



MINUTES FROM THE FIB RULES & REFEREE COMMITTEE (RRC) MEETING

Date: 28 March 2023

Place: In Person

Egil Larsen (NOR)
Petri Kuusela (FIN)
Pär Billsmon (SWE)
Kevin Bowen (USA)

Not present:
Roman Popikov (RUS)

DISCUSSIONS:

1. All of the minutes from past committee meetings (RRC, TC, EC) are now being posted to the FIB website (<https://www.worldbandy.com/committees/>) to enhance communication and transparency as per the new General Secretary's directive.
2. Currently Petri Kuuseka (Finland) is only an observer, and not a voting member. Finland will need to nominate someone to become a member of the RRC.

ABOUT THE ROOMS AT THE TOURNAMENT:

- There have been some issues with the rooms in Växjö. The hotel has not followed the established protocols (Head Referees and Supervisors should have single rooms. Assistant Referees should share a room. Some of the Head Referees have had to share rooms – this is not acceptable.)
 - Everyone working the tournament must have FIB clothing (not clothing from their home federations.)
 - Food at hotel has been good.
 - The cars for transportation to and from the rink have been a little on the small side.
- PROPOSALS TO WORK TOWARDS
 - Remove age limit from rules. It's discriminatory. Current age limit is 50, as 55 was never approved. There should be no age restriction – your ability and fitness should determine

if you can still referee. Each home federation should determine if their older referees are still qualified to referee, and if they are not – keep them out of the tournament.

- WC MEN'S A is allowed to have 17 players on their roster, but WC WOMEN'S A can only have 16 players. Both Men and Women should have a the same (equal) rule – same number of players allowed on their rosters.
- Implement full-time penalties for misconducts. This has been implemented in Sweden with great success. By doing so, teams will self-police their problem players more. For example, Sweden went from 50 misconducts last to year to around 15 this year.
- Update the rulebook. Possibly work off of the revised format used now in the Swedish rulebook. Books could be published digitally – so not printed. Sweden has simplified their rule book and has taken away many of the comments. They've also added a comprehensive table of comments.
- We need to come up with a new Three Year plan for the RRC. We should all come up with suggestions to be discussed at our next RRC meeting (schedule TBD).

Next meeting will be online again – likely to be held in May (TBD).

End of meeting. Notes: Kevin Bowen