



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

Ordinary member of AGFIS/GAISF

Appendix 15

IFF Central Board Proposal to change the IFF Statutes, valid from the 26th of May, 2006

The international development of Floorball and the organisation of IFF have continued to grow rapidly and after having receiving the provisional recognition of the IOC in 2008, the IFF CB now proposes to streamline the IFF Statutes in order to live up to the requirements of the international standards set by the IOC.

One of the major remarks IFF got in connection to receiving the IOC recognition was the need to continue growing internationally, especially outside Europe and spreading over all continents. In order to ease this task the CB feels that it is important to secure as broad a representation as possible in the CB and therefore finds it important to propose a change of the Article 36 of the IFF Statutes, concerning the composition of the CB.

Another issue related to this is the representation of both genders in the CB and also the other IFF organs. IFF is at the moment one of the few growing International Federations, without representation of both genders in the CB, a fact that seriously affects the image of IFF in the international sports community as well as the true equality in Floorball. The equality between genders has on the field of play always been one corner stone of the way we have organised our International Events and it needs to be followed also in the structure of the IFF Administration

The proposal for change is as follows:

ARTICLE 33 ELECTIONS AND DECISIONS

- 33.1 Elections and decisions are voted by open ballot unless at least two of the present ordinary members apply for a secret ballot.
- 33.2 Elections and decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes.
- 33.3 When the voting concerns elections, the person or those persons with the most votes shall be considered elected. **In the election of the CB the candidate of each gender, who have received the most votes, are first elected and the remaining seats are filled in order of most votes received.**

ARTICLE 36 COMPOSITION

- 36.1 The CB, elected by the General Assembly, shall consist of a president and ~~six~~ **nine** members **representing both genders**. No more than one person from the same ordinary member Association can be elected as member of the CB (with the exception of the President). In case of a draw in a CB voting the President's vote is decisive.
- 36.2 The term of office for the President and members of the CB shall be two years. The retiring members and the President shall be eligible for re-election.
- 36.3 Vacancies during the term of office shall be co-opted by the CB upon proposal by the national Associations **in question**.

In connection to securing as broad as possible representation in the CB, it is still important to for the coming decade to keep the present organizational structure when it comes to the way we are organised. Therefore the CB feels that it is important to make the following change concerning the IFF Confederations:

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ARTICLE 22 CONFEDERATIONS

22. A Confederation is a group of **at least three (3)** Associations recognised by IFF that belong to the same continent or assimilable geographical region. **The confederations are to be accepted by the IFF ordinary General Assembly by a majority of 2/3.**

ARTICLE 9 MEMBERSHIP OF IFF WITHIN OTHER FEDERATION

- 9.1 The aim of IFF is to co-operate within the international sports community and to gain membership of international federations, such as **GAISF SportAccord** and the IOC.

In order to clarify the situation concerning the fact that the legal seat of IFF, which by the decision of the IFF General Assembly 2004, is in Switzerland, some additional dispositions shall be added. This regardless the fact that the IFF Office is by the CB situated in Helsinki, which is not defined in the Statutes.

ARTICLE 1 TITLE, **LEGAL FORM** AND CONSTITUTION

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is an association **governed by Art. 60 and following, of the Swiss Civil Code**, consisting of the National Associations that are recognized by IFF as controlling association for Floorball in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 3 LEGAL SEAT **AND OFFICE**

- 3.1 The location of the legal seat of IFF shall be determined by a resolution of the General Assembly.
- 3.2 **The location of the office of IFF shall be determined by the Central Board.**

ARTICLE 44 GOVERNING LAW AND LEGAL FORUM

- 44.1 These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Swiss law.
- 44.2 **The legal forum shall be the legal seat of IFF.**

The IFF Central Board proposes:

That the IFF General Assembly will approve the proposed changes in the IFF Statutes.

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