

# **THE FLOORBALL EVOLUTION: A NEW ERA OF COMPETITION**

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**TIME FOR CHANGE**









## 1 TIME FOR CHANGE

### 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 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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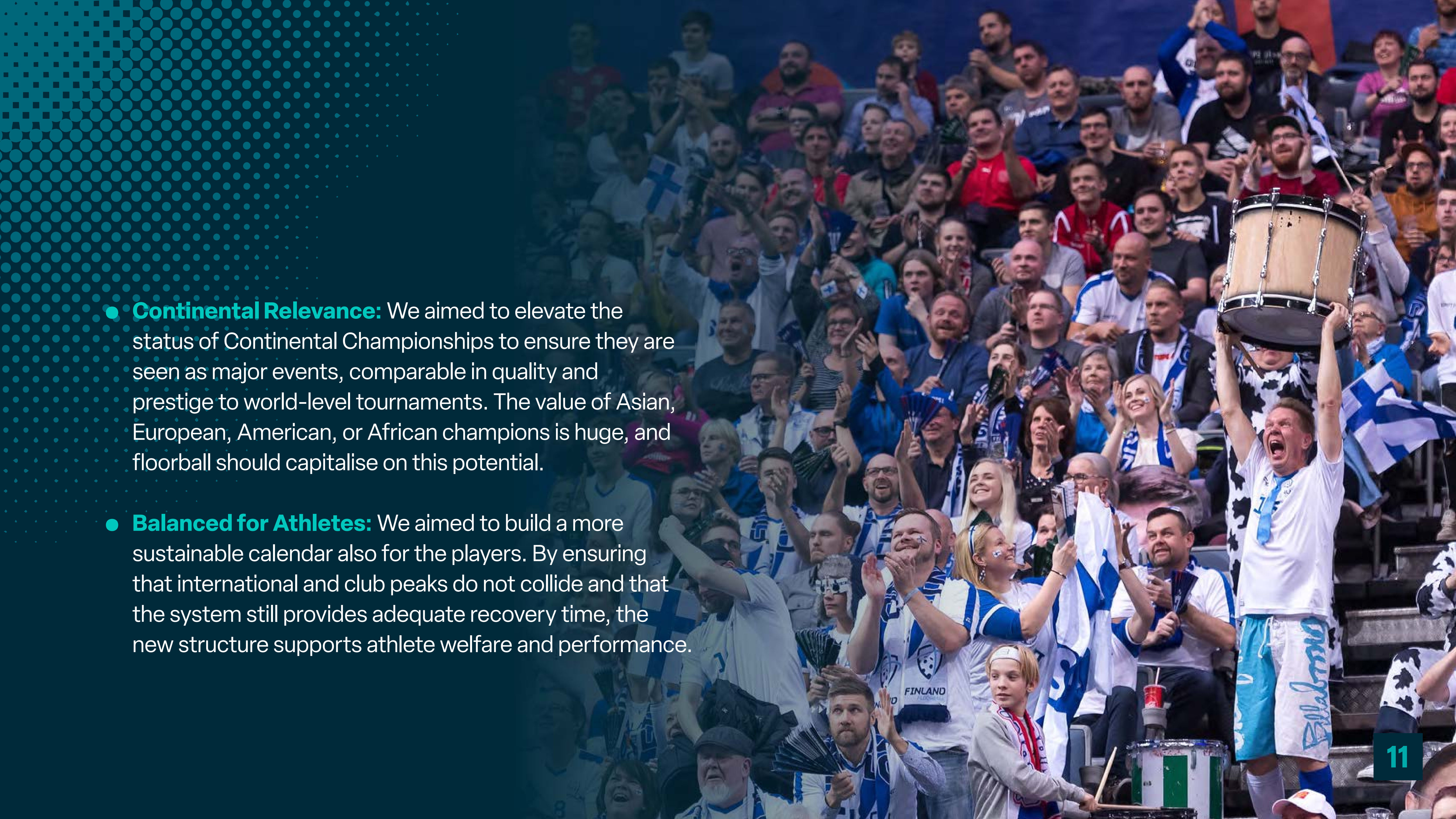
## Closing the Gap & Creating Winnable Titles

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.



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- **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 National Association 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.



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- **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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## 7-EVENT STRUCTURE







## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

### 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 vs. 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 flagship 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.





## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

# GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE 7-EVENTS

### The Flagship: 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.





# GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE 7-EVENTS

## 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.







## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

# 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.









## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

# DETAILED 7-EVENT MODELS

## 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.





## MEN'S MODEL



## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

# 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 National Association during the two years, but the visibility impact of the major events will grow.



## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

# 4-YEAR 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.





# EVENTS 2027 - 2036

	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
2036	WFC	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE



## 2 7-EVENT STRUCTURE

### 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-year cycle in 2028. From 2029 onwards the full 4-year 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	U19 WFC	U19 WFC	U19 WFC	U19 WFC	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				
OCT				U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	U19 WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC
NOV	WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	WFCQ EUR/AMER/AOFC	EUROPEAN CHALLENGE	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	WFC	WFC
DEC	WFC	WFC	WFC				

MEN & WOMEN

WOMEN

MEN

Still to be scheduled  
which month are the  
AOFC, AMER & AFR  
Continental Championships



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**WHAT DOES THE NEW STRUCTURE  
BRING TO FLOORBALL FAMILY?**









### ③ WHAT DOES THE NEW STRUCTURE BRING TO THE FLOORBALL FAMILY?

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.
- **Flagship 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.



### 3 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.





## 3 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 flagship 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 biannually. This ensures the structure will not become a ceiling again in the near future.









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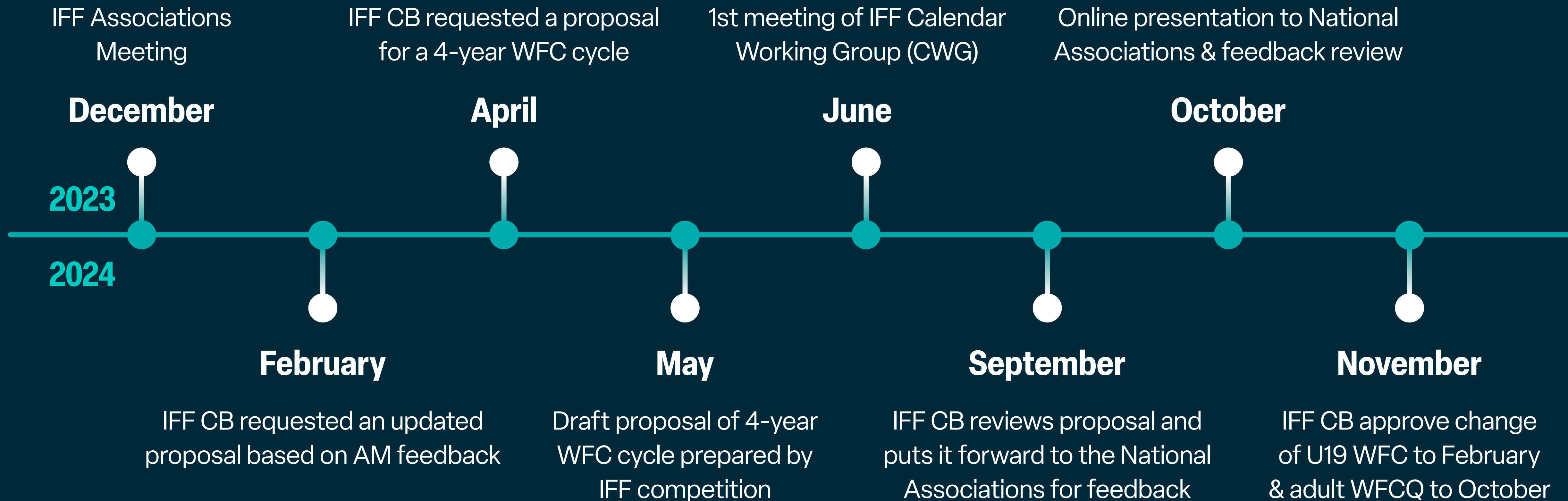




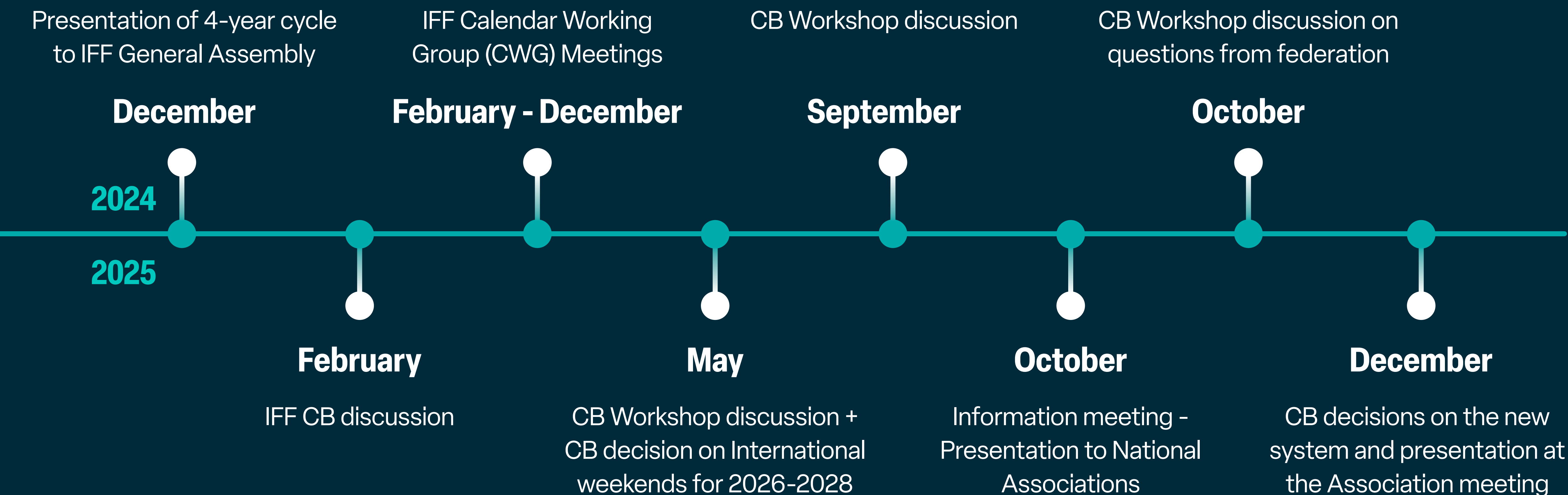


## 4 TIMETABLE

# 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









**FAQ**









## 5 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-year 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 4-years have 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 fullcourt 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 multicontinental 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. 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 The World Games be decided? When will it be played?**

A: It is most likely that the WFC events prior to the The World Games 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.

**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 National Association 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 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.

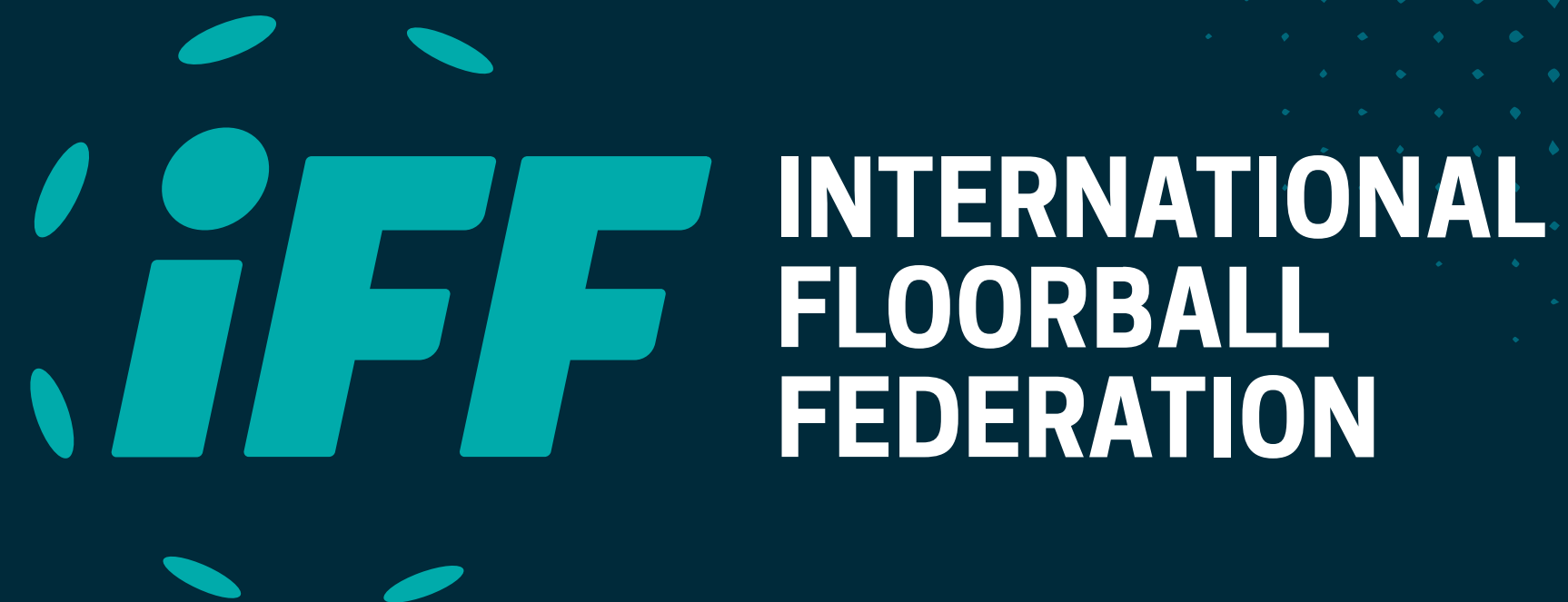
**Q: Why is the WFC system different for Women (16 teams) and Men (20 teams)?**

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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