



FIB Education and Development Committee Meeting

12 July 2026 14:30 CEST

Online

Minutes

1. Opening of the Meeting

Mikhail Entaltsev opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Attila Adamfi, FIB General Secretary

Michael Bratt, NED

Janet Duke, GER

Mikhail Entaltsev, GER

Hennadii Babenko, UKR

Daren Richardson, USA

Apologies:

Alexander Mayborn, SWE

Kathrine Godager, NOR

Dawei Wu, CHN

3. Anti-Doping and Clean Sport Education

The committee followed up on the discussion from the previous meeting regarding cooperation with the FIB Anti-Doping Committee.

Janet Duke reported that she had started considering possible two-hour and four-hour Clean Sport education formats. The committee agreed that further development of the concepts should follow coordination with the FIB Anti-Doping Committee in order to understand the existing activities and identify where additional education could provide the most value.

Actions:

- Mikhail Entaltsev to contact Håkan Nyberg, Chair of the FIB Anti-Doping Committee, regarding possible cooperation and next steps.
- Janet Duke to continue development of the proposed education formats following feedback from the Anti-Doping Committee.

4. FIB Development Camps 2026

The committee discussed a longer-term regional approach to Development Camps, with possible activities in Europe, North America and Asia to reduce travel costs and bring development activities closer to the target groups.

1. Sweden

Michael Bratt discussed possible locations in Sweden and noted that Uppsala had worked well for the previous Development Camp due to the availability of indoor ice, accommodation and suitable organizational conditions. The committee agreed that Uppsala should be explored further as a possible location.

Actions:

- Michael Bratt to discuss with Ludvig von Polgar the possibility of organizing a Development Camp in Uppsala and report back regarding possible dates and conditions.

2. Minnesota, USA

Daren Richardson provided additional information regarding the possibility of organizing a Development Camp in Minnesota.

The committee discussed:

- ice availability and approximate costs (300 USD per hour);
- accommodation;
- possible participation from the United States, Canada and Europe;
- January and February as potentially suitable periods;
- the need to assess participant interest before further planning.

The committee clarified that the Minnesota concept should primarily be considered as a Player Development Camp, although coaches could also participate where appropriate.

The possibility of visiting players joining local league games was also discussed.

Daren also reported that the American Bandy Association had expressed some uncertainty regarding interest in the Coach Development Program Version 1.0. He agreed to contact potential participants individually.

Actions:

- Daren Richardson to assess participant interest, approximate costs and possible dates for a Development Camp in Minnesota.
- Janet Duke and Daren Richardson to explore possible participation from Canada.
- Daren Richardson to contact potential participants in the USA regarding interest in Coach Development Program Version 1.0.

3. Harbin, China

As Dawei Wu was unable to attend the meeting, further discussion regarding Harbin was postponed.

5. Development Pathway for New and Emerging Federations

The committee continued the discussion on creating a structured Development Pathway for new and emerging federations.

The committee agreed that development activities should distinguish between two main groups:

- **existing or recently inactive federations experiencing difficulties**, where support should be based on direct contact and an understanding of the specific reasons for reduced activity; and
- **potential new countries**, including countries where bandy activity has not yet been established or where initial activity could be developed.

The committee discussed the importance of maintaining regular contact with inactive and developing federations, rather than waiting for them to approach FIB. Such contact could help identify their current needs and possible forms of support, including equipment, coaching visits, educational resources or other practical assistance.

1. Roadmap for New Federations

The committee discussed the importance of providing a clear development structure and practical support for countries starting bandy activities.

Possible forms of support included:

- introductory and Short Bandy activities;
- coach education and development visits;
- educational materials;
- equipment support;
- participation in Development Camps.

The committee agreed that support should be linked to demonstrated activity and development progress.

Attila Adamfi proposed developing a basic “starting kit” for new or developing federations, potentially including goals, sticks and balls. The committee noted that equipment support should include measurable follow-up to ensure that the equipment is actively used.

2. Support for Existing Federations

The committee discussed the situation of previously active federations where bandy activity has declined or stopped.

The committee agreed that these federations should be approached directly to understand the reasons for inactivity and identify what type of practical support could help them rebuild or expand their activities.

The possibility of sending experienced coaches or instructors directly to developing countries was also discussed. This may in some cases be more efficient than bringing a larger group of participants to an international camp.

Daren Richardson expressed willingness to support future development visits or training camps where practical.

Mikhail asked committee members to provide feedback on the draft Development Pathway circulated before the meeting.

Actions:

- All committee members to send ideas and feedback regarding the Development Pathway to Mikhail Entaltsev.
- Mikhail Entaltsev to structure the Development Pathway around two separate focus groups: existing or recently inactive federations experiencing difficulties, and potential new countries.
- Mikhail Entaltsev, together with other EDC members, to identify recently inactive federations and establish regular contact to better understand their current situation and possible support needs.
- Attila Adamfi to discuss the “starting kit” concept with Kosa.

6. Short Bandy

The committee continued the discussion on Short Bandy as a development format, particularly for countries where full-size bandy facilities are not available.

1. Swiss Pilot Tournament

The committee discussed the planned Short Bandy European Club Tournament in Switzerland on 12–13 September 2026.

The need for experienced referees was discussed.

Michael Bratt proposed contacting the Czech Bandy Federation, where referees already have practical experience with Short Bandy.

The committee also discussed the possibility of using the tournament as an opportunity for referee education. Traditional bandy referees wishing to referee Short Bandy would need to become familiar with the specific rules and differences between the formats.

The committee agreed that cooperation with the FIB Referees Committee should be explored as part of the longer-term development of Short Bandy referee education.

Actions:

- Michael Bratt to contact Czech representatives regarding the possibility of involving an experienced Short Bandy referee in the Swiss tournament.
- Mikhail Entaltsev to contact Pär Billsmon / the FIB Referees Committee regarding cooperation on Short Bandy referee education.
- Relevant updates regarding referee arrangements to be circulated by email before the next meeting.

2. Development Opportunities in New Countries

The committee discussed Short Bandy as a possible entry format for countries with limited access to full-size bandy ice.

Canada was discussed as one example. Janet Duke reported that she has contacts in Edmonton and would explore whether Short Bandy activities could be of interest and whether suitable rink contacts could be identified.

The annual Rink Bandy tournament in Las Vegas was also discussed as a possible reference point and development opportunity.

The committee noted that smaller formats could help introduce or reactivate bandy activity in countries where traditional bandy is currently difficult to organize.

Actions:

- Janet Duke to explore relevant contacts in Edmonton regarding the possibility of Short Bandy activities.
- Daren Richardson to send Janet information regarding the Las Vegas Rink Bandy tournament.
- Daren Richardson to explore additional contacts and information regarding the current situation of bandy in Canada.

7. Any Other Business

1. Next meeting

Next meeting proposed and agreed:

- Sunday, 16 August 2026 at 14:30 CEST

8. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 15:40 CEST.