

RC Report to the CB-Meeting, Mai 2007

International Exchange

More and more Federations start to exchange referees during the ordinary championships. The development goes from referee-exchanges in top-leagues to exchanges for Final Tournaments/Playoffs in B-nations.

The exchange among the high level nations like SWE, FIN, SWI has proved to be very successful in creating a real challenge for the referees and supporting them in gaining their first experiences on the international level. All of these Internationals were observed by IFF-Observers. In future, this will also help to fill the pools of the new IFF referee levels as per the RC strategy.

The exchange among federations like Germany, Austria and The Netherlands is planned to start during the next season.

Protect and acquire human resources

In Finland, we started with new IFF referees pairs; in Sweden we had injured IFF pairs; in Switzerland, we had only two male IFF pairs. In conjunction with these tight resources of referees on the highest level, we had some delayed and critical nominations for internationals.

It will be very important for the future that we have more skilful referees available for internationals dates, especially when we start to have more and more very important qualifications tournaments. This fact requires referees and observers with even more flexibility concerning time-management and operational readiness.

For all internationals, the information has to be earlier at the IFF office, because we have to inform the refs 12 weeks before the games whether they are used on a specific date or not. The IFF refs are working too, and sometimes they are nominated and sometimes not – but they often know it far too late. We have too many restrictions on the side of the IFF couples when we nominate them at the last minute, so to say.

Observers

In more and more federations, we use reliable observers, speaking the same language and using the same knowledge. In order to develop the same game-vision and the same guidelines, we have to have more information- and more observer exchanges. The leading nations were starting with them – but the more difficult problems are the B- and the C- level nations.

Others

Another problem was that the Italian referees nominated to whistle the Men's 3 Nation tournament and Men's U19 in Bolzano, Italy 28th–29th of April 2007, have cancelled their participation at the very last moment – one day before the tournament!

Luckily, there was also one top IFF pairs from Switzerland. They were refereeing many matches on the same day and were doing a great job.

Different operational leaders

With the RC consisting of Klaus Koskela and Thomas Thim, we had the chance to rotate the RC-lead during the IFF tournaments. The fact that all leading RC members are also in charge of their own national referee committees allows us to cover the expanding international dates by putting a different RC member in charge of the respective tournaments. This is also quite interesting for the participating referees as every member of the RC management has an own style and experience in floorball.

Next step

We must prevent those flaws in order to have the possibilities to develop and build up referees in B- and C-group matches and tournaments. Only like this we can create an expanded and skilful referee group on international level. As the next step, we have to spread out the nomination- and renomination-papers, and we have to explain the federations that we start recruiting and assigning referees in A-, B- and C-Level groups.

Thanks very well for the teamwork in my committee, including Stefan Kratz, and for having the support of the CB.

Kindest regards

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