

Helsinki, Finland, 31st of October, 2025

IFF Central Board meeting 5/2025 26.10.2025 in Helsinki, Finland

Place: Helsinki, Finland

Hotel: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti, Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4 00100 Helsinki

Participants: **Filip Suman** President
Jörg Beer Vice president

Tamuz Hidir
Steen Houman
Remo Hubacher
Pekka Ilmivalta
Carlos Lopez
Ben Ow
Pakkamol Siriwat
Zuzana Svobodová
Nicolas Van Thielen
Helén Wiklund Wårell

Veli Halonen
Stefan Kratz (remote participation)
John Liljelund Secretary General

Excused: **Agata Plechan** ATC chair
Sarah Mitchell

MINUTES

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Suman welcomed all CB members to the fifth CB meeting of the year and extended a special welcome to Mr. Van Thielen attending his first CB meeting. Mr. Suman informed that Ms. Agata Plechan could not participate in the meeting for work related matters.

Mr. Suman opened the meeting at 9:00 CET.

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Suman concluded that the structure of the CB agenda has now been changed to a format based on the new committee structure. The agenda has been sent out in accordance with the CB Rules of Procedure on Monday the 20th of October and that all appendixes, but the following appendixes have been received:

Appendix 15 - Protocol Sports Marketing TV Sales report (new)
Appendix 31 - Brisbane Olympic Games Sports Program (new)

CB decided:

1. To approve the updated agenda for the meeting
2. To appoint Mr. Pekka Ilmivalta and Mr. Steen Houman as the scrutineers for the meeting

§ 3

Minutes from the CB meetings: 04/2025 (06.09.2025) in Prague, Czech Republic

The minutes from the last CB meeting held in Prague are to be scrutinised, approved and put ad acta. (**Appendix 1**)

The CB further confirmed the status of the actions that were to be taken after the previous CB meeting documented in the List of CB decisions 4/2025 (**Appendix 2**). All tasks, apart from a few that will be discussed in the CB meeting, have been carried out in time

CB decision:

1. To approve the minutes of the IFF CB meeting 04/2025
2. To confirm the status of the CB decisions taken in the September 2025

§ 4.

Financial questions

a)

Financial report 2025 by 17.10.2025

Ms. Wiklund-Wårell reported on the financial report and balance sheet as of the 17.10.2025 (**Appendix 3**).

The outcome per 17th of October is CHF 442 278 which is CHF 33 216 (2024: CHF 409 062) better than last year mainly due to period of income and costs, e.g. office and staff costs for Q2 and Q3 were already paid this time last year. The outcome with the expected Q2 and Q3 cost included would approximately be CHF 307 000 which then would give an outcome being CHF 102 000 lower than 17th October last year.

The forecast for 31st December is currently -13 378 CHF but since there are expected savings on The World Games and the WFC this is not so concerning.

The liquidity per 17th of October is CHF 959 763, which is CHF 268 329 better than the same time last year (2024: CHF 691 434) mainly due to the delay of the Q2 and Q3 invoicing.

Mr. Liljelund informed that as the Finnish federation has changed their accounting mapping and all IFF costs have been collected to one, which makes it difficult for the SSBL to invoice them to IFF and most likely all invoices will come in the end of the year. The finances are continued to be monitored daily, and possible saves will be considered if, and when, we see signs of possible lower income than budgeted.

CB decision:

1. To approve the report.

b)

Information on IFF claims – License system and WFC 2025-2026 – status October 17th

Ms. Wiklund-Wårell reported on the claim's situation by 17.10.2025 for Associations participating in the WFCs in 2025 and 2026 and separately for those not participating in any of the IFF Events. (**Appendix 4 and 5**).

Canada and the Philippines are following their plans. Mr. Lopez has approached Colombia, and they have promised to do their utmost to follow the plan and have actually paid their payment in accordance with the payment plan last Thursday. Ms. Siriwat has informed AOFC of the situation and discussed the situation with Malaysia in the same week as the CB meeting is held, but it seems the federation is hesitant to discuss the questions. Mr. Houman will address Cote d'Ivoire to get their view on the situation and why they have not put more effort into following the plan. (**Appendix 6**).

Ms. Wiklund Wårell reported on the discussions the IFF ExCo had, on defining the criteria and needs for the appointment of a new auditor. The ExCo concluded that we are looking for a certified auditor and bring the matter to the CB to appoint an interim auditor, which will then be approved by the General Assembly 2026. Ms. Wiklund Wårell reported that she is in discussions with a Swedish auditor and will bring the proposal for the next ExCo meeting on the 12.11. The ExCo is to bring the proposal for the CB meeting in December.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a proposal for how to deal with the old debts for the member federations (4/4/2/25), 31.12.2025, Helén Wiklund Wårell, Ongoing

To start negotiations with the countries not following their pay-off plans of how to solve this (1/4/4/25), 30.11.2025, Stefan Kratz, Ongoing

To prepare a proposal for a new Auditor for the IFF (3/4/4/25), 10.11.2025, Helén Wiklund Wårell, Ongoing

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports,
2. To continue to follow up on the pay-off plans for Canada, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia and the Philippines,
3. To continue the negotiations with the countries not following their payment plans
4. To continue to follow up on the debts of the non-participating Associations.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports

§ 5. IFF Executive Committee and Statutory entity reports

a) ExCo reports

Mr. Suman reported that the IFF ExCo has held their monthly meetings in September and October, to discuss the urgent topics that needed to be decided upon before the October IFF CB meeting and preparing for the CB meeting. The ExCo reports have been distributed to the CB members directly after the ExCo meetings (**Appendix 7ab**).

The decisions the ExCo has taken are noted under their respective points in the CB Agenda. The ExCo reports are to be confirmed by the IFF CB

Mr. Suman thanked the committee chairs for the good work in regard to the start of the first meetings of the committees. The situation now is that out of 29 committee we have appointed the chairs and members and are expected to meet regularly 18 of them already had the kick-off meeting, 10 committee meetings are scheduled and last one will define the date in upcoming days. Mr. Suman further reported on the start of the work of the new committees and the reporting system for the committees. The new reporting templates for the committee meetings have been finalised and published on a Google Drive which has been shared with the committee chairs and the IFF staff. The CB discussed the need to find an online tool for communication and management of the committee work, including the task management. The CB discussed also the topic of data collection from federations. Many committee tasks mentioned in the yearly plan will need info from the federations and CB discussed how to get this info in most effective way for the federations. CB confirmed the need for some easy technical solution for data collection from federations. CB members got the task to prepare what info they will be need from the federations

Mr. Suman further presented the feedback received during the committee on-boarding meeting held on the 24th of September. (**Appendix 7c**). There were over 140 committee members

participating in the on-boarding meeting, making the biggest online meeting in the IFF history. The CB discussed the valuable feedback from the participants. Regarding biggest strengths most often mentioned was the fact that floorball is easy to start and accessible. CB members mentioned that it is not the case for all countries. Regarding the future goals for floorball, it was discussed that Olympics and Paralympics was ranked highest and CB discussed that in that context the visibility & awareness should be ranked higher. In order to get closer to Olympics we must explain to the federations that the organisation and operations of the national associations needs develop a lot of further development.

The CB discussed the proposal of three committees' guidelines (Entourage, Medical and Strategy Implementation) which the CB did not approve yet. (**Appendix 29ac**)

The CB workshop discussed the experiences of the start of the committee work, the working process of the Yearly plan and the guidelines for the work of the committees based on the Yearly plan.

The CB is to approve the proposal for the members of the following committees

North America committee (**Appendix 8**). The members are:

- Ms. Heather Hudson / President of Floorball Canada,
- Mr. James Daly / Vice-President of Floorball Canada, Fit4Future program in Canada
- Mr. Brian Radichel / President of USA Floorball,
- Mr. Ryan King / Head of Governance Committee at USA Floorball,
- Mr. Nick Baldaino / Head of Sponsorship Committee at USA Floorball and
- Mr. Ricky Kronow.

Partners committee:

- Mr. Kimmo Nurminen / CEO of the Fliiga in Finland.

Eastern Europe Development committee:

- Mr. Rok Ritonja /General Secretary of Slovenia (staring from March 2026).

Internal Communication committee:

- Ms. Kathleen Long / New Zealand

Members Development committee:

- James Daly, Canada

Six Nations Committee

- Karina Jacobsgaard, Denmark
- Ms. Dace Grizane, Latvia

Latin America Development committee

- Domenico Carnevali, Venezuela

Grassroot and Youth committee:

- Mr. Benjamin Lüthi / Switzerland

EFT committee

- Mr. Ville-Mikko Korkka / Finland

Close the Gap committee

- Mr. Patrick Trafellet, Switzerland

Western Europe Committee

- Mr. Laszlo Vigh, Hungary

Mr. Liljelund informed that Mr. Riku Tapio has in writing informed that due to the fact he leaves the Finnish federations and his new position in the Finnish NOC, has officially withdraw from the IFF Ethics Commission and the EFT committee.

Mr. Suman reminded the CB members to actively inform about any changes in the membership of the committees. There are now a total of over 210 committee positions, with 164 individuals in the different committees from 43 IFF member federations.

Mr. Suman concluded the outcome of the IFF CB workshop discussions about the program of the IFF Association meeting during the WFC 2025 in Ostrava on the 12.-13.12.2025. The CB discussed the program of Association meeting in detail to involve federations as much as possible. The CB discussed the set-up for the individual sessions and made updates to the proposal. (**Appendix 9**)

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Ethics Commission (ETC) will held a meeting on 22.10.2025 to discuss i) the actions needed in relation to the betting situation in Finland; ii) planning of the education material before the Women's WFC which will also be used by the National Associations; iii) review the status of the preparation of the Vetting rules and the Safeguarding policy. The ETC will have its physical meeting in Ostrava on the 11th of December 2025. Mr. Suman stressed that we need to react to the situation and give more education to the participants of the IFF WFC. Mr. Liljelund explained that the plan is to prepare a flyer for the WFC 2025 participants and then maybe create an educational video.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the proposals for the Juridical Regulations 2026 have been prepared and have been checked by Mr. Ilmivalta (**Appendix 10**) Ms. Svobodova proposed to change a formulation in Art 12.1. of how the Jury is appointed, based on the discussions with the IFF Competition department.

Mr. Ilmivalta reported on the present status in the Finnish betting case and what the next steps are. (**Appendix 11**) The FINCIS has handed over the result of their investigation to the Finnish federation Disciplinary committee, which is now dealing with the matter. Mr. Liljelund has agreed with the Finnish DC chair Mr. Rauste that the Finnish DC will first handle the matter and then give over the cases concerning the WFC to the IFF. As the FINCIS in their investigation did not find any evidence of which party had leaked the inside information about the Finnish team roster for the WFC 2024 match Finland – Norway, IFF has asked the Finnish DC to give the material over and then the IFF DC needs to see what can be done here.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a proposal of what type of educations should be given prior to the WFC 2025 (20/7/4/25), 22.10.2025, Ethics Commission, waiting for the material of the Ethics Commission

To prepare a proposal for how to deal with the Mexican proposal to form a Pan-American group (22/7/4/25), 28.11.2025, ExCo, Waiting for the confirmation of the meeting with the Mexican federation

CB decision:

1. To confirm the ExCo reports,
2. To acknowledge the other reports
3. To start creating the online tool for communication and the format for the tool for to ask for information from the members
4. To appoint additional members of the committees
5. To approve the withdrawal of Mr. Riku Tapio from the EFT committee and the Ethics Commission
6. To approve Guidelines for Medical, Entourage and Strategy implementation Committees
7. To approve the program for the IFF Association meeting 2025
8. To approve the Juridical Regulations 2026 with a minor addition.

9. To approve the actions to be taken to provide education to the participating teams in the WFC concerning betting.

Task: To send the program for the Association meeting 2025 to the member federations with the reminder for the invitation

Responsibility: Veli Halonen **Deadline:** 07.11.2025

Task: To upload the Juridical Regulations 2026 on the IFF web page

Responsibility: Stefan Kratz **Deadline:** 10.11.2025

Task: To prepare educational material on Betting issues for the participants of the WFC 2025

Responsibility: Ethics commission **Deadline:** 21.11.2025

Task: Create a proposal for an online workspace for communication and document management for the CB and committees, including the task management

Responsibility: Secretary general/IFF Office **Deadline:** 27.11.2025

Task: Create a proposal for a technical solution for data collection from federations, which would occur at most once a month.

Responsibility: Secretary General/IFF Office **Deadline:** 30.11.2025

Task: Present the structure of required information from federations, needed to fulfil the committee tasks which should be submitted by May 2026

Responsibility: All committee chairs **Deadline:** 31.1.2026

Task: Prepare the questions for the burning questions for the Committee structure session

Responsibility: All CB members **Deadline:** 27.11.2025

§ 6 Development Cluster Committees

6.1 Member Development

Ms. Zuzana Svobodova reported on the Fit 4 Future program, where the adoption of the Development Action Plans (DAP) has started. The evaluation for all members is open until the end of November. Ms. Svobodova presented remarkable progress of selected federations from 2023 to 2025. CB discussed the positive effect of the program. (**Appendix 12**)

Last committee meeting date: 7.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 28.11.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report

6.2 Grassroot and Youth

Last committee meeting date: 24.10.2025 / Next meeting date: To be agreed

6.3 Floorball for All

Last committee meeting date: / Next meeting date: 03.11.2025

6.4 ParaFloorball

Mr Houman reported that Special Olympics Africa has in a sports director meeting with 18 countries participating, defined an ambitious goal of expanding the reach of floorball across the continent. Represented were Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. A major focus is on establishing national federations in these countries with IFF. This

would strengthen the position of floorball in individual countries and facilitate greater inclusion and be mutually beneficial.

The collaboration between Special Olympics Kenya and the national floorball federation has been an excellent example of what is achievable. Today, there are almost 2,500 floorball players under the Special Olympics program in Kenya. Inspired by this success, Special Olympics Africa has formed a group of sports directors who can liaise with the IFF's regional contact person to drive similar initiatives in other nations.

Last committee meeting date: not yet / Next meeting date: 24.11.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report

6.5

Regional Development

The CB discussed the final country division for the regional development committees.

CB received proposal of the country division for Europe, the other continents are still missing

Western Europe (20)

Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Iceland, United Kingdom, Malta, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Vatican City, Hungary, Cyprus, Greece

Eastern Europe (21)

Estonia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey (Türkiye), Israel

Six Nations (6)

Denmark, Poland, Slovakia, Germany, Latvia, Norway

EFT (4)

Sweden, Finland, Czech Republic, Switzerland

Africa (54)

All African countries

The American continent will be divided between the English and Spanish-Portuguese speaking countries. The detailed country list for the North American and Latin American countries and the Asian and Oceanian countries are to be brought to the next CB meeting.

6.5.1

Asia and Oceania

Last committee meeting date: 10.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 10.11.2025

6.5.2

Africa

Mr. Houman reported that the key is to foster growth within the region and establish more national federations under the IFF and to secure a place for floorball in future editions of the African Games. The introduction of 3v3 floorball is a strategic tool for expanding reach across the continent. The collaboration with Special Olympics is seen as a cornerstone of the sport's growth in Africa.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To start discussions with the Africa Cup 2026 organisers of how to combine education seminars with the tournament (33/9/4/25), 27.11.2025, Steen Houman, Ongoing

Last committee meeting date: / Next meeting date: 08.12.2025

6.5.3 **Latin America**

Mr. Lopez reported that there might be a potential new member for the Latin America committee, coming from Special Olympics.

Last committee meeting date: 03.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 07.11.2025

6.5.4 **North America**

North America development committee will start its work after appointment of the committee members.

6.5.5 **Western Europe**

Last committee meeting date: 08.10.2025 / Next meeting date: To be agreed

6.5.6 **Eastern Europe**

Last committee meeting date: 13.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 01.12.2025

6.5.7 **Six Nations**

Last committee meeting date: not yet / Next meeting date: 25.11.2025

6.5.8. **EFT**

Last committee meeting date: not yet / Next meeting date: 13.11.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Regional Development Committee reports.

Task: To provide a list of which countries belong to which continental group for North America, Latin America, Asia and Oceania.

Responsibility: North America, Latin America, Asia and Oceania Development committee chairs

Deadline: 27.11.2025

§ 7. Members Cluster Committees

7.1 Member Services

Last committee meeting date: 21.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 19.11.2025

7.2 Internal Communication

Last committee meeting date: / Next meeting date: 28.10.2025

7.3 License System

Last committee meeting date: 23.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 19.11.2025

7.4 New Member onboarding

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To provide a plan on how to deal with potential new members applying for membership, until the proposal for the new member applications is finished, in accordance with the Yearly plan (37/12/4/25), 30.10.2025, Tamuz Hidir, Ongoing

Last committee meeting date: 13.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 01.12.2025

7.4.1 New Member applications
Mr. Hidir reported on the status of the Zambian Floorball Federation membership application

7.5. IFF Members

7.5.1 Membership questions

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a proposal for how to solve the situation in Burkina Faso based on the mediation organised by the Burkina Faso Ministry (36/12/4/25), 30.11.2025, Secretary general, Ongoing

7.5.2 Members under suspension
Mr. Suman shortly reported on the international discussions concerning letting Russia and Belarus re-enter into the international sport after the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has allowed Russian athletes to join their competitions, but many winter international federations did not let athletes from these countries to compete in their competition. IOC has not changed their standpoint.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Members Cluster Committee reports.

§ 8. Competition Cluster Committees

8.1. Events

Ms. Svobodova reported that several regulations documents have been updated by the IFF Office and will be reviewed by the Events Committee. Some of them will need a faster approval than has been set in the Committee yearly plan, for example the update of the Organiser Regulations 2026.

The Events committee chair proposed approving the 3v3 WFC Competition Regulations 2026 (**Appendix 13**), as these must be ready to be sent with the 3v3 Registration invitation at the end of October.

The following regulations need to be prepared for the upcoming CB meeting in December: Organiser Regulations 2026, the 3v3 Organiser Regulations 2026 (this is a completely new document that will be reviewed by the Events Committee), Competition Regulations – National Teams 2026 and the Competition Regulations – Friendly International Matches 2026, both of which are to be reviewed by the Competition Structure committee.

The jury members for the events in January – May 2026 have been confirmed:

Men's WFC Qualifications

EUR1	4-7.02.2026, Liepaja, Latvia	Jiří Matyáš
EUR2	3-7.02.2026, Liepaja, Latvia	Lubomir Klosik
EUR3	5-8.02.2026, Trencin, Slovakia	Jan Jirovský
AMER	19-21.03.2026, Austin, TX, USA	IFF Office
AOFC	13-19.01.2026, Wellington, New Zealand	IFF Office + AOFC representative

Women's U19 WFC Qualifications

AOFC	8-10.01.2026, Mandurah, WA, Australia	IFF Office
EUR	4-8.02.2026, Berlin, Germany	Martin Klabere

Women's U19 WFC
6-10.05.2026 Lignano Sabbiadoro & Latisana, Italy
Zane Klabere, Meelike Terasmaa, Beat Wullschleger, Petr Chvojka

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare the proposal for the IFF Event VIP Guidelines and how they shall be implemented (23/7/4/25), 28.11.2025/ Zuzana Svobodova, Ongoing

To handle with priority the documents in the CB yearly work plan defining procedures during preparations and execution of the tournaments (27/9/4/25), 31.12.2025, Ongoing

Last committee meeting date: 03.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 31.10.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report.
2. To approve the 3v3 WFC Competition Regulations 2026

Task: To prepare the Organiser Regulations 2026 and the 3v3 Organiser Regulations 2026

Responsibility: Events committee

Deadline: 27.11.2025

Task: To review the Competition Regulations – National Teams 2026 and the Competition Regulations – Friendly International Matches 2026

Responsibility: Competition Structure committee

Deadline: 27.11.2025

8.1.1. **Next Events**

WFC 2025

Ms. Svobodova reported on the preparations of the WFC 2025 based on the LOC report (**Appendix 14**)

Ms. Kratz reported that the IFF & LOC now have weekly meetings. The accreditation system has been finalised, final venue plans have been approved, and the LOC has begun making the travel bookings for the IFF Officials. We have begun more detailed discussions on the ceremonies, adjacent events, such as the Associations Meeting and Wheelchair floorball demo matches, the VIP setup in both Brno and Ostrava, and the FOP advertisement layouts. The WFC 2025 mascot has been approved but a name is still to be decided, via a public voting system managed by the LOC.

Mr. Liljelund reported that the preparations for the TV Production are proceeding well. The LOC has provided the information for booking the bi-lateral services for the TV signal takers. The WFC now has agreements with Czechia, Finland, Norway, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland. Discussions initiated by IFF have started with Denmark, Germany, Poland and Singapore. Protocol Sports Marketing has provided a sales report just before the IFF CB meeting, after the Sportel fair between the 20.-24.10. in Monaco. (**Appendix 15**). There are a number of interested discussions ongoing and the next two-three weeks will show what result we can expect.

U19 WFC 2026

Ms. Suman reported that the group ballot was held on 16th of October in Rome at the Italian National Olympic Committee Headquarters. He stressed very high level of organisation with many important guests. Participating in the ballot was IFF President, Filip Suman, Italian Olympic Committee President Luciano Buonfiglio, Italian Hockey Federation President Sergio Mignardi, and Sonia Sopranzi, President Division Floorball. The result of the ballot is:

Group A: Finland, Norway, Poland and Sweden
Group B: Czechia, Denmark, Slovakia and Switzerland
Group C: AOFC 3, Canada, EUR 1 and Italy
Group D: AOFC 1, AOFC 2, EUR 2 and Latvia

The LOC has sent the 1st Information Letter to all qualified teams plus those participating in qualifications.

U19 WFC Qualifications

Preparations for both the EUR and AOFC qualifications are progressing smoothly. Germany has applied for government support funding, but they will not learn the outcome of the application until January 2026. The 1st Information Letter from both organisers have been sent to the participating teams and the match schedules for both events are finalised.

Mr. Suman suggested that the U19 WFC will be a unique possibility to meet when all teams are staying at the same place.

3v3 WFC

Mr. Lopez reported on the preparation of the 3v3 WFC (**Appendix 16**)

Ms. Liljelund reported that the IFF & Spanish Floorball Association contract for the 3v3 WFC 2026 will be signed in the coming weeks and will now begin the co-operation of event planning. The invitation to register for the event is ready to be sent to the National Associations. An update of the competition regulations has been finalised and is awaiting CB approval. A completely new Organiser Regulation document has been created and sent to the Events Committee Chair for review. The invitation to register will be sent at the end of October, with registrations due 15th January 2026.

WFC 2026

Mr. Ilmivalta reported on the preparations of the WFC 2026. The LOC has finalised the composition of the LOC (**Appendix 17**) The LOC has been formed and has a lot of experienced people and the preparation has started. There are also persons from Ice Hockey and Football federation as members of the LOC.

Ms. Kratz reported that the IFF Office and key LOC staff met on 14th of October mainly to discuss the major milestone tasks, such as information to the teams, match schedule planning, ticket release plans, event promotion plans, and the venues.

WFC Qualifications

IFF Office is in regular contact with all Qualification organisers. All match schedules (**Appendix 18**) have been finalised and information letters for some of the events have been sent to the teams. Mr. Suman thanked the IFF Competition department for preparing all the qualification tournaments.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To invite for the 3v3 WFC in Spain (6/5/4/25), 30.10. 2025., Stefan Kratz, Ongoing

To close the negotiations for the 3v3 WFC 2026 organiser agreement (7/5/4/25), 30.10.2025., Secretary general, Ongoing

To prepare a proposal for the playing format of the 3v3 WFC 2026 (8/5/4/25), 15.02.2026, Martin Klabere, Ongoing

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Next Events reports.

8.1.2. Future Events

Mr. Halonen and Mr. Liljelund reported on the future events.

Men's U19 WFC 2027 (February) - The Latvian Floorball Union (LFU) has been discussing first with Liepaja and lately with Riga about the possible hosting of this event. To secure a possible positive outcome of the discussions with the Ministry, Arena Riga has been pre-booked. A draft contract has been prepared and LFU is currently studying this and will revert with their comments. The invitation to register is scheduled to be sent at the end of October but maybe we should wait until we have confirmation of an organiser. An invitation for interested qualification organisers will be sent during November.

Women's U19 WFC 2027 (May) – Swiss Unihockey are officially appointed to host this event. There are still discussions ongoing with the cities for the venue. Invitation to register is scheduled to be sent at the end of October with registrations due 31st December 2025. An invitation for interested qualification organisers will be sent during November.

Women's WFC 2027 (December) – preliminary organisation by the Finnish Federation has begun. Invitation to register is scheduled to be sent at the end of October, with registrations due 31st December 2025. An invitation for interested qualification organisers will be sent during November.

Men's U19 WFC 2028 (February) – Ongoing discussions with potential organiser

Men's WFC 2028 (December) – Czech Floorball confirmed as organiser at last CB meeting. Contract discussions will begin soon.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Future Event reports.

8.2 Club Events

8.2.1. Champions Cup

Mr. Liljelund reported on the meeting of the CCSG working group in Prague held on the 15th of October to discuss the next steps in the planning of the Champions Cup's future. The working group is preparing a proposal for the re-branding of the Champions Cup and some changes of the competition system. There will be a meeting with the European Floorball countries during the WFC in Ostrava and based on that the CCGS working group will make a final proposal for the Champions Cup in end of January. Mr. Suman stressed that the concept for the future is a huge step forward.

The discussion is still ongoing for the dates for the upcoming season.

Ms. Kratz reported that for 2025-2026 the quarterfinals have all been completed with the teams from Sweden & Czechia qualifying for the men's & women's semi-finals. The semi-final ballot was held on 7th October, and the playing pairs are as follows:

Women

Thorenggruppen IBK (SWE) v Pixbo IBK (SWE)
1. SC Vitkovice (CZE) v Tatran Střešovice (CZE)

Men

Florbal MB (CZE) v IBF Falun (SWE)
Storvreta IBK (SWE) v Tatran Střešovice (CZE)

The schedule for the semi-final matches was published on the 13.10.

WOMEN							
Date	LOCAL Time	CET Time	Home	Away	Venue	City	
28.10.2025	18:00	18:00	Thorenggruppen IBK	Sweden - Sweden	Pixbo IBK	Nolia Arena	Umeå
13.11.2025	19:00	19:00	Pixbo IBK	Sweden - Sweden	Thorenggruppen	Wallenstam Arena	Molnlycke (SWE)
29.10.2025	19:00	19:00	1. SC Vítkovice	Czechia - Czechia	Tatran Střešovice	SH Sareza	Ostrava-Privoz
12.11.2025	19:00	19:00	Tatran Střešovice	Czechia - Czechia	1. SC Vítkovice	Sportovní centrum Řepy	Prague

MEN							
Date	LOCAL Time	CET Time	Home	Away	Venue	City	
23.11.2025	17:00	17:00	Florbal MB	Czechia - Sweden	IBF Falun	MSH Mlada Boleslav	Mlada Boleslav
27.11.2025	18:30	18:30	IBF Falun	Sweden - Czechia	Florbal MB	Uw-Tech Arena	Falun
18.11.2025	18:30	18:30	Storvreta IBK	Sweden - Czechia	Tatran Střešovice	IFU Arena	Uppsala
26.11.2025	19:00	19:00	Tatran Střešovice	Czechia - Sweden	Storvreta IBK	UNYP Arena	Prague

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Varecka that the IFF media department is very pleased with the great work done by the clubs this time around (particularly Czech and Swiss clubs) in promoting, making and showing content and attention towards the Champions Cup. Our social pages have seen far increased views, reach and followers this season than any other previously and we are only in the Semi-Final stage.

The IFF received a request from Zug United for a review of a situation in their quarterfinal match against Tatran Střešovice on 23rd of September 2025. The Event Disciplinary Function conducted a review, and their decision was to give the equivalent of a match penalty to Mikuláš Komárek, which means he is suspended for one match and ineligible for Tatran's first CC semi-final match (**Appendix 19**)

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a proposal for the European Club top layer competition structure (11/6/4/25), 28.11.2025, Champions Cup Steering Group, Ongoing

Mr. Suman pointed out that due to the meeting to be held with the EFC countries during the WFC in Ostrava the IFF will only be able to bring a proposal to the IFF ExCo in February,

8.2.2 EuroFloorball Cup

Mr. Kratz briefly reported that revenues and costs for the organisation of the EFC are in line with budget, so the investment for the restart of the EFC 2025 will be kept within the set limit of 10,000 CHF

An evaluation survey was sent to the teams who participated in EFC 2025. Unfortunately, only 6 of the 12 teams responded, however, the results showed that the majority of the teams were happy with the event (**Appendix 20**). Some felt that it was clear that it was run as an add-on to the Czech Open, rather than being given as much importance as a normal IFF event. This is a fair assessment as the IFF focus was on The World Games but for future events this will be different. The lack of teams from the higher-ranked countries, such as Latvia and Slovakia, was noted – especially by the Norwegian team – and the countries that register for the next EFC will have an impact on participation. There could be some (like Norway) who may request a possibility to withdraw after registration if they find that the competition is not strong enough.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To based on the feedback, prepare a proposal for the EFC 2026 and the coming years (13/6/4/25), 27.11.2025, Zuzana Svobodova, Moved to the Competition Structure committee as a part of the proposal of the EuroFloorball Cup 2026 and moved the date to 14.3.26

To start discussions with the Czech Open organisers for a long-term model (14/6/4/25),
31.12.2025, Secretary general, Ongoing

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Club Event reports.

Task: To invite the EFC countries for a meeting to discuss the future of the Champions Cup in Ostrava during the WFC

Responsibility: John Liljelund

Deadline: 15.11.2025

Task: To prepare the proposal for the Champions Cup for the next five years

Responsibility: Champions Cup Steering Group working group

Deadline: 31.01.2026

Task: To prepare the proposal of the set-up for the EuroFloorball Cup 2026 tournament

Responsibility: Competition structure committee

Deadline: 14.03.2026

8.3. **Referee committee**

Mr. Lopez reported that a referee education clinic will be carried out in Singapore at the beginning of November. The clinic is mainly meant for the AOFC referees who are nominated to the SEA games. The referees will referee international matches during the clinic. There will also be a separate discussion panel for the local referees during the seminar. The IFF Competition department was able to agree with the SEA Games LOC that they will cover costs of an IFF referee coach and that will create a continuum from the seminar to further develop the level of the referees in the AOFC.

Last committee meeting date: 30.9.2025 / Next meeting date: 11.11.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports.

8.4. **Competition Structure**

Mr. Suman pointed out that based on the discussion on different topics the work for the creation of a new more holistic Ranking system for the National Teams must start immediately, as it will be needed for the coming season 2026-2027.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To start the preparations for the creation of a new quota system built on both number of registered teams and the quality (ranking) factors (9/5/4/25), 24.11.2025, Martin Klabere, Ongoing

8.4.1 **Change of the Competition structure**

Mr. Suman reported that the Calendar Working Group (CWG) has continued to work on the preparation of the holistic proposal for the Four-year cycle changes for the CB Workshop in their meetings on the 3.10 and 17.10.

The CWG is trying to prepare a complete proposal for the new structure with two documents: IFF Event Structure plans and the Calendar Events 2025 – 2032. The CB is to test the document in the CB workshop. The present version of the working documents of the CWG as enclosure. The CWG also conducted a very detail analysis when to play main event in the new 4 years system. Based on the Analysis CWG proposes to confirm that the main event of the year will be played in 2nd and 3rd weekends in November which is the best possibility. Analysis in the enclosure.

(Appendix 21abc)

Mr. Suman concluded of the results from the CB workshop discussions. The CB workshop proposed to play the WFC and the European Championships in November, leaving the time still open for the other Continental Championships. The tasks that needs to be prepared is a complete information package before the public announcement (during WFC). Further CB discussed the list of items to be finalised in 2026. The following topics need to be finalise/develop:

- Detailed playing systems for WFC / EC / Continental Championships / World Trophy
- Organiser and competition regulations for all events
- Registration system & registration costs
- International weekend calendar (2029 onwards)
- Decide how often will the 3v3 WFC be played (Every year or every second year?)

IFF invited all National Associations for an Information meeting on 21.10.2025 where an update on the international calendar changes was presented. It had a very good participation form different countries. IFF open a possibility to send question preferably till the end of the week latest till the end of October. So far we received one question/remark.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports.
2. To confirm that the international calendar will be prepared with main event played in the new 4 years system in November
3. To confirm the direction of the new competition structure and give the task to prepare a complete information package.

Task: To create a new holistic ranking system for the IFF National Teams

Responsibility: Competition Structure committee

Deadline: 13.03.2026

Task: To prepare a complete information package about new competition structure

Responsibility: CWG

Deadline: 05.12.2025

8.5. Rules

Mr. Kratz briefly reported that feedback has been received on the draft version of the IFF Rules of the Game 2026 and that the reference group is scheduled for an evaluation meeting in November. The remaining process looks as follows:

October/November 2025 - Reference Group evaluation and Rule group to present the final proposal of the new Rules of the game

December 2025 - IFF CB makes final decision after proposal from Rules Committee and the new IFF Rules of the Game is sent to all member Associations.

January/February 2026 - The Rules group organises Teams information seminar/s for Interpretations of the new Rules of the Game book.

July 1, 2026 - The new edition of the IFF Rules of the Game becomes valid

Last committee meeting date: / Next meeting date: To be agreed

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports.

§ 9. Sport Cluster Committees

9.1 Athletes

Last committee meeting date: / Next meeting date: To be agreed

9.2. High Performance

Last committee meeting date: 7.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 28.11.2025

9.3

Coaching Education Structure

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Coaching Education committee has in its meeting approved the proposal to organise the IFF Youth Camp 2026 in July in Eerikkilä. The Youth camp is aimed for 13–15-year-old girls and boys, so that each country could send 2-3 players and one coach. The practical organisation is handled by Eerikkilä Sport Institute and IFF will participate in building the program and have lecturers running the seminar (**Appendix 22**) The finances will be handled by Eerikkilä Sport Institute, and the camp will only be run if we can have the 40 participants. The additional workload for IFF is minimal, as this will be part of the development of the new education structure. Mr. Ow asked if there can be more players.

In co-operation with the Singapore Floorball Association (SFA), the IFF ran the first IFF Level 1 Floorball Coach seminar based on the new education structure that has been built in the last two years. The seminar was also mapped as an SFA coach education level 2 seminar. The IFF used the seminar to discuss with potential continental lecturers, that will be proposed for the Coaching Education committee later. The seminar had 18 Singaporean and 2 Chinese participants, The feedback from the participants and SFA has been very positive with the score of 4,2/5 (**Appendix 23**)

To discuss whether to still apply for a third time for the EU Erasmus+ COACHES project in 2026 (31/9/4/25), 30.11.2025, Ongoing

Last committee meeting date: 02.10. / Next meeting date: 12.11.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports
2. To approve the proposal to run the IFF Youth Camp in June-July 2026

Task: To prepare the invitation letter and material for the Youth Camp together with Eerikkilä Sport Institute

Responsibility: John Liljelund

Deadline: 12.11.2025

9.4

Medical

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Varecka that the work with the Anti-Doping questions continues in the background assessing any enquiries or applications that come in. The Czech Anti-Doping unfortunately rejected the proposal to have an exhibition booth at WFC 2025, but they will send content for videos and messages to promote Clean Sport and Anti-Doping to be played in the venues during intermissions and breaks. These will be in Czech language for the spectators.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report

§ 10. Marketing Cluster Committees

10.1

Partners

Mr Beer reported on the sales and marketing status (**Appendix 24**). Currently the sales situation on the Finnish market is very stagnant due to the ongoing betting investigation.

The IFF has discussed the available assets for the WFC 2025 with the LOC to keep them also as part of the final discussions with potential partners. Together with the Swedish Federation there

are a couple of offers regarding the mid-circle (WFC 2025). There are some joint offers out with the Finnish Federation regarding WFC 2026/2027 but still very difficult to get closure when the betting situation is not closed. Regardless, the IFF has been able to submit an offer to Cheap Energy (electricity broker) in Finland.

The agreement with Spintso (referee communication equipment provider) for WFC 2025 is signed and referee management and referees have been informed.

The discussion regarding the possible main sponsor for the 3v3 WFC is currently at a standstill due to many open questions. This topic and how it will be constructed is on the agenda of the Partner Committee meeting. There are some ideas to expand existing areas of sponsorship to cover separately the 3v3 and then other IFF events.

The IFF has indicated to its existing sponsors that there is interest in negotiating on prolonging the agreements. This said, the Partners Committee meeting will also be a key to defining how the future agreements want to be constructed.

Last committee meeting date: not yet / Next meeting date: 19.-20.11.

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report

10.2

External Communication

Mr. Ilmivalta reported that the company Bornan have in beginning of October finalised the building of the temporary recovery website and any new changes will need to pay based on a per hour offer. The IFF Office is not presently planning to add any more features to the webpage. The office has stressed the necessity to start the building of the new webpage as soon as possible.

Mr. Suman reported on the discussions concerning the solution for the IFF website, as the present version we have now have only been contracted for 12 months in use until April 2026.

Mr. Halonen informed on behalf of Mr. Varecka that the IFF Media team continues to work as best as possible with the website issues. The recovered site that we now have is not a fully operational website, meaning it is difficult to add / remove a lot of information.

The communication and co-operation is increasing with the LOC's especially with the WFC 2025 team, as we get closer to the Women's World Championships in Czechia later this year. The LOC media team have been very good at making content for the WFC channels and promoting Women's sport as a whole through their "Women's Power" channels and online campaign. The new Trophy work continues to secure both the solidity and stability of the trophy before it is given over to the IFF.

Further communication continues with the U19 WFC 2026 LOC and their small LOC team so far. Work on the graphics, marketing and event identity has been undertaken with their graphic designer who has helped set up and change the social channels to U19 WFC 2026 branding from the previous 2025 Swiss event. Once the ballot is over it is expected that there will be much more communication and content provided by the LOC.

Last committee meeting date: 09.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 04.11.2025

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports

10.3

TV Rights

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a Sales report from Protocol Sports Marketing Ltd for the next CB meeting (4/5/4/25), 10.10.2025, Secretary general, Report has been delivered on the 24.10.2025

Last committee meeting date: 23.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 25.11.2025

10.4 Fan Culture

Last committee meeting date: not yet / **Next meeting date:** 06.11.2025

10.5. Hall of Fame

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Kalsta that the national federations were informed they were able to nominate candidates for the HoF Selection Committee (28.9.-30.10.2025). Three reminders were sent during the process. The IFF has prepared a proposal of candidates for the Central Board based on the nominations received (**Appendix 25**). Once the Selection Committee has been confirmed it will be summoned to prepare the next steps of the actual HoF member selection process.

The Central Board / ExCo should also consider preparations to propose and select recipients for the IFF Service Awards (to be presented in conjunction with the new HoF members).

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports
2. To appoint the Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Task: To call for the first meeting of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Responsibility: Tero Kalsta

Deadline: 15.11.2025

Task: To prepare the proposal for the IFF Service Awards recipients

Responsibility: ExCo

Deadline: 30.08.2026

§ 11. External Relations Cluster**11.1 External Relations**

Last committee meeting date: 24.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 18.11.2025

IOC

Mr. Suman reported on the Floorball Australia activities to promote Floorball to the Organisation Committee of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. IFF participated in a meeting with the Brisbane 2032 on together with Floorball Australia on the 22.10.2025. The Brisbane OC Sport Director Mr. Kit McConnell. The Brisbane 2032 informed on which basis they will select the sports for the shortlist of 8-9 by the end of the year and explained that there will not be any official pitches from the Ifs, but they are allowed to hand in relevant information based on the criteria for the optional sports. CB discussed the tactics which should be used, based on this discussion selected data will be sent to Brisbane 2032. (**Appendix 31**)

Tasks:

To send selected data about floorball to Brisbane 2032.

Responsibility: ExCo

Deadline: 10.11.2025

SportAccord

The SportAccord IF Forum will be held in Lausanne on 27.-29.10.2025, with the theme “*The New Global Reality in Sport: IFs in a world that refuses to stand still*”. The IFF has the opportunity to be part of a Panel discussion on Women’s Sport, where we can present the WFC 2025 Women’s Power project, as a part of the Event preparation.

Mr. Liljelund will represent ARISF in the SportAccord AGM in Lausanne on 28.10.2025

The SportAccord convention will be organised in Baku, Azerbaijan 24.-28.5.2026.

ARISF

The ARISF AGM will be held in the morning of the 27.10.2025, before the start of the IF Forum. The main topics for the AGM will be the elections and the reporting of the Good Governance evaluation the ARISF has made for its members with ITrustSport. There will be an ARISF – AIMS joint dinner on Sunday evening, which will most likely be quite important from the perspective of how the elections will turn out.

The candidates are:

President: Anna ARZHANOVA/Underwater president (CMAS) & ARISF VP
Raffaele CHIULLI/Powerboating (UIPM) and ARISF president

Vice-President: John LILJELUND/Floorball Secretary General & ARISF EB member

Secretary General: Riccardo FRACCARI/Baseball-Softball (WBSC) president & ARISF

Executive Board members: Anibal Osvaldo MAGGI LEÓN/Racquetball (IRF) president

(3 seats) Anna ARZHANOVA/Underwater (CMAS) president

Robert L. RAUCH/Flying Disc (WFDF) president

Roy BAKER/Kickboxing (WAKO) president

Zena WOOLDRIDGE/Squash (WSF) president

TWG/IWGA

The Certificates of participation for all Athletes and Officials were prepared by the IWGA and have been distributed to the participating countries. The IFF completed the IWGA feedback questionnaire. A full event evaluation report will be prepared by the IWGA from these questionnaires, in cooperation with the Quantum analysis.

Ms. Svobodova has participated in the IWGA Women’s Leadership in Sport education program.

FISU

Nothing reported

SEA Games

The SEA Games will be played with 5 Men’s teams – Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore & Thailand, and 4 Women’s teams – Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore & Thailand. (**Appendix 26**) Despite the AOFC’s efforts, carried out through Mr. Ow coordination between the Indonesian association and the Indonesian Olympic Committee, Indonesia was unfortunately unable to participate.

Mr. Suman will attend the SEA games from 16th to 21st of December. The locally appointed Competition Manager will be Ms Penthai Siriwat (THA), and the IFF has nominated the following International Technical Officials (ITOs):

Referees

Mr Fajar Hidayat / Mr Yongky Priyanto (INA)

Mr Jaey Jetpuria / Mr Calvin Lim (MAS)

Mr Massada Cabillas / Mr Joemar Tandoc (PHL)

Mr Sharil Ismail / Mr Oswind Rosayro (SGP)

Referee Management

Mr Mattias Linell (SWE)

International Event Support Staff

Ms Blanka Benyo (HUN)

Ms Hui Min Lim (SGP)

The IFF Technical Delegate, Ms Sarah Mitchell, will attend the SEA Games Technical Delegates Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand from 18-20th October and conduct meetings with the SEAG organisers as well as a venue inspection. Ms. Siriwat informed that persons that are travelling to Thailand are recommended to wear black for 90 days as a sign of respect for the death of the queen's mother.

AIMAG**Tasks from previous CB meetings:**

To include AIMAG in the multi-sport games strategy which will be created by the External relations committee (25/8/4/25), 30.05.2026, Filip Suman, Ongoing

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the External Relations Cluster Committee reports

Task: To send selected data about floorball to Brisbane 2032.

Responsibility: ExCo

Deadline 10.11.2025

§ 12. Special Committee Cluster**12.1 Rules Attractiveness****12.2 Strategy Implementation**

Ms. Wiklund Wårell reported that the preparations for the work have been started prior to the CB meeting. As the Yearly plan defines that there are several strategy documents created by the committees, which will need to be aligned with the IFF General Assembly approved Strategy 2021-2032. The Strategy Implementation committee will start with checking of which documents are already as a part of the Strategy.

The Strategy committee will start to evaluate/map the Yearly plan strategies towards the IFF Strategy and what Suggested actions already exists. The next task is to redefine the ownership of the Suggested action to the specific committee. The updated suggested actions for the targets the Strategy defines for the Phase 2 2025-2028 will be built by the Strategy implementation committee during the first part of 2026.

The committees, will then based on the targets defined in the Strategy, be asked to confirm the suggested actions and based on the committee guidelines give proposals for additional suggested actions. The Strategy committee will have to build the implementation plan and set the timeline for these. This will be sent to the committees for confirmation. This is more directed towards the later part of 2026 and 2027 forward.

In a second stage the committee will have to check that the committee Yearly plan documents are in line with the Strategy document. The CB concluded that the task for the Strategy Implementation plan will be moved for the CB meeting in March 2026.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare the proposal for the Implementation Plan for the Strategy Phase 2 (2025-2028) (21/7/4/25), Helén Wiklund Wårell, 27.11.2025, Ongoing

Last committee meeting date: 24.10.2025 / Next meeting date: 27.11.2025

The CB concluded that the task 21/7/4/25 will be prepared until the 14.3.2026

12.3 Close the Gap

Mr. Hubacher reported about the challenges to find members from the EFT countries to the committee. Mr. Suman confirmed that we are in process to find representatives from Czechia and Switzerland.

12.4 IFF 40th Anniversary

Mr. Halonen reported on behalf of Mr. Eriksson on the preparation of the IFF 40th Anniversary. (**Appendix 27**) The CB discussed that it would be important to clearly differentiate between the Team of the Decade Athletes and the Hall of Fame nominees

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the Special Committees Cluster reports

§ 13. IFF Office

13.1 Office issues

Nothing reported

13.2 Material questions

Mr. Halonen reported that the IFF Material Board (MB) had its annual meeting on the 18th of September 2025 as a Teams meeting, with all members of the MB participating. They discussed some practical updates to the IFF Material Regulations, mainly changing and updating texts and some measurements. The work on updating the IFF Material Regulations is an ongoing process and there are few things which still need to be updated due to the handover of the administration to the IFF. (**Appendix 28**)

The IFF has now collected the sales reports of the first two thirds of the year from the manufacturers, and it seems that the markets are growing slowly, but the signs are positive for more growth. There has been growth annually after the pandemic, but the markets have not yet fully recovered compared to the pre-pandemic time. The sales of sticks have increased by 16 %, balls 5 %, rinks 14 % and the goal cages sales have doubled compared to the year 2024, but the companies buy stickers in big bunches for the goals, so the level of sales increase may not actually be that high. The second third is always quite big, as it the main sales time in front of the beginning of the season. We will know the financial effect only in the end of January 2026.

Tasks from previous CB meetings:

To prepare a proposal for how the testing of the material will be handled from 1st of July 2026 (35/10/4/25), 31.12.2025, Veli Halonen, Ongoing

13.3 Sustainability questions

Nothing reported

13.4 Equality questions

Nothing reported

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the reports

§ 14. Next meetings

14.1. Yearly Work plan

Mr. Suman concluded which Yearly Plan documents will be on the CB Agenda in the next CB meeting in Ostrava. These documents need to be submitted no later than the **4th of November 2025**

Committee	Yearly Plan document
Athletes	Proposal of the commission's annual activity plan
Close the Gap	Analysis of the current competitive situation in international floorball Proposal of specific and measurable goals for reducing the performance gap between top-tier nations and other IFF member federations.
Competition Structure	Annual report on set event structure for next three years
Events	Proposal of the procedures for the evaluation of individual events, including reporting and proposing adjustments and improvements
Internal Communication	Regular reports on changes to key contact information of the member federations
ParaFloorball	Reports on the situation with national para floorball programs
Partners	Information on the IFF's system of sales of marketing rights and its updates The annual financial goals for partner acquisition and retention
Referee	Procedures for the scheduling and assignment of referees and referee coaches for IFF events and international matches
Regional Development	
AOFC	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region
East Europe	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region
West Europe	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region
Latin America	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region
North America	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region
Six Nations	Reports on the utilisation of IFF services within the region

Mr. Suman concluded that the reports and documents from the North America and Close the Gap committees will be moved for the March CB meeting, because of later appointment of the committee members

CB decision:

1. To acknowledge the report
2. To move the submission of documents of the North America and Close the Gap committees to CB in March

14.2. Next meetings

Mr. Suman concluded that the next ordinary CB meeting (M6), has been planned for Ostrava, Czechia on Thursday 11.12.2025, with the IFF Associations Meeting on 12.-13.12.2025. Arrival for the CB is on Wednesday 10.12.2025.

Mr. Suman stressed the importance that with the new committee structure the CB members are participating in the Event to work within their committee task and to spread information to the federations.

Any materials which are not mentioned in the CB yearly plan and will need to be on the agenda should be signalled as soon as possible and send to the President and Secretary General latest November 27.

The plan for the CB meetings in 2026 looks like the following:

CB 1	27.-29.3 (start on Friday),	Switzerland
CB 2	12.-14.6. (start on Friday)	3v3 WFC, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain
CB 3	18.-20.9. (start on Friday)	Stockholm, Sweden
CB 4	31.10-1.11. (start on Saturday) <i>tba</i>	
CB 5	10.12.	Men's WFC, Tampere Finland
	12.12.	IFF General Assembly 2026

Mr. Houman informed that he will not be able to participate in the CB meeting 2/2026 in Madrid, due to work commitments.

CB decision:

1. To approve the report

§ 15. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Suman closed the meeting at 14:22

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Filip Suman
President

Appendix 3

	COSTS		Budget	Outcome		Compared		Expectation	Forecast	Outcome
	Cost Centre			30.11.2025		30.11.2024		01.12-31.12	31.12.2025	/Ann.budget
10	Central activities*		31 960	20 204,58		22 767,81		11 755,42	31 960,00	0,00
11	Office		793 500	505 481,17		627 518,38		258 018,83	763 500,00	30 000,00
	(Salary cost)		(654 000)		(398 090,47)		(451 936,56)			
	(Subsistence allowances)		(2 000)		(0,00)		(916,67)			
12	CB		37 700	30 398,48		41 646,68		7 301,52	37 700,00	0,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(2 500)		(213,79)		(2 747,52)			
13	ExCo		3 700	1 938,83		3 682,38		1 761,17	3 700,00	0,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(200)		(165,63)		(0,00)			
14	GA/AM		8 000	0,00		0,00		8 000,00	8 000,00	0,00
15	External meetings		11 600	2 065,94		13 700,06		9 534,06	11 600,00	0,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(1 000)		(0,00)		(3 141,06)			
17	Parafloorball		3 000	297,72		0,00		2 702,28	3 000,00	0,00
18	Equality Function		6 200	2 088,50		0,00		4 111,50	6 200,00	0,00
19	Athletes Commission		10 000	873,99		5 072,44		4 126,01	5 000,00	5 000,00
20	WFC		172 700	129 412,75		152 243,09		33 287,25	162 700,00	10 000,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(6 000)		(3 575,74)		(4 632,33)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(66 000)		(63 325,00)		(64 260,00)			
21	U19 WFC		87 000	76 515,83		76 626,55		484,17	77 000,00	10 000,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(3 000)		(587,21)		(549,92)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(22 800)		(23 970,00)		(21 255,00)			
22	EFC		44 000	43 796,01		0,00		0,00	43 796,01	203,99
	(Subsistence allowances)		(400)		(177,75)		(0,00)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(9 000)		(4 575,55)		(0,00)			
23	Champions Cup		248 640	142 970,77		197 934,64		100 469,23	243 440,00	5 200,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(640)		(209,92)		(132,47)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(6 900)		(5 750,00)		(6 295,00)			
24	World Games		95 000	78 623,07		5 619,51		2 376,93	81 000,00	14 000,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(2 000)		(0,00)		(352,85)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(22 000)		(18 800,00)		(540,00)			
25	WUC		0	0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00
26	Regional Games		12 000	910,66		0,00		11 089,34	12 000,00	0,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(2 000)		(0,00)		(0,00)			
27	3v3 WFC		14 400	16 796,43		14 887,66		0,00	16 796,43	-2 396,43
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(4 200)		(2 340,00)		(1 536,11)			
29	Anti-Doping		36 000	22 091,99		23 351,51		13 908,01	36 000,00	0,00
	(Salary cost)		(13 000)		(8 603,75)		(8 729,12)			
30	WADA and Edu. Meetings		3 000	1 087,80		2 321,49		412,20	1 500,00	1 500,00
40	RACC		10 500	2 566,21		0,00		1 933,79	4 500,00	6 000,00
50	RC		12 100	2 841,91		8 357,34		3 258,09	6 100,00	6 000,00
	(DA technical officials)		(1 600)		(340,00)		(1 360,00)			
60	Development		26 300	16 341,64		22 506,82		9 958,36	26 300,00	0,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(300)		(0,00)		(255,00)			
	(DA referees & technical officials)		(0)		(0,00)		(1 275,00)			
61	Development mtrl		120 000	109 000,00		120 000,00		0,00	109 000,00	11 000,00
70	Material		97 700	13 383,65		11 179,19		34 316,35	47 700,00	50 000,00

80	Marketing		60 200	37 159,19		43 412,38		13 040,81	50 200,00	10 000,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(800)		(0,00)		(871,64)			
81	TV		169 300	8 208,90		49 945,48		111 091,10	119 300,00	50 000,00
	(Subsistence allowances)		(0)		(0,00)		(220,08)			
82	Internet TV		0	0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00
83	Media		33 700	10 558,02		17 436,70		23 141,98	33 700,00	0,00
			(0)				(91,84)			
84	IFF Media app		140 000	117 047,75		123 100,89		12 952,25	130 000,00	10 000,00
85	Anniversaries & awards		0	219,29		0,00		0,00	219,29	-219,29
89	MC		3 500	0,00		23,73		3 500,00	3 500,00	0,00
91	AC		750	0,00		0,00		750,00	750,00	0,00
92	DC		750	0,00		0,00		750,00	750,00	0,00
	TOTAL	CHF	2 293 200	1 392 881,08		1 583 334,73		684 030,65	2 076 911,73	216 288,27

	INCOME		Budget	30.11.2025		30.11.2024		01.12-31.12	31.12.2025	
2830	TWG reserves		45 000	0,00		0,00		45 000,00	45 000,00	0,00
3011	Transfers		130 000	143 660,00		125 660,00		6 340,00	150 000,00	20 000,00
3012	Participation fees		314 900	312 000,00		267 700,00		0,00	312 000,00	-2 900,00
3013	Organizers fee		333 000	290 005,00		371 325,00		0,00	290 005,00	-42 995,00
3014	Shared cost payments		87 000	69 000,00		84 000,00		9 000,00	78 000,00	-9 000,00
3019	Temporary play		8 800	2 255,00		9 295,00		55,00	2 310,00	-6 490,00
3020	Sports Nationality		10 500	6 700,00		11 100,00		150,00	6 850,00	-3 650,00
3210	Membership fees		198 000	193 600,00		196 900,00		0,00	193 600,00	-4 400,00
3219	Fines		10 000	2 900,00		6 005,44		3 100,00	6 000,00	-4 000,00
3250	Sponsors & advertisements		211 500	133 149,19		163 719,79		8 350,81	141 500,00	-70 000,00
3251	Value in kind		141 000	141 000,00		152 000,00		0,00	141 000,00	0,00
3260	TV		205 000	74 825,25		53 223,41		74 174,75	149 000,00	-56 000,00
3261	Radio		0	0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00
3300	Office support		89 000	79 110,42		139 403,79		0,00	79 110,42	-9 889,58
3310	Development support		29 000	40 173,65		28 117,40		0,00	40 173,65	11 173,65
3370	IFF Media app		148 000	124 002,93		96 584,85		29 997,07	154 000,00	6 000,00
3510	Sales		25 000	7 025,97		1 304,60		3 974,03	11 000,00	-14 000,00
3520	Ticket provision		45 000	801,50		0,00		24 198,50	25 000,00	-20 000,00
3860	Material approval income		260 000	231 114,64		147 469,25		7 885,36	239 000,00	-21 000,00
3861	Material exemptions		1 500	1 701,35		1 909,90		0,00	1 701,35	201,35
3890	Tax returns		0	10 668,20		0,00		0,00	10 668,20	10 668,20
3899	Other incomes		1 000	0,00		8,05		0,00	0,00	-1 000,00
8020	Interest		0	0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00
8080	Exchange rate gains		0	603,54		475,32		0,00	603,54	603,54
	TOTAL	CHF	2 293 200	1 864 296,64		1 856 201,80		212 225,52	2 076 522,16	-216 677,84
	RESULT	CHF	0	471 415,56		272 867,07		-471 805,13	-389,57	-389,57

* Centr. activities

	2025
Memberships etc	7 089,49
Bank fees etc	9 320,29
Taxes	3 794,80
	20 204,58

2024

7 064,43
9 774,38
5 929,00
22 767,81

Balance sheet

ASSETS

Current assets	01.01.2025	30.11.2025
Cash	0,00	0,00
Credit Suisse 559200-11	474 310,25	1 053 448,21
Credit Suisse MasterCard guarantee	16 841,30	16 800,00
Receivables		
Deferr.exp. and accr.income	0,00	0,00
Pre-paid costs	0,00	0,00
Claims 2019	30 991,88	27 391,88
Claims 2020	21 725,00	21 725,00
Claims 2021	53 845,00	53 845,00
Claims 2022	37 150,00	35 750,00
Claims 2023	37 900,00	37 650,00
Claims 2024	247 582,54	34 100,00
Claims 2025	0,00	31 400,00
Receivables from rel.parties	46 750,87	44 637,00
Total assets	967 096,84	1 356 747,09

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current liabilities

Accr expenses and deferr income	-347 400,68	-296 900,68
Other current liabilities	-32 474,10	-78 773,40
Loan	-30 000,00	-15 000,00
Transfers to reserves	-363 712,21	-322 045,50
Material Board reserves	-44 870,96	-23 973,06

Equity

Retained earnings	-148 638,89	-148 638,89
Outcome 30.11.2025		-471 415,56
Total liabilities & equity	-967 096,84	-1 356 747,09

Outcome of the material appr. system:

Income
Costs
Profit

80%
20%

Liquidity calculation 01.01-31.12

Liquidity at update	1 053 448,21
Forecast -31.12	-471 805,13
Diff.	581 643,08

Pre-payments, refunds etc

WFCs 2027 fees	46 000,00	70 000	24000
From reserves	-45 000,00		
WFC DA	-44 955,00		
Liquidity 31.12		Forecast	Paid
537 688,08			

Follow-up IFF claims (updated 30.11.2025)

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WFC 2025-2026 teams

Appendix 4

Association	Total debt	Paid WFC 2025	Paid U19 WFC 2025	Paid WFC 2026	Paid U19 WFC 2026	IFF Events organiser debt	Pay-off plan followed	Pay-off plan not followed	Comments
Australia	0	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	23.12.2024	23.12.2024	0			
Austria	0	12.10.2023	30.01.2024	16.01.2025	16.01.2025	0			
Belgium	0	24.10.2023	24.10.2023	25.10.2024	Not registered	0			
Canada	7200	04.01.2024	04.01.2024	13.01.2025	13.01.2025	7200	X		U19WFC2019 org.
China	0	Not registered	Not registered	15.05.2025	Not registered	0			
Czech Republic	0	20.12.2023	07.12.2023	20.12.2024	30.10.2024	0			
Denmark	0	08.01.2024	08.01.2024	03.01.2025	27.12.2024	0			
Estonia	0	27.12.2023	27.12.2023	18.12.2024	Not registered	0			
Finland	0	13.12.2023	13.12.2023	04.12.2024	04.12.2024	0			
France	0	31.01.2024	31.01.2024	02.12.2024	02.12.2024	0			
Germany	0	22.04.2024	22.04.2024	19.12.2024	19.12.2024	0			
Great Britain	0	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	15.01.2025	Not registered	0			
Hong Kong, China	0	Not registered	Not registered	03.01.2025	Not registered	0			
Hungary	0	17.02.2024	Not registered	10.12.2024	03.01.2025	0			
Iceland	0	Not registered	Not registered	02.01.2025	Not registered	0			
India	0	03.01.2024	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	0			
Italy	0	11.01.2024	11.01.2024	19.12.2024	19.12.2024	0			
Japan	0	11.01.2024	11.01.2024	06.01.2025	06.01.2025	0			
Korea	0	27.12.2023	Not registered	23.12.2024	Not registered	0			
Latvia	4000	31.05.2024	03.04.2024	03.04.2025	03.04.2025	0			Annual fee 2025
Liechtenstein	0	Not registered	Not registered	20.12.2024	Not registered	0			
Netherlands	0	03.01.2024	03.01.2024	30.12.2024	Not registered	0			
New Zealand	0	27.12.2023	27.12.2023	27.11.2024	27.11.2024	0			
Norway	0	28.12.2023	28.12.2023	13.11.2024	13.11.2024	0			
Philippines	2700	26.06.2024	Not registered	28.03.2025	Not registered	0	X		Ann.fee 2022 part, Ann.fee 2025
Poland	0	23.04.2024	23.04.2024	25.03.2025	20.03.2025	0			
Singapore	0	29.01.2024	04.12.2023	27.12.2024	27.12.2024	0			
Slovakia	0	31.05.2024	31.05.2024	30.12.2024	30.12.2024	0			
Slovenia	0	Not registered	14.03.2024	05.02.2025	Not registered	0			
Solomon Islands	0	Not registered	Not registered	08.11.2024	Not registered	0			
Spain	0	07.02.2024	07.02.2024	03.01.2025	Not registered	0			
Sweden	0	17.10.2023	30.10.2023	15.11.2024	08.11.2024	0			
Switzerland	0	01.12.2023	03.11.2023	28.10.2024	07.11.2024	0			
Thailand	1800	27.12.2023	Not registered	01.04.2025	Not registered	0			Annual fee 2025
Ukraine	9000	Not registered	29.05.2024	20.12.2024	24.12.2024	0		X	Plan: 1700 in Oct. start 2021. Ann.fee 2024. Paused
USA	0	24.01.2024	24.01.2024	30.12.2024	Not registered	0			
	24 700					0			

Follow-up IFF claims 30.11.2025 - Associations not participating in WFC/U19 WFC 2025-2026

Appendix 5

Association	Total debt	IFF Events organising	Pay-off plan is followed	Pay-off plan is not followed	Comments
Argentina	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Armenia	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Belarus	9500	0			Annual fees 2019-25. Suspended
Benin	500	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2025
Brazil	2500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2020-24
Burkina Faso	3700	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2020-24
Cameroon	4500	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fees 2019-23, 2025
Central Africa	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2020-25
Chinese Macau	500	0			Annual fee 2024
Colombia	750	0	X		Annual fee 2023 (partly)-2024.
Cote d'Ivoire	16 000	0		X	Annual fees 2017-2018,2021-25, WFCQ 2020&2022. Plan: 500 per quarter starting March 2020.
Croatia	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Georgia	3500	0			Annual fees 2019-25
Haiti	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Indonesia	7000	0			Participated in SEA Games. Annual fees 2019 & 2021-25
Iran	500	0			Annual fee 2025
Ireland	1500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-21. On hold
Israel	0	0			Have not participated in any IFF event
Jamaica	3000	0			Annual fee 2020-25
Kazakhstan	500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2025
Kenya	10 200	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2019-25
Kiribati	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2020-25
Kuwait	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2020-25
Laos	0	0			New member 2025
Lithuania	1000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2024-25
Malaysia	10 300	0		X	Annual fee 2020, 2022-25. Communicating ongoing
Malta	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Mexico	500	0			Annual fee 2024
Moldova	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Mongolia	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Mozambique	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Nigeria	3500	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fees 2019-25
Pakistan	8500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Portugal	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Romania	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Russia	17 500	0		X	Annual fee 2020, 2022-25. Suspended
Rwanda	3500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Serbia	5500	0			Annual fees 2019-25
Sierra Leone	5600	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Somalia	3000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fee 2019, 2021-25
South Africa	1500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-21. On hold
Togo	3000	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2020-25
Turkey	9500	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
Uganda	6600	0			Have played Africa Floorball Cup. Annual fee 2019-25
Venezuela	5000	0			Have not participated in any IFF event. Annual fees 2019-25
	192 650	0			

DEBTS PAY-OFF PLANS (IFF Events participants)

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APPENDIX 6

Canada		Plan is followed	
Debt 17.2.2023	18000		CAD
New/Additional Payments	0	Plan 31.7 annually 5000 CAD until cleared	
	3600 31.7.2023		5000
	3600 23.6.2024		5000
	3600 31.7.2025		5000
	31.7.2026		5000
	31.7.2027		6000
Debt 30.11.2025	7200		
Colombia		Plan is followed	
Debt 30.11.2024	1500	Annual fees 2022, 2023, 2024	
New/Additional Payments	0		
	750	Plan: 750 CHF 30.06.2025 & 30.06.2026	
Debt 30.11.2025	750		
Philippines		Plan is followed	
Debt 17.04.2024	3600	Annual fees 2021, 2022	
New/Additional Payments	1800	Annual fee 2025	
	2700	Plan 900 CHF every 6 months starting 30.6.2024	
Debt 30.11.2025	2700		
Ukraine		Plan is paused	
Debt 13.12.2019	8500		
New/Additional Payments	2200	Annual fee 2024	
		Plan 31.10 annually 1700 until cleared	
	1700 09.12.21		
Debt 30.11.2025	9000		
Cote d'Ivoire		Plan is not followed	
Debt 13.12.2019	2000		
New/Additional Payments	16500	WFCQ &, ann. fee 2020-2021, WFCQ & ann. fee 2022-2025	
		Plan 500 CHF every Quarter	
	1500 2020, 2021, 2022		
	1000 11.01.2024 (4th-5th)		
Debt 30.11.2025	16000		
Malaysia		Plan is not followed	
Debt 13.12.2019	3700		
New/Additional Payments	12500	Ann. fee 2020-2025	
		Plan Communication is ongoing	
	1500 31.01.20		
	2200 13.05.20		
	2200 14.12.21		
Debt 30.11.2025	10300		
Belarus		Suspended	
Debt 31.12.2024	9000	Annual fees 2019-2024	
New/Additional Payments	500	Annual fee 2025	
Debt 30.11.2025	9500		
Russia		Suspended	
Debt 13.12.2019	1000	U19Q 2019	
New/Additional Payments	19500	U19/WFCQ/Ann fee 2020, Annual fee 2022-2025	
	1000 18.11.20	U19Q 2019	
	2000 20.07.21	U19/WFCQ 2020	
Debt 30.11.2025	17500		

BUDGET 2026

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Appendix 7

	COSTS		GA 2024 Budget 2026	Proposal of update 2026	
	Cost Centre				
10	Central activities		31 960	37 000	
11	Office		839 500	839 500	1)
12	Central Board		46 700	46 700	
13	ExCo		6 500	6 500	
14	GA/AM		10 000	10 000	
15	External Meetings		13 600	13 600	
17	Parafloorball		3 000	3 000	
18	Equality function		6 200	6 200	
19	Athletes Commission		11 000	11 000	
20	WFC		172 700	172 700	
21	U19 WFC		87 000	87 000	
22	EFC		44 000	44 000	
23	Champions Cup		248 640	243 400	2)
24	The World Games		25 000	25 000	
25	EC		0	0	
26	Regional Games		16 000	16 000	
27	3v3 WFC		14 400	30 000	
29	Anti-Doping		36 000	36 000	
30	WADA and Edu. Meetings		3 000	3 000	
40	Event & Comp. Structure Committee		12 000	12 000	
50	Referee Committee		13 600	13 600	
60	Development		26 300	26 300	
61	Development equipment		120 000	109 000	
70	Material		97 700	97 700	
80	Marketing		60 500	60 500	
81	TV		171 000	185 000	
82	Internet TV		0	0	
83	Information/Media		33 700	37 700	
84	IFF app		140 000	140 000	
85	Anniversaries & Awards		0	20 000	
89	Medical committee		6 000	6 000	
91	Appeal Committee		1 000	1 000	
92	Disciplinary Committee		1 000	1 000	
	TOTAL		CHF	2 298 000	2 340 400

1) Based on 9,5 (2025) -10/10,5 (2026) full-time employees+office space

2) CC will be evaluated in 2025 & decision will be made about continuing or not

	INCOME		Budget 2026	Proposal 2026	
	Account				
2830	Anniversary reserves		0	20 000	
3011	Transfers		130 000	145 000	
3012	Participation fees		314 900	321 300	
3013	Organizers fee		358 000	355 500	
3014	Shared cost payments		87 000	88 500	
3019	Temporary play		8 800	2 300	
3020	Sports Nationality		10 500	7000	
3210	Membership fees		198 000	198 000	
3219	Fines		10 000	10 000	
3250	Sponsors & advertisements		201 500	200 000	
3251	Value in kind		141 000	141 000	
3260	TV		205 000	205 000	
3261	Radio		0	0	
3270	IFF Media app		148 000	171 500	
3300	Office support		89 000	79 000	
3310	Development support		29 000	29 000	
3510	Sales		5 000	5 000	
3520	Ticket provision		100 000	100 000	
3860	Material approval income		260 000	260 000	
3861	Material exemptions		1 500	1 500	
3899	Other incomes		800	800	
8020	Interest		0	0	
8080	Exchange rate gains		0	0	
	TOTAL		CHF	2 298 000	2 340 400
	Result		CHF	0	0



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Member of the International Floorball Federation (IFF) and Sports Committee of Ukraine (SCU)

Dear Filip and John. On behalf of the Ukrainian Floorball Federation (UFF), we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continuous support and cooperation — especially during this challenging time for our country.

We deeply appreciate your openness, professionalism, and contribution to the development of floorball around the world.

We are writing to kindly ask you to review the amount of our outstanding debt to the IFF, which currently stands at 9,000 CHF.

We fully understand the origin and nature of this debt and remain morally committed to fulfilling our obligations regarding its repayment. However, from an objective point of view, we must acknowledge that repaying this debt has a critical impact on the development of floorball in Ukraine.

At this stage, we have a significant need for resources to continue building floorball in Ukraine as a competitive sport based on democratic values, one that can develop independently from state support.

Our goal is for our income to be sufficient to maintain the essential elements of the sport at a high level — including renting quality venues for competitions, ensuring proper media presence, strengthening our internal institutions (refereeing, coaching development, etc.), and promoting the sport in an appealing and professional way.

In light of the above and considering our active participation in IFF activities and our overall responsibility in meeting our financial obligations (apart from the exceptional situation that led to this debt), we kindly ask you to consider either a full or substantial reduction of our debt — for instance, to leave the remaining amount at 3,000 CHF.

We would like to emphasize that we remain fully committed to the values of the IFF, adhere to all international rules and standards, and, in case our request cannot be granted, we will continue to responsibly fulfill our financial obligations in accordance with the agreed schedule.

We sincerely hope for your understanding, goodwill, and support in our shared mission to develop floorball in Ukraine — even under these difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,
Chairman of the Board
“Ukrainian Floorball Federation”

Andrii Oiovych

16th of November, Helsinki, Finland 2025

Proposed Report for the IFF Executive Committee meeting on November 12th, 2025

Venue: Over Teams

Time: Wednesday 12th of November 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

Present:

- Mr. Filip Suman, President, chair
- Mr. Jörg Beer, vice president
- Ms. Pakkamol Siriwat
- Ms. Helén Wiklund Wårell
- Mr. John Liljelund, secretary general, secretary

§ 1 *Opening of the meeting*

Mr. Suman opened the meeting at 17:00 CET

§ 2 *Recap from the last CB meetings*

The ExCo evaluated the status of the Tasks on the List of CB decisions after the CB meeting 5/2025 (**Appendix**)

The IFF ExCo were given five concrete tasks, by the two previous CB meetings and the ExCo evaluated the status of the progress of the these

1) To prepare a proposal for a new Auditor for the IFF – Deadline 10.11.2025

Ms. Wiklund Wårell reported that there has been a meeting with an interested auditor and now Mr. Kratz will have a meeting with them next week. Based on this they will make an offer for IFF. The topic will be discussed in the next ExCo and CB meeting.

2) To finalise the invitation for the IFF Associations meeting 12.-13.12. in Ostrava and define the main topics for the meeting – Deadline 7.11. completed

Mr. Suman reported that the program has been finalised and the program has been sent to the member federations last week, so the task has been finalised.

3) To prepare a proposal for how to deal with the Mexican proposal of a Pan-American group – Deadline 28.11.2025

Mr. Suman to report that IFF will have a meeting with the Mexican federation over Teams on the 14th of November to discuss the matter. The outcome of the meeting will be reported in the ExCo meeting in December.

4) To prepare the IFF materials for Brisbane 2032 – Deadline 10.11.2025

Mr. Suman reported that the preparation for the fact sheet and the supporting letter has been prepared by him and Mr. Liljelund, in cooperation with the Floorball Australia limited executive director Mr. Steve King. (**Appendix**). Mr. Beer and Ms. Wiklund Wårell felt that the documents are well prepared and the data sheet has very good information. Ms. Siriwat felt that this is a good approach to see the 3v3 in a different light. Mr. Suman felt that we have a low possibility to being shortlisted for the program proposal of 7-8 sports, as they will count all the new sports from Paris and Los Angeles in as new sport. Mr. Beer asked if we could add a video of the 3v3 from Winterthur.

The materials will be sent to the Brisbane 2032 OC after the ExCo meeting

5) To prepare the proposal for the IFF Service Awards recipients – Deadline 30.8.2026

Mr. Suman conclude that as the deadline for this task only lies in the end of August next year, the ExCo is to start collecting ideas for potential candidates after the WFC 2025

§ 3

Future of the Champions Cup and the five year vision 2026-2031

Mr. Suman presented that the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG) has held a few meetings this autumn to look for a long-term solution for how to increase the importance and visibility of the competition. The initial solution was to make the changes in two stages, including cancelling the conference system but due to calendar issues in Sweden, the proposal which will be discussed in the CCSG meeting on the 14.11. is to continue with the present system of two conferences for the season 2026-2027.

The meeting on the 14.11. will discuss which changes could be implemented already for season 2026-2027 including connection between Champions Cup and EFC Cup where the EFC winner 2026 which will be played in August 2026 would receive a spot and the EFT country with the lowest ranking will have only the champions. This is to be confirmed by both the CCSG and the EFC country meeting during the WFC.

§ 4

Preparation of the WFC and the meetings during it

Mr. Liljelund reported that the preparation of the WFC is proceeding well, but there are a number of issues that are still to be finalised.

1) IFF CB meeting on Thursday 11.12. 8:30 – 13:30 CET

The deadline for the normal materials is to be handed in on the 27th of November, and the CB agenda will be sent out on the 6th of December.

The ExCo discussed the main topics that the CB meeting will need to discuss, among others the new competition structure. As agreed at the CB the Calendar Working Group (CWG) is preparing the full information package including list of questions that could rise from the new competition structure and the answers for that. The CWG had a meeting November 7 and has agreed upon a timeline for the work until the CB meeting and the Association meeting (**Appendix**). ExCo had no comments to the timeline.

2) IFF Association meeting 2025 9:00 – 15:00 CET on the 12th and 13th of December

Mr. Suman to report that the approved Agenda for the Association meeting has been sent out last week to the members. The present number of registered federations is 19 (with still 8 countries participating in the event not having registered), with 45 persons participating. The deadline for registration will be on the 21.11.2025.

After finalization of the AM participants the ExCo will discuss how the CB and the present committee chairs' tasks will be divided, so that everybody can start to prepare. Also, the content of the different presentations will be discussed. The final approval of the leaders for the working groups will be decided in the December ExCo meeting.

3) Meeting with the EuroFloorball Cup countries concerning the participation in the Champions Cup Sunday 14th of December, at 8:30 CET

Mr. Suman informed that the invitation for the meeting will go out this week from the IFF Office to the countries ranked 5 to 10.

§ 5

CB Yearly plan

Mr. Suman initiated the discussion of the Yearly plan documents that has already been provided by the Committees and sent to the ExCo members for comments (**Appendix**) and also which documents were not provided in time.

The process for the ExCo is to determine whether the documents are a) in line with the given task in the Yearly plan or whether b) they need to be further updated. If the documents are found OK, they will be sent to the CB, after the ExCo meeting for comments and check there are no major obstacles to discuss the document at the CB. If the document is not sufficient there will be discussion with the committee chair how to update the document. The main goal is to avoid the situation that a document would not be approved at the CB meeting. During the discussion it was expressed that ideally, we need to create a feeling of what is excepted from different documents, as it is difficult to set without any more concrete guidance. Sometimes if there are more documents of the same topic it would be easier if we would have a common template for such documents. Such template will exist for all strategical documents. ExCo agreed it will be a learning process. Mr. Suman confirmed that each committee chair has a possibility to ask individually for expectation about an individual document in the Yearly plan.

ExCo discussed the first 7 documents which were provided from Committee chairs. There we two documents were ExCo agreed the need a further update. It was the ParaFloorball document which doesn't describe the situation of ParaFloorball in the different member federations and the document for the Procedures for the scheduling and assignment of referees and referee coaches for IFF events and international matches which needs to have a much more specific information of the process. The aim is to motivate the committees to enhance the level of the documents. The ExCo decided that Mr. Suman will discuss the Referee and ParaFloorball committee chairs concerning their documents and send the other five documents to the CB members in beginning of next week.

Mr. Suman will also contact those chairs where documents were not provided in time. The documents that are not ready yet will be discussed by the ExCo in December.

§ 6

The IFF Committees

Mr. Suman reported on the process with the committees and the next steps to be taken in the coming months. So far there are a few committees that haven't had any meetings yet, but most of them have their meetings scheduled. Mr. Suman will contact the committee chairs with missing information in the reporting tool.

Mr. Beer informed that there has been a meeting with all the swiss committee members and received some good feedback that IFF has included more persons. Mr. Suman added that the same kind of feedback has been received in the Fit4Future meeting held in November. Ms. Wiklund Wårell informed that she has had a presentation for the Swedish CB and the district leadership about why it is important to support the International development.

Mr. Suman reminded that the CB discussed the need to find a solution for a comprehensive data collection system for the communication for the committee members and a platform for all the materials. Secretary general was given the task to create a proposal for an online workspace for communication and document management. Exco will discuss potential options including applying for a non-profit Swiss organisation for either Microsoft 365 or Google workspace. Mr. Suman asked if Mr. Beer knows whether the Swiss floorball federation that are declared if they are non-profit and would then be allowed to apply the privilege for Microsoft or Googles partners. The ExCo felt that this needs to be prepared as a non-profit or as a paying customer, which will be done by the Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund

§ 7

European Championships 2030

Mr. Beer reported on further development related of the European Championships 2030 in Switzerland. The Swiss sports parliament will be held on the 14th of November, which will discuss the proposal. Mr. Liljelund has provided some basic data for the initial discussions with the rights holder of the event for Mr. Beer.

§ 8

Finnish Betting case

Mr. Liljelund reported that the Finnish federation disciplinary committee are still presently working with the individual persons cases and are predicting to have decisions in end of November. When IFF receives the cases from the Finnish DC, the IFF disciplinary committee will start to work on this.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the IFF Ethics Commission has prepared a education material for the participants of the WFC 2025, to be presented at the Captains and Technical meeting for the Team Captains, Team leaders and Head coaches of the participating teams, with the Event Jury, Referee coaches management and the LOC and IFF Staff.

§ 9

Next ExCo meeting

The next ExCo meeting will be held on Tuesday 2.12. at 17:00 CET

The next meeting will be held as follows

January	Wednesday 14.01. at 17:00 CET
February	Wednesday 18.02. at 17:00 CET

§ 10

Any other topics

Mr. Suman informed that concerning the application for the sport program of The World Games 2029 in Karlsruhe, Germany, that needs to be handed in by the 16th of December. The ExCo to discuss this more in depth in the next ExCo meeting.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the situation with the WFC Trophy has been changed due to the increased price for the presentation and replica trophy, which will now be over 6.300 EUR. That is why there will be the presentation trophy and replica trophy for the WFC winner, 2nd and 3rd team will get regular prizes. The presentation trophy will have to be returned in some months. The IFF and WFC LOC are still discussing to have an agreement with the factory which produces the trophy. Further the IFF will prepare a waiver for the winning team of 5.000 CHF if they will break the trophy, which has to be signed during the WFC.

§ 11

Closing of meeting

Mr. Suman to close the meeting 18:40 CET.

7th of December, Brno, Czechia, 2025

Proposed Minutes for the IFF Executive Committee meeting on December 2nd, 2025

Venue: Over Teams
Time: Tuesday 2nd of December 2025, 17:00 – 18:30 CET
Present: Mr. Filip Suman, President, chair
 Mr. Jörg Beer, vice president
 Ms. Pakkamol Siriwat
 Ms. Helén Wiklund Wårell
 Mr. John Liljelund, secretary general, secretary

§ 1 ***Opening of the meeting***
 Mr. Suman opened the meeting at 17:00 CET and welcomed the members

§ 2 ***Recap from the last CB meetings***
 The ExCo evaluated the status of the Tasks on the List of CB decisions after the CB meeting 5/2025 (**Appendix**). ExCo went through individual tasks and checked their status, main part of the tasks is handled or in process, in accordance to the given deadlines, but there are some which need more attention.

Mr. Suman felt that the committee secretaries should remind the committee chairs where there are deadlines coming up for their committees. The question of how to handle this will need to be discussed in the CB.

The IFF ExCo were given few concrete tasks, by the two previous CB meetings and the ExCo is to evaluate the status of the progress of these

- 1) To prepare a proposal for a new Auditor for the IFF – Deadline 10.11.2025
 Ms. Wiklund Wårell reported that discussions with a Swedish auditor company have been held and that Mr. Kratz has had a Teams meeting with them to both give and get information. The company, BDO Mälardalen AB, and its main responsible Mr. Jonas Mårtensson has handed in a tentative cost proposal to take on the auditing of IFF. The price is around 6.000 CH per year, which is more than the 1.500 CHF that Mr. Brandstam invoiced.

The ExCo discussed the offer of the auditor company BDO Mälardalen AB, specifically the price at the Mr. Brandstam service was really partner price based on long term relationships. ExCo decided to propose to the CB the company BDO Mälardalen as the auditor for the IFF.

- 2) To prepare a proposal for how to deal with the Mexican proposal of a Pan-American group – Deadline 28.11.2025
 Mr. Suman reported that IFF has had a meeting with the Mexican federation over Teams and sent a letter asking a few questions, to which the Mexican federation has answered. The ExCo discuss the next steps in the process (**Appendix**). Mr. Suman felt that we still need to gather information and orientate us in the situation and Ms. Siriwat felt that we should ask for tangible next steps, as the approach is still a bit vague. The documents will be provided to the CB and prepare some more questions to the Mexican federation.

- 3) To prepare the IFF materials for Brisbane 2032 – Deadline 10.11.2025

Mr. Suman reported that the information package and the application letter has been sent to the Brisbane OC and IFF has received a confirmation of reception. The task is finalised.

4) To prepare the proposal for the IFF Service Awards recipients – Deadline 30.8.2026
Mr. Suman concluded that as the deadline for this task only lies in the end of August next year, the ExCo is to start collecting ideas for potential candidates after WFC2025.

§ 3

Future of the Champions Cup and the five year vision 2026-2031

The Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG) in the previous meeting discussed that due to impossible agreement to agree on same dates for all 4 countries to continue with the present system of two conferences one more year for the season 2026-2027. That is why CCSG has proposed that during the season 2026-2027 there will not be made any changes but instead implement agreed changes and a re-branding of the competition for the season 2027-2028.

Mr. Suman informed EFT countries that in such case CB needs to confirm the financial support. The CCSG will meet on Friday the 12.12. to discuss the question of the dates and the steps forward. (Appendix)
IFF will start the discussion with the Six Nation countries in Ostrava on the 14.12., to discuss the connection between EFC and the Champions Cup.

ExCo to propose to the CB to confirm the budget for the Champions Cup for the season 2026-2027

§ 4

Calendar Working Group - Calendar Information Package

Mr. Suman reported that the Calendar Working Group (CWG) had multiple meetings and has finalised the Calendar Information package for the membership in a meeting on the 28.11. (Appendix). The ExCo members found the document to be very good and is selling the topic in a perfect way. The document is easy to read.

The ExCo prepared for the discussion in the upcoming CB meeting and how and when it will be published and sent to the member federations. The plan is to send the version to the CB members on Thursday.

§ 5

WFC 2025, Central Board and other meeting

Mr. Liljelund reported that the preparation of the WFC is proceeding well, but there are several issues that are still to be finalised, but the LOC will provide a professional event. Most of the CB members will arrive on Wednesday 10.12. and all members should be present at the IFF CB meeting.

The ExCo discussed the different meetings and how to work with them

1) IFF CB meeting on Thursday 11.12. 8:30 – 13:30 CET

The deadline for the normal materials was on the 27th of November, and the CB agenda will be sent out on Friday 5th of December.

The preparation for the CB meeting is presently ongoing and the main topics for the meeting will be the Yearly Plan documents, the new Competition Regulations for National Teams and Friendly international matches, updated budget for the 2026, proposal for the Rules of the Game 2026. The CB Agenda planner gives the idea of what will be on the Agenda (Appendix) Mr. Suman felt that there are quite a lot on the Agenda and we need to make a time plan for how to handle the matter. The ExCo were content with the information and will try to finalise the agenda during next days.

Ms. Wiklund Wårell presented the updated Budget for 2026 based on the actual situation and the new things affecting us (**Appendix**). The actual participation fees were not known when the original budget was made, transfers and app income are raising. The most significant changes are for the income: Transfers raised with 15,000, Sponsor sales lowered with 11,000 (the betting issue) and IFF Media app raised with 27,000. The main cost changes are 3v3 WFC raised with 11,500 (now a standalone event), TV raised 19,000 and Anniversary & awards 20,000 (was not at all originally, the sum is the same that has already been allocated) In the notes the Champions Cup still needs to be discussed and the cost for the new Auditor. ExCo discussed some parts of the budget, made some corrections and find some parts that needs to be checked. The Budget proposal should be given to the CB for discussion and approval.

2) IFF Association meeting 2025 9:00 – 15:00 CET on the 12th and 13th of December

Mr. Suman to report that the ExCo is to prepare the running of the Association meeting and prepare for the responsibilities of the CB members, how the working groups composition will be built. The list of the registered participants and the program for the meeting is attached.

(**Appendix**) There are a total of 31 member associations participating and there are about 54 persons now expected to take part in the meeting

None of the CB members have sent in any questions for the Committee session in the Association meeting. .

ExCo went through all sessions of the Association meeting. The Friday is more prepared, as Ms. Svobodova and Mr. Dilger are preparing the Development session and 3v3 topic, which is being prepared by Mr. Liljelund.

The ExCo felt that for some of the sessions the groups should not be bigger than 4-6 persons, as in smaller groups people tend to speak more.

For the Saturday session there are certain general questions that all groups will discuss. The groups in the second part of the committee session, was supposed to be built on the topics proposed by the CB members, but as there was none, the groups will be built regionally and Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund will prepare some questions, which will be discussed at the CB. For the Competition Structure change session will start with the presentation of Ms. Mitchell, which has to be recorded since she is already on her way to SEA games. As also Mr. Klabere can not take part in the panel discussion, it will be led by Mr. Suman. ExCo discussed how the presentation should be structured. Ms. Siriwat felt that it is not a problem if there are some repetition as the change is really important.

3) Meeting with the EuroFloorball Cup countries concerning the participation in the Champions Cup Sunday 14th of December, at 8:30 CET

The invitation for the meeting has been sent out in accordance with the ExCo decision.

§ 6

CB Yearly plan documents

Mr. Suman reported that when he sent the first package of the Yearly Plan documents to the IFF CB members, there were no negative feedback from the CB members.

Mr. Beer informed about the the Partners committee has provided the two Yearly Plan documents for the CB meeting, which the ExCo discussed (**Appendix**). The documents give a good view of how we are handling the sponsors and where we have the issues. The second document is defining based on a SWOT analysis of how to build the IFF inventory and good sales materials and defining the annual financial goals for the sponsorship to improve the income. ExCo discussed the documents, agreed they are ready for CB with some updates. The part of the media rights should be clearly communicated that it is the responsibility of the TV

Rights committee. The system of sales should be more concretely described and how it is handled. ExCo also discussed how much in detail we are to present the marketing sales and the goals for 2026. Decided CB will get quite detail information and it will be handled as internal document.

Exco evaluated that there are some documents from the Competition Structure, Internal Communication and Six nations committees are still missing. The CB will need to discuss how to handle the situation if some documents are still missing long after submission deadline.

§ 7

The IFF Committees

Mr. Liljelund reported on the preparations on the solution for the comprehensive data system for the communication for the committee members and a platform for all the materials. The two preferred solutions are either Googel Drive or Microsroft 365. Ms. Siriwat has investigated the possibilities for how to go forward with the Google Drive. Mr. Liljelund has investigated the option for how to build the Microsoft 365 solution, but the company in Finland has not yet come back with a concreate proposal. The question if we can get one as a non-profit version in Switzerland is still to be defined. Mr. Beer explained that the federation is automatically a non-profit organisation in Switzerland. Mr. Suman felt that we should apply for the non-profit status from both Google and Microsoft, with the core of 30 persons which need standard license and the others can be like a guest.

§ 8

Finnish Betting case

Mr. Liljelund to report that the competition and disciplinary group of the Finnish league (KKR) will give their decisions in the betting case on the 3rd of December. There were in the end 115 suspects altogether and the KKR is preparing both sanctions and released without any sanction, because they were not under the jurisdiction of the Finnish League and betting as such is not illegal in Finland. There will most likely be three different lengths of suspensions given buy the KKR.

The Finnish federation Mr. Ville-Mikko Korkka has asked the IFF to help in the process of moving the Finnish KKR decisions of sanction to become International either by having them confirmed by the IFF Disciplinary committee or by a supporting statement. ExCo will discuss this.

There are still five persons under the investigation of the FINCIS concerning the betting of the FIN-NOR game during the WFC 2024 and FINCIS has informed that the further investigations will be finalized by Mid-December 2025.

ExCo felt that it is very important that we should control that the player is not allowed to play in another country. We need to find the way to extend the sanction of one country. The question is if the IFF DC will make a decision or an recommendation for a sanction.

Mr. Liljelund informed that the Ethics commission has prepared a more rigid education package for the Captains & Technical meeting for the WFC 2025.

§ 10

Application for disciplines for The World Games 2029

Mr. Suman reported that the deadline for the application for participation in The World Games 2029 is the 16th of January 2025. Ms. Mitchell has after discussions with Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund, prepared a proposal where we are proposing to include 3v3 in addition to the present 8+8 Men's and Women's 5v5 tournament. (**Appendix**).

The ExCo discussed the proposal and felt that it is good to propose an extra discipline and the which will be brought to CB for decision.

§ 11

Next ExCo meeting

As this was the last meeting in 2026 Mr. Suman thanked the ExCo members for their commitment and work in the ExCo for the whole year of 2026.

The next ExCo meeting will be held on Wednesday 14.01. at 17:00 CET

The next meeting will be held as follows

February Wednesday 18.02. at 17:00 CET

§ 12

Closing of meeting

Mr. Suman closed the meeting at 19:05

Prepared by: IFF Members Development Committee

Date: 28/11/2025

For: IFF Central Board

General Members Development Plan – **Work in Progress** (to be finalized after feedback)

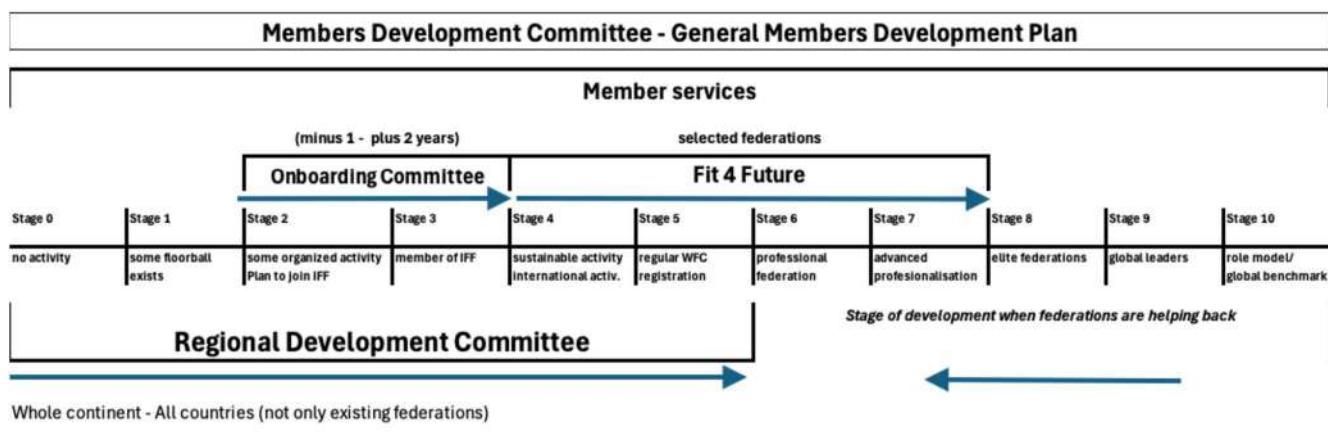
Introduction

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is committed to supporting the growth and professionalization of floorball worldwide. To ensure sustainable progress, the IFF has developed the **General Members Development Plan**, which outlines a structured pathway for the development of national federations across different stages of maturity. This plan introduces the **Evolution of Federations** – a step-by-step model that describes the typical development journey of a federation, from the first introduction of floorball in a country to becoming a fully established and internationally recognized member actively contributing back to the global floorball community.

The purpose of the plan is to:

- Provide a clear and universal framework for the development of national federations
- Help federations identify their current stage and define realistic next steps further
- Guide IFF in allocating programs, support and resources based on federation maturity
- Serve as a basis for regional development plans while keeping global consistency
- Ensure that all IFF bodies and programs involved in development (Members Development, Regional Development, Onboarding, Fit4Future etc.) work with the same structure and goals
- Support coordinated planning and tailored services across all IFF departments using the shared evolution model of federations

Evolution of the federations



Stage	Stage Name	Key Evaluation Aspects
0	No Activity	No activity, no clubs, no players, no contact with IFF.
1	Initial Presence (Some Floorball Exists)	Informal play (schools, hobby groups), no structure, first contacts forming, low awareness.
2	Organized Activities / Intention to Join IFF	Several regularly playing clubs or schools, local tournaments, first organizational structure, clear intent to join IFF.
3	Member of IFF	Official IFF membership, constitution and board in place, basic governance, regular communication and reporting.
4	Sustainable Activity / International Participation	Domestic competitions established, youth and grassroots programs active, international participation, consistent operations.
5	Regular Participation in WFC System	Regular WFC participation, player registration system, functioning national teams, partial professionalization, structured leagues.
6	Professional Federation	Paid staff (e.g., Secretary General), long-term strategy, financial sustainability, full WFC participation.
7	Advanced Professionalization	Ability to host major events, multiple full-time staff, defined structure, strong media and brand presence, high-level national league, strong international results, contribution to sport development.
8	Elite Federations	International influence, export of coaches and experts, strong media following, major contributor to IFF initiatives.
9	Global Leaders	Among top 6 sports in the country, model in governance and performance, strong social and cultural impact.
10	Role Model and Global Benchmark	Among top 3 sports in the country, model in governance and performance, strong social and cultural impact, global driver of innovation in the sport

Potential actions for the Regional Development Committees

Stage 0 – No Activity

- awareness-raising activities
- demonstrations to introduce the sport

Stage 1 – Initial Presence (Some Floorball Exists)

- still mostly awareness-raising activities
- discussions with involved persons about the right steps forward

Stage 2 – Organized Activities / Intention to Join IFF

- proposal to involve the New Members Onboarding Committee
- cooperation with other neighboring federations

Stage 3 – Member of IFF

- intensive cooperation with the New Members Onboarding Committee at this stage
- support the federation to be able to prove it can be a fruitful member of international community

Stage 4 – Sustainable Activity / International Participation

- Fit 4 Future program can start to play a stronger role in guiding development

Stage 5 – Regular Participation in World Floorball Championships (WFC) system

- Fit 4 Future program play a stronger role in guiding development

Stage 6 – Professional Federation

- Fit 4 Future program play a key role in guiding development

Proposal: Data Collection on the Utilization of IFF Services by Member Federations in Asia–Oceania

Prepared by: Asia–Oceania Regional Development Committee

Chair: Pakkamol Siriwat

Date: 10 November 2025 (11 CET, Zoom)

1. Background and Context

The Asia–Oceania Regional Development Committee, established under the International Floorball Federation (IFF) Central Board, is tasked with promoting and monitoring the development of floorball in the region.

As part of its **first official deliverable** to the IFF CB, the Committee is required to prepare a “**Report on the Utilization of IFF Services within the Region**,” **which is to be submitted by November 4, 2025**, for the December 2025 CB meeting. However, our Committee was unable to meet the initial deadline for the deliverable. Nevertheless, we will provide a supplementary document outlining the strategy for collecting and analyzing data from national federations within the region.

This report will provide an evidence-based overview of how national federations in Asia and Oceania have accessed, utilized, and benefited from IFF programs and services, including coaching and referee education, equipment support, development grants, and participation in international events.

Given the diversity of development stages across member countries, a structured data collection process is necessary to ensure comparability and to identify gaps and future priorities for regional support.

2. Purpose and Objectives

Overall Aim:

To collect and analyze standardized data from all IFF member federations in Asia–Oceania on their engagement with IFF development services and programs (2023–2025), identifying usage patterns, challenges, and support needs.

Specific Objectives:

1. To document which IFF services (coaching, refereeing, education, grants, materials, workshops) have been utilized by national federations in the past two years.
2. To assess satisfaction levels, outcomes, and the impact of IFF support on national federation development.
3. To identify barriers or constraints limiting access to IFF services.
4. To generate regional recommendations for enhancing IFF's outreach and effectiveness in Asia–Oceania.

3. Scope of the Study

- **Geographical scope:** All 20 IFF-recognized member federations in the Asia–Oceania region (AOFC members), including emerging members in early development stages, see 'Regional Mapping' (i.e. Google sheet/organic document for internal work).
- **Time frame covered:** 2023–2025 (past two calendar years).
- **Data collection period:** November–December 2025.
- **Respondents:** Presidents, Secretaries-General, or Development Officers of national federations.

4. Methodology and Approach

4.1. Data Collection Method

A standardized **questionnaire** will be distributed to all national federations in the Asia-Oceania region via Google Form.

The questionnaire includes both **quantitative and qualitative** questions across seven sections:

1. General information
2. Federation capacity and structure
3. Federation activities
4. Utilization of IFF services
5. Budgeting and funding
6. Inclusivity and cooperation

It was proposed that the final questionnaire should be 'concise' and not aim to be too 'ambitious' to try to collect all possible data. It was suggested that the questionnaire should be done in increments (through a distribution of a smaller set of questionnaires over the year i.e., first questionnaire can cover: 1. General

Information 2) Federation capacity/structure 3) Federation activities 4) Utilization of IFF services; second questionnaire to focus on: 5) Budgeting/Funding 6) Inclusivity and cooperation). The reasoning is that national federations may not respond at all if the requested information is too long and detailed.

4.2. Data Sources

- **Primary data:** Federation self-reported questionnaire responses.
- **Secondary data:** IFF program participation records (coaching/referee course lists, development project records, etc.).

4.3. Analysis

- Responses will be coded and analyzed using Google Sheets. Comparative analysis by **subregion** (Southeast Asia, East Asia, South Asia, Oceania, Central/West Asia).
- Quantitative summaries (e.g., percentage of federations accessing specific services) and qualitative insights (e.g., challenges, priorities).
- The aim is to use data collected and analysed to set the Regional Development Strategy, as well as to inform IFF about activities/perspectives from the region.

5. Implementation Plan

Phase	Activities	Responsible	Timeline
1. Preparation	Meeting 2: Finalize draft of questionnaire and communication process to national federations as updated from CB Meeting in Helsinki, Finland (October 2025)	Chair & Secretary	Nov 2025
2. Data Collection	Distribute the final version of the questionnaire survey to all member federations and follow up	Subregional Leads	Nov–Dec 2025
3. Data Consolidation	Compile and clean responses	Secretary	Dec 2025

4. Analysis and Drafting	Prepare a regional summary, identify key findings	Chair + Analysis Team	Jan 2026
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5. Submission	Final report submitted to IFF CB	Chair	End of January
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6. Expected Outputs

1. **Comprehensive dataset** on IFF service utilization by all Asia–Oceania member federations.
2. **Analytical report (Deliverable #1)** summarizing findings, gaps, and recommendations for 2026–2028.
3. **Visual dashboard and summary charts** to present to the IFF CB in December 2025.
4. A baseline reference for subsequent deliverables (Federation Activities Report and Regional Development Plan).

7. Anticipated Benefits

- Enables the IFF and AOFC to **prioritize development investments** based on empirical data.
- Strengthens **accountability and visibility** of IFF services at the regional level.
- Fosters **peer learning** and collaboration among federations.
- Establishes a **baseline for monitoring progress** toward regional development goals (2026–2028).

8. Coordination and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
Chair	Strategic oversight, presentation of findings to CB

Subregional Leads	Southeast Asia (JQ, Cherie, Sarah), East Asia (JQ, Nan, Sarah), Oceania / Island-States (Anna, Harry), Central Asia (Winston, Nan, Tamuz), Middle East (Winston, Nan, Tamuz)
IFF Office	Technical assistance and data verification

9. Timeline Overview

Month	Activity
Nov 2025	Draft questionnaire to be finalized by the 17th of November 2025 Final questionnaire to be distributed to ‘national federations’ by the 19th of November 2025
Dec 2025	Data collection and validation (on a rolling basis) - encourage responses/seek engagement, and address needs to be ‘promoted’ by sub-regional members.
Jan 2026	Deadline for questionnaire responses to be collected by 15 January 2026 to begin the process of data analysis and report drafting
Feb 2026	Preparation of follow-up Deliverable #1 and Deliverable #2 (Federation Activities Report)

10. Expected Deliverables (Deliverable #1 and Deliverable #2)

Title: *Report on the Utilization of IFF Services within the Asia–Oceania Region*

Submission Deadline: XX / XX / 2025

Length: Approx. 5–6 pages with charts and comparative analysis.

Format: Written report with summary tables, annexed raw data matrix.

Title: Progress reports on the achievement of regional development goals

Submission Deadline: XX / XX / 2025

Length: Approx. 5–6 pages with charts and comparative analysis.

Format: Written report with summary tables, annexed raw data matrix.

Latinamerica Development Committee

Report on the utilisation of IFF services within the region

Introduction, Context and Methodology of the Request:

This report aims to assess the level of utilization (IFF) services and resources by the member countries within the region.

Methodology Used:

Given the late start of the committee's work, this task was addressed through an online consultation with the committee members themselves, based on what they know and use, as well as what they can gather from their own experience in relation to other countries.

Based on the principle that the completion of the task should not be influenced by a personal interpretation of it, the task was transmitted to the members as such. In this way, feedback was sought that corresponds to reality and was not biased by anyone.

The proposed task must be viewed from the perspective of the very specific situation within the countries of the region. A very basic development not only of the sport but also national structures that are not well defined and, in many cases, based on a single person.

Many of the countries in the region are not IFF members, and their practice of the sport is based on isolated projects that try to convene within a structure that does not yet exist.

Responses received and feedback:

Thus, the only response received has been from Colombia, which points out the services utilized as:

- The rules, and a handbook translated into Spanish
- Referee handbook
- Calendar for international tournaments
- News about IFF
- Contact information to members

We should probably have a categorized list of services available to members and, in this way, be able to offer their use in a really effective manner and one that serves their purpose.

And this catalog should be created in a coordinated manner with IFF Staff, as well as with the other regional committees, so that the responses subsequently have real validity.

Once this catalog is well defined, an inspection can be carried out regarding the degree of knowledge and use by the countries in the region.

Having this catalog can really serve the committee's own task very effectively, and thus it has been included in the annual plan to be approved at the next meeting.

Western European Development Committee

Report on the utilisation of IFF services within the region

Introduction, Context and Methodology of the Request:

This report aims to assess the level of utilization (IFF) services and resources by the member countries within the region.

Methodology Used:

Given the late start of the committee's work, this task was addressed through an online consultation with the committee members themselves, based on what they know and use, as well as what they can gather from their own experience in relation to other countries.

Based on the principle that the completion of the task should not be influenced by a personal interpretation of it, the task was transmitted to the members as such. In this way, feedback was sought that corresponds to reality and was not biased by anyone.

Responses received and feedback:

The first and most common response among members has been:

[do we have a list of IFF services?](#)

So a service catalog was started to be listed based on the knowledge of the committee members:

Administrative documents (rules & regulations, etc.)

Online webinars

Materials (This is floorball, education material, school curriculum, Go Girls etc.)

Support in education (development seminars etc.)

IFF transfers

IFF app streaming

Fit4Future project

Participation in other IFF projects

We consider this task requires a clear and categorized definition of the services available to members.

And this catalog should be created in a coordinated manner with IFF Staff, as well as with the other regional committees, so that the responses subsequently have real validity.

Once this catalog is well defined, an inspection can be carried out regarding the degree of knowledge and use by the countries in the region.

Conclusión:

The assigned task has not been truly completed in terms of having a view of the degree of use of the services offered, and we believe it should be clarified what these services are and how to access them, since the answer to this has not been clear, even from members with extensive experience and seniority within the Federation.

The inclusion and use of this catalog has been set as one of the objectives to be met within the committee's annual plan; as well as the coordination with other regional committees in the elaboration and categorization of these services.

27th November 2025
Mari Mylläriinen

Giving Up on X (Formerly Twitter)

The IFF Media Team has decided to discontinue its presence on X (formerly Twitter). Currently, the team manages the IFF's general social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, YouTube, and LinkedIn, as well as the Floorball Champions Cup channels on Facebook, Instagram, and X. Additionally, the team is responsible for updating content on the IFF website and the IFF App. There are also six other social media channels managed by local organisers for events like the WFC and U19 WFC on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

The decision to leave X was discussed during the latest External Communication Committee meeting on 9th November 2025. Committee members agreed that focusing on more successful platforms would be a prudent choice for the IFF, especially given our limited resources. Some national federations have already exited the platform, while others have scaled back their activity on X.

There is a growing trend among sports organizations to abandon X due to its toxic conversational climate, which includes hate speech, misinformation, and right-wing extremism. According to the European Commission (2023), "*X, formerly Twitter, has the highest proportion of disinformation among six major social networks.*" While some may argue that our presence on X is essential, we believe it is more beneficial to promote the IFF's core values—*inclusive, fun, fair, innovative, and supportive*—on platforms where our target audience is more engaged, rather than contending with harmful values from individuals who do not align with our mission.

Although IFF X has a respectable following of 13,941, the platform does not generate significant views or engagement compared to our other social media channels. For instance, during the WFC 2024 in Malmö, IFF's Instagram garnered 5,231,000 impressions, Facebook received 872,451, while IFF X only achieved 41,375 impressions. If we discontinue our presence on X, we anticipate that followers will migrate to our other channels, potentially resulting in growth on platforms like LinkedIn and Facebook.

By leaving X, the IFF Media Team can dedicate more time to channels with larger followings and higher engagement rates. This shift would also alleviate the workload for local organisers, who have not been particularly active on X, possibly due to their national associations' and target audience's absence from the platform. As increasing registered users on the IFF App is part of our strategy, encouraging local organisers to engage more actively on the IFF App—where they can share event-specific photos, videos, and written content—would be advantageous.

Task

As requested, I would like to outline how the newly established New Members Onboarding Committee will handle membership applications during the current period, before any new regulations or procedures are adopted.

Our work is fully based on the existing IFF Statutes and membership criteria. We apply the **current requirements in a structured and consistent way**. This ensures that applicants are not only accepted on paper, but are also prepared to meet their responsibilities as members.

Our approach

- Applying existing criteria properly: We check that all required documents are submitted, and also ensure that they reflect real activity and capacity.
- Encouraging development: We expect applicants to show progress in areas such as players, clubs, and events, but we also provide guidance on how to strengthen these.
- Clarity on registration and finance: Applicants need to demonstrate steps toward legal registration as a national entity and show how they will manage basic finances, including the provisional membership fee.
- Partnership role: The committee works not only as a reviewer, but also as a mentor – pointing out gaps, asking clarifying questions, and encouraging federations to grow into strong members.

Example – Zambia

At our first meeting on 13 October 2025, we reviewed the application from Zambia. We asked for clarifications on legal registration, number of players and clubs, activities, and financial planning. This allows Zambia to better understand what is expected and how to prepare step by step.

Outcome

By applying the existing rules in this consistent way, we avoid the problem of admitting federations that are not yet ready, while at the same time giving them clear guidance on how to reach the standards. This approach strengthens both the quality and the credibility of IFF membership.

Tamuz Hidir

Chair, New Members Onboarding Committee

Prepared by: IFF Event Committee, based on CB task
 Date: 27/11/2025
 For: IFF Central Board

IFF Central Board – VIP Regulations + Implementation Overview

This document provides an overview and management summary of the proposed IFF VIP Regulations for implementation across defined event categories.

The purpose is to establish a harmonised framework that ensures consistent standards of VIP hospitality while maintaining flexibility to reflect event scale, local culture, and available resources, and to guarantee that the level of service provided reflects all participating teams equally without giving preference mainly to the host team and local guests. The proposed framework distinguishes between mandatory ('MUST have') elements and recommended ('NICE to have') options, with enforcement integrated through the IFF Organiser Regulations.

Overview of Proposed Requirements by Event Category

Category	Adult WFC	U19 WFC	WFCQ / U19 WFCQ
General Focus	Premium-level experience; highest IFF standards	Balanced – adapted for junior level & arena conditions	Minimal setup – adapted for small-scale events
LOC Plan	6 months before event present final VIP set-up sent for IFF approval	2 months before event present final VIP set-up sent for IFF approval	1 months before event present final VIP set-up sent for IFF approval
VIP Entrance	Dedicated, separate from public	Preferably separate from public	If possible separate from public
VIP Welcome Desk	Dedicated, Welcome services for the VIP guests, provision of information, storage space etc.	Dedicated, Welcome services for the VIP guests, provision of information, storage space etc.	Not required
VIP Transport	Available shuttle service for defined IFF VIP guests	Not required	Not required

VIP Parking	Dedicated space for shuttle service, reserved parking for VIP guests etc.	Dedicated space for shuttle service, reserved specified number of parking for IFF VVIP guest at Main Arena.	Not required
VIP Seats	Dedicated seating area located in a suitable location, on the same side as Main TV camera, with easy access to the VIP lounge. Secured for VIP guests only	Dedicated seating area located in a suitable location, on the same side as Main TV camera, with easy access to the VIP lounge. Secured for VIP guests only	Dedicated seating area located in a suitable location, on the same side as Main TV camera, with easy access to the VIP lounge. Secured for VIP guests only
VIP Lounge	Dedicated area near VIP seats; branded; open 1h before–1h after	Dedicated area near VIP seats; branded; open 1h before–1h after	Simple area; open 30 min before–30 min after
Catering	Defined variety of snacks + soft drinks all day + min. 1 hot buffet meal; beer/wine policy	Defined variety of snacks + soft drinks all day + 1 hot buffet meal; no free alcohol required; available for purchase	Light snacks + Soft drinks all day
Staff & Security	Hospitality manager + trained staff with dress code; controlled access	Hospitality manager + trained staff or volunteers; controlled access	Minimal staffing acceptable; controlled access
Sustainability	Reduce food waste; align with environmental goals	Reduce food waste; align with environmental goals	Reduce food waste; align with environmental goals
Special Conditions	All arenas must comply with a unified minimum VIP service standard, with an enhanced level of VIP services required for the main arena during the final weekend.	All arenas must comply with a unified minimum VIP service standard; deviations possible upon IFF approval.	All arenas must comply with a unified minimum VIP service standard; deviations possible upon IFF approval. Possible to agree no VIP services for very small events

VIP Regulations Implementation

The IFF VIP Regulations shall become an official appendix to the IFF Organiser Regulations. They define mandatory and recommended standards for VIP services across all IFF events.

Implementation will be phased to ensure compliance and adaptation for different event categories.

Implementation Timeline

Step	Timeline	Action
Finalise and approve VIP Regulations (Adult WFC, U19 WFC, WFCQ/U19 WFCQ)	December 2025	CB approval
Apply to events	From 08/2026	All above mentioned events under new framework

Key Principles

- Consistency: Defined quality across all event categories.
- Cultural Adaptation: Allow regional flexibility while upholding minimum service levels.
- Accountability: LOCs must submit and get IFF approval for their VIP plans and possible deviations from the requirements before events.
- Sustainability: Create regulations that enable the LOC to meet both financial and environmental sustainability by minimising food waste and unnecessary costs to the LOC.

Next steps

After the approval of the management summary by the CB, the exact wording of the regulations containing the above-mentioned entitlements will be prepared by the Events Committee and made available to the national federations.

Prepared by: IFF Event Committee, based on year plan 2025/2026

Date: 04/11/2025

For: IFF Central Board

This proposal currently covers the evaluation of the Adult World Championships as the IFF's premium product. Once approved, it will be followed by a proposal outlining the evaluation structure for other types of IFF events.

Proposal of Procedures for the Evaluation of Adult WFC

Management Summary for the IFF Central Board

Part I – Evaluation Framework

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a unified and transparent evaluation process for all IFF events. It aims to ensure consistency, comparability, and continuous improvement across events, while providing the IFF Central Board (CB) with a clear understanding of each event's outcomes, impact, and legacy.

2. Structure of the Evaluation Process

The evaluation process is composed of four interlinked components, each serving a distinct but complementary role:

Central Board Management Summary – a concise, strategic-level synthesis prepared for the Central Board, based on data and insights gathered from the three reports below.



3. Objectives of the Evaluation

- Assess event performance against strategic goals and operational commitments.
- Identify key successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.
- Evaluate financial, sporting, and reputational impact.
- Capture the legacy and long-term benefits of each event.
- Strengthen data-driven decision-making and transparency across IFF structures.

Part II – Structure of the Management Summary

The Management Summary is a 2–3 page executive document intended for the Central Board. It focuses on strategic insights, not operational detail. Each event's summary shall include the following structured sections:

1. Introduction and Legacy

A brief overview answering from IFF perspective:

- why the event was organised
- what were its main goals and intended legacy
- who was responsible for delivery
- how success was defined

2. LOC Actions and Commitments

A short summary of what the LOC aimed to achieve:

- During the Event: eg. operational and audience targets.
- After the Event (Legacy):eg. intended long-term impacts.
(These serve as benchmarks for evaluation)

3. Evaluation Areas and Key Findings

a) Finance

- Revenues: ticketing, sponsorships, public funding, tourism revenue, other income
- Expenses: personnel, travel, accommodation, venues, marketing, entertainment, sustainability and legacy initiatives, other costs
- Financial result and variance vs. budget

b) Ticketing

- Ticket categories and pricing
- Sold vs. complimentary tickets
- Sales channels and timing
- Revenue performance vs. forecast

c) Attendance and Reach

- Total attendance and % of capacity filled
- Distribution (Preliminary vs. Play-offs, domestic vs. international)
- Record achievements (with reference to previous benchmarks)
- Origin of fans (key markets, international reach).

d) Media and Communication

- TV
- Print/Online
- Social Media
- Etc.

** Criteria to be developed by IFF External Communication Committee.*

e) Organisation and Operations

- Event preparation
- Coordination
- Venue management
- Logistics
- Volunteer engagement
- Risk management

f) Sport

- Final rankings
- Development of the competitive balance (Close the Gap perspective)

g) Fan Experience

* Criteria to be developed by IFF Fan Experience Committee.

h) Stakeholder & Participant Satisfaction

Feedback from:

- o Teams
- o Officials
- o Media
- o Volunteers
- o Spectators
- o Partners/ Sponsors

(satisfaction index and qualitative insights)

i) Legacy and long-term benefits

- o Political impact
- o Institutional Impact
- o Environmental Impact
- o Social Responsibility
- o Community engagement

4. Successes, Challenges, and Lessons Learned

Each section above shall conclude with a summary of:

- o Successes & Strengths – what worked well
- o Challenges & Gaps – key issues and causes.
- o Lessons Learned – transferable knowledge.
- o Recommendations – improvement proposals for IFF and LOC.

5. Summary and Next Steps

- Overview of major conclusions for the Central Board
- Priority recommendations for future events
- Suggested actions for relevant IFF Committees
- Identification of topics requiring further discussion or decision

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	08.10.2025	Sent to Events Committee Chair for review
	10.11.2025	Comments received back from Chair
	10.11.2025	Updated document returned to Chair for further review
	12.11.2025	Comments received back from Chair
	27.11.2025	Document finalised by IFF office

KEY UPDATES

- 1.2 Changed the wording for Continental Cups so that we don't need to create a whole new organiser document (yet). Organiser regulations for these events will be a task for the Events Committee
- 1.3 Added possible new events
- 1.9 New dates for organiser appointments and bid processes and addition that the confirmation of the organiser by the CB is a binding agreement
- 2.3 Recommendation for more time between medal matches
- 2.6 Addition of clause about percentage of ticket sale income that goes to IFF (this is already included in organiser contracts)
- 3.4 Change to have adult WFCQ & EFC events played on synthetic flooring
- 10.1 Info about the option of LOCs to require teams to book accommodation via the LOC to receive transport (this is already a common contract inclusion)
- 11 Updates to the IFF Official's costs that the LOC have. This reflects the changes that have been made over the last 18 months where IFF now covers many of these costs as a way of supporting the organisers



ORGANISER REGULATIONS

Responsibilities and regulations for
organising IFF events

Edition 2026

Decided by the IFF Central Board **12.12.2025**
Valid from **01.01.2026**

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These Organiser Regulations are designed to give all Member Associations that wish to bid for and/or host an International Floorball Federation (hereafter referred to as 'IFF') event, an overview of the requirements that the Host Association (hereafter referred to as the 'HOST') and its designated local organising committee (hereafter referred to as the 'LOC') must satisfy. Requirements for the HOST and LOC vary between different IFF events. These variances are outlined within the regulations.

I. ORGANISATION

1. GENERAL

1.1 IFF EVENTS

The IFF events consist of:

- World Floorball Championships (WFC)
- World Floorball Championships Qualifications (WFCQ)
- U19 World Floorball Championships (U19 WFC)
- U19 World Floorball Championships Qualifications (U19 WFCQ)
- **3v3 World Floorball Championships (3v3 WFC)**
- Champions Cup (CC) for national league champions from Czechia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland
- EuroFloorball Cup (EFC) and EuroFloorball Challenge (EFCh) for national league champions from **all European member countries that are not part of CC**

NOTE:

- *Regulations for 3v3 WFC are dealt with separately in 'IFF 3v3 WFC Organiser Regulations'*
- *Regulations for CC are dealt with separately in 'IFF Champions Cup Regulations'*

1.2 OTHER EVENTS

The events listed below are **NOT** bound by these specific Organiser Regulations, however, they must still be organised according to all applicable IFF Rules and Regulations. All other club matches and tournaments shall be treated according to the regulations of the National Association where the tournament is played.

1.2.1 Continental Cups

The HOST of a continental cup shall organise the event in full co-operation with the IFF. The regulations for the event should follow those of International Friendly Matches and Tournaments with some additional organisational requirements as agreed upon between the IFF and the HOST in the organiser contract.

1.2.2 International Friendly Matches and Tournaments

IFF shall be informed of all international friendly matches and tournaments according to the regulations for Friendly International matches. The IFF Referee Committee (IFF RC) appoints the referees upon proposal from the organising associations and its opponent/s

1.2.3 International Club Tournaments

International club matches and **non-IFF** club tournaments with elite teams (the highest divisions) from two or more nations, as well as National League matches played abroad, shall be notified to IFF according to the regulations for International Elite Club tournaments. **The appointment of referees is the responsibility of the host organiser.**

1.2.4 The World Games (TWG)

An International World Games Association (IWGA) event that is organised in co-operation with IWGA, IFF and the HOST, based on the collaboration agreement between IFF and IWGA. The

IFF RC appoints the referees

1.2.5 European Masters Games (EMG)

An International Masters Games Association (IMGA) event that is organised in co-operation with the EMG organising committee, IFF, and the HOST. The event is open to specific age groups as decided by agreement between the EMG and IFF. The IFF RC appoints the referees

1.2.6 Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games)

A biennial multi-sport event involving participants from the countries of Southeast Asia. The games are under regulation of the Southeast Asian Games Federation with supervision by the International Olympic Committee and the Olympic Council of Asia, and co-operation with the IFF. The IFF RC appoints the referees.

1.2.7 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games (AIMAG)

AIMAG is a pancontinental multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Asia. It is organised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and consists of indoor and martial arts events, some of which are not contested at the Asian Games and Asian Winter Games Programs and are not Olympic sports. The IFF RC appoints the referees.

1.2.8 World University Floorball Championships (WUFC)

An International University Sports Federation (FISU) event that is organised in co-operation with FISU, IFF and the HOST, based on the collaboration agreement between IFF and FISU. The IFF RC appoints the referees

1.3 NEW EVENTS

Other competitions such as new age classes in IFF events according to 1.1, Continental Championships for national teams, World Cup or League and Continental Cups or Leagues for club teams may only be introduced by IFF. The use of 'International Floorball', 'World Floorball', 'Floorball World Cup', 'World Trophy' in an event title, **as well as the naming of any continental floorball championships** is reserved for use only by the IFF.

1.4 IFF EVENT OWNERSHIP

IFF is the sole owner of the IFF events and of all rights of marketing and publicity including transmissions by radio, TV, and internet, video recordings, mobile applications, social media and any other utilisation inherent to the events. All matters related to this will be separately defined in the contract between the IFF and the HOST.

1.5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

IFF will develop significant intellectual property in connection with the IFF events including, but not limited to, wordmarks, designs, logos, emblems, symbols, slogans, devices, and mascots. This intellectual property will be used by the IFF and the LOC in promoting and advertising the IFF events. Such property will be owned by the IFF, however IFF may grant licences to use such intellectual property to its commercial partners and certain other licensees.

In order to ensure that it can control the look, feel and public perception of IFF events and to preserve the commercial value of rights of association with IFF events which are granted to commercial partners, IFF must be sure that it will be able to assert its ownership of its intellectual property and to prohibit unauthorised persons from using it in all relevant markets including, most importantly, in the host country.

1.6 RULES OF THE GAME

All matches shall be played in accordance with the official IFF Rules of the Game. Exceptions may only be granted upon request to the IFF **Rules Committee**.

1.7 REGULATIONS

All IFF events shall be organised according to all applicable valid IFF Regulations.

1.8 EXCEPTIONS

The HOST has the right to ask for exceptions concerning the requirements for organising of IFF events. Exceptions from these regulations can only be agreed upon in a written contract between IFF and the HOST or by the specific approval of the IFF **Events Committee**.

1.9 ORGANISER APPOINTMENT

Any IFF Member Association, not under suspension, may apply to organise an IFF event. **Depending on the event, invitations to bid to host an event will be sent to all IFF Member Associations by the IFF Events Committee 6-12 months prior to the scheduled organiser appointment date.** Due dates on event bidding and organiser appointment are set by the IFF Events Committee and will be advised in the bid invitation.

An event organiser will ideally be appointed according to the following schedule:

- WFC – 4 years in advance of the event
- U19 WFC – 3 years
- WFCQ – 18 months
- U19 WFCQ – 12 months
- EFC - 10 months
- EFCh – 10 months

Once an organiser is confirmed as the event host by the IFF Central Board this acts as the binding agreement between the IFF and host country. The organiser contract negotiations and signing may continue past this appointment date.

1.10 CONTRACT

The Organiser Regulations stipulate the overall requirements for organising an event. In the contract between the HOST and IFF it is possible that some of the stipulations may be excluded or reduced.

IFF and the HOST shall sign an organiser contract stipulating the rights, duties and responsibilities of the IFF and the HOST, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Rights and duties according to the corresponding regulations
- Rights and responsibilities of marketing and advertising
- Rights and responsibilities concerning broadcasting, production, and designated media channels
- Financial responsibilities
- Sales provisions
- Ticket sales
- Any other business not covered for in the competition regulations &/or organiser regulations

The organiser contract shall be signed no later than 18 months prior to the event for WFC, 12 months prior to the event for U19 WFC, and no later than 6 months prior to the event for all other events.

1.11 SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST

1.11.1 Visa / Work Permits

During IFF events there will be a demand for entry into the host country by foreign nationals. All foreign nationals with a valid passport attending IFF events as participants or spectators should, within the limits of the host country visa and immigration laws, be permitted to enter and exit the country. The IFF and HOST should give all possible assistance to the participating National Associations in obtaining entry and exit visas

1.11.2 Customs

Persons that are participating in IFF events, or in the organisation thereof, should be able to import into the host country all goods which they consider necessary, or desirable, to fulfil their function in relation to IFF events. The HOST should, within the limits of the host country customs regulations, assist the IFF and participating countries with the formalities of importing and exporting goods for the preparation of IFF events, during the competition itself and following its conclusion. This should extend to the following goods of designated persons:

- competition materials: flooring, rinks, goals, sticks, balls
- personal effects
- sporting equipment
- medical supplies and instruments
- pharmaceuticals and food supplements
- food and beverages
- photographic and audio-visual equipment and supplies
- broadcast equipment and supplies
- computers and other office equipment
- documents, printed matter, gifts, awards, trophies, medals, flags, signage, decorative materials and promotional materials
- uniforms, costumes and other clothing
- products that IFF's commercial partners intend to distribute as promotional items
- products of IFF's commercial partners which are supplied to IFF in connection with the organisation of IFF events

1.12 LIABILITY

Organising liability rests with the HOST. Claims against IFF for compensation will not be accepted.

2. ADMINISTRATION

2.1 LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

The HOST shall have a Local Organising Committee (LOC) that shall consist of functions and responsibilities as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance• Venues• Competition• Marketing & Sponsorship• Ceremonies• Transportation• Accommodation• Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TV and internet broadcasting• Anti-Doping & Medical• VIP services• Security• Support services• Volunteers• Fan Engagement• Sustainability
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Refer to the IFF Organiser's Event Handbook for more detailed information regarding the responsibilities of each function.

The LOC shall, no later than 18 months prior to a WFC or U19 WFC, and no later than 8 months prior to WFCQ, U19 WFCQ, EFC, EFCh, advise to the IFF the main contact person within the LOC responsible for the organisational matters.

2.2 IFF OFFICIALS

A range of different IFF officials will be present at all IFF Events. The number of IFF officials differs between each event, depending on the number of venues and the number of matches per day, and will be decided upon prior to each event by the IFF Events Committee, in co-operation with the IFF Administration and the IFF Referee Committee.

For planning purposes, the following table shows the approximate number of IFF Officials participating at an event. **THIS IS A GUIDELINE ONLY.** The exact and final number of IFF officials at an IFF event will be agreed upon by the IFF and the HOST in the contract. If the conditions of the event in question change, IFF reserves the right to change the number of needed persons.

IFF OFFICIALS	WFC	U19 WFC	WFCQ	U19 WFCQ	EFC	EFCh
IFF Staff	10	6	2	2	2	2
IFF Media	5	4	1	1	2	1
IFF CB Members	13	4	-	-	2	-
Jury	5	4	2	1	2	1
Referee Management	5	4	2	1	2	1
Referees	16	16	8	8	8	6

2.3 MATCH SCHEDULE

2.3.1 Schedule planning

The match schedule shall be drawn up in accordance with IFF guidelines and regulations. **Competition matches may only be scheduled to start no earlier than 09:00 and conclude no later than 22:30.**

2.3.2 Time between the start of matches

At least 2hrs 45mins shall be allowed in the match schedule between the start of matches being played in the same arena. For matches where a result must be reached, possibly by extra time or penalty shots, 3hrs should be allowed. **For matches that include medal ceremonies, 3hrs 15mins should be allowed.**

2.3.3 Consecutive matches of a team

If a team (upon approval by the IFF) needs to play two matches on the same day, there must be at least 3 hours between the finish and the start of these two consecutive matches. In principle, a team that has played the last match of the day shall not, if possible, play the first match of the following day.

2.3.4 Warm-up

Teams are entitled to warm-up on the competition field of play, for a period of at least 15 minutes before the start of the match. If required, the pre-match ceremonies can be changed to facilitate at least a 15-minute warm up, or an alternative area may be provided for the warm-up.

2.3.5 Changing of the match schedule

The LOC is entitled to request to the IFF for changes in the match schedule for reasons of

television coverage &/or local spectator needs. The teams concerned shall be informed within a reasonable time before the start of the match.

2.4 ACCREDITATION

Accreditations should be prepared prior to the event by the LOC, and there should be the possibility at each venue to produce accreditations on-site. The LOC is responsible for all costs related to the production of accreditations and the provision of neckbands.

All IFF Event participants must be accredited and receive a personal accreditation pass:

- IFF Officials - IFF Staff, IFF CB, IFF Jury, IFF Referee Management, IFF Referees, IFF Support Staff, IFF Committee Members, IFF Media
- Participating teams
- Registered Media
- Event Staff – LOC staff

The following groups may, when approved by the IFF, receive generic accreditations without names or photo:

- Volunteers
- IFF VIPs
- Participating National Association and/or Club VIPs

2.5 ANTI-DOPING

In IFF events, the IFF shall determine the number of doping control tests based on the WADA requirements and the IFF Annual Test Distribution Plan (TDP), and the number will be specified in the organiser contract. The results of all tests shall be sent to the IFF.

2.5.1 Testing procedures

All tests shall be carried out by specially trained and accredited doping control personnel. The LOC are responsible for contacting the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and laboratory for organising the doping control based on the instructions provided by the IFF and according to the valid IFF Anti-doping Regulations.

2.5.2 Chaperones

The organisers need to provide chaperones according to the agreement with the NADO (the NADO might supply their own chaperones). Chaperones must be over 18yrs of age and must be of the same gender as the person being tested

2.5.3 Doping Control room

The Doping Control room must be located inside the competition venue, close to the Field of Play (FOP) and locker rooms. To ensure athlete privacy, the Doping Control room should be inaccessible to the public, located away from the media and spectator areas, and access may only be granted to authorised persons.

The doping control room must contain the following areas:

- Waiting room/area separated from the sample taking area(s)
- Administration area with a desk, chairs, a table for the samples, wash basin, soap and towels. If possible, a lockable refrigerator for storage of samples should also be supplied.
- Sample collection area (toilet/s). At least one toilet is required in the sample collection area and if possible, a separate sample collection area should be provided for each gender being tested. The toilet area must be large enough for the Doping Control Officer (DCO) to directly observe the player providing the sample. The sample collection area must be directly accessible from the sample taking area (*not through the waiting room*)

2.6 TICKETING

2.6.1 Ticket Revenue

The IFF grants the HOST the revenue from the sales of entrance tickets, except for Adult WFC & U19 WFC in which 10 percent (10%) of the net revenue (direct ticket sales costs excluded) belongs to the IFF.

2.6.2 Ticket System

The ticketing system and the pricing shall be approved by the IFF before the launch of ticket sales. The IFF should have the possibility to buy tickets before the official ticket sales begin.

2.6.3 IFF tickets

The HOST grants IFF a set number of free tickets, of which a certain amount should be with VIP accreditation. The HOST must supply free tickets (in the form of accreditations) for the IFF Referees, valid for the entire event. The HOST must supply free tickets (in the form of VIP accreditations) for the IFF Jury & IFF Referee Management, valid for the entire event. The IFF must inform the organiser at least one month in advance of the event how many tickets they will need during each day. The exact number of tickets for the IFF depends on the event and is defined in the organiser contract.

2.6.4 Team tickets

The HOST must provide up to 30 free tickets (in the form of accreditations) for each participating team's players and officials, according to the final team list. Only those on the official team list will receive accreditation. In addition, up to 3 free tickets (in the form of accreditations) should be provided for travelling players in each participating team. These will allow access to the competition venues and all official team transport. During a team's match, the travelling players are permitted to sit in the designated team seating area in the venue.

For Adult WFC the team & travelling player accreditations are valid for the time the team is playing in the Championships. The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition.

For all other IFF events the team & travelling player accreditations are valid for the duration of the event.

2.6.5 National Association and Club tickets

The HOST must provide 5 free tickets per day for each association &/or club with a team participating in an event. Two of these tickets should be with VIP accreditation.

3. VENUES AND OTHER EVENT FACILITIES

3.1 VENUE AGREEMENTS

The LOC must prove that they have reserved all the venues that they are planning to use for the event, for both competition and training.

3.2 INSPECTION OF VENUES

The venue/s for the competition must be approved by the IFF. Persons nominated by the IFF may inspect the venue/s and arrangements in due time prior to the event. Further inspections may be carried out if necessary. Following each visit, an inspection report shall be submitted to the IFF CB. The LOC shall be responsible for the basic costs of the visit and transportation of the inspector/s, as defined in the organiser contract.

3.3 COMPETITION VENUE REQUIREMENTS

3.3.1 Number of Venues

The number of venues shall be sufficient according to the number of teams participating in the event to enable a reasonable match schedule, [according to 2.3](#).

3.3.2 Venue Capacity

In principle, minimum spectator capacity for the main arena should be:

- WFC - 3000 spectators
- U19 WFC - 2000 spectators
- Other IFF events – 1000 spectators

For the WFC final matches (semi-finals and medal matches) the minimum spectator capacity should be:

- Men's WFC – 8000 spectators
- Women's WFC – 4000 spectators

3.3.3 Scoreboard

A scoreboard must be visible to the teams, referees, officials, media and spectators. The venue should preferably be equipped with two electronic scoreboards. The scoreboard should display the following information:

- Nationality of the teams (abbreviations of their names)
- Score
- Match time
- Period being played
- Penalty timing, with the possibility of up to three penalties at a time
- Time outs called by each team (This means being able to display a different time while still being able to return to the main match clock display without disruption)

3.3.4 Internet services

Internet connections must be provided for different user groups in the venue:

- Match secretariat & video goal review
- LOC staff, IFF staff and IFF officials
- Accredited Media
- TV & Radio broadcasters

Internet connections must be of sufficient capacity for each of the user groups needs and must be password-protected. Minimum connection speed should be 100 Mbps. TV & Radio will require dedicated internet connections.

3.3.5 Parking

Sufficient parking must be available at venues for both cars and buses

3.3.6 Illumination of the field of play

Lighting sources which may disturb the players, referees, officials or the public shall be avoided. The LOC must ensure that television lighting equipment does not interfere with the progress of the game. The recommended maintenance for illumination of the field of play is as follows:

Camera type	Horizontal illuminance	Uniformity Mn/Ave	Uniformity Mn/Max	Vertical illuminance	Uniformity Mn/Ave	Uniformity Mn/Max	Colour Rendering	Glare Rating
HDTV	1500-3000	0.8	0.7	2200	0.7	0.6	>90	<50
Slow-motion	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1800	0.7	0.5	>80	<50
Fixed	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1400	0.7	0.5	>80	<50

Mobile	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1200	0.5	0.3	>80	<50
Average horizontal and vertical illuminance ratios - it is recommended that the ratio for horizontal illuminance (field of play) is between 0.75 and 1.5 of the vertical illuminance for cameras. Where there is HDTV, all horizontal values for other cameras are as for HDTV. Measurements should be taken 1.5 m above the playing surface.								

3.3.7 Clean Venue

The tournament shall be played in venues free from binding advertisements. There may never be contradicting commercials to the present IFF sponsors in an event. This includes the name of the venue, which, after the signing of the contract between the IFF and HOST, may not be changed without approval from IFF. The LOC is responsible to secure a 'clean' area of at least 100m surrounding the competition venues

3.3.8 Exhibition Space

Each venue must have sufficient exhibition areas inside the venues for the use of IFF sponsors. The number **and size** of required areas will be defined in the contract.

3.3.9 Flags

Flags of all participating teams and IFF shall be on display inside the venues and, if possible, outside the venues. Inside the venues, the flags of the participating teams, IFF and the organiser should be suspended from the ceiling or hung against a wall. The flags should all be of the same flag number size.

The flags should be hung in alphabetical order according to French spelling. The IFF and event flag can be hung in the middle or at either end of the national flags. If the flags are hung vertically, correct hanging protocol should be followed, according to instructions provided by the IFF.

During the national anthems in the pre-match ceremonies of WFC and U19 WFC matches the flags of the participating teams should be held by a flag-bearer standing directly in front of the teams as they line-up on the court. This ceremony protocol is preferred, but not compulsory, for all other IFF events.

3.3.10 Spectator Stands

All spectators at an IFF event must have a seat. Provisional seating installations will be permitted. Spectator seating should be arranged, where possible, to have the maximum capacity of spectators in the main TV camera view.

3.3.11 Spectator Facilities

Facilities, such as catering and toilet facilities for the spectators should be provided in the venues

3.3.12 Spectators with disabilities

Provision should be made to accommodate disabled spectators, including good viewing positions with seating for support people, and easy access for wheelchairs to appropriate toilet facilities and support devices.

3.4 COMPETITION FIELD OF PLAY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.4.1 WFC, U19 WFC

- Playing area of 40 metres long and 20 metres wide
- Free floor space of 46 metres long and 28 metres wide
- Free height over the field of play of at least 7 metres (measured from the surface of the rink)
- The playing surface shall be a synthetic material, with the flooring provided by the IFF

floor sponsor, if existing

3.4.2 WFCQ, EFC / EFCh

- Playing area of 40 metres long and 20 metres wide
- Free space between the rink and any walls of at least 1.5 metres
- Free height over the field of play of at least 7 metres (measured from the surface of the rink)
- **The playing surface shall be a synthetic material, with the flooring provided by the host organisation. Flooring may be provided by the IFF, but all transport & storage costs are the responsibility of the host organisation.**

3.4.3 U19 WFCQ

- Playing area of 40 metres long and 20 metres wide
- Free space between the rink and any walls of at least 1.5 metres
- Free height over the field of play of at least 7 metres (measured from the surface of the rink)
- **The playing surface should preferably be a synthetic material, with the flooring provided by the host organisation. Flooring may be provided by the IFF, but all transport & storage costs are the responsibility of the host organisation**

3.5 PRACTICE VENUE REQUIREMENTS

3.5.1 Technical Specifications

- Practice hall FOP must be the same dimensions as the competition FOP
- Free height over the playing area of at least 7 metres (measured from the surface of the rink)
- The playing surface should, if possible, be the same as in the competition venues
- The rink and goal cages should, if possible, be the same as in the competition venues
- Changing rooms, showers and toilets should be provided for the sole use of the teams for the duration of their practice time, and a designated time before and after their scheduled practice

3.5.2 Practice Equipment

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

3.6 RESERVED SEATING

The following reserved seats shall be provided and marked accordingly:

- Seats reserved for the use of the IFF should be according to the organiser contract
- 5 seats (2 VIP + 3 ordinary tickets) per participating National Association &/or club
- 33 seats per participating team
- The necessary number of seats for the accredited media
- Separate location for radio and television commentary positions
- **Seating for team officials not participating in a match (up to 5 per team) that allows for good visibility of the game (eg. in elevated seating) and, if possible, also with easy access to team locker rooms**

3.7 VIPs

3.7.1 VIP Lounge

A VIP room, offering refreshments, light meals and snacks shall be available in each competition venue for the HOST VIPs, IFF VIPs, Sponsors and Guests according to the organiser contract. For WFC, the IFF shall have the possibility to hire out 1-2 VIP spaces in the venue, of which the

IFF is responsible for the cost.

3.7.2 VIP Seating

Reserved seating with a good viewing position and easy access to the VIP Lounge should be provided in the competition venue.

3.7.3 VIP Services

The LOC shall provide VIP services according to the separate document - IFF Event VIP Guidelines.

3.8 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

3.8.1 Media Tribune

Each competition venue must provide a media tribune that is in an unobstructed viewing position in the main seating area. It must be well-lit and provide easy access to the media working area, press conference room, and the mixed zone. It must provide internet access and an electricity source. There should be seating sufficient to accommodate the accredited written press

3.8.2 Media Room

Each competition venue must provide a working area for accredited media. This area should include a working area with desks, chairs, power, internet, & printer, and should also include an area where catering (refreshments and snacks) may be provided. The media working area should provide easy access to and from other media-related facilities such as the media tribune, press conference room, mixed zone, as well as access to adequate toilet facilities. There should be seating sufficient to accommodate all accredited written press

3.8.3 Photographers

Each competition venue must provide a working area for accredited photographers. This area should include a working area with desks, chairs, power & internet, and should also include an area where catering (refreshments and snacks) may be provided. The photographer's working area may be combined with the media working area or may be separate but, in either case, should provide easy access to the photographer's zones at the FOP, as well as any other specially marked photographer's zones in the venue.

Accredited photographers should be identified by the wearing of a photographer's vest, provided by the LOC, and specially marked photo zones should be indicated next to the FOP. For Adult WFC events, there should be space around the outside of the rink for a minimum of 30 photographers

3.8.4 Mixed Zone

Each competition venue must have a mixed zone between the rink and the team dressing rooms where accredited media can interview players following a match. Each mixed zone should be easily accessible from the team dressing rooms, the media working area and the media tribune. It should include an IFF/Event sponsor backdrop and be large enough to accommodate the necessary media.

The mixed zone should be organised in such a way as to give the host broadcaster the first right to interview, followed by other TV, radio and then the written press

3.8.5 Press Conference Room

At WFC events, the competition venue **used for the final matches** should have **a space that can be used** for a press conference room which is large enough to accommodate coaches, players, press officers, and interpreters. Each press conference room must be equipped with an adequate sound system, and have an IFF/Event sponsor backdrop

3.8.6 TV requirements

In each competition venue, the main TV camera shall be located on the side that gives the best possible visibility to the rink advertising and second line commercials. TV cameras shall be situated such that they do not cause any disturbance or danger for the participants or spectators. The LOC must secure sufficient electricity and internet services and have an emergency electricity plan.

3.9 ADMINISTRATIVE ROOMS

3.9.1 LOC Office

Each competition venue should have a working space for the key LOC staff, with internet access, printer/copier, and other office equipment as required. There should also be refreshments and snacks provided.

3.9.2 IFF Office

Each competition venue should have an office space for IFF officials with desks, chairs, internet access, printer/copier, and other office equipment as required. There should also be refreshments and snacks provided. The office should be able to accommodate the following number of people:

- WFC: 15-20 people
- U19 WFC: 10-15 people
- Other events: 5-10 people

It is preferred that the LOC & IFF offices be located close to each other or be combined in one space.

3.9.3 Referee lounge

As well as dedicated locker rooms for the referees, each competition venue should have a separate lounge area for the referees. It should be large enough to accommodate at least 4 people, have a seating area, and contain refreshments and snacks.

3.10 TECHNICAL ROOMS

3.10.1 Team Locker Rooms

Each team shall have its own locker room for practice sessions and matches. For practice sessions, the team shall have the use of the locker room for at least 30 minutes before and after their scheduled court practice time. For matches, the teams shall have the use of the locker room for at least 90 minutes before their match starting time and at least 60 minutes after their match ends. The locker rooms should have sufficient seating for at least 20 people, with at least three 3 showers, and toilets

3.10.2 Referee Locker Rooms

For the referees, each competition venue should have at least two locker rooms with shower and toilet. Male and female referees shall have separate facilities.

3.10.3 Doping control room

Each competition venue should have a doping control room containing a waiting room, sample collecting area and sample taking area (toilet), according to the requirements set by the IFF Anti-Doping regulations. *For more details see 2.5 Anti-Doping*

3.10.4 First Aid room

Each competition venue should have a First Aid room, supplied with the necessary medical

equipment, for the use of the First Aid staff

3.10.5 Broadcast room

Each competition venue should have a room or a designated space, located in suitable position for the broadcast team, for their equipment and production.

3.11 MATCH SECRETARIAT

Match secretariat, penalty and substitution benches shall all be, where possible, placed on the same side of the court. This should also, if possible, be the same side as the main TV camera

3.11.1 Match secretariat staff

The match secretariat shall be placed at a safe distance outside the rink at the centreline. The match secretariat shall consist of the following staff:

- Two timekeepers
- One manual match record keeper
- One online match record keeper (IFF App)
- One speaker
- Two penalty bench guards

All match secretariat staff, including penalty bench guards, must be at least 15yrs of age and should have a basic understanding of the rules of the game. Seating for up to 2 IFF Officials should be provided close to the match secretariat.

3.11.2 Match secretariat equipment

At the match secretariat there must be at least five chairs placed at the match secretariat, audio equipment connected to the hall's broadcasting system, a reliable internet connection and the following equipment and forms:

- Minimum of 2 timing devices (including one electronic scoreboard and one manual stopwatch)
- Computer with internet access for online match record (IFF App)
- Printer for printing online match record
- IFF Match action sheet, official team lists, and team line-up forms
- Equipment for measuring the curvature and length of sticks
- 50 official match balls as provided by the IFF
- Tape for the goal creases and a tape measure
- Brooms and cloths
- Notepads and pens
- Materials for repairing goal cages, goal nets and the rink

3.11.3 Video goal review equipment

The video goal review equipment should be located close to the match secretariat, with easy access for the referees from the FOP. It should be located so that there is minimal disruption to the referees during the review process. Unless a special system is being used, the basic equipment required is a computer and a monitor/screen. **A covering for the computer, to aid with privacy, is a recommended addition.**

3.12 PENALTY BENCHES

The penalty benches shall for each team accommodate at least 3 persons and be located next to the match secretariat. The penalty bench area must be clearly marked on the floor and be separated from the team substitution benches. There shall be one penalty guard at each penalty bench (seated at the end closest to the opposition team bench).

3.13 SUBSTITUTION BENCHES

The substitution benches for each team should have 20 seats. The ends of the substitution zone should be clearly marked on the floor, and the area should be separated from the spectators &/or foot traffic that passes behind the team bench. There should be a table and rubbish bin provided within the team bench area.

3.14 FIRST AID

Qualified First Aid staff with appropriate equipment (including a stretcher and defibrillator) should be in the immediate vicinity of the field of play during all matches. First aid services for spectators must also be provided

3.15 SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The LOC is responsible for the safety and security arrangements in all competition and practice venues. The LOC must have a security plan for the event

3.16 PRACTICE SESSIONS

The practice area should be reserved for the use of one team at a time. The LOC shall provide the practices within the time frame of 08:00 – 22:00.

3.16.1 Official competition venue practice

Teams are entitled to at least one practice of 45-60mins in the competition venue before their first match in that venue, usually on the day before an official match

3.16.2 Daily practice

Teams should be given the opportunity to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a playing area that is the same size and, if possible, same playing surface as that of the competition venue. The responsibilities of the costs for daily training sessions are outlined in Section 16.

3.16.3 Practice schedule

Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule as agreed upon by the LOC and participating teams. No practice sessions should be scheduled at the same time as any official ceremonies or meetings that teams are required to attend, such as the Opening Ceremony or Captain's & Technical Meeting.

3.16.4 Balls and other equipment

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

4. ACCOMMODATION

It is the LOC's responsibility to propose accommodation alternatives at various price levels for IFF Officials, participating teams, and media. The accommodation offer must be approved by the IFF before being distributed to the teams.

4.1 DISTANCE BETWEEN HOTELS AND VENUES

As far as possible, the average travelling distance between the hotels and the tournament venue or practice venues should not exceed 10kms. Hotels should be selected accordingly.

4.2 IFF OFFICIALS' ACCOMMODATION

The LOC is responsible for selecting the hotel accommodation, with breakfast included, for the IFF officials, and the IFF is to approve the hotel in advance. The hotel should be situated in the main competition city and be of at least a 3-star standard. IFF officials should not be accommodated in a hotel together with any of the participating teams, unless approved by the IFF. The hotel should have a meeting room that is reserved daily for the referees according to the meeting schedule advised by the IFF. It should have sufficient internet services to cater to the work of the IFF Officials, and it should offer restaurant facilities or have restaurant options close by.

4.3 TEAM ACCOMMODATION

The LOC will provide a list of recommended hotels for the participating teams. These should be within a set distance from the competition venue, usually not greater than a 10km radius. Teams may select from the offer or choose their own hotel, however, a team who does not select accommodation from the LOC offer could lose the right to the transport offered by the LOC and would be responsible for their own transport costs. In this situation, the LOC is required to assist in organising the team transport and is still responsible for the arrival & departure transport for the team. These conditions must be clearly defined in the organiser contract and be informed by the LOC in their information letters to the teams.

4.4 HOTEL GUARANTEES & BOOKING CONDITIONS

The LOC will be required to have price guarantees for each of the hotels which are proposed as hotels during the event. The price guarantee period should be clearly communicated to the teams in the accommodation offer, as well as the payment & cancellation/refund conditions.

5. TRANSPORTATION

5.1 WFC, U19 WFC, WFCQ & U19 WFCQ

5.1.1 LOC RESPONSIBILITIES

The LOC is responsible for the transportation of teams and IFF Officials according to the organiser contract. This includes arrival / departure transport and daily transport between the official hotels and competition / training venues, and to/from all official meetings / events. The transportation for the IFF officials shall be separate from the team transport.

The transport responsibility for the LOC starts two days before the first match of the event and ends the day after the last match of the event. The LOC are responsible for organising the transportation timetables in cooperation with the IFF and participating teams.

5.1.2 TEAM TRANSPORTATION

The participating teams must inform the LOC, well in advance, of their travel plans. The team transportation shall be done by bus, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IFF & HOST in the contract. The team transportation timetable should be arranged in co-operation with the teams, so that teams arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the start of practice sessions and at least 90 minutes before the start of a match.

For arrival & departure transport, the LOC may offer shared transport for teams. For transport to/from matches & practice sessions only one team per bus may be transported at a time.

5.2 EFC & EFCh

5.2.1 LOC RESPONSIBILITIES

The LOC is responsible only for the IFF officials' transportation according to the organiser contract. The LOC are responsible for organising the transportation timetables in cooperation with the IFF.

5.2.2 TEAM TRANSPORTATION

The participating teams are responsible for all their own transport.

6. TV & LIVESTREAMING

6.1 LIVESTREAM

The LOC is responsible for providing a HD (1080p) livestream from every match of the event for distribution on the designated IFF video channels. For all events the livestream must be produced with the possibility of having commentary.

6.2 TV BROADCASTS

TV broadcast rights and responsibilities will be outlined in the organiser contract.

6.3 PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS

Production agreements should be made by the HOST in consultation with the IFF. The production level (eg. number of cameras, commentary positions, signal delivery etc) will vary between each event. All camera positions must be confirmed by the IFF, but the minimum requirement for any event will be 1 main operated camera + 2 fixed cameras behind the goals, and a coach camera.

6.4 MATCH VIDEOS

6.4.1 IFF match video

The LOC must arrange for every match in the tournament to be recorded on hard drive. The LOC must provide a copy of all matches and produced highlights to the IFF on an external memory drive, no later than 7 days after the completion of the tournament.

6.4.2 Team match video

The LOC must provide access for the teams to the match video of every game of the event. This should include the produce match video and coach camera footage. The LOC can choose the format of delivery, however, the recommendation is that an online file sharing service be used. Information about how teams will receive match videos should be advised to the teams no later than thirty (30) days prior to the event, with full details provided at the Technical Meeting.

6.5 HIGHLIGHTS

6.5.1 Highlight tagging

The IFF App allows for highlight tagging from the livestream, which creates individual highlights as well as highlight summary. The LOC is required to highlight tag in every match of the event. The equipment required for this is a mobile phone or tablet.

6.5.2 Highlight videos

- **WFC** - the LOC must produce individual match highlights of at least 3 minutes AND a daily event highlights video of at least 5 minutes.

- **U19 WFC** - the LOC must produce individual match highlights of at least 3 minutes AND / OR a daily event highlights video of at least 5 minutes.
- **WFCQ, U19 WFCQ, EFC & EFCh** – in these events the highlight tagging is sufficient. The LOC may provide match/daily highlights but it is not a requirement.

Highlight videos must be uploaded by the LOC to the approved IFF media channels. Match highlights should be uploaded within 2-3hrs after the completion of a match, and daily highlights must be uploaded no later than the start of play on the following day.

7. MEDIA

7.1 EVENT WEBSITE

7.1.1 WFC & U19 WFC

The HOST is responsible for all costs related to the development of the official event website. The HOST is responsible for reserving of a specific event domain name. The event website must be in English with the option of other languages. Any costs for the addition of multiple languages are the responsibility of the HOST.

The LOC is to update the Event website regularly with news and materials before and during the Event. This material must be in English as well as the secondary website language (if being used).

7.1.2 Other events

All other events are listed on the IFF website and IFF App. The IFF & LOC are responsible for adding information about the event to the event listing in the IFF App.

7.2 SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

7.2.1 WFC & U19 WFC

The LOC is responsible for managing the dedicated IFF WFC / U19 WFC social media channels, which should be the primary channels used by the LOC. Access will be given to the LOC after the conclusion of the previous WFC / U19 WFC event. Regular content must be added to the channels prior to and during the event, including during the qualification events.

7.2.2 Other events

The IFF will promote the other events on the IFF social media channels and will collaborate with the LOC on their own channels.

7.3 PLAYER INTERVIEWS

The LOC is responsible for conducting an interview, in English, with one player from each team after every match. The interview video must be uploaded by the LOC to the approved IFF media channels according to the instructions from the IFF

7.4 MATCH PHOTOGRAPHS

The LOC is responsible for taking photographs during the event, covering all matches. A minimum of 30 high resolution photos, per match, must be uploaded by the LOC to the approved IFF media channels. The photos can be used freely for the purpose of floorball development and/or promotion.

The photos shall not be used for commercial use, except by IFF or LOC sponsors, unless otherwise agreed with the IFF.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8.1 INFORMATION TO IFF

The LOC shall submit information to the IFF as outlined in the regulations and contract. This shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Composition of the organising committee
- Match schedule proposal
- Accommodation details
- Transportation details
- TV/Internet streaming arrangements
- Details of technical arrangements
- Budget
- Other necessary information

The exact dates which the information is due will be set in the organiser contract, however approximate dates are - WFC: 12-14 months prior to the event; U19 WFC: 8-10 months; and for all other events, at least 5 months prior.

8.2 INFORMATION LETTERS TO TEAMS

8.2.1 First information letter

The LOC shall send a First Information letter to the IFF and participating teams, which should contain:

- Competition & practice venue information
- Proposed hotels for the participating teams and the booking procedure
- Description of the transportation arrangements, including distances between the venues and the proposed hotels
- Preliminary match schedule
- Contact information of the local organisers

The exact dates when the information is due will be set in the organiser contract, however approximate dates are: WFC = 10 months prior to the event; U19 WFC = 8 months; and for all other events, at least 5 months prior.

8.2.2 Second information letter

The LOC shall send a Second Information Letter to the IFF and participating teams which should contain:

- Program and venues for practice sessions
- Information about other services such as meals and laundry
- Information about match videos to be provided by the organiser, as well as an order form for the teams
- Other practical information

The exact dates when the information is due will be set in the organiser contract, however approximate dates are - WFC: 7 months prior to the event; U19 WFC: 5 months; and for all other events, at least 2 months prior.

8.2.3 Final information letter

The LOC shall send to all the participating teams a final information letter that confirms their daily schedule, including all transport, training, match & meal (if applicable) information.

For all events this will need to be sent no later than 30 days prior to the event.

8.3 EVENT MANUAL

The LOC shall, upon arrival, provide an Event Manual to the IFF officials and participating teams, containing:

- A short welcome by the IFF President, HOST Association President, Host city representative
- Contact information of key LOC contacts, key IFF officials & staff, team managers & team guides
- Address information of competition & practice venues
- Information about locker rooms and other services at venues
- Transportation arrangements to and from the matches and practice halls
- Information of ceremonies & official events
- Accreditation / ticket information
- Press conference instructions and times
- Team media responsibilities, including instructions for the mixed zone
- Pre- & post-match countdowns and protocols, including ceremony maps
- Anti-doping & medical information, including contact and address information for local hospital and other medical and emergency services
- Information about how match videos will be distributed

8.4 DAILY REPORT

The IFF, during the tournament, should send to the LOC, IFF officials, and IFF Committee Members a daily report containing:

- Results of the day's matches with number of spectators
- Total number of spectators for the event
- Details of the present day's matches and any irregularities or special situations
- Referee appointments for the matches of the next day
- The next day's match schedule
- Other information regarding media, special events, transport, accommodation, meetings etc

9. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Anything not provided for in these regulations shall be decided by the **relevant IFF Committees**, or the IFF CB respectively, and, if appropriate, in co-operation with the organisers and/or the participants.

II. FINANCIALS

10. ORGANISING COSTS

The HOST shall be responsible for all financial matters concerning the local organisation of the event.

10.1 TRAVEL COSTS FOR TEAMS - WFC, U19 WFC, WFCQ & U19 WFCQ

10.1.1 Travelling to the event

Costs for travel to and from their home country and the determined arrival city shall be borne by each participating team.

The arrival city of a tournament shall be the city with the nearest harbour, railway station or international airport to the main city of the competition. In case of any doubts, it is the IFF **Administration** which defines the arrival city of the tournament.

10.1.2 Local transport

The HOST shall be responsible for the cost of transporting participating teams (maximum **33** persons per team) to and from the determined arrival city to their accommodation and, to and from their accommodation to their matches, training sessions and other events according to the official program of each team.

The responsibility for the LOC to transport teams starts two days before the first match of each team and stops the day after the last match of each team. In addition, the LOC is responsible to transport the team from their accommodation to the determined harbour, railway station or airport on the day of their scheduled departure.

A HOST may set a requirement that for teams to receive the daily transport from the LOC they must book accommodation only from the official offer &/or accommodation booking service. This must be included in the organiser contract and must be clearly communicated to the teams in the **1st Information Letter**. The LOC is always still responsible for the arrival & departure transport.

10.2 TRAVEL COSTS FOR TEAMS – EFC & EFCh

Each participating team is responsible for all their own travelling costs, including to and from their home country to the host city, as well as to and from their accommodation to matches, practice sessions and other official events.

11. TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS

The final number of IFF officials for each event will be defined in the organiser contract.

11.1 TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS – WFC

The HOST is responsible for the overall costs of the visit, for the following IFF personnel:

- IFF Staff, **media, and support staff**
- IFF Jury as appointed by the IFF
- IFF Referee Management as appointed by the IFF
- IFF Referees as appointed by the IFF
- IFF CB members

These costs include:

- Transport to/from their home city to the arrival city
- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Daily transport between accommodation, venue/s & official events
- Accommodation (including breakfast)
- Medical & travel insurance
- Daily allowances (except for IFF CB members)

The responsibility for the LOC to accommodate and transport IFF officials shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament.

11.2 TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS – U19 WFC

The HOST is responsible for the overall costs of the visit, for the following IFF personnel:

- IFF Staff, media and support staff
- IFF Jury as appointed by the IFF
- IFF Referee Management as appointed by the IFF
- IFF CB members

For the IFF Jury and IFF Referee Management ONLY, these costs include:

- Transport to/from their home city to the arrival city

For ALL officials these costs include:

- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Daily transport between accommodation, venue/s & official events
- Accommodation (including breakfast)
- Medical & travel insurance
- Daily allowances (except for IFF CB members)

The responsibility for the LOC to accommodate and transport IFF officials shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament.

11.3 TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS – EFC & EFCh

The HOST is responsible for the overall costs of the visit for the following IFF personnel:

- IFF Staff, media and support staff
- IFF Jury as appointed by the IFF

These costs include:

- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Daily transport between accommodation, venue/s & official events
- Accommodation (including breakfast)
- Medical & travel insurance

All costs for the Referees and Referee Management are shared between the IFF and HOST.

The responsibility for the LOC to accommodate and transport IFF officials shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament.

11.4 TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS – WFCQ, U19 WFCQ & EFCh

The HOST is responsible for the overall costs of the visit for the following IFF personnel:

- ~~IFF CB members~~
- IFF Staff, ~~medial and support staff~~
- IFF Jury as appointed by the IFF
- IFF Referee Management as appointed by the IFF

These costs include:

- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Daily transport between accommodation, venue/s & official events
- Accommodation (~~including breakfast~~)
- Medical & travel insurance

The responsibility for the LOC to ~~accommodate and transport~~ IFF officials ~~shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually~~ two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament.

11.5 TRAVEL COSTS FOR IFF REFEREES – U19 WFC, WFCQ, U19 WFCQ

For the IFF Referees as appointed by the IFF, the LOC is responsible for:

- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Daily transport between accommodation, venue/s & official events

The responsibility for the LOC to ~~accommodate and transport~~ IFF officials ~~shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually~~ two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament

All other IFF Referees costs are shared between the participating teams. These costs include:

- Transport to/from their home city to the arrival city
- Accommodation (~~including breakfast~~)
- Daily allowances
- Medical & travel insurance

12. MEDICAL COSTS

The LOC shall be responsible for the cost of having qualified first aid staff in the arena/s ~~at all times~~.
~~The first aid staff must be qualified and equipped to manage emergency situations for participants and spectators. The LOC must have an agreement with local hospital / emergency services for ambulance services and medical treatments for event participants.~~

Participating teams shall be responsible for taking out sufficient insurance to cover their delegations.

13. DOPING TESTS

13.1 TESTING COSTS - WFC, U19 WFC

The LOC shall be responsible for all costs related to the Doping tests. The number of tests for each

event is set according to the IFF Testing plan. Any extra tests that are required outside of the specified number will be at the expense of the IFF.

13.2 TESTING COSTS - WFCQ, U19 WFCQ, EFC & EFCh

The IFF shall be responsible for all costs related to the Doping tests. The number of tests for each event is set according to the IFF Testing plan. Any extra tests that are required outside of the specified number will be at the expense of the IFF.

14. VENUE INSPECTION

The LOC shall be responsible for the basic costs of the visit and transportation of an IFF appointed person, to inspect the venues and tournament arrangements in due time prior to the event. These costs include:

- Transport to/from their home city to the arrival city
- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- **Transport to/from the venues**
- Accommodation (including breakfast)

15. PRACTICE SESSIONS

15.1 TEAM PRACTICE SESSION COSTS - WFC

The LOC shall be responsible for the cost of providing one 60-minute training session per **competition** day for each team **while they are still in the** tournament. The training venue shall be chosen according to the technical specifications outlined in *3.5 Practice Hall Venue Requirements*.

In addition, the LOC shall provide for each team one training session of 45-60 minutes in the competition venue prior to their opening/first match in each competition venue, as a part of the team's official program.

15.2 TEAM PRACTICE SESSION COSTS – U19 WFC, EFC, WFCQ, U19 WFCQ, EFCh

The LOC shall be responsible for the cost of providing one 45-60-minute training session for each team in the competition venue prior to their opening match.

The participating teams shall be responsible for the costs of all other training sessions, including transport to/from the training

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIMAG – Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games
CC – Champions Cup
EFC – EuroFloorball Cup (Final Round)
EFCh – EuroFloorball Challenge
EMG – European Masters Games
FISU - International University Sports Federation
IFF – International Floorball Federation
IFF CB – IFF Central Board
IFF RC – IFF Referee Committee
IWGA – International World Games Association
LOC – Local Organising Committee
SEAG – Southeast Asian Games
TWG – The World Games
U19 WFC – U19 World Floorball Championships
U19 WFCQ – U19 World Floorball Championships Qualifications
WFC – World Floorball Championships
WFCQ – World Floorball Championships
WUFC – World University Floorball Championships

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These Organiser Regulations are designed to give all IFF Member Associations that wish to bid for and/or host an IFF 3v3 World Floorball Championships (hereafter referred to as '3v3 WFC'), an overview of the requirements that the Host Association (hereafter referred to as the 'HOST') and its designated local organising committee (hereafter referred to as the 'LOC') must satisfy.

I. ORGANISATION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 REGULATIONS

These organiser regulations apply only to the organisation of the IFF 3v3 World Floorball Championships. The organisation of all other IFF events is bound by other regulatory documents.

The 3v3 WFC shall be organised according to the regulations set in this document, the contract between the IFF and HOST, and all other applicable and valid IFF Regulations.

1.2 IFF EVENT OWNERSHIP

IFF is the sole owner of the 3v3 WFC and of all rights of marketing and publicity including transmissions by radio, TV, and internet, video recordings, mobile applications, social media and any other utilisation inherent to the event. All matters related to this will be separately defined in the contract between the IFF and the HOST.

1.3 LIABILITY

Organising liability rests with the HOST. Claims against IFF for compensation will not be accepted.

1.4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

IFF will develop significant intellectual property in connection with the 3v3 WFC including, but not limited to, wordmarks, designs, logos, emblems, symbols, slogans, devices, and mascots. This intellectual property will be used by the IFF and the LOC in promoting and advertising the 3v3 WFC. Such property will be owned by the IFF, however IFF may grant licences to use such intellectual property to its commercial partners and certain other licensees.

In order to ensure that it can control the look, feel and public perception of the 3v3 WFC and to preserve the commercial value of rights of association with the event which are granted to commercial partners, the IFF and the HOST must be sure that it will be able to assert its ownership of its intellectual property and to prohibit unauthorised persons from using it in all relevant markets including, most importantly, in the host country.

1.5 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

The 3v3 WFC has its own Corporate Identity and branding guidelines, which is a separate document to these regulations. A 3v3 WFC logo, in line with the CI guidelines, will be created for the event and must be used in all marketing & promotional materials. The HOST will design a graphics package for use by themselves, the IFF, LOC, and participating National Associations.

IFF owns all international TV rights, all internet rights, and a part of the marketing rights. The domestic TV & streaming rights are owned by the National Association of the hosting team.

The IFF owns all rights for photos, videos, and player/official match tracking from all 3v3 WFC matches.

The IFF reserves space for 4 sponsors and branding elements in each competition venue, according to the commercial proposal which is part of the contract between the IFF and HOST. All other sponsor spots are up to the LOC. A separate plan for the execution of the venue advertisements and branding shall be made between the IFF and the HOST.

The IFF materials sponsors have exclusivity in all fields, but the event is played with the rink, synthetic flooring, and goal cages supplied by the HOST.

A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfits. The advertisements must not act as to change the colour of the playing jersey. The main colour of the outfit must remain dominant.

1.6 RULES OF THE GAME

All matches shall be played in accordance with the official IFF 3v3 WFC Rules of the Game. Exceptions may only be granted upon request to the IFF Rules Committee.

1.7 ORGANISATIONAL EXCEPTIONS

The HOST has the right to ask for exceptions concerning the requirements for organising of the 3v3 WFC. Exceptions from these regulations can only be agreed upon in a written contract between IFF and the HOST or by the specific approval of the IFF Events Committee.

1.8 ORGANISER APPOINTMENT

Any IFF Member Association, not under suspension, may apply to organise a 3v3 WFC. An event organiser will be appointed at least twelve (12) months in advance of the scheduled event dates. The appointment of an organiser by the IFF Central Board is the binding agreement between the IFF and the host. Contract negotiations and signing may continue past this time.

An invitation to bid to host a 3v3 WFC will be sent to all IFF Member Associations by the IFF Events Committee approximately 6 months prior to the scheduled organiser appointment date. Due dates on bidding and organiser appointment are set by the IFF Events Committee and will be advised in the bid invitation.

The decision on the appointment of an organiser will be made by the IFF Central Board (IFF CB) on the recommendation of the IFF Events Committee.

1.9 CONTRACT

These Organiser Regulations stipulate the overall requirements for organising a 3v3 WFC. In the contract between the HOST and IFF it is possible that some of the stipulations may be excluded or reduced.

IFF and the HOST shall sign an organiser contract stipulating the rights, duties and responsibilities of the IFF and the HOST, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- Rights and duties according to the corresponding regulations
- Rights and responsibilities of marketing and advertising
- Rights and responsibilities concerning broadcasting, production, and designated media channels
- Financial responsibilities
- Sales provisions
- Ticket sales
- Any other business not covered for in the competition and/or organiser regulations

The organiser contract shall be signed no later than ten (10) months prior to the event.

1.10 SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES

1.10.1 Visa / Work Permits

During a 3v3 WFC there will be a demand for entry into the host country by foreign nationals. All foreign nationals with a valid passport attending the 3v3 WFC as participants or spectators should, within the limits of the host country visa and immigration laws, be permitted to enter and exit the country. The IFF and HOST should give all possible assistance to the participating National Associations in obtaining entry and exit visas.

1.10.2 Customs

Persons that are participating a 3v3 WFC, or in the organisation thereof, should be able to import into the host country all goods which they consider necessary, or desirable, to fulfil their function in relation to the event. The HOST should, within the limits of the host country customs regulations, assist the IFF and participating countries with the formalities of importing and exporting goods for the preparation of the event, during the competition itself and following its conclusion. This should extend to the following goods of designated persons:

- competition materials: flooring, rinks, goals, sticks, balls
- personal effects
- sporting equipment
- medical supplies and instruments
- pharmaceuticals and food supplements
- food and beverages
- photographic and audio-visual equipment and supplies
- broadcast equipment and supplies
- computers and other office equipment
- documents, printed matter, gifts, awards, trophies, medals, flags, signage, decorative materials and promotional materials
- uniforms, costumes and other clothing
- products that IFF's commercial partners intend to distribute as promotional items
- products of IFF's commercial partners which are supplied to IFF in connection with the organisation of IFF events

2. ADMINISTRATION

2.1 LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

The HOST shall have a Local Organising Committee (LOC) that shall consist of functions and responsibilities that include, but not be limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance• Venues• Competition• Marketing & Sponsorship• Ceremonies• Logistics• Media• TV and internet broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Doping & Medical• VIP services• Security• Accommodation & Transport• Support services• Volunteers• Fan Engagemet• Sustainability
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Refer to the IFF Organiser's Event Handbook for more detailed information regarding the responsibilities of each function.

The LOC shall, no later than ten (10) months prior to the event advise to the IFF the main contact person within the LOC responsible for the organisational matters.

2.2 IFF OFFICIALS

A range of different IFF officials will be present at a 3v3 WFC. The number of IFF officials shall depend on the number of venues and the number of matches per day and will be decided upon prior to the event by the IFF Events Committee, in co-operation with the IFF Administration and the IFF Referee Committee.

For planning purposes, the following table shows the approximate number of IFF Officials participating at a 3v3 WFC. **THIS IS A GUIDELINE ONLY.** The exact and final number of IFF officials at the event will be agreed upon by the IFF and the HOST in the contract. If the conditions of the event change, the IFF reserves the right to change the number of needed persons.

IFF OFFICIALS	3v3 WFC
IFF Staff	4
IFF Media	3
IFF CB	4
Jury	2
Referee Management	2
Referees	16-20

2.3 MATCH SCHEDULE

2.3.1 Schedule planning

The match schedule shall be drawn up in accordance with IFF guidelines and regulations. Competition matches may only be scheduled to start no earlier than 09:00 and conclude no later than 22:30.

2.3.2 Time between the start of matches

The match schedule shall be done so that there is at least 30mins between the start of matches being played on the same rink.

2.3.3 Consecutive matches of a team

The match schedule shall be done so that there is at least 90mins between the end of a team's match and the start of their next match. In principle, a team that has played the last match of the day shall not, if possible, play the first match of the following day.

2.3.4 Warm-up

Teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before the start of a match only if available time in the match schedule allows. The LOC should, where possible, provide a suitable space within, or close to, the competition venue that teams may use for warm-up.

2.3.5 Changing of the match schedule

The LOC is entitled to request to the IFF for changes in the match schedule for reasons of television coverage &/or local spectator needs. The teams concerned shall be informed within a reasonable time before the start of the match.

2.4 ACCREDITATION

The LOC must ensure that all 3v3 WFC participants, LOC staff and volunteers, media representatives, event officials, and VIPs are properly identified. The LOC shall, in co-operation with the IFF decide on the system of accreditation to be used.

Identification should be prepared prior to the event by the LOC, with the possibility to arrange it on-

site at each venue if needed. The LOC is responsible for all costs related to the preparation and implementation of the identification process, including neckbands if required.

2.5 ANTI-DOPING

In IFF events, the IFF shall determine the number of doping control tests based on the WADA requirements and the IFF Annual Test Distribution Plan (TDP), and the number will be specified in the organiser contract. The results of all tests shall be sent to the IFF.

2.5.1 Testing procedures

All tests shall be carried out by specially trained and accredited doping control personnel. The LOC are responsible for contacting the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and laboratory for organising the doping control based on the instructions provided by the IFF and according to the valid IFF Anti-doping Regulations.

2.5.2 Chaperones

The LOC needs to provide chaperones according to the agreement with the NADO (the NADO might supply their own chaperones). Chaperones must be over 18yrs of age and must be of the same gender as the person being tested

2.5.3 Doping Control room

The Doping Control room must be located inside the competition venue, close to the Field of Play (FOP) and locker rooms. To ensure athlete privacy, the Doping Control room should be inaccessible to the public, located away from the media and spectator areas, and access may only be granted to authorised persons.

The doping control room must contain the following areas:

- Waiting room/area separated from the sample taking area(s)
- Administration area with a desk, chairs, a table for the samples, wash basin, soap and towels. If possible, a lockable refrigerator for storage of samples should also be supplied.
- Sample collection area (toilet/s). At least one toilet is required in the sample collection area and if possible, a separate sample collection area should be provided for each gender being tested. The toilet area must be large enough for the Doping Control Officer (DCO) to directly observe the player providing the sample. The sample collection area must be directly accessible from the sample taking area (*not through the waiting room*)

2.6 TICKETING

2.6.1 Ticket Revenue

The IFF grants the HOST the revenue from the sales of entrance tickets, from which 10% of the net revenue (direct ticket sales costs excluded) belongs to the IFF.

2.6.2 Ticket System

The ticketing system and the pricing shall be approved by the IFF before the launch of ticket sales. The IFF should have the possibility to buy tickets before the official ticket sales begin.

2.6.3 IFF tickets

The HOST grants IFF a set number of free tickets, of which a certain amount should be with VIP privileges. The HOST must supply free entry (in the form of accreditations) for all IFF Officials valid for the entire event. The HOST must provide VIP access for all IFF Officials, excluding referees.

The exact number of tickets for the IFF will be defined in the organiser contract. The IFF must inform the organiser at least one month in advance of the event how many tickets they will use during each day, the remainder of which will be given back to the LOC for their own use &/or sale.

2.6.4 Team tickets

The HOST must provide free entry (in the form of accreditations valid for the whole event) for each participating team's players and officials, according to the final team list. Only those on the official team list will receive accreditation. These tickets must allow access to the competition venues and all official team areas.

2.6.5 National Association tickets

The HOST must provide 2 free tickets per day, with VIP access, for each association with a team participating in an event.

3. VENUES AND OTHER EVENT FACILITIES

3.1 VENUE AGREEMENTS

The LOC must prove that they have reserved all the venues that they are planning to use for the event, for both competition and training.

3.2 INSPECTION OF VENUES

The venue/s for the competition must be approved by the IFF. Persons nominated by the IFF may inspect the venue/s and arrangements in due time prior to the event. Further inspections may be carried out if necessary. Following each visit, an inspection report shall be submitted to the IFF Events Committee. The LOC shall be responsible for the basic costs of the visit and transportation of the inspector/s, as defined in the organiser contract.

3.3 COMPETITION VENUE REQUIREMENTS

3.3.1 Number of Venues

The number of venues shall be sufficient according to the number of teams participating in the event to enable a reasonable match schedule according to 2.3.

3.3.2 Venue Capacity

In principle, minimum spectator capacity for the main arena should be 500

3.3.3 Scoreboard

A dedicated scoreboard must be visible to the teams, referees, officials, media and spectators on each field of play. The scoreboard must show, at a minimum, the match time and score.

3.3.4 Internet services

Internet connections must be provided for different user groups in the venue:

- Match secretariat, competition desk, and IFF staff
- Accredited Media & broadcasters

Internet connections must be of sufficient capacity for each of the user groups needs and must be password protected. Minimum connection speed should be 100 Mbps. TV will require dedicated internet connections.

3.3.5 Parking

Sufficient parking must be available at venues for both cars and buses

3.3.6 Illumination of the field of play

Lighting sources which may disturb the players, referees, officials or the public shall be avoided. The LOC must ensure that television lighting equipment does not interfere with the progress of the game. The recommended maintenance for illumination of the field of play is as follows:

Camera type	Horizontal illuminance	Uniformity Mn/Ave	Uniformity Mn/Max	Vertical illuminance	Uniformity Mn/Ave	Uniformity Mn/Max	Colour Rendering	Glare Rating
HDTV	1500-3000	0.8	0.7	2200	0.7	0.6	>90	<50
Slow-motion	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1800	0.7	0.5	>80	<50
Fixed	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1400	0.7	0.5	>80	<50
Mobile	1500-3000	0.8	0.6	1200	0.5	0.3	>80	<50
Average horizontal and vertical illuminance ratios - it is recommended that the ratio for horizontal illuminance (field of play) is between 0.75 and 1.5 of the vertical illuminance for cameras. Where there is HDTV, all horizontal values for other cameras are as for HDTV. Measurements should be taken 1.5 m above the playing surface.								

3.3.7 Clean Venue

The tournament shall be played in venues free from binding advertisements. There may never be contradicting commercials to the present IFF sponsors in an event. This includes the name of the venue, which, after the signing of the contract between the IFF and HOST, may not be changed without approval from IFF. The LOC is responsible to secure a 'clean' area of at least 100m surrounding the competition venues

3.3.8 Flags

Flags of all participating teams and IFF shall be on display inside the venues and, if possible, outside the venues. Inside the venues, the flags of the participating teams, IFF and the organiser should be suspended from the ceiling or hung against a wall. The flags should all be of the same flag number size.

The flags should be hung in alphabetical order according to French spelling. The IFF and event flag can be hung in the middle or at either end of the national flags. If the flags are hung vertically, correct hanging protocol should be followed, according to instructions provided by the IFF.

During the national anthems, which are played in the medal matches only, the flags of the participating teams should be held by a flag-bearer standing directly in front of the teams as they line-up on the court.

3.3.9 Spectator Stands

Provisional seating installations will be permitted. Spectator seating should be arranged, where possible, to have the maximum capacity of spectators in the main TV camera view.

3.3.10 Spectator Facilities

Facilities, such as catering and toilet facilities for the spectators should be provided in the venues

3.3.11 Spectators with disabilities

Provision should be made to accommodate disabled spectators, including good viewing positions with seating for support people, and easy access for wheelchairs to appropriate toilet facilities and support devices.

3.4 COMPETITION FIELD OF PLAY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Each competition field of play area should include:

- Playing area of 22 metres long and 11 metres wide
- Free floor space outside of the rink of at least 1.5 metres on each side. On the side where the team benches and match secretariat table are placed, there must be at least 5 metres of free space
- Between two rinks placed next to each other there should be at least 3 metres of free space
- Free height over the field of play of at least 7 metres (measured from the surface of the rink)
- The playing surface shall be a synthetic material, with the flooring provided by the HOST
- Netting at the end of / between courts may be required to restrict the movement of balls from one rink to the next and for safety reasons

3.5 PRACTICE VENUE REQUIREMENTS

There is no requirement to provide a separate practice venue. The competition venue/s should be available for team practice on the day prior to the start of the competition.

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

3.6 RESERVED SEATING

The following reserved seats shall be provided and marked accordingly:

- Seats reserved for the use of VIPs should be according to the organiser contract
- Seats reserved for use by the media
- Seats reserved for use by the TV/Streaming commentary

3.7 VIP SERVICES

A VIP room, offering refreshments and snacks shall be available in each competition venue for VIP guests. Reserved seating with a good viewing position and easy access to the VIP Lounge should be provided in the competition venue.

3.8 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

3.8.1 Media Tribune

Each competition venue must provide seating for the media that provides a clear view to the FOP. There should be chairs and tables, with access to internet and electricity.

3.8.2 Media Room

A media working area should be provided in each competition venue. This area should include a working area with desks, chairs, power, internet, & printer, and should also include an area where catering (refreshments and snacks) may be provided. The media working area should provide easy access to and from other areas such as the media seats, mixed zone, and toilet facilities.

3.8.3 Photographers

Photographers should have access to the area surrounding the FOP, within marked photographer zones, as well as any other specially marked photographer areas within the venue. The FOP photographer zones should not be on the side of the court where the team benches and match secretariat are located.

Accredited photographers should be identified by the wearing of a photographer's vest, provided by the LOC.

3.8.4 Mixed Zone

Each competition venue must have a mixed zone between the FOP and the team dressing rooms where accredited media can interview players following a match. Each mixed zone should be

easily accessible from the team dressing rooms, the media working area and the media seating. It should include an IFF/Event sponsor backdrop and be large enough to accommodate the necessary media.

The mixed zone should be organised in such a way as to give the host broadcaster the first right to interview, followed by other TV, radio and then the written press.

3.8.5 TV requirements

In each competition venue, the main TV camera shall be located on the side that gives the best possible visibility to the rink advertising and second line commercials. TV cameras shall be situated such that they do not cause any disturbance or danger for the participants or spectators. The LOC must secure sufficient electricity and internet services and have an emergency electricity plan.

3.9 ADMINISTRATIVE ROOMS

3.9.1 LOC Office

Each competition venue should have a working space for the key LOC staff, with internet access, printer/copier, and other office equipment as required. There should also be refreshments and snacks provided.

3.9.2 IFF Office

Each competition venue should have an office space for IFF officials with desks, chairs, internet access, printer/copier, and other office equipment as required. There should also be refreshments and snacks provided. The office should be able to accommodate at least 5 people.

It is preferred that the LOC & IFF offices be located close to each other or be combined in one space.

3.9.3 Referee lounge

As well as dedicated locker rooms for the referees, each competition venue should have a separate lounge area for the referees.

3.10 TECHNICAL ROOMS

3.10.1 Team Locker Rooms

Separate locker rooms should be provided for each gender in each venue. These should include toilets and showers. Teams may have access to these locker rooms at all times but shall be instructed to not leave equipment / belongings in there to allow space for all participants.

If space allows, the LOC may provide a secure area for teams to leave equipment between matches or overnight.

3.10.2 Referee Locker Rooms

Separate locker rooms should be provided for each gender in each venue. These should include toilets and showers.

3.10.3 Doping control room

Each competition venue should have a doping control room containing a waiting room, sample collecting area and sample taking area (toilet), according to the requirements set by the IFF Anti-Doping regulations. *For more details see 2.5 Anti-Doping*

3.10.4 First Aid room

Each competition venue should have a First Aid room, supplied with the necessary medical equipment, for the use of the First Aid staff. This should be accessible for both participants and spectators.

3.10.5 Broadcast room

Each competition venue should have a room or a designated space, located in suitable position for the broadcast team, for their equipment and production.

3.11 MATCH SECRETARIAT

Match secretariat, penalty and substitution benches shall all be placed on the same side of the court.

3.11.1 Match secretariat staff

The match secretariat shall be placed at a safe distance outside the rink at the centreline. The match secretariat shall consist of the following staff:

- One timekeeper / scoreboard operator
- One online match record keeper (IFF App)

All match secretariat staff must be at least 15yrs of age and should have a basic understanding of the rules of the game.

3.11.2 Match secretariat equipment

At the match secretariat table there must be at least two chairs, a reliable internet connection and the following equipment:

- Minimum of 2 timing devices (including one electronic scoreboard and one manual stopwatch)
- Computer with internet access for online match record (IFF App)
- Match balls as provided by the IFF
- Tape for the goal creases and a tape measure
- Materials for repairing goal cages, goal nets and the rink

3.12 RINK CREW

Each FOP should have 2-3 rink crew who have the responsibility to fix the rink, collect balls, and clean the floor. They should be positioned at a safe distance from the rink. During the intermission and between games they should refill the ball bags that are connected to the goal cages.

They should have brooms / mops / cloths for cleaning &/or drying the floor, as well as something in which to collect the balls.

3.13 PENALTY BENCHES

If space allows, one chair for each team can be placed next to the match secretariat and act as the penalty bench. If this is not possible, a penalised player shall sit for the duration of their penalty on the first seat in the team substitution zone which is closest to the match secretariat.

3.14 SUBSTITUTION BENCHES

The substitution benches for each team should have 8 seats. The ends of the substitution zone should be clearly marked on the floor, and the area should be separated from the spectators &/or foot traffic that passes behind the team bench. There should be a rubbish bin provided within the team bench area.

3.15 FIRST AID

Qualified First Aid staff with appropriate equipment (including a stretcher and defibrillator) should be in the immediate vicinity of the field of play during all matches. First aid services for spectators must also be provided.

3.16 SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The LOC is responsible for the safety and security arrangements in all competition venues. The LOC must have a security plan for the event.

3.17 PRACTICE SESSIONS

The competition venues should be reserved for team practice on the day prior to the competition start. Each court shall be available for the use of one team at a time. The LOC shall provide the practices within the time frame of 08:00 – 22:00.

Each team is entitled to one practice, free of charge, of 30-45 minutes in the competition venue before their first match in the event. Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions

4. ACCOMMODATION

The LOC must propose accommodation alternatives at various price levels for IFF Officials, participating teams, and media. As far as possible, the average travelling distance between the hotels and the tournament venue should not exceed 10kms and hotels should be selected accordingly. The accommodation offer must be approved by the IFF before being distributed to the teams.

4.1 IFF OFFICIALS' ACCOMMODATION

The LOC is responsible for selecting the hotel accommodation, with breakfast included, for the IFF officials, and the IFF is to approve the hotel in advance. The hotel should be situated in the main competition city and be of at least a 3-star standard. IFF officials should not be accommodated in a hotel together with any of the participating teams, unless approved by the IFF. The hotel should have a meeting room that is reserved daily for the referees according to the meeting schedule advised by the IFF. It should have sufficient internet services to cater to the work of the IFF Officials, and it should offer restaurant facilities or have restaurant options close by.

4.2 TEAM ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation offer for the teams and media serves only as a recommendation. The teams have no obligation to book hotels offered by the LOC and are responsible for making their own accommodation bookings.

5. TRANSPORTATION

5.1 LOC RESPONSIBILITIES

The LOC is responsible for the transportation of IFF Officials according to the organiser contract. This includes arrival / departure transport and daily transport between the official hotels and competition venues, and to/from all official meetings / events.

The transport responsibility for the LOC starts two days before the first match of the event and ends the day after the last match of the event. The LOC are responsible for organising the transportation timetables in cooperation with the IFF.

5.2 TEAM TRANSPORTATION

The participating teams are responsible for all of their own travel to/from the host city, as well as daily transport from their accommodation to/from the competition venue and any official meetings or events.

6. TV & LIVESTREAMING

6.1 LIVESTREAM

The LOC is responsible for providing a High Definition (HD) 1080p livestream from every match of the event for distribution on the designated IFF video channels. For all events the livestream must be produced with the possibility of having commentary.

6.2 TV BROADCASTS

TV broadcast rights and responsibilities will be outlined in the organiser contract.

6.3 PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS

Production agreements should be made by the HOST in consultation with the IFF. The production level (eg. number of cameras, commentary positions, signal delivery etc) will be specified in the organiser contract. All camera positions must be confirmed by the IFF, but the minimum requirement is:

- one main court with an operated camera + 2 fixed goal cameras, with commentary
- all other courts with a fixed camera (which may be a phone or tablet)

6.4 IFF MATCH VIDEOS

The LOC must arrange for every match from the main court to be recorded on hard drive. The LOC must provide a copy of these matches to the IFF on an external memory drive, no later than 7 days after the completion of the tournament.

6.5 HIGHLIGHTS

The IFF App allows for highlight tagging from the livestream, which creates individual highlights as well as a highlight summary at the conclusion of the match. As a minimum, the LOC is required to highlight tag every match on the main court, and if possible on the other courts. The equipment required for this is a mobile phone or tablet.

7. MEDIA

7.1 EVENT WEBSITE

The HOST is responsible for all costs related to the development of the official event website, including the reserving of a specific event domain name. The event website must be in English with the option of other languages. Any costs for the addition of multiple languages are the responsibility of the HOST.

The LOC is to update the Event website regularly with news and materials before and during the Event. This material must be in English as well as the secondary website language (if being used).

7.2 SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

The 3v3 WFC will be promoted via the main IFF social medial channels. The LOC will work in co-operation with the IFF to create content for these channels.

7.3 PLAYER INTERVIEWS

The LOC is responsible for conducting interviews with players in English throughout the event, and uploading them to the approved IFF media channels, according to the instructions of the IFF. The plan for these interviews should be made in co-operation with the IFF media staff.

7.4 MATCH PHOTOGRAPHS

The LOC is responsible for taking photographs during the event, covering all matches. A minimum of 15 high resolution photos, per match, must be uploaded by the LOC to the approved IFF media

channels. The photos can be used freely for the purpose of floorball development and/or promotion. The photos shall not be used for commercial use, except by IFF or LOC sponsors, unless otherwise agreed with the IFF.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8.1 INFORMATION TO IFF

The LOC shall submit information to the IFF as outlined in the regulations and contract. An organisational status report must be submitted to the IFF CB for each of their meetings. The dates for submission of information to the IFF shall be set in the organiser contract or advised separately by the IFF Administration.

8.2 INFORMATION LETTERS TO TEAMS

8.2.1 First information letter

The LOC shall send a First Information letter to the IFF and participating teams, which should contain:

- Host city information
- Competition venue information
- Proposed hotels for the participating teams and the booking procedure
- Suggestions on how teams can travel from the main arrival city to the host city
- Suggestions on how teams will be able to travel from accommodation to/from the competition venue (eg. public transport services)
- Preliminary match schedule
- Preliminary practice information
- Contact information of the local organisers

The 1st Information Letter will be due no later than 1 month after the registration for the event closes.

8.2.2 Second information letter

The LOC shall send a Second Information Letter to the IFF and participating teams which should contain:

- Details of practice session times and how to book
- Information about other services such as meals and laundry
- Other practical information

The 2nd Information Letter should be sent no later than 3 months prior to the event.

8.2.3 Final information letter

If required, a final information letter can be sent approximately 1 month prior to the event.

8.3 EVENT MANUAL

The LOC shall, upon arrival, provide an Event Manual to the IFF officials and participating teams, containing:

- A short welcome by the IFF President, HOST Association President, Host city representative
- Contact information of key LOC contacts and IFF officials
- Address information of competition venues
- Information about locker rooms and other services at venues
- Information about local public transport services

- Information of any ceremonies or special events
- Match protocol instructions and venue maps
- Anti-doping & medical information, including contact and address information for local hospital and other medical and emergency services

8.4 DAILY REPORT

The IFF, during the tournament, should send to the LOC, IFF officials, and IFF Committee Members a daily report containing:

- Results of the day's matches and the number of spectators
- Total number of spectators for the event
- Details of any irregularities or special situations that occur each day
- The next day's match schedule
- Other information regarding media, special events, transport, accommodation, meetings etc

9. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Anything not provided for in these regulations shall be decided by the relevant IFF Committees, or the IFF Administration, or the IFF CB respectively, and, if appropriate, in co-operation with the organisers and/or the participants.

II. FINANCIALS

10. ORGANISING COSTS

The HOST shall be responsible for all financial matters concerning the local organisation of the event.

10.1 TRAVEL COSTS FOR TEAMS

Costs for travel to and from their home country and the host city as well as all local transport shall be borne by each participating team.

10.2 COSTS FOR IFF OFFICIALS (excluding referees)

The HOST is responsible for the accommodation, including breakfast, local transport, including arrival & departure transport, for the following IFF personnel:

- IFF Staff and IFF Media
- IFF Jury as appointed by the IFF
- IFF Referee Management as appointed by the IFF
- IFF CB

The IFF is responsible for the travel from the home country to the official arrival city and daily allowances for IFF Officials (excluding the IFF CB).

The responsibility for the LOC to accommodate and transport IFF officials shall be defined in the organiser contract but is usually two days before the first match and stops the day after the last match of the tournament.

10.3 COSTS FOR REFEREES

The HOST is responsible for the accommodation, meals, and domestic travel for the referees. All other costs for the referees will be shared 50/50 between the IFF & the HOST.

11. MEDICAL COSTS

The LOC shall be responsible for the cost of having qualified first aid staff in the arena/s at all times. The first aid staff must be qualified and equipped to manage emergency situations for participants and spectators. The LOC must have an agreement with local hospital / emergency services for ambulance services and medical treatments for event participants.

Participating teams shall be responsible for taking out sufficient insurance to cover their delegations.

12. DOPING TESTS

The LOC shall be responsible for all costs related to the Doping tests. The number of tests for each event is set according to the IFF Testing plan. Any extra tests that are required outside of the specified number will be at the expense of the IFF.

13. VENUE INSPECTION

The LOC shall be responsible for the basic costs of the visit and transportation of an IFF appointed person to inspect the venues and tournament arrangements in due time prior to the event. These costs include:

- Transport to/from their home city to the arrival city

- Transport to/from the arrival city to the accommodation
- Transport to/from the venues
- Accommodation (including breakfast)

14. PRACTICE SESSIONS

The LOC shall be responsible for the cost of providing one 30–45-minute practice session for each team in the competition venue on the day prior to the start of the event. Teams are responsible for their own transport to/from the practice session.

The participating teams shall be responsible for the costs of all other practice sessions, including venue hire and transport to/from the venue.

Teams are responsible for providing balls and other training equipment.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

FOP – Field of play

HD – High definition

IFF – International Floorball Federation

IFF CB – IFF Central Board

IFF RC – IFF Referee Committee

LOC – Local Organising Committee

NADO – National Anti-Doping Organisation

WFC – World Floorball Championships



Status Report on the Preparations for the Women's World Floorball Championships 2025

Date: December 1, 2025

Host Cities: Brno & Ostrava, Czechia

1. Organising Structure

The Organizing Committee has been finalized. Responsibilities are well-distributed and clearly structured. Local clubs and individuals participate in the championships organization. All the volunteers have participated in the training sessions and are well educated about their role during the championship.

2. Venue Readiness

Brno: The preparations for infrastructure, logistics, and zoning have been completed in Vodova Complex. Work on the fan zones and VIP areas has been finalized.

Ostrava: The planning of the arena setup has been completed. Preparations for the fan zones and VIP areas have been finalized.

3. Ticketing

As of right now, there have been over 30 000 tickets distributed, 15 000 kids on school matches confirmed. Segment-specific communications are ongoing for the international audiences.

4. Marketing & Promotion

The nationwide campaign runs across BusTV, Amos Vision, and print media, as well as digital channels such as YouTube, Instagram, and influencers. The focus is on storytelling about female athletes. Since the start of the season, promotion has been taking place with individual teams. Sports clubs are involved in promotional efforts. Local clubs also cooperate in promoting the championship during their events and when communicating with club members.



5. Communication

Communication channels are aligned with Czech Floorball's media strategy. Content teams are being built with skilled individuals and support from the Content Academy. Players are engaged in content creation and live appearances.

6. Finance

Budget is structured for transparent cost centre reporting and VAT optimisation. Financial management systems are in place, and we have finalized the insurance deal.

7. Partners

We have finalized the agreement with Czech Television, Czech Railways as the main transportation partner and also with the automotive partner. In addition to that, we also have a partner, Lotus – jewelry and watches that will be gifted to the best player of the match.

8. Service & Logistics

Accommodation for all teams has been finalized. Negotiations regarding meals with hotels and other venues have been also finalized.

9. Fan Experience & Side Events

Preparations for the fan zones are continuing. The plan includes school matches, parafloorball, KFC SFL, and exhibitions (for example, LOC vs. volunteers). Clubs are involved in the halftime program.

The new concept of the trophies was presented and approved by the IFF. The trophy has been made.

10. Sustainability

Visitors of the arenas will be using recycled cups. We are calculating the championship's carbon footprint.

11. Adjacks events

4 December 2025

- BRNO – Open training of the Czech national team at Vodova 1 followed by an autograph session, start 19:00.

5 December 2025

- BRNO – Press conference for the Women's World Championship 2025, DOMINI PARK, start 10:30.
- BRNO – First technical meeting and captains' gathering, Hotel Continental, start 19:00.
- BRNO – Test game at Vodova 1 and volunteers' match, start 19:30.

6 December 2025

- BRNO – Czech Floorball coaches' education, Vodova 1, start 13:00 and 17:30.
- BRNO – IFF coaches' and referees' education, Hotel International, start 10:00.
- BRNO – Fan Zone – themes: Women's Power, sustainability and recycled floorball equipment; presentations by Bulldogs Brno and Troopers.

7 December 2025

- BRNO – Czech Floorball coaches' education, Vodova 1, start 16:45.
- BRNO – Fan Zone – themes: Para floorball and Special Olympics organisations; Czech Floorball coaches' education; presentations by Gullivers and Florbal Židenice.

8 December 2025

- BRNO – 3 school matches, Vodova 1 and 2.
- BRNO – Meeting of mayors and representatives of regional clubs, Vodova 3 + 1, start 16:00.
- BRNO – Fan Zone – accompanying programme for schoolchildren, potential autograph session with Jaromír Jágr and mascot Floory; presentations by Gullivers and Florbal Židenice.

9 December 2025

- BRNO – 2 school matches, Vodova 1 and 2.



- BRNO – Fan Zone – accompanying programme for schoolchildren; presentations by Bulldogs and Hattrick.

10 December 2025

- OSTRAVA – Ostravar 1 – IFF and LOC match, start 22:00.

11 December 2025

- OSTRAVA – 2 school matches, Ostravar 1.
- OSTRAVA – IFF Central Board meeting and Ethics Committee session, Hotel Clarion.
- OSTRAVA – “Fan Zone” – potential autograph signing with Lukáš Rohan in the ČEZ Zone and presentation by Vítkovice.
- OSTRAVA – Czech Floorball coaches’ education, Ostravar 1, start 16:30 and 19:30.
- OSTRAVA – Para floorball exhibition CZE vs. POL in Q1, Ostravar 1, approx. 17:15.
- OSTRAVA – Volunteers’ match, Ostravar 1, start 21:30.

12 December 2025

- OSTRAVA – 3 school matches, Ostravar 1 and 2.
- OSTRAVA – IFF Association Meeting, Hotel Clarion.
- OSTRAVA – Para floorball match CZE vs. SWE, Ostravar 1, start 14:15.
- OSTRAVA – Czech Floorball coaches’ education, Ostravar 1, start 19:00.
- OSTRAVA – “Fan Zone” – presentation by FBC Ostrava.

13 December 2025

- OSTRAVA – Media game, Ostravar 1, start 9:00.
- OSTRAVA – Conference on Women in Sport, Hotel Clarion, start 11:00.
 - Three panel discussions: Children and Sport, Women in Sport, and Sports Fan Management.
 - Confirmed guests include Kateřina Emmons, Šárka Kašpáriková, Gabriela Soukalová, Karolína Suchanová Elhotová, Eliška Krupnová and others.
- OSTRAVA – Czech Floorball coaches’ education, Hotel Clarion, start 11:00.
- OSTRAVA – IFF Association Meeting, Hotel Clarion.



- OSTRAVA – Meeting of mayors and representatives of regional clubs, Ostravar 1, start 15:00.
- OSTRAVA – “Fan Zone” – presentation by Vítkovice.

14 December 2025

- OSTRAVA – IFF Press Conference, Ostravar 1, approx. 11:30.
- OSTRAVA – Official afterparty, Club Fabric, approx. 21:30.
- OSTRAVA – “Fan Zone” – presentation by FBC Ostrava.

TV Sales for the WFC 2025

APPENDIX 22

Status 2.12.2025

Country	TV/Streaming channels	Total number of matches	
IFF	IFF App	48	417
CZE	CTV	18	
SWE	SVT	8	
FIN	YLE	8	
SUI	SRF	7	
SUI	CHRTS	0	TBC
SUI	RSI	0	TBC
NOR	TV2	9	
SVK	RSTV	15	
LAT	Best4sport TV	12	
SPG	Media Coprp	5	
GER	Spontent	16	
GER	Sport Europe TV	0	TBC
SLO	Sport TV	15	
CAN	CBC YT	48	
UKR	Sport 1 & 2	4	TBC
KYR	KRTK	48	
TUR	TRTV	4	
SRL	SLRC	0	TBC
	Still Open		
USA	beIN Sports	0	TBD
EST	Duo 5	0	TBD
EST	ERR	0	
Multi	APBU	0	
DEN	???	0	
		0	
CZE	Tipsport	48	
CZE	Magnifi	56	
CZE	Ceskyflorbal.tv	48	

GAME SCHEDULE

GROUP A

- Sweden
- Finland
- Norway
- Poland

GROUP B

- Switzerland
- Czechia
- Slovakia
- Denmark

GROUP C

- EUR 1
- Italy
- AOFC 3
- Canada

GROUP D

- AOFC 1
- Latvia
- AOFC 2
- EUR 2

BELLA ITALIA, Lignano Sabbiadoro

PALAZZETTO DELLO SPORT, Latisana

WED 06.05.2026

10.00	Latvia AOFC 2	D
13.00	EUR 2 AOFC 1	D
16.00	Slovakia Switzerland	B
19.00	Canada Italy	C

10.00	Czechia Denmark	B
13.00	Finland Norway	A
16.00	Poland Sweden	A
19.00	EUR 1 AOFC 3	C

THU 07.05.2026

10.00	Norway Poland	A
13.00	Czechia Slovakia	B
16.00	Sweden Finland	A
19.00	AOFC 3 Italy	C

10.00	AOFC 2 EUR 2	D
13.00	AOFC 1 Latvia	D
16.00	Switzerland Denmark	B
19.00	Canada EUR 1	C

FRI 08.05.2026

10.00	Finland Poland	A
13.00	Denmark Slovakia	B
16.00	Switzerland Czechia	B
19.00	Italy EUR 1	C

10.00	AOFC 1 AOFC 2	D
13.00	Latvia EUR 2	D
16.00	AOFC 3 Canada	C
19.00	Sweden Norway	A

SAT 09.05.2026

10.00	4 th Group A 1 st Group D	PO1
*13.00	4 th Group B 1 st Group C	PO2
16.00	1 st Group A 2 nd Group B	SF1
19.00	1 st Group B 2 nd Group A	SF2

10.00	4 th Group C 4 th Group D	15 th
13.00	3 rd Group C 3 rd Group D	13 th
16.00	2 nd Group C 2 nd Group D	11 th
19.00	3 rd Group A 3 rd Group B	5 th

SUN 10.05.2026

**10.00	Loser PO1 Loser PO2	9 th
13.00	Losers of semifinals	3 rd
16.00	Winner of semifinals	FINAL

10.00	Winner PO 1 Winner PO2	7 th
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* Italy to play whichever match they are qualified to at this time | **If Italy is in either 7th or 9th place match it will be played in this venue at this time
Changes due to TV or organiser needs may affect the schedule.

Eastern European Regional Development Committee

Report on the Utilisation of IFF Services Within the Region

1. Introduction, Context and Methodology

This report aims to assess how the member countries in the Eastern European region are using the services, tools, and development support provided by the International Floorball Federation (IFF).

The Eastern European region consists of nations at different stages of floorball development. Some have recently received tangible support for example:

- Serbia received equipment packages and development assistance for grassroots and school-level activities.
- Azerbaijan received floorball equipment in recent years to help kickstart local development.
- Ukraine - joined Fit4future programme and is benefiting from the tool and service.

Several other countries have participated in IFF seminars, projects, or development outreach over the past decade.

Because the committee only recently began its work, the information gathered is based on:

- consultations with committee members,
- country-level development experiences,
- existing IFF development programs and resources,

- knowledge of past equipment donations and projects.

This report serves as a baseline reference, not a complete final assessment.

2. Methodology Used

To ensure objectivity and consistency with the Western Committee methodology, the following approach was used:

1. Online consultation with committee members in the region regarding:
 - which IFF services they know of,
 - which services they use,
 - which development activities occurred in their countries.
2. Compiling a list of concrete examples, including:
 - distribution of equipment sets to Serbia, Azerbaijan, and (historically) several other nations in the region,
 - participation of countries in IFF webinars, coaching courses, and development seminars,
 - use of IFF transfers, documentation, and regulatory tools.
3. Collecting knowledge of IFF services based on existing public-facing materials and committee experience.
4. Avoiding subjective interpretation:

The task was forwarded directly to committee members “as is,” ensuring feedback reflects reality rather than individual interpretation.

3. Responses Received and Committee Feedback

3.1 Main feedback pattern

As in the Western European Committee report, the most frequent question was:

“Do we have a full, official list of all IFF services available to members?”

This signals a systemic issue across regions:

there is no fully clear, categorized, and easily accessible overview of IFF services, even among experienced federation representatives.

Therefore, one of the first steps was the creation of a preliminary IFF services catalogue based on collective knowledge.

4. Preliminary Catalogue of IFF Services (Based on Committee Knowledge)

Below is an expanded and structured summary of services that the IFF provides to its member associations, combining committee feedback and known IFF activities:

4.1 Administrative & Governance Services

- IFF Rules and Regulations
- IFF Competition Regulations
- Governance guidelines for federations
- Anti-doping policies and education
- IFF Transfer system & licensing procedures
- Development guidelines (federation templates, strategic guidelines)
- Support for constitution/statute drafting

4.2 Education & Development Services

- IFF Development Seminars (general development, federation management)
- Coaching and Refereeing Education (seminars, online sessions)
- “This is Floorball” materials
- School Curriculum Packages
- Coach and Referee Pathways (updated frameworks)
- Online webinars & workshops
- Materials for clubs, coaches, and schools

4.3 Equipment Support

Countries in the region that have received equipment support recently include:

- Serbia (multiple school and grassroots sets)
- Azerbaijan (equipment for introduction of the sport)

Earlier equipment support has also been provided to other Eastern European nations depending on availability and specific applications.

4.4 Digital Services

- IFF App (match streaming, results, statistics)
- IFF Media channels
- IFF Event streaming & digital promotion
- Online learning resources
- Access to global development documents

4.5 Projects, Programs & Strategic Initiatives

- Fit4Future - Ukraine
- GoGirls!
- Floorball Start-Up Support
- Participation in IFF-led development programs
- Inclusion in regional or thematic working groups

4.6 Competitions & Transfers

- Transfer system for players
- Eligibility & licensing
- Access to international competition pathways
- Youth competitions, development tournaments, friendly initiatives

5. Key Observations

5.1 Awareness Gap

Many Eastern European countries are not fully aware of the scope of IFF services. Even long-standing officials often know only a portion of available tools.

5.2 Equipment Has Been a Visible Form of Support

Serbia and Azerbaijan clearly recognise the equipment support they received. However, some countries rely heavily on equipment donations while underutilising educational, digital, and administrative resources.

5.3 Need for a Clear, Official Catalogue

As in the Western region, there is a consensus that an official, centralized, categorized IFF Service Catalogue is needed to understand:

- what services exist,
- how to access them,
- which development pathways are recommended for new countries,
- what the minimum and advanced services are.

5.4 Coordination with Other Committees

Several services (e.g., webinars, school curriculum, Fit4Future) are cross-regional.

The committee recommends coordination with all other IFF regional committees to harmonize the definitions and categories.

6. Conclusion

The assigned task could not be fully completed in the intended sense evaluating the precise degree of service utilisation because the committee lacks a fully defined, accessible list of IFF services.

However, this report establishes a foundation:

- It identifies the main gaps in awareness.
- It lists the key services known and used in the region.
- It records recent support actions in Eastern Europe, including equipment delivery to Serbia and Azerbaijan.
- It highlights the need for an official, coordinated IFF service catalogue.

This catalogue is now included as a priority item in the Eastern European Development Committee's work plan, with a recommendation for cross-committee cooperation.



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Report December 25

Update of the Action Plan presented to the IFF CB in September 25

Actions planned are ongoing according the plan with all these actions completed / ongoing

- Hiring of an Event project manager
- Hiring Hospitality responsible
- Hospitality brochure finished
- Web site launched / approved – dedicated mail accounts open
- IFF Competition inspection successful
- Marketing brochure finished
- Inclusion of 3v3 events in the national competition calendar
(Legacy Plan)
- Launched a 3vs3 Open University Event (Legacy Plan)
- Media Plan approved – ongoing finding media responsible
- Referee education programme finished

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Helsinki, November 14th, 2025

IFF Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG) meeting Report 5/2025

Place: Over Teams 11:00 – 17:30 CET, 14.11.2025

Participants: Tomas Frank, Czech Floorball
Ville-Mikko Korkka, Finnish Floorball Federation
Christer Abrahamsson, Swedish Floorball Federation
Patrick Bloch, Swiss Floorball Federation
Filip Suman, IFF President
Sarah Mitchell, IFF Event manager
John Liljelund, IFF secretary general

Excused:

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Suman opened the meeting at 8:00 CET and welcomed the participants and started the meeting welcoming Mr. Ville-Mikko Korkka, for his new position and joining the Champions Cup Steering group.

2. Update after the previous meeting

Mr. Suman opened the discussion with a short recap of what has been agreed and what happened since the last meeting. Mr. Abrahamsson confirmed as he already informed that Sweden unfortunately cannot make the date changes discussed at the last meeting for the season 2026-2027, but confirmed Sweden supports the agreed direction, but any date change can be made only from 2027-2028

Mr. Bloch Swiss feels that if we cannot change the dates we can't change too much for next season as he supports to announce the changes for the season 2027-2028. He also mentioned we have to have definition of the ranking system.

Mr. Abrahamsson felt that the dates for season 2027-2028 have to be defined already this year, as Sweden needs to be able to start to discuss with the clubs. Sweden would need to start to speak with the clubs prior to the WFC and have a feedback meeting during the WFC. We need to have a schedule first before we can go forward with other changes.

Mr. Frank informed that the Czech felt that it was very important to have had the meeting in Prague to get all new ideas on the table and finding a common vision. Clubs reacted very positively to the agreed direction. He mentioned it is a pity that for 2026-2027 we did not find solution for the dates. But he believed the other agreed changes could be implemented directly as they bring a lot of positive results including very important financial aspects. A meeting during the WFC would be needed to discuss this forward.

Mr. Korkka informed that Finland has not received too much of testament from Mr. Tapiro. There are some open slots during the WFC for discussions. The Finnish federation has gathered the feedback from the concerned clubs.

Mr. Suman informed that it is a bit disappointing as IFF CB reacted very positively to the agreed changes at the last CCSG meeting and informed if the changes would not be implemented for the 26/27 he would need to go to CB and try to explain why they are moved to 27/28 and persuade CB to keep the financial IFF investment for 2026/2027. Mr. Abrahamsson reacted that IFF financial support for the project is vital and from his point of view it would be very hard to keep the project alive without it.

3. Schedule discussion for CC 2026-2027

The CCSG agreed that for season 2026-2027 it will be last year still playing in conferences and the dates for the CC for the season 2026-2027 will be:

Northern (SWE/FIN) :	QF1 M&W: 22.08. - 23.08. and
	QF2 M&W: 29.08. - 30.08.
Southern (CZE/SUI):	QF1 M&W: 22.09. - 24.09. and
	QF2 M&W: 29.09. - 01.10.
SF1 M&W:	27.10. - 29.10. and
SF2 M&W:	03.11. - 05.11.
F M&W:	27.01.2026.

4. Any changes for the system for the CC for next season 2026-2027

The CCSG discussed how to approach the potential changes already for the season 2026-2027. Sweden is supporting the changes, but not to make just a single change for 26/27. All changes should be done at the same time to give it a bigger push

Switzerland wants also to have a one package solution for change for 2027-2028 and not do some things already now. Czech already expressed their opinion, and they see it a bit like a lost chance, but if other federations want to implement it only from 27/28, they are willing to play year 26/27 on the same conditions.

Finland thinks that we should prepare well and then shake the system. The clubs are divided on their opinions. The big changes should be made for the season 2027-2028.

Ms. Mitchell also commented she is very much in favour of the proposed changes, the connection with lower club competitions is vital for the motivation of many federations. She mentioned it is important to implement the changes well as it could harm the format of those changes if the Champions Cup would not continue.

The CCSG then proposed not make any changes in the playing system for the season 2026-2027. CCSG will look for the united dates for the future editions and confirm the changes to the system for the season 2027-2028 during a meeting in Ostrava

Mr. Suman informed he will discuss the direction at the next CB meeting which will be organized before the meeting in Ostrava.

5. Inclusion for EFC teams and when to implement

The CCSG discussed the way forward for the possibilities to include the EFC winner in the Champions Cup. CCSG agreed we need to find out what is the standpoint of the federations 5-10 as their interest is very important for us while planning the changes.

The system for the inclusion of the EFC winner will be discussed further in the meeting in Ostrava during the WFC

6. Any other business

The CCSG discussed the running of the CC this season. Ms. Mitchell informed that IFF feels the support from the clubs and federations improved for the running of the Champions Cup this season and also activity of most of the clubs is better.

Ms. Mitchell informed we will be able to send out the Bid documents for the CC Final organisation at the beginning of the week starting on the 17.11.

The CCSG will have a meeting in the evening of Friday evening on the 12.12. Mr. Suman and Mr. Liljelund will propose a time for the meeting

7. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Suman closed the meeting at 08:55 CET



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

ADULT & U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kommenterad [SM1]: EXPLANATION: Was previously called National Teams but this was a little confusing as these regulations apply only to WFC events

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1. IFF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2. IFF Championships include World Floorball Championships for Adults & U19s, as well as their respective qualification events. Regulations for all other IFF events are set out in separate documents.
- 1.3. All IFF Member Associations are entitled to apply to organise a Championship.
- 1.4. The organisers of a Championship are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from the IFF Events Committee.
- 1.5. The duties and responsibilities of the organisers are laid down in the IFF Organisers Regulations.
- 1.6. Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via another person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where their own team participates.
- 1.7. Further, their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.
- 1.8. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.9. Participants in a championship are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the championship organiser.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. IFF shall stage a World Championship for national representative teams in principle:
 - a) the final round for adults in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
 - b) the qualifications for adults in even years for Women and in odd years for Men
 - c) the final round for U19s in odd years for Men U19 and in even years for Women U19
 - d) the qualifications for U19s in odd years for Women U19 and in even years for Men U19
- 2.2. All IFF Member Associations which are not under suspension may apply to participate in a Championship.
- 2.3. Registration shall be made on the official IFF form. Registration and payment of the participation fee shall be submitted to the IFF as follows:
 - 2.3.1. **Adult WFC**
 - a) All teams are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of 1000 CHF which shall be due, along with the registration form, no later than 31st December two years before the year of the Championship
 - b) Any directly qualified team shall pay an additional 6000 CHF, which shall be due no later than 30th April of the year prior to the year of the Championship

- c) Teams participating in qualification events shall pay an additional 2000 CHF, which shall be due no later than 30th April of the year prior to the year of the Championship
- d) The referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF, to be paid before the event upon invoice from the IFF
- e) The teams qualifying for the WFC final round shall pay an additional fee of 2500 CHF, due no later than 31st December of the year prior to the year of the Championship, or within 30 days from having qualified to the final round if the qualification is held in the same year as the Championship.

Kommenterad [SM2]: EXPLANATION: New wording to match changed registration payment system

2.3.2. U19 WFC

- a) All teams are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of 1000 CHF which shall be due, along with the registration form, no later than 31st December two years before the year of the Championship
- b) Any directly qualified team shall pay an additional 4000 CHF, which shall be due no later than 15th June of the year prior to the year of the Championship
- c) Teams participating in qualification events shall pay an additional 2000 CHF, which shall be due no later than 15th June of the year prior to the year of the Championship
- d) The referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF, to be paid before the event upon invoice from the IFF
- e) The referee costs in the final round shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF, to be paid before the event upon invoice from the IFF

- 2.4. A team that registers for a competition and then withdraws from the championship, either prior to the start of, or during competition, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.
- 2.5. Costs for travel to and from the arrival city, board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team. The arrival city of a championship shall be the city with the nearest harbour, railway station or international airport to the main city of the championship. The organiser shall take the cost of transport from the arrival city onwards. In case of any doubts, it is the IFF Central Board &/or IFF Administration which defines the arrival city of the tournament.
- 2.6. The organiser shall pay for no more than 33 persons (20 players and 10 officials **and up to 3 travelling players**) per team for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the arrival city to their respective accommodation. The organiser shall also pay for the participating teams for travelling from their accommodation to the official venues and to training sessions according to the official program and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city.
- 2.7. The responsibility for the organiser to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team. **The teams must use the local transport provided by the organiser.**
- 2.8. Teams may select their own hotels in the competition city or the immediate vicinity, however, when accommodation not listed by the organiser or outside the designated radius is chosen, extra costs for transportation and other LOC services may be charged.
- 2.9. Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate **medical and travel** insurance to cover their delegations.

Kommenterad [SM3]: EXPLANATION: There is no obligation for teams to use the transport provided. They may provide their own transport

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.
- 3.2. A player may represent two separate nations in an U17, U19 or U23 national team. They may represent one of either of these same nations at adult international level. Once a player has represented a nation in an adult team in a recognised international match this then becomes the only nation they can represent at any international level (U17, U19, U23, or adult).
- 3.3. A player may represent only one nation within a single event, which includes qualifications for a final round event.
- 3.4. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams &/or a Club team from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.5. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.
- 3.6. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:

3.6.1. **Permanent Nationality.** Any person holding a permanent nationality is eligible to play for the representative teams of the association of that country.

Proof of permanent nationality:

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

3.6.2. **Sporting Nationality.** In the case of a player who has not represented any country at international level, they can choose their sporting nationality based on fulfilling one of the following criteria:

- i) born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- ii) biological mother or biological father was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- iii) grandmother or grandfather was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
- iv) has lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years

Proof of sporting nationality

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

3.7. A player may, only once, request to change the association for which they are eligible play at adult level, to the association of another country of which they hold the nationality. A request to change association may be granted only in the following circumstances:

a) The player wishes to represent an association that was admitted to federation membership after they were already assigned sporting nationality by way of participation in an international event;

b) The player never represented their current association in any international event after the association which they wish to represent was admitted to membership;

c) The player, at the time of playing their first match in an international competition (at any level) for their current association:

- held the nationality of the association which they wish to represent; or
- in the case of a newly recognised country, obtained the nationality of the association which they wish to represent as soon as reasonably practicable after the country was recognised by the majority of the members of the United Nations

3.8. All players in the **Adult** WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round to be eligible to participate.

3.9. All players in the **Women's U19 WFC 2026** (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30th June in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate.

3.10. All players in the **Men's U19 WFC 2027** (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30th April in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate

3.11. All players in the **Women's U19 WFC 2027** (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30th June in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate

3.12. All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the event in which they will participate

3.13. Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 10 officials in the Championship.

3.14. 30 full days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 20 players, 10 officials, 10 emergency players, **of which up to 3 may be designated as Travelling players**, and 2 Team Media Attachés. Only players included on the emergency list will be eligible to be substituted to the final team list in case of injury or other reasons.

3.15. Together with the list, the teams shall send a photo of each team member (players and officials), **a group team photo**, and a picture of the team jerseys showing both the front and the back.

3.16. Passports **or sporting nationality certificates** may be checked in connection with the accreditation.

3.17. Every player and official must have signed the IFF Event Participant Acknowledgement & Agreement form before they will be provided with accreditation.

3.18. A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The signed list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match. At the same time the team line-up

Kommenterad [SM4]: EXPLANATION: Special conditions valid for 2026/2027 only when we have multiple U19 events

form shall be handed in. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone. The printed match record shall be signed by team officials after the match.

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.
- 4.2. The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.
- 4.3. It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4. It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).
- 4.5. For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the **first day of competition in the** event and at least one day after.
- 4.6. For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the **first day of competition in the** event and at least one day after.
- 4.7. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (**1st full weekend of February (2026), 3rd full weekend of February (2027 onwards), 4th full weekend of May**, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd full weekend of October and 2nd full weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the **first day of competition in the** event and at least one day after.
- 4.8. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9. A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10. Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.
- 4.11. Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.

§ 5 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR ADULT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (WFC)

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

Group A and B:

Basket 1: Ranking 1-4
Basket 2: Ranking 5-8

Group C and D:

Basket 3: Ranking 9-12
Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

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

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

- 5.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the 3rd place match

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

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

- 5.7. Qualification for the WFC is played with continental tournaments. The model of the qualifications and the number of places will be based on the number of qualifying teams per continent. The system of the qualification will be decided by the IFF **Competition Structure Committee**.

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

- 6.1. The U19 World Championships (U19 WFC) shall be played with qualifications and a final round.
- 6.2. The final round shall consist of 16 teams
- 6.3. The U19 WFC shall be played 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

Group A and B:	6.3.1. Group C and D:
Basket 1: Ranking 1-4	6.3.2. Basket 3: Ranking 9-12
Basket 2: Ranking 5-8	6.3.3. Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

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

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

- 6.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match.
- 6.6. Ranking matches for 5th to 15th place shall be played as follows:

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

§ 7 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT & U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 7.1. The matches within each group shall be organised so that each team play each other once.
- 7.2. In the group matches 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 7.3. The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
 - a) The total number of points.
 - b) If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included, if necessary, shall be decisive.
 - c) If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
 - d) If the ranking cannot be decided by the internal matches, the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

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

7.4. When a walk-over 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.

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

7.6. All matches of the continued play after the group matches shall, when ending with a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots. This shall be valid also for qualifications involving two teams only playing two matches where the qualification, if a draw after two matches, shall be decided by extra time and possible penalty shots following directly after the second match.

7.7. The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2hrs 45mins between the start of matches being played on the same rink. In principle, a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day. A minimum of 3hrs should be allowed for matches that require a result and could be decided by extra time and penalty shots. **If possible, a minimum of 3hrs 15mins should be allowed between the 3rd place and Final match.**

7.8. The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF **Administration** for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.

7.9. Teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match. **If needed, the pre-match ceremonies may be modified to allow for warm-up time.**

§ 8 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

8.1. The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey. IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the Championship.

8.2. Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights, and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.

8.3. In the final round of the Adult World Championships, players must have the surname written in the back of the player's shirt. The name must be written with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high. Players with the same surname should be identified with the addition of the initial of their first name.

- 8.4. A player taking part of the Championship shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition. Changes due to unforeseen circumstances, such as damage to the uniform, or blood, may be allowed with the permission of the IFF Jury.
- 8.5. If two teams have the same colour the IFF shall decide which team shall change.
- 8.6. All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the first Technical Meeting of the event.

§ 9 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

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

§ 10 PROTESTS

- 10.1. The IFF **Events Committee** shall **appoint a jury for the championship. The jury shall** decide in matters regarding protests during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2. When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 10.3. The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the Jury within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 10.4. Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 10.5. A protest must be written **and signed. The National Association of the protesting team shall be invoiced an amount of 100 CHF. The invoice shall be cancelled** only if the protest is approved.

§ 11 ANTI-DOPING

- 11.1. All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to participate in a Championship.
- 11.2. TUE applications must be submitted to the IFF at least 30 days prior to the start of the championship. Alternatively, a player may submit, no later than 30 days prior to a championship, a NADO-approved TUE for confirmation by the IFF. **Late applications are subject to a sanction of 300 CHF.**
- 11.3. All doping matters during a championship shall be referred to the applicable deciding body, and all decisions will be based on the valid IFF regulations and the applicable IFF Anti-Doping regulations.
- 11.4. All players registered for participation in a championship agree to undergo doping control testing. Refusal of a player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result.

- 11.5. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Any decision about punishment shall be taken after the investigation is over, according to the IFF Anti-Doping regulations.
- 11.6. All players registered for participation in a championship must complete Anti-Doping education prior to the event. Any player who fails to provide proof of completion of the required education shall be ineligible for participation.

§ 12 BETTING

- 12.1. It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own Floorball matches and Floorball competitions
- 12.2. It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any individual/s and/or organisations (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.
- 12.3. The use of electronic equipment in relation to one's own match/es is limited according to the information in Section 14 of this document.
- 12.4. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 12.5. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 12.6. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 12.7. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 12.8. To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 12.9. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

§ 13 REFEREES

- 13.1. The IFF Referee Committee shall appoint the referees for a championship.
- 13.2. The referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees. In some championships, the IFF Referee Committee may appoint referees from the IFF Referee Development Group
- 13.3. The IFF Referee Committee shall appoint a Referee Management for the championship. All matters concerning referees in a championship shall be dealt with by the Referee management according to valid regulations and decisions.

- 13.4. All championship matches shall be refereed by an international referee pair who shall be appointed by the Event Referee Management.
- 13.5. Appointments of referees in championships shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 13.6. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

§ 14 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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

§ 15 INTEGRITY

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

§ 16 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 16.1. An Event Disciplinary Function (EDF) shall be appointed for the event, according to the IFF Juridical Regulations, and shall decide in all disciplinary matters during a championship.
- 16.2. The EDF shall be comprised of representatives from the Jury, Referee management and IFF staff of the event.
- 16.3. Sanctions imposed by the EDF are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 16.4. A suspension decided by the Event Disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches and applies only to matches in the said championship.
- 16.5. When taking disciplinary decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

- 16.6. The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in latest 09:00 the morning after the match. The EDF shall decide and inform of the decision no later than 15:00 the day after the match, or no later than 2hrs prior to the player's / team's next match in the event, whichever occurs first.
- 16.7. A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written and signed. **The National Association of the reporting team shall be invoiced 500 CHF. The invoice shall be cancelled** only if the decision is in favour of the reporting team. If the report refers to a video clip this shall be included in the report
- 16.8. When handling a disciplinary matter during a championship the EDF may use video recording only if the recording is from the official filming of the event, as defined by the IFF.
- 16.9. All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the EDF shall be dealt with by the **respective** IFF Disciplinary Organ/s.

§ 17 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 17.1. In the Adult World Championships, a championship trophy shall be presented to the winning team. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup **until such time as it is returned to the IFF Administration. A replica of the cup shall be given to the National Association on return of the championship trophy.**
- 17.2. In the U19 World Championships a challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team to hold for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup and shall bring it to the next Championship in perfect condition. The holder shall be responsible for engraving of its name according to the guidelines laid down by IFF.
- 17.3. The U19 WFC challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times.
- 17.4. 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team. The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals. The 3rd placed team shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.
- 17.5. A maximum of an additional 10 medals (gold, silver, bronze) may be produced, the cost of which is the responsibility of the respective medal winning team.
- 17.6. The referees in the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees in the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.
- 17.7. Each participating player and team official in the teams placed 4th -16th, **as well as each referee not in a medal match, and each IFF official** shall be presented one IFF Memory medal each.

§ 18 FIELD OF PLAY MATERIALS

- 18.1. The materials for the field of play – rink, flooring, goals, balls - shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game and/or IFF Organiser Regulations.

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§ 19 PRACTICE SESSIONS DURING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 19.1. Teams are entitled to one practice session, of at least 45 minutes, in the competition venue, on the official training day, usually the day before their first official match in a championship.
- 19.2. During the championship, teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area or a playing area of the same size as the competition arena. Where possible, the playing surface and rink should be the same as in the competition arena.
- 19.3. In Adult WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session plus one daily training session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser.
- 19.4. In U19 WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser. The costs for all other training sessions, including transport, is the responsibility of the teams.
- 19.5. Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.
- 19.6. Teams shall bring their own balls and other training equipment to practice sessions.
- 19.7. The event organiser is responsible for ensuring that the training venue equipment (flooring, rink, goal cages) are prepared and in place for each training session.

§ 20 OFFICIAL MEETINGS

- 20.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain's & Technical meeting shall be held where the IFF, organising committee, the head of delegation of each team, the team captain, the head of referees and the Jury shall be present.
- 20.2. A second technical meeting may be held after the group matches. A third technical meeting may be held after the play-off matches. **Both the second and third technical meetings may be replaced with an online meeting and/or printed materials distributed to the teams.**
- 20.3. The organisers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 20.4. The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the IFF, Jury or the organising committee.
- 20.5. During an event, all meetings that IFF informs as 'Official Meetings', shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 21 TICKETS

21.1. Participating Teams

- 21.1.1. Each participating team is entitled to, free of charge, a maximum of **33** tickets/reserved seats, in the form of accreditations, for the players and officials of the team. Only those on the Final team list will receive accreditation/reserved seats.
- 21.1.2. For Adult WFC these are valid for the time the team is playing in the event. The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition.
- 21.1.3. For U19 WFC these are valid for the duration of the event.

21.1.4. The organiser of the Championship must reserve the needed number of reserved seats for all the participating teams for the group rounds. For the play-off rounds the organiser needs to reserve the same number of reserved seats equal to the number of teams still participating in the tournament.

21.1.5. For the Adult WFC, the participating teams are entitled to reserve and purchase tickets for the play-off phase of the tournament in the lowest price category, no later than three months prior to the start of the Championships. If a team, which has reserved and paid for tickets for the play-offs, would qualify for the play-offs, the organiser shall reimburse the price of the tickets.

21.2. Participating Associations

21.2.1. Each Member Association with a team participating in a Championship is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire event, free of charge.

21.2.2. Each participating Member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

21.2.3. The ticket quota of each participating member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organiser, **and be specified in the organiser contract**

21.3. Associations attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting

Each Member Association, without a team taking part in the Championship, but attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting is entitled to 2 VIP accreditations for the Championships, valid only for the time defined in the specific meeting invitation/registration information.

§ 22 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

22.1. The CB and/or IFF Administration shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Regulations, as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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Major changes:

- Update of playing periods for championships & qualifications
- Update of participation fees
- Eligibility dates for U19 WFCs 2026 & 2027
- Update of responsible committees for decisions
- Update of Disciplinary proceedings to match current IFF protocols
- Update of WFC trophy information

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Appendix 28



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES National & Club teams

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1. International matches are:
 - a) Internationals played between national teams of the Member Associations of IFF, and which the organisation of is the responsibility of a Member Association (hereinafter referred to as 'Friendly International')
 - b) Any other match where a national team plays against a Club or regional team from another country;
 - c) Club matches played between club teams representing the highest league from two different nations in a non-IFF event;
 - d) National League matches played abroad
- 1.2. All international matches shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.3. The organiser may use the guidelines of the IFF Organisers Regulations, when organising International Matches.

1.4. FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

- 1.4.1. All IFF Member Associations shall inform the IFF when organising Friendly International matches. The organiser shall use the IFF form "Information form for International Matches and Request of Referees". The form shall be sent to IFF no later than sixty (60) days prior to the match / start of the event. Forms received after this time will be subject to monetary sanctions.
- 1.4.2. In Friendly Internationals the official match record of IFF shall be used. The Match Record shall be signed by the organiser, the referees and the teams and sent, along with other match secretariat papers, to the IFF Office by the organiser no later than seven (7) days after the last match.

1.5. NATIONAL TEAM v CLUB/REGIONAL TEAM

- 1.5.1. Matches between a national team and a club or regional team from a different country may be played without any official record of the match, however, the National Association of the participating national team should inform the IFF with the IFF form "Information form for International Club Tournament" at least ten (10) days in advance.
- 1.5.2. If the match/es are to be played outside of the national team country, then the IFF form must be accompanied by an approval letter from the National Association in which the match/es will be played.

1.6. NON-IFF CLUB TOURNAMENTS

- 1.6.1. Non-IFF Club tournaments, involving club teams from the highest division of at least two Member Associations, are International Elite Club Tournaments. These tournaments shall be informed to IFF by the organiser / Member Association of the organiser with the IFF form "Information form for International Club Tournament" at least thirty (30) days in advance.

1.7. NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED ABROAD

- 1.7.1. For National league matches played abroad, an open application letter should be made by the participating Member Association to the IFF at least sixty (60) days in advance.

Kommenterad [SM1]: EXPLANATION: Clearer description of what a Friendly International is. Also defines the organiser responsibility as being with the NA, not IFF

Kommenterad [SM2]: EXPLANATION: Text added because otherwise this would include CC/EFC matches, which it should not (they have separate regulations)

Kommenterad [MK3]: We know that many tournaments have deviations from the IFF Rules of the game - should this be addressed somewhere?

Kommenterad [MK4R3]: I see now that there are a text in 5.3 but it doesn't say anything national team against national team

Kommenterad [SM5R3]: The ROTG says.... *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.

At each different level the 'administrating authority' is different. For Friendly Internationals it is IFF, for other events it is the NA, so I would be happy to leave it as saying IFF Rules of the Game



- 1.7.2. The application letter must include a letter of approval from the National Association in which the match/es will be played.
- 1.7.3. **The IFF shall advise within fourteen (14) days whether the match is approved or not.**
- 1.8. All **Friendly** International matches between two national teams shall be included in the IFF list of International matches. All Elite Level International Club Tournaments shall be included in the IFF list of International Club Tournaments
- 1.9. Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via other person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that i.e. players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where the own team participates. Further, their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.
- 1.10. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. All IFF Member Associations or club teams which are not under suspension may play Friendly Internationals or send club teams to International Club tournaments.
- 2.2. Participation in an Elite Level International Club tournament (as mentioned in § 1.6) in another country requires the approval from the club's National Floorball Association.
- 2.3. Participation of National teams in club competitions is possible when:
 - a) the organiser mentions in the invitation the possibility of a national team/s participation in the tournament regulations;
 - b) the organiser receives official approval from the respective National Association and also confirmation that the individual players participation corresponds with the national legislation
- 2.4. The National Association shall report the participation of one of their national teams in a club competition to the IFF.
- 2.5. The organiser shall ensure that a potential match between two national teams within the tournament would be refereed by international referees.
- 2.6. Participation of a national team in a match against a club or regional team from another country is possible when the organiser receives official approval from the Association in which the match shall be played

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.
- 3.2. A player may represent two separate nations in an U17, U19 or U23 national team. They may represent one of either of these same nations at adult international level. Once a player has



represented a nation in an adult team in a recognised international match this then becomes the only nation they can represent at any international level (U17, U19, U23, or adult).

- 3.3. A player may represent only one nation within a single event, which includes qualifications for a final round event.
- 3.4. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams &/or a Club team from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.5. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.
- 3.6. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:

- 3.7.1 **Permanent Nationality.** Any person holding a permanent nationality is eligible to play for the representative teams of the association of that country.

Proof of permanent nationality:

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

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

Proof of sporting nationality

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

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

the association which they wish to represent as soon as reasonably practicable after the country was recognised by the majority of the members of the United Nations

- 3.8 Friendly Internationals can be played in the age categories of U17, U19, U23, and Adult. It is allowed, upon agreement, between the participating countries, that different age category teams compete against each other in the same event.
- 3.9 In the case of an event with different age categories playing against each other, the event will be classified according to the oldest age category.
- 3.10 A team shall be classified according to the age of the oldest player in the team.
- 3.11 All players must be aged as follows to be eligible to participate in each age category:
 - a) **U17:** players shall be aged at least 14 years old at the start of the event and turn 17 years no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event
 - b) **U19:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event and turn 19 years no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event (see 3.9 for exceptions)
 - c) **U23:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event and turn 23 no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year as the event
 - d) **Adults:** players shall be aged at least 15 years old at the start of the event (see 3.9 for exceptions)
- 3.12 For events involving teams that are preparing for an upcoming WFC or U19 WFC, the ages of the players in the respective adult or U19 team can be the same as the official age eligibility for the final round event. **This applies for Friendly International matches held on the international weekend directly prior to a qualification event for WFC or U19, as well as after the qualification events for WFC or U19 and before the WFC or U19 WFC final rounds.**
- 3.13 All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the event in which they will participate
- 3.14 Only players being licensed for a club taking part in an international club match or tournament shall be eligible to play for the club concerned. A Club may grant their players an exemption (Temporary Play) from this regulation for participation with another Club in a specified friendly international tournament. The tournament shall be played between the first of May and the last of August and the tournament shall allow such participation. The player shall not be under suspension.
- 3.15 Such an exemption shall be informed to the National Association of the Club giving the exemption and to the organiser of the tournaments by filling in the Temporary Play form. All Temporary Plays shall be published on the IFF web pages. A maximum of two Temporary Plays per player and year is allowed.
- 3.16 At least 10 days prior to the start of the **Friendly International** match / tournament a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials, **unless otherwise restricted by the tournament rules.**
- 3.17 Every player and team official included on the team list shall also be included on the published team list visible in the IFF App and online statistics.
- 3.18 After submission of the team list to the IFF, **changes to the team list are only allowed according to the guidelines and dates set by the IFF, which shall be advised with the team list information.**

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- 3.19 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. These players and officials may only be selected from the official team list of 30 players and 10 officials that has been submitted to the IFF.
- 3.20 A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat no later than 30 minutes before the start of the match. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

- 4.1 A player officially nominated for representation in a national team for an international event and/or national team training camp is obliged to represent. The player is obliged to inform the club to which they are bound of their nomination within 3 days of notification by their National Association.
- 4.2 The club is obliged to release the player who has been officially nominated for the needs of the national team, according to 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.
- 4.3 It is up to each National Association to set their own rules regarding the selection and informing of players of their nomination to a national team, however those rules must align with the IFF rules regarding participation in national team events.
- 4.4 It is up to each National Association to set internal rules for its own competitions to resolve any conflict from the selection of national team representatives (postponement of matches, etc.).
- 4.5 For the final round of WFC and U19 WFC players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams starting the Saturday in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.6 For the final round of multi-sport events, as well as the qualifications for WFC, U19 WFC, and multi-sport events, players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.7 For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February (2026), 3rd full weekend of February (2027 onwards), 4th full weekend of May, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd full weekend of October and 2nd full weekend of November) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event and at least one day after.
- 4.8 A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team in an official international event, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, prior to the submission of their official team list to the IFF.
- 4.9 A National Association who selects a player who plays in a foreign league club (at any level) for participation in a national team training camp, is required to inform the foreign club's National Association of the selection, and confirm the availability of the player, no later than 14 days prior to start of the training camp.
- 4.10 Any player who is selected by their National Association for an official international event &/or training camp and informs they are not available to play in the respective event &/or



training camp, shall not be entitled to play a club match held at the corresponding time as the event &/or training camp. If the player does play for their club at this time, then the National Association of the club team for which they play shall be fined.

4.11 Players who have, before the submission of the official team list to the IFF, announced that they have withdrawn from the national team, in accordance with the internal rules set by each National Association, should not be included to an official team list for an IFF event.

§ 5 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

- 5.1. Friendly Internationals shall be organised in accordance with **these regulations, IFF Rules of the Game, and the specific match/tournament regulations as decided by mutual agreement between the participants concerned.**
- 5.2. For National League matches played abroad the respective rules of the **club's** National Association should be followed.
- 5.3. For matches played between a national team and a club or regional team from another country, **the rules of the National Association of the national team should be followed, unless mutually agreed upon differently by the participants concerned.**

§ 6 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 6.1. The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 6.2. IFF may decide about further regulations for Friendly International matches regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment.

§ 7 VENUE

- 7.1. For Internationals the venue shall be chosen in accordance with the requirements in the IFF Rules of the Game. Exceptions may only be made by a mutual agreement between the participants concerned.

§ 8 ADVERTISEMENTS

- 8.1. A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit.
- 8.2. IFF shall have the possibility to ask for advertisements on the player's outfit, based on an agreement with the National Associations.

§ 9 ANTI-DOPING

- 9.1. For all **Friendly Internationals** the valid IFF Anti-Doping regulations and the WADA Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.



- 9.2. All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List should have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) when participating in a Friendly International.
- 9.3. TUE applications must be submitted to the IFF at least 30 days prior to the start of the championship. Alternatively, a player may submit, no later than 30 days prior to a championship, a NADO-approved TUE for confirmation by the IFF. Late applications are subject to a sanction of 300 CHF.
- 9.4. For player's participating in Friendly International Matches, all TUE applications must be made with the player's own National Anti-Doping Organisation.
- 9.5. All players registered for participation in Friendly Internationals agree to undergo doping control testing. Refusal of a player to submit to a doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result.
- 9.6. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Any decision about punishment shall be taken after the investigation is over, according to the applicable Anti-Doping regulations.
- 9.7. **For other events, according to 1.5, 1.6, & 1.7, the Anti-Doping rules of the host association and/or the association of the team involved shall apply.**

§ 10 BETTING

- 10.1. It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own Floorball matches and Floorball competitions
- 10.2. It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing inside information to any **individual/s and/or organisation/s** (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting
- 10.3. The use of electronic equipment in relation to one's own match/es is limited according to the information in Section 11 of this document
- 10.4. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 10.6. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 10.7. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.8. To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a "betting right" of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.9. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.



§ 11 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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

§ 12 REFEREES

- 12.1. All matters concerning referees in Friendly Internationals shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 12.2. All International matches between two national teams (Adults, U23, U19) shall be refereed by an international referee pair who shall be appointed by the IFF Referee Committee. The organiser may propose preferred referee pairs, but the final decision is at the discretion of the IFF Referee Committee
- 12.3. The Referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees. In some events, the IFF Referee Committee may appoint referees from the IFF Referee Development Group
- 12.4. The organiser of the Friendly Internationals is responsible for all costs related to the appointment of international referees, including travel, accommodation, daily allowance and insurance
- 12.5. The costs of the appointment of referees for an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country, shall be agreed upon by the participating teams.
- 12.6. Any breaches or infringements that occur in Friendly Internationals shall be sanctioned according to the IFF **Juridical** Regulations.
- 12.7. The organiser of an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country shall follow the respective rules of their National Association when appointing referees for these matches.
- 12.8. The hosting National Association of an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team plays versus a club or regional team from another country, reserves the right to directly appoint referees to the matches
- 12.9. Matches involving two U17 teams do not require the appointment of international referees. The hosting National Association reserves the right to appoint referees for these matches.
- 12.10. Appointments of referees shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.



12.11. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

§ 13 INTEGRITY

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

§ 14 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 14.1. The organiser of international matches may appoint a jury to act as disciplinary function for the event
- 14.2. All sanctions imposed by referees and/or the jury shall be informed to the National Associations of the player or of the official, and to the IFF.
- 14.3. A disciplinary matter reported by any of the playing teams in an international match shall be decided by the disciplinary function of the event.
- 14.4. A suspension decided by the event disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches.
- 14.5. Sanctions imposed by the Jury of the event are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

§ 15 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 15.1. In case of any unforeseen circumstance, the organiser can contact the IFF Administration for assistance to solve the issue.

STATUS:

Review Process

5.11.2025 – Reviewed by IFF Competition Staff
6.11.2025 – Sent to Competition Structure Chair for review
17.11.2025 – Received by IFF from Competition Structure Chair and sent back for further review
18.11.2025 – Review finalised

Major changes

- Removal of 'Friendly' from the title and a specific definition of a 'Friendly International'
- Updating of points to match other regulation documents and current event organisation practices



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TIME FOR CHANGE



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WHAT WAS THE MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE?

The conversation began already in 2023 when, as a community, we paused to look at where we were and where we needed to go. It became clear that the major international competition structure which was largely established around 2005- had completed its mission. That system was designed to develop floorball with the federations existing at that time and to build consistency. It succeeded in many aspects, but by 2023 with floorball growth in more continents, the “business as usual” approach had become a barrier to our future.

The Quality Gap and Public Image

Perhaps the most visible sign that the system was broken was the deterioration of our qualification tournaments. While the original intent was noble - having all teams participate in qualifications and give teams the chance to meet new opponents - the reality had become unpopular and counterproductive. We increasingly found ourselves managing matches ending in 30+:0 scorelines. These results benefit no one: they do not develop the losing team, they offer no sporting challenge to the winner, and, crucially, they damage the public image of Floorball. It is difficult to sell our sport as a world-class product when the competitive gap in our official events is that wide.

Organiser Fatigue and the “Event” Experience

Behind the scenes, the sheer volume of competitions was creating a logistical problem. We were trying to sustain so many tournaments that finding willing organisers became a nearly impossible task. Even when hosts were found, the pressure was so high that it was difficult to create a real event-a spectacle with atmosphere and professional standards. We were simply churning out games, rather than creating experiences.



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Limiting Future Growth

Most critically, the old calendar was so packed that it was blocking our evolution:

- **Global Growth:** As floorball grows on continents outside of Europe, we need space for Continental Championships to develop regional rivalries. The old calendar had no room for this
- **The Main Events:** Floorball has had some very successful events - the Men's WFC, in particular, became a real hit. However, given the present system, it was not possible to accommodate more teams or play longer days. Furthermore, since 2002, all 14 Men's WFCs have been organised in just the same four countries, with only a single exception (2016)

- **New Horizons:** We need to accommodate the expansion of our current global multi-sport games - The World Games (for both genders) - and introduce exciting new formats like the 3v3 World Championships and more continental events
- **Repetitive Regional Matchups:** The current regional qualification system restricts National Associations to frequently playing against the same neighbouring countries. This lack of variety hinders development, as teams are rarely exposed to different playing styles from other continents or regions, as well as reducing the interest from organisers
- **The “Hamster Wheel”:** The rigid 2-year WFC cycle kept National Associations trapped in a loop of constant preparation, draining resources that, for many, should have gone into domestic development

It was clear that Floorball in 2023 was different from 2005. We knew floorball needed a change, and we realised we had to dismantle the ceiling and build a new structure capable of supporting the future.

Sarah Mitchell, IFF Events Manager



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WHAT WERE THE AIMS WHEN MAKING THE CHANGE?

To address the challenges identified in our motivation for change, we set a clear ambition: we did not want to just “tweak” the calendar, we wanted to upgrade the entire product of Floorball. We defined the following strategic aims for the new structure:

“Every Game Matters”: Eliminating Empty Qualifiers

Our primary sporting aim was to abolish the concept of “only qualification” tournaments. We wanted to ensure that every time a national team travels to an IFF event, they are playing for a title, a medal, or a trophy. The goal was to transform the calendar so that every event has its own prestige and sporting value, rather than just serving as a stepping stone.

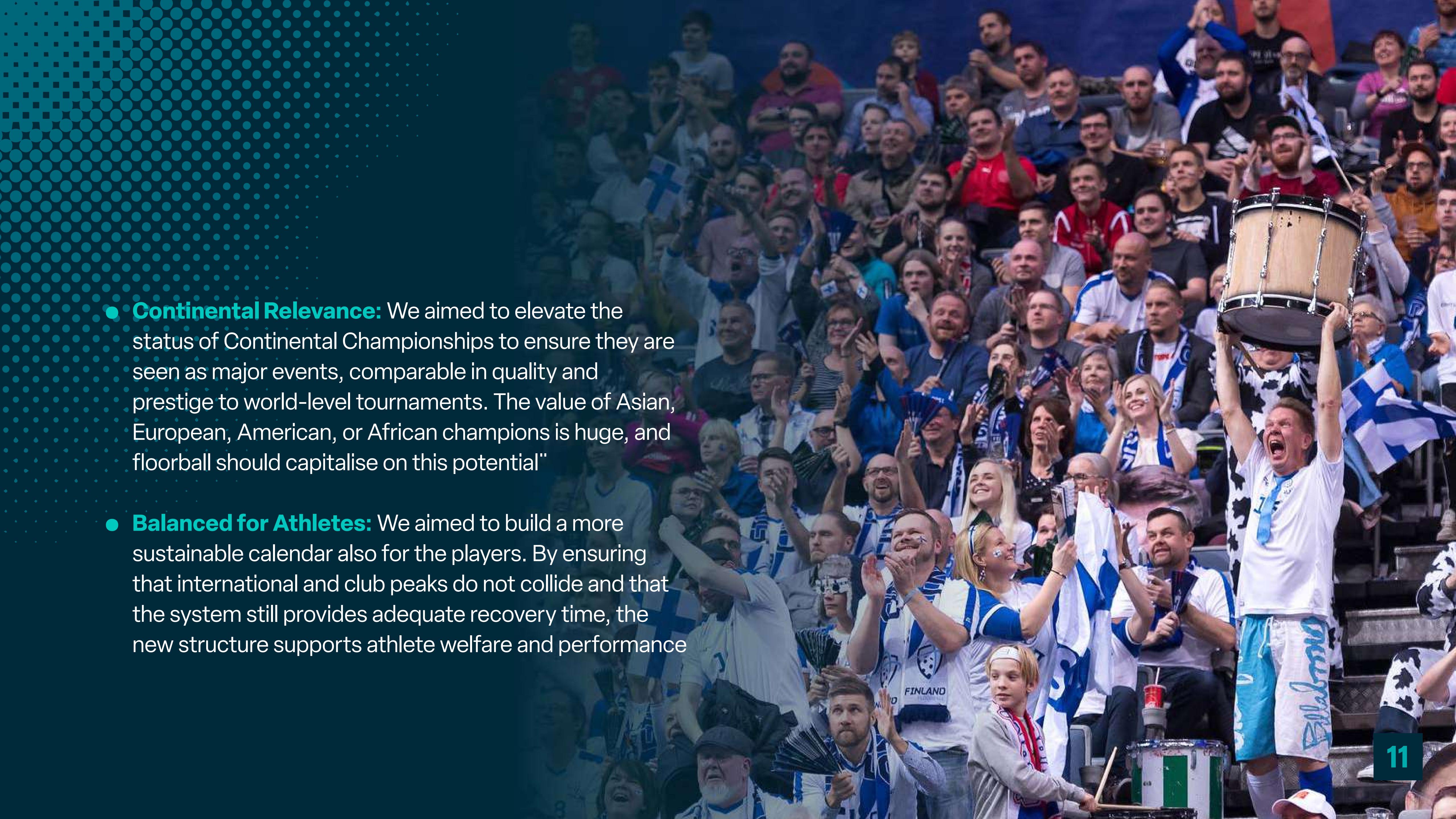


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Closing the Gap & Creating Winnable Titles

We aimed to restructure the competition tiers to ensure teams play opponents of a similar level.

- **Competitive Balance:** The goal was to decrease the number of double-digit scorelines and ensure matches are relevant and exciting
- **Realistic Success:** Crucially, we wanted to give lower-ranked and developing nations a realistic possibility to win a world-level event and face new opponents in new locations, rather than constantly hitting a “glass ceiling” against top nations
- **Maximizing Media & Commercial Value:** From a marketing perspective, the aim was to create a consistent “heartbeat” for the sport
- **Annual Peaks:** We aimed to ensure that there is a major, high-profile international event (Men’s or Women’s) every single year. This guarantees continuous content for media and value for fans and global sponsors
- **Elevating the WFC:** We sought to make the World Floorball Championships an even bigger, more exclusive spectacle. Simultaneously, we wanted to open the chance to host major tournaments to more countries. This means more matches with home crowds, full arenas, and a bigger boost to floorball development in more regions



- **Continental Relevance:** We aimed to elevate the status of Continental Championships to ensure they are seen as major events, comparable in quality and prestige to world-level tournaments. The value of Asian, European, American, or African champions is huge, and floorball should capitalise on this potential"
- **Balanced for Athletes:** We aimed to build a more sustainable calendar also for the players. By ensuring that international and club peaks do not collide and that the system still provides adequate recovery time, the new structure supports athlete welfare and performance

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Operational & Financial Efficiency

Finally, the new structure had to be sustainable.

- **“Less is More”:** We aimed to reduce the total number of events in the cycle to save financial and personnel resources for both National Associations and the IFF
- **Respect National Leagues:** We recognised that strong national leagues are the foundation of our sport. The aim was to create a predictable international schedule that allows club competitions to be less disrupted, allowing National Associations to plan with certainty and giving them the freedom to extend their league seasons
- **Resource Redistribution:** By creating more space between major events, the goal was to free up NA resources (time and money) to focus on domestic development and grassroots growth, rather than solely funding national team activities.
- **Adaptability:** We wanted to build a flexible system that: a) reacts to current growth in some continents, especially Asia and Africa; and b) can easily expand (e.g., new continental splits) as more nations join the Floorball family, without needing another complete overhaul in the near future

- **Preserving International Windows:** A key priority is to ensure that IFF events do not occupy every available international weekend. The calendar explicitly reserves space for regional events organised by National Associations (e.g., 6NFC, AOFC Cup, EuroPower) to flourish alongside IFF championships.
- **Financial Sustainability for Organisers:** We aimed to create a model that maintains and improves income opportunities for hosts while simultaneously identifying methods to control or reduce organisational costs, making hosting duties more accessible and less risky.



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Why did we choose this system?

We chose this system because it directly answers the call for balance and meaning. We had identified that huge score gaps and “empty” qualifiers were hurting the sport, and we believe this structure solves that:

- **Solution to “Empty Qualifiers”:** We replaced qualifiers with Continental Championships. Now, teams aren’t just “trying to get to the WFC”; they are fighting for a prestigious continental title
- **Solution to the “Glass Ceiling”:** Previously, developing nations hit a wall against top teams. By introducing the World Trophy, we created a global stage where these nations can face realistic opponents from different regions, win a world title, and still earn a path to the WFC
- **Solution to Competitive Balance:** Splitting Europe into the Championship and Challenge ensures that matches are played between equals. No more 30:0 scores - instead, we get tight, dramatic games that develop players and entertain fans. Challenge will bring new champions
- **Value for Organisers:** To organise a qualification event was sometimes a burden, in the new system each event has a very high value for the organiser, plus with the new organisation system (see below) it is now open for a much wider number of countries and better income x costs ratio

The New Roadmap: The diagram illustrates the new global hierarchy of Floorball events. At the centre is the World Trophy, acting as the gateway between continental competitions and the pinnacle event—the World Floorball Championships (WFC). This structure ensures that every continent has a dedicated championship, and every nation has a clear, merit-based path to the top.



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GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE 7-EVENTS

The Pinnacle: World Floorball Championships (WFC)

The final event of the 4-year cycle. It features the absolute elite: 16 teams for Women and 20 teams for Men. The event is expanded to 12 days to maximise the event experience and Floorball world visibility, and we introduce the possibility of multiple host cities & countries as organisers.

The Global Gateway: World Trophy

A new world-level event for 10-12 teams from all continents.

It serves three roles:

- **A Title Event:** A chance for lower-ranked nations to win a global trophy
- **An International Stage:** The opportunity to compete in an international event, face new countries and play in new countries
- **A Second Chance:** The best teams from this tournament qualify to the WFC

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The Regional Pillars: Continental Championships

- **European Championship:** For the Top 12 European teams. To ensure competitive balance and increase the value of the tournament a working idea is to split the event into two groups based on ranking (high & low), with two organisers. The majority of teams advance to WFC; the lowest goes to the World Trophy
- **European Challenge:** Open to all other registered European nations. It is not a “lower division” - it is a pathway that offers more competitive games. These teams have a chance to win an IFF event, receive the trophy and medals. The best teams qualify for the World Trophy
- **Asia Oceania Championship:** Open to all registered teams. This tournament will serve as a dual pathway qualification: top teams go to WFC, the next tier goes to the World Trophy. With the fast-growing number of teams in this region, in the near future this tournament could be split into a similar system as Europe (based on rankings) with a Challenge tournament
- **Americas Championship:** Open to all registered teams. This tournament will serve as a dual pathway qualification: top team/s go to WFC, the next tier goes to the World Trophy
- **African Championship:** Open to all registered teams. This tournament will serve as a single pathway qualification with the top team/s going to the World Trophy. As the development of Floorball in Africa grows, there will be the opportunity for this event to also have a dual pathway qualification in the future.

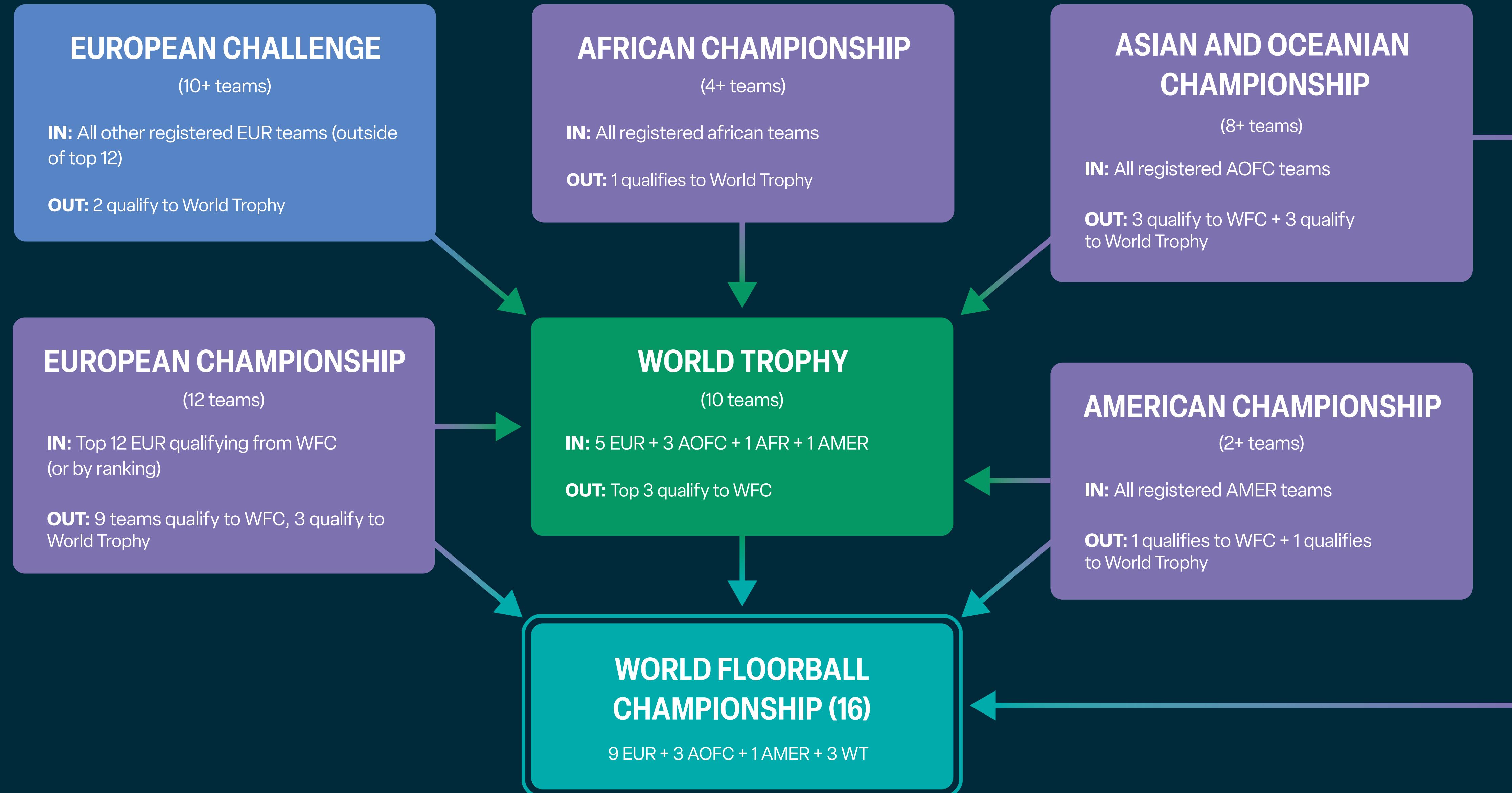


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DETAILED 7-EVENT MODELS

WOMEN'S MODEL (4-Year Cycle)

The Women's model is designed to filter the global field down to 16 elite teams for the WFC. The diagram shows the flow from regional championships through the World Trophy, ensuring every continent has guaranteed representation while keeping the quality high. Numbers of qualified teams from each event may change based on the number of countries registered as well as world rankings

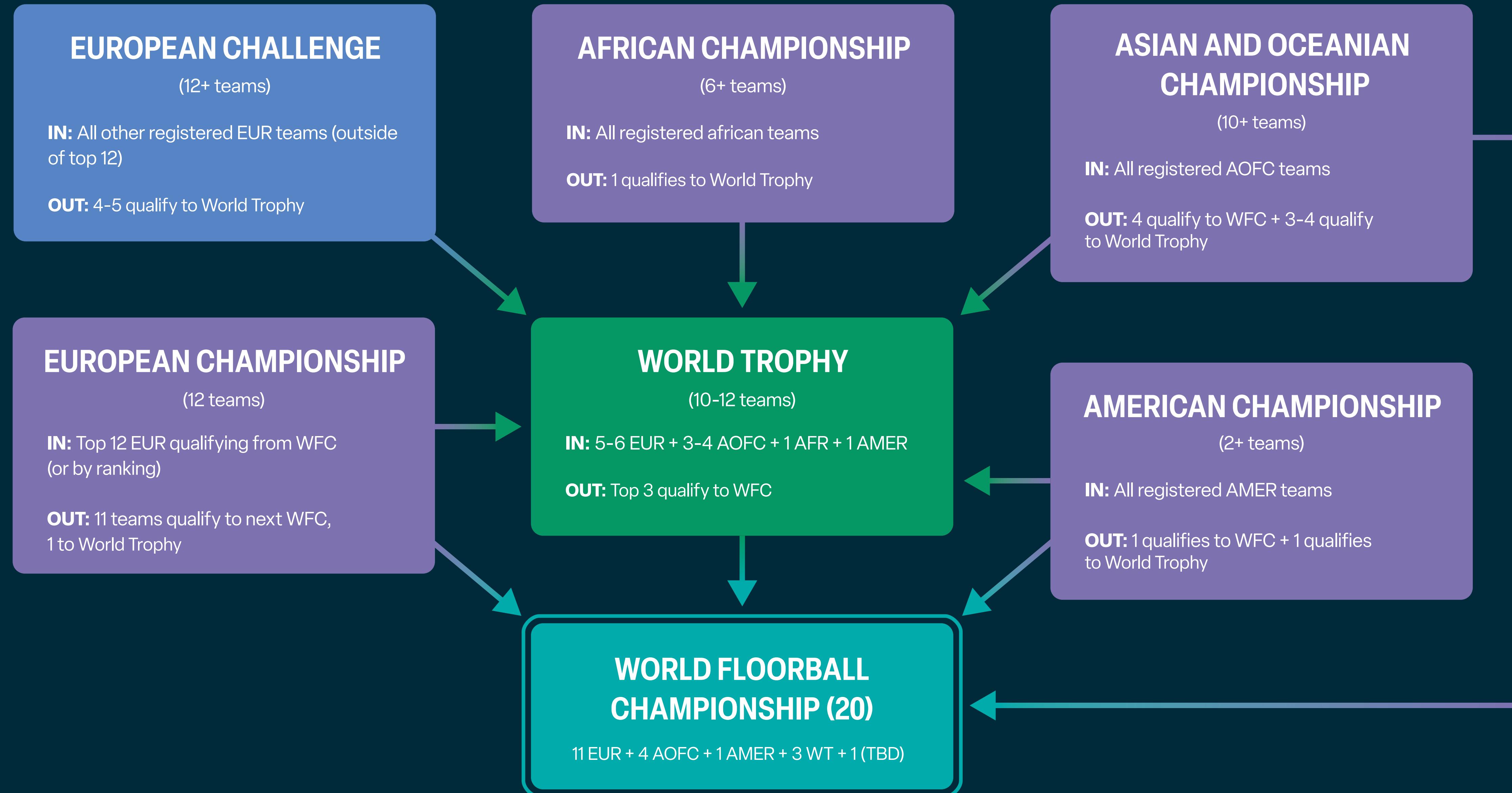


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MEN'S MODEL (4-Year Cycle)

The Men's model accommodates a larger field, targeting 20 teams for the WFC. As shown in the diagram, this structure offers more qualification spots for Europe and Asia and Oceania, reflecting the higher density of competitive teams, while maintaining the World Trophy as a crucial access point for emerging nations. Numbers of qualified teams from each event may change based on the number of countries registered as well as world rankings.



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NEW APPROACH TO ORGANISATION

For WFC we are moving away from the need of a single-nation hosting toward a flexible Co-Hosting Model. This is not just about sharing costs; it is about strategic growth. The same improvement will also be used for the European Championships.



- **The “Partnership” Opportunity:** This model allows also a developing floorball nation to co-host with an experienced organiser. The smaller nation gains know-how and event infrastructure without carrying the full risk.
- **Less Demands & Reduced Costs:** Each organiser is required to provide only one competition arena, which significantly lowers infrastructure a production costs and simplifies event management. Hosting fewer teams per organiser also reduces the operational demands for transportation and volunteer recruitment.
- **Double the Impact:** Two host markets mean double the government and city support, double the local sponsors, and double the home crowds, minimising the risk of empty arenas. It gives a double chance for regional boost by hosting the event. The floorball awareness and visibility would be positively influenced. With potential for three organisers there are chances for even higher multiplication.
- **Bigger visibility / Cost Efficiency for Teams:** Each day during the WFC or European Championships is a unique day for Floorball with the chance to address general sport fans and promote Floorball. Major tournaments are relatively short events now but with the costs of the Qualifications it was not possible to prolong them. Now even though the major events will be longer (up to 12 days), it is cost-effective. Under the old system, a team paid for Qualification (5 days) + WFC (9 days) = 14 days. The new streamlined major event takes only 12 days, reducing total travel and accommodation costs for NAs during the two years, but the visibility impact of the major events will grow.

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4-YR CALENDAR CYCLE

The new calendar creates a consistent “heartbeat” for the sport. We have structured the cycle to ensure:

- 1. Annual Peaks:** A major event (Men’s or Women’s) takes place every year, alternating genders. Based on detail analysis the major event will be played in the middle of November.
- 2. Logical Flow:** The cycle builds naturally. It starts with Continental Championships, builds tension with the World Trophy, and culminates in the WFC. This gives teams time to qualify, prepare, and build their marketing campaigns.
- 3. Integrating the Full Portfolio:** The cycle is designed to harmonise all formats. The U19 WFC moves to a new period (February), ensuring the next generation is consistently visible and leagues have May open for prolonging the season. Crucially, the new calendar creates dedicated windows for The World Games (every 4 years) and the new 3v3 WFC (June), ensuring these exciting formats amplify our reach without conflicting with the traditional 5v5 season

	MEN	WOMEN
2027		WFC
2028	WFC	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE
2029	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EUROPE, AOFC, AMERICA, AFRICA
2030	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EUROPE, AOFC, AMERICA, AFRICA	WORLD TROPHY
2031	WORLD TROPHY	WFC
2032	WFC	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE
2033	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EUROPE, AOFC, AMERICA, AFRICA
2034	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EUROPE, AOFC, AMERICA, AFRICA	WORLD TROPHY
2035	WORLD TROPHY	WFC

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2026-2032 CALENDAR

2026 - 2028 is the current calendar with the exception of the European Challenge (Women) played as the first event in the new 4-yr cycle in 2028. From 2029 onwards the full 4-yr cycle for both genders begins.

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
JAN	WFCQ AOFC U19 WFCQ AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC					
FEB	WFCQ EUR U19 WFCQ EUR	U19 WFC					
MAR	WFCQ AMER						
APR							
MAY	U19 WFC	U19 WFC					
JUN	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC	3V3 WFC
JUL				THE WORLD GAMES			
AUG				EUROPEAN CHALLENGE	WORLD TROPHY	WORLD TROPHY	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE
SEP	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC				
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NOV	WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	WFC	WFC
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**WHAT DOES THE NEW STRUCTURE
BRING TO FLOORBALL FAMILY?**



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The new 7-Event Structure moves floorball from a cycle of survival into an era of growth and new chances. The comprehensive benefits touch every stakeholder, from the elite athlete to the grassroots National Association.



Elevated Sporting Quality and Prestige

The single biggest change is that every single event matters. We are shifting the focus from mere participation to performance.

- **Trophy Hunting:** The new structure is built with each event being a ‘trophy’ event. There are no “only” qualification events; every time a team competes, they are playing for a title, a medal, or a direct, high-value reward
- **Winnable Competitions:** The new model actively attempts to close the gap between different countries and will give more relevant, tightly contested games. The World Trophy offers lower-ranked teams the possibility of playing in a real ‘world’ event against new teams and, crucially, provides a world title event that lower-ranked countries can realistically win
- **Pinnacle Events:** The European Championship is now envisaged as being on the same level as the current WFC, giving top European teams a highly prestigious continental title. It can bring more even and competitive matches than the present WFC. This ensures high-intensity, “best-vs-best” matchups from the very first day.
- **Clear Pathways:** The World Trophy gives a second chance for qualifying to the WFC, ensuring fair access for high-performing teams.

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WHAT DOES THE NEW STRUCTURE BRING TO THE FLOORBALL FAMILY?

Maximising Commercial and Media Value

The new system stabilises the sport's commercial rhythm, offering sponsors and media partners continuous, high-quality content.

- **Annual Peak Events:** The calendar guarantees a major IFF international event every year (Men or Women). This consistent annual peak is vital for maintaining media channel interest. The new term of major events in the middle of November brings our premiere events to a better spot with less major sports events running at the same time, thereby raising the chance of reaching a wider audience and media coverage
- **Elevated WFC Prestige:** With the WFC being played every four years, there is the opportunity to make it a bigger, more exclusive, and more visible event
- **Stronger Media Window:** The major events (WFC & European Championships) are extended to 10-12 days. This prolonged duration creates a longer media attention window and more home matches for organisers
- **New Revenue Avenues:** Continental Championships & the World Trophy provide more interest for organisers and spectators, as well as sponsors, due to their title-winning nature.

Operational Efficiency and Financial Relief

The change is fundamentally about shifting resources from travel and logistics into development.

- **Financial Cost Reduction:** There are less events (from 11 to 7 per gender) within the 4-year cycle. This directly translates into the opportunity to save finances and personnel resources for both the National Associations and the IFF
- **Cost-Effective Travel:** The new structure is cost-efficient for teams. While the major event is longer (12 days), the old system required 14 total days (5 days qualification + 9 days WFC). The new 12-day streamlined major events reduces total travel and accommodation costs for NAs. As the qualifications were played 2 times during 4 years cycle, the cost effective travel and less days at the competition will have even bigger impact
- **Easier Hosting:** New event organisation models (e.g., two host countries) make hosting major events easier and open the chances for new organisers



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WHAT DOES THE NEW STRUCTURE BRING TO THE FLOORBALL FAMILY?

Global Growth and Future-Proofing

The structure is built to support the future and guarantee global representation.

- **Guaranteed Representation:** Continental Championships define a minimum number of qualified teams from each continent to the WFC, ensuring a good global representation at the pinnacle event
- **Adaptable System:** The entire system is adaptable for when more teams register in different continents
- **Scalability:** There is a possibility for future expansion-for example, AOFC splitting into a similar split-system like Europe; or having the continental events bi-annually. This ensures the structure will not become a ceiling again in the near future.





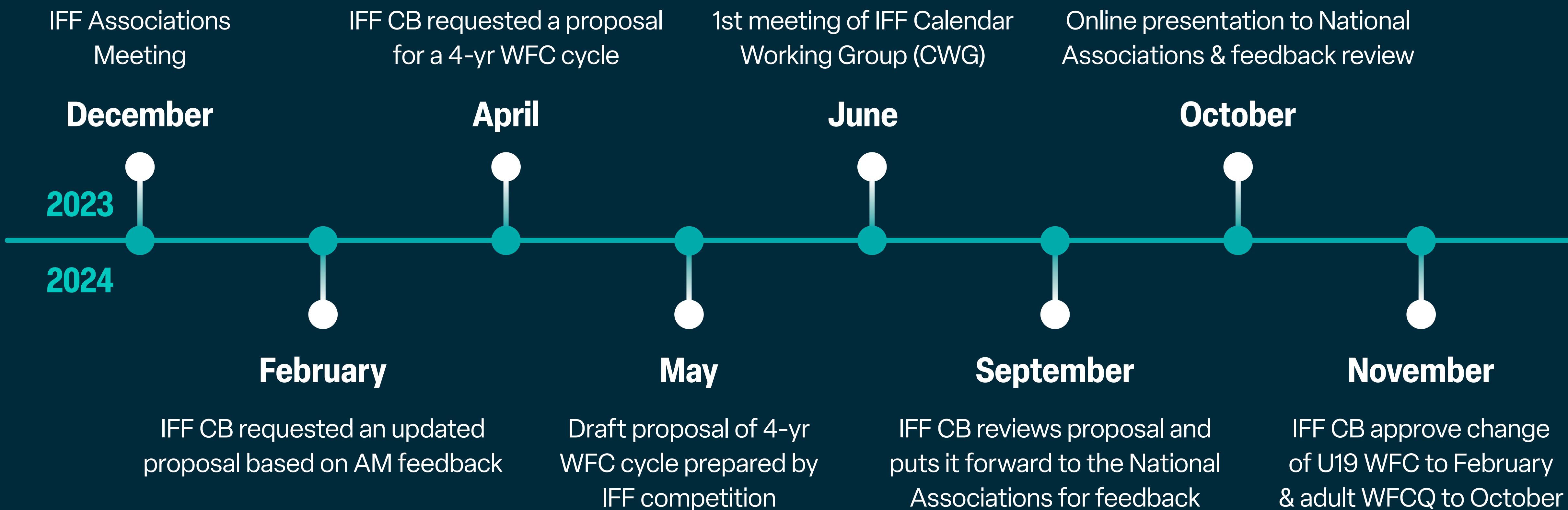
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TIMETABLE



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NEW STRUCTURE REVIEW TIMELINE





TOPICS TO BE FINALISED DURING 2026

1. Detailed playing systems for WFC / EC / Continental Championships / World Trophy
2. Confirmation of which month the Continental Championships will be played
3. Organiser and competition regulations for all events
4. Registration system & registration costs
5. International weekend calendar (2029 onwards)
6. Decide how often will the 3v3 WFC be played (Every year or every second year?)
7. Finalising the Quotas and Ranking.





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FAQ



STRUCTURE & CALENDAR

Q: When will the new event model officially start?

A: 2028 for women and 2029 for men. The Women's WFC 2027 will be the last in the 2-yr cycle, and the European Challenge in 2028 will be the first event in the new structure. For the men, WFC 2028 will be the last, with the European Challenge in 2029 being the first of the new events.

Q: Will only playing the WFC every 4-years impact on the visibility of Floorball in the media?

A: No. The new structure guarantees a major IFF international event every year, alternating between Men and Women. The new events (European & Continental Championships and World Trophy) will present new media opportunities, and the extended duration of major events (12 days) creates a longer media attention window for Floorball. We expect that the European championships will create the same attention and visibility as the current WFC.

Q: How is it possible to ensure that the European Championships carry the same weight and interest as the current WFC?

A: The European Championship will essentially be a “Best of the Best” tournament. Since the top European nations currently dominate the world rankings, the sporting level will be identical to, or even higher than, the current WFC group A & B stages. Furthermore, by using the co-hosting model with two organisers, we will create a massive event atmosphere with two home crowds and doubled marketing reach.

Q: Why is the major event (WFC/Euro) moving to mid-November?

A: This decision supports our goal to maximize media visibility. Based on our analysis and the successful test during the WFC 2022, November offers a unique “media window.” It allows us to avoid direct clashes with major summer sport events or the flow of the winter sports season. The national leagues can profit from a November event, allowing for continuation of the leagues after the WFC still before the Christmas. Detail analysis of this topic is available.

Q: Which specific months or calendar windows are absolutely protected for national league competition under the new calendar?

A: The new structure was designed to minimise disruption to national league calendars and allow for season extension. The major events are scheduled in mid-November, and IFF events are no longer scheduled for May. The goal is to provide clear, protected windows for domestic competitions, but the final, detailed international weekend calendar (2029 onwards) is still being finalised and will be published during 2026.

Q: What happens to the other IFF events, such as the Champions Cup or EuroFloorball Cup, under the new 4-year cycle?

A: The 7-Event Structure focuses on the national team pathway. Decisions regarding future IFF club competitions will be addressed after the successful presentation of the new National Team structure. Since Club competitions are very important, there is a detailed discussion planned with European federations about the structure of the Champions Cup and its connection to other club competition levels.

Q: The U19 WFC moves to February. How does this impact the availability of players who are still in school or have club obligations in the start of the year?

A: This move is highly beneficial. Moving the U19 WFC to February protects the players' educational commitments and frees up May for leagues to extend their domestic seasons. Finding a better time period for the U19 WFC was a key part of the new calendar design.

COMPETITIVE PATHWAYS & RANKING

Q: How will rankings and quotas now be calculated?

A: A new ranking system and regional quota system are being created. This system is being designed to accurately reflect competitive performance across the 4-year cycle, including major events as well as other international matches, ensuring that each international game gets extra value. Information on this will be published during 2026.

Q: Why does Africa not have any teams directly qualified for the WFC?

A: The African National Associations are still in a development stage and are not yet playing regular full-court competitions, with the African Cup being played as a 3v3 or 4v4 event. Direct WFC qualification will be reviewed once they reach the 5v5 system, meet license requirements, and show a competitive level in the World Trophy event.

Q: The new system can mean that smaller / developing nations will practically never get games against the strongest teams in the world. Will this negatively impact development of the countries?

A: For smaller nations, the structure aims to ensure more games against teams of a similar, or slightly above level, which is far more effective for accelerating growth than being consistently beaten by big numbers. The Continental Championships and Challenge event will create the environment for these more competitive matches. The World Trophy provides the highest-level exposure to new multi-continental opponents.

Q: If a country does not qualify from European Challenge or other continental championships to the WFC or World Trophy will there be any other tournament for us in the 4 years?

A: The IFF hopes that the opening up of the calendar will provide the opportunity for more international events organised by NAs (like the 6NFC or EuroPower events). National Associations will be responsible for organising more of their own international events, and there is also the possibility of the addition of different IFF events in the future. If there would be interest to organise and participate at a European Challenge or Continental Championships twice during the 4-year period, it can be discussed.

Q: How will qualification to TWG be decided? When will it be played?

A: It is most likely that the WFC events prior to the TWG will act as the main qualification event, or in some cases there may be regional qualifications. The system of qualification is still to be confirmed.

FINANCE, ORGANISATION & LOGISTICS

Q: What will be the difference in total registration fees paid by the federation over 4 years compared to the existing system?

A: The IFF is aiming for cost neutrality during the cycle 2029-2032 plus potential small valorisation, but the cost structure for participation and registration fees is still being finalised. The exact financial model will be published during 2026.

Internal remark - we created the financial analysis of participation in the new system for different levels of the countries. We will discuss how to use it.

Q: Will there be any support/subsidy system for teams which qualify from the World Trophy to WFC, meaning they play 3 events during the 4-year cycle?

A: Yes, The IFF is considering a support model for teams that would participate in a continental event, World Trophy, and WFC, especially if this involves intercontinental travel for more than one event. The detailed system will be part of the final regulations.

Q: What happens if we qualify for the World Trophy but cannot participate because of the costs? What will be the sanctions for withdrawing?

A: The IFF expects that every NA registering for a WFC cycle has the means to participate. However, new regulations on how to handle withdrawals are currently being considered.

Q: What specific cost savings does the single-arena model (2-hosts) bring to organisers?

A: The co-hosting model requires each organiser to manage only one arena, which means much lower costs and easier logistics. This structure also allows for double government support and double local sponsorship, and more games with a home audience, making the event financially attractive.

Q: How will the two-host system for events work, and what specific support or mechanism is in place to pair a smaller, developing nation with an experienced organiser for co-hosting?

A: The co-hosting model allows a developing floorball nation to partner with an experienced organiser. The smaller nation gains know-how and infrastructure without carrying the full risk. Potential partnerships of more experienced organizers would be also possible. The specific mechanism for leveraging these partnerships will be detailed in the final regulations in 2026.

Q: How will accommodation and travel between hosts be managed when teams don't know exactly where they will play?

A: The IFF recognises the logistical complexity of having multiple host cities / countries. Specific agreements regarding travel between host countries, accommodation coordination (e.g., LOC providing preferred options), and resolving travel home from the final host country will be finalised and detailed in the new Organiser Regulations in 2026.

Q: Will there still be a possibility to apply for hosting a major event as single organiser?

A: Technically yes, but the advantage of more organisers brings such big financial benefits that it will be difficult to compete with that.

REGULATIONS & FUTURE ADAPTABILITY

Q: When will the Organiser Regulations for the new events, including the changed WFC system, be ready and approved?

A: The Organiser and Competition Regulations for all new events are being prepared and will be published during 2026.

Q: Will the organiser requirements for hosting events change?

A: There will be changes to organiser requirements, as each event tier will have different regulations and a different level of services required.

Q: Why is the WFC system different for Women (16 teams) and Men (20 teams)?

A: To offer equal opportunities for both genders does not mean providing exactly same system. There are fewer women national teams registering for the IFF event and having the same structure would not benefit the women's competition. As the number of participating countries grows, then the system is ready to adapt to those changes.





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PREFACE

~~This 2022 edition of the game rules was sent as text to the Associations in September 2021 and published in February 2022.~~

~~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.~~

~~The rules are equally valid for both men's and women's floorball at all levels of competition.~~

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Floorball is a worldwide and rapidly developing game, and it is important that the Rules keep pace with this development. Rule changes should promote positive and intense floorball, strengthen player safety, minimise interruptions, and make the game more attractive and easier to understand for everyone involved. The vision is that the Rules are perceived as fair, accessible, and capable of accurately balancing the interests of all stakeholders.

With the new edition of the Rules of the Game, we believe that we have taken important steps in this direction. However, we are aware that more work will be needed in the future to further develop the Rules in the interests of the sport as a whole.

It is important that players, coaches, and referees work together with mutual respect. It is natural that situations will arise that lead to debate, since many rules are subjective and referees, being human, may make mistakes or interpret a situation differently. When this happens, it remains essential to respect the referees' decisions and to act as role models for all floorball players and for the sport as a whole. Not every circumstance is covered in detail in the Rules, and in these instances we expect referees to make decisions based on the Rules, the spirit of floorball, and what best serves the game.

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We hope this edition of the Rules supports fair, enjoyable, and safe play at every level of our sport.

February 2026
On behalf of the IFF Rules Committee
Mattias Linell, Chair

CONDITIONS OF THE GAME

Floorball shall be played in the form of a match between two teams. The aim of the game is to score more goals than the opposing team, whilst playing within the limits of the rules. Preferably, floorball shall be played indoors on a hard and even surface at a venue that has been approved by the administrating authority.

GLOSSARY

Advantage

When the referee allows play to continue when an offence has occurred if this benefits the non-offending team.

Administrating authority

The governing body for the game being played, ~~e.g. for example~~ The International Floorball Federation or a National Association.

Attacking team

The team in control of the ball.

Bench penalty

A penalty that affects the number of players on the rink.

Board

A low wall made in sections with rounded corners that encloses the rink. Usually made of plastic.

Brutal

An act which is savage or vicious. Considered worse than being violent.

Careless

An act which lacks consideration or precaution. Considered milder than being reckless.

Centre line

A marked line on the floor which divides the rink into two halves of equal size.

Centre spot

A marked spot on the floor used as a face-off dot at the beginning of a match or a period and after a goal is scored. Also where a penalty shot shall be taken from.

Delayed penalty

When a penalty is awarded but play continues since the non-offending team still controls the ball.

Delayed penalty shot

When a penalty shot is awarded but play continues since the non-offending team still controls the ball and the goal situation is still in progress.

Defending team

The team not in the control of the ball.

Extra time

~~A method of trying to decide the outcome of a match by continuing playing until a team scores or the extra time ends.~~

Face-off

A fixed situation where two opposing players try to gain control of the ball which is placed between them.

Face-off dot

A marked spot on the floor where face-offs shall be performed. Also used for hit-ins and free-hits in some cases. There are six face-off dots in total.

Field player

A playing member of the team who is not a goalkeeper and plays with a stick.

Fixed situation

The way play is resumed after an interruption. Fixed situations are face-off, hit-in, free-hit and penalty shot.

Free-hit

A fixed situation where the non-offending team resume play after an offence has been committed.

Goal crease

The bigger of the two rectangular areas in front of the goal cage.

Goalkeeper

The player whose special role is to stop the ball from entering the goal.

Goalkeeper area

The smaller of the two rectangular areas in front of the goal cage.

Goal line

A marked line on the floor that the ball shall pass for a goal to be scored.

Goal cage

A structure that consists of a crossbar and two posts with netting. The purpose of the goal cage is to make it easier for the referees to decide whether the ball passed under the height of the crossbar when it crossed the goal line.

Hit-in

A fixed situation where the non-offending team resume play after the ball left the rink.

Intentional

An act which is done on purpose.

International Floorball Federation (IFF)

The worldwide governing body for the sport of floorball.

Imaginary extended goal line

A straight line which is not marked on the floor that prolongs from the goal line through the face-off dots in the corners to the board.

Lying play

An action when a player is touching the floor with more than their feet, one knee with lower leg, and the stick holding hand.

Major bench penalty

A penalty awarded for more severe offences.

Extra-time Overtime

A method of trying to decide the outcome of a match by continuing playing until a team scores or the extra-time overtime ends.

penalty

A penalty where the offending player or member of the team staff is suspended from the rest of the game and may face further punishment depending on the offence committed.

Match record

Official team document listing the players and team staff and match events.

Match Secretariat

Neutral officials who assist the referees and are responsible for the match record, time keeping and speaker tasks.

Minor bench penalty

A penalty awarded for less severe offences.

National Association

A national governing body for the sport of floorball.

Non-offending team

The opposing team of the team committing an offence.

Offence

An action which breaks/violates the Rules of the Game.

Offending team

The team committing an offence.

Official

A neutral person who has responsibilities during the game, **e.g. for example** in the **match** secretariat.

Overtime

A method of trying to decide the outcome of a match by continuing playing until a team scores or the overtime ends.

Penalise

To punish the player or member of the team staff who committed an offence.

Penalty bench

Where the penalised player is obliged to sit during the duration of the penalty.

Penalty shot

A fixed situation where the non-offending team is awarded a chance to score without opposition from any players from the offending team except the goalkeeper.

Play

Any action by a player with the stick or body during a game.

Personal penalty

A penalty that only affects the offending player and not the number of players on the rink.

Reckless

An act which disregards the consequences for the opponent. Considered worse than being careless, but milder than being violent.

Referee

A person who oversees the game and makes sure the Rules of the Game are followed.

Rink

The area limited by the board where the game takes place.

Stick

An implement consisting of a shaft and a curved blade used to play the ball. The shaft is usually made of carbon fibre and the blade of plastic.

Substitution

Replacing a player on the rink with one from the substitution zone.

Substitution zone

The area where the players' benches are placed and the area in which the substitution of players must take place.

Team captain

A title given to one player on each team. The team captain has special rights, but also obligations.

Team staff

Non-playing members of the team, such as coaches.

Time out

A time-limited interruption of the game when the teams can discuss tactics.

Unintentional

An act which is not done on purpose.

Violent

An act which uses excessive force and seriously endangers the opponent. Considered worse than being reckless, but milder than being brutal.

1 RINK

101 Dimensions of the rink

1) The rink shall be 40 m x 20 m and enclosed by a board with rounded corners, which is approved by the IFF and marked accordingly.

The rink shall be rectangular, the measures indicating length x width. The smallest rink allowed is 36 m x 18 m.

102 Markings on the rink

1) All markings shall be made with lines, 4-5 cm in width, in a clearly visible colour.

2) A centre line and a centre spot shall be marked.

The centre line shall be parallel to the short sides of the rink and divide the rink into two halves of equal size.

3) Goal creases measuring 4 m x 5 m shall be marked 2.85 m from the short sides of the rink.

The goal creases shall be rectangular, and the measures indicate length x width including the lines.

The goal creases shall be centred in relation to the long sides of the rink.

4) Goalkeeper areas measuring 1 m x 2.5 m shall be marked 0.65 m in front of the rear limits of the goal creases.

The goalkeeper areas shall be rectangular, and the measures indicate length x width including the lines. The goalkeeper areas shall be centred in relation to the long sides of the rink.

5) The rear lines of the goalkeeper areas shall also serve as goal lines. Marks for the goal posts shall be made on the rear lines of the goalkeeper areas, so that the distance between the marks is 1.6 m.

The goal lines shall be centred in relation to the long sides of the rink. The marks for the goal posts shall be made either with gaps in the rear lines of the goalkeeper area or with short lines, perpendicular to the rear lines of the goalkeeper area.

6) Face-off dots shall be marked on the centre line and on the imaginary extensions of the goal lines, 1.5 m from the long sides of the rink not exceeding 30 cm in diameter.

The face-off dots may be marked as crosses. The dots on the centre line may be imaginary.

103 Goal cages

1) Goal cages, approved by the IFF and marked accordingly, shall be placed with the posts on the prescribed marks.

The openings of the goal cages shall face the centre spot.

104 Substitution zones

1) Substitution zones shall include players' benches with a length of 10 m shall and be marked along one of the long sides of the rink, starting 5 m from the centre line and ending at the imaginary extended goal line and include players' benches.

The substitution zones shall be marked on both sides of the board. The width of the substitution zones shall not exceed 3 m, measured from the board. The players' benches shall be placed at an appropriate distance from the board and have room for nineteen persons each. The substitution zone can also be marked on top of the rink, using a different colour.

105 Match Secretariat

Neutral officials who assist the referees and are responsible for the match record, time keeping and speaker tasks.

Match Secretariat and penalty benches

1) A match secretariat with penalty benches shall be placed opposite the substitution zones, by the centre line.

The match 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 match 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 **match** 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 1 m** space in between the penalty bench **zone** and the substitution **benches zone**.*

106 Inspection of the rink

1) The referees shall, at an early stage before the match, inspect the rink and ensure that defects are corrected.

All defects that can't be corrected shall be reported. The organiser is responsible for correcting defects and for keeping the board in a proper condition during the match. All dangerous objects shall be removed or padded.

107 Ball

1) The ball shall be approved by the IFF and marked accordingly. The ball surface shall be single coloured in a non-fluorescent colour. Neither the inside colour of the ball can be fluorescent.

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. The game clock shall when possible, count from 00:00 and up. 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 **match** 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 starts sounding.

The timing of the intermission shall start immediately at the end of the period. The teams are responsible for being back on 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 must 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.

2) Game time shall be effective.

Effective game time implies that time shall be stopped when- ever play is interrupted by the referees' whistle and started again when the ball is played.

At unnatural game interruptions a triple signal shall be used. The referees decide what shall be regarded as an unnatural interruption, but this always includes: a damaged ball, the board coming apart, injuries, measuring of equipment, unauthorised persons or objects on the rink, the lights going out either completely or partly, and the final signal being sounded by mistake. Should the board come apart play shall not be interrupted until the ball is near the place in question. In case of injuries play shall be interrupted only on suspicion of a serious injury or if the injured player directly affects play. An administrating authority may grant an exemption to use non- effective time, in which case game time shall only be stopped in connection with a goal, a penalty, a penalty shot, a time out or at the referees' triple signal at an unnatural interruption. The last 3 minutes of regular game time shall always be effective.

Game time shall be stopped during a penalty shot.

202 Time out

1) During the match each team shall have the right to request one time out, which shall be carried out, and be marked by a triple signal, as soon as play is interrupted.

*A time out may be requested at any time, including in connection with goals and penalty shots, penalty shots after **extra-time overtime** excluded, but only by the team captain or a member of the team staff. A time out requested during an interruption shall be carried out immediately, but if the referees consider that this negatively affects the situation for the opposing team, the time out shall be carried out at the next interruption.*

*A requested time out shall always be carried out, except after a goal, or a penalty shot, when the team may withdraw the request or when the next interruption is the end of the period, which automatically cancels the time-out. This also applies to the possible changing of the ends in the middle of the period. A time out starts at the referees' additional signal when the teams are at their substitution zones and the referees at the **match** secretariat. Another additional signal after 30 seconds marks the end of the time out.*

After a time out, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption. A penalised player is not allowed to participate in a time out.

203 **Extra-time Overtime**

1) If a match that has to **must** be decided ends with an even result 10 minutes **extra-time overtime** shall be played until one team scores. Before **extra-time overtime**, the teams have the right to a 2-minute intermission, but no changing of ends shall take place. During **extra-time overtime** the same rules apply to starting and stopping time as during regular game time. **Extra-time overtime** is not divided into periods. Penalty time remaining after regular game time shall continue during **extra-time overtime**. If the score after **extra-time overtime** is still equal, the match shall be decided by penalty shots.

204 Penalty shots after ~~extra-time~~ overtime

1) Five field players from each team shall take one penalty shot each. If the score after this is still equal, the same players shall take one penalty shot each until a decisive result is achieved.

~~The penalty shots shall be taken alternately.~~ The referees decide which goal to use and shall carry out a draw between the team captains. The winner decides which team will start taking the penalty shots. Five ~~different~~ field players from each team shall take one penalty shot each. ~~The penalty shots shall be taken alternately.~~

If the score after this is still equal, the ~~same players~~ teams shall take one penalty shot each until a decisive result is achieved. ~~The extra penalty shots can be taken by any field player, and a player is allowed to take multiple penalty shots.~~

~~The penalty shots shall be taken alternately. The team captain or a member of the team staff shall, in writing, inform the referees and the secretariat of the numbers of the players and the order in which they will take the penalty shots. The referees are responsible for ensuring that the penalty shots are taken in the exact order as noted by the team staff.~~

~~As soon as a decisive result is achieved during the penalty shots, the match is over, and the winning team shall be considered to have won by one extra goal.~~ During the regular penalty shots, a decisive result is ~~considered to be~~ achieved when a team is leading by a larger number of goals than the opposing team has remaining penalty shots. During the possible extra penalty shots, a decisive result is ~~considered to be~~ achieved when a team has scored one goal more than the opposing team and both teams have taken the same number of penalty shots. ~~As soon as a decisive result is achieved during the penalty shots, the match is over, and the winning team shall be considered to have won by one extra goal.~~

~~The extra penalty shots do not have to be taken in the same order as the regular penalty shots, but a player must not take a third penalty shot until all the noted players in the team have taken at least two, and so on.~~

~~If one of the noted players incurs a penalty during the penalty shots, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already noted, to replace the player who has incurred the penalty.~~

~~If a goalkeeper incurs any penalty during the penalty shots, they shall be replaced by the reserve goalkeeper. If a reserve goalkeeper is not available, the team has a maximum of 3 minutes to properly equip a field player, who is not already noted, but none of this time may be used for warming up. The new goalkeeper shall be marked in the match record, and the time of the change shall be noted.~~

~~A team that is unable to note five field players shall only be allowed to take as many penalty shots as they have noted players. This is also valid during possible extra penalty shots.~~

3 PARTICIPANTS

301 Players

1) Each team is allowed to use a maximum of 20 players. These shall be noted in the match record. *Players may be field players or goalkeepers. No other players than those noted in the match record are allowed to participate in the match or be in their own substitution zone.*

Players in the substitution zone must sit on the bench, except in connection with a substitution or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons, for example retrieving a new stick, using the restroom, or receiving treatment for an injury.

2) During play six players in each team, at the most, including only one goalkeeper or six field players only, may be on the rink simultaneously.

For the referees to start a match, each team shall have at least five field players and a properly equipped goalkeeper, or the final score shall be 5-0 to the non-offending team.

During play, each team must be able to play with at least four players, or the match shall be stopped, and the final score shall be 5-0 to the non-offending team, or the achieved result if this is more advantageous for the non-offending team.

302 Substitution of players

1) Substitution of players may take place at any time and an unlimited number of times during a match.

All substitutions shall take place in the team's own substitution zone. A player leaving the rink ~~has to~~ must be on the way passing over the board before a substitute may enter the rink. A ~~n~~ injured player leaving the rink outside their own substitution zone must not be replaced until play is interrupted. A bleeding player is not allowed to participate in the match until the bleeding is under control.

303 Particular regulations for goalkeepers

1) All goalkeepers shall be marked in the match record.

The marking shall be made with a "G" in the margin. A player marked as goalkeeper is not allowed to participate as a field player, with a stick, during the same match. If a team due to injury or penalty has to re-place the goalkeeper with a field player, they have a maximum of 3 minutes to properly equip the substitute, but none of this time shall be used for warming up. The new goalkeeper shall be marked in the match record, and the time of the change shall be noted.

2) If a goalkeeper entirely leaves the goal crease during play, they shall, until returning, be considered a field player, yet without a stick.

This does not apply in connection with a ~~throw-out~~ throw-in. A goalkeeper is considered to have entirely left the goal crease when no part of their body touches the floor inside the goal crease. The goalkeeper is, however, allowed to jump within their own goal crease. The lines belong to the goal crease.

304 Particular regulations for team captains

1) Each team shall have a team captain, who shall be marked in the match record.

The marking shall be made with a "C" in the margin. Change of the team captain shall only take place in case of injury, illness or match penalty, and ~~has to~~ must be noted with time in the match record. A replaced team captain must not ~~function~~ act again as team captain during the same match.

2) Only the team captain is entitled to speak to the referees and is also obliged to assist them.

When the team captain speaks to the referees, this shall be done according to set conditions. A penalised team captain loses the right to speak to the referees, unless addressed by them, and, except when the team staff requests a time out, the team has no possibility to communicate with the referees. If considered necessary by the referees, discussions shall be taken in the corridors and not in the rink and never inside the referees' dressing room.

305 Team staff

1) Each team shall note, at the most, five members of the team staff in the match record.

No other persons than those noted in the match record are allowed to be in their own substitution zone. With the exception of a time out, a member of the team staff shall not enter the rink without the referees' permission. All coaching shall take place from the team's own substitution zone where the team staff shall be situated during the match.

Members of the team staff must stand behind the players' bench, except when clearly necessary for other reasons. One member of the team staff at a time is allowed to move in front of the player's bench to give tactical instructions. Referees may allow exceptions if there is insufficient space behind the players' bench, however members of the team staff should still stand away from the board. Members of the team staff must not stand on elevated positions for example a chair or bench.

Before the match, a member of the team staff should check the match record and ensure the team list is correct.

After the start of the match no amendments shall be allowed except from possible corrections of incorrect numbering. Should a member of the team staff be recorded also as a player, they should always be considered a player in any uncertain situations regarding offences from their substitution zone.

306 Referees

1) A match shall be led ~~and controlled~~ by two equally authorised referees who enforces the Rules of the Game and controls the match in cooperation with the other match officials.

~~The referees shall have the right to stop a match if there is an obvious risk that it can not be continued according to the rules.~~

2) The referees have the authority to take disciplinary action before, during and after the match. The referees shall have the right to stop a match if there is an obvious risk that it ~~can not~~ cannot be continued according to the rules.

307 Match Secretariat

1) A ~~match~~ secretariat shall be in place.

The ~~match~~ secretariat shall be neutral and responsible for the match record, time keeping and possible speaker tasks.

4 EQUIPMENT

401 The players' clothing

1) All field players shall wear uniforms consisting of jerseys, shorts and socks.
All field players in a team shall wear the exact same uniform. A team's uniform may have any colour combination, but the jerseys must not be grey. If the referees consider that the teams can not be distinguished by their uniforms, the visiting away team is obliged to change. The All socks shall have the same colour be mutually uniform and, if decided by the administrating authority, distinguishable between the teams. A player with visible blood on any equipment must not participate in the match until the equipment has been cleaned or exchanged.

2) All goalkeepers shall be dressed in jerseys and long trousers.

3) All jerseys shall be numbered.
A team's jerseys shall be numbered with different whole numbers in clearly visible Arabic figures centred on the back and on the chest. The back figures shall be at least 200 mm high and the chest figures at least 70 mm high. The figures shall have a clearly contrasting colour compared to the jerseys. The jerseys may carry any number between 1 and 99 inclusive, but 1 is not allowed for field players.

If an incorrectly numbered player participates in the match, the match record shall be corrected, and the offence shall be reported to the administrating authority. If a player is forced to change jersey during the match, the new number shall be noted in the match record.

4) All players shall wear shoes.
The shoes shall be of an indoor sports model. Socks outside the shoes are not allowed. If a player loses one or both shoes during play, they may continue playing until the next interruption.

402 The referees' clothing

1) The referees shall wear jerseys, black shorts and black knee socks.
The referees shall wear the same colour combination on their uniform.

403 Particular goalkeeper's equipment

1) The goalkeeper is not allowed to use a stick.

2) The goalkeeper shall wear a face mask, which is in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations and marked accordingly. *This only includes on the rink during play. All tampering with the face mask, except painting, is prohibited.*

3) ~~The goalkeeper may use any kind of protective equipment, but this shall not include parts intended to cover the goal.~~
~~Helmet and thin gloves are allowed. All forms of adhesives or friction checking substances are prohibited. No objects must be kept on or in the goal cage. The goalkeeper may not use any kind of protective equipment which covers more than the body of the goalkeeper.~~

The goalkeeper may use any kind of protective equipment which is in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, but this shall not include parts intended to cover the goal.

Helmet and thin gloves are allowed. The goalkeeper's protective equipment shall be shaped to the body and not cover more than the body of the goalkeeper. This includes using oversized clothes, shoulder pads which increases the shoulder line in any direction, using double protective equipment etc. For trousers, any zippers, pockets, straps, velcros etc. shall be closed and tightened.

All forms of adhesives or friction checking substances such as silicon lubricant are prohibited. No objects must be kept on or in the goal cage.

404 Particular team captain's equipment

1) The team captain shall wear an armband.

The armband shall be worn on the upper arm and be clearly visible. Tape is not allowed as an armband.

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. All items of jewellery such as necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc. are not permitted and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted. In the interest of player safety, the referees are asked to inspect players and act accordingly.

Unless otherwise defined by National Association uniform regulations, visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed. With the exception of elastic headbands without knots, no headgear may be worn. All forms of long tights are prohibited for field players.

Exceptions Exemptions shall be allowed only by the administrating authority upon written request.

2) If a player is wearing protective goggles, these 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, they may continue playing until the next interruption.

406 Stick

1) The stick shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, approved by the IFF, and marked accordingly.

All tampering with the shaft, except shortening, is prohibited. The shaft may be strapped above the grip mark, but no official marks may be covered.

2) The blade shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, approved by the IFF, and marked accordingly. The blade may not be sharp, and its hook shall not exceed 30 mm.

All tampering with the blade, except bending in longitudinal direction, is prohibited. Tampering includes grinding, melting or any other modification of the blade structure or its concavity. The hook shall be measured as the distance between the highest point of the blade's inner side and an even surface on which the stick is lying. Changing the blade is allowed if the blade is approved with the shaft and being of the same brand, but the new blade shall not be weakened. Taping the joint between the blade and the shaft is allowed, but no more than 10 mm of the visible part of the blade shall be covered.

407 The referees' equipment

1) The referees shall be equipped with plastic medium sized whistles, measuring equipment and red cards.

Exemption for other types of whistles may be given by the administrating authority.

408 The ~~match~~ secretariat's equipment

1) The ~~match~~ secretariat shall have all the equipment necessary for their responsibilities.

409 Control of equipment

1) The referees shall decide about controlling ~~and measuring~~ all equipment. Inspection shall take place before and during the match.

Incorrect equipment, ~~including defective sticks, measuring the stick's hook excluded~~, discovered before or during the match shall be corrected by the player concerned, who after this may start/continue the match. Situations involving incorrect equipment or defective stick that are specifically mentioned in the rules should be handled accordingly. Offences concerning players' uniforms shall not lead to more than one penalty per team per ~~per~~ match, however, all incorrect equipment shall be reported.

No other players than the team captains and the player with the equipment being controlled may be at the ~~match~~ secretariat during the control of equipment. After control of equipment, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.

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 may request control~~

of a hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade.

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~~ Control of a hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade 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~~ hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade 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 *match* secretariat during the control of equipment. After control of equipment, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.

5 FIXED SITUATIONS

501 General regulations for fixed situations

1) When play has been interrupted, it shall be resumed with a fixed situation, according to what caused the interruption.

Fixed situations are face-offs, hit-ins, free-hits and penalty shots.

2) The referees shall use one signal, show prescribed signs and mark the place for the fixed situation. The ball may be played after the signal if it is not moving and is in the right position.

The referees shall first show the consequence sign and then a possible offence sign. The offence sign shall only be used if considered necessary, however always in connection with penalties and penalty shots. If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place at a hit-in or a free-hit.

3) A fixed situation shall not be unreasonably delayed.

The referees decide what shall be considered unreasonable delay. If a fixed situation is delayed, the referees shall, if possible, notify the player before any action is taken.

502 Face-off (802)

1) At the start of a new period and to confirm a correctly scored goal, a face-off shall be taken at the centre spot.

A goal scored during extra time, or from a penalty shot deciding the match, or scored after the end of a period, or in conjunction with the final signal or shall not be confirmed with a face-off. A goal shall not be confirmed with a face-off if the goal is scored on a penalty shot after the end of the period, or during overtime. This also applies when a goal is correctly scored, with negligible time remaining of the period, but the final signal has sounded. When a face-off is taken at the centre spot, each team shall be on their own side of the centre line.

2) When play is interrupted and neither team can be awarded a hit-in, a free-hit or a penalty shot, play shall be resumed with a face-off.

3) A face-off shall be taken at the nearest face-off dot, according to where the ball was at the interruption.

4) All players, except those taking the face-off, shall immediately, without summons from the referees, take a position at least 3 m from the ball, sticks included.

Before a face-off, it is the referees' responsibility to check that the teams are ready and that all players have taken position. When a face-off is taken at the centre spot, each team shall be on their own side of the centre line.

5) The ball shall be played with the stick and 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 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 the stick during play. The defending team's player chooses on which side of the ball to place the stick. If the face-off is on the centre line, the visiting away team's player chooses. Once a player has been chosen to perform the face-off it is not allowed to change the player. The ball shall be at the centre of the blades. 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.

6) A face-off may go directly into the goal.

503 Events leading to a face-off

1) When the ball is damaged unintentionally.

2) When the ball is not correctly playable.

The referees shall, before interrupting play, give the players a reasonable opportunity to play the ball.

- 3) When parts of the board have been separated and the ball comes near the place in question.
- 4) When the goal cage is moved unintentionally and cannot be put back within a reasonable time. It is the goalkeeper's responsibility to put the goal cage back as soon as this is considered possible.
- 5) When a serious injury occurs, or an injured player directly affects play.
The referees decide what shall be considered a serious injury, but as soon as this is suspected, play shall be interrupted immediately.
- 6) When an unnatural situation occurs during play.
The referees decide what shall be considered an unnatural situation, but this always includes, amongst others, unauthorised 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.
- 7) When a goal is disallowed despite the fact that no offence leading to a free-hit has been committed.
This includes when the ball goes into the goal without passing the goal line from the front.
- 8) When a penalty shot does not result in a goal.
This includes when a penalty shot is incorrectly performed.
- 9) 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.
- 10) When the referees consider their decision to be incorrect.
- 11) When the non-offending team during a delayed penalty, in the referees' opinion, is trying to waste time.
The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.

504 Hit-in (803)

- 1) When the ball **leaves the rink** passes the board or hits the ceiling or any other object above the rink a hit-in shall be awarded to the non-offending team.
The offending team is considered to be the team whose player, or player's equipment, last touched the ball before it left the rink. This also includes when a player, to remove the ball from the goal cage, hits the net without touching the ball.
- 2) A hit-in shall be taken from where the ball **leaves the rink** passes the board, 1.5 m from the board, but never behind the imaginary extensions of the goal lines.
If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place. If a team gets an advantage from taking a hit-in closer to the board than 1,5 m, this shall be allowed. A hit-in behind the imaginary extension of the goal line shall be taken from the nearest face-off dot. When the ball touches the ceiling or objects above the rink, the hit-in shall be taken 1.5 m from the board at the same distance from the centre line.
- 3) The opponents shall immediately, without summons from the referees, take a position at least 3 m from the ball, sticks included.
The player taking the hit-in does not have to wait for the opponents to take position, but if the ball is played while the opponents are trying to take position in a correct way, no action shall be taken.
- 4) The ball shall be played with the stick. It shall be hit, not dragged, flicked or lifted on the stick.
- 5) The player taking the hit-in shall not touch the ball again before it has touched another player or another player's equipment.
- 6) A hit-in may go directly into the goal.

505 Events leading to a hit-in

- 1) When the ball passes the board or hits the ceiling or any other object above the rink.
- 2) When a delayed penalty is carried out because the offending team takes control of the ball or plays it in a controlled way.
- 3) When, for fair play reasons, a team waives its right to resume play by taking part in a face-off.

506 Free-hit (804 803)

- 1) When an offence leading to a free-hit is committed, a free-hit shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

With offences leading to a free-hit, the advantage rule shall be applied whenever possible.

The advantage rule implies that if the non-offending team still controls the ball after an offence, they shall have the opportunity to go on playing if this gives them a greater advantage than a free-hit. If advantage is being played, and the game is interrupted because the non-offending team loses control of the ball, the resulting free-hit shall be placed where the last offence occurred.

- 2) The free-hit shall be taken where the offence was committed, but never behind the imaginary extensions of the goal lines, or closer to the goalkeeper areas than 3.5 m.

If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place.

A free-hit closer to the board than 1.5 m may be moved out to this distance.

A free-hit behind the imaginary extension of the goal line shall be taken from the nearest face-off dot. A free-hit closer to the goalkeeper area than 3.5 m shall be moved out to the distance of 3.5 m from the outer line of the goalkeeper area along an imaginary line from the centre of the goal line through the place where the offence was committed, leaving 0.5 m for the wall and then 3 meters free space to the free-hit point. In this case the defending team shall always have the right to form a defence line immediately outside their goalkeeper area. If the attacking team prevents or obstructs this, a free-hit shall be awarded to the defending team. The attacking team is not obliged to wait for the defending team to form the defence line and has the right to place their players in front of the defence line.

- 3) The opponents shall immediately, without summons from the referees, take a position at least 3 m from the ball, sticks included.

The player taking the free-hit does not have to wait for the opponents to take position, but if the ball is played while the opponents are trying to take position in a correct way, no action shall be taken.

- 4) The ball shall be played with the stick. It shall be hit, not dragged, flicked or lifted on the stick.

- 5) The player taking the free-hit shall not touch the ball again before it has touched another player or another player's equipment.

- 6) A free-hit may go directly into the goal.

507 Offences leading to a free-hit

- 1) When a player hits, blocks, lifts, kicks an opponent's stick or hits the opponent's body with the possibility of reaching the ball. (901, 902, 903, 912 910)

If the referees consider the player to have played the ball in an otherwise correct way before hitting the opponent's stick or the opponent's body, no action shall be taken.

- 2) When a player holds an opponent or opponent's stick. (910 908)

This implies when a player uses their arm or hand to hold, pull, tug, grab or physically restrain an opponent from moving freely and when a player uses their arm or hand to fend off the opponent's stick without grabbing it.

- 3) When a field player raises the blade of the stick above waist level in the back swing before hitting the ball, or in the forward swing after hitting the ball. (904 902)

This includes mock shots. A high swing is allowed if no other players are in the vicinity, and there is no risk of being hit. Waist level is considered the level of the waist when standing upright.

4) When a field player uses any part of the stick, foot or lower leg, to play or try to play the ball above knee level. (904 902, 943 911)

Stopping the ball with a thigh is not considered to be playing the ball above knee level. Knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.

5) When a field player places their stick, foot or leg between an opponent's legs or feet. (905 903)

6) When a player, in control of the ball, or trying to reach it, forces or pushes an opponent in any way other than shoulder to shoulder. (907)

7) When a player, in control of the ball, trying to reach it, or trying to get a better position, moves backwards into an opponent, or prevents an opponent from moving in the direction intended. (908 906, 944 909)

This includes when the attacking team prevents or obstructs the formation of a defence line at a free hit awarded within 3.5 m of the goalkeeper's area, or when a player in the attacking team actively and repeatedly follows the goalkeeper's movements with the sole intent to obscure the goalkeeper's view.

8) When a field player is in ~~or passes through~~ the goalkeeper area or in the area where the goal cage normally stands. (914 912)

A field player is allowed to pass through the goalkeeper area if, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, and the goalkeeper's actions are not hindered.

If, ~~when~~ a free-hit for the opposing team is hit directly at the goal, and a field player of the defending team is in the goalkeeper area, in the goal cage or, if the goal cage has been moved, in the area where the goal cage normally stands, a penalty shot shall always be awarded.

A field player is considered to be in the goalkeeper area if any part of the body touches the floor inside the goalkeeper area. A field player with only the stick in the goalkeeper area is not considered to be in the goalkeeper area. The lines belong to the goalkeeper area.

9) When a field player intentionally moves the opposing team's goal cage. (914 912)

10) When a field player passively obstructs the goalkeeper's ~~throw-out~~ throw-in. (915 913)

This shall be considered an offence only if the field player is inside the goal crease or closer to the goalkeeper than 3 m, measured from where the goalkeeper gains control of the ball. Passively implies unintentionally or through omission to move.

11) When a field player jumps up and stops the ball. (916 914)

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 as well as play, touch and stop the ball below knee level. Knee level is considered the level of the knees when standing upright.

12) When a field player plays the ball from outside the rink. (no offence sign)

Outside implies having one or both feet outside the rink. If a player plays the ball from outside the rink during substitution, this shall be considered too many players on the rink. If a player, not in the process of changing, plays the ball from the substitution zone, this shall be considered sabotage of play. It is allowed to run outside the rink, but the ball shall not be played from there.

13) When a goalkeeper entirely leaves the goal crease during a ~~throw-out~~ throw-in. (917 915)

In this case the goalkeeper is not considered a field player. The goalkeeper is considered to have entirely left the goal crease when no part of the body touches the floor in their goal crease. This rule shall also apply if the goalkeeper gathers the ball inside the goal crease and the entire body then slides outside the goal crease.

The ~~throw-out~~ throw-in is completed when the goalkeeper lets go off the ball, and if they leave the goal crease after this, no action shall be taken. The lines belong to the goal crease.

14) When a goalkeeper throws or kicks the ball over the centre line. (917 915)

This shall be considered an offence only if the ball does not touch the floor, the board, another player or another player's equipment before it passes the centre line. The entire ball has to pass the centre line.

15) When a face-off, hit-in or a free-hit is incorrectly performed or intentionally delayed. (918 916)
This includes when the non-offending team takes the ball away when the play is interrupted, 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, however if the hit-in or free-hit is taken from an obviously wrong place to gain a considerable advantage it is considered incorrectly performed. If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place.

16) When a goalkeeper has the ball under control for more than 3 seconds. (924 922)
If the goalkeeper puts the ball down and picks it up again this shall be considered controlling the ball all the time.

17) When a goalkeeper receives a pass, or takes the ball, from a field player in the same team. (924 922)

This shall be considered an offence only if the ball, in the referees' opinion, is played intentionally. Receiving implies that the goal- keeper touches the ball with either the hands or arms, also even after the goalkeeper has possibly touched or stopped the ball with any other part of the body. A goalkeeper may receive a pass from a player in the same team if the goalkeeper is completely outside the goal crease when receiving the pass and is thereby considered a field player. If the goalkeeper leaves the goal crease entirely, stops the ball, returns to the 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~~ cannot result in a penalty shot.

18) When a penalty is imposed during 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.

19) When a player is guilty of passive play. (924 922)

This includes when a field player, in order to waste time, places themself 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.

20) When a team is playing in a systematically passive way. (924 922)

This includes when a team, in order to waste time, continuously or repeatedly plays behind their own imaginary extended goal line.

The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.

21) When a field player plays the ball with the head. (921 919)

~~22) When a delayed penalty is carried out because the offending team plays or takes control of the ball.~~

~~The free-hit shall be taken at the nearest face-off dot, according to where the ball was at the interruption.~~

22) When a field player with the ball under control or trying to play the ball in a correct way touches the floor with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded. (919 917)

This includes when a player of the defending team plays the ball in a correct way, but in a manner that inevitably ends up with the player lying down.

508 Penalty shot (806 805)

1) When an offence leading to a penalty shot is committed, a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team.

2) The penalty shot shall be started with the stick and taken from ~~the centre spot~~ an imaginary spot 5 m from the centre line centred between the long sides.

The penalty shot starts from the referee's whistle and ends with the next referee whistle. If the player starts the penalty shot with the foot, the penalty shot shall be retaken.

3) All players except the player taking the penalty shot and the defending goalkeeper shall be in their substitution zone during the entire penalty shot. The goalkeeper shall be in the goalkeeper area 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. 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.

Continuous implies that the player and the ball are not allowed to come to a full stop or change direction away from the goal cage simultaneously. A zorro type move where the ball remains stationary on the blade and the ball changes direction in the air more than once during the penalty shot is not permitted.

As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball or the ball has touched the front face of the goal cage, the player must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.

If the ball hits the front face of the goal and without passing the imaginary extended goal line passes the goal line from the front, the goal shall be allowed. If the ball crosses the imaginary extended goal line, the penalty shot is over.

Game time shall be stopped during the entire penalty shot.

5) A player who has incurred a major bench penalty shall be on the penalty bench during the penalty shot.

If a player incurs a match penalty the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the bench penalty.

509 Delayed penalty shot (807 806)

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.

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 penalised as re-peated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalised according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.

2) A delayed penalty shot implies that the non-offending team is given the possibility to continue the attack until the immediate goal situation is over.

A delayed penalty shot shall still be carried out after the end of a period or a match.

If the non-offending team scores correctly during a delayed penalty shot, the goal shall be allowed, and the penalty shot cancelled.

510 Offences leading to a penalty shot

1) When a goal situation is interrupted, or prevented from occurring, because the defending team has committed an offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty. (prescribed offence sign)

The referees decide what shall be considered a goal situation. Offences in the goal crease shall not automatically lead to a penalty shot.

A penalty shot shall always be awarded when the defending team, during a goal situation, intentionally moves the goal cage or intentionally plays with too many players on the rink.

If, when a free-hit for the opposing team is hit directly at the goal, a field player of the defending team is in the goalkeeper area, in goal cage or, if the goal cage has been moved, in the area where the goal cage normally stands, a penalty shot shall always be awarded.

6 PENALTIES

601 General regulations for penalties

1) When an offence leading to a penalty is committed, the offender shall be penalised.

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 penalised, to serve the penalty. If the team captain refuses to do this, or is penalised, 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 committed during an interruption, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.

A penalised team captain loses the right to speak to the referees unless addressed by them.

2) A penalised player shall be on the penalty bench during the entire penalty.

*A player penalised during penalty shots after **extra time overtime** 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 overtime**. After the **extra time overtime** all penalties except match penalties are considered to be terminated.*

A penalised player shall be on the same side of the centre line as their own 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 penalised player may leave the penalty bench during an intermission. A penalised player shall not leave the penalty bench during the intermission between regular game time and **extra time overtime**. A penalised 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 the own 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 penalised player who is injured may be replaced on the penalty bench by a field player who is not already penalised. 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, a match penalty will be imposed.

*If the **match** 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 their position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time and the player shall return to the rink when the regular penalty time expires.*

3) If a goalkeeper incurs one or several minor bench penalties, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the penalty.

A goalkeeper incurring a major bench penalty, or a personal penalty shall serve the penalty themselves. If a goalkeeper incurs one or several minor bench penalties when serving penalties or in connection with a major bench penalty or a personal penalty, they shall serve these penalties themselves.

If a goalkeeper serves penalties and a reserve goalkeeper is not available, the team has a maximum of 3 minutes to properly equip a field player, but none of this time shall be used for warming up. The new goalkeeper shall be marked in the match record, and the time of the change shall be noted.

*When the penalty expires, the goalkeeper must not enter the rink until play is interrupted. Due to this the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to accompany the goalkeeper on the penalty bench in order to enter the rink when the bench penalty expires. Only the penalised player shall be noted in the match record. The referees shall together with the **match** secretariat help a goalkeeper, whose penalty has expired during play, to leave the penalty bench as soon as play is interrupted.*

4) Penalty time shall be synchronised to game time.

602 Delayed penalty (**807 806**)

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.

2) A delayed penalty implies that the non-offending team is given the possibility to continue the attack

until the offending team takes control of the ball, plays it in a controlled way ~~plays the ball, takes control of it~~ or play is interrupted.

A delayed penalty shall still be carried out after the end of a period or a match. If the delayed penalty is carried out because the offending team ~~gains and controls the ball, plays or takes control of the ball, plays it in a controlled way, or when play is interrupted because of an event leading to a hit-in, play~~ shall be resumed with a ~~free hit~~ hit-in awarded to the non-offending team. The hit-in shall be taken at the nearest face-off dot, according to where the ball was at the interruption.

The non-offending team shall use a delayed penalty for constructive attacking play. If the referees consider the team only to be trying to waste time, the players shall be notified. If the team still does not try to attack, play shall be interrupted, the delayed penalty carried out and play resumed with a face-off.

If the delayed penalty is carried out because of any other interruption, play shall be resumed according to what caused the interruption.

If the non-offending team scores in a correct way during a delayed penalty, the goal shall be allowed, and the delayed minor bench penalty last imposed on the team shall not be carried out. No other penalties shall be affected. If the offending team scores during a delayed penalty, the goal shall be disallowed, and play resumed with a face-off. If the non-offending team scores an own goal, the goal shall be allowed.

603 Bench penalty

1) The duration of a bench penalty is 2 minutes.

2) A bench penalty shall affect the team, and due to this the penalised player shall not be replaced on the rink during the penalty.

3) No more than one bench penalty per player and two bench penalties per team shall be measured simultaneously.

All bench penalties shall be measured in the order they are imposed. A player, whose penalty ~~can not~~ cannot be measured, shall be on the penalty bench from the moment the penalty is carried out.

If more than one penalty is imposed simultaneously on a team, the referees decide which of the new penalties shall be measured first. Shorter bench penalties shall, in this case, always be measured before longer.

4) A team, which has more than two players with carried out bench penalties, shall still have the right to play with four players on the rink.

The team shall play with four players on the rink until they have only one bench penalty being measured. A player, whose bench penalty expires before this, shall remain on the penalty bench until ~~play is interrupted admitted by the referees~~ or, if this occurs sooner, further bench penalties expire so that the team has only one bench penalty being measured. The referees shall admit players in at the first situation after the penalty expired where in their opinion the interruption required for the admittance has no negative impact on the flow of the game.

All penalised players in a team shall leave the penalty bench in the same order as their bench penalties expire, but the rules concerning the number of players allowed on the rink shall be noticed all the time.

The referees, together with the ~~match~~ secretariat, shall help a player, whose penalty has expired during play, to leave the penalty bench as soon as ~~play is interrupted admitted by the referees~~.

5) If a player, who has incurred a bench penalty, commits further offences leading to a penalty, all their penalties shall be served consecutively.

This is regardless of whether the first penalty has started or not. If a bench penalty has already started and the same player incurs another penalty, the measuring of the first penalty shall not be affected but go on from where it was when the new penalty was carried out.

Consecutively implies that as soon as the player's first bench penalty expires or terminates, the next one shall start being measured, unless the team has other bench penalties, not yet being measured, which have been imposed in between the first player's bench penalties.

An unlimited number of bench penalties can be imposed on the same player. If a player has incurred a personal penalty, all these bench penalties have to expire or terminate before the personal penalty may start to be measured.

If a player is serving a personal penalty, then incurs a bench penalty, the measuring of the remaining personal penalty shall, as soon as the bench penalty can be measured, be postponed until the bench penalty expires or terminates. The team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to accompany the player on the penalty bench in order to enter the rink when the bench penalty expires. If a penalised player commits an offence leading to a match penalty, the rules concerning match penalties shall also be applied.

6) If the opposing team scores during a 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 a delayed penalty shot or from a penalty shot.*

7) If a team has more than one bench penalty, these shall terminate in the ~~same~~ order ~~they have been carried out~~ of the remaining penalty time, starting with the shortest remaining time.

Major bench penalties are considered as one penalty while only one of its bench penalties may terminate.

8) The offence leading to a penalty shot shall not result in a bench penalty unless the offence is a major bench penalty or a match penalty.

All other offences committed shall be penalised according to the offence and no other penalties shall be affected.

9) Coincidental bench penalties matching between the teams and imposed during the same game interruption shall not affect the number of players on the rink and be treated like personal penalties. *The penalties shall be matched in the order they are imposed but major bench penalties shall be matched before minor bench penalties. Every bench penalty shall be matched if possible so that only the net difference of bench penalties between the two teams is carried out with an impact on the number of players on the rink.*

Coincidental bench penalties shall still be noted as bench penalties in the match report.

Coincidental bench penalties shall not be affected by any goal being scored.

604 Minor bench penalty (808 807)

1) A minor bench penalty consists of one bench penalty served by the player committing the offence.

605 Offences leading to a minor bench penalty

1) When a player, hits, blocks, lifts, kicks an opponent's stick or hits the opponent's body to gain a considerable advantage, or with no possibility of reaching the ball. (901, ~~902, 903, 912~~ 910)

2) When a player holds an opponent or opponent's stick to gain a considerable advantage, or with no possibility of reaching the ball. (940 908)

This implies when a player uses their arm or hand to hold, pull, tug, grab or physically restrain an opponent from moving freely and gains a considerable advantage, or with no possibility of reaching the ball. This also includes when a player grabs the opponent's stick.

3) When a field player plays the ball above waist level with any part of their stick, foot or lower leg. (904 902, 943 911)

Waist level is considered the level of the player's waist when standing upright.

4) When a player is guilty of careless play with the stick. (904 902) (909 907)

This includes uncontrolled forward or backward swing of the stick and raising the stick above an opponent's head if this is considered dangerous or disturbing for the opponent.

5) When a player forces or pushes an opponent against the board or the goal cage. (907 905)

6) When a player is guilty of careless physical play. (909 907)

This includes when a player tackles, trips or obstructs an opponent in a careless manner. This also includes when an attacking player omits to make a reasonable effort to avoid a physical contact with a goalkeeper inside the goal crease, unless the physical contact is negligible.

7) When a team captain requests ~~measuring of a hook, control of the shaft/blade combination or the~~

~~face mask grill~~ control of a hook, approval mark on a stick or face mask grill, shaft/blade combination or any tampering with the stick or blade and the controlled equipment is correct. (no offence sign)
The team captain will serve the penalty.

8) When a field player participates in play without a stick. (no offence sign)

This includes when a player who dropped their stick on the rink substitutes without picking it up or when a player intentionally drops the stick or part of a stick.

This does not include a goalkeeper, temporarily considered a field player.

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)

10) When a player intentionally moves to obstruct an opponent, who is not in control of the ball. (911 909)

If a player who is trying to move into a better position backs into an opponent or prevents an opponent from moving in the direction intended, only a free-hit shall be awarded.

11) When a field player actively obstructs the goalkeeper's ~~throw-out~~ throw-in. (915 913)

This shall be considered an offence only if the field player is inside the goal crease or closer to the goalkeeper than 3 m, measured from where the goalkeeper gains control of the ball. Actively implies following the goalkeeper sideways or trying to reach the ball with the stick.

12) When a player violates the 3 m rule at a hit-in or a free-hit. (915 913)

If the hit-in or the free-hit is performed while the opponents are trying to take position in a correct way, no action shall be taken.

If a team forms a defence line which is not at a proper distance, only one player shall be penalised.

13) When a field player ~~plays the ball lying down and to-gains-a considerable advantage, lies or sits down and stops, or plays the ball, or in another way affects the situation.~~ (919 917)

This includes when a player affects a situation without necessarily playing the ball.

This also includes stopping or playing the ball with both knees or one hand on the floor, stick holding hand excluded.

14) When a field player stops or plays the ball with their hand, ~~or~~ arm, ~~or~~ stretched jersey. (920 918)

15) When an incorrect substitution takes place. (922 920)

The player leaving the rink ~~has to~~ must be passing over the board before a new player may enter the rink. If the case is close, action shall only be taken if play is affected. It is also incorrect substitution when a player changes outside the team's own substitution zone when play is interrupted. The player entering the rink is the one to be penalised.

16) When a team plays with too many players on the rink. (922 920)

This includes when a player in the substitution zone or in the penalty bench zone places a foot on the board or otherwise crosses the vertical plane of the board with any part of the body or equipment, regardless of whether play is affected. Only one player at a time shall be penalised.

17) When a penalised player:

- Without entering the rink, leaves the penalty bench before their penalty expires or terminates.

- Refuses to leave the penalty bench when their penalty expires.

- Enters the rink during an interruption in the game, before their penalty expires or terminates. (925 923)

The match secretariat shall notify the referees of this as soon as possible.

A player, whose penalty expires, shall not leave the penalty bench

if the number of penalties for their own 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.

If a penalised player intentionally enters the rink during play, this is considered sabotage of the game.

18) When a team systematically disrupts play by committing repeated offences leading to a free-hit. (923 921)

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. During a delayed penalty shot each offence committed by the offending team and leading to a free-hit shall be penalised as repeated offences. Offences leading to penalties shall be penalised according to the offence. All penalties shall be served by the players having committed these.

19) When a player or a member of the team staff intentionally delays play. (924 922)

This includes when a player or a member of the team staff of the offending team is striking or taking the ball away when play is interrupted, intentionally blocking the ball against the board or a goal or intentionally damaging the ball or a player of the defending team intentionally moves the goal cage.

20) When a team intentionally delays play. (924 922)

If the referees consider a team close to being penalised for delaying play, the team captain shall, if possible, be notified before any action is taken. The team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the penalty. This also applies when a team is late after intermission. At the end of the intermission the teams shall have at least four players ready for the game to be resumed and any penalised players shall be on the penalty bench.

21) When a player or a member of the team staff protests against the referees' decisions, or when coaching is performed in a disturbing or otherwise incorrect way. (925 923)

This includes when the team captain constantly and without reason questions the referees' decisions. Protesting against

the referees' decisions and coaching in a disturbing way is considered spontaneous and a minor offence compared to unsportsmanlike unsporting behaviour. This also applies if a member of the team staff enters the rink without the referees' permission. The referee shall, if possible, notify the team staff before any action is taken.

This includes when a member of the team staff in the substitution zone places a foot on the board or otherwise crosses the vertical plane of the board with any part of the body or equipment, regardless of whether play is affected, when more than one member of the team staff omits to stand behind the players' benches, except when clearly necessary for other reasons and when a member of the team staff stands in an elevated position.

This also includes when a player omits to sit on the bench, except in connection with a substitution or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons, for example retrieving a new stick, using the restroom, or receiving treatment for an injury. The referees shall, if possible, notify the team before any action is taken. Only one member of the team staff at a time shall be penalised.

22) When a goalkeeper, despite summons from the referees, omits to put the goal cage back into position. (925 923)

It is the goalkeeper's responsibility to put the goal cage back as soon as this is considered possible.

23) When a player, despite summons from the referees, omits to correct their personal equipment. (no offence sign)

This includes when the administrating authority has decided that protective goggles are mandatory and a player despite summons from the referees omits to wear them correctly. This also includes when a player omits to pick up lost personal equipment at the next interruption. In case a bench penalty is imposed the personal equipment shall be corrected before serving the bench penalty.

24) When a player, despite summons from the referee, omits to pick up their broken stick from the rink. (no offence sign)

The player who broke their stick is responsible for picking it up at the next interruption. However, anyone taking part in the game is allowed to remove it from the rink in a safe and controlled manner even during play.

25) When a player uses incorrect clothing (no offence sign)

Offences concerning clothing shall not lead to more than one penalty per team per match. Missing chest figures however shall only be reported to the administrating authority. The referee shall, if possible, notify the player before any action is taken.

26) When a goalkeeper participates in play improperly equipped. (no offence sign)
If the goalkeeper unintentionally loses their face mask play shall be interrupted and resumed with a face-off. In case a bench penalty is imposed the personal equipment shall be corrected before serving the bench penalty.

27) When a player acts as the instigator of an altercation (909 907)

The penalty can only be imposed against one player in connection with an altercation.

The referees decide what is considered an altercation. An altercation does not necessarily need to have an instigator nor is it required that any other penalties are imposed.

If the action initiating the altercation leads to any penalty, the minor penalty for instigating shall be imposed in addition.

606 Major bench penalty (808 807)

1) A major bench penalty consists of two bench penalties served consecutively by the player committing the offence.

If a major bench penalty is 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.

607 Offences leading to a major bench penalty

1) When a field player is guilty of reckless play with the stick. (901)

2) When a field player uses their stick to hook an opponent's body. (906 904)

3) When a player throws their stick or other equipment on the rink to hit or try to hit the ball. (909 907)

4) When a player is guilty of reckless physical play. (909 907)

This includes when a player tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or the goal cage, or otherwise attacks an opponent recklessly.

608 Personal penalty

1) A personal penalty can only be imposed in connection with a bench penalty and shall not be measured until the bench penalty expires or terminates. An unlimited number of personal penalties may be measured simultaneously.

The team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the bench penalty and possible other bench penalties concerning the player or member of the team staff incurring the personal penalty. Only the penalised player or penalised team staff shall be noted in the match record. If a player, already serving a personal penalty, incurs a bench penalty, the measuring of the remaining personal penalty shall, as soon as the bench penalty can be measured, be postponed until the bench penalty expires or terminates.

2) A personal penalty shall only affect the player, and due to this they may be replaced on the rink during the penalty.

When the personal penalty expires, the player shall not enter the rink until play is interrupted- admitted by the referees.

The referees shall, together with the match secretariat, help a player, whose personal penalty has expired during play, to leave the penalty bench in the first situation after the penalty expired where in their opinion the admittance has no negative impact on the flow of the game. as soon as play is interrupted. A member of the team staff incurring a personal penalty shall be sent to the spectators' stand for the rest of the match immediately go to the dressing room and must not take any further part in the match, and the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the bench penalty.

3) A player or a member of the team staff incurring a technical match penalty or a match penalty shall immediately go to the dressing room and must not take any further part in the match.

The organiser is responsible for ensuring that the offender goes to the dressing room and does not return to the spectators' stand or the rink during the remaining time of the match, possible ~~extra time~~ overtime and penalty shots included. All match penalties shall be noted in the match record, and a match penalty shall also be reported.

Possible personal penalties concerning a player incurring a technical match penalty or match penalty shall terminate. If a player having received a technical match penalty or match penalty makes a further offence leading to a match penalty, the offence leading to a more severe penalty will be noted in the match record.

A player or member of the team staff shall incur only one technical match penalty or match penalty per match with exception from a technical match penalty when not noted in the match record. Subsequent offences leading to a technical match penalty or match penalty shall be reported, but no further bench penalty shall be imposed with exception from a technical match penalty incurred for a player or member of team staff not noted in the match record.

Offences leading to a technical match penalty or a match penalty committed before or after the match, which normally lead to a technical match penalty or match penalty, shall be reported, but no bench penalty shall be imposed. With the exception of Except for incorrect equipment (which shall be corrected by the player concerned, who may then start the match), offences leading to a technical match penalty or match penalty committed before the match shall also lead to the offender's non-participation in the match, possible ~~extra time~~ overtime and penalty shots included. Offences leading to a match penalty committed after the match, when referees, players or team staff are still on the rink, shall result in a match penalty. The player shall be shown the red card, and the match penalty shall be noted in the match record. The match penalty shall lead to suspension from the following match in the same competition and possible further punishment according to the conditions and routines set by the administrating authority.

609 10-minute personal penalty (808 807)

- 1) A 10-minute personal penalty can only be imposed in connection with a minor bench penalty.
- 2) If the opposing team scores during a 10-minute personal penalty, the penalty shall not terminate.

610 Offences leading to a 10-minute personal penalty

- 1) When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of ~~unsportsmanlike unsporting~~ behaviour. (925 923)

~~Unsportsmanlike Unsporting~~ behaviour implies: Behaving in an insulting or unfair way towards referees, players, team staff, officials, spectators etc. Celebrating in a provocative, derisory or inflammatory way. Intentionally kicking, upsetting or hitting the board or the goal cage. Intentionally breaking a stick or other equipment in a controlled manner. Throwing the stick or any other equipment, even during an interruption or in the substitution zone.

- 2) When a player is guilty of simulating with the intention of deceiving the referees.

This includes when a player is exaggerating or embellishing a fall, a hit or any other attack. Simulating to have been exposed to an offence or feigning an injury. A player committing an offence could still be penalised even if a player is guilty of simulating in the same situation.

The administrating authority may decide to further punish simulating afterwards regardless of the action taken by the referees during the game.

611 Technical match penalty (809 808)

- 1) A technical match penalty can only be imposed in connection with a major bench penalty.
- 2) Technical match penalty shall lead to suspension for the rest of the match and shall not lead to any further punishment for the player or member of the team staff.

612 Offences leading to a technical match penalty

- 1) When a field player uses a non-approved stick, a stick consisting of a blade and a shaft of two different brands or a stick with a hook which is too wide.

When a goalkeeper uses an incorrect face mask. (no offence sign)

A stick without approval mark is always considered to be non-approved.

2) When a player or a member of the team staff, not noted in the match record, participates in the match. (no offence sign)

614 Offences leading to a match penalty

1) When a player commits an offence leading to a major bench penalty, for the second time in the same match. (no offence sign)

The match penalty replaces the second major bench penalty but shall still be followed by a major bench penalty.

2) When a player **or a member of the team staff** is guilty of continued or repeated **unsportsmanlike unsporting** behaviour. (925 923)

The match penalty replaces the second 10-minute personal penalty as well as the minor bench penalty imposed in connection with it but shall still be followed by a major bench penalty. Continued implies in the same sequence and repeated for the second time in the same match.

3) When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of **rude gross** misconduct. (925 923)

Gross Rude misconduct implies **grossly-acting in a way that seriously violates the rules, ethics, or spirit of the sport, such as** insulting referees, players, team staff, officials or spectators.

4) When a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of threatening conduct.

Threatening conduct implies a deliberate impact on the physical integrity of a person without necessarily making physical contact or causing physical injury. This includes verbal threats, spitting in the direction of a player, physically confronting a referee or an official etc.

5) When a player is guilty of violent **physical** play. (909 907)

This includes when a player in a violent way tackles, throws or trips an opponent against the board or the goal cage, or otherwise attacks an opponent violently. This also includes when a player uses their stick in a violent way.

6) When a player or a member of the team staff commits or tries to commit a brutal offence. (909 907)

This also includes throwing a stick or other equipment at an opponent.

5) When a player or a member of the team staff participates in a scuffle **or a fight**. (909 907)

A scuffle implies a milder form of a fight, without punches or kicks, where the players involved respect attempts to separate them.

A player is considered to be involved in a fight when punching or kicking.

6) When a player or a member of the team staff leaves the substitution bench or the penalty bench to engage in an altercation.

Engaging implies when a player or a member of the team staff physically or verbally engages in an altercation with an opponent or approaches the referees during the altercation

7) When a player breaks a stick or other equipment in a **reckless or violent** way. (925 923)

The match penalty replaces the second 10-minute personal penalty as well as the minor bench penalty imposed in connection with it, but shall still be followed by a major bench penalty.

8) When a player or a member of the team staff commits an offence clearly intending to sabotage play. *This includes when:*

- A penalised player intentionally enters the rink during play before their penalty expires or terminates **or before the referees admitted the player to enter the rink**. If the rink is entered during an interruption in play a minor bench penalty shall be imposed. If the **match** 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 their position on the penalty bench. There shall not be any additional penalty time, and the player shall return to the rink when their regular penalty time expires. If the mistake is noticed after the regular penalty time has expired, no action shall be taken.

- *An injured player, who has been replaced on the penalty bench, participates in play before their penalty time has expired. If a player, whose penalty has expired, enters the rink despite the numeric situation, it can, depending on its cause, be considered to be as 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 goalkeeper in the same game.*
- *A team intentionally has too many players on the rink.*

9) When a field player continues to use a defective stick or uses a strengthened or lengthened shaft. (no offence sign)

10) When a player, whose equipment is about to be controlled, tries to correct or exchange the equipment before the control of the equipment. (925 923)

11) ~~When a player or a member of the team staff is involved in a fight. (909)~~

~~A player is considered to be involved in a fight when punching or kicking.~~

6) ~~When a member of the team staff, is guilty of continued unsportsmanlike behaviour. (925)~~

7 GOALS

701 Allowed goals

1) A goal shall be considered allowed when it has been correctly scored and confirmed with a face-off at the centre spot.

All allowed goals shall be noted in the match record with the time and the numbers of the scoring and assisting players. An assisting player is considered a player of the same team directly involved in the scoring. Only one assist per goal shall be noted. A goal scored during extra time overtime or from a penalty shot after a period or a match has ended shall not be confirmed with a face-off but shall be considered allowed when both referees have pointed at the centre spot and the goal has been noted in the match record.

2) An allowed goal must not be disallowed after the face-off is made.

If the referees are certain that an allowed goal is incorrect, this shall be reported.

3) A goal shall be awarded when the goalkeeper has been replaced by a field player and a player in the defending team commits an offence leading to a penalty shot. The goal replaces the penalty shot.

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, **or thrown by the goalkeeper**, 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 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. A goal is considered an own goal when a player actively with the stick or body plays or directs a ball clearly moving away from the goal line 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 their stick or body, or a player in the attacking team has unintentionally directed the ball with their 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.

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 is involved in the scoring of a goal. Involved implies scoring or assisting.

703 Incorrectly scored goals

1) When a player in the attacking team has committed an offence leading to a free-hit or a penalty in connection with, or immediately before, the goal. (prescribed offence sign)

This includes when a team scores with too many players or a penalised player on the rink, and when a player in the attacking team intentionally moves the goal cage out of position.

2) When a player in the attacking team intentionally kicks or directs the ball with any part of their 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.

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.

Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.

6) When the offending team scores during a delayed penalty.

The penalty shall be carried out and play resumed with a face-off.

8

CONSEQUENCE SIGNS

801 Stoppage of game/Time out
The fingertips held perpendicular to the palm of the hand

802 Face-off
The forearms held horizontally, the palms of the hands downwards

803 Hit-in **and Free-hit**
The arm held horizontally in the advantage direction, the palm of the hand downwards

804 Free-hit
~~The arm held horizontally in the advantage direction, the palm of the hand downwards~~

805 804 Advantage
The arm held in the advantage direction, the palm of the hand upwards

806 805 Penalty shot
The arms held above the head and crossed at the wrist, with the fists closed

807 806 Delayed penalty/Delayed penalty shot
The arm held vertically,
the palm of the hand forwards

808 807 Bench penalty/Personal penalty The arm held vertically, minor penalty shown with two fingers and major penalty with five, 10 minutes with a clenched hand.

809 808 Match penalty
The arm held vertically with the red card displayed

810 809 Goal
The arm in the direction of ~~first the goal line and then the centre spot~~

811 810 Continue play
Incorrectly scored goal
The arms held horizontally, the palms of the hands downwards

9 OFFENCE SIGNS

901 Hit Offences with the stick

One arm held horizontally in the advantage direction with the palm facing down, with the other arm making a single blow with the hand to the extended forearm

902 Locking an opponent's stick

~~One arm held horizontally in the advantage direction with the palm facing down, with the other arm pushing the extended forearm in a single downwards motion~~

903 Lifting an opponent's stick

~~One arm held horizontally in the advantage direction with the palm facing down, with the other arm pushing the extended forearm in a single upwards motion~~

904 902 High stick

Imitating the holding of a stick

905 903 Placing stick, foot or leg between an opponent's leg

One leg slightly raised and one arm indicating a movement beneath the uplifted leg

906 904 Hooking

The forearms held horizontally, imitating the holding of a stick and the motion of pulling the stick

907 905 Incorrect pushing

Can also be performed with only one hand

908 906 Backing into an opponent

The hands cupped, the palms of the hands upwards, the forearms pulled backwards

909 907 Roughing

The hands met in two fists at chest level with the back of the hands facing upwards

910 908 Holding

One arm held horizontally in the advantage direction with the palm facing down, with the other arm gripping the wrist of the extended arm

911 909 Interference Obstruction

Both arms crossed in front of the chest with palms facing the body

912 910 Incorrect kick

The foot turned outward on a level with the ankle and with a kicking motion

913 911 High kick

The foot turned outward on a level with the knee

914 912 Entering the goalkeeper area

Both arms extended above the head with fingertips meeting to create a triangle shape

915 913 Incorrect distance

The forearms held vertically at shoulder width apart

916 914 Incorrect jump

The palms of the hands held out facing upwards with an upwards action

917 915 Incorrect ~~throw-out~~ throw-in

The forearms held horizontally, the palms of the hands facing each other

918 916 Incorrect hit-in/Incorrect free-hit

The palm of the hand upwards, in the direction of the original free-hit, then moved as shown

919 917 Playing the ball lying down

The palm of the hand downwards with a left and right motion

920 918 Hands

The palm of the hand facing forward

921 919 Header

The palm of the hand to the forehead

922 920 Incorrect substitution

The forearms rotating in a rolling action

923 921 Repeated offences

One arm held horizontally in the advantage direction with the palm facing down, with the other arm making three blows with the hand to the extended forearm

924 922 Delaying play

One arm extended above the head with a single finger pointing upwards and the lower arm moving in a circular motion

925 923 Misconduct

Both hands placed on hips

Background to rule change proposals - Rules of the Game 2026

Background

The format of the draft of the new rules is the simplest possible to make it easy to work with during the process. After the final decision by the IFF Central Board, the English version of The Rules of the game 2026 will get a more attractive layout and improved readability. An appendix with examples of multiple penalties and how they should be handled will also be added as a help for referees and officials.

This document describes the basic thoughts behind the more complicated proposals, and each proposed rule change is categorised accordingly.

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This will protect the goalkeeper more effectively and emphasise that the goalkeeper's area is the goalkeeper's area.

606.6

Collisions with goalkeepers are becoming more common, with concussions as a result. In today's rules, goalkeepers are not protected enough, considering that they are on their knees and virtually have no possibility to avoid physical contact in the way a field player can. Placing responsibility on the field player to avoid a collision will significantly improve goalkeeper safety.

Game Attractiveness and Intensity

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Removing the requirement to inform the referees in writing before a penalty shoot-out speeds up the process without negative consequences. Referees remain responsible for ensuring that five different players take the first five penalty shots. After these initial five, any player may take one or more penalties. This format allows the best players to become heroes, enhancing excitement. It also addresses issues with penalties and injuries that, under the previous format, could lead to strange and undesirable situations.

502

There's no need to drag the players out for a face-off when there's no doubt that there isn't enough time for any meaningful play.

505.3

When one team wants to waive their right to a face-off, they usually flip the ball over the board. This is not correct according to the rules and wastes unnecessary game time. Now the referee can adjust to the situation, acknowledge that one team wants to waive the right, and resume the game with a hit-in.

507.2, 605.2

Holding is a major issue for floorball's attractiveness today. It slows the game down and makes it too easy to hinder the best players. To change this, we think two things are needed: firstly, clearer rules defining what holding actually is, and secondly, referee education.

507.15

It's quite common for a team to play the ball from a clearly wrong place to take a chance because it has been risk-free. Now at least they risk something if it's too obvious.

508.2

Less time for showboating and antics - we get to the real action faster.

603.9

There are situations in floorball where a team benefits from trying to provoke multiple penalties, for example late in a game when it's better to play 5v4 than 6v5 or when you already have two penalties measured and could aim for playing 3v3 with no consequences for your own team. This is bad for floorball; it slows the game down and have a negative impact of the feeling of fairness. The referees tend to solve it by ignoring the offences, not to give a team a tactical advantage late in a game, which is not good for the sport. Offences should get consequences.

With this way of handling coincidental penalties there will never arise a situation when it's beneficial for a team to try to provoke multiple penalties.

605.27

Coincidental penalties for situations not related to actual game play (e.g. small pushes, holdings and trash talk during break in play) is common. This slows the game down and is also used by some teams as a tactic where they provoke opponents to play 4v4 more often because they think they excel in that format or to play 5v4 instead of 6v5, when they are desperate late in a game (see 603.9). With a minor penalty for instigating, the initiator of the altercation risk something and hopefully we will see more floorball and less wrestling.

703

Allowing a goalkeeper to score a goal. This is allowed in the 3 v 3 format and works. It will happen more rarely on 5 v 5, but when it does it creates something to write about.

The Floorball Brand and Game Climate

301, 305, 605.16, 605.21

All major sports have strict rules regarding the behaviour of players and team staff in the substitution area—except floorball. In sports like football and handball, only one team staff member is allowed to stand at a time, and all players must remain seated.

The current situation in floorball causes several issues: players often get hit by balls while standing with a foot on the boards, and the crowded appearance of the substitution zone is sometimes used tactically to deter opponents from playing into that area. It also creates a match climate where all players and staff are involved in every situation and referee decision, contributing to a hectic environment.

While this might not be an issue at the highest levels, where referees and players have the experience and confidence to manage it, it becomes a serious problem in youth games. Young referees and players do not benefit from a culture where 20 people are constantly commenting on every incident on the rink. This culture needs to change.

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Players standing also obstruct the view of the actual play for the match secretariat, spectators and TV-viewers, making the sport appear unprofessional compared to other sports.

The rule was fully tested during the 2024–25 season in Sweden with positive results. Teams adapted remarkably quickly, and while not all player and coach reactions were initially positive, there was general understanding and acceptance of the change. The test rule was a bit stricter than the proposal in this edition, but for the upcoming season, one member of the team staff will be allowed in front of the players' benches at any time, like in this proposal. This change was suggested by many coaches in the evaluation and would not compromise the main purpose of the rule change. Sweden has also decided to extend the test to include all league games on the national level for the season 2025-26.

This is not a change that players and coaches will instantly like, but it is one that is necessary for future players, referees, and for the floorball brand.

508.4

Zorro is an attractive part of floorball, but when every other penalty shot is taken by a player skilled at performing a Zorro, the balance between the penalty taker and the goalkeeper becomes skewed. It turns penalty shots into something other than what floorball should be. When players share a "Zorro stick" and all use it during a penalty shoot-out, it reflects poorly on the floorball brand. This rule was tested in Sweden and Switzerland with almost entirely positive feedback.

Equipment

403

Goalkeeper's clothes are getting bigger, and there's a need for clearer rules regarding what is allowed and what is not.

405

The rules are not clear enough and leave too much up to the referee to decide. This is a matter of player safety.

406

It's common for players to tamper with the blade by making "Zorro-pockets" and similar modifications, and it has even been an issue with manufacturers offering to melt the blade post-production. This changes the properties for which the stick was originally certified. The rules need to be clearer that this is not allowed.

Other

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Extending the substitution benches to the imaginary extended goal line provides more space for players who are now sitting down and for team staff who should not stand in front of the players. Also, creates more space for game formats where more than five members of the team staff are allowed.

203

Alternative methods of deciding a game are being used, for example in the 3v3 format where a fixed game time is played in full to determine a winner. The term "extra time" is also used by FIFA to describe their 2x15-minute format, which can be confusing. The term "overtime" better describes a sudden-death format.

608.2

A member of the team staff who incurs a match penalty should, in the same way as a player, head for the locker room. There's no reason for a member of the team staff to be allowed to stay in the stands. It also often leads to more problems when the member of the team staff continues to coach the team or acts in another undesirable way.

608.3

Giving the referees the mandate to give a red card after the game will calm down situations when there's a confrontation from two perspectives. Firstly, the players know that they could miss the next game directly by a referee decision, and secondly, when the red card is presented, it calms all the other players down.

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Cleanup of the whole chapter to make it easier to read and understand.

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Summary of feedback with replies to rule change proposals Rules of the Game 2026

Background:

In this document we have summarised the feedback received from the Athletes Commission (ATC), the IFF Referee Committee (RC) and Sarah Mitchell from the IFF Office (SM). We've also received a late additional proposal from Perth Parrots to change the word unsportsmanlike since they consider the word being male coded. The IFF Rules Committee (RuC) has replied in the document when needed for clarity.

Goalkeeper Safety

507.7

7) When a player, in control of the ball, trying to reach it, or trying to get a better position, moves backwards into an opponent, or prevents an opponent from moving in the direction intended. (908, 911)

This includes when the attacking team prevents or obstructs the formation of a defence line at a free hit awarded within 3.5 m of the goalkeeper's area, or when a player in the attacking team actively and repeatedly follows the goalkeeper's movements with the intent to obscure the goalkeeper's view.

Background (IFF RuC):

Players should mainly focus on the ball and the game. There's still room for blocking the goalkeeper's view, but not for solely following the goalkeeper. This will also lower the risk of physical contact with the goalkeeper.

SM:

Restricting a field player from actively blocking the goalkeeper removes a significant tactical aspect of the game. As long as they are not touching the goalkeeper or moving in the goalkeeper box there is no reason to stop this action.

ATC:

We understand the need to protect goalkeepers, but we feel this proposal is not the right solution. The current rule (605.6) is already sufficient. The suggested change leaves too much room for interpretation and may remove an important tactical element of the game. Players should not be allowed to touch the goalkeeper, but simply following their movement should not be penalised.

IFF RuC reply:

Acknowledging the negative feedback on this proposed rule change the RuC still feels that the pure focus on the goal keeper by a field player unnecessarily brings them closer together, increasing the risk of collision and in consequence causing injury to the goalkeeper who is – by nature – in a underprivileged position. Further, looking at the spirit of the game, a specific player focusing on a particular opponent is against the spirit of what floorball should be. The focus should be on participating in the game, play with the ball, active play and creating scoring opportunities by acting yourself instead of being destructive and not caring about the ball. Further blocking the goalkeepers view is still allowed – but you also must focus on and follow the ball.

Reference group decision: Approval

507.8

8) When a field player is in **or passes through** the goalkeeper area or in the area where the goal cage normally stands. (914)

A field player is allowed to pass through the goalkeeper area if, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, and the goalkeeper's actions are not hindered.

If, when a free-hit for the opposing team is hit directly at the goal, and a field player of the defending team is in the goalkeeper area, in the goal cage or, if the goal cage has been moved, in the area where the goal cage normally stands, a penalty shot shall always be awarded.

A field player is considered to be in the goalkeeper area if any part of the body touches the floor inside the goalkeeper area. A field player with only the stick in the goalkeeper area is not considered to be in the goalkeeper area. The lines belong to the goalkeeper area.

Background (IFF RuC):

This will protect the goalkeeper more effectively and emphasise that the goalkeeper's area is the goalkeeper's area.

RC:

A very welcome clarification. It is important that the goalkeeper area is clearly recognised as a protected space — in all dimensions. The “area” must be understood in three-dimensional terms: players are not allowed to pass through it, but also not to jump or dive over it. This clearer interpretation helps prevent conflicts and enhances goalkeeper safety.

ATC:

Opinions are mixed. While some of us see this as additional protection, others feel it is unnecessary and risks over-regulating. Referees should decide if play is affected rather than applying an automatic free hit. Concerns were raised that even harmless situations, like a defender running through the area when the ball is far away, would result in free hits, which seems excessive.

IFF RuC reply:

The definition of the goalkeeper's area as a 'No Go area' will be a significant improvement for goalkeeper safety by effecting only a very small area as it will change the mind of the players that there is no chance of winning something when they go there. For the time being this will require a change of mind but shortly and in long-term it will be into the players mind, and they simply won't enter it.

Further this takes away unnecessary interpretation about effecting the game as well as unequal opportunities for attacking and defending players.

Reference group decision: Approval

605.6

6) When a player is guilty of careless physical play. (909)

This includes when a player tackles, trips or obstructs an opponent in a careless manner. This also includes when an attacking player omits to make a reasonable effort to avoid a physical contact with a goalkeeper inside the goal crease, unless the physical contact is negligible.

Background (IFF RuC):

Collisions with goalkeepers are becoming more common, with concussions as a result. In today's rules, goalkeepers are not protected enough, considering that they are on their knees and virtually have no possibility to avoid physical contact in the way a field player can. Placing responsibility on the field player to avoid a collision will significantly improve goalkeeper safety.

RC:

This rule strengthens goalkeeper protection by placing clear responsibility on field players to avoid collisions. From a referee's point of view, the definition of a “reasonable effort” to avoid contact will still require careful judgment, especially in high-speed situations. Nevertheless, the intent of the change is excellent and will promote both safety and fairness.

ATC:

Very important and positive change. Collisions with goalkeepers are increasingly common and often result in concussions. Goalkeepers have limited ability to avoid contact, so placing responsibility on field players to avoid collisions will significantly improve safety.

Reference group decision: Approval

701.3

3) A goal shall be awarded when the goalkeeper has been replaced by a field player and a player in the defending team commits an offence leading to a penalty shot. The goal replaces the penalty shot.

Background (IFF RuC): -

SM:

In a regular playing situation (when the goalkeeper is on the court) a penalty shot can be awarded when there is no guarantee that a goal would be scored – it is a potential goal-scoring situation. Just because a team does not have their goalkeeper on the court this should not change. No matter what the offence of the player, there is still no guarantee that a goal would have been scored, so the penalty shot should be awarded and taken, not an automatic goal given.

IFF RuC reply:

In this case, a penalty shot is not an equal situation for the attacking team. A goal scoring opportunity is given, when the player is in the position to shoot on an empty goal. We're not talking about 'maybe situations' – we're talking about clear situations where a goal scoring is very likely. Of course, there is a certain risk of missing – but if the defending team 'solves' the situation with an offense, this cannot lead to a disadvantage for the non-offending team.

Reference group decision: Approval

Game Attractiveness and Intensity

204

1) Five field players from each team shall take one penalty shot each. If the score after this is still equal, the same players shall take one penalty shot each until a decisive result is achieved. ~~The penalty shots shall be taken alternately. The referees decide which goal to use and shall carry out a draw between the team captains. The winner decides which team will start taking the penalty shots. Five different field players from each team shall take one penalty shot each. The penalty shots shall be taken alternately.~~

~~If the score after this is still equal, the same players teams shall take one penalty shot each until a decisive result is achieved. The extra penalty shots can be taken by any field player, and a player is allowed to take multiple penalty shots.~~

~~The penalty shots shall be taken alternately. The team captain or a member of the team staff shall, in writing, inform the referees and the secretariat of the numbers of the players and the order in which they will take the penalty shots. The referees are responsible for ensuring that the penalty shots are taken in the exact order as noted by the team staff.~~

~~As soon as a decisive result is achieved during the penalty shots, the match is over, and the winning team shall be considered to have won by one extra goal. During the regular penalty shots, a decisive result is considered to be achieved when a team is leading by a larger number of goals than the opposing team has remaining penalty shots. During the possible extra penalty shots, a decisive result is considered to be achieved when a team has scored one goal more than the opposing team and both teams have taken the same number of penalty shots. As soon as a decisive result is achieved during the penalty shots, the match is over, and the winning team shall be considered to have won by one extra goal.~~

~~The extra penalty shots do not have to be taken in the same order as the regular penalty shots, but a player must not take a third penalty shot until all the noted players in the team have taken at least two, and so on.~~

~~If one of the noted players incurs a penalty during the penalty shots, the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already noted, to replace the player who has incurred the penalty.~~

~~If a goalkeeper incurs any penalty during the penalty shots, they shall be replaced by the reserve goalkeeper. If a reserve goalkeeper is not available, the team has a maximum of 3 minutes to properly equip a field player, who is not already noted, but none of this time may be used for warming up. The new goalkeeper shall be marked in the match record, and the time of the change shall be noted.~~

~~A team that is unable to note five field players shall only be allowed to take as many penalty shots as they have noted players. This is also valid during possible extra penalty shots.~~

Background (IFF RuC):

Removing the requirement to inform the referees in writing before a penalty shoot-out speeds up the process without negative consequences. Referees remain responsible for ensuring that five different players take the first five penalty shots. After these initial five, any player may take one or more penalties. This format allows the best players to become heroes, enhancing excitement. It also addresses issues with penalties and injuries that, under the previous format, could lead to strange and undesirable situations.

RC:

Removing the written requirement before a penalty shoot-out is a good and practical step that makes the procedure faster. However, when referees decide which goal the penalty shots will be taken on, this decision must be clearly guided by objective criteria — for example, based on TV coverage, spectator positioning, or safety conditions. Otherwise, there is a risk that one team might feel disadvantaged, or that the referee's impartiality could be questioned. Clear and transparent guidance will help protect the referee and ensure fairness in all cases.

ATC:

A good and much simpler change. It removes unnecessary administration, speeds up the process, and makes the shootout more exciting by allowing the best players to step up more often.

Reference group decision: Approval

502

1) At the start of a new period and to confirm a correctly scored goal, a face-off shall be taken at the centre spot.

~~A goal scored during extra time, or from a penalty shot deciding the match, or scored after the end of a period, or in conjunction with the final signal or shall not be confirmed with a face-off. A goal shall not be confirmed with a face-off if the goal is scored on a penalty shot after the end of the period, or during overtime. This also applies when a goal is correctly scored, with negligible time remaining of the period, but the final signal has sounded. When a face-off is taken at the centre spot, each team shall be on their own side of the centre line.~~

Background (IFF RuC):

There's no need to drag the players out for a face-off when there's no doubt that there isn't enough time for any meaningful play.

ATC:

A positive change. It avoids unnecessary face-offs.

Reference group decision: Approval

505.3

3) When, for fair play reasons, a team waives its right to resume play with a hit-in, free-hit or taking part in a face-off.

Background (IFF RuC):

When one team wants to waive their right to a face-off, they usually flip the ball over the board. This is not correct according to the rules and wastes unnecessary game time. Now the referee can adjust to the situation, acknowledge that one team wants to waive the right, and resume the game with a hit-in.

RC:

These adjustments are excellent for improving game flow and efficiency. However, when a team decides to waive their right to a face-off or deliberately gives up possession as a fair play gesture, the referee should always restart the game with a whistle. This maintains full control and prevents confusion or potentially critical situations where one team might start playing unexpectedly. It would be advisable to add this requirement explicitly to the rule text to ensure uniform application and avoid misunderstandings across different competition levels.

ATC:

Good and practical improvement. It will speed up the game by eliminating time-wasting practices like flipping the ball over the boards.

Reference group decision: Approval

507.2, 605.2

2) When a player holds an opponent or opponent's stick. (910)

This implies when a player uses their arm or hand to hold, pull, tug, grab or physically restrain an opponent from moving freely and when a player uses their arm or hand to fend off the opponent's stick without grabbing it.

2) When a player holds an opponent or opponent's stick to gain a considerable advantage, or with no possibility of reaching the ball. (910)

This implies when a player uses their arm or hand to hold, pull, tug, grab or physically restrain an opponent from moving freely and gains a considerable advantage, or with no possibility of reaching the ball. This also includes when a player grabs the opponent's stick.

Background (IFF RuC):

Holding is a major issue for floorball's attractiveness today. It slows the game down and makes it too easy to hinder the best players. To change this, we think two things are needed: firstly, clearer rules defining what holding actually is, and secondly, referee education.

ATC:

Holding is a major issue for game flow. While the clarification is appreciated, we believe the key lies in referee education rather than new wording. Clearer rules can help, but better enforcement is most important.

IFF RuC reply:

We agree. The IFF workgroup for referee educational material has already provided a set of education material on holding, giving the referees a clear and more rigid guideline on how to handle and penalize holding situations. The new rule shall make it more clear on what is considered as holding, i.e. that it is not limited to using hands only.

Solving the problem is a combination of both: clearer rule & referee education.

Reference group decision: Approval

507.15

15) 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, 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, however if the hit-in or free-hit is taken from an obviously wrong place to gain a considerable advantage it is considered incorrectly performed. If, in the referees' opinion, play is not affected, the ball does not have to be entirely still or in exactly the right place.

Background (IFF RuC):

It's quite common for a team to play the ball from a clearly wrong place to take a chance because it has been risk-free. Now at least they risk something if it's too obvious.

RC:

This is an excellent and much-needed change. It discourages teams from deliberately playing the ball from a clearly wrong place and thereby improves fairness and control. However, for the sake of consistency, it might be worth considering whether the same principle should apply when a team executes a free hit too early — for example, after a clear triple whistle and time stop. Treating such premature restarts as incorrect free hits would not only ensure fairness but also help maintain game flow, as repeated interruptions for retaken free hits slow the game unnecessarily.

ATC:

The change makes sense and adds accountability when players deliberately play from the wrong spot. However, we would like to point out that interpreting intent will be difficult for referees.

IFF RuC reply:

Interpreting intent is necessary in a lot of situations – so referees are used to it. We don't want referees who are searching for the intent. Priority 1 should be to take back a hit in or free hit to the correct spot. Referees are expected to talk to the team or team staff to execute better next time. If this happens several times and shows a certain systematic, then intent is given and referees shall act.

Reference group decision: Approval

507.20

20) When a team is playing in a **systematically** passive way. (924)

This includes when a team, in order to waste time, continuously or repeatedly plays behind their own imaginary extended goal line.

The team should, if possible, be made aware of this before any actions are taken.

This also includes when the ball crosses the own imaginary extended goal line from the front while under control of or being played in a controlled way by a field player. This also applies to hit-ins and free-hits taken from the face off spot on the imaginary extended goal line. A goalkeeper is allowed to throw the ball behind the imaginary extended goal line.

Background (IFF RuC):

This rule change will make it harder for a defensive player to simply turn their back to the opponent and hide behind the goal cage or run around it to find new angles. It will make forechecking easier and the game more intense.

RC:

This is a very good and important rule change. It effectively addresses situations where teams deliberately slow down play by repeatedly retreating behind their own imaginary extended goal line. Such behaviour reduces intensity and harms the game's attractiveness. The new rule encourages active play and creates better forechecking opportunities. However, consistent application will depend heavily on referee interpretation. Clear guidance is needed on what constitutes "systematically passive play" and on how and when to issue a warning. (It should also be clarified whether a team that momentarily retreats behind the extended goal line to make a tactical line change should still be considered passive, since such movement might serve a legitimate tactical purpose rather than time-wasting.) Overall, the change is highly positive for game tempo and spectator experience.

ATC:

We find this proposal unclear and potentially problematic. It could reduce controlled build-up play, leading instead to long-ball play and scrappy battles. Passive play rules are already difficult to interpret, and this may complicate things further. We would like to recommend testing before implementation of this rule.

SM:

We already have the passive play rule. It does not require any changes but rather needs to actually be applied by the referees. I cannot remember once that I have ever seen referees penalise a team for passive play, either by taking the ball behind their goal or during a delayed penalty or powerplay for a very long time.

IFF RuC reply:

The 'passive play' rule has been an issue for many years, numerous approaches were taken to get a feedback from national associations and committees to improve the rule – with barely any feedback. In order to tackle this year long issue, the present proposal was created in order to have a clear and measurable rule for the players as well as the referees. The aim was to reduce the space of interpretation.

As the rule was not brought up as a clear rule change in 2023, it could not be tested in 2024/2025. We agree that testing the rule would be beneficial since it has a relevant impact on the game play and restrains the

players from playing the ball in any direction in any situation – which is one of the key characteristics of floorball.

Reference group decision: Should be tested before introduction. Not included in the final proposal.

508.2

2) The penalty shot shall be started with the stick and taken from ~~the centre spot an imaginary spot 5 m from the centre line centred in relation to the long sides.~~

The penalty shot starts from the referee's whistle and ends with the next referee whistle. If the player starts the penalty shot with the foot, the penalty shot shall be retaken.

Background (IFF RuC):

Less time for showboating and antics - we get to the real action faster.

RC:

This is a good and reasonable adjustment that helps maintain the game's pace and focus.

Reducing time for excessive celebrations or showboating keeps the rhythm high and supports a more professional game image. (As a side note, in the United States the rulebook includes a ten-second time limit for executing a penalty shot — a concept that could also be worth considering in the future.

It provides a clear framework and ensures consistency, especially in high-level or televised matches.)

ATC:

The change is generally supported by us as it speeds up play and reduces unnecessary antics. However, we would like to question why the 5 meters is measured in this way instead of keeping the central point. Clarification is needed on how the 5 meters will be determined in practice (e.g., by steps or another method).

SM:

Will this require an additional marking on the floor? A change of 5m will really not make a significant difference to the penalty shot taking. The only thing that will 'get to the real action faster' is to have a time limit within which the penalty shot must be taken.

Why not just allow the player to start the penalty shot with either their stick or foot rather than not allowing it or forcing a re-take?

IFF RuC reply:

The penalty shot is taken from where the substitution zone starts (marking on the board). A small deviation is not crucial, and no additional marking is needed.

Reference group decision: Approval

603,9

9) Coincidental bench penalties matching between the teams and imposed during the same game interruption shall not affect the number of players and be treated like personal penalties (Rule 608).

The penalties shall be matched in the order they are imposed but major bench penalties shall be matched before minor bench penalties. Every bench penalty shall be matched if possible so that only the net difference of bench penalties between the two teams is carried out with an impact on the number of players on the field.

Coincidental bench penalties shall still be noted as bench penalties in the match report.

Coincidental bench penalties shall not be affected by any goal being scored.

Background (IFF RuC):

There are situations in floorball where a team benefits from trying to provoke multiple penalties, for example late in a game when it's better to play 5v4 than 6v5 or when you already have two penalties measured and could aim for playing 3v3 with no consequences for your own team. This is bad for floorball; it slows the game down and have a negative impact of the feeling of fairness. The referees tend to solve it by ignoring the offences, not to give a team a tactical advantage late in a game, which is not good for the sport. Offences should get consequences.

With this way of handling coincidental penalties there will never arise a situation when it's beneficial for a team to try to provoke multiple penalties.

RC:

The idea behind this rule is understandable and fair. It prevents teams from gaining a tactical

advantage by provoking or accepting multiple penalties, especially in the final minutes of a match. On the highest international level, where tactical play is extremely precise, this can indeed be relevant and positive. However, in most domestic and regional games, such situations are rare, and the rule may create more confusion than practical benefit. Its application is complex and requires detailed referee education to ensure consistent understanding. Overall, the concept is good, but it should be carefully implemented and clearly explained to avoid unnecessary complications in lower-level competitions.

ATC

Great and important change. It effectively prevents teams from exploiting the rules by provoking multiple penalties to gain a tactical advantage. It addresses a real issue and promotes fairness.

IFF RuC reply: For the final product there will be an extensive appendix covering "all" possible situations to support referee education.

Reference group decision: Approval

605,27

27) When a player acts as the instigator of an altercation (909)

The penalty can only be imposed against one player in connection with an altercation.

The referees decide what is considered an altercation. An altercation does not necessarily need to have an instigator nor is it required that any other penalties are imposed.

If the action initiating the altercation leads to any penalty, the minor penalty for instigating shall be imposed in addition.

Background (IFF RuC):

Coincidental penalties for situations not related to actual game play (e.g. small pushes, holdings and trash talk during break in play) is common. This slows the game down and is also used by some teams as a tactic where they provoke opponents to play 4v4 more often because they think they excel in that format or to play 5v4 instead of 6v5, when they are desperate late in a game (see 603,9). With a minor penalty for instigating the initiator of the altercation risk something and hopefully we will see more floorball and less wrestling.

RC:

This is a well-considered and practical rule change. It targets situations that occur outside of actual gameplay, such as small pushes, verbal provocation, or minor altercations during stoppages. By introducing a minor penalty for the instigator, the rule discourages players from provoking opponents to create 4v4 or 5v4 situations for tactical reasons. This concept is similar to the "instigator" principle in basketball, where the player who initiates an altercation carries the responsibility and risk. Of course, if the reaction clearly exceeds reasonable limits — for example, physical aggression or a deliberate strike — both players must be penalised accordingly, but the instigator principle still provides referees with a valuable framework to identify and address the true source of the altercation. It promotes fair behaviour, reduces unnecessary conflicts, and keeps the focus on the game rather than off-ball confrontations.

ATC:

The intention is good, reducing wrestling and trash talk in favor of floorball is positive. However, determining the true instigator will be difficult, as referees may only catch the last visible act rather than the buildup. There is concern that this could lead to unfair punishments or fail to address the real problem.

IFF RuC reply:

The focus is not to educate referees to search an instigator. But in many cases the instigation of an altercation is just a small offence, hard to be penalized and ending up in a big mess. In these situations the referees shall have the opportunity to penalize the 'spark' that lit the fire – even if it was just a small one. This rule is an important add-on to the rule change 603.9, coincidental penalties.

Reference group decision: Approval

703

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. Since this is not considered an offence, play shall be resumed with a face-off.~~

Background (IFF RuC):

Allowing a goalkeeper to score a goal. This is allowed in the 3 v 3 format and works. It will happen more rarely on 5 v 5, but when it does it creates something to write about.

RC:

Allowing a goalkeeper to score is a positive and entertaining change that adds excitement without affecting fairness. Keeping the restriction to scoring only by a legal throw is sensible for clarity and control. Allowing kicks might look spectacular but would blur roles and complicate referee decisions. The rule, as it stands, feels well balanced.

ATC:

Good change. Although rare in 5v5, it will add excitement when it happens and creates a memorable highlight. It adds excitement, gives goalkeepers a chance to be part of the scoring, and answers a frequent question from fans and players about why it was previously not allowed.

Reference group decision: Approval

The Floorball Brand and Game Climate

301

1) Each team is allowed to use a maximum of 20 players. These shall be noted in the match record. *Players may be field players or goalkeepers. No other players than those noted in the match record are allowed to participate in the match or be in their own substitution zone.*

Players in the substitution zone must sit on the bench, except in connection with a substitution or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons, for example retrieving a new stick, using the restroom, or receiving treatment for an injury.

Background (IFF RuC):

All major sports have strict rules regarding the behaviour of players and team staff in the substitution area—except floorball. In sports like football and handball, only one team staff member is allowed to stand at a time, and all players must remain seated.

The current situation in floorball causes several issues: players often get hit by balls while standing with a foot on the boards, and the crowded appearance of the substitution zone is sometimes used tactically to deter opponents from playing into that area. It also creates a match climate where all players and staff are involved in every situation and referee decision, contributing to a hectic environment.

While this might not be an issue at the highest levels, where referees and players have the experience and confidence to manage it, it becomes a serious problem in youth games. Young referees and players do not benefit from a culture where 20 people are constantly commenting on every incident on the rink. This culture needs to change.

Players standing also obstruct the view of the actual play for spectators and TV-viewers, making the sport

appear unprofessional compared to other sports.

The rule was fully tested during the 2024–25 season in Sweden with positive results. Teams adapted remarkably quickly, and while not all player and coach reactions were initially positive, there was general understanding and acceptance of the change. The test rule was a bit stricter than the proposal in this edition, but for the upcoming season, one member of the team staff will be allowed in front of the players' benches at any time, like in this proposal. This change was suggested by many coaches in the evaluation and would not compromise the main purpose of the rule change. Sweden has also decided to extend the test to include all

league games on the national level for the season 2025-26.

This is not a change that players and coaches will instantly like, but it is one that is necessary for future players, referees, and for the floorball brand.

RC:

This is an excellent and necessary rule change that addresses a long-standing issue with discipline and professionalism on the team bench. While it may not be immediately popular among players and coaches, it is essential for the long-term development of the sport. Limiting the number of standing staff improves respect for referees, reduces constant pressure and commentary from the bench, and creates a calmer match environment — especially important in youth games. It also strengthens the public image of floorball, aligning it with other major sports where clear behavioural standards are the norm. The Swedish tests have shown that teams adapt quickly, and the overall effect is clearly positive for both referees and the sport's credibility.

ATC:

We have mixed feelings about this proposal. While the reasoning of protecting referees, improving visibility, and aligning with other sports is understood, many athletes question whether this rule truly addresses the problem. If the issue is referee climate, stricter enforcement of protests and unsporting behavior would be more effective than limiting standing. Players also point out that standing in the substitution area serves practical purposes and supports team dynamics, while the proposed rule may actually highlight dissent more when entire benches stand up after a controversial call. From our perspective, many coaches and players deeply dislike the rule and hope it will not become permanent. To claim that it is "natural" in Swedish floorball is an overstatement in our opinion. While there are positive aspects, mainly improved spectator and TV visibility, different opinions should be openly acknowledged rather than suggesting universal acceptance. Overall, we are not convinced this rule is the right solution, even if it may have some benefits. We are afraid that feedback has not been collected from a broad enough and representative group of people, which makes the justification feel incomplete.

SM:

Currently the visibility of the match secretariat, and therefore the timekeepers, is severely obstructed by the number of players and team officials standing up in the substitution zone. It is almost impossible for the timekeepers to see exactly when the ball is put into play from the corner free-hit spot. This will help to ensure that more accurate timekeeping can be achieved, and in Floorball we know that every second can count.

IFF RuC reply:

See background.

Reference group decision: Approval

508.4

4) The player taking the penalty shot may play the ball an unlimited number of times and shall follow a continuous movement towards the goal cage.

Continuous implies that the player and the ball are not allowed to come to a full stop or change direction away from the goal cage simultaneously. A zorro type move where the ball remains stationary on the blade and the ball changes direction in the air more than once during the penalty shot is not permitted.

As soon as the goalkeeper has touched the ball or the ball has touched the front face of the goal cage, the player must not touch the ball again during the penalty shot.

If the ball hits the front face of the goal and without passing the imaginary extended goal line passes the goal line from the front, the goal shall be allowed. If the ball crosses the imaginary extended goal line, the penalty shot is over.

Game time shall be stopped during the entire penalty shot.

Background (IFF RuC):

Zorro is an attractive part of floorball, but when every other penalty shot is taken by a player skilled at performing a Zorro, the balance between the penalty taker and the goalkeeper becomes skewed. It turns penalty shots into something other than what floorball should be.

When players share a “Zorro stick” and all use it during a penalty shoot-out, it reflects poorly on the floorball brand. This rule was tested in Sweden and Switzerland with almost entirely positive feedback and with no concerns regarding the wording of the rule.

RC:

This is a sensible and well-received clarification. The Zorro adds creativity to floorball, but it should not dominate penalty shots or distort the balance between shooter and goalkeeper. Limiting shared or special “Zorro sticks” preserves fairness and keeps the game’s image professional. Spectacular penalty shots will still remain part of the sport.

ATC:

We agree with this change. It makes the penalty shots more fair for goalkeepers and avoids situations where many players use the same “Zorro stick,” which looks bad for the sport. At the same time, we would like to point out a bigger issue: since the new penalty rules came in, referees rarely call fouls for going backwards, even when it is clear. This makes penalties feel like “anything goes.” While not directly about the Zorro, it shows the need to apply penalty rules more strictly.

SM:

This will require a much better explanation – what does ‘changing direction more than once’ mean exactly? For example, if a player lifts the ball onto their blade, moves it to the left (or right) and then moves it towards the goal to release the ball, it means that the direction has, technically, changed more than once. I agree with the intention to remove the zorro goals where players carry the ball on their blade for an extended period moving it from side to side multiple times, but I don’t believe we should remove the skill of lifting the ball and shooting altogether.

IFF RuC reply:

The proposed wording is clear if supported with video examples for referee and player education.

Reference group decision: Approval

Equipment

401.3

3) All jerseys shall be numbered.

A team's jerseys shall be numbered with different whole numbers in clearly visible Arabic figures centred on the back and on the chest. The back figures shall be at least 200 mm high and the chest figures at least 70 mm high. The figures shall have a clearly contrasting colour compared to the jerseys. The jerseys may carry any number between 1 and 99 inclusive, but 1 is not allowed for field players.

If an incorrectly numbered player participates in the match, the match record shall be corrected, and the offence shall be reported to the administrating authority. If a player is forced to change jersey during the match, the new number shall be noted in the match record.

Background (IFF RuC): -

SM:

The addition of the word 'centred' is problematic as most numbers on the **front** of the shirt are not in the centre and should not be required to be. The smaller number on the left or right side of the upper chest is sufficient. Should be reworded for the 'centred' to only refer to the numbers on the back of the shirt.

Question: Why is #1 not allowed for field players? This seems an unnecessary rule

IFF RuC reply:

The front number shall allow the referees to identify a player when they see them from the front. Placing the number on the bottom and/or on the side of the jersey is pointless as the referees can't see the number. Therefore the number needs to be centered.

Number 1 has not been allowed for years and there has been no rule change request to change that.

Reference group decision: Approval

403

3) *The goalkeeper may use any kind of protective equipment, but this shall not include parts intended to cover the goal.*

Helmet and thin gloves are allowed. All forms of adhesives or friction checking substances are prohibited. No objects must be kept on or in the goal cage. The goalkeeper may not use any kind of protective equipment which covers more than the body of the goalkeeper.

The goalkeeper may use any kind of protective equipment which is in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, but this shall not include parts intended to cover the goal.

Helmet and thin gloves are allowed. The goalkeeper's protective equipment shall be shaped to the body and not cover more than the body of the goalkeeper. This includes using oversized clothes, shoulder pads which increases the shoulder line in any direction, using double protective equipment etc. For trousers, any zippers, pockets, straps, velcros etc. shall be closed and tightened.

All forms of adhesives or friction checking substances such as silicon lubricant are prohibited. No objects must be kept on or in the goal cage.

Background (IFF RuC):

Goalkeeper's clothes are getting bigger, and there's a need for clearer rules regarding what is allowed and what is not.

ATC:

We agree there is a real need to regulate goalkeeper clothing, but this rule does not solve the problem. It is unclear how referees should decide what is "oversized," and this could create unfair situations especially for young goalkeepers who cannot afford to buy new gear. Modern equipment often has zippers and velcro so players can adjust it, which should not be restricted. The real issue is that some brands already produce equipment that goes against the rules. IFF should start by controlling equipment production before penalising

players.

SM:

The wording on this is way too vague and open to very subjective interpretation by both the goalkeeper, referees, and manufacturers.

IFF RuC reply:

We agree that the rule does not change the real problem which is the way the manufacturers produce the goalkeepers equipment. The discussion how to change the design of the equipment has to be taken on – but this is not the task of the rules of the game but of the material regulations (which is a different forum). The RotG can only state the requirements on how to wear the equipment – which can be controlled by the referees. We defined few things more than in the past – so at least some of the problems are solved.

Reference group decision: Approval

405

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. All items of jewellery such as necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc. are not permitted and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted. In the interest of player safety, the referees are asked to inspect players and act accordingly.

Background (IFF RuC):

The rules are not clear enough and leave too much up to the referee to decide. This is a matter of player safety.

RC:

This is an important and well-intended rule that strengthens player safety and aligns floorball with other major sports. However, in reality, injuries caused by jewellery or personal items have been extremely rare. For many players and referees, items like small earrings or watches have never posed a practical problem. While the intention is good, the rule may feel unnecessarily strict if applied too literally. Referees should prioritise common sense and focus on genuinely dangerous items rather than enforcing the rule mechanically. Safety first — but with realism and balance.

ATC:

We have no major objections, but the current wording is unclear and could cause confusion. For example, it might suggest goggles or medical equipment cannot be worn. A clearer version is needed that allows protective and medical equipment, as long as it is safe and not dangerous to others. Jewellery should not be allowed, this is clear.

Reference group decision: Approval

406

406 Stick

1) The stick shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, approved by the IFF, and marked accordingly.

All tampering with the shaft, except shortening, is prohibited. The shaft may be strapped above the grip mark, but no official marks may be covered.

2) The blade shall be in accordance with the IFF Material Regulations, approved by the IFF, and marked accordingly. The blade may not be sharp, and its hook shall not exceed 30 mm.

All tampering with the blade, except bending in longitudinal direction, is prohibited. Tampering includes grinding, melting or any other modification of the blade structure or its concavity. The hook shall be measured as the distance between the highest point of the blade's inner side and an even surface on which the stick is lying. Changing the blade is allowed if the blade is approved with the shaft and being of the same brand, but the new blade shall not be weakened. Taping the joint between the blade and the shaft is allowed, but no more than 10 mm of the visible part of the blade shall be covered.

Background (IFF RuC):

It's common for players to tamper with the blade by making "Zorro-pockets" and similar modifications, and it has even been an issue with manufacturers offering to melt the blade post-production. This changes the properties for which the stick was originally certified. The rules need to be clearer that this is not allowed.

RC:

Clarifying this rule makes sense, as tampering with the blade changes the certified properties of the stick and creates unfair advantages. However, this point may become partly obsolete if Zorro-style moves are further restricted under the new rules. If those limitations remain, the issue of melted or reshaped blades will likely disappear naturally. Still, it is good to keep the wording clear to avoid misunderstandings with players and manufacturers.

ATC:

We agree that "Zorro pockets" and other tampering with the blade must be stopped, as it changes the certified stick. However, the proposed rule will not be effective unless referees actually inspect sticks during games. Without proper control, nothing will change.

IFF RuC reply:

It cannot be the task of the referees to check 80 stick blades in a game. And who guarantees that the sticks shown to the referees will be those which will then be used? The current rules with the right to request a stick blade measurement works fine – the opportunity just needs to be taken by the teams.

Reference group decision: Approval

Other

104

1) Substitution zones shall include players' benches with a length of 10 m shall and be marked along one of the long sides of the rink, starting 5 m from the centre line and ending at the imaginary extended goal line and include players' benches.

The substitution zones shall be marked on both sides of the board. The width of the substitution zones shall not exceed 3 m, measured from the board. The players' benches shall be placed at an appropriate distance from the board and have room for nineteen persons each. The substitution zone can also be marked on top of the rink, using a different colour.

Background (IFF RuC):

Extending the substitution benches to the imaginary extended goal line provides more space for players who are now sitting down and for team staff who should not stand in front of the players. Also, creates more space for game formats where more than five members of the team staff are allowed.

RC:

The idea behind this rule is understandable and practical, as the longer substitution benches provide more space for seated players and staff and support the new bench-discipline rules.

However, it may also create challenges for referees, as most physical duels and collisions happen near the corner area. Extending the benches all the way to the imaginary goal line could increase the

risk of confusion or even interference if defenders enter the field close to those battles. It might be worth considering keeping the substitution zone slightly shorter than the full goal line extension to maintain safety and clarity during corner play.

ATC:

We have no objections. It's a good idea to extend the benches to give more space for players and staff.

Reference group decision: Approval

203

1) If a match that ~~has to~~ **must** be decided ends with an even result 10 minutes **extra time** **overtime** shall be played until one team scores. Before **extra time** **overtime**, the teams have the right to a 2-minute intermission, but no changing of ends shall take place. During **extra time** **overtime** the same rules apply to starting and stopping time as during regular game time. **Extra time** **overtime** is not divided into periods. Penalty time remaining after regular game time shall continue during **extra time** **overtime**. If the score after **extra time** **overtime** is still equal, the match shall be decided by penalty shots.

Background (IFF RuC):

Alternative methods of deciding a game are being used, for example in the 3v3 format where a fixed game time is played in full to determine a winner. The term "extra time" is also used by FIFA to describe their 2x15-minute format, which can be confusing. The term "overtime" better describes a sudden-death format.

ATC:

We have no objections. Using "overtime" makes sense and avoids confusion with other formats.

Reference group decision: Approval

304

1) Each team shall have a team captain, who shall be marked in the match record. *The marking shall be made with a "C" in the margin. A goalkeeper is not permitted to act as captain. Change of the team captain shall only take place in case of injury, illness or match penalty, and ~~has to~~ **must** be noted with time in the match record. A replaced team captain must not function act again as team captain during the same match.*

Background (IFF RuC):

A goalkeeper serving as captain slows the game down and there are also rule implications regarding when the goalkeeper is penalised with a minor, but the penalty is served by another player.

RC:

While we understand the administrative motivation behind this rule, we do not support restricting goalkeepers from serving as team captains. Leadership is not an administrative function but a matter of trust, personality, and team dynamics. A captain represents the team's identity and values, and in many cases, the goalkeeper naturally fulfils this role through communication, overview, and composure. The potential time-saving effect is marginal, and other recent rule changes have already improved efficiency. With clear guidelines on how penalties are handled when a goalkeeper is involved, there is no reason why goalkeepers should be excluded from serving as captains.

ATC:

We understand the reasoning, but we feel it is unnecessary to write into the rules. It is sad to exclude goalkeepers completely, and while it can create some complications, this change feels too strict.

SM:

I think this is an unnecessary rule change. A team should be freely able to select whichever player/s they want to act as their team captain. The amount of time that may be added because of a GK captain is minimal. The penalised GK situation can be easily managed by the referees without making a general rule that a GK cannot be

captain.

IFF RuC reply:

The gross game time is a major issue in floorball. With 15 min intermissions many games take way more than 2 hours since there is too much time waste also during the periods. This is not attractive to spectators – discussion with referees are part of that. And when it is the goalkeeper as their captain, it takes even more time until they are back in their goal cage.

Reference group decision: Not approved. Not included in the final proposal.

305 – Team Staff

1) Each team shall note, at the most, five members of the team staff in the match record.

No other persons than those noted in the match record are allowed to be in their own substitution zone. With the exception of a time out, a member of the team staff shall not enter the rink without the referees' permission. All coaching shall take place from the team's own substitution zone where the team staff shall be situated during the match.

Members of the team staff must stand behind the players' bench, except when clearly necessary for other reasons. One member of the team staff at a time is allowed to move in front of the player's bench to give tactical instructions. Referees may allow exceptions if there is insufficient space behind the players' bench, however members of the team staff should still stand away from the board. Members of the team staff must not stand on elevated positions for example a chair or bench.

Background (IFF RuC): -

SM:

Restricting the team staff to only one person in front of the bench is going to be very difficult for the referees to manage. They should be focused on the game, not the team benches. There are often times when multiple coaches are required in front of the bench, for example, when coaching staff use another staff member as a translator (something which is more common than it used to be with so many foreign coaches). I think this is unnecessary.

Restricting the team staff from standing on any structure that is part of the substitution zone equipment (such as chairs or benches) could be included, but not the restriction of standing on any 'elevated position' as there is often a natural or fixed structure that they could safely stand on. A good idea but needs to be reworded.

ATC:

We find this rule strange. Only one staff member in front makes sense, but restricting standing on a bench or chair feels unnecessary. Referees should focus on the game itself.

IFF RuC reply:

Like the rule change for players sitting down on their benches, it's a question of many factors that should be represented by floorball. Good order in the substitution zone provides a good outside picture of the sport – and the number and behaviour of coaches are an integral part of this picture. Coaches standing on chairs and benches are not in favour of this picture the sport represents – like players standing directly at the rink. So, when players are sitting down, there is no need to stand in elevated position.

The rule was tested in a stricter way (no coaches in front of the bench) in Sweden and worked out fine (ref. to players behaviour in substitution zone) within 650 games.

Reference group decision: Approval

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2) The referees have the authority to take disciplinary action before, during and after the match. The referees shall have the right to stop a match if there is an obvious risk that it ~~can not~~ cannot be continued according to the rules.

Background (IFF RuC): -

ATC:

We see this as a good addition, but it is unclear when referee authority starts and ends. This could create problems if not clearly defined. Rule 608.3 helps clarify the "after" part.

IFF RuC reply:

Starting point has never been defined and this has worked out without any problem for decades. The end point is defined in 608.3.

Reference group decision: Approval

605.21

21) When a player or a member of the team staff protests against the referees' decisions, or when coaching is performed in a disturbing or otherwise incorrect way. (925)

This includes when the team captain constantly and without reason questions the referees' decisions. Protesting against

the referees' decisions and coaching in a disturbing way is considered spontaneous and a minor offence compared to unsportsmanlike behaviour. This also applies if a member of the team staff enters the rink without the referees' permission. The referee shall, if possible, notify the team staff before any action is taken.

This includes when a member of the team staff in the substitution zone places a foot on the board or otherwise crosses the vertical plane of the board with any part of the body or equipment, regardless of whether play is affected, when more than one member of the team staff omits to stand behind the players' benches, except when clearly necessary for other reasons and when a member of the team staff stands in an elevated position.

This also includes when a player omits to sit on the bench, except in connection with a substitution or when it's clearly necessary for other reasons, for example retrieving a new stick, using the restroom, or receiving treatment for an injury. The referees shall, if possible, notify the team before any action is taken. Only one member of the team staff at a time shall be penalised.

Background (IFF RuC): -

ATC:

We think this is too strict. A penalty should only be given if the play is actually affected (e.g., touching the ball or interfering with an opponent).

IFF RuC reply:

In the spirit of the game, this has never been allowed, since you are inside the game - and you're playing with too many players in the rink. So, no matter if players have to sit down or not: This can never ever be allowed.

Reference group decision: Approval

608.2

2) A personal penalty shall only affect the player, and due to this they may be replaced on the rink during the penalty.

When the personal penalty expires, the player shall not enter the rink until play is interrupted admitted by the referees.

The referees shall, together with the secretariat, help a player, whose personal penalty has expired during play, to leave the penalty bench in the first situation after the penalty expired where in their opinion the admittance has no negative impact on the flow of the game as soon as play is interrupted. A member of the team staff incurring a personal penalty shall be sent to the spectators' stand for the rest of the match immediately go to the dressing room and must not take any further part in the match, and the team captain shall choose a field player, who is not already penalised, to serve the bench penalty.

Background (IFF RuC):

A member of the team staff who incurs a match penalty should, in the same way as a player, head for the locker room. There's no reason for a member of the team staff to be allowed to stay in the stands. It also often leads to more problems when the member of the team staff continues to coach the team or acts in another undesirable way.

ATC:

We support this change. Team staff given a match penalty should go to the locker room, not remain in the stands where they can continue to coach.

IFF RuC reply:

This includes not only match penalty but (as the real change) the personal penalty.

Reference group decision: Approval

608.3

3) A player or a member of the team staff incurring a technical match penalty or a match penalty shall immediately go to the dressing room and must not take any further part in the match.

The organiser is responsible for ensuring that the offender goes to the dressing room and does not return to the spectators' stand or the rink during the remaining time of the match, possible extra time overtime and penalty shots included. All match penalties shall be noted in the match record, and a match penalty shall also be reported.

Possible personal penalties concerning a player incurring a technical match penalty or match penalty shall terminate. If a player having received a technical match penalty or match penalty makes a further offence leading to a match penalty, the offence leading to a more severe penalty will be noted in the match record.

A player or member of the team staff shall incur only one technical match penalty or match penalty per match with exception from a technical match penalty when not noted in the match record. Subsequent offences leading to a technical match penalty or match penalty shall be reported, but no further bench penalty shall be imposed with exception from a technical match penalty incurred for a player or member of team staff not noted in the match record.

Offences leading to a technical match penalty or a match penalty committed before or after the match, which normally lead to a technical match penalty or match penalty, shall be reported, but no bench penalty shall be imposed. With the exception of incorrect equipment (which shall be corrected by the player concerned, who may then start the match), offences leading to a technical match penalty or match penalty committed before the match shall also lead to the offender's non-participation in the match, possible extra time overtime and penalty shots included. Offences leading to a match penalty committed after the match, when referees, players or team staff are still on the rink, shall result in a match penalty. The player shall be shown the red card, and the match penalty shall be noted in the match record. The match penalty shall lead to suspension from the following match in the same competition and possible further punishment according to the conditions and routines set by the administrating authority.

Background (IFF RuC):

Giving the referees the mandate to give a red card after the game will calm down situations when there's a confrontation from two perspectives. Firstly, the players know that they could miss the next game directly by a referee decision, and secondly, when the red card is presented, it calms all the other players down.

ATC:

We support this change.

Reference group decision: Approval

Annual Activity Plan: IFF Athletes' Commission 2026

Introduction:

The primary mission of the IFF Athletes' Commission (AC) is to represent and advocate for the rights and interests of athletes within the International Floorball Federation. This includes integrating the athlete perspective into IFF activities, ensuring athlete representation in decision-making processes, supporting athlete career development, engaging with the global athlete community, developing athlete-focused programs, and collaborating with athlete commissions at national and international levels.

Mission & Objectives for 2026

Mission: Empower floorball athletes by enhancing representation, visibility, development pathways, and engagement, while ensuring their voices actively shape the future of the sport.

Key Objectives for 2026:

- Ensure active involvement of all AC members within their assigned IFF committees.
 - Guarantee that each AC member contributes to the work of their respective committees.
- Focus on Athlete Engagement & Development
 - Next steps of AC Buddy Program, use of the Athlete 365 resources
- Support National Associations
 - AC toolkit
- Work closely with IFF social media team
 - Deliver all requested material and plan accordingly with SoMe team on Athletes campaigns and AC activities
- Provide athletes feedback on topics requested by any of the IFF bodies

Actions:

Athlete Engagement & Development

- Focus on leveraging the existing resources of the IOC Athletes' 365 platform and
 - Develop ideas on how to adapt and integrate these resources for use in floorball.

- Develop list of Athletes campaigns throughout the year where AC participation would be crucial (example: White Card campaign)

AC Buddy Mentoring Program (Q1 – main topic of the first meeting of 2026):

- Review current goals and impact.
- Explore options for program expansion.
- Take the decision on the future of the program.

National Associations Support

- Develop an AC Toolkit to support National Associations in easily establishing or strengthening their own athlete commissions.
- Provide templates, best practices, and communication materials to encourage athlete representation at the national level.
- Share toolkit with NAs

Through these actions, the IFF Athletes' Commission reaffirms its commitment to ensuring athletes' contribution to all decisions shaping the future of floorball.

Prepared by: IFF Partners Committee, based on year plan 2025/2026

Chair: Jörg Beer, IFF CB Member

Secretary: Tero Kalsta, IFF Sales Coordinator

Date: 4 December 2025

Information on the IFF's system of sales of marketing rights and its updates

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the IFF Central Board with an overview of the International Floorball Federation's (IFF) current system for selling marketing rights, including recent developments, structural updates, and strategic recommendations for further improvement. The report aims to ensure transparency, support informed decision-making, and align the IFF's commercial activities with its long-term strategic goals outlined in the 2021-32 strategy.

2. Structure of the IFF Marketing Rights System

2.1 Organisational Framework

The IFF's marketing and commercial rights are managed under the responsibility of the IFF Partners Committee and its secretary Tero Kalsta, Sales Coordinator, reporting to the IFF Central Board (CB). Tero Kalsta started his job at the IFF Office in 2018. His work in the area of sales accounts for around 50 to 60% of his workload. The rest of his work involves activities related to sustainability and other projects such as the Hall of Fame, Player of the Year and the 40th anniversary of the IFF.

Sales and servicing activities are partly carried out in cooperation with external partners and agencies, depending on the nature of the rights and event. Since the beginning of the year, a partnership has been in place with the Finnish sales agency Passiofy. The aim of the agreement is to generate sales within the framework of the jointly agreed targets for the global partnerships managed by IFF. The agreement, which is non-exclusive, aims to establish long-term and continuous cooperation. The joint intention is to attract new corporate partners for IFF. To date, discussions have been held with selected leads, but no contracts have yet been concluded. The market situation in Scandinavia – especially in Finland – is currently difficult (partly due to the betting scandal in floorball).

The collaboration with the Protocol Sports agency in the area of sponsorship was terminated in 2024, as no deals had been concluded for years and there was a noticeable lack of commitment on the part of the agency. However, IFF continues to work with the agency in the area of media rights (outside IFF's core markets), where smaller deals can be concluded on a regular basis.

2.2 Scope of Marketing Rights

The IFF currently commercializes the following categories of rights:

- Sponsorship rights – title and category sponsorships, event-specific packages, and supplier agreements
- Media rights – live broadcasting, streaming (via IFF channels and partners the Olympic Channel) and highlight production (under the responsibility of the IFF TV Rights Committee)
- Digital advertising and content integration – digital branding, video ads, and social media activations
- Event-related rights – branding, venue visibility, hospitality, and fan zone integration
- Licensing and merchandising – logo usage and limited co-branding opportunities
- Commission on ticketing rights

2.3 Contractual Model

IFF primarily operates on a centralised marketing model for global events such as the World Floorball Championships (WFC) and Champions Cup. The IFF signs direct contracts with sponsors and agreements with local organising committees through which it hands over defined marketing rights. Sometimes partnerships can be supported by national federations, ensuring consistency with global brand guidelines.

3. Current Status of Commercial Activities

3.1 Sponsorship Portfolio

The IFF maintains a balanced portfolio of long-term partners, including:

- Equipment and apparel suppliers (UNIHOC, PUMA)
- Official partners for key categories such as flooring (Gerflor) and rinks (Swerink). Several categories are available for sponsors such as sports drinks and digital services
- Event-specific sponsors for world championships and club competitions e.g Fisherman's Friend, OBOS (Nordic housing)

3.2 Media and Broadcast

IFF's media distribution is based on a dual visibility approach: increasing large visibility and awareness through broadcasters and monetising the dedicated IFF streaming platform:

- The IFF Media Platform streaming channel as the main global broadcast platform (service provider Sportswik)
- Direct cooperation with key regional broadcasters to ensure local coverage
- Commissioned agency Protocol Sports Marketing selling TV rights outside directly managed key markets

All activities relating to media and broadcasting are the responsibility of the TV Rights Committee. Any interfaces with the Partners Committee are agreed upon by the two chairs.

3.3 Revenue and Performance

Over the past years, marketing and media rights have shown moderate revenue growth, with significant increases during major event years. The IFF has also adjusted the revenue models based on good success of the event organisers (adjusted fixed marketing rights fee; additional commission of revenue above certain target level; commission of ticketing income). The income is allocated to IFF operations, event organization, and member support.

4. Recent Updates and Developments

4.1 Digitalization of Rights Sales

- Possibility to list digital rights (also other rights) via a service provider for direct online purchase
- Pilot projects with AI-assisted content clipping for improved visibility reporting
- Investigate enhanced data-driven sponsorship evaluation and reporting tools
- Investigate possibility of a central digital asset management system for partners (logos, videos, brand assets) => currently using centralised logo repository (BrandCloud)

4.2 Partnership Expansion

- Negotiations with potential new partners in the fields of technology, sustainability, and fan engagement (also leverage output from the Fan Culture Committee)
- Strengthened collaboration with Sportswik to enhance the monetisation of streaming content (also non-IFF events streamed on the IFF platform / revenue share model)
- Development of combined event and digital packages for joint sales efforts with national federations
- Closer cooperation with Champions Cup stakeholders (top 4 nations) in finding potential partners

4.3 Governance and Transparency

- Evaluate the need for updated Marketing Guidelines to clarify rights categories, approval processes, and revenue-sharing principles
- Improved internal coordination between the Marketing and Competition departments.
- Cooperation with national federations (joint model to create more value for national partners)

5. Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 Challenges

- Limited media monetisation outside major event periods
- Market fragmentation among national federations and overlapping rights
- Limited presence / visibility on the “big” European markets (GER, FRA, ITA, ESP)
- Need for improved sponsor activation and global storytelling
- The planned changes in the event calendar (how will the European Championships turn out / 4-year WFC cycle)

5.2 Opportunities

- Growth potential in digital fan engagement (e.g. interactive platforms, gamification)
- Increased visibility through data partnerships and OTT platforms
- Expansion into non-traditional markets with youth-oriented sponsorship models
- New event calendar offers new opportunities for sponsors
- Change in market circumstances (Finland) which potentially enables entering the betting market

6. Strategic Outlook and Recommendations

- Continue strengthening the centralised sales system to ensure consistency and brand value
- Expand digital and data-driven sponsorship opportunities to attract new partner categories
- Use of data analytics and viewer engagement tracking (cost?)
- Explore a structured collaboration framework with national associations for coordinated sales and activation
- Develop a sustainability-focused sponsorship model to align with modern brand values
- Regularly review the pricing model of rights packages to reflect global market benchmarks
- Negotiations with existing partners for agreement renewal
- Continued partnership with Quantum Consulting for producing event reports with invaluable data about championship event performance

The IFF's system for selling marketing rights continues to evolve towards a more professional, data-driven, and globally aligned structure. With ongoing digital transformation and a growing portfolio of partnerships, the federation is well-positioned to enhance its commercial value and global visibility in the coming years.

Prepared by: IFF Partners Committee, based on the 2025/2026 annual plan

Chair: Jörg Beer, IFF CB Member

Secretary: Tero Kalsta, IFF Sales Coordinator

Date: 4 December 2025

Annual financial goals for partner acquisition and retention 2026

At its kick-off meeting on 19–20 November 2025 in Prague, the IFF Partners Committee took an in-depth look at the status quo of IFF marketing. In particular, it examined existing partner agreements and discussed the marketable inventory of sponsorship rights. The committee concluded that there is undoubtedly potential to increase sponsorship revenue and that this must be done in a structured manner. An acquisition strategy must be developed to pave the way for more revenue. The first step is to refine the inventory of saleable rights and develop new offers for sponsors. This also involves creating the relevant sales documentation. This process should be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2026. The offers are then to be placed on the market from the second quarter of 2026.

As the foundations for successful marketing still need to be laid first, we do not expect significantly higher revenues than in the current year. In addition, many companies are likely to have defined their marketing strategy for 2026 and drawn up the associated budgets. However, the committee has evaluated a few "low hanging fruits" that could be used to define an achievable target of increasing sponsorship revenue by CHF 50,000 to 60,000 in 2026.

Furthermore, the contracts with Swerink, Gerflor and Unihoc will expire in the coming year. We have defined the goal of the negotiations as improving these contracts from a financial perspective and, if necessary, also submitting the offer to competitors. However, any improvements resulting from these negotiations will not take effect on our finances until 2027.

The following overview shows the cash income in CHF for the years 2024 to 2026*.

	Budget 2024	Outcome 2024	Budget 2025	Forecast 2025
WFC commercial rights	100,000	100,000	70,000	70,000
U19 WFC commercial rights	5,000	7,500	10,000	10,000
Total commercial rights	105,000	107,500	80,000	80,000
IFF Partners	52,700	53,464	53,200	52,647
Outfit (Ref. Jerseys)	10,000	0	0	0
Sales (e.g. Mid-Circle)	65,000	19,294	74,500	8,350
Total Partners and Sales	127,700	72,758	127,700	60'997
Total	232,700	180,258	207,700	140,996

*Figures provided by the IFF Finance Department.

The Partners Committee recommends that the Central Board set a target of CHF 200,000 in cash income for 2026.

Marketing Function Report/Tero Kalsta 2.12.2025

Sales Status

The first Partners Committee meeting took place 19.-20.11.2025 (Appendix: Committee meeting minutes_meeting1_191125). The committee members presented a holistic picture of the sales and sponsorship status and models of their respective countries. Further Mr Kalsta provided insight about the status of IFF sponsorship sales currently and in the recent past. The group made a SWOT analysis of the IFF sales situation and eventually had a long discussion about the sponsorship market and possible next steps. The committee fixed monthly meeting dates for H1 2026 and also created a to-do list for the next twelve months.

There are couple of direct sales cases on-going at the moment but not much has happened with the sales partner in Finland (also due to current betting case). A meeting with the agency is planned after the WFC 2025. Some last-minute offers for WFC visibility were made in cooperation with the Finnish Federation LOC sales partner and the Swiss Federation

The agreement with Spintso (referee communication equipment provider) for WFC 2025 is signed and referee management and referees have been informed. The agreed actions are being implemented (e-mail campaign / news post).

After the Partners Committee meeting the approach regarding the 3v3 sponsorship is still a bit open as there is no clear picture how it should be constructed. This is one of the things to be solved among the first things on the to-do list for the committee. Apart from floorball equipment manufacturers there is a negotiation on-going for a rink and possible other material partner for 3v3.

The IFF has indicated to its existing sponsors that there is interest to negotiate on prolonging the agreements. The Partners Committee discussed this topic and was unanimous that the value of the agreements is in part undervalued. Further the market should be investigated for larger interest. Some discussions on this front have been initiated.

IFF has also agreed to a pilot partner for the ARIFS initiated Loyalty Program project. The plan is to create a joint loyalty program for all ARIFS members based on successful Frequent Flyer Programs. The project is led by Gabi Kool, President of the International Korfball Federation who has extensive experience in large scale professional loyalty businesses. The ultimate goal is to create more revenue for members.

Marketing Status

Preparations with existing IFF sponsors for WFC 2025 are in the final stretch. All materials have been coordinated between the sponsors and the LOC (branding material, exhibition booth details, other activations). The LOC WFC 2026/27 together with the host cities Tampere and Turku will

have an exhibition stand in Ostrava. The sponsor material preparations for all qualifications (U19 WFC 2026 / WFC 2026) are also in full swing.

For the WFC 2025 the IFF will organise PUMA clothes for employees, referees, Central Board, jury and referee management. This is to further enhance the status of PUMA as the exclusive sports apparel sponsor.

The IFF has decided to support the smaller federation LOCs (Italy / Spain) with some PUMA clothing for volunteers as there has still been a good amount of VIK credit left for 2025 (the IFF is very well stocked for referee material for 2026).

The Fan Culture Committee is planning to meet at the WFC 2025. The work of this group is closely connected to the floorball product as the fan activation elements create an important addition for the commercial interest of the product. The Fan Culture Committee chair also added some new parts to the WFC survey to provide us more information for development.

Helsinki, Finland, 12th of November 2025

Floorball: The Modern, Sustainable, and Legacy-Focused 3v3 Discipline for Brisbane 2032

Dear Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee,

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is delighted to submit the data of our sport, as the source for the inclusion of Floorball in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games program. Our proposal centres on the innovative and dynamic **Floorball 3v3 discipline**, which is perfectly aligned with the modern vision of the Olympic movement, focusing on efficiency, youth appeal, and sustainable legacy.

Our proposal is built upon three fundamental pillars, designed to deliver maximum value and transformative impact for the Brisbane Games:

Pillar 1: Innovation and Minimal Athlete Footprint (The 3v3 Discipline)

We propose the inclusion of the fast-paced, vibrant and spectator-friendly Floorball 3v3 discipline. This modern format has demonstrated immense potential for rapid global growth and high excitement, as evidenced by the overwhelmingly positive reception following the first two 3v3 World Championships. Crucially, the 3v3 format demands a minimal commitment of resources, requiring a total of only **36 athletes per gender**—a uniquely efficient addition to the Olympic program.

Pillar 2: Unmatched Financial Efficiency (Minimal Costs, High Revenue)

Floorball 3v3 is a model of fiscal responsibility. It requires minimal infrastructural investment, relying entirely on existing multi-purpose indoor facilities. IFF commits to cover all internal costs associated with the organisation of the sports competition itself, including all internal sports infrastructure.

We commit to a highly condensed and ticket-sale friendly schedule: just three competition days, with the potential for multiple ticketing sessions per day. This approach will generate a compelling revenue-to-cost ratio, maximising spectator access and driving ticket sales while keeping operational demands low and utilising venues efficiently.

Pillar 3: A Transformative Legacy for Australian Sport (Brisbane 2032 Legacy)

The inclusion of Floorball offers an exceptional opportunity to create a powerful and lasting legacy for Brisbane 2032 and Australian sport. Floorball's unique **“easy-to-start”** characteristics make it ideal for immediate, mass adoption by the youngest generations in schools and communities. We project a significant uplift in youth engagement, mirroring the success seen globally. For example, following the announcement of The World Games to take place in China, in 2025, several million young people began playing Floorball in schools in the three years leading up to the Games. This direct impact on youth participation aligns perfectly with the goal of inspiring an active, new generation of Australians.

Floorball 3v3 is a unique blend of efficiency, modernity, and legacy-building potential. We are confident it is the ideal partner to help Brisbane 2032 host a sustainable, exciting, and youth-focused Games.

We look forward to further discussing how Floorball 3v3 can contribute to the success of the 2032 Olympic Games.

Yours sincerely,

Filip Suman
President

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Floorball Data Sheet for Brisbane 2032 Organisation Committee

Prepared by International Floorball Federation (IFF) and Floorball Australia Limited (FAL)

12.11.2025

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* Cost v Revenue	Revenue CHF	Men	Women	Men	Quantum Event Evaluation Reports 2022 - 2024		
		WFC 2022	WFC 2023	WFC 2024			
		7,346,000	1,799,000	2,995,000			
* Infrastructure Costs		Cost CHF	7,076,000	2,344,000	·		
		270,000	-545,000	2,665,000			
* Venue, FoP, seating & training requirements		300,000					
		Floorball can utilise existing sports facilities with a free floor space of 36 x 24m, to for two 11x22 m rinks					
		Synthetic Flooring, Goals and Rink are portable and would be supplied by Floorball					
		Discussions are being held to be part of a major redevelopment of an existing sports facility on the Gold Coast with Hockey Australia7					
* Athletes Quota		IFF would cover the technical costs for running the Event					
		·					
		Discussions with Hockey Australia and current Sports Facility on the Gold Coast to include a Floorball facility in the redevelopment					
		Depending on venues, the preferred seating would be portable stands or fixed -					
		The IFF estimation that at least 5.000 - 6.000 can easily be filled					
* Carbon Emissions		Training requirements is 2 days before the tournament begins using a secondary venue, in a venue with two 22x11 m rinks (Free floor space 36 x 24 m). No training requirements during the tournament					
		·					
		The venue can be prepared within one day and can be used for other sports on the program during the games. In the case that Brisbane 2032 would be interested IFF will be ready to discuss also possibility of an outdoor venue. Floorball is able to be played indoor or even outdoor as best suits the environment in which it is being played. Thus the risk of rain fall has to be taken into account. The outdoor 3v3 version (Street floorball) is played on a plastic tile flooring and be interactive with the public in a safe manner for all.					
* Carbon Emissions		Floorball 3v3: 6 Women's teams and 6 Men's teams with 6 Players and 2 Officials per Team				·	
		So total number of Athletes would be 36 Women + 36 Men = 72					
* Carbon Emissions		Aim for Zero emissions based on successful campaigns at last World Floorball Championship(s)				Green Goal report WFC 2022	
		The Carbon Foot print was reduced with more then 50 % from WFC 2018					

3.0	Commercial Opportunities	<p>* Ticketing revenue</p> <p>The 3v3 event can easily be played over three days with 5-7 sessions, with 3-4 games per session</p> <p>The games are 2x10 minutes effective time with a 2 minute intermission</p> <p>The estimate is that all days would be full so with 5.000 seats there would be between 22.500 - 31.500 sold</p>	.
	* Licensing revenue	<p>As this would be the first ever appearance of Floorball in the Olympic Games the estimation is that</p>	.
	* Sponsorship Data	<p>the approximately 10.000 - 15.000 spectators will all buy somewhere between 30-40 AUD/person</p> <p>This would mean something around 300,000 - 600,000 AUD</p>	To be commented upon in next stage if successful with this stage

* Innovation	Ideas on Innovative approach to Commercial Objectives will be driven around interaction with the public in an open style environment with spectators involved in activities in between games and having sponsors also	To be commented further upon in next stage if successful with this stage
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4.0	Gender Equal										
	* Medal parity for Men & Women	Men's and Women's teams will be awarded with 18 medals each, total 36									
	* Participation by gender by sport, discipline, event	Floorball 3v3: 36 Women and 36 Men All IFF Competitions have the same number of teams and players for Men and Women.									
	* Gender equality in IF Board, officials, coaching staff and athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · IFF Board 14 persons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Male 10 o Female 4 · IFF Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o IFF Committees o Athletes Commission: 4 male and 4 female + chair: female IFF has in its statutes a quota rule of a minimum representation of 30 % for both genders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · IFF Office 9 FTE and 2 Part time o Male 6 persons o Female 5 persons · Coaching staff of teams participating in last WFC for each WFC · Coaching staff for Australian National Teams o Men's – 3 x male o Women's – 3 x female, 1 x male o U19 Men's – 3 x male o U19 Women – 3 x female, 1 x male · Gender statistics from FAL Licensed Membership figures <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Male</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Female</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Senior</td> <td style="text-align: center;">832</td> <td style="text-align: center;">458</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth</td> <td style="text-align: center;">368</td> <td style="text-align: center;">149</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 		Male	Female	Senior	832	458	Youth	368	149
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5.0	Engage the Nation	
	* Participation rates	<p>Current player numbers in Australia is estimated at 7,000 plus including social players. Before the impacts of COVID this number was in excess of 10,000.</p> <p>The sport is strongest in the schools system where there are more than 100 schools playing in Australia. Before the impacts of COVID Australia was growing at an estimated 10-15% per annum. We are now back to</p> <p>The experience is clear that once a school starts Floorball as part of its PE program that the uptake is very quick due to the low cost and ease to play in any venue.</p>

* Pathway programs	In WA there is a well developed high performance pathway for players from the age of 10 to senior teams. FAL has signed a Strategic Alliance with Hockey Australia which will provide additional High Performance support to FAL	
* High performance programs	<p>IFF cooperates closely with the Finnish Football and Floorball official training and education centre the Eerikkilä Sports Institute on coaching and player education. Eerikkilä Sports Institute has an UEFA certification</p> <p>Floorball Australia is currently further developing high performance pathways for coaches and referees as part of their participation in the IFF Fit 4 Floorball program.</p> <p>In WA there is a well developed high performance pathway for players from the age of 10 to senior teams. FAL has commenced a Strategic Alliance with Hockey Australia that includes access to High Performance</p> <p>State coaches are now connected directly to National Team coaches for further development and consistency across the country</p>	
* Medal opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Australian floorball teams in the World Championships are currently ranked in the top 16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Men - 14 o Women - 15 o U19 Men - 10 o U19 Women - 15 <p>the sport and capacity to attract greater funding and expertise. This would allow Australia to setup Development pathways knowing they would be participating in the Games program as automatic qualifiers. This extra funds and preparation time would give Australia a realistic opportunity to win a medal at Brisbane 2032.</p> <p>At the inaugural 3v3 World Championship in 2023 the final results had a number of teams outside the top 10 world rankings finish inside the top 10 at the 3v3 World Championship.</p>	World 3 v 3 Rankings

6.0	Excellence and Integrity													
	<p>* “Best Athlete” engagement</p> <p>As this would be the 1st time for Floorball to be on the Olympics program the best athletes would participate for the unique opportunity this would bring. This we are used to as Floorball have been participating in three previous The World Games where the requirement is to have the best players.</p> <p>Qualifications would be carried out to ensure the best athletes/teams participate</p> <p>IFF has since 2024 played the IFF 3v3 WFC with a growing number of teams and this together with the continental tournaments can work as the qualifications. The number of countries from five continents:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Women</th> <th>Men</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2024 Lahti, Finland</td> <td>12</td> <td>19</td> <td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025 Winterthur, Switzerland</td> <td>18</td> <td>23</td> <td>41</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Women	Men	Total	2024 Lahti, Finland	12	19	31	2025 Winterthur, Switzerland	18	23	41	
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	<p>2026 San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain</p> <p>The ranking of the 3v3 has been quite different for men in 2024 and 2025, compared to the 5v5 Floorball</p> <p>2024: Latvia, Sweden, Finland, Estonia and 2025: Switzerland, Ukraine, Slovenia and France</p> <p>The Africa Cup has been played with the 3v3 format since 2021, with 4-7 teams per gender</p> <p>The National federations have been playing different 3v3 competitions indoor and outdoor already for a number of years (3v3 indoor and Street Floorball 3v3 outdoor). Special Olympics uses the 3v3 format</p>	Max nr of teams is 64 in 2025
* Athlete health, safety, safeguarding and education programs	<p>The IFF Athletes commission oversees that the IFF rules of the Game and the competition and other regulations, competition systems are in line with the interest of the Athletes.</p> <p>IFF runs in accordance with the WADA rules the education for Anti-Doping prior to the events and in the Events Captain & Technical meetings Prevention of Betting manipulation educations</p> <p>The IFF Ethics Commission is presently preparing a new Safeguarding policy</p> <p>FAL education program FAL has established with Sport Integrity Australia</p> <p>FAL procedures/policies</p>	<p>.</p> <p>Sports Integrity Australia email confirming full compliance by FAL</p> <p>Link to FAL Website for access to Policies Home - Floorball Australia LTD</p>
* Code Compliance (i.e. Olympic Charter, WADA)	IFF has implemented the Olympic Charter and model rules in our status and regulations, IFF is WADA Code compliant, Member of IPACS and ranked 5th out of the 30 non-Olympic IF's participating in 2025 in the ARISF Good Governance review run by I Trust Sport in 2025	I Trust Sport report for ARISF
* Qualifications processes	Qualifications would be carried out based on the current full WFC qualification process to ensure all nations from all Continents have the opportunity to qualify. Continental championships would be held and teams selected based on the quota system for each Continent would then qualify for the Olympics	The home men and women teams from Australia would automatically qualify

7.0	Partnerships	
* IF Partnerships	IFF is a member of ARISF, IWGA, IMGA, IPACS, various Sustainability organisations, WADA compliant cooperating with FISU and World Ability sports and Special Olympics	.
* Event Delivery approach	IFF would run the event, bringing the party to Brisbane to make it appealing for youth with music and side events for the spectators and the general public, as floorball can be played on any type of flat surface.	.
* Professional League collaborations	As an example there has been run large floorball tournaments for the visitors of the Tennis Australia Open	.
	There would be cooperations with professional/semi-professional leagues in Switzerland, Czechia, Finland, Slovakia and Sweden and the promotion matches in Australia could be organised with respective National Associations	.

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY	International Floorball Federation
TITLE OF PROJECT/ACTIVITY	3v3
YEAR OF CONTRIBUTION	2025

Currency	Amount
USD	16 000

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY	International Floorball Federation
TITLE OF PROJECT/ACTIVITY	GoGirls
YEAR OF CONTRIBUTION	2025

Currency	Amount
USD	4 000

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY	International Floorball Federation
TITLE OF PROJECT/ACTIVITY	IFF Rules Interpretations
YEAR OF CONTRIBUTION	2025

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USD	12 000

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Review of governance of ARISF IF members in 2025

October 2025

Report of self-assessed and moderated scores for: **International Floorball Federation**

Indicator	Topic	IF response
Background section (not scored)		
A	The IOC Olympic Charter and in particular the missions set out in Rule 26 of the Olympic Charter	Yes
B	The IF is taking account of the Agenda 2020+5 recommendations when updating its governance and processes	Yes
C	The IF's mission and goals as listed in the statutes are consistent with BUPGG 1.2 ("Mission and goals").	Yes
D	The IF seeks active cooperation and coordination with government authorities and external partners, as outlined in BUPGG 7.2 ("Cooperation and coordination...").	Yes
E	The IF complies with all applicable domestic laws of the country where it is registered and/or operates its main activities	Yes
F	The IF complies with all applicable and recognised international treaties and conventions (in particular the United Nations and Council of Europe Conventions enacted in the field of sport)	Yes
G	Type of legal entity	Voluntary association
H	Separate legal entities associated	The legal seat of IFF is based in Switzerland, but the head office is located in Helsinki, Finland. The IFF receives a governmental support from the Finnish Ministry of Education through the Finnish Floorball Federation. In order to do that we have to follow the Ministry guidelines for Good Governance.
I	Country of legal base	Switzerland
J	Full-time staff number	10-19
K	Revenue 2021-24	CHF 1m- 2m
L	Organisation's governance priorities	The IFF is during this period based on the Plan of Action approved by the General Assembly in 2024 looking over all its Good Governance policies. The

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		work is divided by the IFF Exco which is looking after the administrative part of it and the Equality Committee and the Ethics Commission which are looking over the safeguarding, anti-harassment and Code of Ethics. The main responsible in the office is the Secretary General.

Indicator	Indicator wording	Score definitions	Self-assessed score and comment	Moderated score and comment
	Transparency section			
1	Statutes, rules and regulations	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - At least some information available on IF website</p> <p>2 - Latest version of statutes, rules and regulations published on IF website</p> <p>3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website</p> <p>4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, latest versions available with mark ups identifying differences between previous versions</p>	<p>4</p> <p>GENERAL NOTICE: The IFF website is not working due to the fact of the mismanagement of our web host Skylab LTD and we only have a static backup at the time behind www.floorball.sport. Therefore, we need to provide all material that is not visible on the static website as files. This is the new landing page for the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/ All the following documents, Statutes, Regulations, Rules, Guidelines and minutes of Central Board meetings are published on the website.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcgclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p> <p>The previous Statutes with changes marked you will find as separate files.</p> <p>Rules and Regulations: https://floorball.sport/rules-and-regulations/</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noted. Comment for indicator 1: Statutes have been provided and changes have been tracked between editions.</p> <p>Response to general notice: IFF provided a large set of files as attachments. The website was checked several times during the assessment process from May to July 2025.</p> <p>The I Trust Sport team decided the fairest and most appropriate approach, considering the ARISF members as a whole as well as the specific case of IFF, was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFF has been assessed as if all documents and information were available via the website for most indicators (with the exception of indicators 2 and 13, which are explained) - IFF scores have been excluded from the analysis of the ARISF members as a whole. This is referred to in the overall report but without naming IFF

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				- Summary graphs at the end of this report show how the IFF compares to the other ARISF members
2	A list of all national member federations with basic information for each	0 – No 1 - Some member information published on IF website 2 - List of members on IF website with hyperlinks 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, contact data and other basic information about members	4	2 List of IFF Member Federations (ordinary and provisional members) and lists of other floorball countries not yet members: https://floorball.sport/theiff/member-associations/ On this page you can also find the member statistics, but this is the old and we will provide the newest file.
3	Vision, mission, values and strategic objectives	0 – No 1 – Some information published on IF website 2 - Full publication on IF website 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, extra data or info such as strategic plan with indicators/outcomes	4 The IFF Strategy for 2021-2032 strengthening the foundations can be find here: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2021/02/IFF_Strategy_2021_2032_Web.pdf The IFF GA approved the Implementation Report for period 2021-2024 at the General Assembly in 2024. You will find the Implementation Report and the	4 Noted. Strategy 2021-2032 includes specific objectives. KPIs and targets. Progress towards these is actively tracked.

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			Implementation Plan as a separate file. The Implementation Plan is a working document of the CB.	
4	Details of elected officials with biographical info	0 – No 1 - Some information about elected officials available on IF website 2 - Biographical information about all elected officials published on IF website 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, with photos 4 - Full publication, easy to find, on IF website with extra data or explanation and mandate years	4 You will find all the Biographical information and CV in a separate file. Central Board members: https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/ IFF Staff members: https://floorball.sport/theiff/staff/	4 Noted. https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/ details biographical info and experience as well as mandate years.
5	Annual activity report, including institutional information, and main events reports	0 – No 1 - Some news published on IF website 2 - News published regularly and an annual report available on IF website 3 - News published regularly and multiple years of annual reports, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, at least the three most recent years, easy to find on IF website, with extra data or explanation	4 As the IFF only has biannual General Assemblies the Annual report are clustered for two years at the time so the Activity reports are handled in the CB in the meantime. The last two years approved by the GA in 2024 we will send in a separate file. Annual reports: https://floorball.sport/theiff/strategic-documents-and-policies/ An outside operator makes a yearly evaluation report of our main events. Please find the report as a separate file.	4 Noted. Annual report 2023-2024 was provided and includes detailed information on events, activity within the CB and its committees and institutional news.

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6	Publication of annual financial reports following external audit	0 – No 1 - Some financial information published on IF website 2 - Publication of externally audited financial reports on IF website 3 - Publication of audited financial reports, easy to find on IF website 4 - Publication of audited financial reports for at least the last three years, easy to find on IF website, extra data, management letter	4 The latest audited Financial Reports for 2022-2023 have been approved by the General Assembly 2024 and are attached as files. Financial Report 2021: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/11/A5-Financial-Report-2021.pdf Audit Report 2021: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/11/A6-Audit-report-2021.pdf In the IFF CB minutes you can clearly see how the CB transparently handles the financial questions in various reports. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2024/11/All-appendices_compressed.pdf Please check appendixes 2-5.	4 Noted. Financial reports for 2022 and 2023 provided separately as well as audit report. Previous versions for 2021 were publicly available, so it is reasonable to assume that current versions would also be available.
7	Allowances and financial benefits of elected officials and senior executives	0 – No 1 - Some information on allowances and financial benefits of elected officials and senior executives, such as total salaries figure in accounts 2 - Basic policy on travel, allowances, per diem and benefits of elected officials and senior executives published on IF website or total figure on allowances published in accounts	4 IFF doesn't pay any financial benefit for any of the IFF CB members, only travel and bord and lodging costs based on the IFF Financial Regulations 2025. The newest Financial Regulations (2025) you can find as a separate file.	4 Noted. Staff costs and expense-related lines included in budget document provided. Previous editions were publicly available. Financial Regulations updated for 2025 have been provided

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		<p>3 - Full details published including total figure paid by the IF, easy to find on website</p> <p>4 - Full details published, easy to find on IF website, with extra data or information</p>	<p>For the Jury and Referee coaches IFF pays a daily allowance during the competition days which is defined in the Financial Regulations art 3.2. In accordance with Finnish Custom the salaries are not specified, but the total amount of the staff costs are visible in the Financial Reports.</p>	<p>and include details on travel and subsistence. Previous policy was publicly available.</p>
8	General Assembly agenda with relevant documents (before) and minutes (after) with procedure for members to add items to agenda	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some information published on General Assembly</p> <p>2 - General Assembly agenda published in advance, minutes afterwards or live streaming which is recorded</p> <p>3 - General Assembly full details published with minutes, easy to find on IF website</p> <p>4 - Full publication, with most recent minutes no more than a year old, easy to find on IF website, extra data or information (such as livestreaming), minutes archive</p>	<p>4</p> <p>As we have lost all news apart from what is visible on the backup site we can't show you the news that have been published in relations to the GA. We published a set of news of the new president and his visions and the new elected CB and a general news of General Assembly. Please find here the only news about the GA that is visible on our backup site at the moment: https://floorball.sport/2024/12/14/iff-ga-2024-elects-new-iff-president-and-new-central-board/ However, we have here added the announcement of the GA which was sent to our Member Associations 90 days prior to the GA and the final materials 30 days prior to the GA (files included).</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noted. Link for 2024 GA minutes not working at time of assessment. 2022 minutes available: https://archive.floorball.sport/clo/udfront/2022/11/Minutes-General-Assembly-2022.pdf There was live streaming. Invite to the 2024 GA, and minutes for the 2024 GA and key files were submitted and viewed separately and include all expected information.</p>

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			<p>The General Assembly minutes are always published on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/general-assembly/</p> <p>The latest GA minutes will be attached as a separate document.</p> <p>Please find the link of the General Assembly 2024 stream on Youtube: https://youtube.com/live/_fQvoWCPI2c</p>	
	Integrity and Democracy section			
9	Has a unit or officer in charge of ensuring that the IF abides by the IOC Code of Ethics and/or the IF's own Code of Ethics	0 – No 1 - A designated staff member/unit has responsibility for monitoring the Code of Ethics 2 - Designated responsibility and a defined process for dealing with breaches of the Code of Ethics 3 - Designated responsibility and a defined process and resources for investigating breaches, evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art Ethics Committee unit with defined process, independent majority, outcomes published	4 The IFF General Assembly has elected an Ethics Commission consisting of individuals not directly connected with the IFF activities. The Ethics Commission has 5 members out of which 3 are Court of Arbitration (CAS) judges. The Ethics Commission's responsibilities are defined in the IFF Code of Ethics. The ETC has also in their meetings built a working plan for the period. IFF Code of Ethics: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcnajpcgclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Code-of-Ethics.pdf Ethics Commission on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/	4 Noted. Ethics Committee is independent. Decisions are published: https://archive.floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/ https://archive.floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Documentation-of-an-alleged-case-of-Sexual-Harassment-of-a-female-volunteer-in-connection-to-the-Men.pdf

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			The list of the members elected in 2024 can be find in the GA minutes on page 7 (file attached).	
10	Has a unit or officer in charge of ensuring that the IF abides by the World Anti-Doping Code	0 – No 1 - A designated individual staff member/officer has responsibility for World Anti-Doping Code compliance 2 - Anti-doping team and officials in place with appropriate expertise and resources 3 - Anti-doping team and officials in place with appropriate expertise and resources, outcomes published 4 - State of the art independent anti-doping programme (e.g. critical functions outsourced to ITA or separate entity)	3 The IFF in 2024 as part of the most recent ISCCS is World Anti-Doping Code compliant as an International Federation. Both IFF staff members responsible for anti-doping matters are listed on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/theiff/staff/ Previous yearly testing numbers and statistics are visible on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/iff-test-statistics/ Latest statistics for 2024 are as follows - 48 in-competition tests and 38 out-of-competition tests The IFF Whereabouts requirements are based on the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards for Testing. Starting from January 1st 2021, the IFF maintains a pyramid approach to Testing Pools with different Tiers. In order to maintain a pool of Athletes from whom	3 Noted. Appropriate resources and expertise appear to be in place. Testing statistics for previous years and outcomes were published and recent numbers provided have been provided separately.

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			<p>whereabouts information is obtained, which can be used to increase the effectiveness of the IFF's Out-of-Competition Testing programme, the IFF maintain 3 different Testing Pools. More information on the Testing Pools and Whereabouts can be found on the IFF Website: https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/testing-pools-and-whereabouts/</p> <p>The IFF has a Medical Committee comprised of medical professionals in various fields of medicine that help approve TUEs and all other medical related decision making within the IFF. Currently the Medical Committee has 4 members.</p>	
11	Complies with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 – Recognition and implementation of the Code to a certain degree but limited compliance (e.g. rules not fully Code compliant and no/limited education or investigative capacity)</p> <p>2 - Resources dedicated to complying with the Code (e.g. rules fully compliant, member of IBIS, some evidence of education)</p> <p>3 – Appropriate expertise and resources dedicated to complying with the Code which includes education and investigative capacity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The IFF has in its Organizers and Competition regulations included the rules for prevention of manipulation of competition Art 12 Betting, for all of our events.</p> <p>The IFF provides educations in the Captain's and Technical meeting in the beginning of all events where information is given to the teams on what is allowed if someone approaches a team member asking for information. The IFF also cooperates with Sport Radar and</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Noted. Document provided - IFF Competitions Regulations outlines rules prohibiting betting and the use of inside information. The rules are in the process of being updated</p>

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		4 - State of the art compliance with the Code which includes publication of case outcomes	receives information of the betting activity in relation to this. The IFF is a member of IBIS. The Ethics Commission has on its plan to update the rules for prevention of competition manipulation during this year.	
12	Conflict of interest policy identifying actual, potential and perceived conflicts with exclusion of members with an actual conflict from decision-making	0 – No 1 - Some conflict of interest rules 2 - Defined conflict of interest policy 3 - Defined conflict of interest policy, evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art conflict of interest policy, checked against register and evidence of implementation	3 The IFF has a Conflict of Interest policy which has been prepared by the IFF Ethics Commission and the CB has Rules of Procedure which both defines the needed action for how to act in regards to conflict of interest situations. The best example of how the Conflict of Interest policy has been used is the case where the Ethics Commission member has been removed due to foul play in regards to the CB elections in Singapore, to secure a preferred result of the elections. These decisions are published on the IFF website. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcgjclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Decision-Complaint-Rudy-Low-11.2.22-.pdf	3 Noted. Conflict of interest policy exists and covers processes for declarations and management of potential conflicts. There is some evidence of implementation.

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13	Establish confidential reporting mechanisms for “whistle blowers” with protection scheme for individuals coming forward	0 – No 1 - Some evidence of a response to comments and allegations 2 - A confidential reporting mechanism is in place for whistle-blowers 3 - A confidential reporting mechanism is in place for whistle-blowers with evidence of action taken 4 - State of the art reporting mechanism with evidence of action taken, including information on the reporting process, verification of information, confidentiality and protection accorded	4 The IFF has on its Ethics Commission website a link to a complaint form where anyone can complain in any question related to the scope defined in the Code of Ethics. The complaint goes only to the ETC members which will then decide how to handle the case. Please find an example in the answer of question 12. https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/iff-complaint-form/ After the ETC has handled the complaint and made a decision this decision is published on the IFF website and taken for acknowledgement in the ETC meeting reports that are given to the IFF CB and published. https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/	3 Noted. Confidentiality and protection clauses included in Ethics Commission guidelines. There is a reporting process with evidence of action taken in response to information received. The reporting form appeared to be an archive page when reviewed, which limits the score to 3. It is understood that reporting via e-mail probably remained possible throughout
14	Appropriate gender balance in Executive Board or equivalent	0 - Female representation is less than 5% 1 - Female representation is at least 5% 2 - Female representation is at least 15% 3 - Female representation is at least 25% 4 - Executive Board has at least 40% of both males and females	4 The IFF CB consists of 13 members (President, 11 members and the Athletes Commission's Chair) out of these 4 are women which is over 30%. In the Executive Committee which has 5 members 2 are women which is 40%. https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/	3 Noted. There are 4 women among 13 members of the CB, which is under 40%. Statutes 32 - the CB is the executive body of the IFF. Composition of EC is noted

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15	Programmes or policies in place regarding safeguarding from harassment and abuse	0 – No 1 - Some evidence of activity 2 - Policies in place which include reference to "IOC Guidelines for IFs and NOCs related to creating and implementing a policy to safeguard athletes from harassment and abuse in sport" 3 - Policies in place consistent with IOC Guidelines, appropriate resources dedicated (including providing resources for members), plus evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art policies and procedures in place, evidence of implementation, outcomes published where appropriate	3 The IFF has a policy statement on Discrimination, harassment and abuse, as well as guidelines on discrimination and harassment. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Discrimination-Harrasment-and-Abuse-Policy-Statement.pdf chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Guidelines-on-DiscriminationHarrasment.pdf The ETC plans to update the Safeguarding policy during this year.	2 Noted. Safeguarding policy doesn't appear to be available. Harrassment/abuse guidelines last updated 2017: https://archive.floorball.sport/rules-and-regulations/sexual-harrassment-abuse-and-discrimination-guidelines/ There is a safeguarding summary (provided) but it doesn't appear to be a procedural document. Score of 2 for consistency with other IFs that have a comparable approach
16	Election of the President and a majority of members of all executive bodies	0 – No 1 - Some elections but for limited number of roles 2 - Elections for president and majority of members of executive bodies 3 - Elections for president and majority of roles, voting numbers published 4 - Elections for president and majority of roles, voting numbers published, element of external scrutiny (e.g. notary and/or electronic voting system)	4 The election of the president and the CB members was conducted during the General Assembly with a secret ballot, where each voting federation had to cast a minimum of 6 and maximum of 11 votes. The election process was scrutinized by the external scrutineers which represented the IFF Ethics Commission. The results were revealed during the presentation of the newly elected CB during the meeting. The General Assembly approved the voting rules for the CB election.	2 Noted. Voting numbers and results were provided separately. It is not clear whether voting numbers were published - they were not included in General Assembly minutes. (Another option would be publishing in a news article.) This limits the score to 2

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17	Term limits for elected officials	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some term limits but possibility of multiple re-elections to the same position</p> <p>2 - Term limits in place with a maximum of no more than 12 years in 1 role</p> <p>3 - Term limits in place with a maximum of 3 x 4 year cumulative terms in the same role</p> <p>4 - Term limits with a max of 3 x 4 year terms in same role, waiting period before new role or max 20 years in all roles combined</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The IFF Statutes Art 30.5 defines that the members of the Central Board and the President can only be elected of 3 consecutive periods of 4 years in one role.</p> <p>30.5. Effective from December 2020, the IFF President and the members of the Central Board can only be elected for a total of three consecutive terms of four years in one role. A member of the Central Board can only be elected if they are less than 70 year of age on the date of the election.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noted. Article 30.5 specifies a maximum of 3 x 4 terms in one role but there is no total limit across multiple roles.</p>
18	Provide for the representation of key stakeholders (e.g. “active” athletes as defined in the Olympic Charter) in governing bodies	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some representation of key stakeholders in governing bodies</p> <p>2 - Designated key stakeholder representatives in governing bodies (not consultative)</p> <p>3 - Representation of key stakeholders including athlete(s) on Executive Board, duly elected/designated by the relevant body</p> <p>4 - State of art athlete and other key stakeholder representation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The IFF Athletes Commission is voted by the participants of the World Floorball Championships every 4th year so that the players during the championships or the championships qualifications depending on the year can vote.</p> <p>The Chair of the Athletes' Commission (ATC) is appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) and is an ex officio member of the IFF Central</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noted. Chair of the Athlete's Commission is appointed to the Central Board.</p>

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			<p>Board confirmed by the General Assembly, while the ATC members are elected by the players. Members of the ATC serve a four-year term. The last election was during the Men's WFC 2024 and the Women's WFC 2025 qualification events (January–March 2025). Elections were open to all countries that have participated in WFC events during the current ATC term (2022–2025). Through the elections, players choose a minimum of six representatives – three men and three women. In addition, the IFF Central Board may appoint one male and one female representative, taking regional representation into account. All voting will be conducted online. Presently the Athletes Commission has a representative in the RACC.</p>	
19	Statutes, or other rules of procedure, specify what decisions are made at what level	0 – No 1 – Statutes specify decision-making authority of General Assembly 2 – Statutes specify decision-making authority of General Assembly and Executive Board or equivalent(s) 3 – Terms of reference (or equivalent) published for Executive Board and at least some commissions; information on powers of senior staff 4 – Terms of reference are published (for Board and Executive Committee, if both exist); information on delegation of powers	4 <p>The Statutes Art 25-28 define the authority of the General Assembly. The Statutes further in Art 35 defines the competence of the CB powers. The CB is responsible for the management and administration of the IFF and shall take all decisions on all matters which don't require a General Assembly decisions, like appointment of committees, approval of regulations, working groups etc.</p>	3 <p>Noted. Statutes define the authority of the GA, CB and ExCo, and include a brief overview of responsibilities of Secretary General. The President's role is not specifically defined.</p>

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		from Executive Board to other level; clarity on decision-making powers of senior staff	<p>Further, the Rules of Procedure defines the rule of the CB.</p> <p>The Executive Committee Art 36 has the task to handle the routine and urgent business and the preparation of the CB meetings.</p> <p>The IFF CB has approved the scope and guidelines for the IFF commissions in its meeting in May 2025.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p> <p>The Statutes further define the function of the standing committees Art 41-44 and in Art 46 the responsibilities of the IFF Secretary General.</p>	
	Development, Sustainability and Control Mechanisms section			
20	Respect principles of sustainable development and regard for the environment	0 – No 1 - At least some reference to environmental responsibility in official documents 2 - Official guidance on respecting principles of sustainable development and environment in statutes and/or event hosting rules 3 - Policy and measures on environmental responsibility, evidence of implementation, details published 4 - State of the art policy on environmental responsibility, linked to UN SDGs or other	3 <p>Sustainability is included in the IFF Strategy: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2021/02/IFF_Strategy_2021_2032_Web.pdf - page 15, 27</p> <p>To portray the commitment of the IFF it has joined the UN Sports for Climate (S4CA) network in 2019 and</p>	3 <p>Noted. UNSfCA commitment is welcome. Sustainability features as part of IFF Strategy</p>

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		<p>recognised frameworks including commitment to reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, details published</p>	<p>also signed the Race to Zero pledge in 2021. The next step was taken 2023 when the IFF also became a member of the Sports for Nature (S4N) Framework. Both the S4CA and the S4N require annual reports to fulfil the network member requirements. We are reporting the IFF Office carbon footprint for S4CN.</p> <p>Key Performance Indicators: IFF creates and shares best practices to organise sustainable events, there are events with campaigns promoting Sustainability, IFF Events are carbon neutral by 2028, IFF only allows the use of recycled or biodegradable textiles at WFC's, IFF to build mechanisms for securing Event execution and legacy</p> <p>Climate Transition Plan: Our organisation has three main targets that guide our actions. Actions can be divided between IFF Office (staff) and IFF Events (major events in partnership with local organising committees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short-term: to reduce our operational (IFF Events / Scope 1 & 2) emissions by 70% by 2028 against a 2018 baseline; • medium term: to reduce our operational emissions (IFF Events / 	

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			<p>Scope 1 & 2) by further 10% by 2032 against a 2018 baseline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long-term: to achieve net zero emissions covering Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2040. <p>The IFF has an Event Organizer Sustainability Guidelines document which is for event organizers to highlight the overarching IFF approach to environmental sustainability. Further it gives tips on what areas to concentrate on and examples from past events. Please see file attached.</p> <p>The 2024 World Floorball Championships applied and achieved the Sustainable Event Certification (consultancy by Greentime). Please see Sustainability Report for WFC 2024 attached.</p> <p>The IFF participated in the three-year (2022-2025) project called GAMES (Green Approaches in Management for Enhancing Sport). In a consortium led by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, three sports (represented by World Athletics, International Biathlon Union, IFF and Swedish Floorball Federation) analysed the climate governance and management systems of each respective organisation and</p>	

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			<p>developed new decarbonisation strategies (https://erasmus-games.com/). Further, each sport used their popularity to raise broader environmental awareness.</p> <p>The next development steps which are being investigated are internal education documents, green procurement guidelines, introduction of sustainability requirements into the event host bidding process (currently we only require to present the plans of the organiser but there are no official requirements) and the process how to follow up on elements that host bidders have included into the winning bid.</p>	
21	Education programmes (topics other than integrity) and assistance to coaches, judges, referees and athletes	0 – No 1 – At least some educational support for coaches, judges, referees and athletes 2 - Education programme and assistance for coaches, judges, referees and athletes 3 - Education programme and assistance for coaches, judges, referees and athletes with details published 4 - State of the art education programme for coaches, judges, referees and athletes with details published	4 <p>The IFF has updated the coaching and refereeing education programs after the pandemic and instead of full-scale seminars the IFF has run separate clinics concentrating on coaching and refereeing. The IFF has also created a coaching clinic program for levels 0, 1 and 2. The 0-level has been tested twice, once for Indian Floorball Federation and once for the Chinese Floorball Association. The first level 2 education is planned to take place in Singapore in October 2025.</p>	3 <p>Noted. Documents provided show an array of education resources. It is not clear whether information is available on total number of participants, qualifications achieved etc., which limits the score to 3</p>

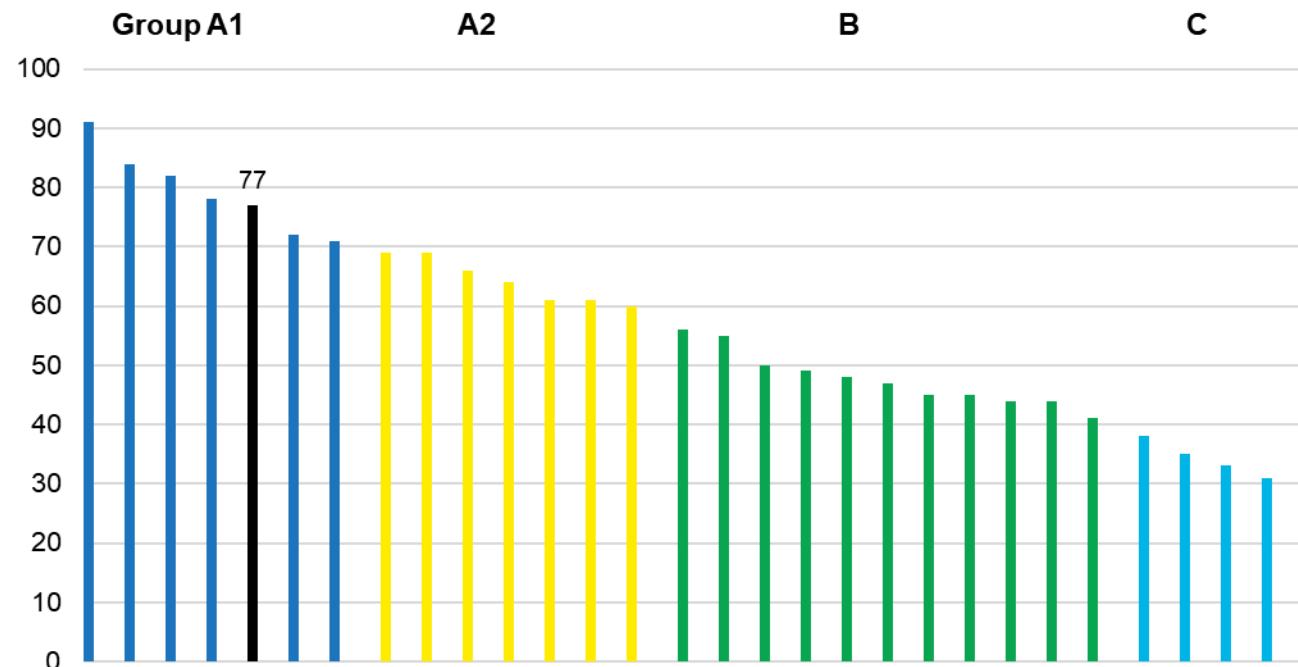
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			<p>The referee education is divided to basic education in clinics and for the education of the international referees on webinars and during the tournament.</p> <p>The IFF is also running educations annually for the IFF referee coaches. The referee clinics have taken place in India, Singapore and Spain. The webinars are carried out twice a year with pre-decided topics. In 2024 physical play as the topic 2025 topics related to stick playing level.</p> <p>The IFF is also running an equipment support program for its members by shipping sticks, balls and goalkeeper outfits. Annually IFF send two to three rinks to its members alongside with goal cages.</p>	
22	Anti-discrimination policies covering a range of characteristics	0 – No 1 – Recognition of anti-discrimination issues in official documents 2 – Official anti-discrimination policy or policies in place 3 – Anti-discrimination policy/ policies covering all characteristics, evidence of implementation (e.g. education activity or sanctioning) 4 – State of the art anti-discrimination policies, evidence of implementation, results published	4 <p>The IFF has a policy statement on Discrimination, harassment and abuse, as well as guidelines on discrimination and harassment.</p> <p>chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Discrimination-Harrasment-and-Abuse-Policy-Statement.pdf</p> <p>chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfro</p>	2 <p>Noted. Policies are in place. Safeguarding case is covered in indicator 9. It is not clear that there is relevant proactive work on anti-discrimination, such as education. It is understood that there may not have been a related disciplinary case</p>

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			nt/2018/10/IFF-Guidelines-on-DiscriminationHarrasment.pdf The Ethics Commission has handled a few cases of sexual harassment, please find an example here: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcnajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Documentation-of-an-alleged-case-of-Sexual-Harassment-of-a-female-volunteer-in-connection-to-the-Men.pdf	
23	Adopt policies and processes for internal financial controls (e.g. budgeting, separation of duties, dual approvals for payments)	0 – No 1 – Some systems in place for internal control 2 — Official procedure in place for internal control 3 – Official procedure in place for internal control, published, evidence of implementation 4 – State of the art internal control procedures, published, evidence of implementation	4 The Financial Regulations which have been published (now not available, please see file attached) on the website defines the separation duties and dual approval of payments. The budgeting process is handled by the office and the treasurer which then proposes the budget for the IFF Central Board.	4 Noted. A Financial Regulations 2025 document was provided and includes payment processes and budgetary process. Statutes provide some information as to responsibilities of ExCo and CB. There is a separate budgetary function
24	Decisions made can be challenged through internal appeal mechanisms with a final right of appeal to CAS	0 – No 1 – Some opportunity for internal appeals 2 – Internal appeals policy in place or a right to appeal directly to CAS 3 – Internal appeals policy in place, evidence of implementation, with final right of appeal to CAS or equivalent 4 – State of the art appeals policy, evidence of implementation, full decisions published; final right of appeal to CAS	4 The Statutes define in Art 53 mediation to handle situations within the organization and between the IFF and the Member Federations. If the mediation doesn't work the matter can finally be settled by CAS. CAS has the exclusive jurisdiction to deal with disputes (Art 54). Any decision of the IFF Disciplinary Committee or any other IFF body may be submitted for appeal to the Appeal	2 Noted. Statutes Art 38-40 define the disciplinary organs of IFF. 40.3 refers to Juridical Regulations but this document was not available. Right of final appeal to CAS is set out in Statutes 53.2. In the absence of evidence of an appeal case in recent times, the score is limited to 2

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			<p>Committee. In Art 40.3 the Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Jury's, DC's and CB's decisions that the IFF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p>	
25	Awarding of main events follows an open, transparent process	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some information published about process for awarding main events</p> <p>2 - Process for awarding main events with rules including criteria, fair timetables, outcomes published</p> <p>3 - Process for awarding events, rules include criteria, fair timetables, shortlisting or rotation</p> <p>4 - Process for awarding events, rules include criteria, fair timetables, shortlisting or rotation, with external bidding assessment, designated method for reallocation</p>	<p>0</p> <p>For each World Championships an invitation for organization is sent out 3-4 years prior to the event. Based on the letter of interest the IFF will send out its bidding tool for each event which the applicants have to fill out. Based on their feedback a panel of IFF CB members and staff will evaluate the bids and point them. Based on this evaluation the panel will propose the organizer for the events to the Central Board.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Self-assessed score left blank. This section of the website was not working at the time of assessment. Documents provided described the process and criteria for assessment</p>

Summary of total scores for 30 IF members of ARISF in the governance review

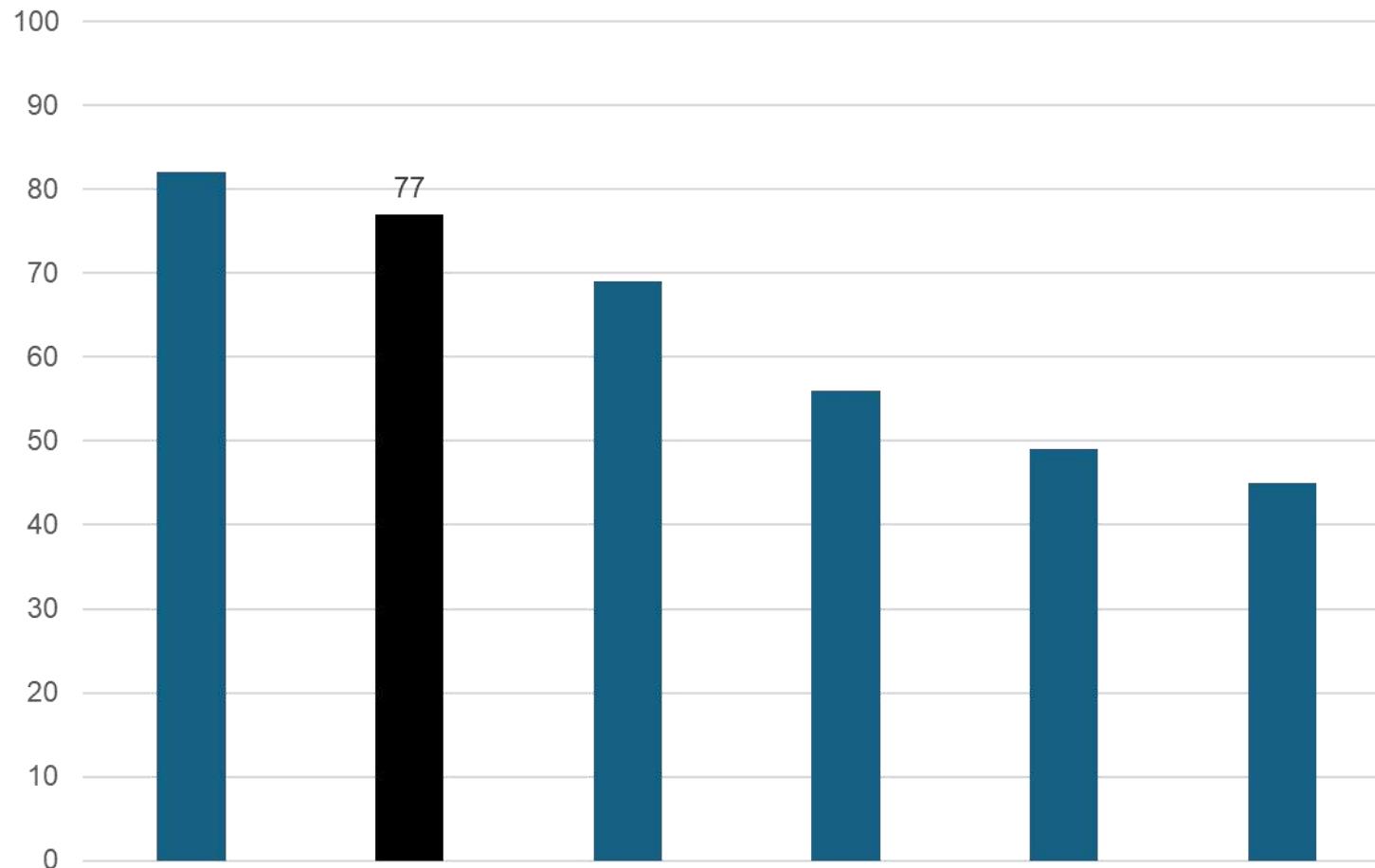
Total scores of each of the 30 IFs that participated (theoretical maximum 100)



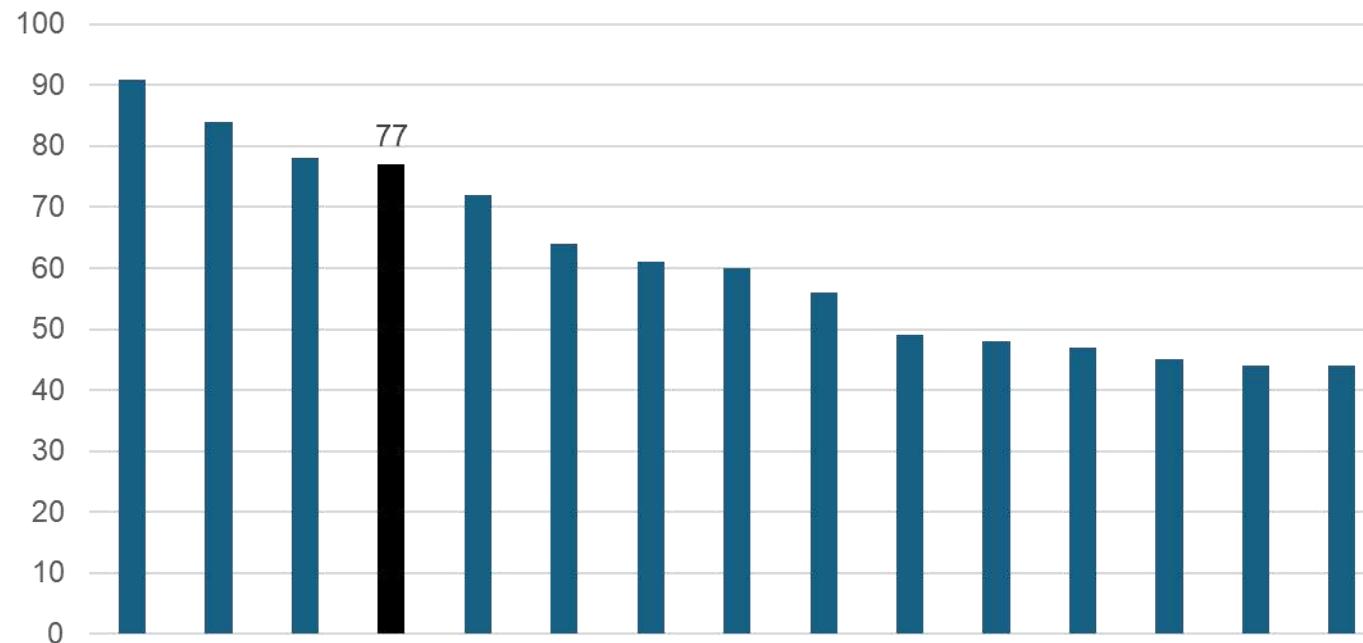
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Groups	Score range
A1	70 - 91
A2	60 - 69
B	41 - 56
C	31 - 38
	International Floorball Federation

Summary of total scores for IFs with 10 or more staff



Summary of total scores for IFs with 0.5 to 2m CHF in annual revenue



Selected points from the analysis

Overall

- International Floorball Federation achieves a score that earns a place in the A1 group
- The overall moderated score of 77 was marked down by -11, similar to the average mark-down of about -11 across all 30 IFs that participated
- Note that the assessment is based on measures which were already in place by the time of the assessment in May-July 2025. Credit has not been given for reforms or activity to be implemented or proposed at a later date. This is consistent with the approach adopted for other IFs
- As explained in the comment on indicator 1, for the most part the IF has been assessed as if all documents and information were available via the website

Positive

- International Floorball Federation achieved high scores in a number of areas, ranging from work to track progress towards strategic objectives, through to provision of annual reports that include financial statements, and the activity of the independent Ethics Committee
- The IF performed well compared to other IFs of comparable size

Areas for improvement

- Indicators with a score of 1 or 2 would merit attention, although not all will be immediate priorities
- Work was in progress in several areas, including safeguarding

Review of governance of ARISF IF members in 2025

October 2025

Report of self-assessed and moderated scores for: **International Floorball Federation**

Indicator	Topic	IF response
Background section (not scored)		
A	The IOC Olympic Charter and in particular the missions set out in Rule 26 of the Olympic Charter	Yes
B	The IF is taking account of the Agenda 2020+5 recommendations when updating its governance and processes	Yes
C	The IF's mission and goals as listed in the statutes are consistent with BUPGG 1.2 ("Mission and goals").	Yes
D	The IF seeks active cooperation and coordination with government authorities and external partners, as outlined in BUPGG 7.2 ("Cooperation and coordination...").	Yes
E	The IF complies with all applicable domestic laws of the country where it is registered and/or operates its main activities	Yes
F	The IF complies with all applicable and recognised international treaties and conventions (in particular the United Nations and Council of Europe Conventions enacted in the field of sport)	Yes
G	Type of legal entity	Voluntary association
H	Separate legal entities associated	The legal seat of IFF is based in Switzerland, but the head office is located in Helsinki, Finland. The IFF receives a governmental support from the Finnish Ministry of Education through the Finnish Floorball Federation. In order to do that we have to follow the Ministry guidelines for Good Governance.
I	Country of legal base	Switzerland
J	Full-time staff number	10-19
K	Revenue 2021-24	CHF 1m- 2m
L	Organisation's governance priorities	The IFF is during this period based on the Plan of Action approved by the General Assembly in 2024 looking over all its Good Governance policies. The

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Indicator	Topic	IF response
		work is divided by the IFF Exco which is looking after the administrative part of it and the Equality Committee and the Ethics Commission which are looking over the safeguarding, anti-harassment and Code of Ethics. The main responsible in the office is the Secretary General.

Indicator	Indicator wording	Score definitions	Self-assessed score and comment	Moderated score and comment
	Transparency section			
1	Statutes, rules and regulations	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - At least some information available on IF website</p> <p>2 - Latest version of statutes, rules and regulations published on IF website</p> <p>3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website</p> <p>4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, latest versions available with mark ups identifying differences between previous versions</p>	<p>4</p> <p>GENERAL NOTICE: The IFF website is not working due to the fact of the mismanagement of our web host Skylab LTD and we only have a static backup at the time behind www.floorball.sport. Therefore, we need to provide all material that is not visible on the static website as files. This is the new landing page for the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/ All the following documents, Statutes, Regulations, Rules, Guidelines and minutes of Central Board meetings are published on the website.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcgclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p> <p>The previous Statutes with changes marked you will find as separate files.</p> <p>Rules and Regulations: https://floorball.sport/rules-and-regulations/</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noted. Comment for indicator 1: Statutes have been provided and changes have been tracked between editions.</p> <p>Response to general notice: IFF provided a large set of files as attachments. The website was checked several times during the assessment process from May to July 2025.</p> <p>The I Trust Sport team decided the fairest and most appropriate approach, considering the ARISF members as a whole as well as the specific case of IFF, was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFF has been assessed as if all documents and information were available via the website for most indicators (with the exception of indicators 2 and 13, which are explained) - IFF scores have been excluded from the analysis of the ARISF members as a whole. This is referred to in the overall report but without naming IFF

Indicator	Indicator wording	Score definitions	Self-assessed score and comment	Moderated score and comment
				- Summary graphs at the end of this report show how the IFF compares to the other ARISF members
2	A list of all national member federations with basic information for each	0 – No 1 - Some member information published on IF website 2 - List of members on IF website with hyperlinks 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, contact data and other basic information about members	4	2 List of IFF Member Federations (ordinary and provisional members) and lists of other floorball countries not yet members: https://floorball.sport/theiff/member-associations/ On this page you can also find the member statistics, but this is the old and we will provide the newest file.
3	Vision, mission, values and strategic objectives	0 – No 1 – Some information published on IF website 2 - Full publication on IF website 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, extra data or info such as strategic plan with indicators/outcomes	4 The IFF Strategy for 2021-2032 strengthening the foundations can be find here: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2021/02/IFF_Strategy_2021_2032_Web.pdf The IFF GA approved the Implementation Report for period 2021-2024 at the General Assembly in 2024. You will find the Implementation Report and the	4 Noted. Strategy 2021-2032 includes specific objectives. KPIs and targets. Progress towards these is actively tracked.

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			Implementation Plan as a separate file. The Implementation Plan is a working document of the CB.	
4	Details of elected officials with biographical info	0 – No 1 - Some information about elected officials available on IF website 2 - Biographical information about all elected officials published on IF website 3 - Full publication, easy to find on IF website, with photos 4 - Full publication, easy to find, on IF website with extra data or explanation and mandate years	4 You will find all the Biographical information and CV in a separate file. Central Board members: https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/ IFF Staff members: https://floorball.sport/theiff/staff/	4 Noted. https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/ details biographical info and experience as well as mandate years.
5	Annual activity report, including institutional information, and main events reports	0 – No 1 - Some news published on IF website 2 - News published regularly and an annual report available on IF website 3 - News published regularly and multiple years of annual reports, easy to find on IF website 4 - Full publication, at least the three most recent years, easy to find on IF website, with extra data or explanation	4 As the IFF only has biannual General Assemblies the Annual report are clustered for two years at the time so the Activity reports are handled in the CB in the meantime. The last two years approved by the GA in 2024 we will send in a separate file. Annual reports: https://floorball.sport/theiff/strategic-documents-and-policies/ An outside operator makes a yearly evaluation report of our main events. Please find the report as a separate file.	4 Noted. Annual report 2023-2024 was provided and includes detailed information on events, activity within the CB and its committees and institutional news.

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6	Publication of annual financial reports following external audit	0 – No 1 - Some financial information published on IF website 2 - Publication of externally audited financial reports on IF website 3 - Publication of audited financial reports, easy to find on IF website 4 - Publication of audited financial reports for at least the last three years, easy to find on IF website, extra data, management letter	4 The latest audited Financial Reports for 2022-2023 have been approved by the General Assembly 2024 and are attached as files. Financial Report 2021: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/11/A5-Financial-Report-2021.pdf Audit Report 2021: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/11/A6-Audit-report-2021.pdf In the IFF CB minutes you can clearly see how the CB transparently handles the financial questions in various reports. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2024/11/All-appendices_compressed.pdf Please check appendixes 2-5.	4 Noted. Financial reports for 2022 and 2023 provided separately as well as audit report. Previous versions for 2021 were publicly available, so it is reasonable to assume that current versions would also be available.
7	Allowances and financial benefits of elected officials and senior executives	0 – No 1 - Some information on allowances and financial benefits of elected officials and senior executives, such as total salaries figure in accounts 2 - Basic policy on travel, allowances, per diem and benefits of elected officials and senior executives published on IF website or total figure on allowances published in accounts	4 IFF doesn't pay any financial benefit for any of the IFF CB members, only travel and bord and lodging costs based on the IFF Financial Regulations 2025. The newest Financial Regulations (2025) you can find as a separate file.	4 Noted. Staff costs and expense-related lines included in budget document provided. Previous editions were publicly available. Financial Regulations updated for 2025 have been provided

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		<p>3 - Full details published including total figure paid by the IF, easy to find on website</p> <p>4 - Full details published, easy to find on IF website, with extra data or information</p>	<p>For the Jury and Referee coaches IFF pays a daily allowance during the competition days which is defined in the Financial Regulations art 3.2. In accordance with Finnish Custom the salaries are not specified, but the total amount of the staff costs are visible in the Financial Reports.</p>	<p>and include details on travel and subsistence. Previous policy was publicly available.</p>
8	General Assembly agenda with relevant documents (before) and minutes (after) with procedure for members to add items to agenda	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some information published on General Assembly</p> <p>2 - General Assembly agenda published in advance, minutes afterwards or live streaming which is recorded</p> <p>3 - General Assembly full details published with minutes, easy to find on IF website</p> <p>4 - Full publication, with most recent minutes no more than a year old, easy to find on IF website, extra data or information (such as livestreaming), minutes archive</p>	<p>4</p> <p>As we have lost all news apart from what is visible on the backup site we can't show you the news that have been published in relations to the GA. We published a set of news of the new president and his visions and the new elected CB and a general news of General Assembly. Please find here the only news about the GA that is visible on our backup site at the moment: https://floorball.sport/2024/12/14/iff-ga-2024-elects-new-iff-president-and-new-central-board/ However, we have here added the announcement of the GA which was sent to our Member Associations 90 days prior to the GA and the final materials 30 days prior to the GA (files included).</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noted. Link for 2024 GA minutes not working at time of assessment. 2022 minutes available: https://archive.floorball.sport/clo/udfront/2022/11/Minutes-General-Assembly-2022.pdf There was live streaming. Invite to the 2024 GA, and minutes for the 2024 GA and key files were submitted and viewed separately and include all expected information.</p>

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			<p>The General Assembly minutes are always published on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/general-assembly/</p> <p>The latest GA minutes will be attached as a separate document.</p> <p>Please find the link of the General Assembly 2024 stream on Youtube: https://youtube.com/live/_fQvoWCPI2c</p>	
	Integrity and Democracy section			
9	Has a unit or officer in charge of ensuring that the IF abides by the IOC Code of Ethics and/or the IF's own Code of Ethics	0 – No 1 - A designated staff member/unit has responsibility for monitoring the Code of Ethics 2 - Designated responsibility and a defined process for dealing with breaches of the Code of Ethics 3 - Designated responsibility and a defined process and resources for investigating breaches, evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art Ethics Committee unit with defined process, independent majority, outcomes published	4 The IFF General Assembly has elected an Ethics Commission consisting of individuals not directly connected with the IFF activities. The Ethics Commission has 5 members out of which 3 are Court of Arbitration (CAS) judges. The Ethics Commission's responsibilities are defined in the IFF Code of Ethics. The ETC has also in their meetings built a working plan for the period. IFF Code of Ethics: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcnajpcgkclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Code-of-Ethics.pdf Ethics Commission on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/	4 Noted. Ethics Committee is independent. Decisions are published: https://archive.floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/ https://archive.floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Documentation-of-an-alleged-case-of-Sexual-Harassment-of-a-female-volunteer-in-connection-to-the-Men.pdf

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			The list of the members elected in 2024 can be find in the GA minutes on page 7 (file attached).	
10	Has a unit or officer in charge of ensuring that the IF abides by the World Anti-Doping Code	0 – No 1 - A designated individual staff member/officer has responsibility for World Anti-Doping Code compliance 2 - Anti-doping team and officials in place with appropriate expertise and resources 3 - Anti-doping team and officials in place with appropriate expertise and resources, outcomes published 4 - State of the art independent anti-doping programme (e.g. critical functions outsourced to ITA or separate entity)	3 The IFF in 2024 as part of the most recent ISCCS is World Anti-Doping Code compliant as an International Federation. Both IFF staff members responsible for anti-doping matters are listed on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/theiff/staff/ Previous yearly testing numbers and statistics are visible on the IFF website: https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/iff-test-statistics/ Latest statistics for 2024 are as follows - 48 in-competition tests and 38 out-of-competition tests The IFF Whereabouts requirements are based on the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards for Testing. Starting from January 1st 2021, the IFF maintains a pyramid approach to Testing Pools with different Tiers. In order to maintain a pool of Athletes from whom	3 Noted. Appropriate resources and expertise appear to be in place. Testing statistics for previous years and outcomes were published and recent numbers provided have been provided separately.

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			<p>whereabouts information is obtained, which can be used to increase the effectiveness of the IFF's Out-of-Competition Testing programme, the IFF maintain 3 different Testing Pools. More information on the Testing Pools and Whereabouts can be found on the IFF Website: https://floorball.sport/anti-doping-and-medical/testing-pools-and-whereabouts/</p> <p>The IFF has a Medical Committee comprised of medical professionals in various fields of medicine that help approve TUEs and all other medical related decision making within the IFF. Currently the Medical Committee has 4 members.</p>	
11	Complies with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 – Recognition and implementation of the Code to a certain degree but limited compliance (e.g. rules not fully Code compliant and no/limited education or investigative capacity)</p> <p>2 - Resources dedicated to complying with the Code (e.g. rules fully compliant, member of IBIS, some evidence of education)</p> <p>3 – Appropriate expertise and resources dedicated to complying with the Code which includes education and investigative capacity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The IFF has in its Organizers and Competition regulations included the rules for prevention of manipulation of competition Art 12 Betting, for all of our events.</p> <p>The IFF provides educations in the Captain's and Technical meeting in the beginning of all events where information is given to the teams on what is allowed if someone approaches a team member asking for information. The IFF also cooperates with Sport Radar and</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Noted. Document provided - IFF Competitions Regulations outlines rules prohibiting betting and the use of inside information. The rules are in the process of being updated</p>

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		4 - State of the art compliance with the Code which includes publication of case outcomes	receives information of the betting activity in relation to this. The IFF is a member of IBIS. The Ethics Commission has on its plan to update the rules for prevention of competition manipulation during this year.	
12	Conflict of interest policy identifying actual, potential and perceived conflicts with exclusion of members with an actual conflict from decision-making	0 – No 1 - Some conflict of interest rules 2 - Defined conflict of interest policy 3 - Defined conflict of interest policy, evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art conflict of interest policy, checked against register and evidence of implementation	3 The IFF has a Conflict of Interest policy which has been prepared by the IFF Ethics Commission and the CB has Rules of Procedure which both defines the needed action for how to act in regards to conflict of interest situations. The best example of how the Conflict of Interest policy has been used is the case where the Ethics Commission member has been removed due to foul play in regards to the CB elections in Singapore, to secure a preferred result of the elections. These decisions are published on the IFF website. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcgjclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Decision-Complaint-Rudy-Low-11.2.22-.pdf	3 Noted. Conflict of interest policy exists and covers processes for declarations and management of potential conflicts. There is some evidence of implementation.

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13	Establish confidential reporting mechanisms for “whistle blowers” with protection scheme for individuals coming forward	0 – No 1 - Some evidence of a response to comments and allegations 2 - A confidential reporting mechanism is in place for whistle-blowers 3 - A confidential reporting mechanism is in place for whistle-blowers with evidence of action taken 4 - State of the art reporting mechanism with evidence of action taken, including information on the reporting process, verification of information, confidentiality and protection accorded	4 The IFF has on its Ethics Commission website a link to a complaint form where anyone can complain in any question related to the scope defined in the Code of Ethics. The complaint goes only to the ETC members which will then decide how to handle the case. Please find an example in the answer of question 12. https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/iff-complaint-form/ After the ETC has handled the complaint and made a decision this decision is published on the IFF website and taken for acknowledgement in the ETC meeting reports that are given to the IFF CB and published. https://floorball.sport/theiff/committees/ethics-commission/	3 Noted. Confidentiality and protection clauses included in Ethics Commission guidelines. There is a reporting process with evidence of action taken in response to information received. The reporting form appeared to be an archive page when reviewed, which limits the score to 3. It is understood that reporting via e-mail probably remained possible throughout
14	Appropriate gender balance in Executive Board or equivalent	0 - Female representation is less than 5% 1 - Female representation is at least 5% 2 - Female representation is at least 15% 3 - Female representation is at least 25% 4 - Executive Board has at least 40% of both males and females	4 The IFF CB consists of 13 members (President, 11 members and the Athletes Commission's Chair) out of these 4 are women which is over 30%. In the Executive Committee which has 5 members 2 are women which is 40%. https://floorball.sport/central-board-and-exco/	3 Noted. There are 4 women among 13 members of the CB, which is under 40%. Statutes 32 - the CB is the executive body of the IFF. Composition of EC is noted

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15	Programmes or policies in place regarding safeguarding from harassment and abuse	0 – No 1 - Some evidence of activity 2 - Policies in place which include reference to "IOC Guidelines for IFs and NOCs related to creating and implementing a policy to safeguard athletes from harassment and abuse in sport" 3 - Policies in place consistent with IOC Guidelines, appropriate resources dedicated (including providing resources for members), plus evidence of implementation 4 - State of the art policies and procedures in place, evidence of implementation, outcomes published where appropriate	3 The IFF has a policy statement on Discrimination, harassment and abuse, as well as guidelines on discrimination and harassment. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Discrimination-Harrasment-and-Abuse-Policy-Statement.pdf chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Guidelines-on-DiscriminationHarrasment.pdf The ETC plans to update the Safeguarding policy during this year.	2 Noted. Safeguarding policy doesn't appear to be available. Harrassment/abuse guidelines last updated 2017: https://archive.floorball.sport/rules-and-regulations/sexual-harrassment-abuse-and-discrimination-guidelines/ There is a safeguarding summary (provided) but it doesn't appear to be a procedural document. Score of 2 for consistency with other IFs that have a comparable approach
16	Election of the President and a majority of members of all executive bodies	0 – No 1 - Some elections but for limited number of roles 2 - Elections for president and majority of members of executive bodies 3 - Elections for president and majority of roles, voting numbers published 4 - Elections for president and majority of roles, voting numbers published, element of external scrutiny (e.g. notary and/or electronic voting system)	4 The election of the president and the CB members was conducted during the General Assembly with a secret ballot, where each voting federation had to cast a minimum of 6 and maximum of 11 votes. The election process was scrutinized by the external scrutineers which represented the IFF Ethics Commission. The results were revealed during the presentation of the newly elected CB during the meeting. The General Assembly approved the voting rules for the CB election.	2 Noted. Voting numbers and results were provided separately. It is not clear whether voting numbers were published - they were not included in General Assembly minutes. (Another option would be publishing in a news article.) This limits the score to 2

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17	Term limits for elected officials	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some term limits but possibility of multiple re-elections to the same position</p> <p>2 - Term limits in place with a maximum of no more than 12 years in 1 role</p> <p>3 - Term limits in place with a maximum of 3 x 4 year cumulative terms in the same role</p> <p>4 - Term limits with a max of 3 x 4 year terms in same role, waiting period before new role or max 20 years in all roles combined</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The IFF Statutes Art 30.5 defines that the members of the Central Board and the President can only be elected of 3 consecutive periods of 4 years in one role.</p> <p>30.5. Effective from December 2020, the IFF President and the members of the Central Board can only be elected for a total of three consecutive terms of four years in one role. A member of the Central Board can only be elected if they are less than 70 year of age on the date of the election.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noted. Article 30.5 specifies a maximum of 3 x 4 terms in one role but there is no total limit across multiple roles.</p>
18	Provide for the representation of key stakeholders (e.g. “active” athletes as defined in the Olympic Charter) in governing bodies	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some representation of key stakeholders in governing bodies</p> <p>2 - Designated key stakeholder representatives in governing bodies (not consultative)</p> <p>3 - Representation of key stakeholders including athlete(s) on Executive Board, duly elected/designated by the relevant body</p> <p>4 - State of art athlete and other key stakeholder representation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The IFF Athletes Commission is voted by the participants of the World Floorball Championships every 4th year so that the players during the championships or the championships qualifications depending on the year can vote.</p> <p>The Chair of the Athletes' Commission (ATC) is appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) and is an ex officio member of the IFF Central</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noted. Chair of the Athlete's Commission is appointed to the Central Board.</p>

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			<p>Board confirmed by the General Assembly, while the ATC members are elected by the players. Members of the ATC serve a four-year term. The last election was during the Men's WFC 2024 and the Women's WFC 2025 qualification events (January–March 2025). Elections were open to all countries that have participated in WFC events during the current ATC term (2022–2025). Through the elections, players choose a minimum of six representatives – three men and three women. In addition, the IFF Central Board may appoint one male and one female representative, taking regional representation into account. All voting will be conducted online. Presently the Athletes Commission has a representative in the RACC.</p>	
19	Statutes, or other rules of procedure, specify what decisions are made at what level	0 – No 1 – Statutes specify decision-making authority of General Assembly 2 – Statutes specify decision-making authority of General Assembly and Executive Board or equivalent(s) 3 – Terms of reference (or equivalent) published for Executive Board and at least some commissions; information on powers of senior staff 4 – Terms of reference are published (for Board and Executive Committee, if both exist); information on delegation of powers	4 <p>The Statutes Art 25-28 define the authority of the General Assembly. The Statutes further in Art 35 defines the competence of the CB powers. The CB is responsible for the management and administration of the IFF and shall take all decisions on all matters which don't require a General Assembly decisions, like appointment of committees, approval of regulations, working groups etc.</p>	3 <p>Noted. Statutes define the authority of the GA, CB and ExCo, and include a brief overview of responsibilities of Secretary General. The President's role is not specifically defined.</p>

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		from Executive Board to other level; clarity on decision-making powers of senior staff	<p>Further, the Rules of Procedure defines the rule of the CB.</p> <p>The Executive Committee Art 36 has the task to handle the routine and urgent business and the preparation of the CB meetings.</p> <p>The IFF CB has approved the scope and guidelines for the IFF commissions in its meeting in May 2025.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p> <p>The Statutes further define the function of the standing committees Art 41-44 and in Art 46 the responsibilities of the IFF Secretary General.</p>	
	Development, Sustainability and Control Mechanisms section			
20	Respect principles of sustainable development and regard for the environment	0 – No 1 - At least some reference to environmental responsibility in official documents 2 - Official guidance on respecting principles of sustainable development and environment in statutes and/or event hosting rules 3 - Policy and measures on environmental responsibility, evidence of implementation, details published 4 - State of the art policy on environmental responsibility, linked to UN SDGs or other	3 <p>Sustainability is included in the IFF Strategy: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2021/02/IFF_Strategy_2021_2032_Web.pdf - page 15, 27</p> <p>To portray the commitment of the IFF it has joined the UN Sports for Climate (S4CA) network in 2019 and</p>	3 <p>Noted. UNSfCA commitment is welcome. Sustainability features as part of IFF Strategy</p>

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		<p>recognised frameworks including commitment to reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, details published</p>	<p>also signed the Race to Zero pledge in 2021. The next step was taken 2023 when the IFF also became a member of the Sports for Nature (S4N) Framework. Both the S4CA and the S4N require annual reports to fulfil the network member requirements. We are reporting the IFF Office carbon footprint for S4CN.</p> <p>Key Performance Indicators: IFF creates and shares best practices to organise sustainable events, there are events with campaigns promoting Sustainability, IFF Events are carbon neutral by 2028, IFF only allows the use of recycled or biodegradable textiles at WFC's, IFF to build mechanisms for securing Event execution and legacy</p> <p>Climate Transition Plan: Our organisation has three main targets that guide our actions. Actions can be divided between IFF Office (staff) and IFF Events (major events in partnership with local organising committees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short-term: to reduce our operational (IFF Events / Scope 1 & 2) emissions by 70% by 2028 against a 2018 baseline; • medium term: to reduce our operational emissions (IFF Events / 	

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			<p>Scope 1 & 2) by further 10% by 2032 against a 2018 baseline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long-term: to achieve net zero emissions covering Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2040. <p>The IFF has an Event Organizer Sustainability Guidelines document which is for event organizers to highlight the overarching IFF approach to environmental sustainability. Further it gives tips on what areas to concentrate on and examples from past events. Please see file attached.</p> <p>The 2024 World Floorball Championships applied and achieved the Sustainable Event Certification (consultancy by Greentime). Please see Sustainability Report for WFC 2024 attached.</p> <p>The IFF participated in the three-year (2022-2025) project called GAMES (Green Approaches in Management for Enhancing Sport). In a consortium led by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, three sports (represented by World Athletics, International Biathlon Union, IFF and Swedish Floorball Federation) analysed the climate governance and management systems of each respective organisation and</p>	

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			<p>developed new decarbonisation strategies (https://erasmus-games.com/). Further, each sport used their popularity to raise broader environmental awareness.</p> <p>The next development steps which are being investigated are internal education documents, green procurement guidelines, introduction of sustainability requirements into the event host bidding process (currently we only require to present the plans of the organiser but there are no official requirements) and the process how to follow up on elements that host bidders have included into the winning bid.</p>	
21	Education programmes (topics other than integrity) and assistance to coaches, judges, referees and athletes	0 – No 1 – At least some educational support for coaches, judges, referees and athletes 2 - Education programme and assistance for coaches, judges, referees and athletes 3 - Education programme and assistance for coaches, judges, referees and athletes with details published 4 - State of the art education programme for coaches, judges, referees and athletes with details published	4 <p>The IFF has updated the coaching and refereeing education programs after the pandemic and instead of full-scale seminars the IFF has run separate clinics concentrating on coaching and refereeing. The IFF has also created a coaching clinic program for levels 0, 1 and 2. The 0-level has been tested twice, once for Indian Floorball Federation and once for the Chinese Floorball Association. The first level 2 education is planned to take place in Singapore in October 2025.</p>	3 <p>Noted. Documents provided show an array of education resources. It is not clear whether information is available on total number of participants, qualifications achieved etc., which limits the score to 3</p>

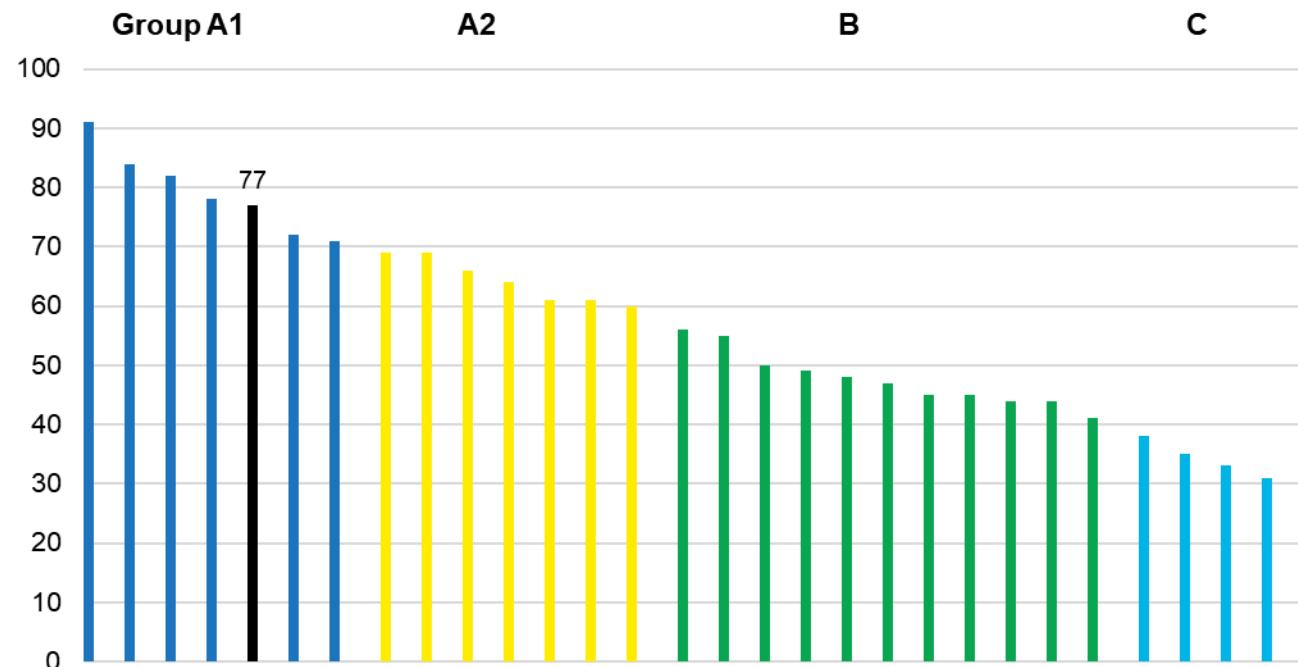
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			<p>The referee education is divided to basic education in clinics and for the education of the international referees on webinars and during the tournament.</p> <p>The IFF is also running educations annually for the IFF referee coaches. The referee clinics have taken place in India, Singapore and Spain. The webinars are carried out twice a year with pre-decided topics. In 2024 physical play as the topic 2025 topics related to stick playing level.</p> <p>The IFF is also running an equipment support program for its members by shipping sticks, balls and goalkeeper outfits. Annually IFF send two to three rinks to its members alongside with goal cages.</p>	
22	Anti-discrimination policies covering a range of characteristics	0 – No 1 – Recognition of anti-discrimination issues in official documents 2 – Official anti-discrimination policy or policies in place 3 – Anti-discrimination policy/ policies covering all characteristics, evidence of implementation (e.g. education activity or sanctioning) 4 – State of the art anti-discrimination policies, evidence of implementation, results published	4 <p>The IFF has a policy statement on Discrimination, harassment and abuse, as well as guidelines on discrimination and harassment.</p> <p>chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2018/10/IFF-Discrimination-Harrasment-and-Abuse-Policy-Statement.pdf</p> <p>chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfro</p>	2 <p>Noted. Policies are in place. Safeguarding case is covered in indicator 9. It is not clear that there is relevant proactive work on anti-discrimination, such as education. It is understood that there may not have been a related disciplinary case</p>

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			nt/2018/10/IFF-Guidelines-on-DiscriminationHarrasment.pdf The Ethics Commission has handled a few cases of sexual harassment, please find an example here: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcnajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2022/12/Documentation-of-an-alleged-case-of-Sexual-Harassment-of-a-female-volunteer-in-connection-to-the-Men.pdf	
23	Adopt policies and processes for internal financial controls (e.g. budgeting, separation of duties, dual approvals for payments)	0 – No 1 – Some systems in place for internal control 2 — Official procedure in place for internal control 3 – Official procedure in place for internal control, published, evidence of implementation 4 – State of the art internal control procedures, published, evidence of implementation	4 The Financial Regulations which have been published (now not available, please see file attached) on the website defines the separation duties and dual approval of payments. The budgeting process is handled by the office and the treasurer which then proposes the budget for the IFF Central Board.	4 Noted. A Financial Regulations 2025 document was provided and includes payment processes and budgetary process. Statutes provide some information as to responsibilities of ExCo and CB. There is a separate budgetary function
24	Decisions made can be challenged through internal appeal mechanisms with a final right of appeal to CAS	0 – No 1 – Some opportunity for internal appeals 2 – Internal appeals policy in place or a right to appeal directly to CAS 3 – Internal appeals policy in place, evidence of implementation, with final right of appeal to CAS or equivalent 4 – State of the art appeals policy, evidence of implementation, full decisions published; final right of appeal to CAS	4 The Statutes define in Art 53 mediation to handle situations within the organization and between the IFF and the Member Federations. If the mediation doesn't work the matter can finally be settled by CAS. CAS has the exclusive jurisdiction to deal with disputes (Art 54). Any decision of the IFF Disciplinary Committee or any other IFF body may be submitted for appeal to the Appeal	2 Noted. Statutes Art 38-40 define the disciplinary organs of IFF. 40.3 refers to Juridical Regulations but this document was not available. Right of final appeal to CAS is set out in Statutes 53.2. In the absence of evidence of an appeal case in recent times, the score is limited to 2

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			<p>Committee. In Art 40.3 the Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Jury's, DC's and CB's decisions that the IFF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.</p> <p>Statutes: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefndmkaj/https://floorball.sport/cloudfront/2020/12/IFF-Statutes-Edition-2020.pdf</p>	
25	Awarding of main events follows an open, transparent process	<p>0 – No</p> <p>1 - Some information published about process for awarding main events</p> <p>2 - Process for awarding main events with rules including criteria, fair timetables, outcomes published</p> <p>3 - Process for awarding events, rules include criteria, fair timetables, shortlisting or rotation</p> <p>4 - Process for awarding events, rules include criteria, fair timetables, shortlisting or rotation, with external bidding assessment, designated method for reallocation</p>	<p>0</p> <p>For each World Championships an invitation for organization is sent out 3-4 years prior to the event. Based on the letter of interest the IFF will send out its bidding tool for each event which the applicants have to fill out. Based on their feedback a panel of IFF CB members and staff will evaluate the bids and point them. Based on this evaluation the panel will propose the organizer for the events to the Central Board.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Self-assessed score left blank. This section of the website was not working at the time of assessment. Documents provided described the process and criteria for assessment</p>

Summary of total scores for 30 IF members of ARISF in the governance review

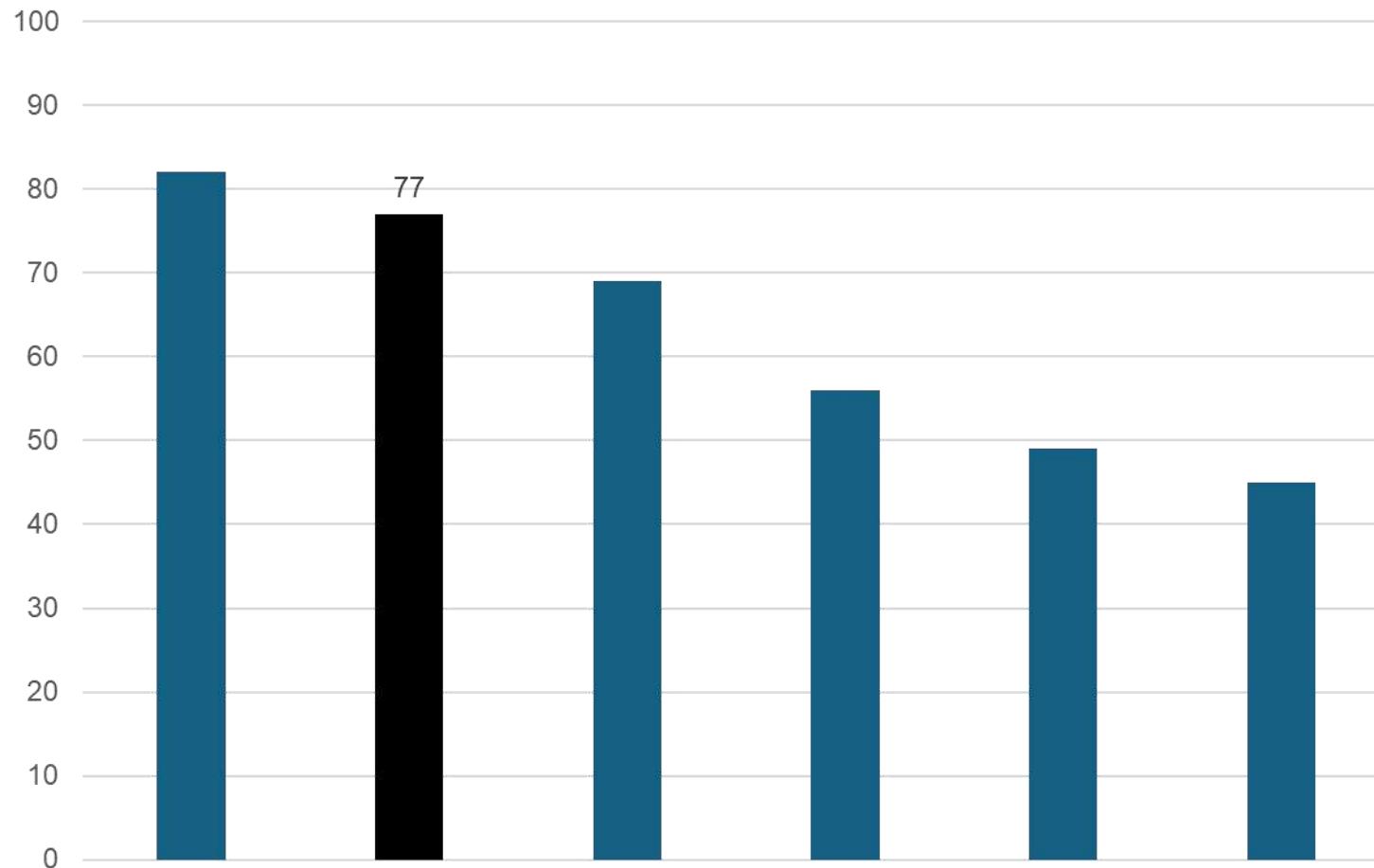
Total scores of each of the 30 IFs that participated (theoretical maximum 100)



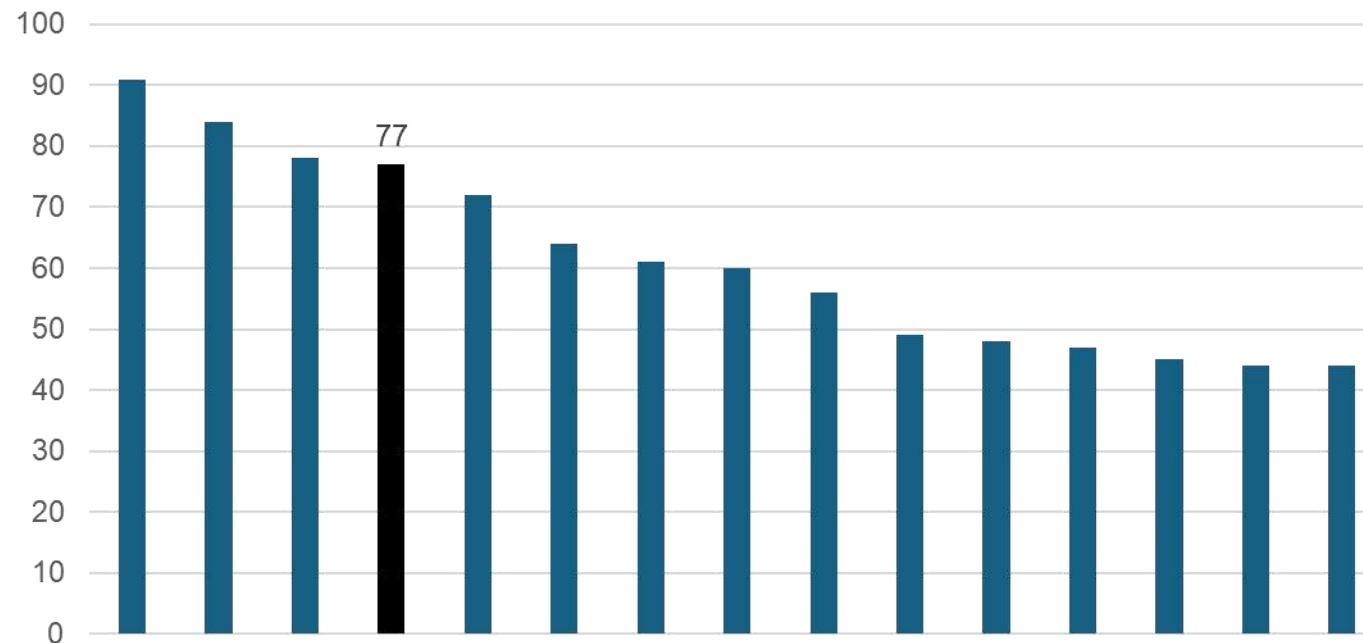
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Groups	Score range
A1	70 - 91
A2	60 - 69
B	41 - 56
C	31 - 38
	International Floorball Federation

Summary of total scores for IFs with 10 or more staff



Summary of total scores for IFs with 0.5 to 2m CHF in annual revenue



Selected points from the analysis

Overall

- International Floorball Federation achieves a score that earns a place in the A1 group
- The overall moderated score of 77 was marked down by -11, similar to the average mark-down of about -11 across all 30 IFs that participated
- Note that the assessment is based on measures which were already in place by the time of the assessment in May-July 2025. Credit has not been given for reforms or activity to be implemented or proposed at a later date. This is consistent with the approach adopted for other IFs
- As explained in the comment on indicator 1, for the most part the IF has been assessed as if all documents and information were available via the website

Positive

- International Floorball Federation achieved high scores in a number of areas, ranging from work to track progress towards strategic objectives, through to provision of annual reports that include financial statements, and the activity of the independent Ethics Committee
- The IF performed well compared to other IFs of comparable size

Areas for improvement

- Indicators with a score of 1 or 2 would merit attention, although not all will be immediate priorities
- Work was in progress in several areas, including safeguarding



International Floorball Federation application for TWG2029

05.12.2025

General

Submitted by: Sarah Mitchell (Event Manager)

TWG

Importance of your events

For your Federation, please rank the following events in order of importance for the participating disciplines/athletes (5 = high, 1 = low):

World Championships: 5

Continental Championships/Games: 3

World Cups:

The World Games: 4

Other global multi-sport events (such as Combat Games, Beach Games, etc.; excluding Olympic Games):

TWG advantages

What added value does your IF expect to gain from the participation in TWG 2029?

Shows readiness for inclusion in other multi-sport events: Yes

Raises global awareness: Yes

Develops the sport nationally/locally: Yes

Offers athletes a unique multi-sport experience: Yes

Develops your brand value and exposure: Yes

Develops the relationship with NOCs/NSOs: Yes

Reaches new audiences: Yes

What added value will The World Games gain by the inclusion of your events?

IFs high commitment to and strong collaboration with TWG: Yes

Gender equality: Yes

Inclusion: Yes

Stronger international profile: Yes

Stronger interest in the German market: Yes

Develop the relation to NOCs/NSOs: Yes

Evolving disciplines/events: Yes



Sport

We recommend that the following disciplines / events be included in TWG 2029, with the number of athletes and officials shown

Floorball

Importance of discipline. Rank the importance if the discipline in order of priority (1 = 1st choice, 2 = 2nd choice, etc.): 1

Provide an explanation why this discipline should be included.: This discipline will showcase the elite teams in international competition, playing the traditional 5v5 on a full-size court (40m x 20m). It has a proven track record at previous TWGs with good spectator numbers and online media presence. It is a high-energy, fast sport that is easy for spectators to follow, whether they are familiar with the sport or not. With this discipline the IFF guarantees the absolute best players in the world will be participating.

Event name	Number of athletes	Male athletes	Female athletes	Judges/ Referees	Competition Management	Communications
Women	112		112			
Men	112	112				
Totals		112	112	12	7	5

Training & Competition Sessions

Please indicate your proposed Training & Competition Sessions, also in relation to other proposed disciplines (if applicable).

Include information about Days for Training, Competitions/Preliminaries/Qualifications, Knock-Out Phase, Semi-Finals and Finals/Placement Matches). Also, include length of sporting activity per day in hours (h).

Start with Training on Day 1 (Official Training Day).

Total of 36 matches

Day 1: Training (8h)

Day 2: Group matches (13h)

Day 3: Group matches (6h)

Day 4: Group matches (3.5h + 6h)

Day 5: Group matches (3.5h + 6h)

Day 6: Group matches (3.5h + 6h)

Day 7: Semi-finals (4h + 4h)

Day 8: Placement matches (4h + 4h)

Day 9: Medal matches (4h + 4h)

Qualifications

Qualification systems may vary between sports and disciplines. They are established to give a fair and equitable opportunity for the best athletes in the world to participate in TWG as well as to ensure universal participation, with a requirement of at least three (3) different continents participating. In principle, existing events should be prioritised.



More information will be published in the Qualification System Guidelines.

Athletes can qualify for TWG through:

Host Country places: Yes

World Championships: Yes

World Cups: No

Continental Qualifications: Yes

Ranking List: Yes

Wild Cards: Yes

Technical Requirements

FOP dimensions (Specific dimensions of competition field of play - side-line to side-line x end-line to end-line):

40 metres x 20 metres

FOP Footprint (FOP dimensions including run-out space, side-line space, and other necessary space):

46 metres x 26 metres

Number of competition fields:

1

Number of additional fields of play for training / warm-up, and respective size:

1 training court - 40 metres x 20 metres (can be in a separate venue with same surface as competition court)

1 warm-up area - at least 30 metres x 20 metres (within competition venue with no specific flooring required)

Field of play surface material:

Synthetic

Approximate costs of sport-specific equipment and apparatus:

100,000 EUR for all competition and training venue equipment

Type of equipment	Approximate costs	Name of supplier	Sponsorship

Contact Details of German Federation

Name: Floorball Germany (Floorball-Verband Deutschland e.V.)

Address: Postfach 71 30, 26051 Oldenburg

Phone: +49 (0)5132 873 630

Website: <https://floorball.de/>

E-Mail: info@floorball.de

Contact person: Mr Roland Büttner

Contact person's position: Managing Director

Championships

Please provide evidence that you (will) have organised at least three World Championships or comparable events for the sports discipline.



Event name	Location	Date	Link
Women's World Floorball Championships 2027	Turku, Finland	3-12.12.2027	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/216#/leagueorganizersite/216/start
Men's World Floorball Championships 2026	Tampere, Finland	3-14.12.2026	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/217#/leagueorganizersite/217/start
Women's World Floorball Championships 2025	Brno & Ostrava, Czechia	6-14.12.2025	https://ms.ceskyflorbal.cz/?locale=en
Men's World Floorball Championships 2024	Malmö, Sweden	7-15.12.2024	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/187#/leagueorganizersite/187/start
Women's World Floorball Championships 2023	Singapore	2-10.12.2023	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/92#/leagueorganizersite/92/start
Men's World Floorball Championships 2022	Zurich & Winterthur, Switzerland	5-13.11.2022	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/53#/leagueorganizersite/53/start

Events hosted in Germany

Provide evidence of any IF events hosted in Germany between 2022 and 2029.

Event name	Location	Date	Link
6 Nations Floorball Challenge 2025 (Women)	Euroville	17-19.10.2025	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/258#/leagueorganizersite/258/start
Women's U19 World Floorball Championships 2026 EUR Qualification	Berlin	4-8.02.2025	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/254#/leagueorganizersite/254/groups
Men's World Floorball Championships 2028 EUR Qualification	TBA	November 2027	
6 Nations Floorball Challenge 2028 (Men)	TBA	October 2028	

3v3 Floorball

Importance of discipline. Rank the importance if the discipline in order of priority (1 = 1st choice, 2 = 2nd choice, etc.): 2

Provide an explanation why this discipline should be included.: This discipline brings a new level of excitement to

Floorball. Played with a reduced number of players (3v3) on a smaller size court (22m x 11m) with modified rules, it creates a more even playing field for all teams. Fast-paced, with the ball in play at nearly all times, one-on-one skills and trick shots are key to winning. Two courts, side-by-side, would be in play at the same time with a festival atmosphere created with music and continuous action on the court with a tight match schedule. This discipline is proving to be a new crowd favourite in Floorball and gives top entertainment for the spectators. With this discipline the IFF guarantees true global representation in the participating teams.

Event name	Number of athletes	Male athletes	Female athletes	Judges/ Referees	Competition Management	Communications
Women 3v3	36		36			
Men 3v3	36	36				
Totals	72	36	36	6	5	5

Training & Competition Sessions

Please indicate your proposed Training & Competition Sessions, also in relation to other proposed disciplines (if applicable).

Include information about Days for Training, Competitions/Preliminaries/Qualifications, Knock-Out Phase, Semi-Finals and Finals/Placement Matches). Also, include length of sporting activity per day in hours (h).

Start with Training on Day 1 (Official Training Day).

Day 1: Training (8h)

Day 2: Group matches (2h + 2h + 2h) played simultaneously on 2 courts = 12hrs

Day 3: Group matches (2h + 2h) + Qualifications (2h) played simultaneously on 2 courts = 12hrs

Day 4: Semi-finals (3h) + Placements (1.5h) + Medal matches (3h)

Qualifications

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Continental Qualifications: Yes

Ranking List: Yes

Wild Cards: Yes

Technical Requirements

FOP dimensions (Specific dimensions of competition field of play - side-line to side-line x end-line to end-line):

22 metres x 11 metres

**FOP Footprint (FOP dimensions including run-out space, side-line space, and other necessary space):**

46 metres x 26 metres - two FOPs fit into this footprint area

Number of competition fields:

One competition venue, with one FOP footprint divided into two FOP areas

Number of additional fields of play for training / warm-up, and respective size:

No dedicated training venue required. Warm-up space within the competition venue of at least 30 metres x 20 metres

Field of play surface material:

Synthetic (eg. Gerflor)

Approximate costs of sport-specific equipment and apparatus:

50,000 EUR (but if both Floorball disciplines are included then all equipment for Floorball can be used for 3v3 with no extra equipment required)

Type of equipment	Approximate costs	Name of supplier	Sponsorship

Contact Details of German Federation

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Contact person: Mr Roland Büttner

Contact person's position: Managing Director

Championships

Please provide evidence that you (will) have organised at least three World Championships or comparable events for the sports discipline.

Event name	Location	Date	Link
3v3 World Floorball Championships 2026	San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain	12-14.06.2026	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/828#/leagueorganizer-site/828/start
3v3 World Floorball Championships 2025	Winterthur, Switzerland	2-3.05.2025	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/221#/leagueorganizer-site/221/start
3v3 World Floorball Championships 2024	Lahti, Finland	11-12.05.2024	https://app.floorball.sport/LeagueOrganizer/Magazine/172#/leagueorganizer-site/172/start



Events hosted in Germany

Provide evidence of any IF events hosted in Germany between 2022 and 2029.

Event name	Location	Date	Link

Comments

In previous TWG editions, Floorball has proven itself as a successful member of the IWGA family, not just by providing an exciting sporting product but also in the professionalism of the organisation of our events and event planning. In 2029, as TWG returns to Europe, Floorball also returns to one of its strongest markets, in terms of the number of players, visibility, awareness and, very importantly for broadcasting, to our strongest time zone. We have no doubt that the Floorball event will be a huge hit, with plenty of sold-out sessions and a big online following.

For TWG 2029 we would like to include our very popular 3v3 format as a second discipline. The same venues (competition & training) could be used with the competitions being played one after the other. All equipment that is used for the 5v5 competition could be used for the 3v3, ensuring no extra equipment costs.

While the 5v5 Floorball will feature the traditionally competitive nations, the 3v3 will give the opportunity for many new countries to participate. The most recent 3v3 World Championships have seen normally lower-ranked countries succeeding as they have never done before. For example, in the first 3v3 WFC, New Zealand (ranked 26 in the world in 5v5) beat Czechia (ranked 3rd) not just once, but twice. In the 2025 3v3 WFC, Ukraine (ranked 32 in the world in 5v5) took home the silver medal, giving us a completely different world ranking list. This format, with its smaller court, reduced number of players, short playing time, and modified rules, creates a competition where the unexpected can happen. It is fast and exciting.

TWG 2029 schedule

Women Group A	Women Group B	Men Group C
A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

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Men Group D
D1
D2
D3
D4

Day -3

Official Arrival Day

Day -2

Acclimitisation Day

Possible training day

Day -1

Official Training Day

TEAMS RESTING

Day 1

09:00	D4 - D1	Men	A2 / A3
11:15	B1 - B4	Women	C1 / C4
13:30	B2 - B3	Women	
15:45	C2 - C3	Men	
18:00	D2 - D3	Men	
20:15	A4 - A1	Women	

Day 2 *Competition must end no later than 16:00 due to TWG Opening Ceremony

09:00	C2 - C4	Men	A1 / A4
11:15	C1 - C3	Men	B1 / B2 / B3 / B4
13:30	A2 - A3	Women	D1 / D2 / D3 / D4

TWG OPENING CEREMONY

Day 3

09:30	A2 - A4	Women	A1 / A3
11:45	D2 - D4	Men	C1 / C2 / C3 / C4
SESSION BREAK			
15:00	B3 - B1	Women	
17:15	D1 - D3	Men	
19:30	B2 - B4	Women	

2hr15
between
matches

Day 4

09:30	C1 - C2	Men	A2 / A4
11:45	C3 - C4	Men	B1 / B2
SESSION BREAK			
15:00	B4 - B3	Women	D1 / D2
17:15	D3 - D4	Men	
19:30	A1 - A3	Women	

Day 5

09:30	A1 - A2	Women	C2 / C3
11:45	A3 - A4	Women	B3 / B4
SESSION BREAK			
15:00	C4 - C1	Men	D3 / D4
17:15	D1 - D2	Men	
19:30	B1 - B2	Women	

Day 6

10:30	1st A - 2nd B	WS1	5th & 7th place teams
13:00	1st B - 2nd A	WS2	
SESSION BREAK			
16:30	1st C - 2nd D	MS1	
19:00	1st D - 2nd C	MS2	

Day 7

10:30	4th C - 4th D	M7th	Medal match teams
13:00	4th A - 4th B	W7th	
SESSION BREAK			
16:30	3rd A - 3rd B	W5th	
19:00	3rd C - 3rd D	M5th	

Day 8

09:45	Loser WS - Loser WS	W3rd
12:15	Loser MS - Loser MS	M3rd
15:00	Winner WS - Winner WS	WF
17:45	Winner MS - Winner MS	MF

19:40 **MEDAL CEREMONY Women**

20:10 **MEDAL CEREMONY Men**

TWG 2029 schedule 3v3

Women	Men
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5
A6	B6

DAY -3

Official Arrival Day

DAY -2

Acclimitisation Day

Possible training day

DAY -1

Official Training Day

DAY 1

COURT 1 - Women		COURT 2 - Men	
10:00	W1 - W2	10:15	M1 - M2
10:35	W3 - W4	10:50	M3 - M4
11:10	W5 - W6	11:25	M5 - M6
12:30	W1 - W3	12:45	M1 - M3
13:05	W2 - W5	13:20	M2 - M5
13:40	W4 - W6	13:55	M4 - M6
15:30	W2 - W3	15:45	M2 - M3
16:10	W1 - W6	16:25	M1 - M6
16:45	W4 - W5	17:00	M4 - M5

DAY 2

COURT 1 - Women		COURT 2 - Men	
10:00	W1 - W4	10:15	M1 - M4
10:35	W2 - W6	10:50	M2 - M6
11:10	W3 - W5	11:25	M3 - M5
12:30	W1 - W5	12:45	M1 - M5
13:05	W2 - W4	13:20	M2 - M4
13:40	W3 - W6	13:55	M3 - M6
16:10	3rd - 6th	WPO1	16:25
16:45	4th - 5th	WPO2	17:00
			3rd - 6th MPO1
			4th - 5th MPO2

DAY 3

COURT 1		COURT 2	
10:00	1st - Winner WPO2	WSF1	
10:40	2nd - Winner WPO1	WSF2	11:00 Loser WPO1 - Loser WPO1 W 5th
11:20	1st - Winner MPO2	MSF1	12:00 Loser MPO1 - Loser MPO2 M 5th
12:00	2nd - Winner MPO1	MSF2	
14:00	Loser WSF - Loser WSF	W Bronze	
14:40	Loser MSF - Loser MSF	M Bronze	
15:20	Winner WSF - Winner WSF	W Final	
16:00	Winner MSF - Winner MSF	M Final	
17:00	MEDAL CEREMONY Women		There might be some restrictions on finishing competition this late on the day of the Closing Ceremony
17:40	MEDAL CEREMONY Men		



Nomination

for IWGA Executive Committee
2026 - 2030

November 2025

IWGA ExCo Nomination 2026 - 2030

Nomination Form

FULL NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPORT FEDERATION

We hereby nominate the following person as a candidate for election to the Executive Committee of the International World Games Association (IWGA) for the period 2026 to 2030:

First and Last Name:



ATTACHMENT: A brief curriculum vitae of this person's professional and sporting career is attached.

IWGA officers will be elected in the following order. Please mark the position(s) for which your nominee is a candidate:

1. IWGA President
2. IWGA Vice President
3. IWGA Treasurer
4. IWGA Executive Committee Members (4 positions)

We hereby certify that the person nominated above satisfies the requirements of Articles 8.2 and 8.3 of the IWGA Constitution and of Articles 4.1. and 4.2. of the IWGA By-Laws.; that he or she will be available, if elected, to attend any kind of meetings (in person/remote/hybrid) of the IWGA ExCo wherever they may be held; and that her or she is prepared to accept responsibility for a specific portfolio, which may involve significant amounts of work between meetings.

Signed

Date

Name

Position in Federation

Nominations sent to International World Games Association by **16 January 2026** (as confirmed by postmark or date of e-mail) will be distributed in full with the official Annual General Meeting papers and will also be published on the IWGA website and announced through an IWGA electronic newsletter, except CV private details (Date & place of birth, nationality and address).

IWGA ExCo Nomination 2026 - 2030

Candidate Information

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First and Last Name:

Professional Qualifications and Activities:

Function in IWGA Member Federation:

Function in any other Sports Organisation(s):

International Sports Experience as Administrator or Official:

IWGA ExCo Nomination 2026 - 2030

Candidate Information

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date & Place of Birth:

Nationality:

Address:

Office

Private

Please indicate the official address you would like to have published in the International World Games Association directory if you are elected, one address only..

Tel.:

Office:

Private:

[Publish in Directory](#)

[Publish in Directory](#)

Mobile:

[Publish in Directory](#)

E-Mail:

[Publish in Directory](#)



ATTACHMENT: A current photo of yourself is attached.

Recommended photo specifications:

- High-resolution vertical image
- 4000 × 6000 pixels or 300 dpi
- Accepted formats: JPG, RAW, HEIC or NEF

Do not submit:

- Scaled or resized images
- Screenshots
- Photos embedded in Word or other documents

Candidate Information

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficiency in the International World Games Association's official working language, English:

Please enter the candidate's levels of proficiency in English on the scale A1 (beginner) to C2 (native-speaker) as set out in the [Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) (CEFR).

Listening

Reading

Speaking

Writing

Also, list here any other languages in which the candidate has at least a B1 level of proficiency:

Candidate Information

Has the Candidate ever competed in one of The World Games Sports?

Sport:

Yes

No

Discipline:

Number of years:

Level of competition: (Local/ National/ International)

Any other relevant Information:



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APPENDIX 41a

IFF 40th Anniversary report

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Tomas Eriksson (IFF)

IFF 40th Anniversary – updates

1. What has been done so far?

1.1 Inviting for materials

Everything is going in accordance with the plan approved by the IFF CB. ***On September 16, via email, all IFF member associations were asked to hand in materials at the latest October 31.***

On IFF social media there will also be promotion for collecting materials. So far, there has not been that much material (photos, objects, articles, video materials for example) sent in, but we are reminding members and pushing for materials.

1.2 Team of the decade

The IFF asked all the member associations via email ***on November 18 to look at the proposed lists of the teams of the decades, and latest by December 15, revert to IFF if someone is missing out.***

“Dear Floorball Friends, as part of the upcoming IFF 40th anniversary celebration (in 2026) the IFF is preparing the selection of “Team of the Decades”. We will have 3 decades, 1996-2004, 2006-2014 and 2016-2024 for men and 1997-2005, 2007-2015 and 2017-2025 for women. For each decade we will have a team representing the Top 4 nations in the world and a team representing the Rest of the World (altogether six teams). This way we wish to engage with a broader range of nations from our members. Each team will comprise of 20 players. The players will be presented online next year at a later defined time. To be part of the team, players must have been active in at least two WFC in the period. Attached you can find the list on potential players we have compiled. It might be possible that we have missed a player/players and therefore invite all member federations to check the data and kindly point out if we have missed any significant players from your respective country. If there is someone that you would like to add to the list, please let me know by 15th of December (name of player and national team statistics (matches / goals / assists / which decade active (1996-2004, 2006-2014, 2016-2024 / 1997-2005, 2007-2015, 2017-2025). If needed, feel free to forward this to the relevant person in your federation.”

1.3 Logotype 40th anniversary

The initial draft of the logotype presented by a young Czech designer, David Langšádl, has been dragging out on time. We are very pleased with his achievements, but hence of timelines we have asked other agencies as well, and a new updated logotype has been presented by the Czech company EOS.

The plan is to create different versions of this logo and also create a version with the text (script style 40th anniversary). Further, we plan to request for an animated version of the logo as well.

We will work with EOS (Ondrej Bartakovic) on the logo and material. They are also a trusted companion of the Czech Federation and have been involved for example in the creation of the

WFC 2025 logo and visual image. For the IFF they also have created the 3v3 logo and recently the Euro Floorball Cup 2025 logo. ***The logotype is enclosed.***

2. Next steps?

2.1. WFC 2025 actions

We are together with IFF Media and Mr. Adam Troy planning to kickstart several anniversary interviews and video record them since many people are on site and can be interviewed in Brno and Ostrava during the 2025 WFC.

2.2. Central Boards from 1986 until 2026

We have been with Mr. Kratz working on collecting the lists of all CB members since the start of 1986. How to present and when is still pending.

Decision needed: to approve the report.

Solna November 27.

Tomas Eriksson

Enclosed: Logotype by company EOS

Helsinki, November 19th, 2025

To:

Mr. Araceli Cardoso, President
Mr. David Hernandez, Advisor

Re: The formation of a PanAmerican network

Dear Mr. Cardoso,
Dear Mr. Hernandez,

Allow me to thank you once again for our recent and very insightful meeting. The discussion about the future of floorball on the American continent is a priority for the IFF, and your observations are extremely valuable. I also very much appreciate your commitment to help other floorball federations on the continent.

As we discussed, the sporting environment in the Americas is unique and complex. If we understood correctly, the multi-sport environment on the continent is governed by three key, separate organisations: **Panam Sports** (for the entire continent), **Centro Caribe Sports** (for Central America, including Mexico, and the Caribbean), and **ODESUR** (for South America).

Based on your proposal to create a network of Floorball Federations in Panamerican region as a tool to support floorball's development in this environment, we at the IFF would like to confirm that we properly understand the potential main objectives. We fully agree that the most important goal now is to **strengthen the individual national floorball federations**, bring them to participate into the IFF environment and the position of floorball in their home countries.

To best assess this proposal, we kindly ask for your answers to the following questions, which will help us clarify expectations and next steps:

1. Coordination of Activities in the Region

We must precisely clarify the position of this network, especially in relation to the IFF's existing structures.

- We understand that the main role of this association would be to create a link to the three aforementioned regional organizations. Do you already have an idea of how the effort to create these links might proceed?
- From a development and coordination perspective, how do you see that this PanAmerican network would cooperate with our newly established **IFF Development Committees** (the Latin America Development Committee and the North America Development Committee)?

2. Objectives Related to Multi-Sport Organizations

Regarding the three key partners (Panam Sports, ODESUR, Centro Caribe Sports):

- Is the main objective towards them to get floorball included in their respective regional games and which would be the estimated timeline for this?
- Are there other benefits of cooperation with them (e.g., access to their educational programs, development grants, etc.)?

3. Impact on National Federations (NFs)

- What impacts on the position of individual national federations within their countries would this establishment of an Pan-American network have and what formal position would it need to have within the IFF organisation to be effective?
- Is this Pan-American network a step for the national federations to achieve progress at the national level? Specifically, for them to:
 - Be recognized by their National Olympic Committees and state authorities?
 - Gain access to financial support in their countries.

I look forward to your answers, which will help us jointly set the best strategy for Pan-American floorball. We are prepared to continue our discussions.

Yours Sincerely,

Filip Suman

**President
International Floorball Federation**



Mexico City, 26 November 2025

To:

Mr. Filip Suman, President, International Floorball Federation

Dear Mr. Suman, apreciable amigo,

We refer to your letter dated November 19 of the current year, related to the meeting we held regarding the state of floorball in the American continent and the projects and proposals discussed.

We appreciate in advance your words and comments. Our purpose is to support in every way required to consolidate floorball on the American continent, as we are sure this will help the growth of floorball in the countries of the region.

With the above in mind, below you will find the answers to your questions:

1.- Regarding point 1, relating to “Coordination of Activities in the Region” in response to your question:

Do you have an idea of how the effort to create these links [with Pan American Sports, CentroCaribeSports, and ODESUR] might proceed?

The answer would be as follows:

To create links with those three organizations, there must necessarily exist at least a Pan American Floorball Confederation as a legal entity, formed by all National Sports Federations that develop Floorball in the Americas. That Pan American Floorball Confederation, in turn, could become part of the Association of Pan American Sports Confederations (ACODEPA), which connects with PanamSport, thereby strengthening the links, organizational structure, and development of floorball on the American continent.

The preliminary step to form that Pan American Floorball Confederation that we have proposed is the signing of a collaboration agreement to create the Pan American Floorball Network, not as an entity, but as an epicenter of the topic for the moment; from that Network, we would seek to regularize each National Sports Federation so that it is able to participate in the formal creation of the Pan American Floorball Confederation, that is, to formally constitute the Confederation as an entity with its own legal personality.

When the Pan American Floorball Confederation is consolidated, one could consider a North, Central, and Caribbean Floorball Confederation and a South American Floorball Confederation that interact with CentroCaribeSports and ODESUR respectively. The recommendation is that this be a second step after the consolidation of the Pan American Floorball Confederation.

Regarding the same point 1, with respect to your question:



From a development and coordination perspective, how do you see that this PanAmerican network would cooperate with our newly established IFF Development Committees (the Latin America Development Committee and the North America Development Committee)?

Responsible cooperation would be necessary and indispensable. There must be synergy between those Commissions and, where applicable, with the Network, as everything done impacts continental development. All must work in unison.

2.- Regarding point 2 "**Objectives Related to Multisport Organizations**" concerning the questions:

Regarding the three key partners (Panam Sports, ODESUR, Centro Caribe Sports):

Is the main objective towards them to get floorball included in their respective regional games and which would be the estimated timeline for this?

Are there other benefits of cooperation with them (e.g., access to their educational programs, development grants, etc.)?

The answer to the first question is yes; the main objective would be to achieve the inclusion of Floorball in the Pan American Games, the Central American and Caribbean Games, and the South American Games. This would be significant because these events in America often serve as a stepping stone toward the Olympic Games, depending on the sport's impact in the region or regions.

As for a timeline, it would have to be developed jointly with the IFF once the decision is made. From Floorball Mexico, full support to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Regarding the second question, a well-established structure naturally brings cooperation benefits. PanamSports, CentroCaribeSports, and ODESUR are connected to the National Olympic Committees of the region or regions, and being part of regional events and institutions opens the door to programs or recognitions by the Olympic Movement in the region. This depends on the strength the sport shows in the area. This is a development topic.

3.- Regarding the item "**Impact on National Federations (FNs)**" and the questions raised, we have the following:

What impacts on the position of individual national federations within their countries would this establishment of an Pan-American network have and what formal position would it need to have within the IFF organisation to be effective?

The best scenario would be to directly create the Pan American Floorball Confederation as a legal entity with legal personality, which would imply that all National Floorball Sports Federations in the Americas would be 100% aligned on all their legal and administrative matters and would pay the corresponding notary costs to establish and maintain the



necessary administrative and fiscal follow-up, complying with all requirements established for the country where it is constituted.

The option of an Agreement and a Network is a preamble that recognizes a reality. Not all National Sports Federations are 100% ready and need to begin developing and consolidating a Panamerican issue. This first step can help with that and is not inherently burdensome. It is about taking a formal commitment before the IFF for purposes of order and regularization.

Another alternative we can put on the table is the creation, within the International Floorball Federation (IFF), of a Pan American Floorball Commission, which for the moment, this Commission, on behalf of the Federation itself, would begin to have direct contact with PanamSports, CentroCaribeSports, and ODESUR. Perhaps this Commission could join ACODEPA, once it constitutes itself as an entity with legal personality; since the IFF as an entity could formally back it. Legally, I estimate that this could be attempted with ACODEPA and negotiated, and the result could be positive, or, failing that, it would represent a significant advance on the issue. All that would imply merging the Latin America Development Commissions and the North America Commission and perhaps turning them into subcommissions of that Pan American Commission.

Regarding the question:

Is this Pan-American network a step for the national federations to achieve progress at the national level? Specifically, for them to: Be recognized by their National Olympic Committees and state authorities? Gain access to financial support in their countries.

The answer would be Yes, it helps and is an important element, but recognition by the National Olympic Committees and by state authorities is contingent both on political and legal factors in each country. Often the recognition by National Olympic Committees is delayed due to the political environment within a National Olympic Movement. On the other hand, the relationship with sports authorities can be quicker but is also an important factor to consider because in a civil law system, recognition of a sports authority implies that the National Sports Federation that obtains it will exercise public functions by delegation (becoming a government agent), which is a high responsibility that is often unknown.

The development of a National Sports Federation in the Americas, except in common law cases, must account for two spheres, private and public, which is why it may take time for a National Sports Federation to consolidate.

That said, we reiterate our interest in supporting the International Floorball Federation in consolidating floorball on the American continent, because that will help us grow faster as a National Sports Federation, coupled with the opportunity for regional floorball development that we have identified and that we can work on jointly with the IFF. For us, responsible collaboration is very important, and we want to contribute the knowledge and experience we have in these matters to the IFF.



Finally, hoping that the answers resolve the existing doubts, we remain at your disposal for any clarification or questions you may have.

Saludos desde México,

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