

# International Inline Skater Hockey Federation



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## Chapter 1 Disciplinary Regulations

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### 1. Disciplinary Committee and Disciplinary Proceedings

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- 1.1. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on offences on and off the pitch against good sportsmanship, fair play, IISHF Regulations, IISHF Rule Book, Tournament Rules, discipline, honesty and any other offence which may bring the sport of Inline Skater Hockey into disrepute committed during any event sanctioned by the IISHF as well as well as committed during any other time. The Disciplinary Committee is entitled to open a Disciplinary Proceedings when they receive a written report from an IISHF Officer/Official or one of the IISHF Bodies or IISHF Members.
- 1.2. The Disciplinary Committee will also adjudicate on any Black Card offences being awarded at any IISHF sanctioned event (titled or non-titled).
- 1.3. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on offences and to impose penalties against any of the following:
  - National Member Associations
  - Clubs
  - Teams
  - Officials (Referee, Timekeeper, Team Manager, Coach, Assistant, Technical Director, Technical Assistant, Technical Staff)
  - Players
  - Individual Persons (Spectators, others)
- 1.4. Disciplinary Committee Proceedings shall comprise of minimum three (3) persons from different Member Countries.
- 1.5. A Disciplinary Proceedings must be convened by the Disciplinary Officer with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to the selected members of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.6. A Disciplinary Proceedings must be chaired by the Disciplinary Officer or his/her Deputy.
- 1.7. Each member of the Disciplinary Committee selected for duty at a proceeding will have one (1) vote and the Chairman of the proceedings shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie, in the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 1.8. Any disciplinary case must be opened within three (3) months from the date of the incident. For any Gross Match Penalty (Black Card) a disciplinary case is automatically opened.
- 1.9. Decisions of a Disciplinary Proceedings should be made as soon as possible within three (3) months from the date of the incident. If the decision is further delayed, the concerned NMA must be informed and the reason must be stated. A decision must be made within six (6) months from the date of the incident.
- 1.10. Decisions of a Disciplinary Proceedings must be sent to the National Member Association of the accused in writing.
- 1.11. An appeal against any decision of a Disciplinary Proceedings is possible as defined in article 6 IISHF Regulations.

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## 2. Execution of Proceedings

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- 2.1. If a player receives a Gross Match Penalty (Black Card) at an International event, the player shall be suspended automatically for the remainder of that event. Furthermore, the player shall be suspended from all International events after receiving the Gross Match Penalty. Each player awarded a Gross Match Penalty at an International event is subject to an IISHF Disciplinary Committee Proceedings and cannot play in an International event until the decision of the Disciplinary Committee Proceedings has been decided.
- 2.2. If a player receives a Match Penalty (Red Card) at an International event, the player shall be suspended automatically from playing his/her next two (2) International games. The player can then play again. Each player/person awarded a Match Penalty at an International event must pay a fixed fine of 200 Euros.
- 2.3. If a player receives a Game Misconduct Penalty (Yellow Red Card) at an International event is not allowed to take any further part in the remainder of the relevant game, but shall not be suspended from playing in any further games. Each player/person awarded a Game Misconduct Penalty at an International event must pay a fixed fine of 100 Euros.
- 2.4. The Disciplinary Committee shall write the National Member Association of the accused stating that the accused is subject to disciplinary action and that a Disciplinary Proceedings will be convened and offer the accused the possibility to attend in person or to forward a written statement within three (3) weeks of receipt of the information. The reason for opening the Disciplinary Proceedings must be stated by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2.5. Penalties according to article 3 IISHF Regulations will apply.

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## 3. Penalties

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- 3.1. The following penalties are authorised:
- Reprimand
  - Fine: Individual Persons up to 1,000 Euros
  - Fine: Associations/Clubs/Teams up to 10,000 Euros
  - Ban on participation at International events
  - Ban on holding office
  - Loss of points gained at an International event
  - Loss of titles gained at International events (including return of trophies or cups)
  - Other penalties
- 3.2. Secondary penalties may also be imposed.
- 3.3. The following penalties are authorised against Host Associations/ Clubs/ Teams with regard to International Tournaments and events:
- a) Failure to provide items listed in Rule 2.3 IISHF Rule Book.  
Fine: 50 Euros per missing item up to a maximum of 200 Euros per day.
- 3.4. The following penalties are imposed automatically for all International Tournaments and events.
- a) Failure to provide a pitch in good working condition.  
Fine: 200 Euros to the host.
- b) Failure to provide to the IISHF within three (3) days of an International event all game results and all details of non-participation, occurrences etc.

- Fine: 100 Euros to the host per each week until missing information is provided.
- c) Participation of an ineligible, banned or suspended player.  
Fine: 250 Euros per game on offending team.
  - d) Failure of a team to play in a class A event without matching equipment in contravention of Rule 5.20 (players uniform) IISHF Rule Book.  
Fine: 50 Euros per item, per player to a maximum of 300 Euros per team per tournament day.
  - e) Any Bench Official on team bench or named on ITC who is found to be under sixteen (16) years of age. Also any bench official on a team bench or named on an ITC who is found to be under eighteen (18) years of age where there is no official over eighteen (18) years of age present.  
Fine: 100 Euros per each person.
  - f) More than five (5) Bench Officials on a team bench, (any person not kitted up to play will be deemed to be a bench official).  
Fine: 100 Euros per additional person.
  - g) Any player or Official found to have consumed alcohol (according to article 27 IISHF Regulations).  
Fine: Disciplinary Action as decided by Disciplinary Committee. Additionally an immediate suspension from the venue may be possible and will be imposed by the TD of the relevant event.
  - h) Any player or Official found to have consumed any illegal substance that may result in unsuitable behaviour or which is not covered by the most recent version of the list of the prohibited substances provided by WADA.  
Fine: Disciplinary Action as decided by Disciplinary Committee.
  - i) Failure to provide the IISHF on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December of each year the names, contact person and contact address (e-mail) of the current National Champion and Vice Champion for the European Cups (for all age categories).  
Fine: 100 Euro fine per week
  - j) Failure to provide the Technical Director or Technical Director Office at least 30 minutes before each Game a list of Players who shall be eligible to play in that Game (as fixed in Rule 4.2.5 IISHF Rule Book).  
Fine: 50 Euro fine for each missing list of a team.
  - k) Failure to provide the IISHF all the necessary information for class-A events with the official IISHF Application Form no later than three (3) months prior of the event in contravention of article 15.2 c) 2 IISHF Regulations.  
Fine: 50 Euros per each week until missing information is provided
  - l) Failure to provide the IISHF the event date, Teams, and the schedule 4 weeks prior the event in contravention of article 15.2 c) 2 IISHF Regulations.  
Fine: 50 Euros per each week until missing information is provided.
  - m) Failure to provide two goalkeepers in accordance to article 18.19 IISHF Regulations  
Fine: 100 Euros per each missing goalkeeper per game.
  - n) Failure to return the "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" in accordance to article 15.1 e) 10 IISHF Regulations.  
Fine: 100 Euros
  - o) Failure to use all the delivered team information according to article 15.1 IISHF Regulations  
Fine: 100 Euros per team (to a maximum of 500 Euros in total)

- 3.5. Non-Participation in an International non title event by a team following written confirmation of participation unless proven force majeure will result to a fine as follows:
- a) If the team gives notice of non participation less than four (4) weeks prior to the event:  
500 Euros plus six (6) months ban from entering any International non title events.
  - b) If the team gives notice of non participation up to four (4) weeks prior to the event:  
250 Euros plus six (6) months ban from entering any International non title events.
  - c) If the team gives notice of non-participation up to four (4) weeks prior but offers a replacement team (this team does not have to be accepted by the Host):  
100 Euros plus six (6) months ban from entering any International non title events
  - d) If the team does not participate in a single game  
Fine: 250 Euros per each game
- In the above situations (article 3.5 a) – d) IISHF Regulations) fifty (50) % of the fine will be reimbursed to the Host or Organiser.
- 3.6. Non-Participation by a team in an International title event (European Championships and European Cups) unless proven force majeure will be fined as follows:
- a) If a team does not participate in a single game  
Fine: 500 Euros per each game
  - b) If a team cancels its participation after the three (3) week deadline but before the final announcement from IISHF of the participating teams.  
Fine: 2,000 Euros
  - c) If a team cancels its participation after the three (3) week deadline and after the final announcement from IISHF of the participating teams but up to six (6) months before the event.  
Fine: 4,000 Euros  
If a team cancels after the above six (6) month deadline.  
Fine: 6,000 Euros
  - d) The IISHF Presidium can decide to reduce the fines by max. 75% for new members participating for the first time in an International Title Event. The reduction will only apply if the country has prepaid a non refundable amount of 1.000 Euros.
  - e) The IISHF Presidium can decide to cancel the fines for a host, if the hosting country is declared as not safe by either the hosts or the qualifying team`s foreign offices and thus the safety of individuals could be endangered. Also the fines for teams not attending can be cancelled, due to any conflict that could endanger safety also following the advice of their own foreign office.
- 3.7. Failure by any Country, Club or Team to meet an IISHF fixed or published deadline.  
Fine: 50 Euros per week (until deadline is met)  
Fine: 100 Euros per week (until deadline is met) for requested team information – in this case fifty (50) % of the fine will be reimbursed to the Host or Organiser.
- 3.8. Failure by any Country, Club or Team (send minimum one (1) person speaking English) to arrive on time for the beginning of a Managers Meeting of a title event and to stay until the end of the Managers Meeting.  
Fine: 50 Euros
- 3.9. Failure by any Country, Club or Team to be present (send minimum one (1) person speaking English) at the Managers Meeting of a title event.  
Fine: 100 Euros

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- 3.10. Failure by any Country, Club or Team taking part on a title event to provide the passport or National identity card of each player participating in his/her first game to the Technical Director prior to at least one hour before the start of that game (Remark: Without passport or National identity card a player is not eligible).  
Fine: 200 Euros
- 3.11. Failure by any Country, Club or Team to take part with its team at the opening ceremony and to stay until the end of the opening ceremony. Absence of more than 25% of the players and/or team officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting is only possible with a written consent from the IISHF Presidium or the Technical Director. IISHF shall publish date and time of an opening ceremony when confirmation of participants is published.  
Fine: 500 Euros when the team has less than 50% of the players and officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting.  
250 Euros when the team does not take part with at least 75% to a minimum of 50% of the players and officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting.
- 3.12. Failure by any Country, Club or Team to take part with its team at the presentation ceremony and to stay until the end of the presentation ceremony. Absence of more than 25% of the players and/or team officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting is only possible with a written consent from the IISHF Presidium or the Technical Director.  
Fine: 1.000 Euros when the team has less than 50% of the players and officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting.  
500 Euros when the team does not take part with at least 75% to a minimum of 50% of the players and officials who were on the approved ITC agreed at the Managers Meeting.
- 3.13. The following penalties are imposed automatically for all National Member Associations:
- a) If according to article 11.13 IISHF Constitution a National Member Association does not provide the number of teams until 30<sup>th</sup> June incl. a detailed team list with the name of all registered clubs and teams for the current year.  
Fine: 100 Euros per each week until full information is provided.
  - b) If according to article 11.11. - 11.13 IISHF Constitution a National Member Association provides a wrong number of teams or a wrong or incomplete team list, a Disciplinary Case shall be opened.
- 3.14. Failure by any country to return the Challenge Cup (according to article 18.18 IISHF Regulations).  
Fine: 500 Euros plus 100 Euros per each week of delay (until receipt to the NMA of the next relevant Champion)
- 3.15. The parent club or team of an individual person awarded a fine shall be responsible for the payment of any fines made against that individual.
- 3.16. The parent National Member Association shall be responsible for the payment of any fines levied against National and all other teams and players.
- 3.17. Several penalties can run concurrently.

#### 4. **Protest Proceedings**

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- 4.1. A protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' (force majeure), is only valid if it is sent by registered letter and postmarked within two (2) weeks of the relevant

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International event together with proof of payment of the protest fee of 200 Euros and addressed to the IISHF Headquarter. During a title event a protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' can be handed over to the Technical Director together with cash payment of the protest fee of 200 Euros no later than sixty (60) minutes after the end of the relevant game. Each protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' must be accompanied by any relevant proof or evidence.

- 4.2. A Verbal Hearing may be requested at the same time as the protest is lodged with proof of payment of hearing fee of 1,000 Euros.
- 4.3. A valid protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' will defer any fine or penalty until the application is heard and closed.
- 4.4. The IISHF Presidium will decide about any protest or application claiming 'An Act of God'.
- 4.5. An appeal against a decision awarded as a result of a protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' is possible as defined in article 6 IISHF Regulations.
- 4.6. If a protest or application against an 'Act of God' shall be successful then a reimbursement of the full amount of the protest fees shall be made to the accused.

## 5. Verbal Hearing

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- 5.1. A Verbal Hearing must take place within four (4) weeks of the request being received, provided that the request has been accompanied by proof of payment of the hearing fee of 1,000 Euros.
- 5.2. All parties concerned must be informed by registered mail at least two (2) weeks before the date of the Verbal Hearing. This must include the date, the time and the venue of the Verbal Hearing.
- 5.3. Should any party concerned fail to attend the Verbal Hearing, the proceedings shall be discussed and decided in their absence.
- 5.4. The accused may be accompanied to the Verbal Hearing by one (1) representative of his/her choice.
- 5.5. The Chairman of the relevant IISHF Body will chair the Verbal Hearing.
- 5.6. Verbal Hearing proceedings will be as follows:
  - a) The Chairman shall open the hearing and shall state the offences.
  - b) The Chairman shall state the names of those present and the quorum required for a hearing.
  - c) The Chairman shall remind the parties concerned and their witnesses of their duty to speak the truth.
  - d) The evidence from the defendant shall then be heard.
  - e) The evidence from any witnesses shall then be heard.
  - f) The evidence from any Officials shall then be heard.
  - g) The evidence from any other party concerned shall then be heard.
  - h) The members of the IISHF may ask questions.
  - i) The witnesses shall be dismissed.
  - j) Written evidence shall be read out.
  - k) The defendant may give any further and final statement.
  - l) The other party/ies may give any further and final evidence.



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- m) All persons other than the IISHF Committee shall leave the room.
  - n) The IISHF Committee shall consider the evidence and discuss and agree any action to be taken (these deliberations shall remain confidential).
  - o) The defendant or the representatives shall return to the hearing.
  - p) The IISHF committee shall inform the defendant or representatives of the decision along with a short justification of the action taken.
  - q) The IISHF Committee shall confirm the decision in writing to the defendant or representatives within two (2) weeks of the hearing date.
- 5.7. A written record of the proceedings (minutes) shall be taken in every Verbal Hearing and a copy of these minutes sent to the IISHF President.
- 5.8. If a Verbal Hearing shall be successful, then a reimbursement of the full amount of the hearing fees shall be made.
- 5.9. The accused and a representative of the accused or witnesses of the accused must pay for their own expenses to attend a Verbal Hearing.

## **6. Appeals Committee and Appeals Procedure**

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- 6.1. The Appeals Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on appeals against any decision and penalty imposed by any of the IISHF's bodies.
- 6.2. An appeal against decisions made by IISHF Bodies shall only be valid if it is sent by registered letter and postmarked within four (4) weeks after receiving the relevant decision together with proof of payment of the appeals fee of 500 Euros addressed to the IISHF Headquarter. Each appeal must be accompanied by any relevant proof or evidence.
- 6.3. In addition to the appeal a Verbal Hearing may be requested at the same time as an appeal is lodged and must be sent together with proof of payment of the hearing fee of 700 Euros.
- 6.4. A valid appeal application will defer any fine or penalty until the appeal has been heard and closed. An appeal against any suspension will not defer the suspension until four (4) weeks after the appeal has been filed to the IISHF Headquarter.
- 6.5. Appeals Committee Proceedings shall consist of minimum three (3) Committee Members and shall be chaired by the Chairman or one (1) of his/her Vice Chairman.
- 6.6. Meetings of the Appeals Committee shall be convened by the Chairman or his/her deputy with a minimum of two (2) weeks notice to the Committee Members.
- 6.7. Each Appeals Committee Member shall have one (1) vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes, in the event of the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 6.8. Decisions of the Appeals Committee must be made and published within three (3) months from the date of receipt of the appeal.
- 6.9. The Appeals Committee shall not be empowered to increase any penalty awarded by any IISHF body nor shall it disadvantage the appellant with regard to the original decision. The Appeals Committee can totally or partially accept or refuse the appeal. The Appeals Committee can also return a proceedings or decision to the Disciplinary Committee in order to correct or complete the decision.
- 6.10. Should an appeal be completely successful, then a reimbursement of 500 Euros shall be made to the appellant.

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- 6.11. The Appeals Committee is the supreme judicial authority of the IISHF.
- 6.12. Any dispute arising from the IISHF Constitution or the IISHF Regulations which cannot be settled by the Appeals Committee shall be definitely settled by a tribunal constituted in accordance with the statutes and procedural rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the statutes and procedural rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decision in good faith.

## **7. General Regulations**

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- 7.1. The following regulations concerning IISHF proceedings and appeals are mandatory:
- a) Decisions shall be given and explained in writing and countersigned by the Chairman of the relevant IISHF Body, a statement of rights of redress must be given.
  - b) Decisions by any IISHF Body shall not give rise to claims for compensation.
  - c) A member of an IISHF Body may not take part in proceedings in which he himself/she herself/ or his/her Club or National Member Association is involved or by which he/she is affected.
  - d) Properly conducted proceedings closed by a decision of an IISHF Body can be re opened if new, previously unknown facts or evidence are discovered or officially brought to the notice of that Body concerned. New evidence required for re opening proceedings may be submitted by any party, the accused, or a member of the Body involved. The Body involved shall decide whether proceedings shall be reopened. An appeal against this decision is possible. An application for re opening proceedings must be made within six (6) weeks of discovering new evidence, but not later than two (2) years after the relevant decision has come into effect.
- 7.2. Any correspondence between the IISHF Bodies and National Member Associations may be done by electronic mail, but in the case of announcements and other official documents then a confirmation of receipt may be requested by the IISHF and sent by the Member.
- 7.3. All correspondence belonging to National Member Associations relating to International matters must pass through the IISHF Headquarter unless specifically agreed otherwise.
- 7.4. All correspondence belonging to the IISHF relating to National matters must pass through the Headquarter of the National Member Association at the address notified to the IISHF.
- 7.5. All communications to Clubs, Teams and Individual Persons must be forwarded to them without any delay by the relevant National Member Association. The IISHF is not liable for consequences resulting of any delay.
- 7.6. All National Member Associations must ensure that they can communicate electronically.

## Chapter 2 Financial Regulations

### 8. Membership Fee

- 8.1. Each regular National Member Association must pay an annual membership fee which is based on the number of teams registered in each Country for the current year:
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| Countries with 9 or less Teams registered:   | 350 Euros per year   |
| Countries with 10 or more Teams registered:  | 750 Euros per year   |
| Countries with 50 or more Teams registered:  | 1.500 Euros per year |
| Countries with 100 or more Teams registered: | 2.500 Euros per year |
- Temporary Membership fees are 100 Euro (in the first year) and 175 Euro (in the second year) for the time of being a temporary member.  
A National Member Association which neither takes part at General Meetings nor takes part with any team at any international event will not have to pay membership for that year.
- 8.2. A payment for the Membership Fees will be invoiced until 31<sup>st</sup> January of each year and shall be based on the number of teams according to article 11.12 IISHF Constitution.
- 8.3. No reimbursement of the annual membership fee will be done.
- 8.4. New applicants for membership of the IISHF shall have their fees calculated on a pro rata basis.

### 9. Fees for Title Events

- 9.1. When a nomination of a team is fixed in accordance to article 18.1 c) IISHF Regulations, all National Member Associations will be invoiced for their teams' participation at title (A class) events, prior to each event taking place, for each team as follows:
- European Championships

Men	750 Euros
Veterans	500 Euros
Women	500 Euros
U19 (Juniors)	500 Euros

If a nomination is confirmed later than the 3-weeks-deadline in accordance to § 18.12 IISHF Regulations, an additional fee of 50 Euros per each week of delay shall become due.
  - European Cup for Clubs

Men	350 Euros
Men Cup Winner (according to article 18.2 IISHF Regulations)	350 Euros
Veterans	350 Euros
Women	250 Euros
U19 (Juniors)	250 Euros
U16 (Youth)	250 Euros
U13 (Pee Wee)	250 Euros
U10 (Minnow)	250 Euros
- 9.2. Each country sending national team(s) to European Championships will be invoiced for the Referee and Officials Travelling Fees for this title event prior to each event taking place at a cost of 500 Euros per country. Each team (except the host team) participating in an European Cup will be invoiced for the Referee and Officials Travelling Fees for this European Cup prior to each event taking place at a cost of 400 Euros.
- 9.3. Host Clubs of the Men Title Events must pay a hosting fee of 500 Euros to the IISHF.

- 9.4. The payment for all officials must be paid by the host and is as follows:
- a) Fees for Technical Director, Technical Assistant or Referee Supervisor, Referees and Technical Staff
- Class A Event Technical Director 100 Euros per day
  - Class A Event Technical Assistant or Referee Supervisor 100 Euros per day
  - Class A Event Referee 100 Euros per day
  - Class A Event One Technical Staff 100 Euros per day
  - Class B Event Technical Director agreed rate by National Member Ass.
  - Class B Event Referee agreed rate by National Member Ass.
  - Class B Event One Technical Staff agreed rate by National Member Ass.
- Where an A Class Event includes a partial day then the IISHF Presidium will determine the rate for this period.
- b) Accommodation for Class A Event for Technical Director, Technical Assistant or Referee Supervisor, Nominated Referees, Technical Staff and up to maximum of four (4) IISHF Officers
- One (1) night accommodation in a hotel single room (incl. bath and toilet) per each day of the event plus one (1) night for arrival / departure
  - Cost of hotel room incl. breakfast or similar, to a maximum of 70 Euros per night, paid on production of receipt, without receipt a maximum of 20 Euros only will be paid.
- Where an A Class Event includes a partial day then the IISHF Presidium will determine the accommodation payment for this day.
- c) Food and Drink for Class A and B events for Technical Director, Technical Assistant or Referee Supervisor, Nominated Referees, Technical Staff and up to maximum of four (4) IISHF Officers
- Sufficient food and drink for breakfast, lunch (warm meal) and supper (warm meal) per each day of the event whilst they are at the event venue including the day (evening) before the event and also including the evening at the end of the event.
- 9.5 In addition to article 9.4 a) IISHF Regulations IISHF will pay the Technical Director, Technical Assistant, Referee Supervisor, Referees and Technical Staff for each Class A Event:
- For arrival one day before the start of the event and participation at an IISHF scheduled meeting 50 Euros
  - For departure on the day after the end of the tournament 50 Euros

## 10. Invoices

- 10.1. National Member Associations must pay any invoice in full; no deductions can be made from any invoice without prior approval by IISHF Finance Director.
- 10.2. All invoices from suppliers must be in Euros.
- 10.3. The IISHF will only pay money on production of original invoices.
- 10.4. The deadline for submitting invoices for claims from the IISHF will be the end of November each year. Invoices to the IISHF will only be valid if based on a written order and/or written confirmation by The IISHF Presidium, and in the case of a dispute the relevant documents will be sent to the Members by the IISHF via e-mail for a final decision.

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- 10.5. Invoices for International Team Certificates (ITCs) will be issued twice during the year.
  - 10.6. Expense claims to the IISHF for any item must be authorised prior to that expense being committed, by the IISHF Finance Director. No expense claim will be paid without this prior authority.

## 11. **Payment Regulations**

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- 11.1. All transactions of the IISHF shall be carried out in Euros.
- 11.2. All payments to the IISHF shall be made by bank transfer in the name of the official IISHF bank account(s). Payments in cash (except protest fee according to article 4.1 IISHF Regulations), by check or by credit card or any other fundings than bank transfer are not allowed.
- 11.3. The terms of payment for all IISHF debtor accounts shall demand payment within thirty (30) days from the day of sending the invoice and/or fine.
- 11.4. If according to article 11.3 IISHF Regulations a National Member Association is in arrears with any payment, the National Member Association shall not be entitled to vote at Council of Members meetings nor shall it be entitled to vote at any other meetings.
- 11.5. If a debtor fails to pay the IISHF by the due date, the IISHF shall send out a warning letter demanding payment within thirty (30) days from the day of sending the warning letter. An additional charge shall be imposed of 20 Euros per each open invoice and/or fine. If payment has still not been received after the deadline mentioned in the warning letter, the debtor shall lose all the rights with immediate effect according to article 6.1 IISHF Constitution. If a National Member Association is the debtor, all its clubs, teams, players, and officials shall be suspended. The possible loss of such rights shall be referred to in the warning letter, furthermore from the time of the deadline until the full payment is received in the IISHF bank account, interest on/ for arrears of ten (10) % on a pro rata basis will fall due.  
Furthermore if participation fees according to article 9.1 IISHF Regulations have not been paid until the deadline mentioned in the warning letter, the title event participation of the relevant team(s) will be automatically cancelled with immediate effect and instead a fine of 50 % of the participating fees will be levied to the responsible National Member Association.
- 11.6. If a player does not pay on time a fine awarded against him/her, the player's Club must take over the responsibility for paying the fine. If the fine is not paid then the player and his/her Club will be suspended from all International matches until the fine is paid.
- 11.7. If a Club does not pay on time a fine awarded against it, then the Club's National Member Association must take over the responsibility for paying the fine. If the fine is not paid then the Club and the National Member Association and all its Clubs will be suspended from all International matches until the fine is completely paid.
- 11.8. For all time limits and deadlines on payments, the date of the receipt of the payment into the IISHF bank account will be only relevant.

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## Chapter 3 Tournament Regulations

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### 12. Principle

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- 12.1. The IISHF shall ensure that the members (National Member Associations) comply with the IISHF Regulations and the IISHF Rule Book and also with the standards governing the organisation and planning of International events as set out in these Regulations.
- 12.2. All IISHF members together with all their Clubs, Teams, Players and Officials are bound by these Regulations. Failure to comply with these Regulations will result in fines and/or disciplinary action by the IISHF.

### 13. Definitions

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#### 13.1. TOURNAMENT

A tournament is an Inline Skater Hockey event when at least four teams of the same age group / category play each other at the same venue and on the same date. Each tournament in a different age group is a different tournament (even if held together with other age groups).

#### 13.2. CLASS A EVENT (TITLE EVENT)

A class A event is an Inline Skater Hockey event of any kind in which representative National Teams or Individual Clubs or Teams compete against each other for a recognised sanctioned official title such as World/Continental/ European/ International Championship, Cup or other official title name. These events (e.g. European Championship or European Cup) are under the control of the IISHF and are called "Title Events". The IISHF Presidium takes the decision about the fixing (date, host) of any class A event.

#### 13.3. CLASS B EVENT (NON TITLE EVENT)

A class B event is a skater hockey event of any kind such as an International tournament or a Friendly Game in which Clubs or Teams from more than one nation compete against each other, for which there is no official IISHF title at stake. The host Club / Team must have the necessary infrastructure and a substantial budget which shall cover all expected expenses. All class B events are under the control of the National Member Association of the host Club / Team, but shall be sanctioned by the IISHF, and are called "Non Title Events".

### 14. Sanction

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- 14.1. All international events must have the prior sanctioning of the IISHF. Host Teams/ clubs must apply to the IISHF for sanctioning of an event not later than three (3) months before the event 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 event will take place without sanction from the IISHF.
- 14.2. The Tournament Application Form must contain data to prove compliance with the Tournament Guidelines and an assurance from the host National Member Association that the Host has the correct public liability insurance for the specific class of tournament, copies of which can be obtained from the IISHF.

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- 14.3 The IISHF shall co-ordinate and publish the calendar of all International sanctioned events.
- 14.4 Any Club/Team and/or National Member Association who participates in an unsanctioned International Tournament will face disciplinary action by the IISHF.
- 14.5 Any Club/Team and/or National Member Association who hosts an unsanctioned International Tournament will face disciplinary action by the IISHF.
- 14.6 Any Club/Team and/or National Member Association who cancel a sanctioned International Tournament without previous written consent from the IISHF will face disciplinary action by the IISHF.

## 15. Responsibilities and Conditions

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### 15.1. CLASS A EVENTS

#### a) Venue Details

1. The venue must be of a substantial size and be covered (have a roof).
2. The surface of the Pitch must be a Sports Court or of another surface approved by the IISHF.
3. The venue must contain a rink.
4. There must be enough changing rooms to accommodate the number of teams.
5. There must be a Referee changing room.
6. There must be an Officials room.
7. There must be an office room (also used for meetings).
8. There must be sufficient spectator seating/ areas.
9. There must be sufficient catering facilities for all teams and spectators.
10. The venue must be accessible by road/ rail/ air.
11. The venue must have a selection of accommodation local to it.
12. The venue must have a room for medical treatment.
13. The venue must have an electronic scoreboard.
14. The pitch must be in the form of a rink with barriers or a hall with walls but the pitch must have rounded corners and a smooth floor. The pitch must have the correct IISHF markings and be within the official IISHF dimensions. Safety netting or Plexiglas must be attached to the barriers at either end (behind the goals) and also in any areas where spectators may be at risk. The pitch must have a time box and penalty boxes on one side and players benches on the opposite side. The players benches must contain benches or seating for the players. The time box, penalty boxes and the players' benches must not be near any spectator areas. Spectators must not be allowed access to the barriers.

Exceptions to the above may be allowed by special permission and authorisation of the IISHF Presidium.

#### b) IISHF Responsibilities

1. The IISHF shall invoice the fees of the title event according to article 9 IISHF Regulations.
2. The IISHF shall decide upon and publish the fees to be paid to all Officials and shall notify the Host and the Officials prior to the event.
3. The IISHF shall be responsible for any International publicity of the title event.

4. The IISHF shall decide upon and publish the Tournament Rules and shall forward these to the Host and participating teams. The IISHF shall decide upon all details of the Tournament Rules (including fixing of entrance fees and venue rules).
5. The IISHF shall prepare and fix the playing schedule and forward this to the Host and all participating teams.
6. The IISHF shall appoint the Technical Director, Referee Supervisor and Technical Staff for the event and shall inform the Host.
7. The IISHF shall select the nominated Referees for each class A event.
8. The IISHF (or appointed Technical Director) shall organise the date and time of a meeting for all Officials and shall ensure that all Officials are briefed in full.
9. The IISHF (or appointed Technical Director) shall organise the date and time of a meeting for all team Managers and shall inform the Team Managers in advance, of the date and the time. They shall ensure that all Team Managers shall be briefed in full.
10. The IISHF shall be responsible for providing the trophies for the teams and a medal for the players of the first three teams.
11. The IISHF is responsible for the payment of the travel costs of all IISHF Officials who attend the event.

c) Host Responsibilities

1. The Host must have a sufficient budget to sustain the event and to cover all costs and expenses.
2. The Host must provide all necessary information to the IISHF for sanction of the event.
3. The Host must ensure that they have the necessary public liability insurance to cover the tournament to the limit required by its countries laws. The parent National Member Association must see a copy of proof of this insurance before applying for sanction and shall confirm this.
4. The Host shall be responsible for ensuring that the event complies in every way with the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and IISHF Rule Book and the sanction documentation.
5. The Host shall nominate one person to act as Event Director (who can speak English) between the Host and the IISHF (see article 22 IISHF Regulations).
6. The Host is responsible for all occurrences at or in the venue except occurrences involving players.
7. The Host is responsible for all National publicity for the event. All publicity material must be approved by the IISHF.
8. The Host must latest six weeks before the first day of the Event provide an internet website at least in English for the event. The content of the website has to be approved by the IISHF Presidium.
9. The Host must provide a printer (incl. sufficient paper and cartridge) and an internet connection for the duration of the event for the IISHF Presidium (in order that the IISHF Homepage can be updated).
10. The Host must provide a colour programme incl. all team lists, team photos and logos and team information. The programme must be at least in English language.
11. The Host shall be responsible for informing all teams of the medical arrangements in the host Country.



12. The Host shall be responsible for the payment of the fees of the officials according to article 9.4 a) IISHF Regulations.
13. The Host must provide accommodation according to article 9.4 b) IISHF Regulations and shall be responsible for the payment of the accommodation of the officials according to article 9.4 b) IISHF Regulations.
14. The Host shall be responsible for the payment of food and drinks for the officials according to article 9.4 c) IISHF Regulations.
15. The Host must ensure that the National Anthems of the teams playing are played before the last game of each team. IISHF should supply the National Anthems to the host to ensure only the correct versions are used.
16. The Host must provide gifts or trophies for all players selected in the all star team.
17. The host is responsible to pick up/bring all Officials (Technical Director, nominated Referees, Technical Staff, IISHF Officers) from/to the next located big airport (if travelling from another country by plane) or main station (if travelling from another country by train) at the time of their arrival/ departure on time. In case of arrival the transfer from the airport/station to the hotel must take place within 1 hour after arrival. In case of departure the transfer from the hotel to the airport/station must take place that the officials arrive at the airport 90 minutes or at the station 30 minutes before scheduled departure. Travel by train/subway from the airport can be allowed only if the airport has a station with direct transfer to the main station nearest to the venue and if the train/subway ticket has been paid in advance by the host and delivered to the relevant Official. Other alternative public transportation from the airport can be allowed only if it is agreed by the IISHF Presidium. If Officials travel by own car, the host must provide and pay for a parking place at the hotel.
18. Any change to the transport pickup/delivery can only be done by consent or initiative by IISHF.
19. The host is responsible to pick up/bring all Officials (Technical Director, Technical Assistant, Nominated Referees, Technical Staff, IISHF Officers) from/to Playing Hall and from/to the Hotel on time.
20. The host must provide offers for accommodation and transfer as requested by the participating teams and give the best support in all organisation matters. The expenses for accommodation and travelling have to be fully paid by the participating teams themselves.
21. The host is responsible that tins, cups, bottles, plates or other dishes made of heavy materials (e.g. glass, bone china of any kind, metal etc.) are not taken in halls in the spectator area and/or pitch area as well as on outside pitches not taken in the immediate vicinity of the pitch.
22. If the host wants to have an opening ceremony, then they must seek approval of the IISHF Presidium including approval of timing. Any opening ceremony should be at least 50% in English and should be no longer than 60 minutes. Each team must take part at the opening ceremony and must stay until the end of the opening ceremony. Absence of single players and/or officials only possible with a written consent from the IISHF Presidium or the Technical Director. IISHF shall publish date and time of an opening ceremony at the same time when the title event will be announced.

d) Country (National Member Association) Responsibilities

1. Each Country must appoint one (1) person to liaise with the Host and the IISHF for each event.

2. Each Country must ensure that all information required is provided by the deadlines given.
3. Each Country must ensure that all players participating in a class A event are eligible to play.
4. Each Country must ensure that all persons travelling to the event are adequately covered by insurance.
5. Each Country must send their President or Vice President or a nominated responsible person to each class A event involving National Teams. The representative must be able to speak English.
6. Each Country must ensure that its Officials and Managers attend all pre event meetings.
7. Each Country is responsible for appointing the licensed timekeepers for any class A events held in their own Country. The timekeepers must hold a current National license and be suitably experienced at this level of event. The timekeepers must speak English.

e) Team Responsibilities

1. A Team Manager (or representative) of each team must attend any required meetings and must be able to speak English.
2. The passport or National identity card of each player must be produced at the managers meeting for checking. Any missing passports and/or National identity cards must be produced a minimum of one hour before his/her first game.
3. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for the behaviour of their team players on and off of the pitch.
4. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for supplying a team list to the Technical Director no later than thirty (30) minutes before each game.
5. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for ensuring that team benches and changing areas are left clean.
6. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for ensuring that only the Officials confirmed on the ITC will have access / be present in the players and bench area for each game.
7. The Team Manager/Captain must ensure that his team (incl. all players) does not leave the event before the presentation ceremony is completed.
8. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible that tins, cups, bottles, plates or other dishes made of heavy materials (e.g. glass, bone china of any kind, metal etc.) are not taken in halls in the spectator area and/or pitch area as well as on outside pitches not taken in the immediate vicinity of the pitch.
9. The Team Manager must latest eight weeks before the first day of the Event provide full team information
  - An actual team photo (minimum 1.920x1.080 pixel)
  - Victories/successes of the last 10 years for the relevant team (age group) in English language
  - Players List with names and shirt numbers of all players taking part
  - Team logo (minimum 1.920x1.080 pixel)The complete team information has to be sent by email to the hosting club with a copy to the IISHF office.
10. The Team Manager/Captain must return the "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" to the Technical Director on the final day of the event no later than 15:00 – the feedback form will be given out during the Managers Meeting to

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all teams taking part. The “IISHF Title Event Feedback Form” must be completely filled out only in English language.

## 15.2. CLASS B EVENTS

### a) Venue Details

1. The venue must be suitable.
2. The venue must have a pitch (this need not be covered or indoors and need not be a rink).
3. There must be sufficient changing areas.
4. There must be an Officials area.
5. There must be a trained first aid person due to local standards available.
6. The venue must have a scoreboard.
7. The pitch may be either a rink with barriers or a hall. The surface must be smooth and free of debris. The pitch may be situated outside and need not be covered. If a rink is used then safety netting or Plexiglas must be attached to the barriers at either end of the pitch (behind the goals). The pitch must have a suitable time box, penalty boxes and players' benches (IISHF rules of the Game).

Exceptions to the above may be allowed by special permission and authorisation of the IISHF Presidium.

### b) IISHF Responsibilities

1. The IISHF shall be responsible for sanctioning the event.
2. If there is only one foreign team, the class B tournament requirements do not apply except for the NMA's approval and ITC.
3. The IISHF shall be responsible for ensuring that the International Team Certificate (ITC) once received is sent out to the Host and the relevant bodies.

### c) Host Responsibilities

1. The host must have a sufficient budget to sustain the event and to cover all costs and expenses.
2. The Host must provide all the necessary information with the official IISHF Application Form to the IISHF (through the National Member Association) for sanction of the event, announcement of the event and infrastructure no later than three (3) months prior to the event date. Teams and the schedule must be sent four (4) weeks prior to the event date.
3. The Host is responsible for all occurrences at the event.
4. The Host must ensure that a copy of all invitations to selected teams is sent to the National Member Association of the teams selected.
5. The Host must ensure that all teams are informed of the playing schedule, the playing time of the games, the amount of games for each team and the medical arrangements in the Host Country, when the invitation to the event is sent out or no later than four (4) weeks before the event.
6. The Host must ensure that all participating teams have provided an International Team Certificate.
7. The Host must ensure that all foreign Referees are paid at the rate fixed by IISHF, or in the case of domestic Referees that they are paid at the official National Member Association rate.
8. The Host must provide trophies for each participating team.
9. The Host must provide liability insurance to cover the event to the limit required by its country.

10. The Host must send to the IISHF two (2) weeks prior to the event a full list of all participating teams and must notify the IISHF of any missing ITCs.
11. The Host must, when organising the playing schedule ensure that there must be a minimum game allowance time of playing time plus fifty (50) % per game.
12. The host must send by email to the IISHF within three (3) days of an International event all game results and all details of non-participation, occurrences, etc.

d) Country (National Member Association) Responsibilities

1. Each Country must appoint one person to liaise with the Host for administration purposes.
2. The Country shall be responsible for ensuring that the event complies in every way with the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and IISHF Rules Book and the sanction documentation.
3. Each Country must ensure that sufficient referees are nominated. The Country must send the referee nomination to the Host and IISHF until 4 weeks before the event.
4. Each Country must ensure that all information required is provided by the teams by the deadline given.
5. Each Country when receiving invitations from Host Clubs must ensure that the relevant teams receive the invitations without delay.
6. Each Country must issue an International Team Certificate (ITC) to all its teams participating and must ensure that all players are eligible to play.
7. Each Country must ensure that teams travelling to the event are adequately covered by a liability insurance.
8. Each Country shall appoint or provide the timekeepers. The timekeepers must hold a current national license and must speak English.
9. Each Country must ensure that an appropriate Technical Director is appointed and agreed by IISHF latest when the Tournament is sanctioned.
10. Each Country must ensure that the time schedule is approved and agreed by IISHF. The schedule must be sent latest one (1) week prior to the event date. Each later change of the schedule must be agreed by IISHF.

e) Team Responsibilities

1. Teams must ensure that they arrive before the event begins.
2. A Team Manager (or representative) of each team must attend any required meetings.
3. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for the behaviour of their team players on and off the pitch.
4. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for supplying a team list to the Technical Director not later than thirty (30) minutes before each game.
5. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for ensuring that team benches and changing areas are left clean.
6. The Team Manager/Captain is responsible for ensuring that only the Officials confirmed on the ITC will have access/be present in the players and bench area for each game.

15.3. Failure to comply with the terms of article 15.1 and 15.2 IISHF Regulations will result in fines and/or disciplinary action by the IISHF.

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**16. Rights**

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- 16.1. The IISHF shall retain all rights associated with class A events.
- 16.2. All rights to class B events shall reside with the organising Body, Club or Team concerned.
- 16.3. The IISHF shall have the right to take disciplinary action against National Member Associations, Clubs, Teams, Organisations or Persons that permit class B events to be arranged or to take place without prior sanction of the IISHF, or that permit the non implementation of and compliance with the Rules of the Game or any other IISHF Regulation, without the prior written authority of the IISHF.
- 16.4. The IISHF shall have the right to take disciplinary action against National Member Associations that permit their Clubs, and Teams to take part in international skater hockey events, which are not sanctioned by the IISHF or by an IISHF member, without the prior written authority of the IISHF.
- 16.5. The IISHF shall have the right to take disciplinary action against National Member Associations, Clubs, Teams or persons that permit International class B events to include teams or players who are not members of an IISHF National Member Association without the prior written authorisation of the IISHF.

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**17. Eligibility to Play**

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- 17.1. Clubs or Teams from IISHF Affiliated National Member Associations may only participate in International Skater Hockey tournaments if the Host Club or Team and all participating clubs or teams belong to an IISHF affiliated National Member Association and that the event has prior sanction and classification from the IISHF. Exceptions are only possible if specific permission has been granted by a special resolution of the IISHF Presidium.
- 17.2. An individual Player of a Club Team participating in an International event is only eligible to play if he/she shall possess a valid playing pass (membership card) or valid permission issued by the parent National Member Association or valid passport (National Identity card) and is able to produce it for inspection when required to do so by the IISHF or the referees before a game. An individual player listed on the International Team Certificate (ITC) can produce his/her valid passport or valid National identity card instead of his/her playing pass, membership card, or letter of permission to verify their identity.
- 17.3. An individual player of a National Team participating in an International event is only eligible to play if he/she shall possess a valid passport or valid National identity card before a game.
- 17.4. Individual players may only play for one National Club or Team at an International event. Individual players may not play for two (2) different teams at the same International event.
- 17.5. For International class A tournaments where National Teams are involved, players may only play for a Country if they hold the nationality of that Country which must only be proven by producing a valid passport and/or national identity card of that nation.
- 17.6. An individual player may have a valid playing card (or membership card) only for a team of one IISHF National Member Association.
- 17.7. At International class B events, it is possible for a team to take one guest player. The team shall still keep the team name. The guest player must be listed and separately marked on the International Team Certificate (ITC). A guest player only gets the

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approval for participation if the club applying for the ITC produces a written confirmation of the home club of the guest player.

- 17.8. At International class B events, a combination team (players from different teams) may take part providing that the Host has agreed beforehand. The team cannot use the team name of any of the teams of the players and must choose a new name with the index "Select or Combination Team". The Combination Team must not wear shirts with another team name on except the name under which they are playing. The Combination Team must be noted on the International Team Certificate (ITC). All the players only get the approval for participation if the club applying for the ITC produces a written confirmation of the home club of the players.
- 17.9. At international class A events, no guest players or Combination Teams will be allowed.
- 17.10. No player who is banned or suspended from playing at International level is allowed to take part in any International event until the ban is served.
- 17.11. If a National Member Association is found to have permitted any ineligible, banned or suspended player to participate in any International event, the IISHF shall take disciplinary action against the National Member Association.
- 17.12. A player cannot play in the Veterans European Cup if he is also playing within another IISHF class A event within the same calendar year. Thus a player who shall play in the Veterans European Cup cannot play in another class A event in the same calendar year.
- 17.13. Furthermore a player can only play in the same age group in one European Cup in the same calendar year. The only exception would be for the Men Cup Winner if the hosting team and the defending champion will participate in both the Men European Cup and the Men Cup Winner in the same calendar year – see article 18.4 IISHF Regulations.
- 17.14. If two (2) or more IISHF National Member Associations (NMA) make an agreement between the two parties concerning cross border league participation where the foreign team plays in another NMA, the IISHF will honour these agreements.

## **18. European Cup / Championship Events**

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- 18.1. Each National Member Association must inform the IISHF latest on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December of each year (official deadline according to article 3.7 IISHF Regulations)
- a) for Teams in the age category of U19, U16, U13 the Team names, contact person, full team list and contact address (e-mail) of the
- National Champion
  - National Vice Champion (as possible Back-Up)
  - Third Place Team (as possible Back-Up)
  - Fourth Place Team (as possible Back-Up)
  - Any Host with Wild Card
- b) for Men and Women Teams the Team names, contact person and contact address (e-mail) of the
- National Champion / Cup Winner
  - National Vice Champion / Vice Cup Winner (both as possible Back-Up)
  - Third Place Team (as possible Back-Up)
  - Fourth Place Team (as possible Back-Up)
  - Defending European Cup Title Holder
  - Any Host with Wild Card
- National Member Associations not giving information according to article 18.1 a) and/or article 18.1 b) IISHF Regulations until the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> of December will get a

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fine according to article 3.7 IISHF Regulations and also lose their right to take part with teams at the relevant European Cup.

18.2. Host Clubs of European Cup events and the Men and Women's European Cup Title Holders from the previous year are entitled to one wildcard place in the event provided that

- a) The club has not already qualified.
- b) The Team must be a first division team or granted permission by IISHF Presidium.

For each age group each National Champion is automatically qualified to participate in an European Cup.

18.3. All Teams according to article 18.1 IISHF Regulations must confirm within three (3) weeks after the European Cup has been announced if they will officially take part. Each confirmation must be given and signed by the relevant National Member Association on the "IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet" which will be provided by the IISHF. National Member Associations not returning the "IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet" or not giving the requested feedback within the 3-weeks deadline will get a fine for each missing team feedback according to article 3.7 IISHF Regulations and the relevant team also loses their right to take part at this European Cup.

18.4. For the Men Cup Winner the National Cup Champion is automatically qualified to participate however except the hosting team (for both the Men European Cup and the Men Cup Winner) and the defending champion (Title Holder) no team can participate in both the Men European Cup and the Men Cup Winner. A club can participate with different teams in both the Men European Cup and then Men Cup Winner (under observation of article 17.13 IISHF Regulations). A club can only participate with one team at the same title event. If a National Member Association does not have a National Cup Championship then it can select teams after their placement in the National Championship.

If a National Member Association becomes a new Member after the official IISHF announcement of an European Cup, its champion can only take part in the European Cup if there is a vacant place.

18.5. 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 all age groups in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Junior European Championship and for all NMA's not taking part at the last Junior European Championship in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Men European Championship. For all NMA's not taking part at the Junior or the Men European Championship it will after best placement in an European Cup in the previous year(s) first taking into consideration the specific age category.
- Each country is entitled to a least one place in an European Cup given that there is a vacant place. If the Champion is not participating then the next best available team from that country is given the place and will take the best ranking after all the National Champions.
- In the ranking the Title Holder if automatically qualify will be ranked as the no. 1.
- In the placement of teams in groups for the European Cup the ranking order will be used however the IISHF Presidium is allowed to replace teams in the groups in order to avoid to many teams from the same country in the same group.
- In the event of a qualified (transferred) Team having declined the vacant place, the place will be automatically given to that National Member Associations 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 Junior/Men European Championship.
- 18.6. If the competition for a European Cup is held in the following year, participating teams may play with any player who was part of the team in the previous year even if he/she is too old. The player must have been part of a previous year's team of the relevant age group and must still be registered with the same club; if the player has changed clubs in the new season then he cannot play.
- 18.7. All players must produce a valid players license and or his/her passport (or National identity card) for checking before they will be allowed to play. National Team players must provide their passport or national identity card.
- 18.8. Any team found to be playing an illegal/ineligible player will face a fine imposed by the IISHF.
- 18.9. There will be no reimbursement of team entry fees in the case of non- participation of a team in any event.
- 18.10. The hosting of each European Championship and European Cup including fixing of Games Schedules and Tournament Rules (incl. entrance fees and venue rules) will be decided by the IISHF Presidium.
- 18.11. If an European Championship has been officially announced each National Member Association (NMA) must confirm to IISHF within three (3) weeks after the announcement if they will officially take part. NMAs not giving a reply within this 3-weeks deadline will get a fine according to article 3.7 IISHF Regulations. If a National Member Association becomes a new Member after the official IISHF announcement of an European Championship, it can only take part if accepted by the IISHF Presidium. The IISHF Presidium can accept a confirmation after the 3-weeks-deadline (incl. an additional fee in accordance to article 9.1 IISHF Regulations).
- 18.12. An European Cup can only take place with a minimum of 8 teams from a minimum of three (3) different Nations. From these minimum 3 nations at least two nations had to be placed on place 1 – 4 at the previous European Cup. European Cups for U13, U16 and U19 should take place April to June (both months included) and all other European Cups should take place April to August (both months included) except the weekends of Easter and Whitsun which are reserved only for class B events. Exception is only possible after permission given by the IISHF Presidium.
- 18.13. The seeding of teams for European Championships shall be fixed in the following order:
- a) National Teams sorted after ranking from previous year European Championships.
- 18.14. The seeding of teams for European Cups shall be fixed in the following order:
- a) European Cup Holder (only Men and Women).
  - b) National Champions sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, Junior)\*.
  - c) Vice-National Champions if qualified sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, Junior)\*.
  - d) Other teams if qualified sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, Junior)\*.
  - e) Host team if not part of article 18.16 a) – d)\*\* IISHF Regulations.



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- f) The IISHF may distribute the teams differently than mentioned in article 18.16 a) – e) IISHF Regulations if required in order to eliminate the risk of having more than one team from the same country playing each other in the preliminary rounds.

\* The ranking from previous year Junior European Championship does also apply for the seeding of U16, U13 and U10 teams.

\*\* Regarding participation of hosts clubs (see article 18.2 IISHF Regulations).

- 18.15. An European Championship can only take place with teams from a minimum of four (4) different nations. From these minimum 4 nations at least two nations had to be placed on place 1 – 4 at the previous European Championship. European Championships should take place September to November (both months included). Exception is only possible after permission given by the IISHF Presidium.
- 18.16. The Junior European Championships shall take place each year. The Men European Championships shall take place only every two years.
- 18.17. If for a Title Event a Challenge Cup will be awarded to the Champion, the NMA of the awarded Champion must make sure that the Challenge Cup will be returned to IISHF at the start of the next Title Event (in the relevant age group). If a NMA will not return the Challenge Cup at the next relevant Title Event, the responsible NMA must send the Challenge Cup in proven way to the NMA of the next relevant Champion (recipient). The Challenge Cup must be returned in a proper condition to the recipient, in case of damage the responsible NMA has to cover the repair costs.
- 18.19. Any team taking part at a class A event has to provide for the kit check before the first game at the event two completely and correctly dressed goalkeepers.

## 19. National Squads

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- 19.1. Players may play for a National Team if they hold a valid passport of the Country that they are playing for. Rule 4.1 (Age Limits) IISHF Rule Book will apply for National Squads.

## 20. International Team Certificate

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- 20.1. Any Clubs or Teams wishing to participate in an International event 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.
- 20.2. If a Club Tournament (Non Title Event) 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.
- 20.3. The International Team Certificate verifies that:
- The Club or Team has the permission of the parent National Member Association to play in the International event.
  - The players are all genuine players of the Club or Team named or guest players, or a combination team is named and that all players are genuine members of the National Member Association.
  - That any player who has match bans outstanding, which would affect his/her playing in the event must be noted on the document.

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- d) That the players listed are covered by insurance against accidental injury and for any medical treatment if travelling abroad.
  - e) Each player has a licence or membership card or permission letter with the specified number on it.
  - f) The Club or Team has liability insurance for any property damages caused at the venue.
  - g) The Club or Team recognises and complies with the IISHF Regulations and IISHF Constitution.
  - h) Eligibility to play according to article 17 IISHF Regulations are completely followed.
- 20.4. Domestic match bans shall not apply to International events.
- 20.5. The document states the details of the event, Host, location and date, and must state the name of the team taking part, and the names and numbers of each player and the names (and numbers) of any Bench Officials.
- 20.6. The document must bear the name of a Club or Team Official who will be at the event with the team and will be responsible for the team's behaviour.
- 20.7. Each document must be dated and signed by a person authorised to do so by that parent National Member Association.
- 20.8. Clubs or Teams wishing to add extra players and/or officials must apply for a new International Team Certificate and the appropriate fee must be paid.
- 20.9. The procedure for the International Team Certificate (ITC) is as follows:
- a) Any Club or Team proposing to participate in an International Tournament must apply for the ITC from their National Member Association.
  - b) The completed ITC must be returned by the applying Club to their National Member Association.
  - c) The parent National Member Association must check all the details and will, if satisfied, give its approval and will send the ITC to the IISHF latest two (2) weeks prior to the event.
  - d) The IISHF will then authorise the ITC and must then forward it:
    - To the parent National Member Association who must forward it immediately to the applying Club.
    - To the Host.
- An ITC can only be authorised if it will be sent to the IISHF latest 24 hours prior to the time for the managers meeting for Title Events and to the first game of the tournament for Non Title Events.
- 20.10. Each National Member Association will be invoiced for each International Travel Document (ITC) having received by IISHF as follows:
- 30 Euros (two weeks before)  
Each ITC until two (2) weeks prior to the event (14 + more days).
  - 50 Euros (one week before).  
Each ITC until one (1) week prior to the event (7-13 days).
  - 150 Euros (24 hours before).  
Each ITC until 24 hours prior to the event (1-6 days).

No ITC will be accepted from 24 hours prior to the event defined as 24 hours prior to the time for the managers meeting for Title Events and to the first game of the

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tournament for Non Title Events. Any ITC after 24 hours prior to the event will be handled according to article 20.11 IISHF Regulations.

- 20.11. If a team arrives at a tournament 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 Technical 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.
- 20.12. The maximum number of players on the ITC are 30 players. The maximum number of officials allowed on the ITC are 8 officials.

## **21. Referees and IISHF appointed Officials**

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- 21.1. Referees and Officials may only represent the Country, which issues their current valid license. All International Referees and IISHF appointed Officials must be able to speak English.
- 21.2. For class A Tournaments the IISHF will select the Referees and IISHF appointed Officials for each event. The Referees must be qualified A Class referees. The IISHF will make the selection and notify the Referees and IISHF appointed Officials.
- 21.3. For all class A events each participating National Member Association must pay a Referee travelling fee for each event. The Referee travelling fee will be 500 Euros per event or combined event. The fee must be paid to the IISHF. The IISHF will pay the travelling costs of the Referees.  
There will be no reimbursement of Referee travelling costs in the case of non-participation of a Team/ Teams.
- 21.4. For all class A events the Host Club must pay the Referee and IISHF appointed Officials accommodation costs of the number of days of the event plus one (1) additional day.
- 21.5. For all Class B events, the Host National Member Association must provide sufficient International qualified Referees to officiate at the event.
- 21.6. Each National Member Association of a team taking part in an international class B event abroad is allowed to send one (1) of its international referees to officiate at the event. The National Member Association must inform the Host and the parent National Member Association of its intention to send a referee and the referee's name and license number minimum four (4) weeks prior to the event.
- 21.7. The parent National Member Association of a Referee travelling to a class B event must pay the travelling expenses of their Referee. The Referee's fees will be paid at the agreed rate by the parent National Member Association. The overnight accommodation costs of the Referee must also be paid by the parent National Member Association of the Referee.
- 21.8. For class B Tournaments, if the Host wishes to invite International Referees from National Member Associations, the Host and the National Member Association of the Referee invited must negotiate between themselves, the payment of the Referees accommodation and travelling costs.
- 21.9. Each National Member Association must ensure that their Referees taking part at any International event are not active or passive members of Clubs or Teams participating in the event.
- 21.10. If a Club or Team is organising a class B Tournament but its Clubs or Teams are not participating in that event, the Club or Team is allowed to provide suitably qualified International Referees.

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- 21.11. Failure to comply with article 21.1 - 21.10 IISHF Regulations will result in fines and/or disciplinary action by the IISHF.
- 21.12. The international referees and IISHF appointed Officials must fulfil the duties as set down by the IISHF.

## **22. Event Director**

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- 22.1. For all IISHF tournaments the host must appoint an Event Director a minimum three (3) months prior to the event. The Event Director must speak English and must be confirmed by IISHF. The Event Director represents the host and takes over all responsibilities, as mentioned under article 15.1 c) and 15.2 c) IISHF Regulations.
- 22.2. The Event Director has full responsibility and can take decisions on matters relating to the infrastructure and the venue, according class A and class B events requirements.
- 22.3. The Event Director must be present at the managers meeting, prior to the event starting, and must inform the managers of any centre rules or any other rules pertaining to the infrastructure and the venue. He/She can arrange further meetings throughout the event if required.
- 22.4. The Event Director is the main contact person between the Host and the IISHF (Technical Director) both prior to and for the duration of the Event. He/She must work closely with the Technical Director.
- 22.5. The Event Director is responsible for briefing all Non Technical Staff.
- 22.6. The Event Director is responsible for organizing the transportation for all IISHF officials (Referees, Technical Director, Technical Staff, Presidium Members).
- between the airport or train station to the hotel for arrival and departure
  - between the hotel and the event venue for each day of the tournament
  - This task shall be co-ordinated with the Technical Director.
- 22.7. The Event Director is responsible that Food and Drink for the Technical Director/ Referees / Technical Staff will be provided by the Host whilst they are at the event venue.
- 22.8. Failure to comply with article 22.1 - 22.7 IISHF Regulations will result in fines or disciplinary action by the IISHF.

## **23. Technical Director**

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- 23.1. All IISHF Tournaments must have an appointed Technical Director who must speak English. The Technical Director has full jurisdiction over all Game Officials except decisions made by the referees during a game. The Technical Director has full authority, on matters relating to safety and game equipment.
- 23.2. The Technical Director must arrange at least one Officials Meeting prior to the event starting, and must inform all Officials and the Event Director, in advance of the date, venue and the time of such meeting. He/she can arrange further meetings throughout the event if required.
- 23.3. The Technical Director must schedule the officials on to the games. This schedule must be distributed to the Officials at the Officials Meeting.
- 23.4. The Technical Director is responsible for briefing all officials.

- 23.5. The Technical Director is responsible for ensuring that an area is designated for kit checking and shall ensure that all kit checking is completed correctly.
- 23.6. The Technical Director is responsible for checking that the pitch and the venue are safe and that the pitch is clean and correctly marked.
- 23.7. The Technical Director is responsible for checking that all match equipment is available and complies with the IISHF Rules Book and is in good order.
- 23.8. The Technical Director is responsible for checking that all the timing devices are in good order and that all match sheets and other administration is prepared.
- 23.9. The Technical Director must check that a qualified first aid person is available throughout the event.
- 23.10. The Technical Director must be available to assist and advise Referees and Timekeepers during games.
- 23.11. The Technical Director must monitor the performance of all Officials during the event, and take any corrective action that may be required.
- 23.12. The Technical Director must check that all match reports, game sheets, and any supplementary sheets are completed correctly.
- 23.13. The Technical Director is responsible for ensuring that all paperwork is distributed to the correct authorities at the end of the event.
- 23.14. The Technical Director must ensure that all Game Officials are dressed correctly in the IISHF approved uniform and are equipped with the official IISHF equipment.
- 23.15. For all other non technical matters, the Technical Director must work closely together with the Event Director. In the case of a dispute, the decision of the Technical Director shall be final.
- 23.16. The Technical Director is responsible to nominate two goal judges out of the nominated referees at least for the final game for all events and also the semi-finals at men's competitions (if it is possible to place goal judges behind the goal).

#### **24. Referees and Officials Responsibilities**

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- 24.1. Each Referee/Official who is officiating at any International event must ensure that he/she arrives at the event before the published time of the Officials Meeting. Each Referee/ Official must attend all appropriate Officials Meetings.
- 24.2. Each Referee/Official who is officiating at an International event must ensure that he/she is available to referee/ officiate at least ten (10) minutes before his scheduled time in a fit and proper condition.
- 24.3. Each Referee/Official who is officiating at an International event must wear the IISHF approved uniform and shall be equipped with the official IISHF equipment.
- 24.4. Referees/Officials who are officiating at an International event must not consume alcohol until all of their games or duties are finished on that day.
- 24.5. Referees/Officials who are officiating at an International event must not take any banned or illegal substances whatsoever.
- 24.6. Each referee, at the end of each game must check the match report and countersign its accuracy and also fill in and countersign any supplementary sheets necessary.

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- 24.7. Each Referee/ Official who officiates at an International event must at all time act in a fair, objective and neutral manner.
  - 24.8. Any Referee who has agreed to work at an International event and cancels their participation (unless force majeure) will receive a fine from the IISHF.
  - 24.9. Failure to comply with article 24.1 - 24.8 IISHF Regulations will result in fines or disciplinary action by the IISHF.

## 25. **Game Administration**

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### 25.1. **MATCH REPORT**

- The Match Report is an official document and only the official and valid IISHF Match Report form may be used together with its IISHF Supplementary Sheet(s). A computer produced (electronic) version of the Match Report may be used and a copy of this can be obtained from the IISHF.
- 25.2. The Supplementary Sheet must contain any details of non-participation of a team, early termination of a game, and all other special occurrences (injuries, crowd disturbance etc).
  - 25.3. The Supplementary Sheets must be sent, by the Host to the IISHF along with the IISHF copies of Match Reports, within one (1) week of the end of the event.
  - 25.4. The parent National Member Association of the Host Club or Team must inform the IISHF in writing within two (2) weeks of the end of the event, all scores, non-participation, early termination of games and all other special occurrences.
  - 25.5. Failure to comply with article 25.1 - 25.4 IISHF Regulations will result in fines or disciplinary action by the IISHF.

## 26. **Non Participation / Early Termination of a Game**

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- 26.1. Non participation of a team in an International event following written confirmation from the teams National Member Association that the Club or Team has formally accepted to participate shall not be permitted and will result in penalties.
- 26.2. If during any International event there is an early termination of a game, the Referees will make a full report on the Supplementary Sheet and disciplinary action and penalties will be taken by the IISHF.
- 26.3. Non participation in a single game shall not be permitted and will result in penalties.

## 27. **Doping and Alcohol**

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- 27.1. The sport of inline skater hockey is subjected to actively battle doping, the use of any illegal substances and the abuse of alcohol. Therefore the valid World Anti-Doping Code latest published by the World Anti-Doping Agency and being in effect at the time of the event is an integral part of the "IISHF Regulations" including all corresponding implementation rules, annotations and standards in their respective most current version.
- 27.2. Any player, team official or game official who has obviously and evidently in the opinion of the referees and/or Technical Director, consumed alcohol or narcotic substances:
  - before or during a game.
  - at tournament events between the manager's meeting and the team's last game on the first day of the event.

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- at tournament events between the team's first and last game of the day on any subsequent days of the event if applicable.
  - at tournament events between the team's first game and the presentation ceremony on the last day of the event.

will be banned from participating in a game (if it is a single game) or the remainder of the event (if it is a tournament or title event) and from further attending the event by the Technical Director of the event or the referees. Additional penalties will be imposed by the National Member Association for domestic games and the IISHF for international games.

- 27.3. Any player, team official or game official must, if requested by a National Member Association or IISHF official, submit to a drug test or an alcohol control test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result has been obtained and will be dealt with accordingly.

## 28. Damages

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- 28.1. In the event of a Club or Team or Individual Person causing damage to property or acts of vandalism whilst attending an International event, the Host organising body shall immediately send a full report including any supporting evidence to the IISHF.
- 28.2. Each Club or Team taking part in an International event must have liability insurance that protects against any property damages caused in or at the venue.

## 29. Sponsorship

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- 29.1 Any host and any team can use sponsorship. Thus any team can use sponsorship on their equipment and any host can use in their program, website, venue and for the event name (with prior Approval of IISHF Presidium) as long as it is not in contradiction with any advertising legal rules of the hosting National Member Association.
- 29.2 The IISHF Presidium has the rights to amend the event name if they gain a sponsor for an event and therefore can ask the host for inclusion of this sponsor within website and program and venue if required.
- 29.3 Any inappropriate advertising, sponsorship or logos used by teams or host will be instructed by IISHF Presidium to remove immediately. If it is on equipment then it must be covered up so as not to cause any offence or breach any rules.