



International Inline Skater Hockey Federation

Communication 2015-19

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Topics:

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- 2. U19 European Cup 2016**
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been announced if they will officially take part. Each confirmation must be given by the relevant National Member Association and is only valid if given (confirmed) by the relevant National Member Association. National Member Associations not giving a reply within this 3-weeks deadline will get a fine for each missing team feedback according to article 3.7 IISHF Regulations and the relevant team also lose their right to take part at this European Cup.

The need for feedback also applies for all National Vice Champions 2015, Wild Card Teams, Host Teams and Backup Teams who might qualify for 2016 so please make sure that the final information about the participation 2016 of all your Club Teams as listed in the IISHF Seeding Ranking List will be given at latest within the next three weeks to IISHF (office@iishf.com) with copy to sommer.erik@gmail.com. **Deadline for reply is 21st January 2016**. In the event of a National Champion declining the place, the place will in the first instance be offered to that National Member Association's Vice Champion if they do not already have a place.

For the Men Cup Winner Cup the National Cup Champion is automatically qualified to participate however except the hosting team and the defending champion no team (including individual players) can participate in both the Men European Cup and the Men Cup Winner Cup. If a NMA does not have a National Cup Championship then it can select teams after their placement in the National Championship.

5. IISHF Regulations §18.5 (2015) version – ranking order for European Cups

The article § 18.5 IISHF Regulations was revised at the last AGM 2015 in Hamburg. However the current IISHF Regulations 2015 version has the following text which will be valid for the ranking of the participating teams at the IISHF European Cups in 2016 since no NMA's have made any objections to the current text. For this reason we will take §18.5 IISHF Regulations up for further discussion at the AGM 2016 in Zagreb (Croatia).

The article § 18.5 IISHF Regulations states the following (see also attachment):

The IISHF Presidium shall determine the final number of teams participating in an European Cup. Each vacant place (which means without automatic qualification according to article 18.2 IISHF Regulations) in an European Cup will be transferred to the National Member Associations as follows:

- All vacant places in the sequence of the final ranking of the last European Championship of this Age Group.
- For the younger age groups (U13, U16) in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Junior European Championship will be binding.
- In the event of a qualified (transferred) Team having declined the vacant place, the place will be automatically given to that National Member Association's next qualified team if they do not already have a place. If this next qualified team is not a team according to article 18.1 IISHF Regulations, this team can confirm its participation within 8 days after the offer has been given to the relevant NMA. If no confirmation is given within this 8 days deadline to

IISHF, the vacant place will be offered to another National Member Association in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Men/Junior European Championship.

6. Draft Rules of the game 2016/2017

Please find attached the draft for the Rules of the Game 2016/2017 as proposed by the IISHF Technical Committee. Please apologize for the delay - ideally we would have had published the draft not later than 1st December 2015, but due to internal communication problems in the Technical Committee (including the resignation of the Swiss representative Jonathan Römer) and due to the fact that the Technical Committee had to do some more discussion and voting rounds because of the late Austrian proposals, it simply wasn't possible to finish the draft in time. Please note that the Technical Committee has to recheck wording, grammar and spelling, so the final version might look somewhat slightly different but the content will stay the same.

Following now is a short summary of the changes proposed in this document as presented by Stefan Gehrig (the chairman of the IISHF Technical Committee):

- 3.5.1 k) clarification on the duties of a timekeeper with regard to penalty handling
- 3.7.1 allow the replacement of goal judges in exceptional circumstances
- 3.9.1 new consolidated rule „Abuse of Officials“
- 3.9.2 moved from 8.16.12
- 4.3.1 clarification on the way referees interact with captains / assistant captains
- 4.3.6 deleted because already included in 4.3.1
- 5.4.2 removal of the neck and throat protected for U19 players and younger
- 5.6.3 removal because rule is not needed any more
- 5.8 removal because of removal of 5.4.2
- 7.7.1 clarification on the jurisdiction for match bans in IISHF games after match penalties
- 7.8.1 clarification on the jurisdiction for match bans in IISHF games after gross match penalties
- 7.9.4, 7.9.5 and 7.9.6 changed handling of multiple penalties against a goalkeeper because 7.9.4 (introduced last year was seriously flawed)
- 7.11.1, 7.11.2, 7.11.3, 7.11.4 and 7.11.6 slight wording corrections
- 7.15.7 a), b) and c) face-off moved for misconduct penalties as well
- 8.2.1 referees are allowed to stop the game if they get into the way of a player giving one team an unfair advantage
- 8.4.1 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.4.2 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.4.3 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.4.4 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.5.1 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.10.12 and 8.10.12 a) removal of the option to assess a minor penalty for „pushing from behind“, checking from behind is now always at least a major penalty
- 8.10.18 c) allow goals where the ball is deflected off the skate of an attacking player, explicitly prohibit goals where the ball has been kicked by an attacking player
- 8.10.19 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.10.20 f) penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.10.20 i) rule to allow a referee to stop the game as soon as one team does not try to keep the

ball in motion

- 8.11.6 adoption to common practice - the referee can stop the game earlier than 3 seconds after the ball is unplayable because it's trapped somewhere in the goalkeeper's equipment or under the goalkeeper
- 8.13 complete rewording and restructuring of allowed and disallowed goals; esp. the option to score by deflection off an attacker has been added; kicking is still not allowed (see 8.10.18 c)
- 8.15.2 moved to 8.16.12
- 8.16.1 to 8.16.10 penalty changed to minor penalty
- 8.16.12 moved to 3.9.2
- 8.19.1 clarification

Appendices have not been yet updated to reflect the changes.

7. AGM 2016 in Zagreb (Croatia)

As already announced the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2016 will take place on 27-28.02.2016 in Zagreb (Croatia). Due to illness of Juri Bednjanec the details cannot be announced before 15.01.2016. Please inform the IISHF Presidium (office@iishf.com) latest until 10.01.2016

- a) if your Association will participate at the AGM 2016?
- b) if yes, with how many delegates you will participate?

The host shall need this information for his domestic planning – thank you very much in advance for a short reply.

We wish all Member Countries a Happy New Year.

On behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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