

Documentation of an alleged case of Sexual Harassment of a female volunteer in connection to the Men's WFCQ 2022 in Italy.

The IFF has received information from a representative of the Italian Women's national team on the 19th of September that there had been some issues occurring after the Men's WFCQ in Cellano, Italy.

Apparently one of the players participating in the event, had got in contact with one of the volunteers of the event (who was a schoolgirl) through Instagram and during the exchange of messages at some point asked for nude pictures from her. When the IFF was informed about this, we tried to ask the Local Organiser to check with the girl in question of what had actually happened. The response we got was a bit unclear, as it seemed that the volunteer had blocked the player after the message when he asked for the nude pictures and deleted the conversation.

As IFF has a zero tolerance in all forms of sexual harassment, the IFF secretary general wrote to the Italian federation's (FIUF) secretary general Mr. Jorgen Olshov on the 20th of September and asked the Italian federation to look into the matter and provide a report of the alleged case, as they had not had any information of what had happened at that point.

The Italian federation responded during the same day that they will look into the matter and returned with the result of their investigations on the 8th of October.

The FIUF had asked the female volunteer what actually had happened. The volunteer informed that player in question was from Team Austria and not from the Ivory Coast as initially had been informed.

The volunteer had started a friendly exchange of messages with the player on Instagram. Unfortunately, it ended up with him stepping over the line and making an inappropriate request.

Based on the report from the volunteer the messages are no longer available as she had blocked the player and deleted the conversation. In addition, her Instagram account has in the meantime been hacked and the messages have been eliminated. Her view on this seems to be that he made a mistake asking for the pictures, but that no serious offence was made.

Considering that the FIUF have not been able to verify the actual content of the messages we think that it would be important to inform the Austrian team of the obligation to represent floorball in a correct manner, but without any individual sanction.

The IFF secretary general has informed the IFF Ethics commission of the said case in the IFF ETC meeting on the 13th of October and based on the recommendation of the ETC written this documentation.

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