

Ukrainian Federation of Roller Hockey



International Inline Skater Hockey Federation

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President Erik Sommer,

Kyiv, 31.12.2022

Dear Erik,

On behalf of the Ukrainian Roller Hockey Federation, I would like to submit to the IISHF several decision proposals to be considered and discussed at the IISHF Annual General Meeting in Tel Aviv in 8 weeks.

With best regards,

Andrii Basarab
Delegate to the IISHF



1. IISHF Regulations: B-events Sanctioning & ITC

Change of the current bureaucratic IISHF sanction and ITC processes for B-Events. We suggest that B-events need IISHF sanction only once teams and players in our sport become professional, e.g. with salary payments for players. This reduces bureaucracy for IISHF, NMAs and clubs, while at the same time circumventing the creation of a professional Super League once our sport becomes professional. It

In 2022 international class B events (tournaments and friendly) games involving teams from Germany (in Great Britain & in Denmark), Ukraine (in Germany), Austria (in Germany) necessitated voluminous bureaucratic efforts and created extra costs without any notable benefit for the hosts and teams. At the same time international games involving Polish & Lebanese teams occurred without IISHF sanctioning.

Unchanged, every NMA may set national rules to regulate international games in its country and the participation of its teams in international games outside of its country. We think it should be left with every NMA to determine whether such regulations are useful to support the development of the sport in their country. That is, until the sport becomes professional.

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14.1	<p>All international events (class A events) as well as all international events (tournaments and friendly games) involving teams playing professional inline skater hockey players, e.g. players who get officially paid for playing inline skater hockey by their teams (class B events), must have the prior sanctioning of the IISHF. Host Teams / clubs must apply to the IISHF for sanctioning of such an event not later than</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three (3) months before the class A Events October 15 the year preceding class A events• four (4) weeks three (3) months before the class B Events Tournaments• one (1) week before a friendly game <p>with the official IISHF Tournament Application Form including all necessary documentation. The IISHF will consider sanction for the event from the Tournament Application Form provided and will notify the host Club/Team of the sanction granted. The IISHF may refuse to grant sanction or may require changes to be made before sanction can be granted. No international class A event or class B event including professional inline skater hockey players will take place without sanction from the IISHF. International events (tournaments, friendly games) involving solely non-professional teams/players do not require IISHF sanctioning.</p>
20.1	<p>Any Clubs or Teams wishing to participate in an International event that demands sanctioning as per 14.1 of these Regulations in and any National Team playing friendly games must apply to their parent National Member Association for the issue of an IISHF International Team Certificate (ITC), and must produce it at the event.</p>



- 20.2 If a Club class B Tournament (Non Title Event) that demands sanctioning as per 14.1 of these Regulations is taking place with only one team from another country, only the foreign team must apply for an International Team Certificate and produce it at the event. The teams from the domestic country do not need and do not produce an International Team Certificate. The Tournament is under the control of the National Member Association of the host Club/Team and must ensure that the tournament is played according to the IISHF Rule Book.
- 20.11 If a team arrives at a class B Tournament that demands sanctioning as per 14.1 of these Regulations and has not sent an authorised ITC or has player(s) who are not on the ITC, the team or player(s) can play if the National Member Association confirms to the Tournament Director in a written way the full implementation of article 20.3 IISHF Regulations for each player. Thus, a fine of 150 Euros for each player (maximum 750 Euros per team) will be imposed on the team.

2. IISHF Constitution: Specification of international institutions IISHF aims to be recognized by

The current IISHF Constitution foresees the affiliation and and recognition of IISHF with international institutions and bodies. We propose to list specific organizations IISHF seeks affiliation with or recognition from.

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| 4.1 | The Objects of the IISHF shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">g. To seek affiliation to and recognition from all appropriate international institutions or bodies and to abide by their rules of membership, including but not limited:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)- The International Olympic Committee (IOC)- The Association of IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF).- The Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).- The International University Sports Federation (FISU) |
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3. IISHF Constitution: Powers of the Council of Members

We propose to extend the powers of the Council of Members to decide on the adoption and changes of any IISHF document effecting the NMAs and its members. Examples would be the IISHF Budget or any By-laws.

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| 10.3 | The Council of Members shall have the power: <ul style="list-style-type: none">f. To decide upon any changes of any IISHF documents with impact to all National Member Associations. |
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4. IISHF Constitution: Introduction of a Hall of Fame

Inline skater hockey as a sport is almost 40 years old. In 1988 the IISHF was founded and the since 1997 international Title Events are played. However, the IISHF has no framework and processes in place to honor any individuals that have significantly contributed to the sport and its development.

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10.4 (new)	The Council of Members confirms with a 75% vote majority any nomination to the IISHF Hall of Fame for outstanding players, sport developers and referees made by the IISHF Presidium based on recommendations by any NMA or the IISHF Presidium in accordance with the IISHF Hall of Fame Nomination & Selection Procedure approved by the Council.
11.9.	The agenda for the AGM shall be as follows; u) Title Events v) Hall of Fame Selection w) Any other Business

5. IISHF Constitution: Direct Communication of IISHF with clubs/teams/individuals participating at IISHF Title Events.

Currently, the general provisions of the IISHF Constitution do not foresee that the IISHF may directly communicate with the participants to its own Title Events. The IISHF Regulations in 15.1.b (4.; 5.; 3) foresees that the IISHF communicates the Tournament Rules & Time Schedule directly to the Host and all participating teams and that IISHF is responsible for the international publicity of the Title Event. In practice teams approach the IISHF directly, for example regarding the provision of team information and feedback forms. The IISHF conducts a manager meeting prior to the Title Event.

We see many issues where a direct communication by IISHF with participants to IISHF Title Events (before, during and after) is useful and much more efficient.

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17. 4	IISHF may directly communicate with individual members, Clubs or Teams, regarding IISHF Title Events and the participation therein. For legal proceedings all communications to individual members, Clubs or Teams must occur via the be forwarded to them without delay by the relevant National Member Association.



Any other Business - Decision proposals:

6. IISHF Officials Expenditure Regulation

The IISHF Presidium is to develop by the end of 2023 an IISHF Officials Expenditure Regulation, specifying minimum requirements and maximum costs for catering/food, accommodation, travel, gifts, etc. for all IISHF officials at IISHF events (title events, general and working meetings, committee and work group meetings, etc.).

7. IISHF Officials' Work Manual

The IISHF Presidium is to develop with the Officials Department an IISHF Officials Work Manual until the end of 2023. This manual is to include the requirements for IISHF Officials' candidates (job description & to-do checklists), the entire selection process by IISHF, the coaching/development of IISHF Officials, their nomination for title events, the evaluation of their performances at IISHF events and throughout the year, monitoring performances over the years.

It shall include the structure and processes related to the management of all Officials including the requirements and role of the IISHF Officials Manager, her/his interaction with the superior IISHF Presidium Member, the entire IISHF Presidium, the NMAs regarding all processes and decisions. It must also lay out the specifications for any technologies used in all these processes. To achieve a broad acceptance among NMA, we recommend that the IISHF Presidium establishes a temporary work group to facilitate achieving this goal and that the Manual is approved by all NMAs at the AGM 2024.

8. IISHF Referee Work Manual

The IISHF Presidium is to develop with the Referee Department an IISHF Referee Work Manual until the end of 2023. This manual is to include the requirements for IISHF Referee' candidates, the entire selection process by IISHF, the coaching/development of IISHF Referees, their nomination for title events, their nomination for games, the evaluation of their performances at IISHF title events (on and off-pitch), the conduct of tournament & annual rankings.

The Manual shall include the structure and processes related to the management of all Referees including the requirements and role of the IISHF Referee Manager, her/his interaction with the superior IISHF Presidium Member, the entire IISHF Presidium, the IISHF Referee Supervisors and the NMAs regarding all processes and decisions. It must also lay out the specifications for any technologies used in all these processes. To achieve a broad acceptance among NMA, we recommend that the IISHF Presidium establishes a temporary work group to facilitate achieving this goal and that the Manual is approved by all NMAs at the AGM 2024.



9. Membership in Sport Recognized

Review of the membership of IISHF in [Sport Recognized](#) regarding its benefits and costs for IISHF (500 EUR annually).

10. Hall of Fame Nomination & Selection Procedure

Development by the IISHF Presidium of a “Hall of Fame Nomination & Selection Procedure“ in 2023 to be approved at the AGM 2024. The creation of an “IISHF History Committee” to facilitate achieving this goal is recommended. Respective by-laws for such a committee are to be drafted by the IISHF Presidium for approval at the IISHF AGM 2024.