

REPORT FROM WCS GIRLS Y17 – OSLO, NORWAY (24-26 FEBRUARY 2023)



Organisation

The Norwegian Bandy Federation organised the tournament together with the local club Ullevål IL. The club and federation had several volunteers working around the arena to make the tournament working smoothly. The fact that the hotel for teams and referees (see below) is on walking distance was very convenient.

Participating teams

The participating teams were Finland, Norway and Sweden. Despite only three teams participating, FIB decided that the tournament kept the world championship status. The teams can not be blamed that only three teams participated.

Hotel

Teams and referees lived in Thon Hotel Ullevål Stadion. The hotel is really good (4 stars) and well equipped. The teams were housed in single and double rooms conform Conditions.

The hotel is also right next to the Bergbanen bandyfield, where the matches were played. This made it very easy for the organisers, teams and referees.

The hotel is equipped with wifi and other wishes man can have. All meals were also in the hotel. The hotel is situated at the edge of a small shopping area with a supermarket etc.

Transportation

As mentioned, the hotel is next door to the arena, so local transportation was not needed. Airport transportation was fixed.

Food

The teams had all meals in the hotel. All meals as a buffet. Very good standard of meals and enough drinks available.

Match arena

The tournament was played at the outdoor arena Bergbanen, the arena of the club Ullevål IL. The field is located directly between the clubhouse and Thon Hotel, and around the national football stadium of Norway. Unique, under the bandyfield is a parking garage. In the clubhouse is a kitchen where visitors could buy coffee, waffles etc.

The climate was OK, temperatures between -2 and 5 degrees Celsius, no wind. Little snow during the first night, some sun during the day.

The dressing rooms were in the clubhouse. Each team had their own large dressing room that they could use for the whole tournament. Also available was a warmup room with exercise bikes, weights and so on.

Not many spectators at the matches (average about 200), but the arena is also not really equipped for large audiences. About 300 attendees during the final.

Team leader meeting

There was a team leader meeting on the evening before the start of the tournament. Representatives of all teams and local club were attending. Practical and last-minute information was given by the organisers. Referee supervisor Egil Larsen informed about the rules. One change to the normal Conditions article 9.4: time to deliver a written protest (after the immediate notice) was shortened to 1.5 hour (normally 4 hours) because of the fact that teams played two matches per day.

Jury

The Jury consisted of the following persons (bottom three appointed at the team leader meeting):

- Frank Peters (NED) tournament director / FIB TC / chairman
- Egil Larsen (NOR) FIB RRC / supervisor referees
- Johanna Peltokangas (FIN) team leader and representative of Finland
- Anine Ellefsen (NOR) team manager and representative of Norway
- Pierre Roos (SWE) team manager and representative of Sweden

There were no red cards, protests or other items for the Jury to discuss.

Schedule

The teams played a double round robin in the ground league, each team meets each other team twice. Because of more matches per team per day, the playing time was 2x30 minutes. The final was played between numbers 1 and 2 of the ground league and had a playing time of 2x35 min.

Banquet

There was no official banquet, but a common meal on Saturday evening, in the normal dining area of the hotel. Teams, leaders, referees, FIB and organizers were present.

Ceremonies

No opening ceremony. The prize-giving ceremony was directly after the final on ice. The medals for gold, silver and bronze as well as prices for best forward, midfielder, defence, goalie, most valuable player and top scorer were handed out.

Small error, on the medals it says bandy world championships 2022, instead of 2023. After some discussion with the organisers and participating teams was decided that the medals were handed out anyway, so no need for new, corrected medals.

Media, website, streaming

The tournament had a website: https://bandyforbundet.no/bandy/?page_id=4929
On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090391817057

All matches were broadcasted live at: www.livebandy.no (not free of charge). The matches are now released for all to see on the YouTube channel of the producers: https://www.youtube.com/@NorskElitebandy/

Playlist: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyW-9x1 nUqV47cO-UlZxuCbZFc1Weql5

Results

There was live result coverage on elitrapport.se.

The results of the tournament can be read on the last page.

Summary

Norwegian Bandy Federation has done a good organisation of this tournament.

The people working in the organisation were very friendly and did everything they could to make all go as smooth as possible. They were very enthusiastic to organize this tournament and showed this to all participants, leaders and fans.

On behalf of FIB Technical Committee, Frank Peters

Nijmegen, the Netherlands 2 March 2023

Results

Friday 24.02 (ground league)

Norway – Finland 3-1Finland – Sweden 0-2

• Sweden – Norway 4-0

Saturday 25.02 (ground league)

Finland – Norway 1-1Sweden – Finland 4-3

• Norway – Sweden 1-6

Standings after ground league:

	Matches	Won	Draw	Loss	Points	Goals
1. Sweden	4	4	0	0	8	16-4
2. Norway	4	1	1	2	3	5-12
3. Finland	4	0	1	3	1	5-10

Sunday 26.02 (final)

• Sweden – Norway 5-2

All Star Team

Goalie: Emilia Piekkari, Finland

Defender: Hermine Grove-Knutsen, Norway Midfielder: Marie Dregler Nordbø, Norway

Forward: Freja Lööf, Sweden

Top scorer: Stella Wallin, Sweden 6 goals Most Valuable Player: Freja Lööf, Sweden

The winning team of Sweden

