



## INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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### APPENDIX 18

Helsinki, Finland 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2012

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter on the 9th of February, I hope that your election campaign has been successful.

As you have stated the FFI is a member of the IFF and the AOFC and therefore has to follow the rules and regulations of both organisations. In accordance with the principles of International Sports, the member association has the right to participate in the IFF General Assembly to set the path for the IFF, but then to follow the lead and rules of the same organisation. IFF has a responsibility to secure that all member associations are following these rules. I believe that we need to clarify all the open questions, in order to move forward and to find answers to all open questions.

You state that you have been working in order to develop Floorball in India, but still failed to give concrete examples of what has been made and what has been achieved. In order to settle the concern we have in IFF, you need to answer the questions we have put forward to the FFI.

The FFI has made a proposal for a solution in the problematic situation of the FFI, to which the IFF gives the following answer.

- 1) IFF is in accordance with its Statutes not in a position to hold the debts of FFI. Each member shall pay its debts to IFF.
- 2) The most important duty of a member is to pay their membership fee to the head organisation. In the IFF Statutes we have no non-paying members for countries. This would mean that FFI would have to be suspended, which is, and has been, the case for other members, and hence there would be no official Floorball activity in India.
- 3) IFF has already provided FFI with a Floorball Rink, which the use of we are concerned about and you have not answered the questions about. Before IFF is ready to negotiate about the rink, FFI will have to answer all raised questions.

It is good that FFI are trying to solve their issues, but You have to take into account that you need to fulfil the requirements of the IFF as well. You are saying that you will organise Floorball activities, despite the fact that you have been in-active during the time since the IFF Development Seminar.

You promise to report to IFF quarterly, but we are demanding that you first answer the questions the IFF and AOFC has asked you. There can be no process of moving forward, before these questions have been answered.



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In order to continue the process the FFI needs to give an answer to the questions raised by both the IFF and the AOFC

Our main concern is that we can't see any development of Floorball in India for a long period of time and we need to be ensured that the FFI is in a position to represent the sport. The process of recognition has been ongoing for over six years now. IFF has been approached by a number of individuals stating that there is nothing happening in India.

In order to move forward, we ask the FFI to answer the following questions which are still to be responded to **before the 1st of March, 2012**.

The following are the questions that have been asked of FFI over the last 12 months. The responses received have not addressed the majority of the questions.

The AOFC received on 26th March 2011 a presentation with some basic plan comments but no substantial detail on how the objectives would be achieved. We have still to receive any answers to the questions below

- 1) A copy of your organisations registration and your association statutes
  - with the relevant government authority in your country
  - with the National Sports body in your country
  - with the Olympic body in your country
- 2) Details about the National Championship in your country for the last three years
- 3) Number of clubs/teams in your country
- 4) Development plan for the next two (2) years to develop the sport in India
- 5) Use of the IFF rink and the actions to be taken after the loan ended
  - Where has the rink been used
  - How often is it used
  - Has FFI rented the rink to regional federation
  - Your plans for the rink to support floorball development in India
- 6) The Action Plan referred to above
- 7) Copies of meeting minutes for India Floorball Association to support the actions and plans being discussed in India.
  - This includes the Annual General Meeting Minutes and Committee meeting minutes
- 8) Full details of current office holders in the India Floorball Association and their roles and what sub committees are in place to support development works
- 9) Your plans to hold National Championships in India
- 10) Your plans to participate in APAC in the future
- 11) Your plans to purchase equipment including rinks for India
- 12) Details of the development work undertaken over the last 2 years including the results of that work
- 13) In addition we need to have an explanation of the removal of a number of persons and regional organisations from your web site, who has made this decision, what were the reasons for this decision and which part of your statutes gave the possibility for it, where the persons concerned or the regional organisations given a possibility to answer any allegations and informed about the decisions.



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In order to continue the discussion of the position of FFI as a member of IFF, you need to be able to clearly show both the IFF and the AOFC that Floorball in India is growing and the rink is important for ongoing development. We have understood that the FFI is not in position to pay your debts nor to pay the new membership fees. We are prepared to discuss that separately when you have given a sufficient answer to the questions still not answered by you.

If the FFI is not in a position to fulfil these statutory obligations, the IFF CB is forced to start the process to look over the membership status of FFI.

Looking forward to your co-operative attitude, I remain

with kindest regards,

John Liljelund  
secretary general  
International Floorball Federation