



**Minutes of the discussion and workshop on cross border topics
during the 2009 EHF seminar for lecturers – Sunday Aug 9th, 9.15 – 11.30**

König: Presentation of two main topics – exclusion and blocking by the pivot as it was demonstrated and announced at the IHF symposium in TUN.

Objecting the elimination of the exclusion from the rules because of pedagogic reason and asking for a clarification of the blocking idea.

Andorka: Stating that these changes had been discussed in “kitchen meetings” under accordance with, as he said, the coaches. Main argument – exclusion is not necessary because there were hardly any.

Pollany: Strict objection against the elimination of the exclusion tool from the rules as a king size flaw in respect of clear arguments from psychology and pedagogic. He asks all the coaches amongst the lecturers about their info concerning all the new rules and stating that there had not been sufficient information flow, less testing.

König: Exclusion has to stay as a separated rule.

Förström: Since there had not been any, no necessity for it.

La Cour: Has changed his mind following the argumentation and states that it is always better to prevent than to repair.

Höritsch: Increasing risk is a tool for starting a development – what about the Fair Play issue?

He proposes to send a letter to the PRC asking for thinking again about this issue.

Jorstad: The case seems to be settled already, so he is looking forward to wait for the actions of the arbitration bodies in the respective cases.

Antoniou: States a “throw away of responsibility” by the referees and confirms that the rules are passed already. But he raises the question about the pre-work and about the quality and accuracy of that work, especially criticising that there had been no real test run at all.

Jorstad: In any case there has to be deep going discussion prior to rule changes in the future like it had been the fact in the past.

Tuma: The decision on the exclusion seems to be very short sighted since it obviously just focuses on top handball, not taking into account all the thousands of matches on low level.

Pokrajac: Obviously the referees are afraid and so they shift the pressure to the legal bodies. If this continues, we will have a fighting by telephones in the future and the matches themselves will be of less interest.



Olsson Mats: Confirms that he had no notice about the changes and states that the blocking matter might effect a total change of the character of the game, a statement which is supported by all the coaches.

Pollany: Regrets the way in which the rule changes have taken place this time and asks for a clear and precise regulation for the future with extensive testing and discussion before any approval.

Andorka: States with the support of Rätz and Permuy that in fact there was no change in the rule for blocking but in the application description only. Nevertheless he also admits that there should be chosen a different way of decision making in the future.

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