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1. INTRODUCTION

The 3rd IWAS European Championship Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EC 2012) was held in Finland, Nastola from 4 – 11 June 2012. Eight Electric Wheelchair Hockey (EWH) nations were allocated and have participated:

1. Germany (Nr. 1 World Ranking List)
2. Netherlands (Nr. 2 World Ranking List and winner previous EC 2008)
3. Finland (Host nation)
4. Slovenia (Winner Qualification Tournament 2011)
5. Italy (World Ranking List allocation)
6. Belgium (World Ranking List allocation)
7. Denmark (World Ranking List allocation)
8. Switzerland (World Ranking List allocation)

The atmosphere was great. Each match day about 150 spectators visited this championship with about 300 spectators at the finals (in total 750 spectators). As Delegates were present:

Delegates			
Nation	Name	Organisation	Function
Netherlands	Mrs. Anja Wouters	ICEWH	Technical Delegate
England	Mrs. Charmaine Hooper	IWAS	Chief Operations Officer
Finland	Mr. Arto Ahola	FPC	Secretary General Finnish Paralympic Committee
Finland	Ms. Merita Bruun	IFF	ParaFloorball Coordinator International Floorball Federation
Finland	Mr. Mika Rihtila	EHF	Treasurer European Hockey Federation
Finland	Mr. Pekka Hättinen	NOSD	President Finnish Sports Association of Persons with Disabilities
Finland	Mr. Reijo Oksanen	Municipal	Chairman of municipal council of Nastola
Finland	Mr. Pauli Syyrakki	Municipal	Municipal Manager of Nastola
Finland	Mrs. Anne Heikkinen	MDA	Manager of Finnish Muscular Disease Association

Unfortunately the ICEWH Chairman Mr. John Teunissen wasn't able to be present, due to family circumstances.

The teams showed a professional performance and equipment. The matches were fast and of a high level (technically and tactically). Many matches gave close results, which realised a very exciting competition to play and to watch. The Netherlands became European Champion for the 3rd time. Belgium became the Runner-Up for the 1st time. The Bronze Match was most exciting with Finland, the host nation, against Germany. For the own big audience Finland won bronze with 5 versus 4 goals.

At the fare well dinner the ICEWH has celebrated its 10 years anniversary by offering a drink to all people present.

2. GENERAL ORGANISATION

The EC 2012 was very well organised with the endorsement of the Finnish Sports Association of Sports for Persons with Disabilities (VAU), member organisation of the IWAS. The Organising Committee (OC) consisted of members of the VAU Floorball Committee, the national organisation for EWH in Finland. Everything was organized professionally, from opening ceremony till closing ceremony, fare well dinner and party afterwards, from Control Days till Finals.

Before the opening ceremonies a formal reception for Team Managers, Coaches, 2 Players per team, Delegates and Sponsors was arranged by the local municipality. The cooperation between the OC and ICEWH went regular and smoothly by email contact. The ICEWH Technical Delegate steered and supported the OC by providing information and useful checklists and forms, by answering their queries and by supervising stated deadlines.

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The VAU Floorball Committee formed the Organising Committee for this event.

Organizing Committee	
Function	Name
Chair	Sanna Kalmari
Secretary General	Harri Lindblom
Financial Manager	Hannele Pöysti
Media Manager	Nina Jakonen
Media	Lauri Jaakkola
Competition Office Manager	Suvi Blechschmidt
Match Secretariat Manager	Eeva Welling
Match Secretariat	Ari Vehviäinen
Speaker	Petri Repo
Mascotte	Tuomo Peltola
Hosts	Paula Dreher
	Milja Marttila
Transportation	Timo Väre
	Inkeri Junkkari
Photographer	Lauri Jaakkola
SA Minutes Writer	Maija Etholén

4. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

The Team Delegations were accommodated at the beautiful Pajulahti Sports Institute, a fully accessible accommodation for wheelchair users in a typical Finnish surrounding with high green trees and a blue lake. Every team had its own unit. Meals were served by alternating buffets in the restaurant of Pajulahti. A swimming pool, sauna, sports hall for practice, sports hall for the controls and meeting rooms were available.

All Officials and Delegates were also accommodated at Pajulahti.

Transportation was perfectly arranged between the airport of Helsinki and the accommodation.

5. SPORTS HALL

The matches took place in the main sports hall of the Pajulahti Sports Institute. This was on the same complex as the hotel accommodation, which gave the advantage that no transport(time) was needed between hotel and sports hall. The playing field was very nice, with wooden floor and floorball rink, cafeteria and sufficient space for the audience. Practice possibilities were given in another sports hall at Pajulahti.

6. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

The match schedule was set up according the regulations and passed off smoothly. The equipment of the playing field was according the rules as well. A sufficient number of educated timekeepers, scorekeepers and match assistants were arranged by the OC. Also a match secretariat was available and on all match days a reporter for the matches was present, which intensified the positive atmosphere.

7. OFFICIALS

Officials			
Nation	Name	Gender	Function
Jury Members			
Denmark	Dorte Berenth	F	Jury Member ; Chief Jury
Italy	Anna Rossi	F	Jury Member (new) ; Assistant Chief Jury
Belgium	Hilaire Swerts	M	Jury Member
Germany	Henry Acquah	M	Jury Member
Netherlands	Marjan de Ridder	F	Jury Member
Switzerland	Veronica Conceicao	F	Jury Member
Slovenia	Miha Bajt	M	Jury Member (new)
Finland	Marita Tiri	F	Jury Member (new)
ICEWH Referees			
Finland	Ilkka Siiki	M	B-Referee ; Chief Referee
Denmark	Rasmus Therkildsen	M	B-Referee ; Assistant Chief Referee
Switzerland	Michael Rosche	M	B-Referee
Germany	Gerhard Menz	M	C-Referee
Slovenia	Davor Matijasevic	M	C-Referee
Belgium	Wilfried Bouttelgier	M	C-Referee
Italy	Andrea Vacchetti	M	C-Referee
Netherlands	Berri van Manen	M	C-Referee
ICEWH Classifiers			
Belgium	Denis Jaeken	M	Classifier ; Chief Classifier
Spain	Carlos Vilalta	M	Classifier ; Assistant Chief Classifier
Belgium	Gerda Nelles	F	Classifier
Netherlands	Thea Smit	F	Classifier
Finland	Ville Piekkola	M	Classifier
Spain	Alvaro Daza	M	Classifier
Course Classifiers			
Germany	Manuela Rahlf	F	Course Classifier
Italy	Andrea Piccillo	M	Course Classifier

All participating nations delivered one Jury Member and one Referee. The IWAS/ICEWH appointed the Technical Delegate, Chief Jury Member, Chief Referee and Chief Classifier. For the first time also Assistants for the Chief Officials were appointed to educate more people for the several functions.

Daily the Jury Team, the Referees Team and the Classifiers Team have had meetings to evaluate the day and to look forward on the next day(s). Also to instruct and educate the officials to increase the level of functioning. The Referees Team and Jury Team have done research on different speed control systems (Speedometer and Sport Radar Gun).

Two Referees have passed the theoretical and practical A-exam and got their highest international A-Certificate. Three new Jury Members are educated and got their ICEWH Jury Certificate.

Two classification panels controlled the players' eligibility of every athlete and have done more research to develop a 4-class-classification system. For the second time a Classifiers Course was organised in which 2 participants of different nations took part. They both got their ICEWH certificate as Trainee Classifier.

All Officials received the IWAS License badge.

Cooperation between the (Chief) Officials was fine. To work with Chief Officials who steered and instructed the teams was very productive and gave all a lot of positive energy. To work with Assistants was fine.

The Technical Delegate supervised and steered the Chief Officials and the Organising Committee, where necessary, and chaired the Technical Meetings.

8. PARTICIPATING NATIONS

	Group A		Group B
1	Netherlands	1	Germany
2	Belgium	2	Italy
3	Denmark	3	Finland
4	Switzerland	4	Slovenia

The drawing to divide the nations into the A and B group was organized in December 2011 during the World Championship Floorball for women in Sankt Gallen in Switzerland at the 25th anniversary celebration of the International Floorball Federation (IFF).

9. FINAL RANKING

Ranking EC 2012		Nation
Place 1	Gold	Netherlands
Place 2	Silver	Belgium
Place 3	Bronze	Finland
Place 4		Germany
Place 5		Italy
Place 6		Denmark
Place 7		Switzerland
Place 8		Slovenia

10. POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- The speedometer with regulations and procedures needs to be improved.
- The photographer needs to receive a list of what shall be on the pictures at least, so that those pictures can be used for a proper report of the event (see the items below).
- Videos shall be taken more professional. The views on IFF YouTube didn't show the matches very well.
- The protocols for the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the shake-of-hands before and after the matches needs to be written down.
- The protocol for the speaker needs to be improved (f.e. when music on/off, the volume).
- A Technical Delegate handbook needs to be developed.
- Officials outfits shall be delivered in the sizes as mentioned on the Registration Form.
- Nations shall respect the deadlines to deliver data and payment.
- The gender of assistants, technical members etc. should be in the Registration Forms.
- Referees need to start matches on time. If the controls take more time, control-time before each match has to be longer.

11. PHOTO GALLERY

Hotel



Team Accommodation



Sports Hall



Arena



Program book



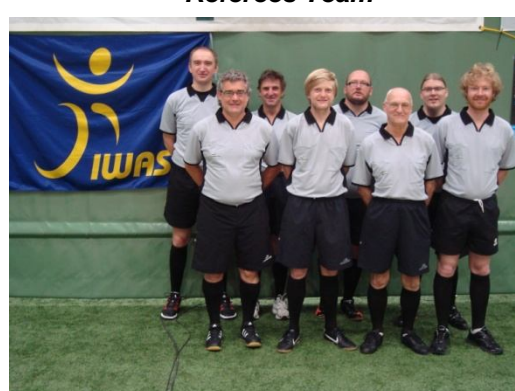
Opening Ceremony



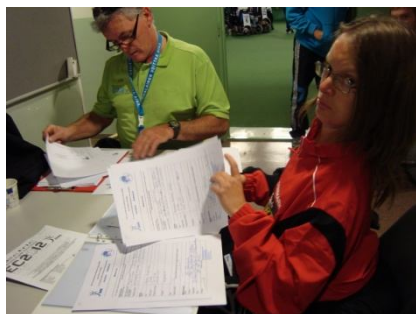
Jury Team



Referees Team



Control Day:
Control of paper work by Jury Control of equipment by Referees Control of disability by Classifiers



Supporters



Actions during the matches

Passing



Fighting for the ball



Driving the ball



Faking movement



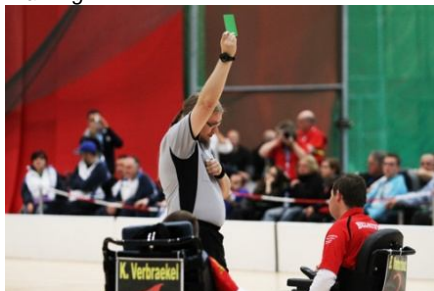
Around the goalnet



Passing the goaltender



Warning



Referee ball



Time out



Happiness after a score



Cups & Medals



European Champion: Netherlands



Runner-Up: Belgium



3rd place: Finland



Chair Organising Committee



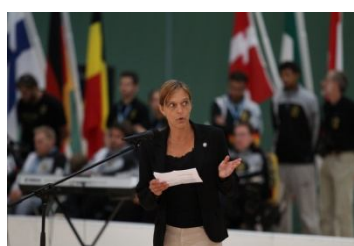
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Service providers:

Accommodation and meals – Pajulahti Sports Centre
Team transportation – Korsisaari Oy
Parquet of playing area – City of Lahti
Match Secretariat – Sbandy Team, Lahti ry
First Aid - Finnish Red Cross Lahti
Bakery products - Villähteen Leipä Oy
Clothes of officials - Oy Sultrade Ltd
Event products - Logotuote Oy and Sanser
Speaker - Petri Repo
Farewell Party – Band Puhuri