



Nijmegen, Netherlands

Dear Flyers,

The Corona virus is still among us, even after a year later. It looks like we are getting closer to the end of it all. At this moment we have a lot of information about the regulation around the sports hall, the risks involved for the organisation and travel arrangements of the flyers. The most important thing for us is the safety and health of the flyers, the financial safety of the event (and the NLC) and the possibility to have future editions of the event and our relation with the local government.

So what does this mean for the IIFI in 2021?

Roel, Bernard and the organisation committee had a talk about this year's edition and the only conclusion we could come up with is to cancel the 2021 edition.

I will break it down in a few parts that dictated our decision:

The hall:

At the time of writing, the ventilation would need to stay on during the event. This makes it almost impossible to fly a lot of the classes. Switching off the ventilation is at risk of the event organisers. This could mean, depending on the local rules at the moment, that we get a fine when they would check on the event if we obey the rules.

Covid passes / Entry:

In the Netherlands a Covid pass is mandatory for events. This means you need to be vaccinated, have had Covid in last 180 days or a negative PCR test. The checking of this pass or entry needs to be done by us as an organisation. This gives us a lot of extra work and room for error. At the time of writing there is for bigger organisations (companies, restaurants, etc.) quite some challenges to arrange this and keep in line with the regulations. The same here applies, we could get a fine when we break the local rules (that are still constantly changing) at that moment.

At the time of writing there are also still further regulations for indoor multi day events that create obstacles to run the IIFI competition, also these regulations are hard to oversee for the coming months.

Financial:

We need enough flyers to cover the financial side of the event and make sure the club does not run a financial risk. At the time of writing, certain countries have quarantine rules imposed on them by the Dutch government (for example the UK), or for people travelling back to their home country having quarantine rules imposed by their country. It is hard to predict due to this if we would have enough participants. Also it is not possible to say what the situation will be in the other countries, like for example CZ, FR and SWE. It could be that there will be new rules closer to the event that make it easier.

But a more strict regulation might result in cancelling closer to the date of the event, which in turn results in paying the full rent for the hall and is a small financial disaster for the club.

With all of these points given, and of course there are a lot more factors, we have decided to cancel the 2021 event.

2022 edition?

For now we don't have 2022 date, but we are working hard to get one soon. An early 2022 date was also considered, but we don't want to intervene in any plans for the Nationals in April or the outdoor season. So we decided to return in November.

Please stay safe and let's hope we will have some flying fun in 2022.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Kind regards,

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