



TOURNAMENT RULES

MEN CHALLENGE EUROPEAN CUP 2018

1. PLAYING RULES

- 1.1 The Men Challenge European Cup 2018 will be played according to the "IISHF Official Rule Book 2018/19 VERSION".
- 1.2 All Players must wear the full and correct player's equipment according to point 5 of IISHF Official Rule Book.
All Players must wear identical jerseys, but these may not be black/white or black/grey and must be worn completely outside of the pants. All players must wear identical helmets. All Players must wear either identical padded shorts or socks, or girdle/padded shorts covered with long trousers (except the goalkeepers). Each player in a team must wear an individual number 20 to 30 cm high on the back of the jersey and minimum 10 cm high on both sleeves, halfway between the shoulder and the elbow. The number must be an integer within 1 to 99 inclusive.
Please be aware that failure of a team to play without matching equipment in contravention of point IISHF Official Rule Book "player's uniform" will result into IISHF disciplinary action. Any jewellery or metal objects attached to a player's body must be removed where possible, if it is not possible to be removed it must be taped.
All Junior outfield players must wear a helmet with full face cage/visor and a shoulder and chest protector. All players born after 31.12.1992 must also always wear a full face cage/visor.
- 1.3 There will be no general kit check carried out at this event. Players unsure whether their equipment complies with the Official Rule Book shall seek contact with either the Technical Director or the Referee Supervisor of the event at any time. Any players found to have any equipment not conforming to the rules by the referee during the game will be penalised according to the IISHF Official Rule Book.
Goalkeepers' face masks must be in compliance with the IISHF Official Rule Book. Teams shall have their goalkeeper's face masks checked by the Technical Director or the Referee Supervisor of the event at the manager's meeting if they want to make sure that the face masks can be used legally during the games. Alternatively any goalkeeper can contact the Technical Director or Referee Supervisor at any time prior to his first game to have his face mask checked.
At its own initiative (without request) every team must provide two fully dressed goalkeepers before the start of their first game to the Technical Director or the Referee Supervisor of the event - please be aware that failure to provide two goalkeepers before the start of their first game will result to IISHF disciplinary action (Fine per each missing goalkeeper per game).
- 1.4 The maximum number of players that may be registered as members of a Team for any game is 18 (as listed in the Match Report). All teams must have a minimum of 8 players – these players must be kitted up and be on the players bench or on the pitch for the first game of the tournament (an exception is only possible if under proven force majeure where as Yellow/Red Card and/or Red Card and/or Black Card are not considered as force majeure).

- 1.5 Each team must have at least one Bench Official. All persons except players kitted up and listed on the Match Report will be deemed to be a Bench Official. Only players listed on the Match Report and a maximum of 5 Bench Officials (one with a minimum age of 18 years and the others with a minimum age of 16 years) are allowed to be on the bench as Bench Official.
- 1.6 Team Managers are responsible for providing a valid playing pass/membership card (issued by the relevant National Member Association) or valid passport or valid 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 the game (Remark: Without playing pass or membership card or passport or National identity card a player is not eligible).
- 1.7 Not later than 30 minutes before each game, a Team Official or the Captain of a team shall submit to the Technical Director or the Technical Director`s office a list of players who shall be eligible to play in that game indicating all shirt numbers. If no list is produced by a team before a game, the team list of the previous game will be taken as official list of all players for this game. If a player is taking part in a game although he is not listed on the game sheet (according to the before mentioned players list), a player is ineligible to play. Any team found to be playing an ineligible player will face disciplinary action as described under point 3.1 Tournament Rules.
- 1.8 Teams must not go onto the Pitch until they have permission from the Team Steward or Referee and until all members of the Teams competing in the previous game have completely left the Pitch Area.
- 1.9 The games and playing time incl. playing modus (running time or stopped time) are listed in the Official Time Schedule of 22.03.2018. For all games with a playing time less than 30 minutes (without extra time) all Penalties and Cards shall be generally reduced by 50% whereas for all games with minimum 30 minutes playing time (without extra time) all Penalties and Cards are completely served.
- 1.10 Each team will be allowed one Time Out of 30 seconds in each period of each game.
- 1.11 In the first round (groups A-B), if there are 2 or more teams equal after all the games have been played, the places will be decided on the following:
 1. Head-to-head-results
 2. Goals difference of the head-to-head games
 3. Goals `for` of the head-to-head games
 4. Goals difference of all games
 5. Goals `for` of all games
 6. Total Penalty time of all games
 7. If both teams (in the case that only 2 teams are equal) are on the pitch, then a penalty shoot-out will take place; if not, a coin will be tossed to determine which team will take which place.
- 1.12 If a game needs to have a winner, then one "Sudden Victory" period of 5 minutes extra time will be played with 1 goalkeeper and 3 outfield players per team – the game shall be ended as soon as one team scores a goal and the scoring team will be the winner. Overtime is generally played with stopped time for the complete duration of the overtime – regardless of the clock operation mode decided for the regular playing time. If no goal is scored within extra time, then a penalty shoot-out with 5 players per each team will take place.
- 1.13 In any game where in the opinion of the referee, the colours of the competing teams are so alike that there is a risk of a miscall by the referee, the away team or second named team on the match sheet (according to the Official Time Schedule of 22.03.2018) must change their shirts. Thus each team must bring two sets of shirts with different colours to the Men Challenge European Cup 2018.

- 1.14 If because of unforeseen reasons there is a delay of more than 60 minutes during the final day (Sunday 13.05.2018), the Technical Director (after consultation with IISHF Presidium) is allowed to modify the Time Schedule of the remaining games by shortening the time periods.

2. PITCH AND CHANGING ROOMS

- 2.1 There are 5 Changing Rooms directly at the sport hall. In the neighbouring building (with direct access) there are Changing Rooms for 3 teams whereas 4 teams are accommodated at the gymnasium of the school (across a parking lot). Please leave rooms clean, tidy and undamaged.
- 2.2 The Changing Rooms cannot be locked. In the evening the janitor is going to lock all rooms and in the morning he will unlock. Values can be deposited in lockers (2€/locker).
- 2.3 The address of the pitch is "**Sporthalle Ternitz, Straße des 12. Februar, 2630 Ternitz (Austria)**". The rink has a size of 20 x 40 meters and the pitch floor is made of plastic surface.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 3.1 Each player is only eligible to play at the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 if he shall produce a valid playing pass/membership card (issued by the relevant National Member Association) which shows the players name, date of birth and photograph, and if the player is listed on the approved International Team Certificate (ITC). An individual player listed on the ITC can produce his passport or national identity card instead of his playing pass (membership card) to verify his identity. No copy, no fax and no other document shall replace a playing pass or a membership card or a passport or national identity card. The relevant document (playing pass, membership card, passport or national identity card) must be produced by the Team Manager to the Technical Director at latest at the start of the Team Manager`s Meeting.

There is no upper age limit for players participating at the Men Challenge European Cup 2018. The lower age limit for participating players at the Men European Cup 2018 is generally any player born in 2002 (youngest).

- 3.2 Any team found to be playing an illegal/ineligible player will face a fine imposed by the IISHF and the non-offending team shall win the game and gain 2 points. The score will be as follows: The non-offending team shall keep their score + 5 goals, while the offending team shall have a score of 0.

4. VENUE RULES

- 4.1 Each player and official listed on the ITC will be issued with a free entry pass. In case of loss a new entry pass will have to be bought from the host. In the case of any abuse the entry pass will be confiscated and additionally disciplinary action will be taken by IISHF.
- 4.2 Only players and team officials (as listed on the ITC) will be allowed into the 'Players (Pitch) Area'. Access to the Pitch Area and to the Pitch is only allowed for the relevant players and officials (not for spectators).
- 4.3 Players must not play with balls or sticks anywhere in/around the Pitch or in the Changing Rooms or Kit-Check-Area. Teams must not take kit bags to the team benches or into the Pitch Area and Spectators Area. No (water) bottles are allowed on top of the goals. It is strictly forbidden for players to kick with their skates or hit with their sticks against the boards of the pitch – any caused damage will result to claim compensation.

- 4.4 Smoking and alcohol is not allowed within the hall incl. dressing room area.
- 4.5 It is not allowed to take tins, cups, bottles, plates or other dishes made of heavy materials (e.g. glass, bone china of any kind, metal...) within the hall in the Spectator Area and Pitch Area
- 4.6 Skates must not be worn outside the Playing Hall and Changing Rooms (except direct way to the Pitch). There is no access to the Spectator Area with skates. Skates need to be covered with white cotton (adhesive) tape that in case of dispute needs to be approved by the Technical Director.
- 4.7 Kicking or beating against barriers (boards) is strictly prohibited.
- 4.8 Teams (incl. players and officials) and spectators must obey any Venue Rules and Tournament Rules. Failure to attend the Rules will result in IISHF Disciplinary Action.
- 4.9 There will be no spectator (entry) fees.
- 4.10 Any player who lost his accreditation card has to pay the full amount of entrance fees for all the remaining days to get a new accreditation card. Any person who uses the accreditation card from another person will be immediately suspended from the remainder of the event plus 100 EUR to the club of the relevant person.

5. LEGAL INFORMATIONS

- 5.1 Any player who receives a Game Misconduct Penalty (Yellow and Red Card) during this European Cup is not allowed to take any further part in the remainder of the relevant game. He may then play again in the successive games of this event but will receive a fixed fine from the IISHF.
- 5.2 Any player who receives a Match Penalty (Red Card) during this European Cup will not be able to play in his/her next two games. After the two games suspension he may then play again in the successive games of this event but will receive a fixed fine from the IISHF.
- 5.3 Any player who receives a Gross Match Penalty (Black Card) during this European Cup will not be able to play again in this event. Any player receiving a Black Card cannot play again in following international matches on other international events until he has had a disciplinary hearing and until any fines have been completely paid and bans completely served.
- 5.4 A player having received either a Game Misconduct Penalty, a Match Penalty or a Gross Match Penalty is not allowed to be on the player's bench, the spectator area (stands) or around the immediate vicinity of the pitch for that game.
The player may stay in his changing room or anywhere in or around the venue as long as remains off the explicitly designated areas. This rule only applies for players having received one of the aforementioned penalties during the game in progress.
These players (in cases of match penalties or gross match penalties) can be in the spectator's area for the following games. They may not be on the player's bench during the time of their suspension however - not even as bench officials.
- 5.5 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. The Technical Director (in coordination with the IISHF Presidium) will decide about any protest or application claiming 'An Act of God'.

- 5.6 The IISHF Presidium has appointed a Technical Director (see point 8.3 Tournament Rules) who speaks 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. The host has appointed an Event Director (see point 8.2 Tournament Rules) who speaks English. The Event Director represents the host and takes over all responsibilities of the host. The Event Director has full responsibility and can take decisions on matters relating to the infrastructure and the venue. For all other non technical matters, the Event Director must work closely together with the Technical Director. In the case of any problem/dispute, the Technical Director (in coordination with the IISHF Presidium) has the authority to make any final decision.
- 5.7 In the case that any point of these Tournament Rules is contradictory to the current version of the IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Official Rule Book, these Tournament Rules (with version of 22.03.2018) are binding and official for the Men Challenge European Cup 2018.
- 5.8 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 current World Anti-Doping Code published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the WADA Prohibited List -valid from 01.01.2018 - as well as its related documents is an integral part of the "IISHF Regulations". Thus all clubs/teams/players/officials taking part on the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 completely accept the mandatory articles and principles of the valid WADA code and regulations. Any player or Official must, if requested by IISHF or WADA (or NADA), submit to any form of doping control test at any time. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result has been obtained (doping violation) and will be dealt with accordingly.
- 5.9 Any player, team official or game official at the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 must, if requested by an 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. Any player, team official or game official at the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 who has obviously and evidently in the opinion of the referees and/or Technical Director, consumed alcohol or narcotic substances (incl. drugs)
- a) Before or during a game
 - b) Between the team's first game and the team's last game on Friday 11.05.2018
 - c) Between the team's first game and the team's last game on Saturday 12.05.2018
 - d) Between the team's first game and the presentation ceremony on Sunday 13.05.2018
- Will be banned from participating of the remainder of the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 and from further attending the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 by the Technical Director or the referees. Additional penalties will be imposed by the IISHF.
- 5.10 Each Club taking part in the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 must have liability insurance that protects against any property damages caused in or at the venue. The National Member Association of each Club taking part must control the validity of the liability insurance.
- 5.11 Non participation in a single game shall not be permitted and will result in penalties according to IISHF Regulations.
- 5.12. The Team Manager/Captain must return the "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" and "IISHF All Star 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 all teams taking part. The "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" must be completely filled out only in English language.

- 5.13 The IISHF Presidium is authorised to modify these Tournament Rules of 22.03.2018 at any time; any modification will be valid with immediate effect after all the participating teams at the Men Challenge European Cup 2018 (or the relevant National Governing Body (NGB) of these teams) have been informed/instructed about the modification(s).

6. International Team Certificate (ITC)

- 6.1 According to § 20 IISHF Regulations any team participating in an European Cup 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.
- 6.2 Any ITC should be sent to the IISHF latest two (2) weeks prior to the event (to avoid additional fees) .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. If a team arrives and has not sent an authorised ITC or has player(s) who are not on the ITC, the team or player(s) can play only 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.
- 6.3 The maximum number of players on the ITC are 30 players. The maximum number of officials allowed on the ITC are 8 officials. On any ITC the same person can only be listed either as a player or as an official.

7. GENERAL

- 7.1 Teams incl. all players must be present at the **Opening Ceremony (Friday 11 May 2018 at 20:45 o`clock)** and stay until the end of the Opening Ceremony. **All teams must come in their identical team jerseys.**
- 7.2 Teams incl. all players must be present at the Presentation Ceremony (**Sunday 13 May 2018 after the end of the Final Game**) and stay until the end of the Presentation Ceremony.
- 7.3 First Aid will be provided by qualified First Aid persons; should any further treatment be required, then an Ambulance will be called. Teams are advised to carry any necessary medical insurance that they may require. An International/European assurance card is needed – if not, the injured person has to pay the treatment by himself.
- 7.4 There will be several **Team Manager`s meetings** held in the restaurant area on **Friday 11 May 2018 or Saturday 12 May 2018 according to the information in the Official Time Schedule of 22.03.2018.** One English speaking Manager (Person) from each team must be present, but as maximum 2 persons per Team. Please pay attention to point 1.6 Tournament Rules.
- 7.5 The Team Manager/Captain must return the "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" and the "All Star voting form" to the Technical Director on the final day of the event (**Sunday 13 May 2018) no later than 15:00 o`clock** – both Forms will be given out during the Managers Meeting to all teams taking part. The "IISHF Title Event Feedback Form" and the "All Star voting form" must be completely filled out only in English language.

8. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 8.1 Failure to comply to the before mentioned points 1 - 7 Tournament Rules will result in IISHF disciplinary action according to IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Official Rule Book.

9. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Organizer shall be the hosting club "**HC Mad Dogs Wiener Neustadt** (Austria)". The website for this event shall be <http://www.maddogs.at>)
- 9.2 The Event Director (according to article 22 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mrs. Alexandra KOGLBAUER** (Tel. +43 699 10200677 / Email: office@maddogs.at).
- 9.3 The Technical Director (according to article 23 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mrs. Dee DALTON** (Tel. +44 77 02290139 / E-Mail: ddalton@iishf.com).
- 9.4 The Referee Supervisor (contrary to article 23 IISHF Regulations being responsible for scheduling, assessment and duties of all referees) shall be **Mr. Gerhard SPORER** (Tel. +43 664 4645641 / E-Mail: gsporer@iishf.com).

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Approved and signed by the Presidium