



Report from FIB-RRC season 2022/23

The 2021/22 season ended with Sweden's 2 members resigning from the committee, while the deputy chairman from Russia became unavailable. COVID and the war in Ukraine have given us challenges.

During the autumn, the Swedish Bandy Association nominated a new member to the committee, Pär Billsmon.

The RRC then consists of the following members:

Roman Popikov RUS deputy chairman

Egil Larsen NOR

Pär Billsmon SWE

Kevin Bowen USA

Tom Niiranen FIN

In December, Egil Larsen was elected chairman of the committee.

Tom Niiranen resigned from the committee in February, so there is currently no representation from Finland.

During the period, we have held several RRC meetings, all via Teams.

Before each tournament there is a meeting with the referees where we go through the rules of the tournament, administrative information from the organizer, focus of the referees and interpretation of rules. Theory and skating tests are also included.

Tournaments:

WCS Y17 and 19. Gothenburg

Here we have represented with 12 referees and 3 supervisors, from Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

For the referees, the tournament worked very well in all areas. Hotel, food, transport, and arena facilities.

2 red cards were dealt. Rough reported match penalty.

One to Sweden in the semifinals U 17 between Sweden and Finland.

One to Finland in the U19 final between Sweden and Finland.

WCS Girls 17. Oslo

Here we were represented by 6 referees. All from Sweden. It is a big challenge to recruit female referees from Norway and Finland. Here, the national federations must take greater responsibility if we want greater diversity among female judges.

The hotel was right next to the arena, which was good.

The tournament was conducted in a good sporting manner.

WCS B groups

Here we are represented by 9 referees and 3 supervisors. The following countries are represented. Finland, Sweden, Hungary, USA and Czech republic. It is gratifying that we can use judges from more countries than the Nordic ones.

WCS A group and women.

Here we will be represented by 5 female referees. From the U.S. and Sweden, and 10 male referees. From Sweden, Norway, Finland and usa, as well as 5 supervisors.

FIB referees will always strive to ref according to the rulebook. Mistakes will always occur during a match; we are constantly working to ensure that mistakes do not have a decisive impact on the outcome of the match. Protecting the good individual players has a big focus, it's the artists the spectators love to see.

After each match, we have a thorough match review with the referees, where both good decisions and areas for improvement are reviewed.

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Egil Larsen

Chairman FIB-RRC