

WCS (Men A, Women A)

Process and preparations

- FIB EC had given WCS 2026 hosting rights to Sweden -> only applicant -> already then it was clear that WCS will be played 2026
- Finland reported during WCS in Lidköping that because of the economical reasons FBF will not take part to 2026 in Sweden
- In the FIB EC meeting raise up the question that what if Finland could arrange WCS 2026 -> all EC members were positive to this possibility?
- In the Congress this same question raise up -> no participating country was against -> Finland promised to start the process of investigating the possibility
- At the EC meeting it was agreed that the answer should be given during April (Go / No go)
- FBF took this possibility up in the meeting with clubs (annual meeting) in the beginning of April -> positive feedback -> FBF asked possible clubs / towns to be interested to arrange tournaments -> Team Narukerä (Pori) was interested -> this was reported to FIB EC
- FIB GS (+Kjell A) and FBF have been in contact during April and June by email and Zoom -> preparations, hosting agreement to be prepared and TV agreements to be clarified
- FBF and SBF had a meeting (Wennerström, H Johansson, D Andersson could not participate because other activities) -> FBF got positive feedback and SBF had not started any preparations against WCS 2026
- Wennerström was in contact with SBF and Elitserie Föreningen and after that Teams meetings between LW and AP -> EF hoped that time for WCS would be week 3, not week 5 which FBF had as the first choice (Milano-Cortina Olympics will start week 6 -> week 6, 7 and 8 impossible for TV matches in Finnish TV)
- FBF change the prebooking's in the hotel's from week 5 to week 3 -> hotel prizes has been sent to FIB (99-120€ / 2 persons room / night including breakfast + possibility to cheaper accommodations)
- FBF board made a formal decision to host WCS2026 in Pori during week 3 if FIB will give the rights
- Pori City Council have made a decision to support the WCS (Arena, locker rooms, transportation, banquet, team leaders meeting, FIB congress...)
- FBF and Narukerä have made organization chart with the help of SBF (LW)
- FBF and Narukerä have made the budget draft with the help of SBF (LW)
- Narukerä and Pori city have been made a plan for preparing the Arena (borders, stands, ice, changing boxes...)

- agreement between FBF and Finnish TV is ready to be signed after FIB decision -> 4-5 matches to be send in TV2 / YLE Areena -> FBF have domestic rights and FIB can sell international (SVT...) -> all the matches will be broadcasted (FIB TV, FinBandyTV...)
- ⇒ FBF Pori city and Narukerä are waiting FIB EC decision 24.6 -> formal release (embargo 26.6 at 8.30 when Mayor of Pori (Mr Lauri Inna) and Minister of Sport and Culture (Mr Mika Poutala) will have a debate in SuomiArena ([Briefly in English | SuomiAreena](#)) and also publish this event to be arranged in Pori -> will be broadcasted in TV
- ⇒ formal decision from FIB EC 24.6 is needed
- ⇒ formal hosting agreement between FIB and FBF to be made
- ⇒ formal agreement between FBF and Narukerä to be made
- ⇒ formal agreement between FBF and Pori city to be made
- ⇒ application to Finnish Sport and Culture Ministry which have “extra” funds to support federations to arrange international events in Finland

Notices:

- if we want to play after national seasons (March/April) -> Sweden is the only possibility at the moment (Norway/Hamar?)
- ⇒ playing like in the “old days” outside means:
 - playing during January/February (note 2026 Winter Olympics = has to be January)
 - we have to have less teams to participate than in Lidköping (-> there has to be “air” in the program to make possible changes in came schedule because of the weather)
- ⇒ more teams = groups or 2 x 30 min playing time or longer tournament

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Pori

- a 83000 inhabitant city in the west coast of Finland founded 1558
- more information about the city [City of Pori](#)
 - ➔ teams arriving to Helsinki or Turku Airport or Turku harbour by boat from Stockholm
 - ➔ host will arrange bus transportation to Pori (see map below)



