



TOURNAMENT REPORT

FIB 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEN 17 AND 19

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These World Championship tournaments in Sandviken held a very high standard with many even matches in both tournaments. Sweden, Norway and Finland made a lot of goals against Hungary in WCS Men19. But the enthusiasm from the Hungarian youth team was not to be missed, they left Sandviken strengthened by a completely new experience. We hope that more nations will take the opportunity to participate in youth tournaments, like Hungary.

TEAM LEADER MEETING

Before the start of the tournaments there was a team leader meeting with the participating national associations. Pierre Roos and Pär Gustafsson, both SBF arranged the meeting and gave information on the tournaments. FIB RRC Chair Egil Larsen gave information on some conditions, for example, that the possibility of submitting protests is limited to 10 minutes after each match.

OPENING CEREMONY

Before the first game the organizer SAIK Bandy gave an opening ceremony with presentation of the teams and a figure skating show

ACCOMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

The teams, officials and referees were satisfied with accommodation, food and transportation. Breakfast was served at the hotel, while lunch and dinner were provided at the arena. Those arrangements were very satisfactory.

Teams were transported by bus between hotel and arena, officials by car and the referees and supervisors used their own cars.

EQUIPMENT

Control of equipment was carried out by the undersigned, both skate rails and neck protectors were checked, but no errors were discovered. I found out that most goal keepers used the "Bergwall face mask" where the holes do not comply with our rules. In this matter with the mask, we await Sweden's investigation and tests and the eventual CE marking.

New referee uniforms were tested but were not successful as they were difficult to distinguish from the players. They were switched back to the usual green ones after one match.

BALLS

A new bandy ball from KOSA was tested during the tournament, but the ball did not meet the standard, which is why the finals were played with CCM balls. The KOSA ball need further development before being tested again. And tests should hopefully not be carried out in any World Championship tournament.

REFEREES

FIB RRC Chair Egil Larsen had preparation meeting with the referees ahead of the tournament and he summarized:

“We conducted a rule test and reviewed our key focus areas for the tournament. The most important message to the referees was to protect players from strikes and violent tackles. The referees followed up on this throughout the tournament, and no severe match penalties (red cards) were issued. The refereeing performance during the tournament was very satisfactory.”

LOCKER ROOMS FACILITIES

The participating teams and the referees had their own locker room throughout the tournament. The facilities were good and both referees and teams were good taken care of by the organizer.

MATCH SECRETARIAT

The secretariat function was unsatisfactory during several matches both towards the referees and the broadcasting production. It was, for example, difficult to present the referees as done with the team rosters before each team as it was difficult to get information from the secretariat. The reporting from the secretariat was also to slow during several matches. This needs to improve.

BROADCAST

All 17 matches were broadcasted and 15 of the games were commented by Kjell Anderstedt, FIB. Expert commentators were Anders Jakobsson, Ola Grönberg, Ville Aaltonen and Daniel Mossberg. The live platforms were “Bandyplay” for viewers in Finland, Norway and Sweden and “FIB TV” for worldwide viewers. Most games were broadcast with AI technique, but the finals were broadcast by manual production.

OVERALL RATING FROM FIB

The teams and the referees were very satisfied with the tournament and how they were taken care of by the organizer.

FIB thanks SAIK Bandy and the Swedish Bandy Association for a well-run tournament, and in conclusion, congratulates Sweden on two World Championship titles.

The tournaments were conducted without any major incidents, only one match-time was spread by mistake. But it was solved after communication with the teams.

With kind regards
Arne Anderstedt