



FIHA, WORKING TOGETHER

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FIHA IN A NUTSHELL



FIHA VALUES

RESPECT
FUN
COMMUNALITY
PURSUING EXCELLENCE

FINNISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (FIHA)

- **Founded in 1929**
- **50 fulltime workers**
- **75000 registered players and coaches**
 - About 35000 youth players
- **250 indoor rinks**
- **400 clubs which 198 have youth program**
- **Population of Finland about 5,5 million**
- **IIHF World Ranking 2022: 1ST**
- **NHL 2021-2022: 85 contracts – over 60 played**

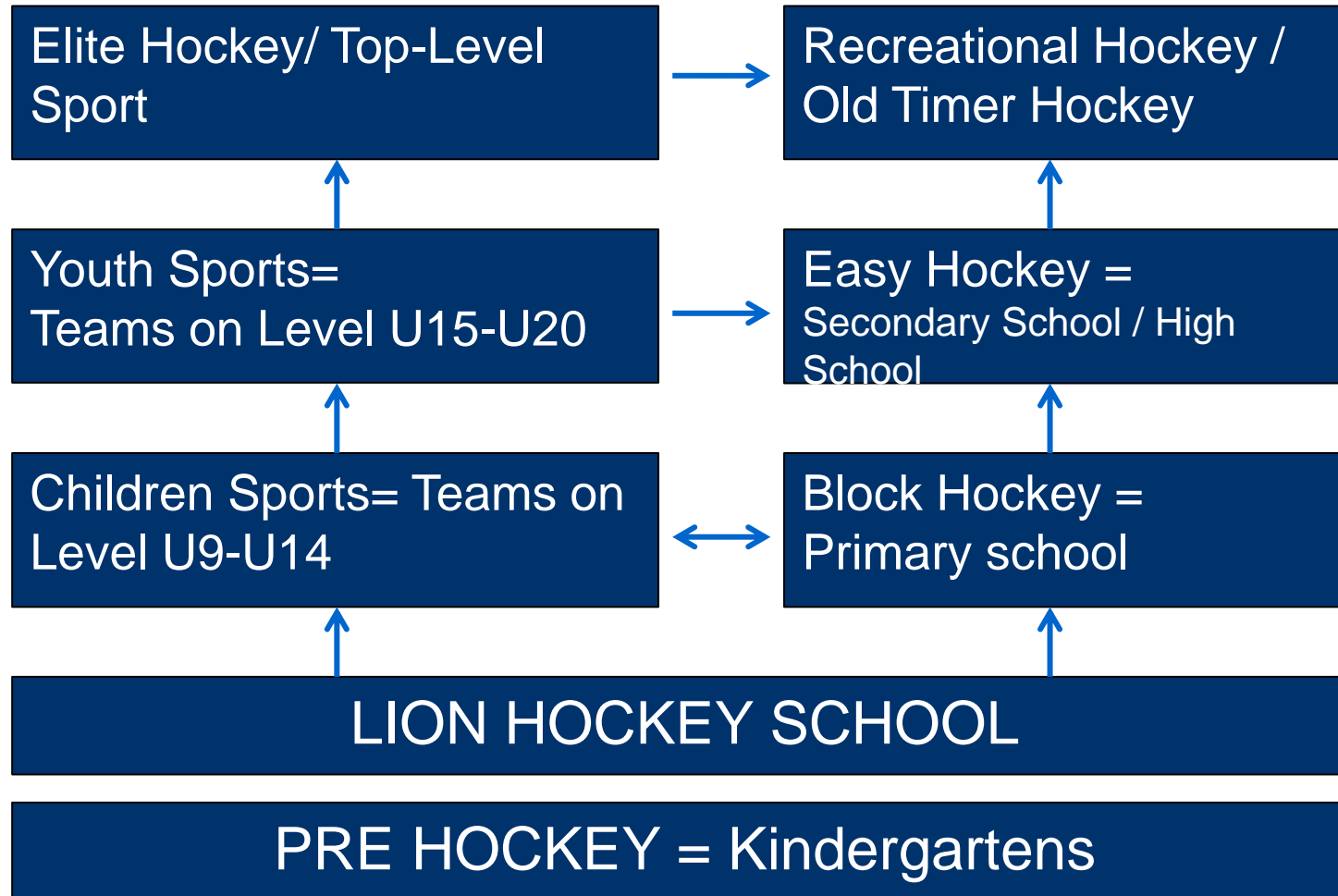


”SMALL HISTORY”

- **1998 First fulltime FIHA Instructors started**
- **1998 FIHA supports Youth Clubs to hire full time Coaching Directors**
 - Funds from 1997 and 2003 WC profits
 - Money was paid until 2006
- **2007 First fulltime Regional Coaches started**
- **2007-2010 Clubs were financially supported based on the quality of their youth programs**
 - Audits 2007-2010
- **2012 First full time U16 Head Coach**
- **2013 Skill Coaches**
 - 26 Coaches for 100 Clubs
 - Funds from 2012 & 2013 WC
- **2023 Straight support to clubs**
 - Based on licenced players – funds from 2022 WC



ICEHOCKEY – THE WAY OF LIFE

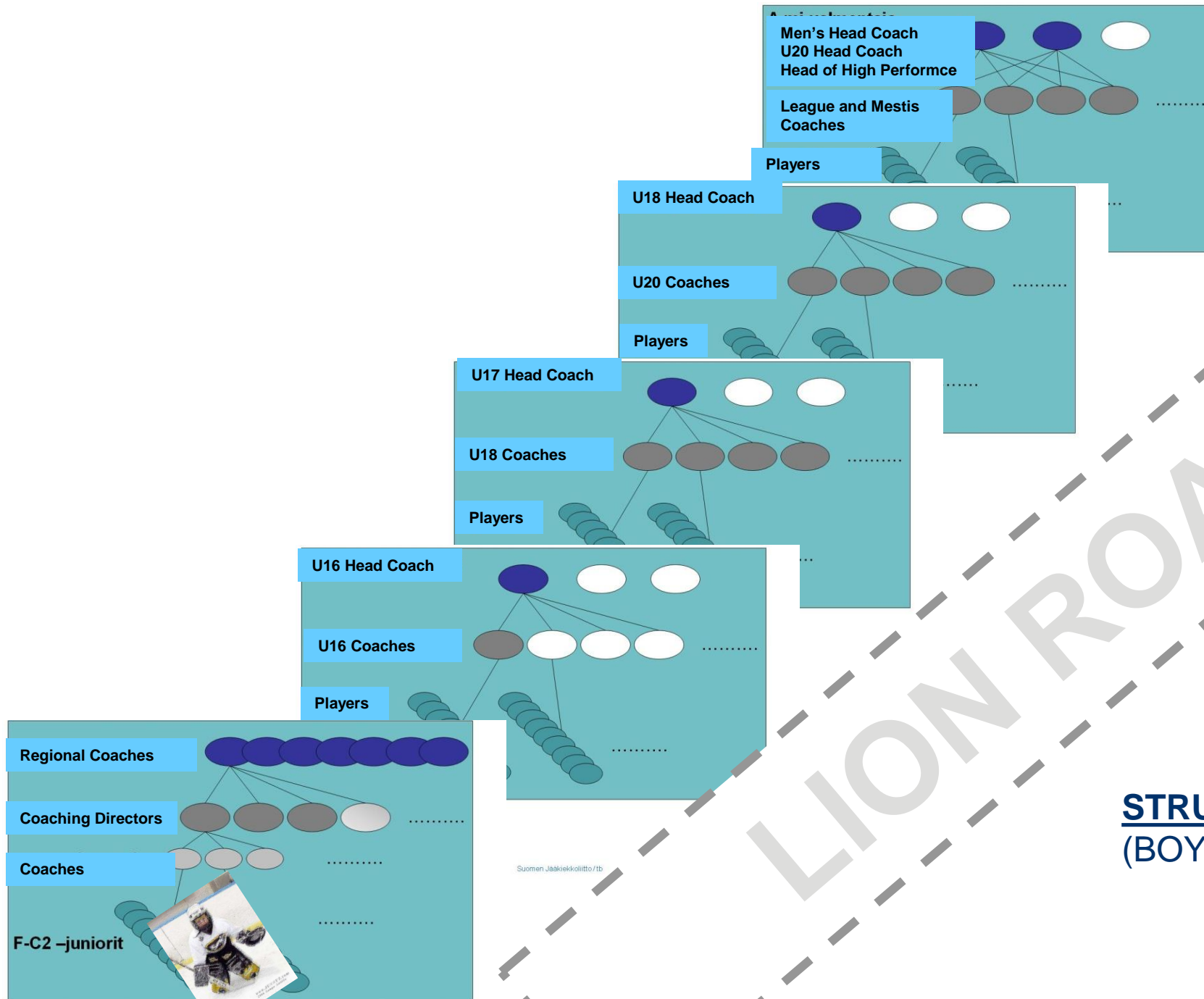


REGIONS & REGIONAL COACHES



1. South (28% of licenses) (1RC)
2. Häme (16%) (1RC)
3. Mid Finland (12%) (1RC)
4. Kymi-Saimaa (9%) (1RC)
5. Lapland (4%) (0,5RC)
6. Westcoast (15%) (1 RC)
7. North (10%) (0,5RC)
8. Savo-Karjala (6%) (1RC)





STRUCTURE (BOYS)



YOUTH HOCKEY STRUCTURE



CLUB STRUCTURE & UMBRELLAS



SUOMI-KIEKON SEURAT JA SATEENVARJOT 2021 – 2022

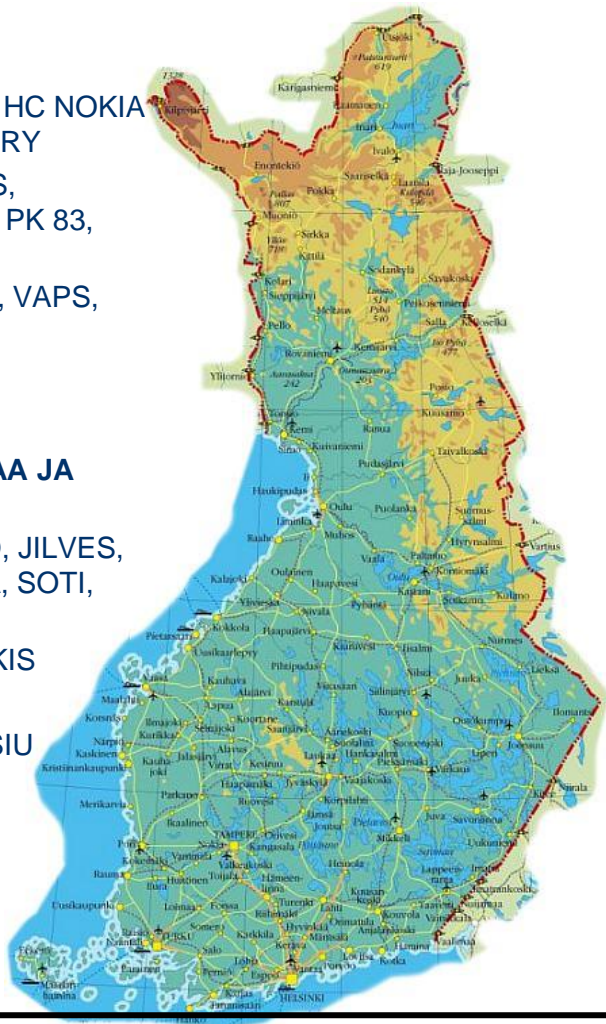
SAMI NUUTINEN, ETELÄ KIEKKO-ESPOO
HIFK: GRIFK (TV), HJK, RW, WOLF, KIEKKO-TIIKERIT, SALAMAT, K-KISSAT
EVU: PITA, OKK, KURRA
MUUT: HAKI, ICE-TEAM

PYRY LUKKARILA, ETELÄ JOKERIT: VIKINGIT, HUNTERS, LJK, ICEHEARTS
KJT: HAUKAT, KELA
MUUT: KOJO, IHK. K-VANTAA

VESA LEHTONEN LÄNSIRANNIKKO
TPS: RNK, KIEKKOHAIT, PAIHA, TARU, KAKIPO, K-67, : ROCKETS, VG-62
TUTO, PARSPOUT, TUK-V
LUKKO: LÄKI, LAJY, EKL, UJK, PARA, LLUJA
MUUT: IFK MARIENHAMN, SALO HT

OLLI SAVIKKO HÄME
TAPPARA: LEKI, ÜSIKI, K-AHMA, HC NOKIA (TV), UPLAKERS, HOKKARIT, PYRY
ILVES: PINGVIINIT, KISA-EAGLES, FORTUNA, RUOSKA, K-KARHUT, PK 83, KPK
ÄSSÄT: KJK, KUKI, MJU, LUKI-82, VAPS, KK-V, SOPA
MUUT: KOOVEE

VILLE SUOVALKAMA, KESKIMAA JA KYMI-SAIMAA
JYP: DISKOS, TEAM LKP, URHO, JILVES, KEUPA, JYKI, PELIKAANIT, KIVA, SOTI, PUDIS, SJS, TOIRI
JUKURIT: KAPA-51, PIPS, WARKIS
SAPKO (Yhteistyö Jukurit): RU
SAIPA: KETTERÄ, LUPO, STU, SIU
MUUT: PEPO



25-28 Sateenvarjoja (153 seuraa, 30 Taitovalmentajaa)
125 yhteistyöseuraa (106 TV käyntejä - 19 ilman)
26 sitoutumatonta (Ei Taitovalmennusta)
Seuroja yhteensä: 179

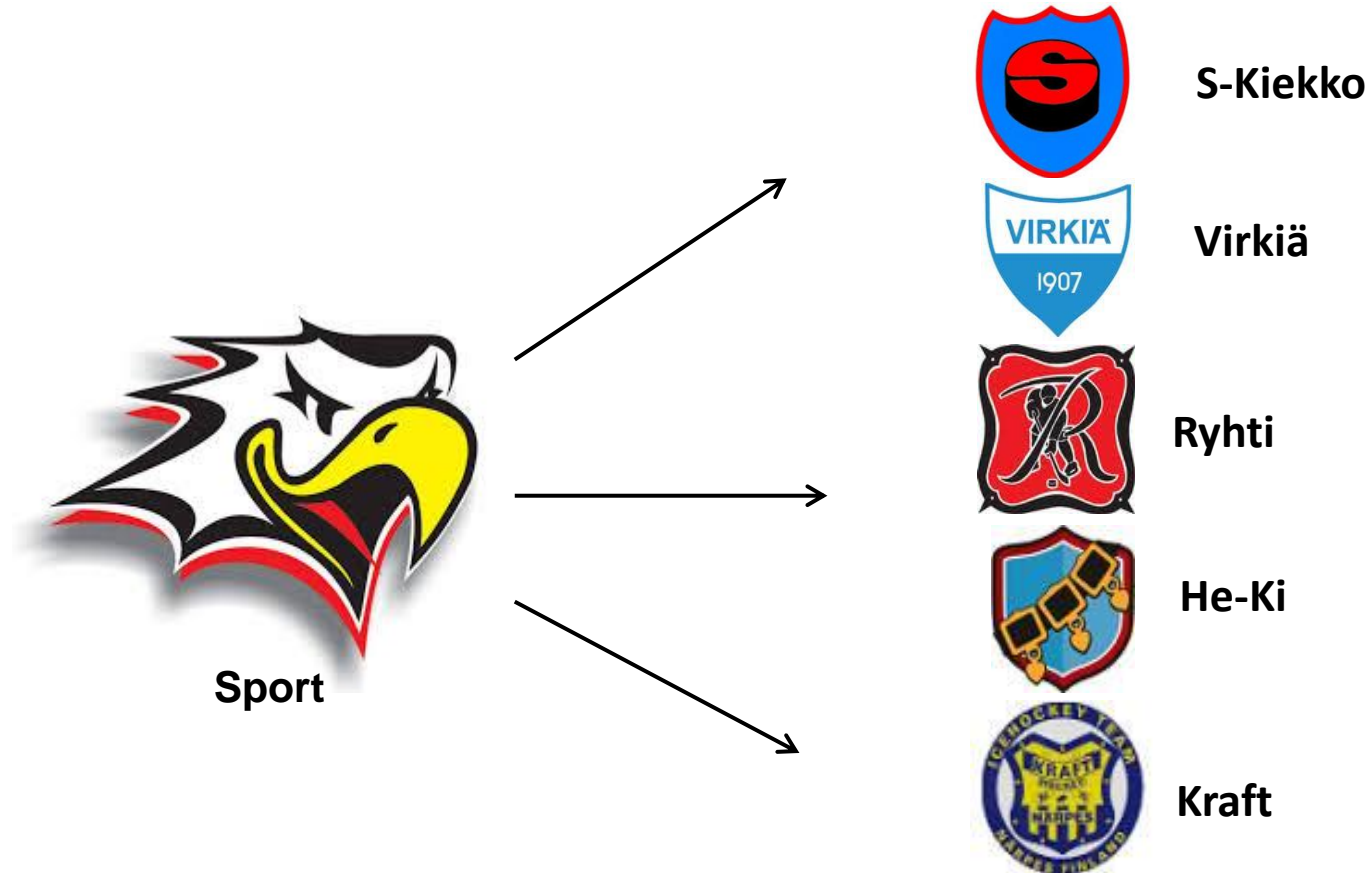
JUKKA WALLIUS KESKIMAA
SPORT: MALAX IF, KRAFT, IFK LEPPPLAX, MUIK, HERMES (TV), TUS, PUCKEN, JEPPIS, IKK, S-KIEKKO (TV), HE-KI, JPK, KURY, VIRKIÄ, KIEHA, APV, KUKU
MUUT: JHT
JARI SAASTAMOINEN POHJONEN JA LAPPI
KÄRPÄT: LIKI, AHMAT, MUJK, K-OULU, K-LASER (TV), KKP
ROKI: KIPS, SOPA, TIHC, LÄMÄRIT, PANTTERIT, KEKI, POSPY, SAPS, TUKI, PEKI, KOTU, ETPO
JÄÄCOBRAT: COWBOYS, YJK
MUUT: RJK, TEKI, PAKA, HAU, KIILAT, PYPO, PJK

JARI RUOTTINEN HÄME
JUNIORI PELICANS: JÄÄTIIKERIT
KOOKOO: AAKOO, TITAANIT, KY-80, IITTI HOCKEY
HPK: FOPS, SISU HOCKEY, UGLY DUCKS
HYRI (Yhteistyö HPK): NIKKARIT, AHMAT
MUUT: LITI

PEKKA PELTOLA SAVO-KARJALA
KALPA: SUKICA, LEKI-75, IPK (oma TV): KK-81, LL-89, KALLSI
JOKIPOJAT: KAJASTUS, JÄÄSUDET, HURTAT, OOKOO, POULI, JUPS, SEPOT
HOKKI: VTS, KIVAHT, SUPS



COOPERATION CLUBS



ONE BIG CLUB



PÄIJÄT-HÄME (PH): HEINOLA, NASTOLA, HOLLOLA, VÄÄKSY



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 - To improve clubwork and leadership → bigger help out smaller
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 - Not for winning single games or championships → but for player development (not hurry too early)



SKILLS COACHES



BACKGROUND

- **Need to help youth coaches on daily basis**
 - Quality wasn't equal
- **To make youth coaching more effective**
- **Regional coaches needed help**
 - Not enough time to mentor and help youth coaches
 - Now mentoring skills coaches at daily basis, mandatory 2-3 times during season
- **Funding from Senior WC games 2012-2013**
 - The biggest investment in finish ice hockey ever
 - FIHA funds the project , 1 million / year



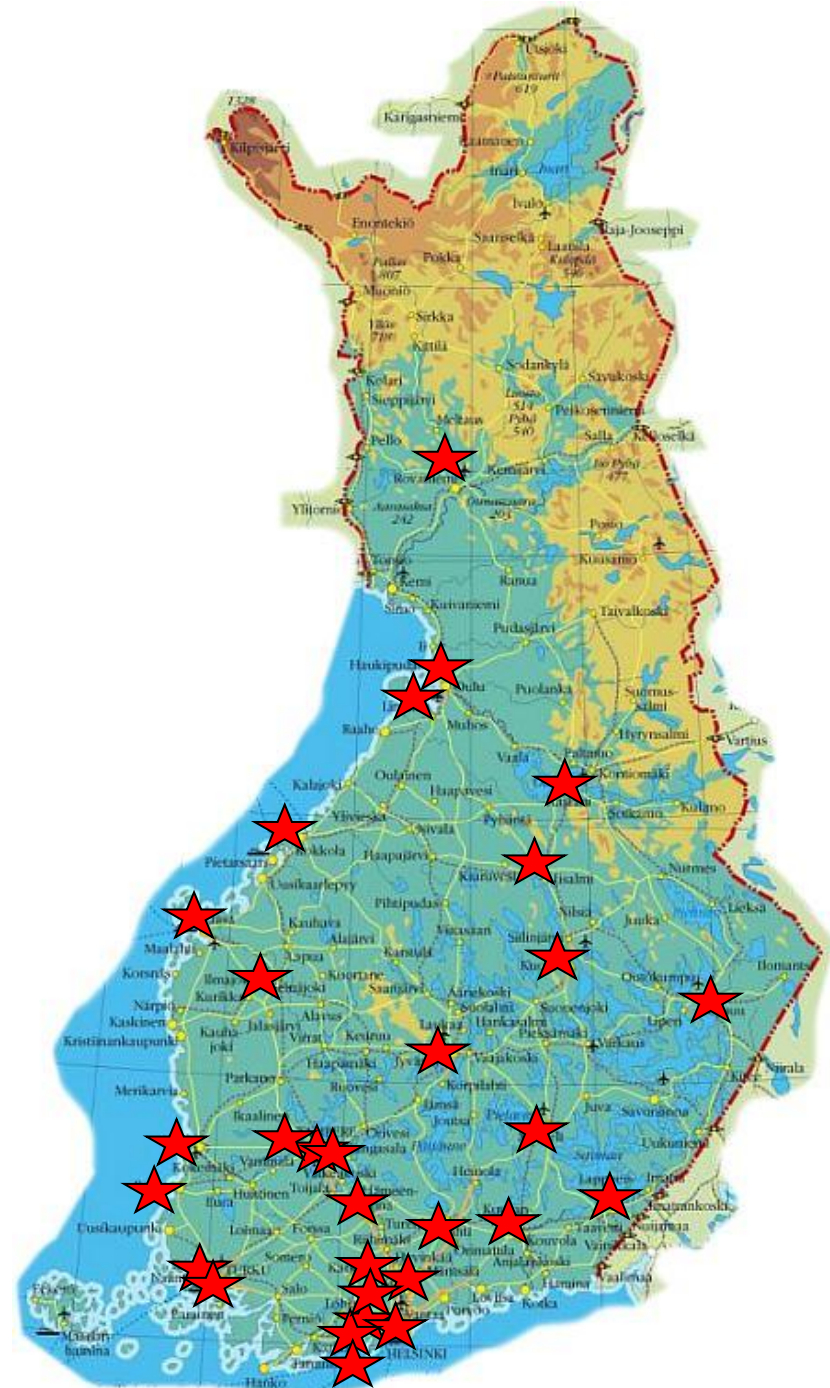
SKILLS COACHES

- **Approximately 250 applications, Interviews were based on applications**
- **28 best applicants were hired to work in the clubs**
 - 28 of them at the clubs, 1 for female hockey
- **Educated by behalf of FIHA**
 - At Vierumäki sport institute of Finland
 - 1,5 years, three days at school in a month
 - On ice (Based on Lion Road, FIHA LTAD)
 - Off ice (multisport message, skill development theories, windows of trainability)
 - The best skill learning researchers were involved to educate skills coaches; new theories on and off ice
 - Remarkable advantage for FIHA, skills coaches and clubs



REGIONAL COACHES CLUBS

- **SKILLS COACHES IN FINLAND = Head of umbrellas / Stars at map**
- **REGIONAL COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - OLLI SAVIKKO (Junioripäällikkö): Tappara, HC Nokia
 - PYRY LUKKARILA (Valmennusosaamisen kehittäjä): KJT ja Jokerit
 - SAMI NUUTINEN : EVU, HIFK, GrIFK, K-Espoo
 - JARI RUOTTINEN: HPK, Pelicans, Ilves, HYRI
 - VILLE SUOVALKAMA: Jukurit, KooKoo, SaiPa
 - VESA LEHTONEN: Lukko, TPS , TuTo,
 - JARI SAASTAMOINEN: RoKi, K-Laser, Kärpät,
 - JONI FINNE: Hermes, Sport, S-Kiekkok, Ässät
 - KALLE KERMAN: IPK, Jokipojat, KalPa, JYP
 - PEKKA PELTOLA (Aluepäällikkö): Hokki
- **30 hard working guys**



WHAT DO THEY DO?

- **"Coaches helping coaches"**
 - Father coaches need help to do things right
 - Message straight from youth national teams to youth coaches
- **They influence on everything between E2 (10U) and D1 (13U), from A to AAA**
- **On the ice most of the time**
 - Giving feedback to coaches, mentoring coaches
 - Running practices, different skills clinics
 - Showing how to do things right
 - Planning seasonal-, monthly- and on ice plans
 - Structure of practice (clinic, combination, structural)
- **Are responsible of their own club and "umbrella clubs" quality on ice Lion Hockey School – 15U, depending of club (official aiming LHS – U12)**
- **Parent programs**



COACHING DEVELOPMENT

- **8 full time and 1 half time regional coaching instructors in 8 regions of FIHA**
 - About 45 full time head of coaching in the clubs
 - 30 full time skills coaches in the clubs
 - Over 100 part time head of coaching in the clubs
 - Number of junior clubs is 180
- **Enable training opportunities close to the clubs**
- **Work in close co-operation with the clubs training individuals**
 - regional coaching instructor → head of the coaching in the club / skills coaches → team coaches in the club → player



THANK YOU!

