



## MINUTES FROM THE FIB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

Date: 5 August 2021  
Place: Online  
Present: Arne Anderstedt (SWE) – chairman  
Anders Bergström (SWE)  
Tobias Karlsson (FIN)  
Yury Molotkov (RUS)  
Frank Peters (NED) – secretary  
Tor Audun Sørensen (NOR)  
Also present: Pär Gustafsson (SWE) - secretary general in SBF  
Olle Modin (SWE) – FIB RRC chairman  
Zinaida Belonoshko (SWE) – FIB  
Not present: Bo Nyman (SWE) – FIB Secretary-General

Items which need follow-up are in **grayed background**.

### 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (24 JUNE 2021)

Minutes are approved.

### 2 FOLLOW UP: ITEMS FROM LAST TC MEETING

#### **Future of WCS and WC Clubs**

Postponed to next meeting. (Bo and Arne)

#### **Extra regulations needed for WCS Youth regarding composed teams?**

Postponed to next meeting. (Tor and Frank)

#### **Requests Sweden**

- WCS Girls Y17 every year?
- WCS Women Y23 in the year when there is not a WCS Women?
- 2 x 45 minutes playing time for WCS Women and WCS Women Y23
- 2 x 45 minutes playing time for medal matches in all youth WCS (do not forget, max one match per day!)

**Question to Swedish Bandy Federation: can you send FIB TC a clear and complete plan on how FIB could finance this.**

At first, the federations of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia should talk about this. Later, Technical Committee and the newly formed workgroup for WCS tournaments should also take these questions into account.

Postponed to next meeting.

### **World Cup clubteams for girls Y17, boys Y15, boys Y16 and boys Y17**

- Playing alternately in Russia, Sweden, Norway and Finland.
- Rest of tournaments and year: alternate between these four countries.

Opinions of the federations:

Finland: positive for boys Y15 and Y16. Please not too many new tournaments each year, the calendar is already very full. WC boys Y15 is priority 1, because there is not much interest in world championships Y15.

Norway: boys and girls Y17: because of economy, only when these replace the ordinary world championships Y17.

Sweden: hope for as many tournaments as possible, maybe one new tournament this year, probably in Norway or Finland?

Russia: support all these tournaments.

For the development of young players in bandy it is not good if we take out world championships.

Proposal: this upcoming season 2021-2022 a test with a new World Cup boys Y17.

8 Teams (2 from each country: Sweden, Russia, Norway, Finland). Russia will discuss if they can organize this.

Postponed to next meeting.

### **3 WCS IRKUTSK**

Norway cancelled their participation. They can't be sure that all players are vaccinated twice in time and that is a strict rule for them. 40 Players were invited for the national team, only 15 confirmed their invitation.

Finland has now the highest number of infections in the pandemic. End of next week there will be a board meeting where the participation will be discussed. Current recommendation is still to not travel to Russia.

Sweden has the same situation as in Finland. Foreign ministry of Sweden permits no travelling outside the EU before September (at this moment). Insurance to Russia is a difficult problem.

Situation of Estonia is not known, but Germany and Kazakhstan are OK to participate. USA is gathering information to see if they can go or not.

Irkutsk has done a lot of good work on the COVID situation (during the tournament).

From the organizers side there are no issues that are against playing the WCS.

Players and referees in Russia are already vaccinated.

Same plane Moscow-Irkutsk for all teams is possible on Saturday. Not possible to have a direct flight from Sweden to Irkutsk.

It is extremely important that this WCS will go on because of the support of bandy by governments of all countries. For FIB this WCS is of economic importance.

In general, teams want to participate in Irkutsk. But a lot of players are amateurs and have normal work next to bandy. If things go wrong (like quarantine) it will be a big issue. A person found positive with COVID-19 can't go home.

**New deadline (for the moment): end of August.**

That is a short time before the WCS, but it could be possible (with visa etc).

#### 4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN

The invitation is not sent out yet. Sweden is waiting for Bo Nyman to send this. Also, a contract between FIB and organizers is not made yet.

The Netherlands is maybe interested in participation, need an invitation also.

Age limits: in the TC meeting of 8 June 2020 the following was decided:

***Minimum age limit to participate in senior WCS***

*Earlier decision changed: minimum of 16 years of age (before January 1) for both WCS men and WCS women.*

***Minimum age limit to participate in junior WCS***

*Decision: minimum of 15 years of age (before January 1) for both WCS boys and WCS girls.*

*Decisions to be confirmed by EC.*

#### 5 TIMETABLE FUTURE

A new timetable for the next few years is sent out an hour ago by Arne Anderstedt.

Please look at it, discuss in next meeting.

Next online meeting: Wednesday 18 August 2021 13:30-14:30 CET.

End of meeting.