



TOURNAMENT RULES MEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 IN STEGERSBACH

1. PLAYING RULES

- 1.1 The Men European Championships 2008 will be played according to the official IISHF Rules of the Game "Official Version 2008".
- 1.2 All Players must wear the correct players dress and equipment as per point 5.1 – 5.9 IISHF Rules of The Game which means identical shirts, shorts (trousers) and helmets. Please be aware that failure of a team to play without matching equipment in contravention of rule 5.2 "players uniform" and 5.3 "players numbers" 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, neck and throat protector and a shoulder and chest protector !!
- 1.3 All players including goalkeepers must have all equipment checked before playing. One Kit Check will be carried out on each team before their first game of the tournament. Following this no further Kit Checks will be carried out. It is the players' responsibility to wear the correct equipment for each game; failure to comply will result in a Yellow Card (Misconduct) being awarded by the referees.
- 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 Red 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 (with a minimum age of 18 years) are allowed to be on the bench.
- 1.6 Team Managers are responsible for providing a valid passport or national identity card of each player to the Technical Director within fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the Managers Meeting.
- 1.7 At least 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 she 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.
- 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 area.
- 1.9 The games will be played according to the Official Time Schedule of 22.07.2008 in continuous time (with running clock). The interval between periods will be 5 minutes. The last 2 minutes of each game (and of extra time) will be played in stoppage time. Minor and Major penalties as well as Yellow, Red and Black Cards are completely served in all games.
- 1.10 Each team will be allowed one Time Out in each period of each game.
- 1.11 In the first round, 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 period of 5 minutes extra time will be played. If both teams are still equal after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out 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 22.07.2008) must change their shirts. Thus each team shall bring two sets of shirts with different colours to the Men European Championships.
- 1.14 If (after the end of the Preliminary Round) a team has to play two games in a row, the game schedule may be modified by the Tournament Director provided that the teams involved have been accordingly informed at least at the end of their last game before the game to be modified. Thus the final team setting of the games 22, 24 and 26 will be fixed by the Tournament Director at latest after the end of the Preliminary Round. The teams from 5th to 7th place (after the Preliminary Round) must be prepared to play the games 22, 24 and 26.

2. CHANGING ROOMS

- 2.1 There are 7 changing rooms, therefore there will be separate rooms for each team. Please leave rooms clean, tidy and undamaged.
- 2.2 The host will take EUR 100,- as deposit for a locker key (of the changing room). In the case of damage to lockers and the changing room, the team will be liable to a claim for compensation. The key has to be returned to the Event Director for return of deposit after the changing rooms have been left in a proper way at the end of the tournament.
- 2.3 The address of the pitch is "7551 Stegersbach (Austria), Teichgasse 9".

3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 3.1 Each player is only eligible to play if he/she possesses (produces) a valid passport or national identity card and if the player is listed on the International Team Certificate (ITC) approved by IISHF. No copy, no fax and no other document shall replace an original passport or national identity card. The relevant document (passport or national identity card) must be produced by the Team Manager to the IISHF Technical Director at latest before the Team Manager Meeting. The lower age limit for participating players generally is any player born in 1992 (youngest).
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 Area'. Access to the pitch is allowed only for the relevant players and officials (not for spectators).

- 4.3 Players must not play with balls or sticks anywhere in or 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 playing hall. No (water) bottles are allowed on top of the goals.
- 4.4 There is no smoking and alcohol allowed inside the building.
- 4.5 Skates must not be worn outside the Arena and restrooms area. There is no access to the stands with skates. Skates need to be covered with white cotton tape that needs to be approved by the Event Director or the Technical Director.
- 4.6 Teams (incl. players and officials) and spectators must obey any Venue Rules and Tournament Rules. Failure to attend the Venue Rules will result in IISHF Disciplinary Action.
- 4.7 The spectator (entry) fees are fixed as follows:
- Ticket for Friday EUR 6,-- for adults / EUR 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Ticket for Saturday EUR 6,-- for adults / EUR 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Ticket for Sunday EUR 6,-- for adults / EUR 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Three Days Ticket EUR 15,-- for adults / EUR 0,-- for children under 18 years

5. LEGAL INFORMATIONS

- 5.1 Any player who receives a Red Card during the event will not be able to play in his/her next two games. They may then play again but will receive a fixed fine from the IISHF.
- 5.2 Any player who receives a Black Card during the event will not be able to play again in this Tournament (Men European Championships 2008). Any player receiving a Black Card cannot play again in following international matches until he/she has had a disciplinary hearing and any fines have been paid and bans served.
- 5.3 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'.
- 5.4 In the case of any problem/dispute, the Technical Director (in coordination with the IISHF Presidium) has the authority to make any final decision.
- 5.5 In the case that any point of these Tournament Rules is contradictory to IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Rules of the Game, these Tournament Rules (with version of 22.07.2008) are binding and official for the Men European Championships 2008.

6. GENERAL

- 6.1 Teams must take part with all players at the presentation ceremony and stay until the end of the presentation ceremony.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 There will be a **Team Managers' meeting** held at the pitch on **Friday 3rd October 2008 at 09.00 o'clock (am)**. One English speaking Manager (Person) from each team, but as maximum 2 persons per team, must be present at the beginning of the Managers Meeting and stay until the end of the Manager Meeting.
- 6.4 The drinking of alcohol or the taking of banned substances (drugs) is not allowed for players or bench officials or Tournament officials during the entire event.

- 6.5 There will be an official **Opening Ceremony and Governors Reception** held at the pitch on **Friday 3rd October 2008 at 18.00 o'clock**. All teams must be present with all players and will get a full dinner after the Opening Ceremony (to be paid by the host).

7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 7.1 Failure to comply to the before mentioned points 1 -6 Tournament Rules will result in IISHF disciplinary action according to IISHF Regulations.

8. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Event Director (according to article 22 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mr. Michael KOTTAS** (Tel. +43 6642038576 / E-Mail: michael.kottas@gloriette.at).
- 8.2 The Technical Director (according to article 23 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mr. Daniel TASCHNER** (Tel. +41 79 7257804 / E-Mail: nini.daniel@gmail.com)

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Signed by IISHF Presidium