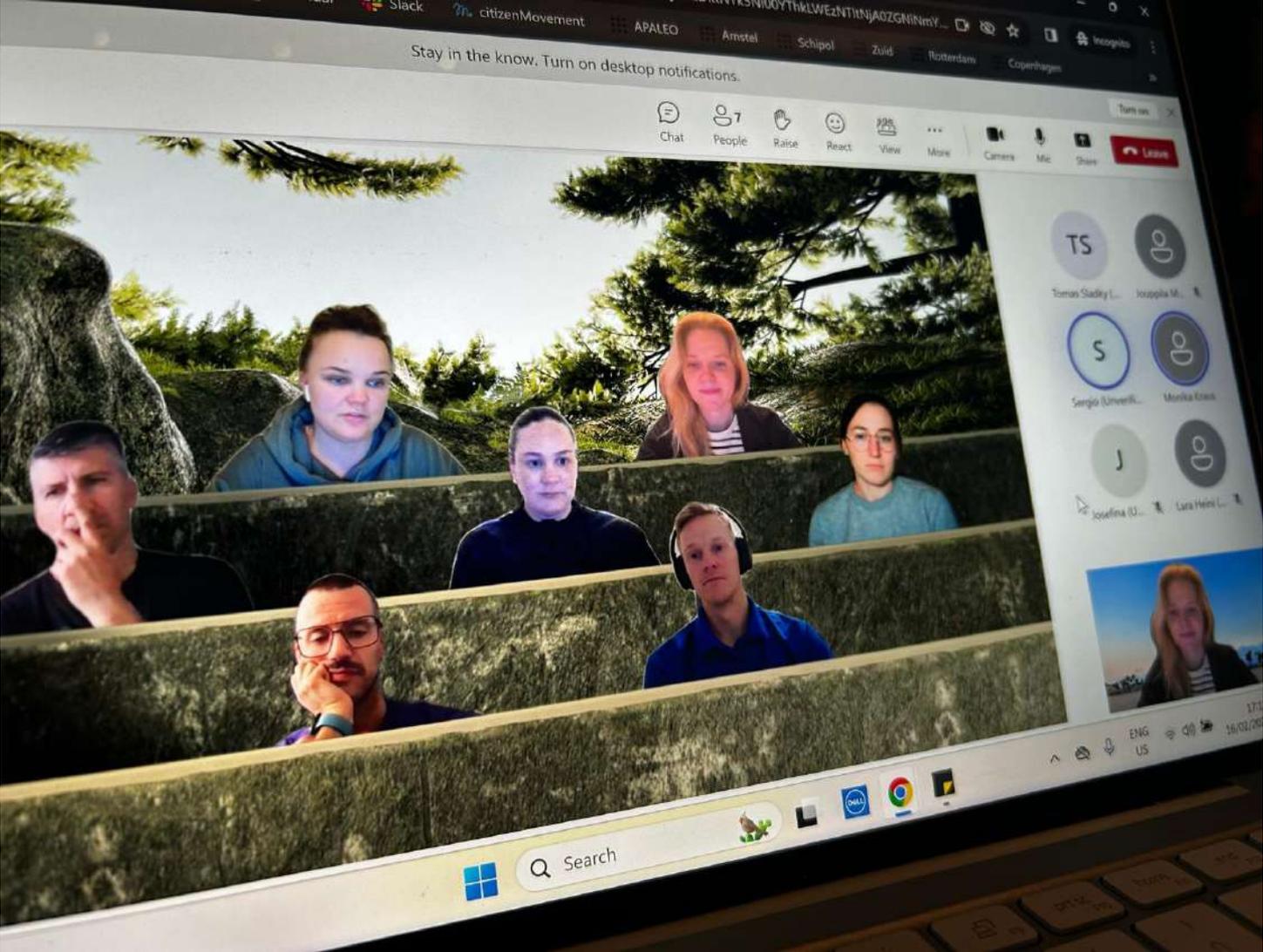














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We can be proud:



- Active in RACC
- Active in Hall of Fame
- Active in Strategy Groups
- Many CB meetings attended and feedback shared from players perspective
- Influenced rule change in relation to players release
- Statement on players release, statement on Ukraine and Russia situation
- A lot of learnings
- Rules proposals delivered
- Term extension approved
- Blogs articles written
- visible at the largest floorball events worldwide, reinforcing their commitment to representing the interests and insights of floorball players on a global stage
- Fair Floorball active participation in the campaign
- Stick with It campaign participation
- Participated in events organized by IOC and WADA

The future



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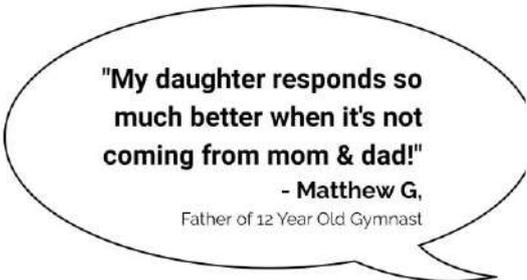
- Let's make the best out of this weekend!
- Let's have as many conversations as possible with all the people around and our guests.
- Let's be visible.
- Let's make clear goals for the future.
- Let's gather feedback together on 3vs3 , I will be happy to share it with CB.
- **Go for being re-elected!**

ATC Buddy Program

Objectives:

Mentorship program that connects young athletes with top league athletes for personalised guidance. It offers a unique approach to mentorship, focusing on 1-on-1 monthly video calls that provide support extending beyond what parents or traditional coaches provide. It would allow top leagues athletes to shine from their name, image, and likeness. We believe athletes are inspirational role models. The positivity of their can-do, never quit attitude could benefit all. Through this programme we would like to give the opportunity to young floorball players (mentees) to connect directly with their role models (mentors) in a winning combination which gets incredible results.

Athlete to Athlete mentorship covers a broad range of sports and has demonstrated a high retention rate, emphasising its effectiveness in filling a void in the market and creating meaningful mentor-mentee relationships in the athletic community.



"My daughter responds so much better when it's not coming from mom & dad!"

- Matthew G.

Father of 12 Year Old Gymnast

How: Pair top floorball athletes, either active or recently retired (Mentors) with young future stars (Mentees). Provide them with opportunities to connect and facilitate mentorship, allowing the young players to benefit from the experience and knowledge of the top athletes.

Duration:

- 8 months (length of floorball season) from the moment of joining the program with frequency of online meetings of 1 per month
- Participants can terminate their participation in the Program by notifying the Chair of IFF ATC - Agata Plechan under email: acplechan@gmail.com

Mentors (our ideal ATC Buddy):

requirements:

- National team players or top league players ideally from top 4 countries

(Sweden, Finland, Czech Republic, Switzerland), but we are open for top stars from countries ranked out of top4.

- Role models on their teams
- Available for 1-2 hours per month to be active in the program
- Interested in sharing their experiences and providing mentorship to young future stars
- Open to share with IFF ATC any unusual occurrences or impediments during the Program.
- Provide a reflection on the process, its quality, and usefulness at the end of the Program.

Recruitment of Mentors: *(not for the testing phase)**

1. The recruitment of Mentors will begin immediately after its announcement of the program, which will state the period it will cover.
2. During the recruitment period, interested candidates must declare their interest by sending their declaration of interest and required documents to the provided email address.
3. Additionally, the IFF ATC can invite athletes it considers suitable for the Buddy profile and who would add value to the program.

Ideal Future Star (Mentee):

- U19 national team player or close to being part of it
- Passionate about floorball
- Eager to develop and improve
- Has clear goals and ambitions
- Open to share any unusual occurrences or impediments during the Program.
- Provide a reflection on the process, its quality, and usefulness at the end of the Program.

Recruitment of Mentees: *(not for the testing phase)**

1. The recruitment of Mentees will begin immediately after its announcement of the program, which will state the period it will cover.
2. During the recruitment period, interested candidates must declare their interest by sending their declaration of interest and required documents to the provided email address.
3. Additionally, the IFF ATC can invite athletes it considers suitable for the Mentees profile.

Language Skills:

- English proficiency
- Alternatively, IFF ATC will match Mentors with Mentees sharing the same native language.

Operation of ATC Buddy Program:

1. Mentoring officially starts when the IFF ATC notifies the Mentee of their assigned Mentor. The Participants should meet shortly after to determine the Mentoring's specific operations and get to know each other.
2. Both Mentor and Mentee would receive topics of their meetings before the first get to know each other online meeting.
3. Contact between the Mentor and Mentee will be digital with the frequency of 1 per month.
4. Participation in the Program is voluntary, and Participants are not remunerated for their work.
5. Mentors, and Mentees must treat all data received and information shared during the Mentoring confidentially.

Guiding principle:

Despite the responsibilities outlined in this document, the Program is based on a principle of procedural flexibility, meaning decisions agreed upon by the Mentor and Mentee take precedence over the regulation in these matters.

The IFF Athletes' Commission will support the Mentoring processes, assisting participants as needed via check-ins, email, text messages, short calls.

**proposal:*

Testing Phase:

- Maximum of 8 pairs (16 athletes in total: 8 buddies and 8 future stars)
- Initial selection of players by the IFF ATC, with potential for the program to become open for everyone to sign up in the future.
- ATC members to oversee monthly check-ins, addressing any challenges and ensuring meetings occur, pair each ATC member with one pair Mentor-Mentee
- Introduce the idea to the athletes picked by ATC, share topics to discuss in each of the meetings and invite them to the program.

- Possible start at the beginning of the 2024/25 season

ATC Buddy (Mentor) Toolkit:

- Technical requirements: stable internet connection, computer
- Knowledge of Teams or Google Meetings usage
- Ability to cover eight suggested topics, dedicating 1-2 hours each month from September 2024 to April 2025

Suggested Monthly Topics:

1. Introduction:

- Get to know each other: share how and why you started playing floorball.
- Discuss favourite positions on the field, equipment preferences (what stick do you use? why?), and ask simple questions to build athlete to athlete connection 😊

2. Daily Routine of a Top Floorball Player:

- Discuss sleep, nutrition, mental preparation, special rituals, games, training, and balancing free time with friends and family.

3. Overcoming Challenges:

- Share experiences of overcoming difficult moments in your career (excluding injuries, which is a separate topic).

4. Inspiring Moments:

- Talk about the most inspiring moment of your floorball career.

5. Balancing School and Floorball:

- Discuss time management strategies for balancing school and training effectively.

6. Dealing with Injuries:

- Share personal stories or experiences of teammates overcoming serious injuries and the support they or you received.
- How was it to come back to the floorball field?

7. Handling Mistakes:

- Discuss how to cope with mistakes during the game, such as missing a goal or a penalty shot, or receiving a penalty yourself.

8. Dealing with Coaching Decisions:

- Discuss how to handle being benched during a game or not being selected for the national team.

End of testing phase:

After 8 meetings of each pair.

- Online check in with ATC members and all participants of the program to share their experience and feedback.
- Future decisions on how to proceed.

Start and end of testing phase:

September 2024 – April 2025

Next steps:

Evaluation of testing phase, decisions for the future and next steps to be taken.

Proposal Evaluation Form

	EUROPEAN COMMISSION Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS+)	Evaluation Summary Report
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Call: ERASMUS-SPORT-2024
Type of action: ERASMUS-LS
Proposal number: 101184045
Proposal acronym: COACHES
Duration (months): 36
Proposal title: Creation Of a Holistic Coaching Education Structure for Floorball
Activity: ERASMUS-SPORT-2024-SCP

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total eligible costs	%	Grant Requested	%
1	Palloilu Säätiö sr	FI	73,000	18.25%	73,000	18.25%
2	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FLOORBALL	CH	47,000	11.75%	47,000	11.75%
3	Belgian Floorball Federation vzw	BE	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
4	Österreichischer Floorball Verband	AT	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
5	FLOORBALL DANMARK	DK	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
6	FLOORBALL-VERBAND DEUTSCHLAND (FD)EV	DE	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
7	POLSKI ZWIAZEK UNIHOKEJA	PL	30,500	7.62%	30,500	7.62%
8	SLOVENSKY ZVAZ FLORBALU	SK	30,500	7.62%	30,500	7.62%
9	ASOCIACION ESPANOLA DE UNIHOCKEY Y FLOORBALL	ES	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
10	Ukrainian Floorball Federation	UA	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
11	Suomen Salibandyliitto ry	FI	33,500	8.38%	33,500	8.38%
12	FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA HOCKEY	IT	26,500	6.62%	26,500	6.62%
Total:			400,000		400,000	

Abstract:

The project aims to bridge the gap between larger, well-established floorball federations and smaller, financially constrained ones. It focuses on sharing knowledge and experiences to enhance diversity, participation, and inclusion in coach education and player development. The collaboration involves top floorball federations, Eerikkilä Sport Institute, and the International Floorball Federation. Smaller and mid-sized countries (Denmark, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Italy, Ukraine, Spain, Austria, Belgium) play a crucial role in providing practical insights and addressing challenges unique to their environments. The goal is to create a concrete action plan for coach education and new game formats, with an emphasis on implementation in countries where floorball is less developed. The project recognizes the potential for growth in floorball, especially in schools and NGOs, and aims to tailor solutions to the specific needs of smaller nations.

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 85.50 (Threshold: 70)

Criterion 1 - RELEVANCE

Score: 21.00 (Threshold: 13 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The project is highly relevant as it addresses a few horizontal as well as sport-specific priorities of the action. The project will contribute to equality and is relevant for the further development of shared EU values. The profiles of all participating organizations are well suited and relevant for the topic of the proposal.

The project outlines the needs of the participating associations as well as the overall needs of the Floorball community. The proposed work plan is complementary to other initiatives already conducted by the consortium members. Given the large dispersion of the participating countries, the project will undoubtedly provide a unique platform to enable EU added value. Nevertheless, the need analysis is poorly developed and lacking a sound description of the educational situation of coaches in the participant countries. In particular, it is not clear from the proposal if the participant countries really need the results of the project. Additionally, considering the presented responsibility of coaching concept, it has not been explained which specific problems are present in the participant countries.

Criterion 2.1 QUALITY — PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Score: **21.00** (Threshold: 15 / 30.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The objectives are generally well defined and clearly address the needs of the national as well as international association. The proposed work plan is clear, effective and implements appropriate project phases. The project includes appropriate plans for control and evaluation measures to ensure the successful attainment of its objectives. Nevertheless, the project does not demonstrate adequately the project cost-efficiency and the presence of budget monitoring and financial measures are very generic.

The inclusion aspects are not sufficiently developed and the digital aspect remain underdeveloped. The proposal fails to identify useful digital tools available, for instance in the Erasmus+ online platforms. It does not identify the appropriate strategies to ensure that project will be conducted in an eco-friendly manner. While the learning platform development is appropriate, the arrangements for the recognition and validation of participants' learning outcomes is not defined well.

Criterion 2.2 QUALITY — PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

Score: **18.50** (Threshold: 10 / 20.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The project consortia represent an excellent team and will ensure the dissemination of the project results among the grass-roots organization in Europe and their coaches. Overall, the project consortium is excellently developed, it includes relevant stakeholders from numerous countries including participating organization from a third country that undoubtedly adds value to the present proposal. The budget and task allocation ensures effective contribution from the consortium members. The coordination and communication strategies are well developed and appropriate to the scale and aims of the project. The proposal nevertheless fails to clearly demonstrate the participation of newcomers and less experienced organization to the action.

Criterion 3 - IMPACT

Score: **25.00** (Threshold: 13 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The proposal includes appropriate and logical steps to integrate the project results into daily workflow of all participating national organisations. Based on the envisaged and well developed outcomes, the project will undoubtedly positively affect participants as well as the wider community. The developed curricula and other educational material is beneficial for the implementation of floorball into school systems and will also be used in competitive and recreational domains to enhance participation and improve the work quality in the sport. The dissemination strategy is well developed and the established outputs will be made available acknowledging the European Union funding. The project sustainability beyond the project funding phase is optimal.

Scope of the proposal

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided



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Montreal, Canada
27 June 2024

Mr. John Liljelund
Secretary General
International Floorball Federation (IFF)

Via email: Liljelund@floorball.sport

Subject: Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ)

Dear Mr. Liljelund,

I hope this correspondence finds you well.

Following the review of the Corrective Action Report (CAR) related to the Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ) and your subsequent submissions addressing the relevant requirements, I am pleased to inform you that WADA has concluded that your organization has successfully addressed all corrective actions contained in the CAR.

We encourage you to also implement the best practice recommendations listed within the CAR as these recommendations support the implementation of quality anti-doping programs. We thank you very much for your cooperation in this very important compliance exercise.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Emiliano Simonelli

Associate Director, Compliance Unit – Compliance, Rules and Standards

Cc: Ms. Anna Jacobson, Anti-Doping Manager, IFF (Antidoping@floorball.sport)
Mr. James Varecka, Operations & Anti-Doping Coordinator, IFF (Varecka@floorball.sport)
Mr. Sébastien Gillot, Director, European Office and Sport Movement Relations, WADA



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Marketing Function Report/Tero Kalsta 8.9.2024

Sales Overview

The challenging market situation remains unchanged with economic uncertainty, but the decreasing inflation and interest rates are positive signs. Local organisers have proven that floorball events can produce good results, and this trend remains with new partnerships for the WFC 2024 and 2025. The IFF has also been able to start and keep up negotiations however the number of cases is not that high, and closing is hard.

Sales Status

Good cooperation with the Swedish Federation continues, we have some potential companies to offer visibility elements which belong to the IFF. Early summer there have been further conversations with Red Carpet Brand Alliance (RCBA) as not much has happened so far. They indicated that the 2026 and 2027 events taking place in Finland creates a good base for sales activities towards Nordic companies and said to create a top potential list of 20 companies. RCBA were submitted updated IFF materials however not much activity.

The IFF is continuously in contact with companies that have been sponsors in past events (Dachser and Fisherman's Friend (repeat the referee wear for 2026/27)) and pushing for new ones (e.g. iFolor). During summer we have had good meetings for example with Vitamin Well (drink) and Kuusakoski (recycling company) and have submitted suggestions for ways to collaborate. The sustainability angle is an on-going approach and further discussions have been held with Swappie, (serviced 2nd hand phones) and Oatly (oat-based products). We are also still trying to create smaller income sources with offering targeted campaigns (country-specific) for the IFF App (tested for WFC 2023 / Fleurop).

As sponsorship revenue has been limited and the financial structure for the IFF will change (headquarter set up with the Finnish Federation and the financial support that will most likely decrease) there is a need evaluate alternative models to create revenue. Going forward at least three options can be considered:

- Based on good local sales results, increase the ad space the LOC receives (with a IFF commission)
- Create a combined sales model with EFT countries where we could include added visibility in other IFF events (which could attract brands to operate on multiple markets / revenue share model)
- Investigate new possible (European) Sports Marketing Agencies as sales agents. A few agencies have been contacted and an inquiry to the European Sponsorship Association has been sent (they have a tens of agencies as members).

Over the summer IFF has discussed with Protocol Sports, in good spirits, about the future of the TV and streaming rights distribution agreement. We have expressed the possibility to renew the agreement but with different terms (most importantly the agreement period and termination). The

IFF requested a proposal based on these wishes. A month later we received a memo which to our surprise referred to the renewal clause in the agreement and insists that the agreement has been renewed for further five years based on the accrued gross revenue. Further, they suggest to also include our existing top country TV agreements into the agreement. This makes no sense to the IFF as in our perception there would be no room to negotiate better terms, and we would then also need to pay commission from these deals that we have made ourselves. As they also had not considered our wishes on new agreement terms the IFF, after legal consultation, has decided to terminate the contract. Mr Liljelund has mapped other distribution agencies, so we have alternative solutions.

In the future IFF will offer the national federations the possibility to include national sponsors in the IFF App visible for country-specific users (based on user's phone prefix) on a 50/50 revenue share basis. Further IFF will offer non-IFF event organisers the possibility to stream matches on the IFF App. It has proven to be a good model to offer organisers access to a floorball audience, increases the content offering and generates some revenue for both parties.

The Champions Cup is not generating interest for partnerships. The numbers for the events in terms of spectators and stream visibility (in general) are not convincing. And there is still the possible conflict of competing brands as the regulations define the use of local flooring and rinks (and possible exclusive agreements of clubs e.g. Storvreta/Nike). Furthermore, it has also become clear that creating material for all events, especially in the early stages with many matches and different venues is quite time-consuming.

Based on the idea to create new revenue streams for the IFF the first organiser agreements with a commission on ticket sale income have been negotiated (U19 WFC 2025 / WFC 2025). Further clauses are also introduced whereby the IFF is entitled to a commission of sponsorship revenue above a certain target amount.

Marketing Status

Cooperation with the existing IFF sponsors is continuing well. In 2024 all events are already played according to plan on the new dark blue floor. The Gerflor LinkedIn post series on floorball has so far had one post but more should be coming. We are pushing them material now when the WFC 2024 approaches. PUMA Nordic is going to propose to deliver some additional material for the WFC 2024 referees e.g. shoes. Further, depending on WFC schedules in Malmö there would be the opportunity for stakeholders to visit the PUMA Nordic facilities in Helsingborg. PUMA is still thinking of creating selected IFF-products as an own "product line" which might also be partially connected to the 40th IFF anniversary in 2026. There is also a preliminary discussion of a possible web shop integration into the IFF website (white label web shop solution with selected referee and IFF items). This platform could also serve for distribution of the customised IFF-products from PUMA. The IFF also continues to assist PUMA to find leads within the floorball community.

The next CCMNG meeting is in Malmö 29th of August. The agenda will consist of sales and marketing related topics, success cases and development ideas/possibilities. The possible new sales models (for example combines sales) will also be discussed.

The idea of connecting national federation sponsors via a networking event has moved forward. This will take place on the 12th of December at the Malmö Arena (Appendix: WFC 2024 Federation Sponsor Networking invitation_v1.0_external). We expect to have 40-50 people attending. First there will be official programme ensued with networking in the VIP area (and possibility to watch the quarter-final match).

The IFF has actively been in contact with the clubs participating in the Champions Cup 2025 to make sure the venues have good presentation of the CC2025 image. The material is predominantly for digital surfaces (screens / LED panes) and the IFF has tried to accommodate the varying material needs in the venues. Further teams / clubs have been reminded of existing templates for social media purposes. Working with several organisers (compared to one final event / LOC) clearly creates a lot of extra work, not only for marketing, but all IFF departments.

The IFF media team has been active in promoting the Champions Cup and it has been nice to see that teams have been somewhat active. Due to active measures from IFF media on CC Instagram it received almost 800k views in the period between 19.-27.8 with 16% being followers and 84% non-followers (!!!).

The launch of the 3V3 WFC was a success, brand and logo included. The plan is to use the same logo also for future 3v3 events but leave some room for the LOC to adapt the colour. A guideline for LOCs is ready and has been submitted to the next organising committee. After further investigation of the existing IFF sponsor agreements the rights are covered for PUMA, but other branches create opportunities for next partners. Big potential for floorball brands and we need to discuss this with the existing partner and then with others to map the full picture.

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IFF Core Country Marketing Network Group Meeting, Malmö, 2/2024, 29.8.2024, 09:00-16:30 (CET)

Participants:	Jörg Beer (JB)	SUHV/IFF Board member, CCMNG Chair
	Juerg Kihm	SUHV, Project Manager Digital Hub
	Patrick Cupelin	SUHV, Manager Marketing & Events
	Timo Toivonen	SSBL, Sales Manager
	Niklas Wangnet	Floorball Deutschland, CB member
	Claus Winberg	Floorball Danmark, Secretary General
	Roman Urbar	Czech Floorball, Marketing Company CEO
	Magnus Nilsson	Swedish Floorball Federation, Event Director WFC 2024
	Sander Raab Owren	NBF, Marketing and Communications Adviser
	Tero Kalsta (TK)	IFF, Manager Sales & Sustainability
	John Liljelund (JL)	IFF, Secretary General
	Online	Slovakia (Juraj Hvozdič)

Report on present issues

1. Opening and short presentation (JB)

Mr. Beer opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the second meeting of 2024, thanking the Swedish federation and Magnus Nilsson for making it possible for us to be here.

2. Approval of the agenda (JB)

The agenda was approved with some additions to be discussed during the Country reports.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting (JB)

The minutes of the previous meeting were sent on the 25.1.2024., and as there has not been any comments they are therefore approved.

4. IFF Sales situation, Quick review (IFF/TK)

Mr. Kalsta reported the sales of IFF commercial rights. There have been no new sales unfortunately.

There are ongoing discussions with a number of companies, but it has been very difficult to get closure of any agreements. Mr. Beer asked what the main reason is for not reaching agreement. Mr. Kalsta explained that companies don't want to start anything new, but just staying with the ones they have. Apart from the negotiations, the most difficult thing is to open the door to the companies.

The cooperation with RCBA has not produced any results, which is a quite big disappointment. In the summer there has been made a shortlist of 20 companies, but there has been no response so far.

Mr. Kalsta has reached out to the European Sponsorship Association, to ask them to connect with their member agencies and Sales Rights.

Mr. Kalsta introduced a few ideas of how the IFF could gain some more sponsorship revenue

- To look over the sales system together with the Event organisers
- Provide additional inventory from the IFF's and give it to the LOC
- Change the system of the WFC agreements.

Mr. Liljelund explained the need for additional sponsorship revenue for IFF.

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Mr. Urbar explained that it is often so that the headquarters of the potential companies are not familiar with Floorball. Floorball is also going towards the youth and the digital inventory, especially talking about activation and spread.

Mr. Liljelund asked if IFF should work with different channels to raise the awareness among the Sports market.

Mr. Urbar felt that we need to build on the activation, when we are striving for more visibility and awareness. Mr. Kihm asked what the sponsors want. Mr. Ubrar answered brand exposure, content creation/activation on social media (work done by CF), CSR or create some special product. CF is making a player value system for the club with KFC, which could be used for the WFC.

Mr. Toivonen felt it would be a positive idea to open up for the national federations to sell together with the IFF. Mr. Winberg felt that in Denmark the issue is that the companies think Floorball is too small.

5. New IFF media platform /(IFF/TK)

Mr. Kalsta presented the current situation of the IFF App, which has 66.997 register users now and the sales has been 40 k/2022, 128 l/2023 and YTD 75k

- National league content on the IFF app (Match of the Week/Month)
- Experiences from national streaming platforms

Mr. Wangnet felt that the IFF should have some kind of interaction with the audience before, during and after the match. The German have found that the audience stays on if there is more content in between the periods. Also, the idea of activation Apparel Sponsor with creating new activation models during the events.

Mr. Beer felt that the idea Mr. Wangnet' idea is very good and IFF needs to actively seek for these kind of initiatives. as none of the companies will come to ask for this.

Mr. Kihm presented the possibilities for the national federations to use the IFF App for their sponsors visibility based on a shared revenue (50/50 or 60/40). The team sponsor is shown to everyone and a video only for the App users for from the Teams country. Mr. Beer felt that we should have the offer from the IFF for the national associations for this opportunity. There should be no basic required fee for participation and the revenue split would be 60/40 for the National Association.

6. New Champions Cup concept (TK/JL)

Mr. Kalsta gave a shot report on the Champions Cup 2014-2025. The visibility has been quite positive for the first weekend in the Northern Conference.

The sales of sponsorship have been difficult, as the number of spectators, followers on social media creates the problem of too little visibility for the Event.

Mr. Kihm asked what number of spectators we could reach with playing just one Champions Cup game in each stage in a third country, as for example the female game Pixbo – TPS had 182 spectators. Both Mr. Wangnet and Mr. Winberg felt a solution like this would be possible, being profitable for the club, not the Federation.

The CCMNG discussed the different aspects of the Champions Cup and the need and reasons for it, but also the challenges of the Champions Cup format.

7. The World Games 2025

Mr. Kalsta gave the recent development of TWG 2025 and how the promotion is progressing. Mr. Liljelund urged the member federations to promote The World Games in connection to the promotion of the upcoming WFC 2024, which is the qualification

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tournament for the men. The IFF will deliver the TWG 2025 promotion material to federations. In 2029 TWG returns to Europe (Karlsruhe) and will be huge opportunity for floorball.

Mr Liljelund also highlighted that each country should seek information from their respective National Olympic Committees as participation in the TWG qualification might create eligibility for financial support.

8. World Floorball Championships / content and co-communication (TK)

How can we leverage our events together in favour of floorball in general? (past events / road towards upcoming events)

We are approaching the anniversaries of the first WFC (30th) and IFF (40th) in 2026. For this the IFF will collect old material and national federation archives will certainly be useful. A separate contact will be made to the media department / persons.

Experience from the 3v3 WFC

Mr. Urbar feels that there should be an agreement for the national rules for qualifications, whether the top players can participate or not. Mr. Beer feels that we need to have clearer rules from IFF who can play in the 3v3.

It was brought forward how important it is for the IFF to define the long-term goal for the targets with 3v3, which will help the federations to develop.

9. IFF Marketing and Sustainability (TK)

Mr Kalsta reported the current focus areas in sustainability,

The WFC 2024 has created a Sustainability Policy for the Event in Malmö. The LOC is encouraging ticket buyers about sustainability aspects already when buying the tickets. The ticket holders will not be able to have the access to the collective traffic in Malmö, as the price for this will be too high.

The Erasmus+ GAMES project will organise a its final conference during the Event and there are ideas to promote the work done by the GAMES project during the Event

10. Quantum Consultancy: Review on the event studies (TK)

Mr. Kalsta made a short presentation of the key takeaways from the WFC 2023 Event report made by Quantum Consultancy.

- Cumulative TV audience was really good 5,4M (this was very good regarding the time-zone difference)
- TV takers from non-participating countries (CAN, CHN, INA, SLO)
- Unfortunately, spectator numbers low 21,628 (lack of marketing)
- Social media (impressions / engagements) close to WFC 2021
- Event made a deficit of ~550k€
 - Revenue from ticketing just 8,5% / sponsorship 33%

11. Country updates (ALL)

Each country can present a best practise case or a success case (knowledge sharing)

Denmark (Floorball Danmark)

- Has made a five-year contract with Unihoc for the Sport Apparel and will make an agreement about shoes with Mizuno or Kempe
- The FD is creating a local sponsor team, built-up by Floorball people from different companies.
- FD has joined a project of DIF, called a Business Club, which helps with looking for sponsors.
- Working with Sportway for Floorball TV and making a campaign to get more visibility
- Looking to host an international event for 2027 or later in Arena Nord in Frederikshavn.
- There are some Danish companies that have put some money for a “second chance”

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- program, Floorball is part of this in four cities, working with people with special needs.
- The IIHF World Championships is played in Denmark in 2025, there will be a legend game between the best Danish Floorball and former NHL players.
- The events in Denmark doesn't are not profitable for the federation, so the FD has now started profit sharing with the clubs.
- FD has hired admin and referee persons from other federations, from Badminton and Handball,
- FD will participate with the 3v3 championship (IFF format) in the DIF National Championships in Århus. The Event consist of 40 sports and over 2000 athletes. Possible visibility on national tv.

Germany (Floorball Germany)

- The Street Floorball tour was played for the third time and the last event was played in the Austrian city of Salzburg. The event was sold out and now planning to expand the series, going to France and maybe Netherlands in the future
- FG has a new employee for sponsorship, coming from Puma. She works 50/50 for FG and Hyrox (www.hyrox.com)
- The National Team player Flemming Kühl organised an event, which was a huge success, which FG will support this for the coming years
- The opening of the Czech Super League (Tatran – Bohemians) will be played in Chemnitz, Germany.

Switzerland

- SUHV is running a cooperation with the company Funduu, where people can donate for example 5 CHF, for each point the club gains during the season. The club gets the money after the season. Expectations that this will work better this year, as there was issues last year with high administration fees.
- SUHV will start to introduce the Live Stream Pro for the streaming, with Pay per View for yearly, monthly and day passes for the National league. It will be run on the Sportwik platform.
- The Lidl deal is up for renegotiation for the season 2025-2026 and SUHV has to be able to convince the Lidl management to continue with Floorball, as Lidl is sponsoring football in Germany.
- Record spectator numbers for Superfinal 2024 in Fribourg so they will return to the same venue in 2025 (and maybe also 2026)

Sweden

- Today there are just 100 days to go for the start of the WFC
- There are less than 4.000 tickets to be sold for the final and just 10 sky boxes left to sell
- Most of the tickets are bought from Sweden and then from Switzerland and most coming direct from the Ticketmaster site, not the Floorball sites.
- There are still rooms available in the LOC hotels, which needs to be booked soon, as demand is high
- The mascot Älgvis, has the target to entertain the audience.
- There will be a Fun Zone in the basement of the venue, with a Pantamera obstacle course and speed shooting among other things. The City of Malmö will build a festival area next to the Baltic Hall
- There will also be a cooperation with the Swedish fan group Gula väggen
- New floorball spectator record (18.000) for the Superfinal in the Friends (football) Arena

Norway

- Sander has been employed to work with marketing and communication.
- There was an All-Star game organised for a league player having got cancer, with artists and other people played. The match was broadcasted on TV2 and generated some 15.000 EUR for the player.
- MyGame is producing live matches in the venues, now installing cameras in the venues.

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Czechia

- Some issues with the 02 Arena and Ice hockey matches colliding with the SuperFinal dates. The plan is to publish the SuperFinal weekend and later the exact date.
- The preparation for the Women's WFC is ongoing with the legacy issues for Women's floorball.
- There is a new contract for CEZ (energy company), which will be the Title sponsor for the Women's Superleague and the the main sponsor for the WFC2025
- Cooperation has started with SportyTV with some additional TV matches, helping with the sponsors.
- Cecky Floorball TV had over 4.000 matches and 700 matches from the 1st and 2nd Mens and 1st women's. First year there was 18 k registrants, but now there are over 20k. A total of over 7 k unique users have paid.
- Cooperate with LiveSport on news and producing a TV-magazine together with the SportyTV.
- The WFC 2025 is planning on hosting a Women's Sport Conference to create more attention and visibility for the event (target to include also athletes from other sports as speakers)

Finland

- New Executive Director will start mid-October
- EFT organised mid-October
- Planned to launch WFC 2026/27 venues and image however regarding the brand /logo nothing has been proposed or discussed with IFF yet)
- 50k registered users in Salibandy.tv (85% of the revenue flows back to clubs). F-League and I-division tv/streaming right are excluded from this streaming platform.

12. Any other questions (JB/TK)

Other topics that national federations would like to discuss.

The men's Lidl Unihockey Prime League a unified flooring is introduced for all teams. This will provide better circumstances for players and also creates a coherent product. It will also offer good visibility space for potential sponsors and looks good on TV/stream.

Surprising news was that Lidl has built a very strong cloud service for their own logistics, which they are now selling also for 3rd parties (Schwarz Digits)

Mr Kalsta presented the TikTok vs YouTube charity matches (TikTube) in Finland as an example which creates a lot of visibility for floorball on social media. The concept has been initiated by a social media influencer who also plays and coaches floorball.

WFC 2024 National federation partner/sponsor networking event at 14:30 on the 12th of December. Invitations will be sent out shortly, after the timetable will be checked (the starting time of the Swedish quarter-final match has changed)

The idea was brought forward, inspired by other international federations for example UEFA, to print the IFF logo on the national team jerseys:

- The CCMNG discussed the different options for including the logo. The consensus was that it could primarily be just the IFF logo (placement to be discussed)
- Both the Czech and the Finnish are printing the Event logo already on the jerseys and this of course can be done but a individual decision for each national federation
- This would only be for the Adult WFC's

For Cesky Florbal a single sign-on is developed to manage all licensed player data regardless of used service may it be app, ticketing, fan shop, web, OTT, etc. This will be launched mid-September and serves for the purpose to have data and better use it to the federation benefit. The plan is also to integrate this for WFC 2025 ticket sales.

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Creation of a generic Picture and Video Media Hub/archive with the National Associations and IFF.

- The CCMNG discussed the possibility to create a generic pictures and video materials from the national series and the International Events. It was agreed that we should look into a combined solution, as it would make it much easier for the sharing and even monetising.
- Mr. Urbar will continue the discussion with a potential solution and IFF will come with a study from the Aalto Business university of a Best Practice sharing platform during the Autumn.

Promotion of Sport for All

- Mr. Winberg stressed that we need to talk about the low entry level of Floorball and the safety of the sport, trying to get more visibility for the sport.

13. Next CCMNG meeting (JB)

Mr Beer proposed the next meeting to be held on the 22nd of January 2025 with arrival on the afternoon 21st for informal dinner. Location would be Copenhagen and Mr Winberg promised to check for a suitable meeting location.

14. Closing of the Meeting (JB)

Mr Beer once more warmly thanked Mr Nilsson and the Swedish Federation for their organisation help and hospitality. Further he thanked for the good, active conversation and contributions. Mr Beer closed the meeting at 16:15.



Men's World Floorball Championships 2024

7th-15th December | Malmö | Sweden

WORLD FLOORBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

FEDERATION PARTNER NETWORKING

The World Floorball Championships (WFC) is when the floorball world comes together. This is also the time when national federations invite their partners to join them at the tournament and see their respective national team perform in this contest. Typically, these entourages have their own programme however now, for the first time, the International Floorball Federation (IFF) and local organising committee (LOC), will bring all these parties together. Therefore, it is our honour to invite you to the first ever WFC 2024 Federation Partner Networking event. **Pencil the below date in your calendar and inform the partners which plan to accompany you to Malmö!**

When: 12th December 2024 @ 14:00

(starting time might be subject to change as the quarter-final match start changed from 19:00 to 17:30!)

Where: Malmö Arena / official programme: Mezzanine / networking: VIP area

After the official programme we invite you to watch the evening quarter-final match with us.

(Please note that the invitation covers the programme, VIP hospitality and the evening quarter-final match. Each participant is responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The LOC travel agency partner Västanhede is happy to assist you with your lodging, just send your inquiry to wfc2024@vastanhede.se. We recommend choosing a room from the official hotel partner Scandic which are certified by the Nordic Swan Ecolabel. This means that at minimum, all hotels must comply with the Nordic Swan Ecolabel limit values for energy consumption per square meter, unsorted waste, water consumption and ecolabeled chemicals for cleaning, laundry and washing dishes)



Men's World Floorball Championships 2024

7th–15th December | Malmö | Sweden

Programme

14:00 Welcome from Malmö city

14:32 Welcome and the work of the International Floorball Federation (John Liljelund, Secretary General, IFF)

14:40 The Local Organising Committee / intro Stefan Jonasson, Marketing Manager, Swedish Floorball Federation

- The World Floorball Championships 2024 (Christer Abrahamsson, Secretary General, Swedish Floorball Federation)
- Sustainability at the WFC 2024 (Simon Strandvik, Greentime); GAMES EU-project (Tero Kalsta, Manager Sales and Sustainability, IFF)
- Partner examples
 - The little WFC (Lilla VM) / (Marketing or Sustainability Director, OBOS)
 - Concept of introducing floorball to elementary school pupils
 - Pantamera (CEO or Marketing Director, Returpack)
 - Increasing recycling rates especially in the younger age group
 - IFF sponsors: PUMA / Gerflor / UNIHOC

15:25 International floorball on national TV (Jan Olsson, SVT (Swedish Television))

15:40 Q&A session

16:00 Food and networking

17:30 Quarter-final (in first version 19:00!!!)

(In early autumn we will create a Forms through which the national federations can register themselves and the amount of people they expect to attend at the networking event)

APPENDIX 45

Player of the Year

This document is to serve as background for the IFF Central Board to discuss the potential IFF Player of the Year award concept.

This will be a new IFF award, and a logical follow up on the launch of the IFF Hall of Fame in 2021. This is also a typical form of acknowledgement for athletes by the governing organisations of sports such as FIFA and the IHF (International Handball Federation). In many sports their respective media (newspapers / magazines) have also been choosing best players often with longer traditions than the governing body themselves (e.g. motorsports). This is also the case in floorball while Innebandymagazinet has selected best male and female players since 2005 (men) and 2007 (women). In some years the integrity of this voting has been questioned. The IFF will be in contact with Innebandymagazinet about IFF also launching the concept to discuss the topic. Worth mentioning that the IIHF (International Ice-Hockey Federation) did not launch their annual player award until 2023.

Period of the voting

Based on the workshop discussion of the CB meeting 6th of September the following was decided of the procedure. The length of the procedure was shortened significantly to emphasize the relevance of the award close to the end of the season. This also creates good distance to the Innebandymagazinet publications in late January.

The proposed option:

- Nomination of candidates by the end of April
- Voting period till end of May
- Result evaluation and publication of winners by early June
- Winner award handed out in December at WFC

Sidenote: a new international calendar would affect this if we would have a four-year WFC cycle (but then could include the EuroChamps as an awarding event)

The awarding is during the World Floorball Championships when we have most attention from media. Most likely we will also have one of the players already present at the event (the other player (gender) would have to be invited to the championships).

Nomination of candidates

The national federations that have registered for the World Floorball Championships in that year are eligible for nominating (and voting) for candidates. Floorball manufacturers would also be allowed to nominate players. This should create added motivation to promote the concept and the nominees. Noteworthy that the nationality of the player is the decisive factor for the nomination not the country they are playing in.

The nomination criteria for candidates

- Performance in national team (overall performance, scoring points / save %)
- Performance in domestic league (overall performance, scoring points / save% / +- rating would be great but not necessarily available)
- Nominations to the WFC All-Star team

The federations and manufacturers should in their nomination include a good picture, player facts and performance data of each nominee.

Each eligible federation could nominate three players for each gender. Floorball manufacturers could each nominate two players for each gender. The suggestion is to include a minimum of 15 and maximum of 30 players per gender as candidates for the final voting list. The IFF has the right to narrow down the candidates to create the final list.

Voting and procedure

The IFF believes the most representative result will come with participation from as many parties as possible. Hence there would be the professional opinion from the coaches, captains, and media (federations, floorball media/bloggers/podcasts / broadcasters / sports journalists).

- All eligible national Team Coaches one vote => email with unique link
- All eligible national team captains one vote => email with unique link
- Every eligible federation one vote (media department) => email with unique link
- Selected media (sports reporters that cover our major events) => email with unique link
- Selected floorball Media, which will be invited separately (e.g. Innebandymagazinet, Pääkallo, Unihockey.ch, + some individual bloggers and pods max 3/country) => email with unique link
- Selected TV companies that broadcast IFF events => email with unique link

For voting we can utilize the Webropol platform which the IFF has used already several years for surveys and in the recent years also for the WFC All-Star and MVP voting (respondents can be controlled by email recipient addresses).

The top ten lists of each gender will be published.

For the voting, candidates need to be presented in a compelling way (picture / bio with achievements (past season + national team) which will require a webpage (hence the material requirements in connection with the nomination). The best website solution for this still needs to be investigated closer.

The Player of the Year concept can be introduced earliest for 2025

Once the Player of the Year voting has been established, the concept of regional player voting can also be evaluated. The nomination and voting system / eligibility must be evaluated separately. The option for public voting and fan favourite will also be evaluated separately. This requires a financially viable, reliable system. Further, the results are very much linked to player nominations and from which country they are (population / social media behaviour).

Evaluation logic

The scoring system will be based on a 5-3-1 system where the voters choose a player which receive the respective number of points.

In the case of a draw between top candidates first the number of 3-point choices will be considered, then 2 points and further 1 point. In the unlikely draw situation after this the decision be submitted for the IFF ExCo.

Award

A specific, floorball-themed award will be produced for the winner(s). The award also creates a possibility to attract a possible sponsor (visibility through-out the journey from voting start to publication of winners).

Helsinki, Finland 17th of June 2024

IFF Material Board meeting 2024

Place: IFF Office/Teams meeting
the link to the meeting has been provided by email earlier

Time: Monday 17th of June, 2024, at 09:00 CET

Participants:

FatPipe (Powerstick)	Sami Turtiainen
Oxdog (Evosport)	Joacim Bergström
Unihoc (Renew)	Torbjörn Jonsson and Joakim Strömberg
Salming (X3M)	Kristian Strande and Mattias Sahlin
RISE	Lars-Åke Henriksson
IFF	John Liljelund and Veli Halonen

Preliminary Agenda:

1) Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Mr. Liljelund opened the meeting at 09:00 CET and made the Roll Call

Principles of the IFF Material Board

Mr Liljelund explained that the IFF Material Board is an advisory board to discuss and propose how to deal with issues with-in the Material questions in the IFF. The decisions of the MB will be given as advice to the IFF Central Board.

Activities of the IFF during the previous season

Mr. Liljelund made a short recap of the present IFF Activities

- The WFC played in Singapore gathered a very good TV crowd, even if the event had very little spectators in the beginning of the Event
- The IFF introduced a new 3v3 WFC in Lahti in May 2024, in connection with the U19 WFC. The event was a success with 31 Men's +14 Women's teams participating. IFF is presently making an evaluation of the event and a feedback form has been published on Social Media and on other IFF media platforms
- IFF has moved into using its own Media platform, containing an own OTT, match centre and the underlying match statistical system. The platform also gives possibilities to be used for fan engagement. After the first full season use of the IFF App, the new statistical features are in place and the development of the monetisation of the App and more games streaming is underway.
- IFF has been granted participation for both Men and Women in the Chengdu 2025 World Games, with 8 teams in both categories.

- The IFF is looking over the International Calendar, as the number of events is growing and starts to make it financially problematic for the National federations and the players. The idea is to move to a four-year cycle for the World Championships and play continental championships in the in-between years.
- IFF has approved one new member Benin and now has 80 members.
- IFF has nine employees and one intern at the moment.
- IFF is negotiating with Protocol Sports Marketing for a continued deal for the sales of IFF TV rights outside the core countries.
- The Men's WFC will be played in Malmö, Sweden from the 7th to the 15th of December.
- Mr. Liljelund also informed that the project Future of Floorball will continue to develop Floorball to even more attractive direction.

2) General update

Mr. Liljelund reported on the *Material Approval system financial outcome 2023*

The total revenue for the system 2023 was	CHF 224.428	(CHF 209.266)
and the cost for running the system was	CHF 189.556	(CHF 184.516)
giving a surplus of	CHF 34.872	(CHF 24.750)
Out of this 80 per cent, which equals a sum	CHF 27.897	

for the use of the Material Board.

Number of sold sticks, balls and other material

RISE has on the request of IFF moved over to follow the marking of Floorball materials to a calendar year system, starting from 2011. The total for 2023 are:

Balls	1.911.083 pcs	(1.809.577 pcs)	5,6 %
Sticks	461.953 pcs	(449.219 pcs)	2,8 %
Goals	2.320 pcs	(1.570 pcs)	47,7 %
Rinks	340 pcs	(389 pcs)	-12,6 %
Face masks	300 pcs	(300 pcs)	0,0 %

The result for 2023 was a little better than the bad result in 2022, but still quite far from the pre covid numbers.

3) Approval of the Material Regulation 2024

Mr. Henriksson reported that RISE has sent out the final version of the IFF Material Regulation, edition 2024 in a Newsletter to the manufacturers. The process for the preparation of the Material Regulations MR 2026 has not been started yet, as the discussions with RISE on how the whole Material Approval system will run after the retirement of Mr. Lars-Åke Henriksson. IFF will have a meeting with RISE on the 18th of June.

4) MB Support Projects for 2023

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Material Board had decided to support the development of the Canada Floorball Federation through the Material Board support. Floorball Canada was given support for a three-year development project for 2023 – 2025 to help with the re-organisation of the Canadian Floorball federation, with a total of 10.000 CHF for 2023.

Floorball Canada has reported the following achievements and use of the project funding for 2023:

- Support for clubs and provinces that show potential for growth with improved floorball quality (with boards, nets, etc.)
- Provided volunteers, referee handbooks/training, referee equipment, awards. FC has provided support for the creation of provincial organizations as well. 2 provincial organizations have incorporated in the past 6 months.
- Much progress has been made with the debut of floorball in schools in the past year, but more focus on high school floorball is needed in the next year to achieve these goals.
- FC already has 420 members this year and counting (until Sept. 1st). This has exceeded expectations and the official target set by FC (400) already. FC looks to keep growing these numbers next season.
- The Toronto Floorball League's inaugural season was a big success. Ottawa is kickstarting its league in the Fall of 2024. Looking to start one more league in another municipality in Nova Scotia next season. Provincial leagues have remained a resounding success considering Canada's spread out geography.
- Youth summer programs are up and running in Ottawa and Nova Scotia, where minor hockey associations have been helpful in recruitment. Looking to expand this to other municipalities – still looking at which floorball clubs have the capacity to set up these programs (with FC support).
- Only 1 high-school tournament was hosted last season, however this is simply due to focus on setting up the first national tournament in Canada. 1 tournament with high-school division is already taking place this summer. More effort will be directed to this in the upcoming year.
- Equipment sales and extracurricular programs have been facilitated/set up by FC through loans and FC's volunteering network. Looking to expand to more schools by next season learning from this past year's successes and shortcomings.
- FC hosted and organized the first coast-to-coast national tournament in its history with teams from British Columbia to Nova Scotia making the trip and competing for the championship. The success of the tournament means that this tournament will be repeated on a yearly basis, which ensures that the entire country has an opportunity to communicate with FC representatives in person to grow the game throughout the country.

The Material Board approved the continuation of the Canada Floorball development program for 2024, with a sum of 12.000 CHF

The Material Board also decided to support the development of the IFF FairFloorball campaign, with 9.000 CHF. The Fair Floorball campaign was enlarged to contain also social and economical sustainability. The Campaign materials and Social Media videos were produced.

Mr. Liljelund also reported that in the present sports world the Good Governance is very important topic and is on the agenda of the IOC and almost all international sports federations.

The Material Board also decided to support the updating and creation of the new IFF Education structure Floorball Development materials Levels 0 and 1, with a sum of 12.000 CHF

The Material Board approved the reports and the proposed actions.

5) Organisation of the collection of Materials for the RISE Surveillance Tests

Mr. Henriksson gave a short report of the collection of the materials for surveillance tests and that have worked quite well in most cases. There have however been some small issues with some of the companies, due to the lack of newer products.

As decided that the IFF and RISE will collect the materials for the surveillance tests directly from the wear-houses. IFF/RISE proposes that we will continue the collection of the materials from the manufacturer's warehouses and/or from the special stores also during this year in 2023.

6) Possible solutions if cooperation with RISE doesn't continue in 2025

Mr. Liljelund reported that discussions have started with different parties on how the retirement of Mr. Henriksson will affect the IFF Material Approval system. IFF will have a meeting with RISE on the 18th of June, to hear their view on the situation.

IFF has also started a process to simplify, certain parts of the Material regulations, to make the system more easy and cheaper to handle.

Separately from this the RISE changes of the CE marking rules for face masks have created huge issues for the Floorball manufacturers, as the new test is made with an Ice Hockey puck making the helmets extremely heavy and the cost for the new tests for the face masks are very expensive, which should not be the case.

It was decided that the Material Board will hold an extra meeting in September/October to further discuss the situation and the next steps in the process

7) Other issues

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF will continue the process with the possibility for players 190 cm or longer to play with oversized sticks. There are now 220 players using this option.

Social Media:

It is important to embed and share the IFF videos, as we need to show the sports community that we are bringing added value as a sport and through its fans. There have been some issues with the crediting of the IFF for use of video material from the IFF Events and with the correct #hashtags. The IFF rules needs to be followed, as IFF owns all social media rights of its Events.

The IFF would like to collect and present all the Sustainability projects the different Floorball material producers have introduced and therefore would like to ask for a short report of this by the end of August. All the sustainability campaigns are very important to the IFF regardless of the manufacturer, so please report those.

Mr. Liljelund reported about the situation with Exel, after the bankruptcy of E-Sports Group Oy, is still a bit unclear as Exel has not yet finalised the list of products for which they would move the certification to the new company. To be able to do this they need to fulfil the Material Regulation Rules and make the outstanding payments and the payment for the move of the certificates. Before IFF will give the approval for the move of the certificates, Exel needs to provide a new payment plan for the old debts to IFF and provide a guarantee for these.

Mr. Bergström asked about the possibility and plans of Floorball regarding the Olympic Games. Mr. Liljelund answered that it seems that Floorball has bigger changes to make it to the Youth Olympic Games with 3v3 format before the actual Olympic Games. 2028 seems to be out of the question, but we might have some changes for 2032 in Brisbane Australia, but that remains to be seen.

8) Next meeting

The Extra Material Board meeting will take place in September-October and the next ordinary meeting will be held latest in May-June 2025, IFF will call the meeting at a later stage.

9) Closing of the meeting

Mr. Liljelund thanked the members for a good meeting and closed the meeting at 10.42

CONFIRMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN IFF AND B4G (EXEL FLOORBALL) ON A PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO IFF FOR SOLD PRODUCTS WITHIN THE IFF MATERIAL APPROVAL SYSTEM

1. Parties International Floorball Federation, home country Switzerland,
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2. Contract scope Payment Plan for outstanding debts to IFF/ for sold IFF Approved Materials,
in relation to the move of the Exel certificates.

The agreement is primary aimed to regulate the payment of the outstanding debt of the Exel brand towards the IFF for the marking of the IFF Approved Floorball Material sold by the Exel brand.

The need for this Payment Plan and the financial security is needed, as the IFF Material regulation stipulates that any brand wanting to take over the outstanding cost of the brand, before the IFF tes-institute can transfer the existing certificates for approved products.

At the time of the signing of the agreement the outstanding debt of the Exel brand is (15.08.2024), based on the following invoices:

Invoice no.	Invoice date	Due date	Amount	Currency
100030998	2022-01-27	2022-02-26	20 132,00	SEK
100044604	2022-05-23	2022-06-22	21 687,00	SEK
100056071	2022-09-27	2022-10-27	89 575,00	SEK
100086625	2023-05-23	2023-06-22	58 785,00	SEK
100098814	2023-09-26	2023-10-26	44 005,00	SEK
100114464	2024-01-23	2024-02-22	41 905,00	SEK

			276 089,00	SEK

The total amount is 276 089 SEK

in accordance with the RISE (Swedish Test Institute, which tests and certifies the IFF Approved Material and handle financial transactions) bookkeeping.

3. Payment Plan

B4G commits to start paying off the outstanding payments on a monthly basis starting from the 15th of August 2024. The monthly payments are 1.000 CHF which will be deducted from the debt.

Additional (any new / upcoming) invoices caused by marking of IFF Approved Materials are to be paid in accordance with the original payment dates or they will be considered as misses or delayed payments.

B4G is further to give the IFF a mortgage on company assets of the said sum mentioned in Art 2. This guarantee will be checked on a yearly basis, based on the payments having been paid. If the conditions of this agreement are not met then the IFF will utilize the guarantee in full to the outstanding debt.

4. Sanctions

If B4G fails to follow the payment plan, IFF will then in accordance with the IFF Material Regulation be forced to take the following sanctions towards B4G/the Exel Floorball brand.

- for two consecutive missed payments or more than three delayed or missed payments in total B4G (Exel Floorball brands) will not be able to approve new materials for certifications, before the missed payments have been paid and

- for more than 5 missed payments IFF will have to look over for further sanctions, in accordance with the IFF Material Regulation.

When delayed or missed payment(s) has/have been paid, the testing sanction will be lifted.

5. Time line and payment

B4G is to make the monthly payments directly to IFF's bank account in Switzerland, if needed based on original invoices provided by IFF for all debts mentioned in this agreement and occurring during the contract period time, have to be paid no later than 31.05.2026.

6. Effect of agreement

The agreement will only take full effect after this agreement has been signed and IFF has received the valid bank guarantee.

This Contract is signed, in two identical copies and takes precedence automatically when both parties have signed the agreement.

In Espoo on 16th of August 2024

In Helsinki, on 15th of August 2024

B4G Oy

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Position of swiss unihockey on the proposed Changes to the Rules of the Game eff. 2024/25 IFF Central Board Meeting 3/2024, Agenda Item §9 a)

Dear members & colleagues of the IFF CB

swiss unihockey is deeply concerned about the process and timelines followed to implement Rules of the Game changes to become effective already for the upcoming season 2024/25 and hence opposes to adopt the proposal as set forth in Appendix 36b of our meeting.

After the proposals for changing the Rules of the Games within the 2024 cycle had been sent out to the member associations, the IFF RC, the IFF RACC and the ATC in mid-spring this year, there has not been any follow-up on the process as foreseen in the official rule change process. Hence, neither the RACC, the RC nor the ATC were informed about the feedback of the member associations, nor were they notified about the non-ordinary process/intention of changing some rules by September 2024 already.

Further to this, the final approval of the Reference Group's proposal for immediate changes was not given by the RACC since they have not been informed and/or consulted for.

The consistency with the processes within the IFF is a core value for the cooperation between the different stakeholders and shall be followed. This has not been the case in this matter.

Apart the lack of compliance with the process, swiss unihockey sees a risk due to the short time remaining to implement such changes until the start of the season 2024/2025. The consequences caused by these changes are quite numerous, substantial and require sufficient lead time to be adopted (e.g. rule books need to be updated, interpretations and example cases developed, clubs and referees to be informed - where the latter's education period has already been fully completed and everyone is in the starting blocks). Without proper communication and especially referee instructions incl. guidance material, there is a significant risk of inconsistent rule application by the referees which negatively impacts the sport, the fairness of our competitions and moreover its recognition by the spectators.

We therefore recommend to the Central Board to reject the proposal for changing the valid Rules of the Game at this stage and to postpone the potential go-live of the proposed rule changes until May 2025, following a proper review & approval process by the respective above-mentioned stakeholders as foreseen in the respective IFF regulations. The already well-developed proposals as detailed in Appendix 36b should serve as solid base for such review.

Yours sincerely

swiss unihockey



Vice President swiss unihockey /
IFF CB Member