



## INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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# IFF RC Task Description and working plan 2011 - 2012

## Introduction

The main responsibility of the IFF Referee Committee (RC) is to ensure the best possible nomination of referees to all international matches. This task description focuses on all tasks that the RC needs to fulfil to enable such nominations.

Floorball is developing rapidly. Every year new countries join the IFF family and we see a steady growth of floorball in almost all IFF member countries. As a result, both the number of international matches and the level of play is growing rapidly. The RC faces the challenge to keep up with this growth and ensure that there will be enough sufficiently qualified referees available to referee all these matches. By doing this, the RC wants to contribute to the worldwide development of floorball.

The IFF RC focuses on international referees and observers. When we refer to 'referee' or 'observer' in this document it should be read as international referee or observer.

## Tasks of the RC

### Nomination of referees and observers

- keeping a record of all available referees and observers, their level and experience and earlier nominations
- keeping a record of all international matches and tournaments
- nominating referees and observers based on a standard nomination procedure
- communication with all referees, observers and organisers about the nominations
- evaluation of all nominations

### Observing and coaching of referees

- ensuring that a referee observer is available during all IFF tournaments
- development and usage of a standardized IFF observation system
- keeping a record of all observations

### Education and development of referees and observers

- development of education material for international referees and observers
- organize referee and observer education workshops
- support the international exchange of referees

### Act as an international knowledge centre on the field of floorball refereeing

- answering questions regarding Interpretation of the game rules in co-operation with the IFF RACC
- answering all other referee related questions
- developing basic referee education material (in co-operation with the development function) which the national RC's can use to educate their referees
- developing a standard physical test and floorball rules tests
- defining quality standards for IFF referees and observers as prerequisites for their nominations by IFF member federations, as well as monitoring/enforcing respective compliance.

### Managing the group of international referees and observers

- stimulate the nomination of international referees by the national associations
- encourage and educate newly nominated referees and observers
- close communication with all referees and observers

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- ensure the best possible conditions for the referees and observers
- representing and promoting the referees' and observers' interests within the IFF and towards third parties

### Running the RC

- developing a working plan and budget every two years
- organizing RC meetings
- communication with CB, RACC, IFF office, the RC's of the IFF members and all other relevant parties
- organizing regular communication within RC and with the referees and observers
- developing short and long term objectives

## IFF RC Work description and priorities

The IFF RC consists of:

Hans Botman, Chairman (Netherlands)  
Thomas Thim, Vice Chair (Sweden)  
Lukas Gyger (Switzerland)  
Klaus Koskela (Finland)  
Jan Nordli (Norway)  
Pierre Boudville (Singapore)

Substitute members

Juris Kokainis (Latvia)  
Petr Michalék (Czech Republic)

The RC is supported by the IFF Office employee Veli Halonen.

All RC members (except the chairman) will act as referee observers during IFF events. The RC will setup an organization for the day-to-day referee management for all IFF events, headed by an RC member or a senior IFF observer, assisted by other IFF observers. Our aim is to limit the number of RC members involved in operational referee management to a maximum of two per event.

The RC consists of a chairman and 5 members. For all tasks and priorities working groups of one, two or three RC members will be formed. Each working group will present their material to the full RC. The RC will mostly discuss and evaluate the work of the group through telephone and email.

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### Work description and priorities 2011-2012

The RC will work according to the Plan of action 2010-2015 as was approved by IFF CB in October 2010.

To further improve the work of the RC, each member has been made responsible for a specific topic:

Mr. Klaus Koskela: Observers

Mr. Thomas Thim: Referees

Mr. Lukas Gyger: Education

Mr. Jan Nordli: Development

Mr. Pierre Boudville: Female referees and observers, AOFC Development

Mr. Hans Botman: Projects/Other issues

The Substitute members will also be invited to support specific topics.

Our main goals for 2011-2012, taken from the 2010-2015 plan are:

1. To fully implement the new referee nomination and ranking system, based on male and female specialization
2. To start a special project to increase the number of female referees and observers
3. To start a special project to increase the number of international referees in AOFC
4. To fully implement the new development group
5. To develop a career path and improved support system for (potential) gold level referees
6. To implement an online rules test, which can be used by both IFF RC and all IFF members
7. To implement the new education system for international referees
8. To further improve the drop-box based online databank with observation and feedback data

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