



MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 20 May 2025
Place: Online
Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman
Neal Logan (USA)
Stein Pedersen (NOR)
Frank Peters (NED) – secretary
Andreas Sjöblom (FIN)
Ravi Sunder (IND)
Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)
Also present: Henrik Nilsson (SWE) – president FIB
Attila Adamfi (HUN) – vice president and general secretary FIB
Daniel Andersson (SWE) – sports director SBF
John Andersson (SWE) – interim secretary general SBF
Kjell Anderstedt (SWE) – FIB information manager
Amanda Bäverhag – competition manager SBF
Egil Larsen (NOR) – chairman FIB Rules and Referee Committee (RRC)
Not present: Pär Gustafsson (SWE)
Yury Molotkov (RUS)

0 OPENING

FIB's president Henrik Nilsson attended the meeting just to welcome everybody and wish all good meetings and a good season.

1 TOPICS IN PROGRESS

Equipment rules

In progress. Wait for results of Technical Committee of SBF regarding the goalie's facemask.

Short bandy

In progress. Dutch rules translated to English.

Timeline: **Egil Larsen** will send the rules to TC via **Frank Peters**. After approval in TC, EC could accept as new discipline.

International transfers document

In progress. Should be done before July.

From last season: WCS Y17 Women - issue Finland regarding 18 players instead of allowed 16
Finland will send the report this week. Report of Tournament Director is already received.

Incoming report

Report of **Egil Larsen** is received on WCC Men Y16. It will be sent out together with the minutes of this meeting.

Still waiting for two more reports (WCCW17 and WCSW17) – reminder was sent out last week.

2 INTERNATIONAL WEEK

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.

After a short discussion regarding the timetable 2025-2026 (see next item on agenda), the proposal is postponed to next meeting and will be for season 2026-2027.

3 TIMETABLE

Tournaments 2025-2026

WCS Senior Men + Women

Pori in Finland is interested to organize this WCS. Negotiations with FIB and Finnish broadcaster are going on.

Several points of interest apply:

- Olympic Games 2026 start in week 6 (6-22 February)
- Pori has an outdoor arena; one arena only
- Week 3 or 5 is possible for Pori regarding arena, hotels etc.
- Week 5 seems OK for broadcaster, yet unknown for week 3
- Week 3 is better for FIB; SBF have already planned their series
- Pori can organize for only 8 or 9 teams. Men and Women combined or Men only.
- Investigation by FIB EC is going on if Men B and Women B could be organized in Uppsala, Sweden. Last season's WCS Men B was very well organized there.

Decision: TC approves both week 3 and week 5 for this WCS in Finland. Preferred choice for TC is week 3 if broadcasting company agrees.

Release period of players

The standard release period for players for a WCS is 6 (six) days.

Amanda Bäverhag asked the question if it is possible to change to 5 or 4 days?

Decision: TC approves a release period of 4 (four) days, but EC must confirm this decision. TC also prefers that this change is not only an exemption for this season but that it will be included as normal in the rules (FIB's Transfer Regulations).

Other tournaments

Swedish Bandy Federation is applying for sanctioning of:

WCC Men 16 in Katrineholm (Kronfågel Arena) from 31 October - 2 November

WCC Women 17 in Gothenburg (Åby Ice Stadium) 7-9 November

WCC Men 17 & Men 19 in Stockholm (Gubbängen Ice Skating & Bandy Arena) - 2-6 January

Decision: TC approves these requests and forwards to EC. Adjustments are made in timetable document.

Discussion if we need tournaments every year, every other year, at the same time or (senior) men and women separately

After a short discussion regarding the timetable 2025-2026, TC decide that we have to see how all goes. FIB is not in a luxury situation now, every year is new.

4 CONDITIONS

Experiences from WCC tournaments – presentation by Kjell Anderstedt

Report was sent to TC members on 4 March, **Kjell Anderstedt** has briefly explained in meeting.

Discussion about needed changes in the Conditions.

Two proposals, **just for WCC M16**:

- 1** Art. 3: Minimum age from 15 to 13 (in last TC meeting we accepted change of minimum age from 15 to 14 for all WCS/WCC Youth)

Decision after voting result 4-3 (7 TC members present): Approved as a test for one year.

- 2** Art 4.1: Maximum number of players from 16 to 20

Decision after voting result 3-4 (7 TC members present): NOT approved.

To clarify, combined teams are not accepted (already in Conditions), teams qualify through their league. Teams are not to be composed for one tournament.

A main topic that came back from the evaluations of the WCC tournaments are the high costs for referees and supervisors. TC asks **Egil Larsen** to have a serious look about this matter in RRC if we can lower these costs and report back to TC. Hopefully before next TC meeting.

Kjell Anderstedt will send more detailed information to **Egil Larsen**. (this is done 21-05-2025)

End of meeting.

Next online meeting: Monday 23 June, 14:00h CET.