

**Financial Report 30.06.2017**

<b>COSTS</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Compared</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Cost Centre</b>			<b>30.06.2017</b>	<b>30.06.2016</b>	<b>/Ann.budget</b>
10	Central activities	21500	11431,30	11356,20	10068,70
11	Office	684000	309955,69	335483,56	374044,31
12	CB	30700	13710,75	20335,04	16989,25
13	ExCo	7500	0,00	541,32	7500,00
14	GA/AM	8500	0,00	0,00	8500,00
15	External meetings	19500	2581,14	13345,74	16918,86
16	IOC 50 Road Map	30500	14235,92	12483,64	16264,08
17	Parafloorball	5000	3157,94	0,00	1842,06
18	Equality Function	7500	0,00	399,03	7500,00
19	Athletes Commission	9000	7351,52	7340,60	1648,48
20	WFC	142600	39084,17	21849,62	103515,83
21	U19 WFC	22000	13884,03	29448,69	8115,97
22	EFC	45000	0,00	342,92	45000,00
23	Champions Cup	85000	2579,57	4200,51	82420,43
24	World Games	68000	25298,94	0,00	42701,06
25	WUC	0	0,00	0,00	0,00
26	Regional Games	9000	0,00	0,00	9000,00
29	Anti-Doping	27000	2902,94	3446,36	24097,06
40	RACC	19000	8982,93	5754,79	10017,07
50	RC	25000	6336,99	9965,47	18663,01
60	Development	34000	13686,10	18735,86	20313,90
61	Development mtrl	158890	158890,00	158890,00	0,00
70	Material*	122500	9876,51	16693,88	112623,49
80	Marketing	27800	8235,25	15540,55	19564,75
81	TV	1200	0,00	0,00	1200,00
82	Internet TV	0	0,00	0,00	0,00
83	Information	23200	11699,88	14808,44	11500,12
89	MC	6000	0,00	373,55	6000,00
91	AC	1000	0,00	0,00	1000,00
92	DC	1000	0,00	0,00	1000,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CHF</b>	<b>1641890</b>	<b>663881,57</b>	<b>701335,77</b>	<b>978008,43</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>30.06.2017</b>	<b>30.06.2016</b>		
3011	Transfers	115000	9000,00	10700,00	106000,00
3012	Participation fees	235000	193000,00	204000,00	42000,00
3013	Organizers fee	95000	31000,00	24000,00	64000,00
3015	Part.fees - non-competition	0	0,00	0,00	0,00
3019	Temporary play	5000	400,00	400,00	4600,00
3210	Membership fees	180000	176000,00	167000,00	4000,00
3219	Fines	15000	100,00	2000,00	14900,00
3250	Sponsors & advertisements	169000	50490,06	46756,03	118509,94
3251	Value in kind	158890	158890,00	158890,00	0,00
3260	TV	160000	0,00	19500,00	160000,00
3300	Office support	141000	141412,11	141661,44	-412,11
3310	Development support	30000	0,00	0,00	30000,00
3510	Sales	20000	0,00	0,00	20000,00
3860	Material approval income	305000	77403,15	96638,30	227596,85
3861	Material exemptions	3000	0,00	319,15	3000,00
3899	Other incomes	10000	232,86	0,00	9767,14
8020	Interest	0	0,00	0,00	0,00
8080	Exchange rate gains	0	22,71	397,94	-22,71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CHF</b>	<b>1641890</b>	<b>837950,89</b>	<b>872262,86</b>	<b>803939,11</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>CHF</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174069,32</b>	<b>170927,09</b>	<b>-174069,32</b>

**Balance sheet 30.06.2017**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>01.01.2017</b>	<b>30.06.2017</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	61,77	19,00
Credit Suisse 559200-11	159570,67	214340,56
<b>Receivables</b>		
Claims 2010	86112,69	85612,69
Claims 2011	26353,83	25853,83
Claims 2012	32700,06	32200,06
Claims 2013	51200,00	49700,00
Claims 2014	56250,00	56250,00
Claims 2015	34500,00	31000,00
Claims 2016	181462,97	70124,30
Claims 2017	0,00	58800,00
Prepaid costs	8568,82	0,00
Receivables from rel.parties	21310,82	45941,05
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>658091,63</b>	<b>669841,49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accr expenses and deferr income	-138355,00	-113316,36
Other current liabilities	-11179,07	-15016,39
Transfers to reserves	-194857,92	-53739,78
Material board reserves 2016	-30234,82	-30234,82
Material Board reserves 2017	0,00	0,00
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained earnings	-283464,82	-283464,82
Outcome 30.06.2017	0,00	-174069,32
<b>Total liabilities &amp; equity</b>	<b>-658091,63</b>	<b>-669841,49</b>

**\* Outcome of the material appr. system:**

<i>Income</i>	<i>0,00</i>
<i>Costs</i>	<i>0,00</i>
<i>Profit</i>	<i>0,00</i>
<i>80 %</i>	<i>0,00</i>
<i>20 %</i>	<i>0,00</i>

	Max. Cost		Invoice	Invoiced	Cost place
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>7598</b>	7598			
VIP		2222			TWG
Media		1190			TWG
Staff		975			TWG
CB		2585			CB
Other, Sponsors		626			TWG
<b>Flight</b>	<b>8854</b>	8854			
VIP		1080			TWG
Media		1355			TWG
Referees		2713			TWG
Staff		3706			TWG
<b>Tickets &amp; VIP</b>	<b>7237,94</b>				
VIP Tickets		5241,94	17630,74	12388,8	TWG
Extra Officials		0	12600	12600	TWG
Ordinary tickets		0			TWG
Extra VIP Catering		1996	1996		TWG
<b>TV Production</b>	<b>13000</b>				TWG
<b>Uplink/SNG</b>	<b>4600</b>				TWG
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>12719,6</b>	12719,6			TWG
Venue ads		800			
City Advertising		11919,6			
<b>Media support</b>	<b>6350</b>				
Floorball Today		1800			TWG
Commentator		1650			TWG
Mobile App.		2900			TWG
<b>Daily Allowence</b>	<b>4480</b>				
Referee Daily Allowence		2240			TWG
Staff Daily Allowence		2240			Office
	<b><u>64839,54</u></b>				



**Follow-up IFF claims (updated 27.07.2017)**

**IFF License system situation**

***Associations registered for WFC 2017 and/or U19 WFC 2017 are in appendix 4b***

<b>Association</b>	<b>Debt until 2016-07-27</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Argentina	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees.
Armenia	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Belarus	5500	Annual fee 2014, 2016,2017 & shared U19 2015 refs
Brazil	3000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Cameroon	2000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Georgia	11800	Half of the debt from 2010 and earlier
Haiti	500	Annual fee 2017
Hong Kong	500	Annual fee 2017
Iceland	1500	Registered WFC 2018
India	0	
Indonesia	3800	Participated in SEA Championships. Only annual fees
Ireland	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Israel	0	Have not participated in any IFF competition
Ivory Coast	1000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Jamaica	28200	Not following plan
Kenya	0	New
Liechtenstein	0	Registered WFC 2018
Lithuania	1000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Annual fees 2014, 2015
Malta	1000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Moldova	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Mongolia	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Mozambique	2500	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Pakistan	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Philippines	3000	Participated in SEA Games. Only annual fees.
Portugal	4500	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Romania	4000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Serbia	14500	
Sierra Leone	4300	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Somalia	500	Annual fee 2017
South Africa	2000	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Turkey	4200	Have not participated in any IFF competition. Only annual fees
Uganda	0	New
Venezuela	0	New

## Appex 4b

### Follow-up IFF claims (updated 27.07.2017)

#### WFC 2017 teams

Association	Total debt 2017-07-27	Old debt (-2015)	New debt (2016-17)	Paid WFC 2017	Paid U19 WFC 2017	Pay-off plan is followed	Pay-off plan is not followed	Comments
Australia	0			15.03.2016	15.03.2016			
Austria	1000	1000		07.01.2016	22.12.2015			
Belgium	0			Not registered	13.01.2016			
Canada	0			29.11.2016	29.11.2016			
Czech Republic	0			16.12.2015	16.12.2015			
China	0			19.08.2016	Not registered			
Denmark	0			19.01.2016	08.12.2015			
Estonia	0			31.12.2015	31.12.2015			
Finland	0			07.12.2015	07.12.2015			
France	0			30.12.2015	30.12.2015			
Germany	0			29.11.2016	10.04.2017			
Great Britain	2500	2500	0	29.12.2015	29.12.2015			Annual fee 2012 and 2015
Hungary	2200		2200	31.12.2015	31.12.2015			Annual fee 2017
Iran	12300	5000	7300	<i>Withdrawn</i>				
Italy	1000		1000	29.12.2015	29.12.2015			
Japan	0			28.12.2015	28.12.2015			
Korea	2200		2200	25.01.2017	Not registered			Annual fee 2017
Latvia	39756		39756	09.12.2016	28.07.2017	X		WFC org fee and marketing, Annual fee 2017
Malaysia	7700	5500	2200	05.10.2016	Not registered			Mainly annual fees 2013 & earlier, Annual fee 2017
Netherlands	0			31.12.2015	31.12.2015			
New Zealand	0			24.05.2017	26.10.2016			
Norway	0			04.01.2016	04.01.2016			
Poland	0			13.05.2016	13.05.2016			
Russia	0			23.11.2016	Not registered			
Singapore	0			26.08.2016	Not registered			
Slovakia	0			29.11.2016	11.04.2017			
Slovenia	29000	23200	5800				X	New management. Short term plan not followed. Long term to be made.
Spain	0			04.01.2016	04.01.2016			
Sweden	0			15.12.2015	15.12.2015			
Switzerland	0			14.12.2015	01.11.2016			
Thailand	1800		1800	10.02.2017	Not registered			Annual fee 2017
Ukraine	12600	8200	4400		Not registered	X		
USA	2000		2000	18.05.2016	02.05.2017			

**APPENDIX 5**

**Helsinki, Finland 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2017**

To:  
**Mr. Maksim Chernov**  
**President**  
**National Floorball Federation of Russia**  
**By email**

**CC: IFF Member Associations in Europe**

**Re: Lift of NFFR Suspension from all Floorball Activities**

Dear Mr. President,

The National Floorball Federation of Russia (NFFR) has today settled its outstanding debts to the IFF and fulfilled the requirements put on them by the IFF Central Board as a part of the suspension. The IFF has during the past months negotiated concerning the conditions of a lift of the suspension.

The IFF administration hereby lifts the suspension of the Russian Floorball and the NFFR. In order to secure the future participation of Russian teams in International Club, National team tournaments and the IFF Events. This will also make it possible for Russian teams to participate in education seminars given by IFF or its members. The NFFR has at the same time registered a team for the U19 WFC 2018.

The lift is provisional until it has been confirmed by the IFF CB on the 28th of July. In order for the NFFR to be able to better control and lead Russian Floorball, no Russian team, nor Junior or Adult may participate in tournaments or educations in an IFF member country without a written permission from the NFFR. The NFFR is responsible to inform the IFF about which team and what event Russian teams are participating in.

In order to give Russian teams the possibility to quickly return to International activities and get more structure in Russian Floorball, IFF is pleased to lift the suspension of Russian Floorball today, says IFF secretary general John Liljelund.

**With sincere regards,**  
**International Floorball Federation**

**John Liljelund**  
**Secretary general**

**Link to the news:** [http://www.floorball.org/news.asp?kieli=826&id\\_tiedote=5471](http://www.floorball.org/news.asp?kieli=826&id_tiedote=5471)



## IFF Women's World Floorball Championships 2017

1. - 9. 12, Bratislava, Slovakia

### APPENDIX 6

#### CB meeting information letter

##### Venues:

all three venues are under contract: ice hockey Stadium O. Nepela, Hant Arena and the venue for practice Junacka arena. Walking distance from together Nepelu to Hant is around 400 m. We are preparing necessary things which need to be done in both arenas as we discussed with Mr. Liljelund and Ms. Mitchell in Bratislava during their visit. In all three venues, there will be a Gerfloor surface during the WFC.

##### Hotels:

official IFF hotel will be Double Tree by Hilton, which is directly connected to the O. Nepelu arena. All requested rooms for IFF are booked.

From 16 teams, we booked accommodation for 11 of them. Team Switzerland has found their own accommodation, Team USA booked their accommodation in the hotel from our offer but directly via hotel without letting us know, teams Germany, Thailand and Latvia did not contact us.

##### Team information:

1st letter is already out several months ago. second information letter is planned to be send in the beginning of August.

##### Web and Tickets:

we are hardly working on the website and already prepared the tickets sale. We will be starting by selling 3 types of tickets from the beginning with:

- 1) tournament ticket
- 2) group stage ticket
- 3) QF, SF, F ticket

we would love to start the website and ticket selling early August.

##### TV:

As a production company was chosen CETV servo. which owns ARENA TV sport channels. These are broadcasted via satellite and IPTV in Slovakia (3 channels). We are negotiating the agreement and will be ready to sign early August. Production company will also broadcast all matches from the WFC on their channels except from Slovakian matches and Final match which will be broadcasted by RTVS (Slovak public TV).

##### City and Government support:

Ministry of education, science, research and sport	36.000 EUR	(approved)
City of Bratislava	50.000-60.000 EUR	(negotiation)
Bratislava region	25.000 EUR	(negotiation)
National council of the Slovak Republic	100.000-150.000 EUR	(negotiation)

##### Logo:



IFF Women's World Floorball Championships 2017

1. - 9. 12, Bratislava, Slovakia

was changed according to the new IFFs design manual

**Contract for the arrangement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Floorball Champions Cup 2019 - 2022**

Between: International Floorball Federation,  
Alakiventie 2, 00850 Helsinki, Finland (hereafter IFF) as first party,  
  
and  
  
the Czech Floorball Union (Ceska Florbalova Unie)  
Lomnického 1705/5, CZ-14000 Praha 4, CZECH REPUBLIC  
  
the Finnish Floorball Federation (Suomen Salibandyliitto ry)  
Alakiventie 2, 00920 Helsinki, FINLAND  
  
the Swedish Floorball Federation (Svenska Innebandyförbundet r.f.)  
Box 1047, 17121 Solna, SWEDEN  
  
the Swiss Floorball Association (Schweizerischer Unihockey Verband)  
Haus des Sports, Talgut-Zentrum 27, CH-3063 Ittigen bei Bern, SWITZERLAND  
(hereafter the NA's)

§ 1. The above mentioned parties have agreed upon the need to continue to arrange and organise an yearly European Top Club competition called the Champions Cup in order to maintain a show case for International Floorball for the period of 2019 – 2022.

§ 2. The stakeholders of the Champions Cup are the International Floorball Federation, the Czech Floorball Union, the Finnish Floorball Federation, the Swedish Floorball Federation and the Swiss Floorball Association.

The Champions Cup will be organised once a year during the period of 2019 – 2022 in the beginning of January (preferably first full week) by Sweden (2019), Czech republic (2020), Switzerland (2021) and Finland (2022), hereafter mentioned as organiser.

The Champions Cup will be organised as a Final4-event, with the champions (Men and Women) from the stakeholder countries. This excludes the 2<sup>nd</sup> level Club teams of the EuroFloorball Cup from the Champions Cup, at least for the first two-three years.

The stakeholders will prepare a proposal for the possibility to switch to a home – away based competition by the end of 2017. A switch to a new system must be done at least 18 months in advance of the start of the competition.

Each year the parties will evaluate the competition and all issues related to it in March.

§ 2.1 The CC shall be organised in a City proposed by the organiser and then approved by the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG), with broad enough spectator capacity for floorball and preferably nearby an international airport.

§ 2.2 The Champions Cup will be organised in accordance with the IFF Regulation for the Organisation of the Champions Cup, edition 2019, approved by the IFF and the parties of this contract and decided by the IFF Central Board.

§ 2.3. The duties and responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in primary this contract and secondly in the IFF Organizers Regulations, IFF Event Handbook and the contract between IFF and the

Signatures:

T.Eriksson

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T.Engholm

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organizer. IFF is to produce a generic contract for the organisation of the Champions Cup, with-in six months of the signing of this agreement.

- § 2.4. The cost allocation system as stated in the 'Regulations for Organisation of the Champions Cup' applies for all stakeholders.
- § 3. The Champions Cup will be played as a four men's and women's team event, during two to three days, in accordance with the IFF regulation for the Champions Cup in a single venue, if possible.
- § 4. A separate contract for organising the Champions Cup shall be made between the IFF and the organizer in accordance to § 2.
- § 5. The parties concerned agree to that changes to this contract can be made only in a joint meeting every year after the Champions Cup has been played.
- § 6. The parties concerned agree to keep the content of this agreement confidential within the Central Boards of their organisations.
- § 7. The associations, which in a change to a home-away system have not organised the Event, agree to compensate a fixed sum to the organisers of the CC in accordance of 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. This sum will have to be agreed upon by the CCGS
- § 8. The role, duties, goals and the financing of a possible Brand Manager/Project leader for the Champions Cup will be agreed separately during 2017.
- § 9. This contract may not be transferred by a party to a third party without the approval of all parties. This contract has been signed in five originals, one for each party.
- § 10. Any modifications to this contract must be made in writing and has to be agreed separately between all parties. In the event, that questions as to matters not mentioned in this agreement arise, they shall be negotiated in good faith between the parties concerned.

This contract is signed in July, 2017

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Tomas Eriksson, President  
International Floorball Federation

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John Liljelund, General Secretary  
International Floorball Federation

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Filip Suman, President  
Czech Floorball Union

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Tomas Engholm, President  
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# International Floorball Federation



## REGULATION FOR ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONS CUP

Responsibilities and regulations  
for organising IFF Champions Cup

**Edition 2019**

Decided by the IFF Central Board 28.07.2017

Valid from 01.01 2019

Regulations for Champions Cup Edition 2019

## **§ 1 GENERAL**

1.1 The Champions Cup (CC) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game, for the period of 2019-2022 with the four nations Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland organising the Events.

1.2 The organizers of the CC are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) in accordance with the Contract for the arrangement of the 3rd Edition of the Floorball Champions Cup.

1.3. The IFF member associations qualified to participate in the CC, are entitled to apply to organize the CC. For the period of 2019 – 2022 the organisers' are set to be, in order, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Finland in accordance with the signed agreements.

The CC shall be organised in a City proposed by the organizing country and then approved by the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG), with broad enough spectator capacity for floorball and preferably nearby an international airport.

1.4 The duties and responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in primary this regulation and secondly in the IFF Organizers Regulations, IFF Event Handbook and the contract between IFF and the organizer.

1.5. The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF has signed a separate agreement on the structure and responsibilities of the organisation of the CC

1.6. The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF are fully committed to continue building an own unique identity for the competition, by finding and implementing a maximum possible number of new marketing elements for the CC. The marketing and sales related work will be coordinated by the CCGS and the operational work will headed by the IFF Marketing function and an possible appointed CC Brand Manager.

The IFF Champions Cup has its own specific logo for all events, in-line with the IFF Corporate Identity.

1.7 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, self or via other person, 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 Club participates. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

## **§ 2 QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS**

2.1 The Champions Cup (CC), Men and Women, is played preferably in the first full week of January each year, during 2019 – 2022 in accordance with this regulation.

2.2 The National Champions of the 4 associations in question, of each category, may apply to participate in the CC.

If a qualified team, due to reasons beyond control, can't participate, the national Association may apply to the RACC for the runner-up or the winner of the NA Cup to participate. The IFF CB shall decide, based upon the proposal of the RACC. The decision is final.

2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee shall be the IFF by hand not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of August preceding the CC. Registration shall be made on the official IFF

form. The teams participating in the Champions Cup are obliged to hand in the information required by the organiser before the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year, in order not to lose the right to any specific service.

- 2.4 A registered team that has entered the competition and withdraws from the CC shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

### **§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than the date for handing in the first list of team delegation shall be eligible to represent the club in the CC.
- 3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the CC are eligible to participate.
- 3.3 Clubs participating are entitled to register and use a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials in the CC. The Clubs are entitled at their own cost to use additional personnel in the Event, but these are not included in the official team.
- 3.4 30 full days before the first match of the CC a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed both by the Club and their national Association, shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials from which the final delegation shall be selected. Together with the first list, the teams shall send a passport style photo of each team member (players and officials).

21 full days before the first match of the CC the final list of a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the CC.

Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after a written application to the IFF RACC/Jury, the substitute shall however be listed in the first list of 30 players.

Passports or any other internationally accepted ID card shall be checked in connection with the accreditation.

- 3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A 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. Should in IFF events the printed match record system be used the Match record shall be signed by team officials also after the match.
- 3.6 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegation.
- 3.7 A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the CC per season.

### **§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM**

- 4.1 The Champions Cup is played as a final-4 event.

4.2 The IFF RACC shall, after the dead-line for registration, build the fixture list of the CC.

The CC can be played either as a two-day or a three-day tournament as follows, based on the decision of the Champions Cup Steering Group.

The three-day tournament is played as follows:

Day 1: Semi-Finals of one gender or

Day 2: Semi-Finals of the other gender and bronze match for the Day 1 losing teams

Day 3: Finals for both genders and bronze match for the Day 2 losing teams

4.3 The CC shall be played as follows, if the organizer chooses to play the CC as a two day Event, the Semi-Final pairing decided by a ballot for both genders (the ranking is based on the IFF WFC ranking):

Semi-Final 1	1 <sup>st</sup> ranked – 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked
Semi-Final 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked – 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked
Bronze match	loser SF – loser SF
Final	winner SF – winner SF

A drawing of lots shall decide which teams shall be the home teams in the medal matches. The above matches shall, when ending in a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots.

4.4. The match schedule of the CC shall be done so that there is at least 2 ½ hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink.

4.5. The organizers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of TV coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.

The period intermission is 15 minutes in the CC, instead of the ordinary 10 minutes.

4.6 The teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

## § 5 **PLAYER'S OUTFITS**

5.1 The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

The participating teams of the CC shall have one dark and one light colored jersey to with the players' surname printed with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high, on the back of the jersey to play with, in order to avoid problems on internet and TV.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colors and advertisements on the player's outfit & equipment and the team official's outfit & equipment, to be in charge during the CC.

5.1.1 The main color of the outfit must be dominating. Any personal equipment worn under the shirt and/or shorts must be of the same color as the shirts or shorts.

5.2 A player taking part in the CC shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition.

- 5.3 If two teams have the same colour the RACC /Jury shall decide which team shall change.
- 5.4 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.

## **§ 6 RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADVERTISING RIGHTS**

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 6.2. The main colour of the outfit must be dominating.
- 6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit. The space reserved for the IFF shall not exceed 10 x 15 cm. IFF shall inform about any possible advertisements in connection to the registration of the Champions Cup/no later than 60 days prior to the event. IFF is to bear all costs related to the attaching of the advertisement to the teams outfits, based on the best possible solution.
- 6.3 The stakeholders of the CC have agreed to a minimum standard (2-3 star hotels) for the accommodation and food for the participating teams arriving from abroad. The board and lodging shall preferably take place in one venue, organised by the organiser. The organiser is to build an accommodation and food package.
- 6.4 The duties of the participating teams are to pay the participation fee for the CC and the travel to the arrival city airport, harbour or railway station on their own costs.
- The arrival city is to be defined by the host nation, in agreement with the CCGS, following the IFF WFC principles.
- 6.5 The duties of the organiser is to cover all organisational costs of the Event, this including the travel, accommodation and food of the IFF Jury, IFF Referees, IFF Referee Observers and Staff.

The organizer is responsible for the costs related to domestic transportation from/to the arrival city airport, harbour or railway station. The organizer is in charge of the transportation to/from the venues to the hotels on arrival/departure of the participating teams. The organizer is responsible for the travel costs of the participating teams related to transportation from/to the hotel to/from the arena and between the different venues for official training and matches according to the official program of each team. The teams are to provide this information at least one month prior to the start of the tournament.

The responsibility for the organizer to transport starts the day before the start of the first match of each team and ceases on the day of the last match of the tournament. The fixture of the tournament shall be built so that the teams are able to leave home on the last day of the tournament, if possible. The organiser is to cover the accommodation of the Final teams, if the timing of the final does not make it possible to travel home on the day of the Final.

The organizer shall inform the participating teams of the transportation responsibilities of the organizer and the system for the domestic transportations, if the competition city and arrival city are not the same.

The organiser shall organise and cover all costs for a CC accommodation and food for the six (6) participating foreign teams in accordance with the agreement for one centralized service solution. The organiser is responsible for Board and lodging for the teams from lunch the day before the start of their Champions Cup until lunch on the day of the final.

Teams which are forced to stay on until the day after the Final, due to lack of travel options, are responsible for the board and lodging costs of the last day, starting after lunch on the day of the Final, if the Final is not played so late that the team can't leave the tournament city on the Final day.

- 6.6. The organiser is to cover the costs of the production of Internet-TV from all matches and the TV production of both the Men's and Women's final for distribution.

The organizer doesn't pay any organiser's fee to the IFF, but will hand over a part of the marketing rights to the IFF (Floorball Manufacturer, CC Title Sponsor, etc). The organiser owns all other marketing rights of the Event, in accordance with the organization agreement.

- 6.6. The duties of IFF are to provide Prize money for the CC winners and to produce the TV-signal for both Men's semifinals.

Further IFF is to provide the playing surface for the event, including flooring, rink, goal cages and balls.

IFF owns all international TV rights, all internet rights and a part of the marketing rights.

## **§ 7 REFEREES**

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the CC shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.

## **§ 8 PROTESTS**

- 8.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 8.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 8.5 A protest must be written, signed and followed by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

## **§ 9 ANTI-DOPING**

- 9.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding anti-doping during the CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

- 9.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations and the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.
- 9.3 All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.
- 9.4 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the CC.

**§ 10 BETTING**

- 10.1 Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including cell phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 10.2 Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principal be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 10.3 Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their field decisions.
- 10.4 Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5
- a) It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
  - b) 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 matches and competitions in their sport.
  - c) 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
- 10.6 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited. 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.
- 10.7 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).
- 10.8 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.
- 10.9 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing;

10.10 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 in cooperation with the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.

10.11 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9

## **§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

11.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters during the Champions Cup. Exemption from this is when a disciplinary matter is reported of any of the playing teams in a match or by the IFF, then the decision shall be made by the disciplinary function of the event. A suspension decided by the Event disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches. Sanctions imposed are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

11.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

11.3 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.

11.4 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 15:00 the day after the match.

11.5 A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written, signed and followed by the amount of 500 CHF, which will be returned only if the decision is in favour of the reporter. If the report refers to a Video clip this shall be included in the report

11.6 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 (LOC, IFF YouTube, TV).

## **§ 12 WALK OVER**

12.1 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.

## **§ 13 PRIZES IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP**

13.1 A cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team, for both genders. Additional medals shall not be produced.

In addition the winning team shall receive prize money, 10,000 CHF.

13.2 The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals. In addition the runner-up shall receive prize money, 5,000CHF

13.3 The referees refereeing the finals shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each.

**§ 14 THE RINK**

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

**§ 15 PRACTISE SESSIONS**

15.1 Teams are entitled to practice at least once a day during the competition on a regular playing area on their own cost, including the transportation to the practice. The teams must inform the organizer at least four weeks in advance of this.

15.2 Teams are entitled to at least one practice free of charge, in the official tournament venue before their first match at said venue, on the day before an official match. The teams are offered the opportunity to practice in tournament venue, in accordance how the playing schedule permits. The practice is between 30 – 45 minutes in this venue.

15.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.

15.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

**§ 16 MEETINGS IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP**

16.1 Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captains' and technical meeting shall be held where the organizing committee, the team Captains', the head of delegation and coach of each team, the referees' representative and the IFF RACC shall be present.

16.2 The organizer is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms for the Captain's meeting, the Technical meetings and the Referee meetings.

16.3 The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the RACC or the organizing committee.

16.4 Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

**§ 17 TICKETS**

17.1 Participating Teams

17.1.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 27 accreditations/reserved seats automatically valid for the complete CC, free of charge and included in the accreditation, for the players and officials of the team.

The teams must inform the organiser no later than 30 days in advance of the start of the CC which tickets they will use.

17.1.2 The organiser of the CC must reserve the needed amount/reserved seats of tickets.

17.2 Participating Clubs/Associations

17.2.1 Each participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire Champions Cup, free of charge.

Each member Association with a participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP and 3 ordinary) valid for the entire Champions Cup, free of charge.

17.3 Each participating member Club/member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

The ticket quota of each participating Club/member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organizer.

**§ 18 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

18.1 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.

## **PROPOSAL FOR CHAMPIONS CUP BRAND MANAGER 2018-2019**

Dear friends,

As I have informed in the email concerning the proposal the Agreement and the Regulation for the Champions Cup, that I will approach you with a proposal for the solution of the CC Brand Manager. This email contains a proposal of the role, set-up and process of including the Brand manager also in the new agreement, as it is vital for the IFF.

As I have received the clear feedback that the stakeholders of the Champions Cup are at least partly, not pleased with the results achieved of the IFF Brand manager, based on the decisions made some years ago. The main issue has been the lack of any sales in relation to the Champions Cup. I must agree that also the IFF had higher hopes when it comes to the sales results.

As the Brand manager is 1/2-position, of which the sales should have been the main task. I think we all can agree to that the selling of the CC is not an easy task and as an clear obstacle in the process has been the slow start of the Combine Sales project, which you all are aware of. I would still think the other parts of the Brand management and steering has worked, even if there could have been much more pushing from the Brand manager.

The feedback which the stakeholders have given, clearly shows that we need a substantial change in the profile of the CC Brand manager position. For IFF it is crucial to get more market income, so a change of focus more towards sales also for the CC is the obvious move. IFF however really needs the financial support from the stakeholders to be able to run the whole sales process. We are now with the lead of Mr. Jörg Beer looking over the sales process and packages during the summer. The idea is to move more into direct sales from the IFF, where also the Champions Cup would be included.

The proposal for the new CC Brand manager position looks like this:

- Countries to invest CHF 5000 per year for two years, with a possibility to prolong it after 2019 for additional two years 2020-2021.
- The Brand manager is to be the project leader and driver of the CC, who must be much more visible towards the National Associations and the concerned clubs. Ready to support and push clubs and associations.
- The Role of the Brand manager is to lead the development and coordinate the work of the CCSG, but with the main focus on the sales for the CC. It would be ideal that the same person would at the same time be the IFF marketing and sales person.
- The broad job description would be
  - Sales marketing 60%, Project leader 20 % and visibility 20%
  - Monthly contact to the CCSG, IFF CB and stakeholders sec.gens if not in the CCSG
  - Produce web and SoMe content for the associations and clubs on continuous basis.
  - Produce a detailed yearly plan for the next years event, which is reported every three months to the CCSG
  - Lead the task force for the home-away game development
- The target for sales must be set by the CCSG, but could be, if a part of the IFF packages.
  - Year 2018 (for CC 2019): Sales of 15-20 k for CC, Floorball manuf + One separate, split 50/50 organiser- IFF
  - Year 2019 (for CC 2020): Sales of 30-40 k, for CC, Floorball manuf + Two separate

The CCSG then needs to agree on this job description, but having a general agreement now would be very good. I would like based on this proposal ask you if you would be able to agree to the continued support of the CC Brand manager. I would like to have this solved latest in advance of the the IFF CB meeting in July (28.7.), as it will also affect the IFF's position in respect to the Champions Cup in general.

I look forward to a swift response and comments, I remain

with kindest regards,

John

# International Floorball Federation



## GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ATHLETES' ENTOURAGE

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# IFF Competition Regulation

## Guidelines for the Conduct of the Athlete's Entourage

### **§ 0 Preamble**

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) as an active member of the Olympic Movement has established the following guidelines for the conduct of the Athlete's Entourage in the prefix of the IFF Competition Regulations. These regulations apply with the principle of *mutatis muntandis* to private and professional entourages.

The IFF Central Board can, based on the initiative of the IFF Entourage Committee, modify these guidelines as to fulfill the requirements made by the Olympic Charter and other regulations established by the respective International Organisations.

This guideline is also encouraged to be adopted by all National Association (NA) members of the IFF in their own right and to meet the concept of continuous improvement in their operations.

### **§ 1 Definition**

The Entourage comprises all the persons associated with the athletes within the Floorball community and all types of Floorball sport disciplines, including, without any limitation, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, physiotherapists, managers, club employees, agents, sports organizations, sponsors, lawyers and any person promoting the athlete's sporting career, including family members.

### **§ 2 General Principles**

The Entourage must in all their activities respect and promote ethical principles, including those contained in the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the WADA Code, the IFF Statutes, the IFF Competition Regulations, the IFF Code of Ethics and the IFF Juridical Regulation.

The Entourage must, in accordance with such principles, always act in the best interests of the athlete. Minors must be given special care and consideration.

Members of the Entourage should be adequately qualified to work in their area of expertise, through appropriate training, licenses, certificates or diplomas, particularly when such are proposed by IFF or any NA.

### **§ 3 Integrity**

The Entourage shall act in good faith and demonstrate the highest level of integrity, in particular respecting the following principles:

- Avoid conflicts of interest and if appropriate report the conflict of interest before taking any role in an entourage
- Fight against any form of bribery and take resolute and appropriate action against any form of cheating or corruption in sport
- Reject any form of doping; Comply with the WADA code, the IFF Anti-Doping Regulation and support its programs
- Refrain from any form of betting or promotion of betting activity on the athlete's sport
- Refrain from any form of harassment
- Refrain from any abuse of a position of influence

- Refrain from any activity that discourages inclusivity or diversity in the sport, be that in terms of race, gender, marital status, age, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, impairment, religion or belief, gender identity, colour, or political persuasion.

## **§ 4 Confidentiality**

The Entourage must respect confidentiality, including the content of their contract/relationship and personal information.

The Entourage must protect any inside information, such as any non-public information obtained by the person by the virtue of his/her position within the athlete's entourage, within the framework of the regulations of the sports' organization concerned.

The Entourage must protect any inside information they may have as a member of any IFF body which is not to be shared within their role in the Entourage

## **§ 5 Transparency**

The Entourage's interactions within the relevant populations must be clearly defined, in a written contract where applicable. IFF will provide standardized contract templates developed by the Entourage Committee. Member Associations are encouraged to use these contracts for their Entourage members.

The Entourage must be transparent about their personal and professional background with regard to matters which could affect the relationship, including, but not limited to doping, sexual misconduct or financial matters. Sports organizations have a responsibility to inform athletes about their rights and obligations, including the legal means to resolve any disputes.

## **§ 6 Responsibility/Accountability**

The Entourage must always act with due diligence and in the best interest of the athlete; short term interests should not take precedence over a successful and balanced athletic career and a long-term partnership.

Contractual relationships with athletes must be based on balanced conditions, including fair financial conditions and professional liability insurance.

The Entourage must always respect the moral, physical and psychological integrity of the athlete.

The Entourage must respect and promote the rules and regulations of the sport, and encourage the athlete to behave accordingly.

The Entourage must keep the athlete fully informed of all dealings and arrangements made on the athlete's behalf.

The Entourage must comply with best accounting practices and make available to the athlete full and accurate accounts and records and, where applicable, to the relevant authorities.

## **§ 7 Sanction**

Any breach of the IFF regulations by a member of the Entourage shall be sanctioned. The terms of the sanction and the disciplinary procedures are defined by the IFF Juridical Regulation.

## **§ 8. Athletes' Responsibility**

The athletes have a responsibility to act responsibly, choosing their Entourage members with care and with the exercise of due diligence and to use their best efforts to ensure that any contract is negotiated with fair conditions.

## **§ 9 Athletes' Entourage Committee**

To supervise the execution of these guidelines and advise members of the Entourage on its rules and procedures IFF has established an Entourage Committee.

This commission is comprised of such members as determined by the IFF Central Board and are selected under procedures determined by the IFF Statutes.

Any final decision on questions related to the Athletes' Entourage is taken by the IFF Central Board based on the procedures of the IFF Statutes and upon recommendations from the Entourage Committee.

### 1<sup>st</sup> AOFC Cup, AOFC Office Opening Ceremony and AOFC meeting 2.-6.7.2017, Bangkok, Thailand

**Participants:** Tomas Eriksson, IFF President (4.7.)  
John Liljelund; secretary general

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#### **Report on present issues**

##### **1) 1<sup>st</sup> PTT AOFC Cup 2017**

The 1<sup>st</sup> AOFC Cup was arranged in Bangkok, Thailand by the Thai Hockey association, featuring eight teams China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The tournament was well organised in the sports hall of the Bangkok University Sports Faculty. The venue was well suited for the tournament. The arrangements went very well and all team lived in a venue some 5 minute away from the arena. The Thai matches were broadcasted in TV live on channel 19 and all matches streamed.

In connection to the Event IFF organised a referee seminar for more than 20 Thai Hockey referees, which are now changing to Floorball. They needed the official certification from IFF, to be able to official referees. The seminar was conducted by IFF Operations Coordinator Mr. Veli Halonen. In the tournament referees were used from Singapore and Malaysia and two new pairs were tested on this level, namely the Korean and Indonesian pair. The RC will based on the evaluation of Mr. Halonen and Mr. Ismail make proposals for changes of classification.

All teams won at least one game in the tournament and Thailand beat Singapore in the Final. The final standings was: 1) Thailand, 2) Singapore, 3) Korea, 4) Indonesia, 5) India, 6) China, 7) Iran and 8) The Philippines

##### **2) Opening of AOFC Regional Office 4.7.**

In connection to the AOFC Cup the new AOFC Office was opened in an Opening ceremony, in which the general director of the Thailand Sports Authority participated together with AOFC President Mr. Chaiyapak Siritwat and the IFF President and delegations form all countries and teams present.

The AOFC Office is situated in connection to the Thai Hockey Association in the Sports Park. Floorball is a part of the Thai Hockey federation.

##### **3) AOFC CB meeting**

After the Opening Ceremony of the AOFC Office a AOFC CB meeting was held in the facilities of the Thai Hockey Association., with participants from eleven AOFC countries.

The main topics discussed during the meeting was the upcoming Events with the WFCQ 2018 to be played in Korea from the 23.-28.01.2018, with nine teams registered. There were some questions raised if there still would be possibilities to register for the WFCQ. Korea replied that ten teams is still OK. Later the PFA has informed that they will not have sufficient resources to participate in the WFCQ 2018.

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### Report on present issues (Cont.)

Indonesia reported that there is a little over 50% chance that Floorball could be included as a demonstration sport at the Asian Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Mr. Nangoy expressed that there is a need to receive support from the AOFC and the members to support the Indonesian Floorball Associations application. It was agreed that Indonesia will specify what kind of support is needed.

The AOFC decided to 2018 play the AOFC Cup separately for Men in end of July/beginning of August and for Women in Singapore in June.

The AOFC meeting also discussed the set-up for the SEA Games 2019 in the Philippines and what lobby actions are taken to support the inclusion of Floorball in the games.

The AOFC was also supposed to run a strategy session, but that fell short due to mainly technical problems. Mr. Liljelund informed of the process for the evaluation of the IFF Strategy 2008 – 2020 and the process for building a new one for the next coming decade.

Mr. Siriwat further informed that he has been contacted by groups in Kazakhstan, Myanmar and Uzbekistan, which might be on the way in to IFF. Mr. Liljelund informed that meetings will be held with the Lao NOC in Bangkok to speed up their membership application process.

#### **4) SEA Games 2019, Manila, the Philippines**

Mr. Siriwat had invited the representatives of the Philippines NOC, the President Mr. Peping and the secretary general Mr. Steve Hontiveros, the secretary general of the Singapore NOC Mr. Chris Chang and the deputy secretary general Mr. Edmund Lim. Also the secretary general of Myanmar was invited, but he didn't turn up.

In a number of discussions Mr. Siriwat lobbied for Floorball to be included in the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines, which was supported by the performance of the Philippines team. Also the SNOC supported the initiative.

During the AOFC – NOC dinner the POC President Mr. Peping almost promised that Floorball will be included in the SEA Games.

#### **5 Mr. Steve Hontiveros, POC secretary general**

In separate discussions with Mr. Hontiveros, a number of practical issues was touched upon, like what support IFF will provide to the Philippines for the SEA Games and the Philippine Association. IFF will deliver the infrastructure for the Event, with the flooring, rink, goal cages and balls, to secure the IFF Event look & feel. These materials can also be delivered well in advance to support the development of Philippine Floorball.

IFF is also ready to organise a seminar for the Philippine Association in Metro Manila and another region. It was agreed that POC will return with more information later.

#### **6 Mr. Chris Chan, SNOC secretary general and Mr. Edmund Lim SNOC deputy sg**

Discussions were held concerning the actives related to the upcoming Finnish Salibandyliiga game Classic – TPS and the possibility to promote the Singapore Women's team for the WFC 2017 in Bratislava, Slovakia. The issue of the flooring was very carefully discussed.

Also the present situation of the SFA was discussed, as a new General Manager Ms. Wendy Kuan, former secretary general for Singapore Bowling Federation, has been appointed. The SFA will have its AGM in the autumn to elect a new president. Mr. Chan also said that the SNOC will contact SG Sport concerning the financing of the Singapore National Teams and the Association.

## 7 Lao NOC Delegation visit

The IFF has supported the development of Floorball in Savannakhet in Laos, together with the Finnish Development Agency FIDA. Now the Savannakhet Regional Sports Department will start running school competitions for both boys and girls and they have contacted the Sports Ministry and the Lao NOC, which has shown great interest towards Floorball and the possibility to apply for membership.

IFF invited a delegation from Laos, consisting of the following persons:

Mr. Kasem Inthira, Deputy secretary general Lao NOC  
Mr. Veomany Viravong, Sports Director, Lao Ministry of Education and Sport  
Mr. Thavonne Insixiengmay, Sport Director, Savannakhet Education and Sport Dept.  
Ms. Bounphama Thammavong, Technical Coordinator, Savannakhet Edu and Sport Dept.  
Mr Sompasong Sayamowgkhone, PE Teacher, Savannakhet Regional Floorball Team Coach  
Ms. Päivi Jokivuori, Aid worker, FIDA Savannakhet Center

It so happened that Mr. Kasem, was a good friend of the other NOC representatives and Mr. Siriwat, so the support from the other colleagues helped a lot. In discussions Mr. Kasem stated that it is vital that Floorball is also played in the Capital Viannde.

The Lao delegation was very keen to know what requirements there are for the application for IFF memberships and what is needed from IFF to form a National Association. The conclusion of the discussions are that IFF will write a letter to Mr. Kasem asking the Lao NOC to start the process of forming a National Floorball Association, with the head seat in the Savannakhet province. IFF is to provide the IFF Statutes, the Game Rules and the IFF School Curriculum for the Lao NOC, as well as the requirements for the membership application still in July.

IFF will probably in beginning of 2018 organise a number of meetings in Viannde and a seminar for local PE teachers, in coordination with the Savannakhet group.

Mr. Kasem informed that he will report to the NOC and the Sport Ministry and support the inclusion of Floorball if the sport takes off in the National Student Games in a few years.

## 8 Discussions with National Associations

A lot of practical discussions were held with the present national associations, ranging from development support to rules and regulation related questions. It was very efficient to have the opportunity to discuss with the representatives in an event, where IFF was not in the lead.

### Upcoming meetings and issues

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### Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- Communicate with PFA about their possible interest to register for the WFC 2018
- Discuss the next steps with PFA concerning a possible Floorball seminar
- Send information to Mr. Kasem/Lao NOC about IFF membership
- Discuss possibility for a seminar in Viannde, Laos
- Prepare for material support for the SEA Games 2019 and discuss with Gerflor
- Check with Mr. Siriwat the status of the Kazakstan, Myanmar and Uzbekistan

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### New ideas, etc...

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## **RACC meeting in Vantaa 20-21.05.2017**

Participants:	Martin Klabere	Chairman
	Ari Vehniäinen	Vice Chairman
	Meelike Terasmaa	
	Jan Jirovský	
	Beat Wullschleger	
	Teo Turay	
	Hwang Joo Kim	
	Roman Lozynsky	
	Tomas Sladky	Invited from Athletes Commission
	Sarah Mitchell	Event Manager
	Stefan Kratz	Competition Manager
	John Liljelund	Secretary General (1-4)
Excused:	Stefan Erkelenz	
	Agata Plechan	Athletes Commission

### **Minutes**

#### **1) Opening of the meeting**

Martin greeted all welcome to Vantaa and the RACC meeting.

#### **2) Organization**

Martin briefly presented the competition organization (App 1).

In total the RACC-organization have participants from 18 countries and have 27 people involved.

#### **3) Presentation of RACC members and office**

All participants presented themselves.

John Liljelund, IFF secretary general gave an update of the World Games, Champions Cup, adults WFC and informed of the SportCal GSI Event Study having been carried out.

Further he mentioned the idea of going from 16 to 20 teams in the Adults WFC, the collision with FIFA World Cup 2022, other Calendar problems including FIS as well as Handball being on in December. Some thoughts of having organiser of WFC and new Game rules to be approved by GA instead of the IFF CB but also the need of clarifying the possibility to adjust rules problem occurring every two years were also mentioned.

Video checking, how to solve the problem to control the game for the referees due to the quick game and the use of goggles were discussed.

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**4) Mission of RACC (decided by IFF CB)**

Martin informed of the basic mission of the RACC which is to provide rules and regulation to ensure fair and attractive IFF Competitions, to help organizers in staging good IFF competitions and to ensure that all rules, regulations and IFF competitions are in line with the international development of floorball.

**5) Goal of the meeting**

The goal of the meeting is to give everyone an update where we are, opportunities ahead, topics to be solved, collaboration between office/RACC and work process for RACC during the upcoming 4 years.

**6) Upcoming season (2017-2018)**

- a. World Games (Next Step....To The Olympics) (App 2)
- b. Tournaments, dates, organisers & applications organisers (App 3)
- c. Jury schedule (App 4)

The upcoming season was discussed and Martin strongly pushed for the importance of that World Games becomes a success for floorball and that we as a sport can show that we are mature enough to handle a multisport event with all its challenges.

**7) Tournaments 2019-2022**

- a. Tournaments, dates, organisers & applications organisers (App 5)
- b. WFC Men 2022 (App 6)

The upcoming IFF Events 2019 – 2022 was discussed and Stefan made an update that there is an ongoing discussion with:

Latvia regarding Euro Floorball Cup

Estonia, Slovakia and Latvia regarding men's 12<sup>th</sup> WFC Qualifications in Europe and Korea in AOFC

Stefan continued to informed that Champions Cup 2018 most likely will be played in January 2019

WFC Men 2022 were discussed under topic 3 and needs to be in the bigger discussion for the whole calendar.

**8) International weekends**

- a. 2017-2020 (App 7)

The international weekends was discussed and why they are set in the places they are now.

The RACC is of the opinion that a Calendar meeting is needed to discuss a possible move of the adults WFC from December, especially for 2022, possible moving of other IFF events and international weekends. We need to use the full year like other sports and start up the work during this autumn were we include National Associations, RACC, and IFF office.

## 9) Organisers

- a. Organiser Regulations Edition 2017 (App 8)
- b. Hand book Edition 2016 (App 9)
- c. IFF Juridical Regulations Edition 2015 (App 10)
- d. Eventello

Organisers of IFF Events and the tools to support the organization were presented and discussed. Martin also made a short summary of the evaluation tool that is the base line for decisions of making proposals to the CB of who to appoint for WFC (Adult & Juniors)

Sarah informed about the Eventello database that makes it much easier for both organiser and IFF to see if everything is done according to plan and if there is necessary adjustments that needs to be done.

## 10) Ranking/Quota (spots in WFC)

- a. Competition Regulations - National Teams Edition 2017 (App 11)
- b. Ranking – How it is calculated (App 12)
- c. Quota - How it is calculated (App 13)
- d. Americas in European qualification (task from CB 2017-04-08) (App 14)

Stefan explained the ranking and quota system and how it is built and how the quota is adjusted due to the number of registered teams.

Canada has proposed that Americas should play in the European qualification to get more matches. The possibility was discussed and RACC think that it is not workable in a good way and recommends that qualifications are still held in Americas.

Canada can be informed of other possibilities for tournaments where they can participate to gain more experience.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Martin and Stefan to make a statement from RACC regarding positive and negative effects of putting teams from Americas into the European qualification when they are only 2 teams qualifying.

## **11) Preparation of the big events**

- a. Processes, information flow, decision-making etc. (Topic from JJ)
- b. Gained experiences on the tournaments during last four years (Topic from JJ)

The preparation of the IFF events was discussed and the problems/opportunities that have occurred.

Venue inspections are important to avoid surprises, also pictures on beforehand is helpful. The office could start to build the venue info database.

Also other things like video checking system and preparations on how to be used needs to be clarified.

Discussion regarding when the jury chair should be involved in the event. RACC were of the opinion that 2-3 months before would be good (depending on type of tournament).

Roles of the IFF-organisation during tournament were discussed due to the many problems regarding information flow between the different groups that are working during the tournaments (Jury, Referee management and referees and Office). There is a need of clear communication flow and who is deciding what.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Martin and JJ to prepare a proposal and also involve Mr. Liljelund in the discussion. Office got the task to look into jury chairman information and venue database.

## **12) WFC/WFCQ**

- a. History

Stefan informed that the European Championships was played in Finland 1994 with 8 Men's teams. The Open EC was played in Switzerland 1995 with 11 Men's teams and 10 Women's teams. The first Men's WFC was played 1996 in Sweden and the first Women's WFC was played 1997 in Finland. From 1998 the WFC was divided in divisions depending on number of teams and their ranking. From 2010 qualifications have been played to a final round with 16 teams. From 2013 only the organizer is directly qualified.

- b. Upcoming tournament – teams (App 15)
- c. Advantages and disadvantages of present system (App 16)
- d. African championships (App 17)
- e. Increase number of teams in WFC 2020

This was the third evaluation from RACC on WFC/WFCQ system and the changes that has been made since the start 2010.

<b>Good</b>	<b>Note</b>
Qualification system - general	Working good as a tournament system
WFC Final round – new system	Working good with the divided groups and number of even matches has increased a lot
WFCQ/WFC	Good that everyone can take part in world championships and that everyone have the possibility to be world champion Good that countries with a quick development can move quickly in the system
WFC Final round - Quota	Important to have as many continents as possible in the final round – Keep the quota as it is
Quota system effects on new continents	Quota rules have been changed to not allow a new continent to qualify directly (if they only have one country registering). In this case they must participate in another region's qualification event
Organisers WFC	Starts to be more and more National associations who wants to organise WFC

<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Action</b>
Qualification system - results	Big results due to high and low rank teams are meeting each other. Lower rank teams has a possibility to meet top teams in their region – no action needed
Qualification and WFC the same year – big costs for players in countries where they pay for everything buy themselves during the same year	No solution for this at the moment
Organisers WFCQ – To low number of organisers	Get feedback from organisers – make a template to get information on what they think is good or bad  Produce information about the benefits of organising tournament
Some qualifications expensive due to few participants with big distances - Problematic in Asia/Oceania & Americas in particular (and soon Africa)	Still costly but AOFC has more teams in their tournaments which is helping development and teams get more matches – No solution for this at the moment
WFC Final round – schedule	Due to wishes from TV, Organiser and National Associations the schedule sometimes get without flow for some teams plus time between semifinal and bronze match – Work as much as possible to get flow/resting time for the teams
WFC Final round – qualification round	The extra qualification round is a disadvantage to those teams playing in it due to extra match compared to opponent - No solution for this at the moment

Other topics	General discussion
Bigger and longer tournaments – WFC every 4 <sup>th</sup> year and continental in between	General discussion: WFC every 2 year should stay until floorball is on the Olympic Games program WFC every 4 year – then continental championships is possible/put in Olympics Today the qualification is the continental tournament that could be developed to continental championship
WFC final round – 2 <sup>nd</sup> group round	Maybe in the future with a bigger tournament can have some kind of 2 <sup>nd</sup> group round  Idea with 20 teams will change this slightly regarding schedule and days (Friday to Sunday tournament – only one day extra)  Idea with 20 teams will change things much more (need of 3 arenas which increases the number of staff for every part of the organisation, fewer city's/countries that can handle the bigger size of the tournament)  Right now floorball is not ready for 2 <sup>nd</sup> round but working with 20 teams from 2020 would be a good start

### 13) U19/U19Q

#### a. History – SK

Stefan informed that the first U19 WFC was played in Germany 2001 with 12 Men's teams and the first U19 WFC for Women was played 2004 in Finland with 8 teams participating. From 2003 the U19 WFC was divided in an A- and a B-division depending on number of teams and their ranking. From 2007 qualifications were played in addition and from 2015 these qualifications have been regional.

#### b. Upcoming tournament – teams (App 18)

#### c. Advantages and disadvantages of present system (App 19)

#### d. When go over to adult system?

This is the third evaluation from RACC on U19/U19Q system and the changes that has been made since the start 2007.

Change to adult system equals the same as the GAP-analysis for adults

Change to adult system is raising the cost but you will have a much more attractive tournament

Continue with the current system due to the higher cost for teams (qualification and longer tournament) and organisers (longer tournament)

Today there are friendly internationals in Europe on a regular basis for a lot of teams

Men: Look into a solution of having 7 days tournament as a beginning to change the system partly. Avoid the big step from 5 days to 9 days

Look into if we can give Asia/Oceania 2 spots to make their qualification little bit easier

Women: Continue with current system due to the fact that there isn't enough number of teams on the women's side

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Stefan to try to find a 7-day event for the Men's U19 but keep the Women's as is for now. The AOFC competition department shall be approached to have their view on AOFC qualifications and Stefan look into if Asia/Oceania can have two spots in the quota system.

#### 14) EuroFloorball Challenge/EuroFloorball Cup

##### a. History

Stefan informed that the first European Cup was played 1993, for Men in Sweden with 6 teams and for Women in Finland with 4 teams. The tournament was played between Christmas and New Year until 1999 and then the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of January until 2007 and thereafter it was moved to October. Qualifications have been played since 1999. From 2011 the EFC is played without top 4 and the winner qualifying to Champions Cup the following year. From 2017 the winner is not qualifying to the CC. The first EF Challenge was played in Hungary 2016 with 4 Men's and 4 Women's teams.

##### b. Competition Regulations - EuroFloorball Cup and Challenge Edition 2017 (App 20)

##### c. Advantages and disadvantages of present system (App 21)

The RACC is of the opinion that one must see the effect from changes of Champions Cup before evaluation can take place and getting into any discussion of change of today's system

##### d. How to get participating countries to organize

Stefan informed that Associations are officially asked by e-mail and thereafter targeted.

During the later years the cost has been more divided between organizers, teams and IFF in qualifications which has made it less costly for the organiser.

#### 15) Champions Cup

##### a. History

Stefan informed that the first CC was played 2011 in Czech Republic with 6 Men's and 6 Women's teams. The event is played the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend October and consists of top 4, the EFC winner previous year and a 2<sup>nd</sup> team from the organizer. 2018/2019 the CC will be played with 4 teams in each category.

##### b. Regulations for Champions Cup Edition 2017 (App 22)

##### c. Information from CC-meetings (App 23)

The RACC is of the opinion that a person from RACC should be in the CC steering group due to the effect of other IFF competitions.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Martin and Stefan to prepare a proposal for the CB

## 16) Friendly International Matches

- a. Competition Regulations - Friendly International Matches Edition 2017 (App 24)
- b. Administration of international weekend matches – SM

Sarah explained today's problems/challenges with the friendly international matches.

It was discussed to add a deadline for team-lists and related or let the organizers into the system to adjust. The regulations should be updated accordingly and a proposal of changes of fines in the Juridical regulations.

Office to look into making a user level in the statistics system that can have access to add/change player information.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Sarah to make a proposal, in line with the discussion above, of regulation changes in the Friendly International Matches Regulations and sanction fees based on what tier the organizing country are in into the Juridical regulations. Martin to put the proposal forward to the CB.

## 17) Jury work

- a. Guidelines Jury (App 25)

It was discussed that it is important for the jury to be represented in the referees meeting every day during IFF events (task already given to Martin and JJ under topic 11 above)

- b. Frequently topics during jury work (App 26)

Discussions were made of new things that occurred during the season. For example we need to find:

- Color definition – what is light-colored?
- Handling of changing possibilities for captains before photo with the cup

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Sarah and Stefan to update frequent topic during jury work document

- c. Hand book (App 27)
- d. Jury report (App 28)

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Martin and Sarah to update the venue check-list and to Martin and JJ to update the jury report

e. Captains meeting/Technical meeting (App 29)

Discussions regarding the meeting as such were made and that we found a good way of giving information's directly to the teams through there captains and that meetings in general is good as long as the preparations of the materials from organiser is done in good time. Jury would like to have the TM ppt ready earlier than it has been for most events so it is possible to prepare better and find problems and possible improvements.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to the office to try to push the organiser to be ready earlier.

## 18) Regulations

- a. IFF Transfers Regulations edition 2017 (App 30)
- b. Transfer times

The dead-line for international transfers was discussed where ATC would like last day to be 31/1. After some discussions 15/1 was considered to be more reasonable.

**The RACC decided** to propose to the CB to change the dead-line to be 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

## 19) International calendar

- a. Calendar (App 31)
- b. Advantages and disadvantages of present calendar
- c. International competition calendar – proposal of Czech floorball about September (Topic from JJ) (App 32)
- d. Biggest issues today
- e. Chinese New Year – No international event (Topic from HJK) (App 33)

Office informed that AOFC decide the dates – they have the possibility from IFF to play latest midst March to avoid the Chinese New Year. Upcoming season AOFC have moved the tournament outside Chinese New Year dates.

- f. WFC 2022 collides with football world cup

RACC came to the conclusion that all the above points need to be included in the larger discussion of the calendar and therefore didn't discuss this more than was made during topic 3, 7 and 19e above

## 20) Rules and use of video

- a. Information about the Rule system (4-year calendar) (App 34)
- b. Changing the system (task from CB 2017-04-07) (App 35)

Discussion regarding how the rule book time line is done today and which stakeholders that are involved.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Martin, Beat and Stefan to make a proposal of necessary changes according to the discussions above.

c. Rules of the Game Edition 2018 - work still in progress (Topic from BW) (App 36)  
Discussions regarding different new rules/interpretations were made (during topic 3 there were an intense discussion regarding goggles)

d. Interpretations

Discussion were made how interpretations are done by the national associations without involving IFF which sometimes makes a mess regarding referees handling things in a totally different way and that also some solutions/explanations is making the rule interpretation more easy to understand which would develop the rules

RACC noted that IFF needs to be firmer with interpretations and check national interpretations to avoid different interpretations (NAs must send in their texts)

e. Video examples

Rules Group will try to make some video examples to clarify some of the rules (for example difference between match penalty levels)

f. Change the rule to cover human (referee) mistakes – Instant Video Replays  
Necessary (Topic from HJK) (App 37)

Discussion regarding how to use pictures from stream to avoid some of the mistakes that happens regarding goal or no goal.

RACC thinks we should consider the use of stream whenever available and to include this in the regulations. To do that we need to have a regulation over how this should be used due to the fact that there are many questions to be solved before this could be put in place. We definitely need to do some testing of what limits there is. Questions that needs to be solved is for example:

Do the match secretariat have possibility to look at the stream? (Computer, wireless etc.)

Who should do the checking? (Match secretariat, referees in small tournaments, teams or other solution)

How many times is the team entitled to ask for video checkup? (1 per match, 1 every period or other solution)

What happens if stream doesn't work? (No stream equals no possibility to video check)

Are we using only main camera? (Sometimes there is one extra behind one of the goals)

Etc.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to JJ, Beat, Teo and Sarah to consider the use of stream whenever available and to include this in the regulations.

- g. Use of video checks after match/Attacking some player without ball (Topic from AV, HJK) (App 38)

RACC were discussing how to implement video checking also in Friendly internationals. In many tournaments there is video available which could be used for reporting player to IFF after the match in the same way as IFF are doing in their own tournaments with the difference that there is no jury that handles these cases on the spot.

**The RACC decided** to put forward to Sarah to put together how this could be handled.

- h. Goal camera (Topic from AV, BW) (App 39)

See topic 20 f above

## **21) How should RACC work the upcoming 4 years?**

Discussions were made how RACC should work for the upcoming period.

RACC will try to have:

- One meeting, face to face, per year.
- Work with e-mail for quick decisions on matters that not need discussions.
- If needed have Skype meeting for having possibility to have discussions.
- Members will from time to time get tasks to solve different topics that occurred and prepare for decisions.

RACC shall mainly try to work strategic and let the office handle the day to day business as much as possible

## **22) Tasks RACC-members from the meeting**

Look at the above topics to find tasks

## **23) Other Issues**

- a. No same referee to same country match (Topic from HJK) (App 40)

Office reported that this was a very special situation where this solution needed to be handled in this way due to problems with referees.

- b. Some referees were Not enough (Topic from HJK) (App 41)

RACC discussed the general problem with how to develop referees to a higher standard. Martin referred to that this kind of problem were very common in Europe due to the same reason. Many countries didn't have developed referees in the way we are used to now but over time it got better and better. We just need to accept that development takes time and work from IFF side as much as possible to help development.

## 24) Closing of the meeting

Martin ended the meeting buy thanking all the participants for a good work during the meeting and that he is looking forward to work together with the group for the upcoming years.

After the meeting ended the group toke a picture in a sunny Vantaa



## Report RACC-meeting in Wroclaw 28.07.2017

### 1) RACC

#### a) RACC-meeting in Vantaa 20-21.05.2017

See appendix to the CB-minutes

#### b) **Champions Cup**

The RACC is of the opinion that a person from RACC should be in the Champions Cup steering group due to the effect of other IFF competitions.

RACC proposes that they will have a representative in the CC steering group

### 2) Rules Group

#### a. **Changes to Edition 2018**

See appendix to the CB-minutes

#### b. **Exceptions**

During upcoming season, there is a number of countries that wants to make exceptions from the rule book regarding extra time, number of players in sudden death and penalty shout out.

To keep control over these tests we have given following instructions:

*Any exemption to the Rules of the Game shall be applied for to the IFF in advance.*

*Granted exemptions and their time span are to be published at [www.floorball.org](http://www.floorball.org) under Regulations / Rules of the Game.*

#### c. **IFF Rules of the Game – calendar for changes**

Regarding the calendar for changing the rules the RACC discussed how to involve member Associations, IFF RC, RACC and Athletes Commission on the changes in the book and also give IFF the possibility to handle unforeseen changes of the game.

RACC have a plan to present proposal during autumn

There were also a discussions to have the General Assembly to take the final decision of rules changes.

### **3) Rules and regulations**

#### **a. International Transfers Regulations**

During the meeting that ATC had in Växjö the topic came up regarding transfer dates and that 31<sup>st</sup> of December is problematic and that ATC would prefer 31<sup>st</sup> of January. During the RACC-meeting in Vantaa the topic was discussed regarding pros and cons with today's and proposed dates. RACC thinks it is important to give players a good chance of changing club after half season but things 31.01 is too late due to closeness to play offs in a lot of leagues. The negative with 31.12 is that it's Christmas time and it is very hard to get a hold of people that need to sign papers both from giving and receiving club. Many players also go home during this time and have time to reflect over 'life' and then the time is very short if you want to move home. RACC thinks that it would be good to make a compromise that are solving the above and therefore proposes 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

See appendix to the CB-minutes

#### **b. Friendly International Matches Regulations**

As you can see in the minutes from RACC-meeting we are planning to propose changes in the Friendly International Matches Regulations and as a consequence of this also propose changes in the Juridical Regulations.

RACC have a plan to present proposal during autumn.

### **4) Jury nominations 2017-2018**

#### **a. Jury nominations**

RACC/Jury-members have all got an introduction letter regarding the work and also an explanation that they need to see the full 4-year term if they don't get any nominations the first year due to the fact that we have more jury people than ever and more limited possible spots for new jury to be in a tournament.

Other things that matters when nominations are done is:

- To go to places with only one jury you need to be more experienced
- In which part of the world you live and possibility to speak English
- If your own country is organising IFF event
- Limited number of spots for educating new jury members ((introduction is important to make good jury work possible)

## 5) Other

### a. **Video checking goal**

RACC thinks we should consider the use of stream whenever available and to include this in the regulations. To do that we need to have a regulation over how this should be used due to the fact that there are many questions to be solved before this could be put in place. We definitely need to do some testing of what limits there is.

RACC have a plan to present proposal during autumn

### b. **Video checking players misbehaving in friendly internationals**

RACC were discussing how to implement video checking also in Friendly internationals. In many tournaments, there is video available which could be used for reporting player to IFF after the match in the same way as IFF are doing in their own tournaments with the difference that there is no jury that handles these cases on the spot.

RACC have a plan to present proposal during autumn

### c. **IFF-organisation during tournament**

Roles of the IFF-organisation during tournament were discussed due to the many problems regarding information flow between the different groups that are working during the tournaments (Jury, Referee management and referees and Office). There is a need of clear communication flow and who is deciding what.

RACC together with John have a plan to present proposal during autumn

### d. **Americas qualifying in Europe**

Canada has proposed that Americas should play in the European qualification to get more matches. The possibility was discussed and after going through pros and cons RACC think that it is not workable in a good way and recommends that qualifications are still held in Americas.

Martin Klabere 19.07.2017

**Appendix 11c**

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# **Rules of the Game**

## **Rules and Interpretations**

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# PREFACE

This 2018 edition of the game rules was published in September 2017.

Even though we now consider that another milestone has been reached in our work with the rules of floorball, we are well aware that there might be some deficiencies and loop-holes which will have to be adapted before we have the 'perfect' set of rules.

Everyone involved in the game is encouraged to read the rules fully and carefully. It is important that the game is enjoyable, safe, played fairly, and is easily understood by players, coaches, referees, spectators and the media alike.

We will be very grateful for any suggestions, ideas or constructive criticism, which will help our continuing work. It must be appreciated that the rules will have to change constantly in line with the rapid developments in playing style.

Please note that the rules are equally valid for both men's and women's floorball at all levels of competition. The sole use of masculine pronouns is merely to ensure that the text remains as simple as possible.

As written in the rules all equipment shall be "marked accordingly". The marking of boards, goal cages, sticks and balls are quite easily understood since the IFF logotype is included in the approval mark **as well as the grilles to the face masks that has an IFF plate on the left side.**

**When it concerns personal protection equipment such as helmets (the face mask) and protective goggles these are CE-marked and not necessarily marked with the IFF logotype.**

**IFF however recommends those that are approved for use in Floorball, shown by CE-marking and the text 'Recommended by IFF'.**

**The IFF advise the National Associations to move to mandatory use of protective goggles for players under 17 years old during the validity period of these Game Rules and at the same time recommend the use for players under 19 years old.**

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# 1 RINK

## 105 Secretariat and penalty benches

- 1) A secretariat with penalty benches shall be placed opposite the substitution zones, by the centre line.  
*The secretariat and the penalty benches shall be placed at an appropriate distance from the board. There shall be separate penalty benches for each team, placed on each side of the secretariat. The penalty benches shall have room for at least two persons each. **The penalty bench zones with a length of 2 m and placed at least 1 m from the centre line shall be marked and visible on both sides of the board.** Exemption for the placing of the secretariat and the penalty benches may be given by the administrating authority. If this is the case there shall be left a minimum of 2 m space in between the penalty bench and the substitution benches.*

# 2 GAME TIME

## 201 Regular game time

- 1) Regular game time shall be 3 x 20 minutes with two 10 minute intermissions, when the teams shall change ends.  
*Exemption for shorter game time however not less than 2 x 15 minutes and/or shorter/longer intermissions may be given by the administrating authority. When changing ends, the teams shall also change substitution zones. The home team shall choose ends at an early stage before the match. Every new period shall start with a face-off at the centre spot. At the end of every period the secretariat is responsible for providing a siren or other suitable sound device, unless this is automatic. **A period or a match is over as soon as the final signal has started sounding.** The timing of the intermission shall start immediately at the end of the period. The teams are responsible for being back onto the rink in time to resume play after the intermission. If the referees consider one end of the rink to be better, the teams shall change ends after half the third period, but this has to be decided before the start of the third period. If such a changing of ends takes place, play shall be resumed with a face-off at the centre spot.*

# 4 EQUIPMENT

## 405 Personal and protective equipment

- 1) A player shall not wear personal equipment which may cause injury.  
*Personal equipment includes protective and medical equipment, protective goggles, watches, earrings, etc. The referees decide what shall be considered dangerous. All protective equipment shall, if possible, be worn underneath the clothing. **Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall firstly be of the same colour as the main colour of the shirts or the shorts or otherwise in black.** With the exception of elastic headbands without knots, no headgear may be worn. All forms of long tights are prohibited for field players. Exceptions shall be allowed only by the administrating authority upon written request.*
- 2) **If a player is wearing protective goggles they shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations and marked accordingly.**  
*All tampering with the goggles is prohibited. If a player loses the goggles during play, he may continue playing until the next interruption.*

## 410 Control of equipment

- 2) Measuring of a hook, **control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** and control of a shaft/blade combination may be requested by the team captain.  
*The team captain also has the right to point out to the referees' other incorrectness in the opponents' equipment, but in this case the referees decide whether or not to take action. Measuring and control of shaft/blade combination **and control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** may be requested at any time, but shall not be carried out until play is interrupted. If control is requested during an interruption, it shall be carried out immediately, including in connection with goals and penalty shots, unless, in the referees' opinion, it negatively affects the situation for the opposing team. In this case the control shall be carried out at the next interruption. The referees are obliged to check a hook or shaft/blade **and control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** at the team captain's request, but only one control per team per interruption shall be allowed. No other players than the team captains and the player with the equipment being controlled may be at the secretariat during the control of equipment. After control of equipment, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

### 502 Face-off (802)

- 5) **The ball shall be played with the stick and A face-off** shall be taken by one field player from each team. The players shall be facing the opposing team's short side and must not have physical contact before the face-off. The feet shall be placed perpendicular to the centre line. Each player shall have both his feet at the same distance from the centre line. The sticks shall be held with a normal grip and with both hands above the grip mark. The blades shall be placed perpendicular to the centre line on either side of the ball, but without touching it.  
*Normal grip implies the way the player holds his stick during play. The defending team's player chooses on which side of the ball to place his stick. If the face-off is on the centre line, the visiting team's player chooses. The ball shall be at the centres of the blades. **If a player taking a face-off does not obey the referees' instructions, another player who is on the rink shall take the face-off.** In case of a dispute in connection with a substitution before a face-off is taken, the away team is obliged to carry out their substitution first.*

### 503 Events leading to a face-off

- 6) When an unnatural situation occurs during play.  
*The referees decide what shall be considered an unnatural situation, but this always includes, amongst others, unauthorized persons or objects on the rink, the lights going out either completely or partly, and the final signal being sounded by mistake, **when a broken stick causes a dangerous situation or directly affects the play** or when a referee is hit by the ball and this has a significant effect on the play.*
- ~~10) **When a penalty is imposed for an offence which is not in connection with play, but is committed or noticed during play.**  
**This includes when a penalized player enters the rink before his penalty expires or terminates.**~~
- 10) When the referees are unable to decide the direction of a hit-in or a free-hit.  
*This includes when players from both teams commit offences simultaneously.*
- 11) When the referees consider their decision to be incorrect.

## 507 Offences leading to a free-hit

- 4) When a field player uses any part of his stick, ~~or his~~ foot or lower leg, to play or try to play the ball above knee level. (904, 913)  
*Stopping the ball with a thigh is not considered to be playing the ball above knee level, unless considered dangerous. As knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.*
- 12) When a field player jumps up and stops the ball. (916)  
*As jumping is considered to be when both feet entirely leave the floor. Running is not considered as jumping. A player is allowed to jump over the ball ~~if he does not touch it~~ as well as play, touch and stop the ball below knee level. As knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.*
- 16) When a face-off, hit-in or a free-hit is incorrectly performed or intentionally delayed. (918)  
*This includes when the non-offending team takes the ball away when the play is interrupted, when the ball is dragged, flicked, or lifted on the stick and when any player delays a face-off. If a hit-in or a free-hit is taken from the wrong place or when the ball is not entirely still, it may be taken again. If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

- 18) When a goalkeeper receives a pass, or takes the ball, from a field player in the same team. (924)  
*This shall be considered an offence only if the ~~pass ball~~, in the referees' opinion, is played intentionally. Receiving implies that the goalkeeper touches the ball with either his hands or arms, also even after the goalkeeper has possibly touched or stopped the ball with any other part of his body. A goalkeeper may receive a pass from a player in the same team if the goalkeeper is completely outside his goal crease when he receives the pass, and is thereby considered a field player. If the goalkeeper leaves his goal crease entirely, stops the ball, returns to his goal crease and picks the ball up this shall not be considered a pass to the goalkeeper. A pass to the goalkeeper is not considered a goal situation and can not result in a penalty shot.*
- 19) When a penalty is imposed ~~during play for an offence committed in connection with play.~~ (prescribed offence sign)  
*The free-hit shall be taken where the offence was committed. If the referees are unable to decide where the offence occurred, the free-hit shall be taken at the nearest face-off dot, according to where the ball was at the interruption.*
- 20) When a player delays play. (924)  
*This includes when a field player, in order to waste time, places himself against the rink or goal cage in such a manner that the opponent is unable to reach the ball in a correct way. This also includes when the goalkeeper blocks the ball through the goal net. The player should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.*
- 21) When a team delays play. (924)  
*This includes when a team plays in a systematically passive way behind the own goal cage. The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.*
- 22) When a field player plays the ball with his head. (921)

## 508 Penalty shot (806)

- 1) When an offence leading to a penalty shot is committed, a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team.  
~~If a penalty shot is awarded during a delayed penalty or caused by an offence leading to a penalty, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.~~
- 2) The penalty shot shall be started with the stick and taken from the centre spot.

- 3) All players except the player taking the penalty shot and the defending goalkeeper shall be in their substitution zones during the entire penalty shot. The goalkeeper shall be on the goal line when the penalty shot starts.  
*In case of a dispute the goalkeeper shall enter the rink first. The goalkeeper must not be replaced by a field player. If the goalkeeper commits an offence during the penalty shot, a new penalty shot shall be awarded and any prescribed penalty carried out. If another player or member of the team staff in the offending team commits an offence during the penalty shot, a new penalty shot shall be awarded and the offence considered sabotage of play. If a player, except from the player taking the penalty shot, or member of the team staff in the non-offending team commits an offence during the penalty shot the penalty shot is considered incorrectly performed.*
- 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. ~~but the ball has to be in a forward movement during the entire penalty shot. As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball, the player taking the penalty shot must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.~~  
*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. 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 then the goalkeeper, and without passing the imaginary extended goal line passes the goal line from the front, the goal shall be allowed. Game time shall be stopped during the entire penalty shot. Forward movement implies away from the centre line. If the ball at the very start of a penalty shot is drawn backwards the penalty shot shall be interrupted and started all over again.*
- ~~5) A 2-minute bench penalty imposed in connection with a penalty shot shall be noted in the match record only if the penalty shot does not result in a goal.  
The penalized player shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot.~~
- 5) A player who has incurred a 5-minute bench penalty shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot.  
*If player incurring a match penalty the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalized, to serve the bench penalty.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

### 509 Delayed penalty shot (807)

- 1) A delayed penalty shot shall be applied when the non-offending team still controls the ball after an offence leading to a penalty shot, and the goal situation is still in progress.  
~~If a delayed penalty shot is awarded during a delayed penalty or caused by an offence leading to a penalty, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied. A delayed penalty shot may be caused by an offence leading to a penalty even if a delayed penalty is already in progress. During a delayed penalty shot each offence committed by the offending team and leading to a free-hit shall be penalized as repeated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalized according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.~~

## 6 PENALTIES

### 601 General regulations for penalties

- 1) When an offence leading to a penalty is committed, the offender shall be penalized.  
*If the referees are unable to point out the offender, or if the offence is committed by a member of the team staff, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalized, to serve the penalty. If the team captain refuses to do this, or is penalized, the referees shall choose the player. All penalties carried out shall be noted in the match record with the time, number of the player, type of penalty and cause of penalty. ~~If the penalty is caused by an offence in connection with play, the non-offending team shall be awarded a free-hit. If the penalty is caused by an offence not in connection with play, play shall be resumed with a face-off.~~ If the penalty is caused by an offence committed during an interruption, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption. A penalized team captain loses his right to speak to the referees, unless he is addressed by them.*
- 2) A penalized player shall be on the penalty bench during the entire penalty.  
*A player penalized during penalty shots after extra time shall not be placed on the penalty bench. A penalty, which has not expired at the end of regular game time, shall continue during extra time. After the extra time all penalties except match penalties are considered to be terminated. A penalized player shall be on the same side of the centre line as his team, with the exception of when the secretariat and the penalty benches are situated on the same side of the rink as the substitution zones. During regular game time a penalized player may leave the penalty bench during an intermission. A penalized player shall not leave the penalty bench during the intermission between regular game time and extra time. A penalized player is not allowed to participate in a time out. A player, whose penalty expires, shall immediately leave the penalty bench, unless the number of penalties for his team makes this impossible or the penalty expiring is a personal penalty. A goalkeeper, whose penalty expires, shall not leave the penalty bench until the next interruption. A penalized player who is injured may be replaced on the penalty bench by a field player who is not already penalized. Both players shall be noted in the match record with the number of the player actually serving the penalty in brackets. If the injured player enters the rink before the penalty expires, match penalty 2 will be imposed. If the secretariat is responsible for a player being admitted to the rink too soon and the mistake is noticed during regular penalty time, the player shall resume his position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time and the player shall return to the rink when his regular penalty time expires.*

### 602 Bench penalty

- 2) 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 his penalty is carried out. If more than one penalty is imposed simultaneously on a team ~~already having a bench penalty~~, the ~~team captain referees~~ decides which of the new penalties shall be measured first. Shorter bench penalties shall, in this case, always be measured before longer.*

### 603 2-minute bench penalty

- 1) If the opposing team scores during a 2-minute bench penalty that is being measured, the penalty shall terminate, unless the opposing team is outnumbered on the rink or the teams play with equal strength.  
*The penalty will not terminate if the goal is scored ~~either during a delayed penalty or from a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot. caused by an offence leading to a penalty.~~*

## 6 PENALTIES

### 604 Delayed penalty

- 1) All penalties may be delayed. A delayed penalty shall be applied when the non-offending team still controls the ball after an offence leading to a penalty. Only one penalty at a time can be delayed except when a goal situation is in progress, ~~in which case a second penalty may also be delayed.~~  
~~If one or several delayed penalties are imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.~~

### 605 Offences leading to a 2-minute bench penalty

- 3) When a field player plays the ball above waist level with any part of his stick, ~~or his foot or lower leg.~~ (904, 913)  
*As waist level is considered the level of the player's waist when standing upright.*
- 9) When a field player **in the rink** fetches a stick from a place other than the team's own substitution zone. (no offence sign)
- 14) When a field player, **lying or sitting down**, stops or plays the ball **or in another way affects the situation when lying or sitting down.** (919)  
*This also includes stopping or playing the ball with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded.*
- 15) When a field player stops or plays the ball with his hand **or arm or head.** (920, 924)
- 19) When a team systematically disrupts play by committing repeated offences leading to a free-hit. (923)  
*This also includes when a team commits a number of minor offences during a short time. The player committing the last offence shall serve the penalty ~~and be penalized according to that offence.~~ During a delayed penalty shot each offence committed by the offending team and leading to a free-hit shall be penalized as repeated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalized according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.*
- ~~27) When a player prevents a goal or a goal-scoring situation by committing an offence which is normally punished with a free hit. (no offence sign)~~

### 607 Offences leading to a 5-minute bench penalty

- 1) When a field player, performs violent or dangerous strikes with his stick. (901)  
~~This includes when a field player raises his stick over an opponent's head and the opponent is hit.~~

### 610 Offences leading to a 2-minute bench penalty + 10-minute personal penalty

- 1) When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of unsportsmanlike behaviour. (925)  
*Unsportsmanlike behaviour implies: Behaving in an insulting or unfair way towards referees, players, team staff, officials, spectators, ~~being too many team staff in the substitution zone~~ or any simulating action intended to deceive the referees. Intentionally kicking, upsetting or hitting the board or the goal cage.  
Throwing the stick or any other equipment, even during an interruption or in the substitution zone.*

### 613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1

- ~~3) When an injured player, who has been replaced on the penalty bench, participates in play before his penalty time has expired. (no offence sign)~~

## 6 PENALTIES

### 613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1 (continued)

- 3) When a player is guilty of continued or repeated unsportsmanlike behaviour. (925)  
*The match penalty replaces the second 2-minute bench penalty + 10-minute personal penalty, but shall still be followed by a 5-minute bench penalty. Continued implies in the same sequence and repeated for the second time in the same match.*
- 4) When a player, in anger, breaks his stick or other equipment. (925)
- 5) When a player is guilty of dangerous physical play. (909)  
~~*This includes dangerous, violent or unsportsmanlike offences considered deliberate.*~~  
*The offence shall be committed in a game situation and includes when a player, in a game situation, throws himself towards an opponent, attacks an opponent violently or tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or goal cage to stay in control of the ball or with no possibility of reaching*

### 615 Offences leading to a match penalty 2

- 5) When a player or a member of the team staff commits an offence clearly intending to sabotage play. (925)  
*This includes when:*  
*A penalized player intentionally enters the rink during play, before his penalty expires or terminates. If the rink is entered during an interruption in play a 2-minute bench penalty shall be imposed. If the secretariat is responsible for a player being admitted to the rink too soon, and the mistake is noticed during regular penalty time, the player shall resume his position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time and the player shall return to the rink when his regular penalty time expires. If the mistake is noticed after the regular penalty time has expired, no action shall be taken. ~~When an injured player, who has been replaced on the penalty bench, participates in play before his penalty time has expired.~~ If a player, whose penalty has expired, enters the rink despite the numeric situation does request him to wait for the next interruption, it can, depending on its cause, be considered to be 'playing with too many players'.*  
*Offences are committed by either team from the substitution zone ~~or penalty bench~~ during a penalty shot.*  
*Equipment is thrown from the substitution zone during play.*  
*A player, not in the process of changing, takes part or tries to take part in play from the substitution zone. ~~This includes also if player or team staff intentionally kicks the board outside of the rink so that play is affected.~~*  
*A player participates as a field player after having participated as a goal keeper in the same game.*  
*A team intentionally has too many players on the rink.*

### ~~618 Penalties in connection with a penalty shot~~

- ~~1) If a penalty shot results in a goal, the penalty causing the penalty shot, if it is a 2-minute bench penalty, shall be terminated.~~  
~~*This includes a delayed penalty shot. If during a delayed penalty shot, the offending team commits another offence leading to a penalty shot, the second offence shall be considered the offence causing the penalty shot. If a penalty shot is interrupted due to an offence caused by the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper's offence shall be considered the cause of the new penalty shot. If a 5-minute bench penalty is imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot an already existing 2-minute bench penalty shall be terminated if the penalty shot results in a goal.*~~

# 7 GOALS

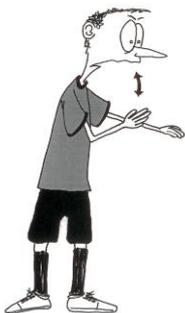
## 702 Correctly scored goals

- 1) When the entire ball passes the goal line from the front, having been played in a correct way with a field player's stick, and no offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty has been committed by the attacking team in connection with, or immediately before, the goal.  
*This includes:*  
~~When a player in the defending team has moved the goal cage is out of position and the ball passes the goal line from the front between the marks for the posts and below the imaginary position of the bar.~~  
*When an own goal is scored. An own goal is considered own goal when a player actively with the stick or body directs the ball into the own goal. If the non-offending team scores an own goal during a delayed penalty, the goal shall be allowed.*  
*An own goal shall be noted as OG.*
- 2) When the entire ball passes the goal line from the front after a player in the defending team has directed the ball with his stick or his body, or a player in the attacking team has unintentionally directed the ball with his body, and no offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty has been committed by the attacking team in connection with, or immediately before the goal.  
~~The goal shall not be considered correctly scored if a field player in the attacking team intentionally kicks the ball immediately before it is directed into goal.~~ *If a player has scored with an incorrect stick and the mistake is noticed only after the ball has passed the goal line, the goal shall be allowed.*
- 3) When a player who is not noted in the match record, ~~or is incorrectly numbered,~~ is involved in the scoring of a goal.  
*Involved implies scoring or assisting.*

## 703 Incorrectly scored goals

- 2) When a player in the attacking team intentionally ~~kicks or~~ directs the ball ~~into goal~~ with any part of his body ~~and the ball goes into the goal even after having touched an opponent, an opponent's equipment or a player in the attacking team.~~  
*Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.*
- 3) When the ball passes the goal line during, or after, a signal.  
~~A period or a match is over as soon as the final signal has started sounding.~~
- 4) When the ball goes into the goal cage without passing the goal line from the front.
- 5) When a goalkeeper throws or kicks the ball into the opposing team's goal ~~even if the ball touched an opponent, an opponent's equipment or a player in the attacking team. in an otherwise correct way.~~  
*Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off. ~~The ball has to touch another player or another player's equipment before it goes into goal.~~*
- ~~6) When a field player in the attacking team intentionally kicks the ball and it goes into goal after having touched an opponent or opponent's equipment.~~  
~~Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.~~  
~~An intended foot pass directed into goal by the opponent shall however be allowed.~~
- ~~8) When the ball bounces off one of the referees and directly into goal.~~

## 9 OFFENCE SIGNS



**923**  
Repeated offences

**Appendix 11c**

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# **Rules of the Game**

## **Rules and Interpretations**

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# PREFACE

This 2018 edition of the game rules was published in September 2017.

Even though we now consider that another milestone has been reached in our work with the rules of floorball, we are well aware that there might be some deficiencies and loop-holes which will have to be adapted before we have the 'perfect' set of rules.

Everyone involved in the game is encouraged to read the rules fully and carefully. It is important that the game is enjoyable, safe, played fairly, and is easily understood by players, coaches, referees, spectators and the media alike.

We will be very grateful for any suggestions, ideas or constructive criticism, which will help our continuing work. It must be appreciated that the rules will have to change constantly in line with the rapid developments in playing style.

Please note that the rules are equally valid for both men's and women's floorball at all levels of competition. The sole use of masculine pronouns is merely to ensure that the text remains as simple as possible.

As written in the rules all equipment shall be "marked accordingly". The marking of boards, goal cages, sticks and balls are quite easily understood since the IFF logotype is included in the approval mark **as well as the grilles to the face masks that has an IFF plate on the left side.**

**When it concerns personal protection equipment such as helmets (the face mask) and protective goggles these are CE-marked and not necessarily marked with the IFF logotype.**

**IFF however recommends those that are approved for use in Floorball, shown by CE-marking and the text 'Recommended by IFF'.**

**The IFF specify that the use of goggles is mandatory for players under 17 years old but recommend the use for players under 19 years old.**

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# 1 RINK

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*The secretariat and the penalty benches shall be placed at an appropriate distance from the board. There shall be separate penalty benches for each team, placed on each side of the secretariat. The penalty benches shall have room for at least two persons each. **The penalty bench zones with a length of 2 m and placed at least 1 m from the centre line shall be marked and visible on both sides of the board.** Exemption for the placing of the secretariat and the penalty benches may be given by the administrating authority. If this is the case there shall be left a minimum of 2 m space in between the penalty bench and the substitution benches.*

# 2 GAME TIME

## 201 Regular game time

- 1) Regular game time shall be 3 x 20 minutes with two 10 minute intermissions, when the teams shall change ends.  
*Exemption for shorter game time however not less than 2 x 15 minutes and/or shorter/longer intermissions may be given by the administrating authority. When changing ends, the teams shall also change substitution zones. The home team shall choose ends at an early stage before the match. Every new period shall start with a face-off at the centre spot. At the end of every period the secretariat is responsible for providing a siren or other suitable sound device, unless this is automatic. **A period or a match is over as soon as the final signal has started sounding.** The timing of the intermission shall start immediately at the end of the period. The teams are responsible for being back onto the rink in time to resume play after the intermission. If the referees consider one end of the rink to be better, the teams shall change ends after half the third period, but this has to be decided before the start of the third period. If such a changing of ends takes place, play shall be resumed with a face-off at the centre spot.*

# 4 EQUIPMENT

## 405 Personal and protective equipment

- 1) A player shall not wear personal equipment which may cause injury.  
*Personal equipment includes protective and medical equipment, protective goggles, watches, earrings, etc. The referees decide what shall be considered dangerous. All protective equipment shall, if possible, be worn underneath the clothing. **Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall firstly be of the same colour as the main colour of the shirts or the shorts or otherwise in black.** With the exception of elastic headbands without knots, no headgear may be worn. All forms of long tights are prohibited for field players. Exceptions shall be allowed only by the administrating authority upon written request.*
- 2) **A player under 17 years old shall wear protective goggles which are in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations and marked accordingly.**  
*This only includes on the rink during play. All tampering with the goggles is prohibited. If a player loses the goggles during play, he may continue playing until the next interruption.*

## 410 Control of equipment

- 2) Measuring of a hook, **control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** and control of a shaft/blade combination may be requested by the team captain.  
*The team captain also has the right to point out to the referees' other incorrectness in the opponents' equipment, but in this case the referees decide whether or not to take action. Measuring and control of shaft/blade combination **and control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** may be requested at any time, but shall not be carried out until play is interrupted. If control is requested during an interruption, it shall be carried out immediately, including in connection with goals and penalty shots, unless, in the referees' opinion, it negatively affects the situation for the opposing team. In this case the control shall be carried out at the next interruption. The referees are obliged to check a hook or shaft/blade **and control of approval mark on a stick or face mask grill** at the team captain's request, but only one control per team per interruption shall be allowed. No other players than the team captains and the player with the equipment being controlled may be at the secretariat during the control of equipment. After control of equipment, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

### 502 Face-off (802)

- 5) **The ball shall be played with the stick and A face-off** shall be taken by one field player from each team. The players shall be facing the opposing team's short side and must not have physical contact before the face-off. The feet shall be placed perpendicular to the centre line. Each player shall have both his feet at the same distance from the centre line. The sticks shall be held with a normal grip and with both hands above the grip mark. The blades shall be placed perpendicular to the centre line on either side of the ball, but without touching it.  
*Normal grip implies the way the player holds his stick during play. The defending team's player chooses on which side of the ball to place his stick. If the face-off is on the centre line, the visiting team's player chooses. The ball shall be at the centres of the blades. ~~If a player taking a face-off does not obey the referees' instructions, another player who is on the rink shall take the face-off.~~ In case of a dispute in connection with a substitution before a face-off is taken, the away team is obliged to carry out their substitution first.*

### 503 Events leading to a face-off

- 6) When an unnatural situation occurs during play.  
*The referees decide what shall be considered an unnatural situation, but this always includes, amongst others, unauthorized persons or objects on the rink, the lights going out either completely or partly, and the final signal being sounded by mistake, **when a broken stick causes a dangerous situation or directly affects the play** or when a referee is hit by the ball and this has a significant effect on the play.*
- ~~10) **When a penalty is imposed for an offence which is not in connection with play, but is committed or noticed during play.**  
**This includes when a penalized player enters the rink before his penalty expires or terminates.**~~
- 10) When the referees are unable to decide the direction of a hit-in or a free-hit.  
*This includes when players from both teams commit offences simultaneously.*
- 11) When the referees consider their decision to be incorrect.

## 507 Offences leading to a free-hit

- 4) When a field player uses any part of his stick, ~~or his~~ foot or lower leg, to play or try to play the ball above knee level. (904, 913)  
*Stopping the ball with a thigh is not considered to be playing the ball above knee level, unless considered dangerous. As knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.*
- 12) When a field player jumps up and stops the ball. (916)  
*As jumping is considered to be when both feet entirely leave the floor. Running is not considered as jumping. A player is allowed to jump over the ball ~~if he does not touch it~~ as well as play, touch and stop the ball below knee level. As knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.*
- 16) When a face-off, hit-in or a free-hit is incorrectly performed or intentionally delayed. (918)  
*This includes when the non-offending team takes the ball away when the play is interrupted, when the ball is dragged, flicked, or lifted on the stick and when any player delays a face-off. If a hit-in or a free-hit is taken from the wrong place or when the ball is not entirely still, it may be taken again. If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

- 18) When a goalkeeper receives a pass, or takes the ball, from a field player in the same team. (924)  
*This shall be considered an offence only if the ~~pass ball~~, in the referees' opinion, is played intentionally. Receiving implies that the goalkeeper touches the ball with either his hands or arms, also even after the goalkeeper has possibly touched or stopped the ball with any other part of his body. A goalkeeper may receive a pass from a player in the same team if the goalkeeper is completely outside his goal crease when he receives the pass, and is thereby considered a field player. If the goalkeeper leaves his goal crease entirely, stops the ball, returns to his goal crease and picks the ball up this shall not be considered a pass to the goalkeeper. A pass to the goalkeeper is not considered a goal situation and can not result in a penalty shot.*
- 19) When a penalty is imposed ~~during play for an offence committed in connection with play~~. (prescribed offence sign)  
*The free-hit shall be taken where the offence was committed. If the referees are unable to decide where the offence occurred, the free-hit shall be taken at the nearest face-off dot, according to where the ball was at the interruption.*
- 20) When a player delays play. (924)  
*This includes when a field player, in order to waste time, places himself against the rink or goal cage in such a manner that the opponent is unable to reach the ball in a correct way. This also includes when the goalkeeper blocks the ball through the goal net. The player should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.*
- 21) When a team delays play. (924)  
*This includes when a team plays in a systematically passive way behind the own goal cage. The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.*
- 22) When a field player plays the ball with his head. (921)

## 508 Penalty shot (806)

- 1) When an offence leading to a penalty shot is committed, a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team.  
~~If a penalty shot is awarded during a delayed penalty or caused by an offence leading to a penalty, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.~~
- 2) The penalty shot shall be started with the stick and taken from the centre spot.

- 3) All players except the player taking the penalty shot and the defending goalkeeper shall be in their substitution zones during the entire penalty shot. The goalkeeper shall be on the goal line when the penalty shot starts.  
*In case of a dispute the goalkeeper shall enter the rink first. The goalkeeper must not be replaced by a field player. If the goalkeeper commits an offence during the penalty shot, a new penalty shot shall be awarded and any prescribed penalty carried out. If another player or member of the team staff in the offending team commits an offence during the penalty shot, a new penalty shot shall be awarded and the offence considered sabotage of play. If a player, except from the player taking the penalty shot, or member of the team staff in the non-offending team commits an offence during the penalty shot the penalty shot is considered incorrectly performed.*
- 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. ~~but the ball has to be in a forward movement during the entire penalty shot. As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball, the player taking the penalty shot must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.~~  
*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. 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 then the goalkeeper, and without passing the imaginary extended goal line passes the goal line from the front, the goal shall be allowed. Game time shall be stopped during the entire penalty shot. Forward movement implies away from the centre line. If the ball at the very start of a penalty shot is drawn backwards the penalty shot shall be interrupted and started all over again.*
- ~~5) A 2-minute bench penalty imposed in connection with a penalty shot shall be noted in the match record only if the penalty shot does not result in a goal.  
The penalized player shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot.~~
- 5) A player who has incurred a 5-minute bench penalty shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot.  
*If player incurring a match penalty the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalized, to serve the bench penalty.*

## 5 FIXED SITUATIONS

### 509 Delayed penalty shot (807)

- 1) A delayed penalty shot shall be applied when the non-offending team still controls the ball after an offence leading to a penalty shot, and the goal situation is still in progress.  
~~If a delayed penalty shot is awarded during a delayed penalty or caused by an offence leading to a penalty, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied. A delayed penalty shot may be caused by an offence leading to a penalty even if a delayed penalty is already in progress. During a delayed penalty shot each offence committed by the offending team and leading to a free-hit shall be penalized as repeated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalized according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.~~

## 6 PENALTIES

### 601 General regulations for penalties

- 1) When an offence leading to a penalty is committed, the offender shall be penalized.  
*If the referees are unable to point out the offender, or if the offence is committed by a member of the team staff, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalized, to serve the penalty. If the team captain refuses to do this, or is penalized, the referees shall choose the player. All penalties carried out shall be noted in the match record with the time, number of the player, type of penalty and cause of penalty. ~~If the penalty is caused by an offence in connection with play, the non-offending team shall be awarded a free-hit. If the penalty is caused by an offence not in connection with play, play shall be resumed with a face-off.~~ If the penalty is caused by an offence committed during an interruption, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption. A penalized team captain loses his right to speak to the referees, unless he is addressed by them.*
- 2) A penalized player shall be on the penalty bench during the entire penalty.  
*A player penalized during penalty shots after extra time shall not be placed on the penalty bench. A penalty, which has not expired at the end of regular game time, shall continue during extra time. After the extra time all penalties except match penalties are considered to be terminated. A penalized player shall be on the same side of the centre line as his team, with the exception of when the secretariat and the penalty benches are situated on the same side of the rink as the substitution zones. During regular game time a penalized player may leave the penalty bench during an intermission. A penalized player shall not leave the penalty bench during the intermission between regular game time and extra time. A penalized player is not allowed to participate in a time out. A player, whose penalty expires, shall immediately leave the penalty bench, unless the number of penalties for his team makes this impossible or the penalty expiring is a personal penalty. A goalkeeper, whose penalty expires, shall not leave the penalty bench until the next interruption. A penalized player who is injured may be replaced on the penalty bench by a field player who is not already penalized. Both players shall be noted in the match record with the number of the player actually serving the penalty in brackets. If the injured player enters the rink before the penalty expires, match penalty 2 will be imposed. If the secretariat is responsible for a player being admitted to the rink too soon and the mistake is noticed during regular penalty time, the player shall resume his position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time and the player shall return to the rink when his regular penalty time expires.*

### 602 Bench penalty

- 2) 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 his penalty is carried out. If more than one penalty is imposed simultaneously on a team ~~already having a bench penalty~~, the ~~team captain referees~~ decides which of the new penalties shall be measured first. Shorter bench penalties shall, in this case, always be measured before longer.*

### 603 2-minute bench penalty

- 1) If the opposing team scores during a 2-minute bench penalty that is being measured, the penalty shall terminate, unless the opposing team is outnumbered on the rink or the teams play with equal strength.  
*The penalty will not terminate if the goal is scored ~~either during a delayed penalty or from a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot. caused by an offence leading to a penalty.~~*

## 6 PENALTIES

### 604 Delayed penalty

- 1) All penalties may be delayed. A delayed penalty shall be applied when the non-offending team still controls the ball after an offence leading to a penalty. Only one penalty at a time can be delayed except when a goal situation is in progress, ~~in which case a second penalty may also be delayed.~~  
~~If one or several delayed penalties are imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot, the rules concerning penalties in connection with a penalty shot shall also be applied.~~

### 605 Offences leading to a 2-minute bench penalty

- 3) When a field player plays the ball above waist level with any part of his stick, ~~or his foot or lower leg.~~ (904, 913)  
*As waist level is considered the level of the player's waist when standing upright.*
- 9) When a field player **in the rink** fetches a stick from a place other than the team's own substitution zone. (no offence sign)
- 14) When a field player, **lying or sitting down**, stops or plays the ball **or in another way affects the situation when lying or sitting down.** (919)  
*This also includes stopping or playing the ball with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded.*
- 15) When a field player stops or plays the ball with his hand **or arm or head.** (920, 924)
- 19) When a team systematically disrupts play by committing repeated offences leading to a free-hit. (923)  
*This also includes when a team commits a number of minor offences during a short time. The player committing the last offence shall serve the penalty ~~and be penalized according to that offence.~~ During a delayed penalty shot each offence committed by the offending team and leading to a free-hit shall be penalized as repeated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalized according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.*
- ~~27) When a player prevents a goal or a goal-scoring situation by committing an offence which is normally punished with a free hit. (no offence sign)~~

### 607 Offences leading to a 5-minute bench penalty

- 1) When a field player, performs violent or dangerous strikes with his stick. (901)  
~~This includes when a field player raises his stick over an opponent's head and the opponent is hit.~~

### 610 Offences leading to a 2-minute bench penalty + 10-minute personal penalty

- 1) When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of unsportsmanlike behaviour. (925)  
*Unsportsmanlike behaviour implies: Behaving in an insulting or unfair way towards referees, players, team staff, officials, spectators, ~~being too many team staff in the substitution zone~~ or any simulating action intended to deceive the referees. Intentionally kicking, upsetting or hitting the board or the goal cage.  
Throwing the stick or any other equipment, even during an interruption or in the substitution zone.*

### 613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1

- ~~3) When an injured player, who has been replaced on the penalty bench, participates in play before his penalty time has expired. (no offence sign)~~

## 6 PENALTIES

### 613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1 (continued)

- 3) When a player is guilty of continued or repeated unsportsmanlike behaviour. (925)  
*The match penalty replaces the second 2-minute bench penalty + 10-minute personal penalty, but shall still be followed by a 5-minute bench penalty. Continued implies in the same sequence and repeated for the second time in the same match.*
- 4) When a player, in anger, breaks his stick or other equipment. (925)
- 5) When a player is guilty of dangerous physical play. (909)  
~~*This includes dangerous, violent or unsportsmanlike offences considered deliberate.*~~  
*The offence shall be committed in a game situation and includes when a player, in a game situation, throws himself towards an opponent, attacks an opponent violently or tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or goal cage to stay in control of the ball or with no possibility of reaching*

### 615 Offences leading to a match penalty 2

- 5) When a player or a member of the team staff commits an offence clearly intending to sabotage play. (925)  
*This includes when:*  
*A penalized player intentionally enters the rink during play, before his penalty expires or terminates. If the rink is entered during an interruption in play a 2-minute bench penalty shall be imposed. If the secretariat is responsible for a player being admitted to the rink too soon, and the mistake is noticed during regular penalty time, the player shall resume his position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time and the player shall return to the rink when his regular penalty time expires. If the mistake is noticed after the regular penalty time has expired, no action shall be taken. ~~When an injured player, who has been replaced on the penalty bench, participates in play before his penalty time has expired.~~ If a player, whose penalty has expired, enters the rink despite the numeric situation does request him to wait for the next interruption, it can, depending on its cause, be considered to be 'playing with too many players'.*  
*Offences are committed by either team from the substitution zone or penalty bench during a penalty shot.*  
*Equipment is thrown from the substitution zone during play.*  
*A player, not in the process of changing, takes part or tries to take part in play from the substitution zone. ~~This includes also if player or team staff intentionally kicks the board outside of the rink so that play is affected.~~*  
*A player participates as a field player after having participated as a goal keeper in the same game.*  
*A team intentionally has too many players on the rink.*

### ~~618 Penalties in connection with a penalty shot~~

- ~~1) If a penalty shot results in a goal, the penalty causing the penalty shot, if it is a 2-minute bench penalty, shall be terminated.~~  
~~*This includes a delayed penalty shot. If during a delayed penalty shot, the offending team commits another offence leading to a penalty shot, the second offence shall be considered the offence causing the penalty shot. If a penalty shot is interrupted due to an offence caused by the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper's offence shall be considered the cause of the new penalty shot. If a 5-minute bench penalty is imposed in connection with a penalty shot or a delayed penalty shot an already existing 2-minute bench penalty shall be terminated if the penalty shot results in a goal.*~~

# 7 GOALS

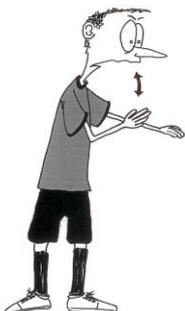
## 702 Correctly scored goals

- 1) When the entire ball passes the goal line from the front, having been played in a correct way with a field player's stick, and no offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty has been committed by the attacking team in connection with, or immediately before, the goal.  
*This includes:*  
~~When a player in the defending team has moved the goal cage is out of position and the ball passes the goal line from the front between the marks for the posts and below the imaginary position of the bar.~~  
*When an own goal is scored. An own goal is considered own goal when a player actively with the stick or body directs the ball into the own goal. If the non-offending team scores an own goal during a delayed penalty, the goal shall be allowed.*  
*An own goal shall be noted as OG.*
- 2) When the entire ball passes the goal line from the front after a player in the defending team has directed the ball with his stick or his body, or a player in the attacking team has unintentionally directed the ball with his body, and no offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty has been committed by the attacking team in connection with, or immediately before the goal.  
~~The goal shall not be considered correctly scored if a field player in the attacking team intentionally kicks the ball immediately before it is directed into goal.~~ *If a player has scored with an incorrect stick and the mistake is noticed only after the ball has passed the goal line, the goal shall be allowed.*
- 3) When a player who is not noted in the match record, ~~or is incorrectly numbered,~~ is involved in the scoring of a goal.  
*Involved implies scoring or assisting.*

## 703 Incorrectly scored goals

- 2) When a player in the attacking team intentionally ~~kicks or~~ directs the ball ~~into goal~~ with any part of his body ~~and the ball goes into the goal even after having touched an opponent, an opponent's equipment or a player in the attacking team.~~  
*Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.*
- 3) When the ball passes the goal line during, or after, a signal.  
~~A period or a match is over as soon as the final signal has started sounding.~~
- 4) When the ball goes into the goal cage without passing the goal line from the front.
- 5) When a goalkeeper throws or kicks the ball into the opposing team's goal ~~even if the ball touched an opponent, an opponent's equipment or a player in the attacking team. in an otherwise correct way.~~  
*Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off. ~~The ball has to touch another player or another player's equipment before it goes into goal.~~*
- ~~6) When a field player in the attacking team intentionally kicks the ball and it goes into goal after having touched an opponent or opponent's equipment.~~  
~~Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.~~  
~~An intended foot pass directed into goal by the opponent shall however be allowed.~~
- ~~8) When the ball bounces off one of the referees and directly into goal.~~

## 9 OFFENCE SIGNS



**923**  
Repeated offences

## Changed Proposal of the Game Rules 2018 – Protective goggles

Dear CB members,

Based on the feedback received on the proposal for the Rules of the Game – Edition 2018, it became clear that we might need to assess and evaluate all the effects of the introduction of the Protective goggles in Floorball. Therefore, as mentioned already in the Madrid CB meeting, the thinking is that we at the moment would not have any mandatory statements about the use of Protective goggles, but still guide the National Associations it on a voluntary basis towards it for the period 1st of July 2018 – 30th of June 2022. This will give us five year to carefully analyse the situation.

So I therefore propose, after discussions with Mr. Martin Klabere, the following:

In the foreword we would write like this:

The IFF advise the National Associations to move to mandatory use of protective goggles for players under 17 years old during the validity period of these Game Rules and at the same time recommend the use for players under 19 years old.

Rules 405 2) is changed accordingly

If a player is wearing protective goggles they shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations and marked accordingly.

All tampering with the goggles is prohibited. If a player loses the goggles during play, he may continue playing until the next interruption.

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# International Floorball Federation

## INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS REGULATIONS

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## **INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS REGULATIONS**

### **§ 1 GENERAL**

A player is a person belonging to a club of an IFF member Association participating in a national or regional competition, organized by this IFF member Association.

A player can only be licensed for one club at a time.

An International transfer, hereafter transfer, is when a player transfers from a club, the giving club, in one member association which is member of IFF to a club, the receiving club, in another member Association also member of IFF.

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 (see IFF regulations for Friendly international matches §3.2). The cost for the temporary play transfer is 100 CHF.

If a player for reasons related to studies travel to another continent (overseas) for a period shorter than six months outside the transfer period (1.7–15.1), the player can apply for a temporary transfer for the spring term. The player has to produce written proof of his/her studies in the country they are transferring to. The cost for the student overseas transfer is 100 CHF and it is valid for six months and expires automatically on the 30th of June even if the six months time period is not fulfilled.

Transfers to IFF member associations, which are ranked outside the 25 in the official WFC IFF ranking, the transfer fee is 100 CHF.

#### **Intercontinental Visitor transfer**

An intercontinental visitor transfer can be granted during the official transfer period for a player who wants to play in another club in another continent for maximum of 60 days. An intercontinental visitor transfer can be made valid for specific 60 days period based on the application of a player. The transfer fee for this transfer is 100 CHF. When the 60 days period is over the player automatically transfers back to the original club and no separate transfer is needed. Two intercontinental visitor transfers per player can be granted during the official transfer period.

#### **Intermediate Student transfer**

An intermediate student transfer can be granted during the official transfer period for a player, who is to study in a foreign country and who wants to play in club in this country. An intermediate student transfer can be made valid for a specific 60 days period based on the application of a player, including the written proof of her/his studies abroad. The transfer fee for this transfer is 50 CHF. When the 60 days period is over the player automatically transfers back to the original club and no separate transfer is needed.

Any infringement to the transfer regulation in respect to the misuse of special transfers, will lead to a sanction of at least a doubled ordinary transfer fee.

### **§ 2 REGULATIONS IN CHARGE**

The transfer regulations of IFF shall be applied in all transfers according to § 1.

### **§ 3 TRANSFER FORMULA**

A transfer according to § 1 shall be carried out on the official IFF Transfer Formula.

### **§ 4 ADMINISTRATION FEES**

The administrative fee for a transfer according to § 1 is 200 CHF and shall be paid to IFF, whether the transfer will be made valid or not. For a player under 15 years no transfer fee shall be due.

For Express handling (see §6) the transfer fee is 300 CHF.

The cost for a temporary play transfer as well as a student overseas transfer is 100 CHF

The cost of an intercontinental visitor transfer is 100 CHF for each 60 day's period

The cost for an intermediate student transfer is 50 CHF

The transfer fee for the transfers to IFF member associations outside of the IFF official WFC ranking is 100 CHF

#### **§ 5 TRANSFER PERIOD**

A transfer according to § 1 shall be the IFF official address by hand during the period 1<sup>st</sup> of May to 15<sup>th</sup> of January at midnight CET. A transfer arriving outside the transfer period shall be rejected.

The period between two transfers of the same player shall be at least 21 days.

A player having played the EuroFloorball Cup (Qualification and/or Final Round) may not transfer before 15th of November the same season.

Exemption from the transfer period could be given only when a player 16 years or younger is moving with the family to another country. Such exemption requires the approval of the giving and receiving Association as well as the giving and receiving Club.

#### **§ 6 VALIDITY**

A transfer shall be made valid by IFF on the first Monday occurring 14 days after a correct transfer formula is received according to § 7, however not before 1st of July.

An Express transfer, correctly received according to § 7, is handled immediately.

#### **§ 7 TRANSFER**

A transfer according to § 1 shall be considered correct and be made valid when a transfer formula according to § 3, signed by the player and the involved clubs and approved by the National Association of the giving club, arrives to the official address of IFF within the transfer period and the administrative fee according to § 4 is paid.

A player is free to transfer, and can not be hindered by the giving club, unless the player is under a valid written contract or has an obligation to the giving club or is under national suspension.

If a player is under a valid contract a transfer shall be made valid by IFF only when the giving club has agreed upon the transfer.

A transfer of a player under the age of 15 years, moving with the family to another country, may not be hindered, unless the player is under national suspension.

A player having not played for two years can not be hindered to transfer. The national Association shall confirm on the transfer form that the player has not played for the two previous years. Such transfer shall not be subject for a transfer fee. All players must however fill in the transfer form in order to transfer from one country to another.

The transfer for a player having not played for two years will be made valid by IFF from the day the confirmation (transfer form) has arrived to the IFF official address by post, fax or e-mail. These transfers are also handled outside the transfer period.

The signature of the giving club is to confirm the above.

#### **§ 8 HANDLING**

The transfer formula according to § 3 shall be signed by the player and the receiving club and shall then be handed over to the giving club against a receipt.

If the giving club agrees upon the transfer or is not entitled to hinder the player according to § 7, the giving club shall sign the transfer formula and hand it over to the receiving club within 14 days.

If the giving club does not agree upon the transfer or is entitled to hinder the player according to § 7, the giving club shall hand the transfer formula over to the receiving club within 14 days with a written statement of the reason not to sign the transfer formula.

When the transfer formula is correctly signed according to § 7, the receiving club shall pay to IFF the administrative fee according to § 4 and send the transfer formula to the National Association of the giving club for approval with the receipt of payment of the administrative fee enclosed.

If the clubs do not agree upon the transfer the receiving club shall decide whether to send the transfer formula or not.

If the transfer formula is not returned by the giving club to the receiving club within 14 days, the receiving club is entitled to send their copy of the transfer formula to the National Association of the giving club, with the receipt from the giving club and the receipt of payment of the administrative fee enclosed.

When a National Association receives a copy of a transfer formula not signed by all parties it shall investigate the matter within 14 days. If there is no reason according to § 7 to hinder the player to transfer the National Association shall approve the transfer.

The National Association shall, after having approved or disapproved a transfer, send to IFF the transfer formula with the receipt of payment enclosed within 7 days from approval/disapproval. If disapproved by the National Association the reasons shall be stipulated

#### **§ 9 DECISION**

Decision on transfers shall be made by the **IFF Office**.

**The IFF Official WFC Ranking is valid for the entire transfer period. For Men it is based on the WFC 2014 and WFC 2016 ranking and for Women the WFC 2013 and WFC 2015 ranking.**

#### **§ 10 APPEAL**

Appeal against a transfer decision shall be dealt with by the IFF Appeal Committee (AC) and shall be IFF by hand within 21 days from the announcement of the decision by IFF **Office**. As day of announcement is considered the day the decision is sent by IFF.

The decision of the AC is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the AC.

#### **§ 11 ARBITRATION**

If there is a dispute concerning the contract in a transfer matter the dispute shall be settled by the IFF Board of Arbitration (BA).

When processing in the BA the IFF Arbitration Regulations shall be applicable.

The decision of the BA is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the BA.

#### **APPENDIX**

A player having played in a National Team or a Club on an Elite level (two highest divisions for the national association concerned) for the last two years is considered to be a registered player even if the National Association does not have a system for player registration/licensing.

The National Associations should have a reference to the International Transfers Regulations in their own transfer regulations.



## Request for exceptions from game rules

Finnish Floorball Federation requests for exceptions from game rules 201, 203 and 204. Request covers all single serie matches played 3 x 20 minutes on season 2017-2018.

- Game time 3 x 20 minutes.
- In ground series if game is tie after three periods, there will be five (5) minutes overtime witch is played four against four (4 vs. 4). If one of the teams has two or more simultaneous penaltys, game will be played five against three (5 vs. 3), so no less than three players are on the field. After penalties game resumes to 4 vs. 4 after next break.
- In playoffs and relegation games overtime is 20 minutes.
- In both, ground serie games and playoffs games, there will be penalty shootout after overtime if game is still tie. Penalty shootout is taken with three players. First three players must be different player. If game is still tie after three shooters, any fieldplayer from the line-up can perform next shot or shots.
- In ground serie winner will get two (2) points, loser after overtime or penaltyshootout one (1) point and loser after three periods zero (0) points.

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To: The International Floorball Federation

**Application for permission to make regulatory changes in the top division of Swedish Floorball Federation (SIBF), Svenska Superligan (SSL).**

The Swedish Floorball Federation wants the IFF's permission to try the following changes in the Rules of the Game for season 2017/18. The series are scheduled to begin 2017-09-16.

- Five minutes of sudden death, 4 to 4 in the regular season and then on continued draw results, penalty shots with sudden death immediately.

If the request is too late to consider for the next season, we wish to initiate this test for the season of 2018/19.

With sincere regards



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Swedish Floorball Federation