



MINUTES FROM THE FIB RULES & REFEREE COMMITTEE (RRC) MEETING

Date: 21 August 2024

Place: Online

Egil Larsen (NOR)
Kevin Bowen (USA)
Petri Kuusela (FIN)

Not present:
Roman Popikov (RUS)
Pär Billsmon (SWE)

ITEMS

1. Short Bandy: The RRC has sent a proposal to the TC concerning short bandy. The TC would like to test out this version of the sport and have the RRC review the rules before TC makes a final determination. In the Netherlands, they would like to test this out at the highest level during the upcoming season. Furthermore, it may be demonstrated during the 2024-2025 WCS for Men and Women.

2. Reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 Timetable:

- WCS Senior A and B (Men and Women) - Sweden
 - WCS Men's Group A and Women's will be in Lidköping, 25th - 30th of March, 2025.
 - Men's Group B: Uppsala might be interested organizing this during the week of the Swedish bandy final. If not, perhaps Uppsala in March, or Gothenburg in January.
- WCS Y17 and Y19 Boys – Sweden
 - Sandviken will host for these tournaments, 17-19 January, 2025.
- WCS Y17 Girls
 - Sweden might organize this since Norway is not able to.
- WCC Girls Y17, Boys Y16 and Boys Y17.
 - Sweden is perhaps interested in WCC Girls Y17.

3. There was an EC Y19 Rinkbandy tournament in Bratislava, Slovakia. During one match, a red card was given to a player, but there was no jury or supervisor present. This is not a situation we want, and we have to make sure that all FIB tournaments have a Tournament Director and RRC representation as is in the rules.

4. Referee clothing – We now have a corporate sponsor (Renta) for 20 referee jackets with their sponsorship logo on the back. These will likely stay in the green color (TBD). The RRC has also recommended additional clothing for the FIB referees and supervisors so they are all unified in their appearance during these international tournaments.

5. Black ball – if there is a decision to use black bandy balls, we recommend these should only be used for bandy matches that are played indoors where there is good lighting, and should not be used for outdoor games. Overall we do not recommend using black balls, which even in indoor rinks could be hard to see when the ball is chipped in the air.

6. There was some discussion among the RRC members about the rules test and physical skating test for the upcoming season. The RRC will explore the possibility of converting the written rules test to one that is filled out electronically rather on paper.

Next RRC meeting 17, September 2024 at 18:00 Norway time.

End of meeting. Notes: Kevin Bowen

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