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IISHF Presidium Report for the year 2025

We managed to host in 2025 a total of 9 IISHF Title Events consisting of 7 European Cups and 2 European Championships so a very good year with all planned Title Events taking place.

The same three countries (Austria, Germany and Switzerland) hosted the IISHF Title Events in 2025 so a special thank you to these countries. Germany hosted 5 Title Events, Austria and Switzerland hosted 2 Title Events each.

The year 2025 was like the previous three years 2022, 2023 and 2024, also another difficult year due to the continued international political tension which has a great impact on international relations. IISHF extended at the IISHF AGM 2025 for the third time the suspension of Russia from all International activities within IISHF due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine for another year. The suspension of Russia will be in effect until further notice. For Ukraine the ongoing war with Russia prohibited again in practice them from taking part also in IISHF Title Events both with their skater hockey teams and with their IISHF Officials and Referees. For Israel with the prolonged conflict in Israel their international participation is severely restricted.

In 2025 the work continued to further transform the IISHF Website and entire IISHF Tournament Tool to a better performing platform supported and managed by the entire IISHF Officials group. A special thank here extended to the IISHF IT Director Simon Price and IISHF Officials Manager Dee Dalton for a great effort to ensure that we run the IISHF Title Events the best possible way in close cooperation with the hosting clubs, their NMAs, the IISHF Presidium, IISHF Officials and IISHF Referees.

The **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** that was established in 2024 at the IISHF Men European Championships 2024 in Amstetten. Under the leadership of Marco Eicher from Switzerland with participation of the 5 NMAs taking part in the current IISHF Title Events (Austria, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain and Switzerland) and the IISHF Presidium has continued its work with regular online meetings.

The first outcome of the **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** was the hosting of the joint IISHF U19 European Championships 2025 (with minimum 4 participating teams) and the IISHF Women European Cup 2025 (with 6 participating teams) to take place in Ternitz, Austria. This was a very good experience and will be repeated in 2026 also this time in Ternitz, Austria. The second outcome of **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** has been an extensive cooperation between the NMA's coordinating the planning of IISHF Title Events

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for 2026. The next initiative for **IISHF Working Group for hosting Title Events** will be an increased focus on long term planning of the hosting of IISHF Title Events and also the introduction and implementation of the “Wild Card” approach to encourage nonmember countries to join and participate in the IISHF Title Events in the years to come.

We would like again to extend a special thank you to the National Member Associations that have taken active part in the IISHF Technical Group (working group on Rules) especially the work done by Claes Fréder from Denmark and Stefan Gehrig from Germany. We would also like to take the time to express a special thank you to all our National Member Associations for your strong support to the IISHF and hope that we can continue to work together to promote the sport we enjoy so much.

In addition we would like again to extend a special thank you to the National Member Associations that have taken active part in the IISHF Regulations Group (working group on Regulations) under the leadership of Ingo Goerke (IISHF Finance Director).

Also, a special thanks to all the appointed persons working active for IISHF ensuring that our IISHF Title Events take place. This involved in 2025 the following people: Dee Dalton (IISHF Officials Manager), Will Osborne (Referee Manager), Lorin Chèvre (Deputy IT Director + THF Manager) and Simon Price (Communication Officer, IT Director + ITC Manager). Without their vital contribution IISHF couldn't manage to host IISHF Title Events.

Wishing you all the best and we look forward to seeing many of you soon at the AGM 2026 and on IISHF Title Events 2026.

On Behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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