

MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 6 November 2024

Place: Online

Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman

Pär Gustafsson (SWE) Neal Logan (USA) Yury Molotkov (RUS)

Frank Peters (NED) - secretary

Andreas Sjöblom (FIN) Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)

Ravi Sunder (IND)

Also present: Attila Adamfi (HUN) – vice president and general secretary FIB

Egil Larsen (NOR) – chairman FIB Rules and Referee Committee (RRC)

Kjell Anderstedt – FIB information manager

Not present: Stein Pedersen (NOR) – 1. vice president FIB

Hans-Elis Johansson (SWE) – chairman FIB Olympic Task Force

1 ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Short bandy rules

Ongoing process, nothing new to mention.

International transfers document

Postponed to next meeting.

SBF/Pär check - Request Finland: add week 4 to international windows? This is solved.

2 TIMETABLE 2024-2025

WCS Senior A and B (Men and Women) - Sweden

For the WCS Men A, 6 teams confirmed (SWE, NOR, FIN, KAZ, USA, HUN).

For the WCS Women, 7 teams confirmed (SWE, NOR, FIN, USA, NED, UKR, SUI).

To organize this is a challenge for the organizers, they expect that the tournament might take one more day and most probably Women pool B would have a playing time of 2x30 minutes. After the deadline for confirmation of participation, both Germany and Estonia asked if they could be added to the women tournament. Adding these two teams, and to organize this tournament with the same conditions for men and women, is quite difficult (if not impossible) in one arena.

Participating more teams in the women tournament is a good thing for the development of bandy. Discussed and agreed in principle is to host a group B for women together with the group B for men in Uppsala (10-14 March 2025). Based on this, the top 4 women team (FIN, NOR, SWE, USA) would play in group A and NED, SUI, UKR, GER and EST would play in group B.

Beside the benefit of having men and women playing at the same arena demonstrating gender balance in our sport, medals would be provided for the B group winners as well.

Of course, the confirmed teams must agree with this move of time and place and the accommodation in Uppsala must be sufficient.

Attila Adamfi will contact the involved associations to see if they agree and contact Uppsala organizer to see if this move does not cause problems.

For the WCS Group B men, Ukraine asked if it is possible to extend the deadline two more weeks (to 20 November). They need to find players abroad and communicating is difficult.

Decision: This request is approved and of course is for all possible participating teams. **Attila Adamfi** will inform the member associations whom it concerns.

WCS Y19 Men - Sweden

Slovak Bandy Association sent a request to participate with a team in this tournament in Sandviken. The request came in after the deadline for application. The organizer already agreed with this request.

Decision: This request is approved. Attila Adamfi will inform the Slovak Bandy Association.

3 JURY AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Jury (WCS Senior) and Tournament Directors (other tournaments) are appointed as underneath.

WCS Men Group A/Women

Attila Adamfi (FIB general Secretary – chairman of the Jury)

Egil Larsen (FIB RRC)

Pär Billsmon (FIB RRC)

Arne Anderstedt (FIB TC)

Ravi Sunder or Andreas Sjöblom (FIB TC)

WCS Men Group B

Attila Adamfi (FIB general Secretary – chairman of the Jury)

Egil Larsen (FIB RRC)

tbd (FIB RRC)

Frank Peters (FIB TC)

Arne Anderstedt (FIB TC, by telephone if needed)

WCS Y17 and Y19 Men - Sweden

Arne Anderstedt (FIB TC)

WCS Y17 Women

Alexander Mayborn (SBF)

(FIB TC members by telephone if needed)

WCC Y17 and Y19 Men

Andreas Sjöblom (FIB TC, by telephone if needed)

4 CONDITIONS

Pär Gustafsson asks if it possible to extend the number of players in club teams in WCC Youth to 18-19 players, with a maximum of 16 players that can play in each match.

This request is approved, this was a request that also came from the organizer of Bollnäs WCCM16.

WCC Men Y19 will be added to the Conditions for WCC Youth. **Frank Peters** will send an updated version of the concept to GS **Attila Adamfi** to have this discussed in FIB EC.

Regarding exemptions we have approved for several WCC tournaments we will await the experiences that the WCC Youth organizers have with the current Conditions. **Kjell Anderstedt** will contact organizers and send a survey to the teams involved.

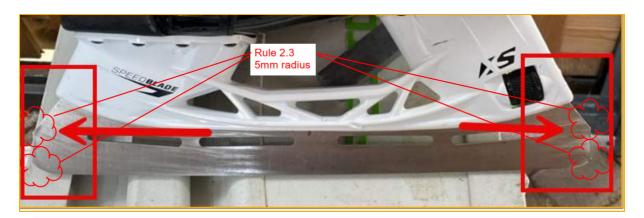
After this, TC will see if the Conditions need updates that will be in force for next season.

5 EQUIPMENT RULES

No final changes yet.

Open issues: maybe remove the smaller bandy ball and awaiting test/legal documents regarding the "Bergwall" goalie mask.

Clarification: angled ends on skate blades (picture below) are not allowed. The four corners shown in the image need at least a radius of 5 mm. **Arne Anderstedt** will put this in the FIB equipment document.



6 OTHERS

Request Norwegian BF to not follow art. 5.3 for WCS Y17/Y19 Men: they want to send in their 26-player list after week 50, about 4 weeks before the WCS, instead of the 6 weeks mentioned in article 5.3.

Decision: not approved. We have set up Conditions based on many experiences in a long time, and we want to work according these as much as possible. Allowing this request would create more questions like these and we just don't see enough reason to approve this. **Frank Peters** will inform Norway Bandy Federation.

Yury Molotkov asks if there would be interest to play against Russian teams, for example in Kazakhstan.

It is not his personal opinion, but **Attila Adamfi** explains that IOC has a strong recommendation to not invite or allow the participation of teams from Russia and Belarus at FIB events. This is a recommendation regarding teams and not regarding individual athletes. FIB, as member of the Olympic Movement, must follow this recommendation.

End of meeting.

Next online meeting: Tuesday 10 December, 14:00h CET.