Solna 17.04 2000

To: IFF member Associations

THE CONGRESS 2000

Dear Floorball friends,

The Congress 2000 will, as announced 08.02 2000, be held on the **18th of May 2000 starting 11.00 at Grand Hotel, Karl Johans gate 31, Oslo**, phone +47-23 212 000, fax +47-23 212 100.

After the Congress, at 15.30, a Cocktail is planned to be held by the city of Oslo.

Enclosed you will find the preliminairy agenda and the material to be handled by the Congress.

Regarding the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee we are short of nominations and therefore urge you to send in nominations.

Looking forward meeting you in Oslo.

With sincere regards
International Floorball Federation

Tomas Eriksson President Stefan Kratz b.d. Secretary General

IFF CONGRESS 2000

PREL. AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Congress
- 2. Election of Chairman of the Congress
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Election of Secretary of the Congress
- 5. Election of two person for counting of votes
- 6. Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 33.2 and 33.3 *No objection to the minutes of the last Congress has arrived. The minutes are therefore approved*
- 7. Approval of the CB reports
- 8. Approval of the financial report and the auditors report
 - a) 1998
 - b) 1999
- 9. Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB
- 10. Decision on membership fee There is no proposal of changing the existing membership fee
- 11. Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years
 - a) Budget 2000
 - b) Budget 2001
 - c) Budget 2002
 - d) Plan of Action 2000-2002
- 12. Elections
 - a) IFF President for two years
 - b) Six to nine CB members for two years
 - c) Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee
 - d) Two members and two substitutes of the Disciplinary Committee
 - e) Chairman of the Appeal Committee
 - f) Two members and two substitutes of the Appeal Committee
- 13. Appointment of a chartered auditor CB proposes re-election of Mikael Brandstam
- 14. Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members *There are no proposals or motions*
- 15. Examinations and decisions on proposals from the CB
 - a) System on Changing the Rules of the Game
 - b) Ratification of the Material Approval system
- 16. Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c) *There are no objections against any regulations*
- 17 Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law
- 18. Appointment to be honorary member There is no proposal on honorary membership
- 19. Dissolution of the IFF There is no proposal on dissolution.
- 20. Admission or expulsion of official member Associations *There are no application.*
- 21. Decision on the meeting Place for the next Congress *CB proposes Helsinki, Finland during WFC 2002*
- 22. Closing of the Congress

Enclosure 1

PARTICIPANTS OF THE 5th IFF CONGRESS 18.05 2000

Ordinary member Associations

Czech Floorball Union Martin Vaculik* Danish Floorball Federation Ole Peltola* Estonian Floorball Association Ain Lillepalu* John Liljelund* Finnish Floorball Federation Risto Kauppinen

Kjell Hovland Olsen* Norwegian Bandy Federation

Heidi Tofterå-Slettemoen Polish Floorball Federation Mariusz Machnikowski*

Ewa Zoltowska Vadim Vassiliev* Russian Floorball Union Vitali Skitnevski

Swedish Floorball Federation Lars Granqvist* Ulf Andersson Swiss Floorball Association Renato Orlando*

Jörg Beer

Provisional member Associations

Australian Floorball Association Rainer Martiskin Austrian Floorball Association Heidemarie Leb Belgian Federation for Floorball and Unihockey Francis Vanbellingen

German Floorball Association Arndt Rüger

Johannes Baur Andrew Clough Great Britain Floorball Federation Japan Floorball Federation** Sadao Saito Atsuko Nakayama

Japan Floorball Council** Takeshi Kawawada Kazuyuki Shichijo

IFF Central Board

Tomas Eriksson Thomas Gilardi Peter Lindström

John Liljelund (also representing Finland)

Per Jansson Tomas Jonsson

Ain Lillepalu (also representing Estonia) Risto Kauppinen (also representing Finland)

Martin Vaculik (also representing Czech Republic)

Stefan Kratz (Secretary General)

Others

Mikael Brandstam (IFF Auditor) Pavel Charnetski (Russian interpreter)

Alexander Ustinov (Russia)

Hiroshi Okubo (Japanese interpreter) Hiroko Kimura (Japanese interpreter)

Anne Wike (Norway)

Voting

** Due to the work of unifying Japanese floorball representatives from both the co-operation board, JFC, and JFF participated in the Congress.

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1. General

IFF consists of 9 ordinary member Associations: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland.

The Central Board of IFF has admitted 13 provisional member Associations: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Hungary, Great Britain, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Singapore, Slovakia and the United States.

2. The IFF Central Board (CB)

The CB elected by the IFF Congress held in Prague 28th of May 1998 has had the following composition:

Tomas Eriksson, President

John Liljelund, Vice President

Tomas Jonsson, Treasurer

Thomas Gilardi, Member

Per Jansson, Member

Risto Kauppinen, Member

Peter Lindström, Member

Ain Lillepalu, Member

Ramasamy Sinnakaruppan, Member

Martin Vaculik, Member

Stefan Kratz, Secretary General

There has altogether been nine CB meetings between the Congresses, held as follows:

Prague	29.05 1998
Zurich	05-06.09 1998
Oslo	30-31.01 1999
Singapore	17.04 1999
Borlänge	12.05 1999
Prague	04-05.09 1999
Oslo	29-30.01 2000
London	01-02.04 2000
Oslo	17.05 2000

3. The Appeal Committee (AC)

The composition of the AC has been:

Lars Granqvist, Chairman

Eija Wallenius, Member

The AC Chairman has had one meeting together with the IFF DC Chairman and the IFF Secretary General, in Helsinki 29.12 1998, and have had one matter to treat during December 1998.

4. The Disciplinary Committee (DC)

The composition of the DC has been:

Mika Hilska, Chairman

Erich Pfister

Matts Spångberg

The DC Chairman has had one meeting together with the IFF AC Chairman and the IFF Secretary General, in Helsinki 29.12 1998, and have had one matter to treat during 1999.

5. The Education and Development Committee (EDC)

The composition of the EDC has been:

Thomas Gilardi, Chairman (from 04.09 1999) Per Jansson (Chairman until 04.09 1999) Michael Jørgensen Jari Oksanen Karlis Strelis

When developing floorball the three IFF founding Associations, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland, has taken a great responsibility in co-operation with the IFF Education and Development Committee.

In a positive sense, the world has been "divided" between the three Associations so that Finland supports the development in the Baltic States, Russia, Australia; and Sweden supports Southeast Asia (with Singapore as key-point), Japan, Great Britain and the neighbouring Associations Norway and Denmark; whilst Switzerland supports Central and South Europe, Canada and USA.

Examples of efforts made between the Congresses are: Finland has, together with the Latvian Floorball Union, organized a seminar in Riga, Sweden has had an instructor situated in Singapore for more than a year, also visiting Japan, and has sent instructors to Great Britain and Switzerland has sent instructors to Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland.

6. The Material Committee (MC)

The composition of MC has been:

John Liljelund, Chairman Beat Flepp

MC has mainly worked with the implementation of the Material Regulations which has involved several meetings with the Swedish Testing and Research Institute (SP) as well as the manufacturers of floorball equipment. The system has been in charge since 1st of July 1999 and should work well from 1st of July 2000.

The transfusion period for equipment approved before May 1, 1999, has been prolonged until June 30, 2003.

7. The Marketing and Information Committee (MIC)

The composition of MIC has been:

Peter Lindström, Chairman Mikhail Baguirov Stefan Dahlgren Jussi Lähde Heidi Tofterå Axel Wester

One formal meeting was held in Borlänge during the Women's World Championships in May 1999. There have been several informal meetings between Axel Wester, Jussi Lähde and Peter Lindström.

MIC has mainly tried to find a main-sponsor for IFF, a work that has not yet been successful. To be able to work more intensive and during daytime the CB decided to appoint Axel Wester to work full time with the task. Unfortunately Axel Wester left his work within the SFF and therefore couldn't fulfil his task.

There have been meetings with our semi-sponsors PUMA and Unihoc. Among other things the possibility to start up a continuously dialog between the sponsors and IFF where discussed. A first attempt will take place during the Men's World Championships in Oslo in May 2000.

Tarkett has declared no interests to stay as a semi-sponsor. New negotiations are soon to be ready with a new floor-sponsor, to be settled before the World Championships in May 2000.

Furthermore the MIC produces a new updated brochure, which we aim to translate into more languages than English.

8. The Rules- and Competition Committee (RACC)

The composition of the RACC has been:

Risto Kauppinen, Chairman Andris Dzenis Martin Vaculik Axel Wester

The RACC has been gathered for meetings five times between the Congresses:

06-07.03 1999 in Helsinki 14.05 1999 in Borlänge 04-05.12 1999 in Helsinki 29.12 1999 in Bern 04-05.03 2000 in Riga

One of the RACC tasks has been to act as Jury in the following IFF events:

European Cup in Finland 1998
Women's World Championships in Sweden 1999
European Cup Qualification Pound in Croch Population

European Cup Qualification Round in Czech Republic 1999

European Cup Final Round in Switzerland 1999

Other tasks for the RACC has been to follow up on International Transfers, do preparation work for coming IFF events (including the preparation of a schedule on how to appoint organizers), prepare a lighter version of the Organizer's Regulations, prepare a proposal on how to change the Rules of the Game and to start the work with the next edition of the Rules of the Game.

9. The Referee Committee (RC)

The composition of the RC has been:

Werner Schlossmacher, Chairman Andrew G. Clough Jörg Heuer (from 29.01 1999) Jukka Parviainen Karl-Heinz Seiler Tom Synstad Jens Gotfredsen (resigned 20.07 1999)

The RC has mainly appointed referees to the World Championships', European Cup's and friendly Internationals.

Education as well as observation of referees has mainly been made during European Cups and World Championships, but also in some friendly Internationals where the home Association has provided observers. Education has been made in the means of observation.

IFF RC was also represented, through Mr. Seiler, in the 4-Nations tournament organized by the Belgian Association (BFFU) in February 2000, and through Mr. Seiler and Mr. Clough in the RACC meeting in Riga 04-05.03, 2000.

10. The Senior Adviser's Group (SAG)

The composition of the SAG has been:

Max Sterchi, Chairman Bengt Sevelius Peter Tallberg

The SAG has mainly been assisting the IFF CB with contacts in International Sports but did also, through Mr. Sevelius, participate in the President's Meeting in Borlänge 1999.

Mr. Sevelius also took part in a meeting with GAISF Director General Jean-Claude Schupp on March 8, 2000.

The result of the contacts with GAISF has led to that the ad-hoc comission of GAISF has submitted the IFF membership application to the GAISF council with the recommendation to submit the application to the GAISF Congress held in Monaco in October 2000.

11. The IFF Competitions

a) World Championships

Men's 2nd World Championships 1998 in Czech Republic

14 Associations from 3 continents participated. The WFC was divided into an A-division with 8 teams and a B-division with 6 teams.

A-division: 1) Sweden 2) Switzerland 3) Finland 4) Denmark 5) Norway 6) Czech Republic

7) Russia 8) Germany (Germany relegated to the B-division 2000)

B-division: 1) Latvia 2) Estonia 3) Austria 4) Australia 5) Japan 6) Singapore

(Latvia promoted to the A-division 2000)

Women's 2nd World Championships 1999 in Sweden

12 Associations from 3 continents participated. The WFC was divided into an A-division with 8 teams and a B-division with 5 teams.

A-division: 1) Finland 2) Switzerland 3) Sweden 4) Norway 5) Czech Republic 6) Germany

7) Latvia (Russia withdrew from participation and therefor relegated to the B-

division 2001)

B-division: 1) Austria 2) Australia 3) Denmark 4) Japan 5) Singapore

(Austria promoted to the A-division 2001)

b) European Cup

European Cup 1998

The European Cup 1998 for both men and women was arranged in Helsinki and Vantaa.

11 teams participated in the Men's EC and 6 teams participated in the Women's EC.

The ranking of EC 1998 for men:

- 1) Warbergs IC 2) Viikingit 3) Fornudden IB 4) UHC Rot Weiss Chur 5) Tunet IBK 6) TJ Tatran Stresovice
- 7) Kekavina 8) Herlev FC 9) Podhale 10) Mustamäe MC Aeg 11) SV Pädagogik Leipzig

The ranking of EC 1998 for women:

1) Högdalens AIS 2) Vantaa FT 3) HC Rychenberg-Winterthur 4) IK Akerselva 5) Tatran Stresovice 6) Roja

European Cup 1999

For the first time a Qualification Round of the European Cup was organized in the Men's EC. 6 teams participated in the qualification, played in Prague, and two teams qualified for the Final Round.

The Final Round of the European Cup 1999 for both men and women was arranged in Bern, Sarnen, Winterthur and Zuchwil.

8 teams participated in the Final Round of the Men's EC (12 teams totally) and 8 teams in the Women's EC.

The ranking of EC 1999 for men:

1) Warbergs IC-85 2) Haninge IBK 3) Espoon Oilers 4) TJ Tatran Stresovice 5) Tunet IBK 6) UHC Alligator Malans 7) Herlev FC 8) Hanzas Maiznica/Rezeknes 9) Szolnok Cannibals FK 10) Podhale 11) USV Halle 12) Ericsson GB

The ranking of EC 1999 for women:

1) Tapanilan Erä 2) HC Rychenberg-Winterthur 3) TJ Tatran Stresovice 4) IK Akerselva 5) Lauku Avize 6) TSV Halle Süd 7) Hafnia FC 8) Gdynski Klub Unihoc UNO

12. Economy

The financials of IFF is separately reported.

Balance sheet 31.12 1998

Assets

	01.01 1998	31.12 1998
Current assets		
Cash	89,56	640,00
Credit Suisse 559200-10	42298,75	103153,95
Credit Suisse 559200-11	0,00	90,00
Receivables		
Claims 1994	1250,00	250,00
Claims 1995	2400,00	500,00
Claims 1996	3800,00	2500,00
Claims 1997	9149,50	4660,00
Claims 1998	0,00	1630,00
Prepayments	37980,00	0,00
Receivables from rel.parties	0,00	5000,00
Total assets	96967,81	118423,95
Liabilities and equity		
Current liabilities		
Prepayments	0,00	-15000,00
Other current liabilities	-3511,20	-492,30
Transfers to reserves	-17500,00	0,00
Equity		
Retained earnings	-75956,61	-75956,61
Profit/loss 1998	0,00	-26975,04
Total liabilities & equity	-96967,81	-118423,95

Statement of income 1998

INCOME		Budget	Diff.
Transfers	19100,00	4000,00	15100,00
Participation fees*	5100,00	31600,00	-26500,00
Membership fees	29782,00	31000,00	-1218,00
Organizers fees	17000,00	15000,00	2000,00
Sponsors & Advertisements	142501,60	215000,00	-72498,40
Material criterias	0,00	0,00	0,00
Appeal fees	5000,00	0,00	5000,00
Other	5274,65	550,00	4724,65
Total income	223758,25	297150,00	-73391,75
COSTS			
Central activities	6674,57	6300,00	-374,57
Office	2840,90	6500,00	3659,10
Central Board	27164,99	42100,00	14935,01
Congress 1998	5125,99	10300,00	5174,01
Rules & Competition Committee	7098,73	23850,00	16751,27
World Championships	87864,49	116500,00	28635,51
European Cup	3667,65	9800,00	6132,35
Referee Committee	7871,93	20500,00	12628,07
Education & Dev. Committee	32110,18	20600,00	-11510,18
Marketing & Info. Committee	6340,38	29300,00	22959,62
Material Committee	916,74	17650,00	16733,26
Appeal Committee	1518,90	3800,00	2281,10
Disciplinary Committee	2253,20	4800,00	2546,80
Senior Adviser's Group	0,00	10100,00	10100,00
Losses on claims	4200,00	0,00	-4200,00
Other	1134,56	1050,00	-84,56
Total costs	196783,21	323150,00	126366,79
Profit/loss	26975,04	-26000,00	52975,04

^{*} Participation fees will from 1998 be booked on the same year as the competition

Balance sheet 31.12 1999

Assets

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	01.01 1999	31.12 1999
Current assets		
Cash	640,00	0,00
Credit Suisse 559200-10	103153,95	8,95
Credit Suisse 559200-11	90,00	151361,15
Receivables		
Claims 1994	250,00	0,00
Claims 1995	500,00	0,00
Claims 1996	2500,00	0,00
Claims 1997	4660,00	1120,00
Claims 1998	1630,00	1150,00
Claims 1999	0,00	2250,00
Prepayments	0,00	0,00
Receivables from rel.parties	5000,00	6000,00
Total assets	118423,95	161890,10
Liabilities and equity		
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses and deferred income	-15000,00	-36294,41
Other current liabilities	-492,30	-250,00
Transfers to reserves	0,00	-10000,00
Equity	- ,	
Retained earnings	-102931,65	-102931,65
Profit/loss 1999	0,00	-12414,04
Total liabilities & equity	-118423,95	-161890,10

Statement of income 1999

INCOME			Budget	Diff.
Transfers		18400,00	20000,00	-1600,00
Participation fees		27200,00	27000,00	200,00
Membership fees		32053,00	32000,00	53,00
Organizers fees		23000,00	25000,00	-2000,00
Sponsors & Advertise	ments	29233,55	44000,00	-14766,45
Material approval		124399,45	120000,00	4399,45
Appeal fees		0,00	0,00	0,00
Other		2744,99	2800,00	-55,01
Total income	CHF	257030,99	270800,00	-13769,01
COSTS				
Central activities		4576,83	7000,00	2423,17
Office		54716,36	66800,00	12083,64
Central Board		38598,89	53200,00	14601,11
President's meeting 1		4596,47	3900,00	-696,47
Rules & Competition Co	mmittee	8970,90	11000,00	2029,10
World Championships	3	6212,05	5300,00	-912,05
European Cup		17617,44	7100,00	-10517,44
Referee Committee		15132,25	16000,00	867,75
Education & Dev. Comm		11692,24	16300,00	4607,76
Marketing & Info. Comm	nittee	10906,38	11000,00	93,62
Material Committee		68657,14	70800,00	2142,86
Appeal Committee		0,00	3000,00	3000,00
Disciplinary Committe		0,00	4200,00	4200,00
Senior Adviser's Grou	ıp	0,00	4200,00	4200,00
Losses on claims		2940,00	0,00	-2940,00
Other		0,00	0,00	0,00
Total costs	CHF	244616,95	279800,00	35183,05
Profit/loss	CHF	12414,04	-9000,00	21414,04

PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2000-2002

1. General

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is the international organization for floorball.

IFF consists of totally 22 member Associations.

During 2000-2002, the number of member Associations is expected to increase from the present 22, to at least 30. Efforts will mainly be concentrated to strengthen the existing members.

The popularity of floorball will continue to grow in the world and new members are expected not only from Europe but also from Asia and America.

The overall aim for IFF is to gain membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

During the period 2000-2002 the aim is to continue the efforts to gain membership of General Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF), which will give floorball the opportunity to be part of the World Games.

To support the Central Board with promoting floorball world-wide a special working group, the Development Board will be installed. The group will be composed by representatives from IFF and from manufacturers of floorball equipment.

2. Administration

The IFF office has since the Congress 1996 been located in Solna, Sweden.

The total cost for the administration has earlier been paid by the Swedish Floorball Federation, but from 1st of January 2000 the cost is borne by the IFF.

If the financial situation permits the administration will be strengthened during the period between the Congresses 2000 and 2002.

3. Central Board

The Central Board of the IFF will improve its efficiency by allocating specific areas of responsibility to the Committees to create more time for development of finances and administration.

The Central Board will have approximately four meetings per year.

4. The Committees

More responsibilities will be allocated to the Committees.

Guide-lines for the Committee work will be further developed and when the finances of IFF increases more funds will be allocated to the Committees for their work in developing floorball.

5. Competitions

World Championships will be played 2000 for Men in Norway, 2001 for Women in Latvia and 2002 for Men in Finland.

When appointing organizers of the IFF competitions the aim is to follow the schedule on how to appoint organizers, meaning that a first letter asking for organizers will be sent 72 months prior to the competition and the appointment will be done 48 months prior to the competition.

Preparations for the Women's World Championships 2003 and 2005, the Men's U19 Championships 2001 and 2003, the Men's World Championships 2004 and 2006 will be made during the period 2000-2002.

The European Cup is played every year for both Men and Women. Since 1999 the Final Round of the EC consists of 8 teams in each category, meaning that Qualification Rounds are played when needed.

5. Continuation

During the period 2000-2002 organizers for the European Cup 2001-2006 will be appointed, and the Rules- and Competition Committee will continue the efforts to develop the IFF Club Competitions.

Efforts will be made for floorball to be part of multi-sport competitions such as World Games and the South-East Asian Games. Further the IFF will actively support efforts to make floorball a part of the University Sports family.

A new Match Record that better meets the requirements of better statistics concerning penalties etc. will be worked out

6. The Rules of the Game

The next edition of the Rules of the Game will be worked out during the period between the Congress 2000 and the Congress 2002, to be made valid from the 1st of July 2002.

The work with the new edition involves testing of rules proposals.

7. Material Regulations

During the period between the Congresses 2000 and 2002 a follow-up on the implementation of the Material Regulations will be carried out.

8. Information services

The development of the IFF web-site, www.floorball.org, will continue.

The minutes from the CB meetings will be sent to the member Associations and published on the website as they have been finalized.

Mainly informations will be distributed via e-mail instead of ordinary mail.

A promotion video based on material from the Men's WFC 2000 will be produced in a co-operation between the IFF Marketing and Information Committee and the Norwegian Bandy Federation.

9. Economy

The income from sponsoring and advertisements will have to increase the coming years and therefor extra efforts will be done by the Marketing and Information Committee. This might also lead to the use of competences from external persons or companies.

The income from equipment approval will improve the possibilities for development of the IFF.

The Budgets and Financial Reports will be published in the IFF web-site.

COSTS

	Cost Centre		2000	2001	2002
10	Central activities		8700	9200	9500
11	Office		101000	110100	135000
12	СВ		41600	41600	46900
17	Congress/President's Meeting		3000	3000	3000
20	RACC		11900	12000	13000
22	WFC		8200	38200	8200
23	EuroCup		14500	14500	16500
30	RC		14900	15000	22100
40	EDC		30300	25300	25500
50	MIC		19300	10300	20300
70	MC		96431	99000	99200
80	AC		3200	3200	3200
85	DC		3200	3200	3200
90	SAG		3400	3400	4400
	TOTAL	CHF	359631	388000	410000
	INCOME				
	Account		2000	2001	2002
3011	Transfers		20000	20000	20000
3012	Participation fees		34000	35000	37000
3013	Organizers fee		44000	10000	70000
3210	Membership fees		35000	40000	40000
3250	Sponsors & advertisements		55000	140000	100000
3510	Sales		2000	2000	2000
3860	Material approval income		139500	140000	140000
3899	Other incomes		1000	1000	1000
	TOTAL	CHF	330500	388000	410000
	Estimated Result	CHF	-29131	0	0

IFF CONGRESS 2000

NOMINATIONS

Nominations to the IFF CB

President Tomas Eriksson	Nominated by SWE, FIN	Remarks Re-election
Members		
Thomas Gilardi	SUI	Re-election
Per Jansson	SWE	Re-election
Tomas Jonsson	NOR	Re-election
Risto Kauppinen	FIN	Re-election
John Liljelund	FIN	Re-election
Ain Lillepalu	EST	Re-election
Peter Lindström	NOR	Re-election
Ramasamy Sinnakaruppar	n SG	Re-election
Martin Vaculik	CZ	Re-election

Other nominations to be treated by the Congress

Appeal Committee

Lars Granqvist SWE – Chairman/member Re-election Tom Hedkrok FIN Re-election

Disciplinary Committee

Mika HilskaFIN – Chairman/memberRe-electionMatts SpångbergSWERe-electionErich PfisterSUIRe-election

Auditor

The CB proposes:

Mikael Brandstam, Qualified public accountant Re-election

CB Proposal to the IFF Congress 2000

Change of the Rules of the Game

1. The normal process for changing the rules of the games

The new rulebook should be changed in a 4 years rotation. The following milestones have to be set within this period:

January 2000

Request shall be sent to all member Associations and all persons in the IFF bodies urging them to send in proposals, with a priority list.



25 February 2000

Deadline for sending in proposals.



February/March 2000

RACC + RC meeting

Preparing a list of rules for testing and asking for test Associations



April 2000

Dead-line to apply as test Association



May 2000

CB-decision of test Associations



Autumn 2000

RACC organizes a seminar for Interpretations of the Rules of the Game. All member Associations will be invited to participate on their own cost.



15 February 2001

Collection of experiences



Feb/March 2001

RACC + 1 RC representative meeting RACC proposals to the IFF CB



May 2001

IFF CB makes final decision



September 2001

New printed IFF Rules of the Game is sent to all member Associations



July 1, 2002

The new edition of the IFF Rules of the Game becomes valid



January 2004

Request shall be sent to all member Associations and all persons in the IFF bodies urging them to send in proposals, with a priority list.

2. The handling of important exceptions

The IFF shall always have the possibility to make necessary changes of interpretations. Proposals will come from RACC

The IFF should be the only official organisation who decides about the Rules and Interpretation's of the Game. This will prevent the consistency and continuity in the World of Floorball.

The IFF RACC must have the competencies and acting as an international information centre for Rules and Interpretations.

Testing new rules is possible if RACC gives an Association or an organizer of a tournament the permission.

There can be exceptions from the rules in certain Associations concerning Game time, except from in the first divisions.

Proposal

The IFF Central Board proposes that the Congress decides that the system of changing the IFF Rules of the Game shall be according to the proposal.

CB proposal to the IFF Congress 2000

Ratification of System for Approving and Testing Material within the IFF

Background

The IFF Congress of 1996 decided to approve the Material Criteria's for Floorball Equipment according to the proposal of the IFF Central Board.

The Congress of 1998 decided to adapt the System for Approval of Floorball Equipment concerning all IFF member federations according to the, at that time present, Swedish system. The IFF Central Board was decided to be the governing body of that Testing System. The CB was given the power to negotiate and sign a contract with one or more Testing Sites, in accordance to the Material Criteria's and the Testing Methods. The approved equipment should be marked with an IFF logotype.

The IFF Congress of 1998 further decided that the System of Approval should be in power from first of July 1999, with a transfusion period until the first of July of 2000, for all Member Federations to fully adjust to the effect of the decisions.

The IFF Central Board has negotiated and signed a contract with the Swedish National Testing and Research Institute (SP), and the system has been in charge since 1st of July 1999.

Further the Central Board has had several negotiations with the manufacturers which has lead to a better mutual understanding.

The IFF Central Board believes that the system will work satisfactory from the 1st of July 2000.

Proposal

The IFF Central Board proposes that the Congress decides to ratify the Material Approval System.