



FIB Athletes Committee (AC) Meeting

**7th of April 2026
Online**

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair, Rebecca Draper, welcomes everybody to the first meeting after the WCS B in Uppsala, Sweden.

2. Roll Call

AC members present:

Rebecca Draper, USA	Chair
Gian Luca Beeler, SUI	Vice Chair
Sanna Gustafsson, SWE	AC Member
Jordan Braam, NED	AC Member
Judith Waller, GBR	AC Member

Five (5) AC members present, the quorum of three (3) was formed

Protocol by Gian Luca Beeler

3. Results of the AC-Survey

For the second time the AC organized a survey during the WCS 2026 of the women and men in both pools. The survey took place online upon completion of the WCS and was shared by a link. There were eleven questions that were about the WCS and the experience for the athletes. All the results are published on the webpage of the AC (<https://worldbandy.com/ac-minutes-and-reports/>).

Representativeness:

In 2025 the response rate was 38.5%. This year it was 72%. The AC sees that as a great success and sincerely thanks everyone who contributed their insights and all those who helped share the survey link.

Pori:

The athletes were very happy with the environment and the “WCS-feeling” in Pori, Finland. Some aspects like, the timing of the tournament in January, the on-ice warm-up time, and the locker room situation could be improved. On the other hand the warm-up and cool-down areas were quite practical.

Uppsala:

In Uppsala, Sweden the athletes were quite happy with the timing of the tournament at the end of the season, with the on-ice warm-up time and the locker-room situation. The athletes just experienced the off-ice facilities to be to little.

Comparisons between 2025 and 2026

This comparison was AI Generated using NotebookLM, and the accuracy verified and commented by JW. It should be noted that the format of the questions and potential responses between the questions in 2025 and 2026 did not match exactly, so in some cases, direct comparison is difficult, in which case, overall views have been considered.

Athlete Committee Awareness - No change

2026: Awareness was relatively high, with 62.2% of all respondents answering "Yes" and 37.8% answering "No".

2025: Awareness was slightly higher, with 64.7% answering "Yes" and 35.3% answering "No".

Transportation and Stadium/Hotel Location - No change

2026: Most participants were satisfied (73.0%), while 14.1% were neutral and 5.4% were dissatisfied.

2025: Feedback was very similar; combining "Very satisfied" (43%) and "Satisfied" (33%) results in 76% overall satisfaction.

On-Ice Warm-Up Time - Improvement

2026: The majority (60.6%) felt the time was "About right," while 35.7% believed it "Could be more".

2025: There was a significant preference for more time; only 36% felt it was "Not too short, not too long," while 62% said it "Could be more".

Pre-Game Ceremonies (National Anthems, etc.) - Decrease - Mainly due to the anthems in Pori, where many athletes stated they got cold during the anthems before the games.

2026: 63.1% of respondents were satisfied with the ceremonies.

2025: Satisfaction levels were higher, with 73% responding either "Very satisfied" (27%) or "Satisfied" (46%).

Off-Ice Warm-Up/Cool Down Facilities - Slight Improvement - Result due to excellent experiences of the athletes in Pori.

2026: 71.4% found the places and equipment to be "Practical".

2025: Combined positive responses ("Very practicable" at 21% and "Practicable" at 47%) totalled 68%, showing a slight decrease in satisfaction compared to 2026.

Individual Goal Music per Team - **Decrease**. There was some issue in Uppsala on day 1 which meant that the goal music was only played from day 2. Athletes responding early in the competition therefore may not have experienced the goal music.

2026: 64.7% thought the music was "Really cool," while 12.9% noted they didn't have it but wanted it.

2025: This feature was much more popular, with 82% of participants rating it as "Really cool".

Locker/Dressing Room Arrangement - **Decrease** - Mainly due to two specific incidents, one in Pori and one in Uppsala. Both issues were solved during the tournament.

2026: Only about half (50.2%) found the arrangement "Practical," while 18.3% found it "Impractical".

2025: Satisfaction was notably higher, with 75% rating the situation as either "Very good" (34%) or "Good" (41%).

4. Statement to the future World Championship

The AC would like to recognise that their requests prior to the tournaments were largely met, with warm-up facilities, and food and drink availability matching our expectations. Looking at the overall athlete perspective of the tournaments over the past two years (360 participants) we note that:

- *Athlete Committee Awareness* remained stable at approximately 63%.
- *Transportation and venue logistics* were a consistent strength, with around 74% satisfaction overall.
- *Pre-game ceremonies* were generally well received, with overall satisfaction around 66%.
- *Individual goal music* was a standout feature, with more than 70% of athletes describing it as "really cool."
- *On-ice warm-up time* remained the most common area for improvement. Across both years, many athletes felt the allocated time was insufficient, particularly in 2025 where 62% wanted more time.

The AC wants to thank everybody who made those two tournaments possible. Tournaments like that are the base for the future of our beloved sport. Especially in countries where there isn't a big foundation for bandy, it helps enormously to promote our sport.

5. Further matters

Next meeting: in the summer, before august

6. Closing of the meeting

Extra Attachment

The details of the AC survey results are here: <https://worldbandy.com/ac-minutes-and-reports/> (20260407 WCS Survey Summary)