

5th February 2026
Liepaja, Latvia

Event Disciplinary Function Decision CHRISTIAN MORCILLO GALLARDO (Team Spain)

The Event Disciplinary Function (EDF) reviewed an incident that occurred after the final whistle in the match between Spain and Italy on Wednesday, 5 February 2026, at the IFF Men's World Floorball Championships EUR2 Qualification, involving the Head Coach of Team Spain, Cristian Morcillo Gallardo.

The incident under review occurred immediately after the final whistle. The incident was penalised by the referees with a red card / match penalty issued to the Head Coach of Team Spain. Upon review of the situation, the preliminary decision of the EDF was that the conduct of the Spanish Head Coach - leaving the designated substitution zone, entering the field of play, crossing the centre line towards the opposing team, and directing aggressive and insulting verbal remarks towards both the Italian players and the referees - constituted threatening conduct. According to the IFF Rules of the Game, *Rule 614:14, when a player or a member of the team staff is guilty of threatening conduct, a match penalty shall be imposed*. In accordance with the Rules of the Game, a match penalty results in suspension for the remainder of the match and an automatic suspension from the following match in the same competition, with the possibility of further sanctions as determined by the administrating authority.

The Event Disciplinary Function has reviewed the following documents / videos:

- Incident Report from the match referees
- Report from the IFF Jury Chair
- Official match video

The Spanish Head Coach acknowledged that his behaviour after the final whistle was excessive in tone and stated that his actions were motivated by a desire to defend his player. While he expressed disagreement with the severity of the sanction and considered it disproportionate, he stated that he respected the decision imposed by the EDF.

The final decision of the EDF is to suspend Cristian Morcillo Gallardo for the remainder of the event. As the EDF is authorised to impose suspensions of up to a maximum of three (3) matches and Team Spain has two (2) matches remaining in the competition, the EDF imposes its maximum possible sanction of a two-match suspension. The case is referred to the IFF Disciplinary Committee for further review and possible additional sanctions. Based on this decision, Cristian Morcillo Gallardo is ineligible to participate in the remaining matches of Team Spain at the IFF Men's World Floorball Championships EUR2 Qualification, and his accreditation shall be withdrawn.

The decision of the EDF will be published by the IFF at 10:00 CET on Friday 6th February 2026.

Kind regards,



Monika Kraus
IFF Competition Coordinator