

4th PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Friday 23rd of May 2003, in the Haus des Sportes, Bern.

1. Opening, presentations

The IFF President, Mr. Eriksson, greeted the participants (enclosed) warmly welcome and opened the 4th Presidents' meeting. The participants presented themselves. Mr. Eriksson gave the background why Presidential Meetings are held, i.e. to update all associations on vital topics, and seek mutual exchange of information between IFF Congresses.

2. Information regarding Floorball in international organizations

IFF Vision and the work on IOC in general and IOC recognition in particular:

Mr Eriksson informed about the status on the IOC recognition process. IFF has received from the IOC in Lausanne the information that later in the Autumn (in September 2003) IFF is to send in a questionnaire to the IOC concerning the present status of Floorball worldwide.

GAISF ordinary membership application:

Mr Eriksson informed that IFF has handed in Floorball's application for ordinary membership in April, and that the CB is confident that Floorball will receive, at GAISF GA in May 2004, ordinary membership since Floorball already complies with the statutes and fulfils the GAISF requirements.

World Games and IWGA membership application and observer status in Duisburg July 2005:

Mr Eriksson informed that the IFF CB has discussed IWGA application and asking for observer status in Duisburg, Germany, in July 2005. Mr Eriksson furthermore informed that IFF couldn't ask for membership in IWGA until we have received ordinary membership in GAISF. The IFF will however ask for observer status in Duisburg in July 2005.

WADA and the adoption of the anti-doping code 3.0; Implications for IFF member associations:

Mr. Orlando informed that IFF has already adopted the Anti doping code and is discussing with the WADA about having the code fully implemented in all IFF regulations as well as in our statutes. The WADA code will be implemented in Floorball's Statutes at the next IFF Congress in 2004.

FISU and status on coming University Championships:

Mr Orlando informed about the first historic and well-organized World University Championships (WUC) in Gothenburg Sweden in November 2002. Eight nations took part and Finland won the gold medals. Plans are made with the FISU, as head of the WUC, in order to arrange the next edition in 2004 or 2006. Several university sports national associations are interested to organize, supported by their respective Floorball association.

3. The administrative year and the importance of keeping deadlines

Mr. Kratz informed of new and earlier deadlines for registrations to IFF competitions etc, stressing the importance of keeping them.

4. WFC 2004 for men

Mr. Orlando informed of the playing system of the Men's WFC 2004 where after the draw of order to play was carried out.

5. Any other business

Mr. Hans Botman, NeFUB President, has raised the issue about international transfers (enclosed). Mr. Orlando informed of the current system and assured that Mr. Botmans proposals will be considered when the next edition of the transfer regulations will be worked out.

6. Information from the Organizing Committee for the U19 men WFC 2003 in the Czech Republic

Mr. Filip Suman, CFbU President, informed of the Men's U19 World Championships to be played in Czech Republic.

7. Information from the Organizing Committee for the WFC men 2004 in Switzerland

Mr. Renato Orlando, SUHV President, informed of the Men's World Championships 2004 to be played in Switzerland.

8. Information from the Organizing Committee for the WFC women 2005 in Singapore

Mr. Pierre Boudeville, SFA Secretary General, informed of the organization of the Women's World Championships 2005 to be played in Singapore.

9. Information from IFF cooperating partner Gerflor

Ms. Anne-Catherine Gantois informed about the Gerflor Company, the IFF co-operating partner concerning flooring, and invited all the participants to a cocktail directly after the meeting.

10. End of meeting, Cocktail - Gerflor

Mr. Eriksson thanked the participants, particularly the SUHV President Mr. Orlando for hosting the meeting and Ms. Gantois, Gerflor, for the cocktail to come directly after the meeting, and declared the President's Meeting 2003 closed.

Stefan Kratz
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President

PRESIDENTS' MEETING - PARTICIPANTS

Associations (30 persons)

Nation	Name and Function
Austria	Werner Daves, President
Belgium	Francis Vanbellingen, Vice President / Ingrid Van Mieghen
Czech Republic	Filip Suman, President
Denmark	Ole Peltola, President / Mrs. Mona Aagaard, Vice President
Finland	John Liljelund, Vice President / Jari Kinnunen, Secretary General
France	Manuel Alexandre, President / Christophe Bruyas, Vice President / Patrick Droz, Secr.General
Germany	Robert Blanke
Great Britain	Andrew Clough
Hungary	Zoltán Pavelka, President / Ákos Országh, Vice President
Italy	Herbert Gius, Board member / Michael Volgger, Interpreter
Japan	Tsuyoshi Kawawada, Board member / Masakazu Akashi, Interpreter
Latvia	Alfreds Kundzins
Malaysia	Mutallip Abd. Ghani / Casey Khoo
Netherlands	Hans Botman, President
Norway	Kjell Hovland-Olsen, President / Jon-Erik Eriksen, Chairman Floorball
Singapore	Pierre Boudville, Secretary General / Sani Mohd. Salim
Spain	Roberto Mezquita
Sweden	Helen Wårell, Vice President / Magnus Pehrson, deputy Secretary General
Switzerland	Renato Orlando, President / Patrick Falk, Secretary General

IFF and Guests (11)

Function	Name
President	Tomas Eriksson
Vice President	John Liljelund (and Finland)
Vice President	Renato Orlando (and Switzerland)
Treasurer	Tomas Jonsson
Member	Thomas Gilardi
Member	Per Jansson
Member	Risto Kauppinen
Member	Martin Vaculik
Secr. General	Stefan Kratz
Marketing Dir.	Axel Wester
Gerflor	Anne-Catherine Gantois

International transfer rules

Introduction

Exchange of knowledge and experience is vital for the growth and worldwide spread of Floorball. An international exchange of players can contribute immensely to the development of Floorball. Experienced A nation players can bring their knowledge about tactics and training to B and C nations. Their skills can inspire other players to train, grow and develop. Players from B and C nations can learn while playing in another nation and bring back their knowledge and experience.

Elite level teams can become national champion and thus qualify for the European Cup (qualification). At Elite level, we can speak of an international competition (European Cup) with national qualifications. Thus International transfers should be regulated by clear and efficient rules, to ensure an honest and fair competition

Questions

1. The current International rules leave some room for interpretation:
 - Should children request a transfer?
 - Is someone who is only training and not playing in a league also considered a “player”?
 - Is someone who played at a lower division level, then did not play for a year and then transfers to an other nation to play at lower division level considered a “player”?
2. The current transfer rules can be expensive: An exchange student, coming over for 6 months or a year, has to pay CHF 200 for two transfers, which is the same or more then he has to pay his hosting club for a year training and competition. Is the administrative fee of CHF 100 too high?

Suggestions

We value the current Transfer systems but would like to clarify the rules by changing paragraph 1: *A player is a person of 16 years or older, belonging to a club in an IFF member Association and participating in a national or regional league, organized by an IFF member Association.*

It is our opinion, that the Floorball community should encourage international transfers by stimulating players to go and study, work, train and play abroad for at least 6 months. These transfers should be administrated and published by IFF. However, we think that the current administrative fee of CHF 100 is discouraging exchange students. We suggest to add the following line to paragraph 4: *If a player returns to any club in his original nation during the next transfer period, no administrative fee has to be paid for this second transfer.*

We suggest to change the first line of the Appendix into: *A player having played for a club at non-elite level during the last season or who has played at elite or national team level during any of the last two seasons is considered to be a registered player...*

Discussion

We are very interested in your thoughts and opinions and would like to discuss this subject with the IFF board, the IFF RACC and other IFF member nations.

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