



MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 23 June 2025
Place: Online
Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman
Neal Logan (USA)
Stein Pedersen (NOR)
Frank Peters (NED) – secretary
Ravi Sunder (IND)
Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)
Yury Molotkov (RUS)
Also present: 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
Kathrine Godager (NOR) – head of bandy NBF
Hans-Elis Johansson (SWE) – chairman FIB Olympic Task Force
Antti Parviainen (FIN) – president FBF (item 1 only)
Not present: Pär Gustafsson (SWE)
Andreas Sjöblom (FIN)
Egil Larsen (NOR) – chairman FIB Rules and Referee Committee (RRC)

1 OPENING / WCS 2026 SENIOR

Agenda is handled in an other order, due to availability of persons.
Meeting starts with information about WCS Senior 2026 by **Antti Parviainen**.
He informs about the possible organisation of the WCS 2026 in the town of Pori in Finland.
Document with the information that was showed will be sent out with these minutes.

2 TIMETABLE

WCS Senior Men + Women

As above, the city of Pori in Finland (together with bandy club Narukerä) is interested to organize this WCS. After last meeting, week 3 is now confirmed by the Finnish broadcaster, so week 3 it the final option.

Finland wants Men and Women together in the tournament: 5 Men plus 4 Women teams.
Eventually 6 Men teams. Practically speaking, due to expected weather, temperature, time changing possibilities in playing schedule: 4-5 matches per day might be the maximum on the outdoor arena.

EC is considering options for other (B-) teams.

There are possible issues, we have to see how everything goes:

Kathrine Godager: Norway is not sure about participating in WCS Women: budget.

Frank Peters: expects only a few participating teams in WCS Men Group B if 5-6 men teams participate in Pori and B-group plays in Uppsala. Costs and maybe a lack of interest in the same location as previous WCS Men Group B might cause this.

For season 2026-2027, USA has showed interest in organizing WCS Women. Details (finances etc) still unsure.

WCS Y17 Men and Y19 Men

Incoming letter of Norway – Richard Brande (chairman bandy section Norwegian BF). Letter was sent out to attendees.

Norway applied for week 3, but that is a huge challenge for them if WCS Senior is also in week 3.

A new idea might be in the weekend of week 2 or week 4. That raises also other issues.

Proposal: Sweden takes over both tournaments, at the end of the season. Norway can then think about organizing these tournaments in season 2026-2027.

Decision: Approved.

WCS Y17 Women

Will be organized in week 3, SBF is currently in talks with Uppsala, Sweden.

3 TOPICS IN PROGRESS

Equipment rules

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

Decision must be done before August.

Short bandy

Rules are accepted in Rules & Referees Committee. These rules were sent out together with the agenda for this meeting.

Egil Larsen as chairman of RRC, has resigned from RRC, we wait for news from FIB EC/RRC.

Next meeting in TC, we will have a discussion about the short bandy rules as well as accepting short bandy in FIB.

There are issues regarding short bandy in Czech Republic and Slovakia bandy federations.

Internally in the countries as well as between them. That does not stop FIB from the discussion on accepting short bandy as a new discipline.

Discussion in next meeting! **Please prepare!!**

International transfers document

In progress. Should be done shortly.

From last season: WCS Y17 Women - issue Finland regarding 18 players instead of allowed 16

The Finnish Bandy Federation (FBF) has sent in a report with their explanation and apologies.

After reading the report by tournament director and report of FBF (FBF report enclosed with these minutes), conclusions are:

- The tournament briefing (team leader meeting) approved the question of Team Finland to allow the use of 18 players instead of the maximum of 16. Even though the Finnish leader was warned by FBF to not ask this question as this is against the rules.
- In the tournament, the Jury discussed the issue and decided that from that moment on, Team Finland could only use max. 16 players. And so was done.
- According to the Conditions, a decision of the Jury is final, so we will not do anything to that.

Decision: We propose to FIB EC to issue a warning about this to the Finnish Bandy Federation.

4 CONDITIONS

Four updated Conditions for WCS and WCC (both Senior and Youth), dated 11 June 2025 were sent out together with the agenda for this meeting. These conditions are updated with the following items which were accepted in Technical Committee in earlier meetings:

- Small textual changes, not functional.
- Meeting 15-10-2024
 - o We allow women in men WCC tournaments. Only in WCC Youth and Senior.
 - o In youth tournaments the women may be maximum one year older as the normal age group.
- Meeting 18-02-2025
 - o FIB EC decided that a Certificate of citizenship issued by the relevant authority is accepted to prove the citizenship (passport or ID is still necessary to prove the identity)
- Meeting 28-03-2025
 - o Minimum age from 16 to 15 for WCS/WCC Senior
 - o Minimum age from 15 to 14 for WCS/WCC Youth
 - o NO EXEMPTIONS!!!!
- Meeting 20-05-2025
 - o Just for WCC M16: Art. 3: Minimum age from 15 to 13

One new proposal came in before the meeting:

- At the last meeting, a proposal of 20 players in WCC Youth was discussed. The voting was unfortunately based solely on the proposal of 20 players. When it was voted down, unfortunately no alternative proposal was raised. The issue is an important part to retain young girls and boys if we let more than 16 players experience a major WCC tournament, maybe once in their career. It can for real affect young ones to prioritize bandy.
- TC should take the matter one more turn and let a new decision apply to all WCC Youth tournaments. It would be strange if all age groups were not given the same conditions as there are so many clubs with a total squad of only 17-18 players.
- The proposal is maximum squads of 18 players. Especially as an increase from 16 to 18 players has so much more significance than an increase to 20 players.

Decision: Approved (max. 18 players in WCC Youth).

Conditions for WCC Youth will be changed one more time and together with the other Conditions send out to EC to confirm all documents.

During the meeting, one more proposal was discussed: costs for doping control must be paid by organizer. This is currently already in all agreements with organizers, so no change. But it is better to put this in the Conditions, article 11.

Attila Adamfi will send the text to be used to **Frank Peters**, who will put in Conditions.

Decision: Approved.

5 INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Proposals sent by **Tor Audun Sørensen**:

- That the international week in January be moved to week 6 (secondarily week 5) in 2026-2027 (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.

Decision: Tor Audun Sørensen will discuss with **Amanda Bäverhag** and **Kathrine Godager**. They will come up with a proposal for the international windows for next season. Probably a person from Finland will be involved in the discussion also.

End of meeting.

Next online meeting: Monday 4 August, 14:00h CET.