



## Report from FIB-RRC season 2024/25

The RRC consists of the following members:

Egil Larsen NOR Chairman

Roman Popikov RUS deputy chairman

Pär Billsmon SWE

Kevin Bowen USA

Tom Niiranen FIN

Chanel Gilomen SUI

During the period, we have held several RRC meetings, all via Teams.

Before each tournament there is a meeting with the referees where we go through the rules of the tournament, administrative information from the organizer, focus of the referees and interpretation of rules. Theory and skating tests are also included.

There are no female referees from Finland or Norway. It is our wish that these countries work towards bringing forward female referees.

Tournaments:

### **WCS Y17 and 19. Sandviken**

The accommodation at the hotel was very satisfactory. Breakfast was served at the hotel, while lunch and dinner were provided at the arena. This arrangement worked satisfactorily.

For transportation to and from the arena, referees and supervisors used their own cars.

During the meeting with the referees, we conducted a rule test and reviewed our key focus areas for the tournament. The most important message to the referees was to protect the players from hits 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.

New referee uniforms were tested, but this was not successful, so we switched back to the regular green ones after one match.

The locker room facilities for the referees were good, and the organizers took good care of us.

The secretariat function was unsatisfactory during several matches. This needs improvement.

RRC is very pleased with the tournament and how the referees were taken care of.

Sweden won the gold medals in both classes.

### **WCS Girls 17. Trollhättan**

In this tournament we had 6 female referees, all from Sweden and 2 supervisors.

Sweden won the gold medal

### **WCS B Group men, Uppsala**

For the tournament, 6 referees and 2 supervisors were called in. The referee from the Czech Republic had to withdraw before the tournament due to injury. During the tournament, 2 referees fell ill, which increased the workload for the remaining referees. We received good support from local referees in certain matches. We were represented by 6 referees and 2 supervisors. The following countries were represented. Finland, Sweden, Hungary. It is gratifying that we can use judges from more countries than the Nordic ones. The hotel was within walking distance of the arena, which made transportation easy. The hotel, food, and the way the referees were taken care of were very satisfactory.

As in all tournaments we have a meeting before the with all the referees and supervisors.

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### **WCS A group and women and B group women, Lidköping.**

Here we will be represented by 6 female referees. From the U.S. and Sweden, and 11 male referees. From Sweden, Norway, Finland, as well as 6 supervisors.

FIB referees will always strive to ref according to the rulebook. Mistakes will always occur during a match; we are constantly working to ensure that mistakes do not have a decisive impact on the outcome of the match. Protecting the good individual players has a big focus, it's the artists the spectators love to see.

After each match, we have a thorough match review with the referees, where both good decisions and areas for improvement are reviewed.

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Egil Larsen

Chairman FIB-RRC