



MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 28 March 2025
Place: Sparbanken Lidköping Arena and Online
Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman
Pär Gustafsson (SWE)
(online) Neal Logan (USA)
Stein Pedersen (NOR)
Frank Peters (NED) – secretary
Andreas Sjöblom (FIN)
Ravi Sunder (IND)
Also present: Henrik Nilsson (SWE) – president FIB
Attila Adamfi (HUN) – vice president and general secretary FIB
Not present: Yury Molotkov (RUS)
Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)
Kjell Anderstedt (SWE) – FIB information manager
Egil Larsen (NOR) – chairman FIB Rules and Referee Committee (RRC)

1 ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Equipment rules

In progress.

Short bandy

In progress.

International transfers document

In progress.

2 REPORT ON WCC MEN Y17 & Y19

Report of **Andreas Sjöblom** is received on WCC Men Y17 & Y19. It was sent out together with the agenda of this meeting.

No comments.

3 TIMETABLE 2025-2026

Finnish Bandy Federation has taken the decision to NOT participate at the WCS Men and Women next season. Decision for WCS Youth will be taken soon. This issue will be discussed and confirmed in the EC meeting following this meeting.

Sweden has showed interest to host WCS Senior, but this makes organizing more complicated. SBF must discuss this issue also and see if there is a possibility to maybe host a WCS Women.

TC should discuss if we need these tournaments every year, every other year, at the same time or men and women separately.

TC will have a meeting on short term to discuss the implications on this, after the EC meeting discussed and confirmed this issue.

4 CONDITIONS / RULES

Experiences from WCC tournaments – presentation by Kjell Anderstedt

Report is sent to TC members on 4 March. MA's should have discussed it.

Kjell Anderstedt is not available for this meeting, so this item is postponed to next TC meeting.

Proposal Swiss Bandy Federation

Attachment "FIB TC 2025-03 Request Switzerland.pdf" was sent out together with the agenda of this meeting.

In very sort, the proposal is to change the deadline for the 26-player list from two months to 14 days. The change could be limited to WCS group B.

Decision: Not approved.

Reasons for this decision:

- FIB and WCS organizers will be in trouble with these late lists
- One rule for all, we want to avoid differences in rules between groups A and B
- Confusion for other teams
- Flight tickets need to be bought in time etc
- Also, when visa are needed, this is an impossible change

Frank Peters will inform Swiss Bandy Federation.

Publishing players lists on FIB's website

Proposal to publish the preliminary and final players lists on FIB's website three days after each deadline. Transparency and even playing field for all!

Decision: Approved.

Other items, from last meeting:

- Minimum age in Senior and Youth tournaments (WCS and WCC)?
 - o Minimum age from 16 to 15 for WCS/WCC Men and Women
 - o Minimum age from 15 to 14 for WCS/WCC Youth
 - o NO EXEMPTIONS!!!!
 - o **Decision: Approved** – Conditions will be updated by **Frank/Tor**.
- Change of citizenship, deadline date is July 1. Is a change of date needed? Of course, for sure not possible to represent two different nations in one season. Taking into consideration the decision time etc July 1 is for practical reasons the best.

Decision: No change.

5 INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Tor Audun Sørensen is not available for this meeting, so this item is postponed to next TC meeting.

Proposals sent by **Tor Audun Sørensen**:

- That the international week in January be moved to week 6 (secondarily week 5) in 2026 (like in old days for senior WCS Men). For nations without a bandy hall, this will provide better preparations for the World Championship Y19 Men and World Championship Y17 Men. Also an advantage in the preparations for the international senior tournament (for example 4-nations men).
- International week for men and women can be advantageously added to different weeks. This is due to, among other things, considerations for the media, television followers, spectators and logistics around the operation of the national teams.

6 OTHERS

WCS Y17 Women - issue Finland

At the WCS Y17 Women in Trollhättan, a controversy has arisen with team Finland. Although a maximum of 16 players is allowed in the tournament, Finland showed up with 18 players. Finland used 16 players in match one. They replaced two players for match two, so used all 18 players. This is not possible without taking out two players due to injuries and with proper medical reports.

During the team leader meeting before the tournament this amount of 18 was accepted, but this can not be the case. We have rules for this and these are not negotiable.

Leader Tiina Veesala of Team Finland was warned by Finnish Bandy Federation not to use these 17th and 18th players, but she did anyway.

Alexander Mayborn was Tournament Director on behalf of FIB TC.

So far, the report of the tournament by Alexander is not received yet.

FIB is also waiting for a report from Finnish Bandy Federation.

After the reports are available, this issue will be discussed.

End of meeting.

Next meeting: To be determined.