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1. Updated selection of teams for the IISHF European Cups 2021

As published in the IISHF Communication Letter 2020-22 on 21.10.2020 IISHF has set **15.12.2020 as the final deadline for all NMA's to confirm if they have teams ready to take part in the respective IISHF Title Events.**

For the IISHF Title Events with vacant places the ranking other for selecting places given that all interested member countries have reported teams in the specific age category will be based first on the criteria that the NMAs are entitled to minimum one place then the ranking following the placement of the last relevant European Championships and/or European Cups will apply.

The IISHF Regulations §18.2 states the following:

Host Clubs of European Cup events and the Cup Title Holder of Men European Cup, Women European Cup and Veterans Cup 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 a European Cup.

The IISHF Regulations §18.5 states the following:

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

- a) National Champions sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, U19)*.
- b) Vice-National Champions if qualified sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, U19)*.
- c) Other teams if qualified sorted after national ranking from previous year European Championship (Men, Women, U19)*.

- European Cup Holder (only Men European Cup, Women European Cup and Veterans Cup) as mentioned in §18.2
- Hosting teams as mentioned in §18.2
- 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 too 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 U19/Women/Men European Championship.
- * The ranking from previous year U19 European Championship does also apply for the seeding of U19, U16, U13 and U10 teams. The ranking from previous Men European Championship apply for the seeding of Men and Veterans teams. The ranking from previous Women European

Championship apply for the Women teams. For all NMA's not taking part at the U19, Women or the Men European Championship it will be after the best placement in a European Cup in the previous year(s) first taking into consideration the specific age category.

U16 European Cup 2021 in Kaarst (Germany) 14-16 May 2021

This event has been postponed from 2020 to 2021. For the U16 European Cup 2021 there are still two (2) vacant places for this event.

⇒ The sequence for selecting in accordance with the ranking as listed in the attachment.

U13 European Cup 2021 in Krefeld (Germany) 4-6 June 2021

This event has been postponed from 2020 to 2021. For the U13 European Cup 2021 all teams from 2020 have already confirmed their participation so there are no vacant places.

U19 European Cup 2021 in Rossemaison (Switzerland) June 11-13 June 2021

This event has been postponed from 2020 to 2021. For the U19 European Cup 2021 there is still one (1) vacant place for this event.

⇒ The sequence for selecting in accordance with the ranking as listed in the attachment.

Men Challenge European Cup 2021 in Essen (Germany) 18-20 June 2021

This event has been postponed from 2020 to 2021. For the Men Challenge Cup 2021 there is still one (1) vacant place for this event.

⇒ The sequence for selecting in accordance with the ranking as listed in the attachment.

Women European Cup 2021 in Berlin (Germany) 25-27 June 2021

This event is a new event for 2021. For the Women European Cup 2021 at this point two (2) teams have already confirmed their participation and there are six (6) vacant places for this event.

Veterans European Cup 2021 in Rossemaison (Switzerland) 20-22 August 2021

This event is a new event for 2021. For the Veterans European Cup 2021 at this point two (2) teams have already confirmed their participation and there are seven (8) vacant places for this event.

Men European Cup 2021 in Rossemaison (Switzerland) 26-29 August 2021

This event has been postponed from 2020 to 2021. For the Men European Cup 2021 there is one (1) vacant place for this event.

⇒ The sequence for selecting in accordance with the ranking as listed in the attachment.

Attached please find an updated listing of the teams participating in the above events where there are still vacant places for 2021.

The Netherlands have already announced that don't have any teams in contention for the vacant places. Switzerland have announced that SHC Givisiez Skater 95 waive their backup placement for the Men Challenge Cup and that they would be interested in participating in the Men European Cup

if possible. For all other events Switzerland is not in contention for any vacant places due to the current development of the pandemic unless that there might still be vacant places.

For the remaining places at the above mentioned Title Events 2021 the selection will be done after the IISHF Regulations as per the ranking used originally for the selection for the relevant IISHF Title Event 2020. Please note that the countries that not already have at least one team participating will first come into contention.

2. IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet - reminder

Attached please find the IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet to be used when the National Member Associations (NMA's) have to deliver the team information for the IISHF Title Events 2021 as of **15.12.2020**. In the attachment sent to the NMA's there are also two Excel versions in addition to the published PDF Version.

For the record please report your teams based on your last championship either if it due to Corona took place in 2019 or for 2020 if you managed to have a domestic National Championship this year. The listing should be complete and not only based on the teams ready and willing to take part in IISHF Title Events 2021. The listing should also include your National Teams.

At this point only one NMA (Netherlands) has delivered their feedback for the IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet. Please report **"not participating or not relevant"** where you have no teams participating or hosting or defending a championship. **Please also report contact information for your National Men and U19 team.** For all teams please also report if you know if the team would be ready for participation since this will enhance our selection process. Please respond either Yes, No or perhaps/not sure yet.

3. IISHF U19 European Championships 2021 – reminder deadlines for additional teams

This is a reminder as previously published in the IISHF Communication Letter 2020-22 on 21.10.2020. Attached please find a listing of the confirmed participating teams.

The IISHF Presidium has decided that for the U19 European Championships 2021 taking place on 01-03.10.2021 in Bordon (Great Britain) the following deadlines will apply for any additional teams:

- Until 15.12.2020 official deadline (payment according to 2021 fees).
- After 15.12.2020 until 15.02.2021 extended deadline (payment according to 2021 fees and additional 50 Euro per. week).
- After 15.02.2021 only after approval by the hosting club and IISHF (payment according to 2021 fees and additional 50 Euro per. week).

The IISHF U19 European Championships 2021 will be open for participants outside Europe.

4. IISHF Men European Championships 2021 – reminder deadlines for additional teams

Reminder as previously published in the IISHF Communication Letter 2020-22 on 21.10.2020. Attached please find a listing of the confirmed participating teams.

The IISHF Presidium has decided that for the Men European Championships 2021 taking place on 05-07.11.2021 in Duisburg (Germany) the following deadlines will apply for any additional teams:

- Until 15.12.2020 official deadline (payment according to 2021 fees).
- After 15.12.2020 until 15.02.2021 extended deadline (payment according to 2021 fees and additional 50 Euro per. week).
- After 15.02.2021 only after approval by the hosting club and IISHF (payment according to 2021 fees and additional 50 Euro per. week).

The IISHF Men European Championships 2021 will again be open for participants outside Europe.

5. Full team list for U19, U16 and U13 teams

In addition to the requirement as described in point 2 for providing the IISHF Title Event Confirmation Sheet each National Member Association must according to the IISHF Regulations §18.1 inform the IISHF latest on the **15th of December** each year of the:

a) for Teams in the age category of U19, U16, U13 the Team names, contact person, **full team list (including gender, licence number and birth year** 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

For reporting the birth years please pay special attention to the next point. Basically the NMA's can use the team reports already delivered last year but please check are there any changes or modifications in order to ensure that all reported players still have a valid license for the specific club/team.

6. Age Years for IISHF Title Events 2021 postponed from 2020 - reminder

The IISHF Presidium has as published in the IISHF Communication Letter 2020-13 as of 24.05.2020 decided that for the IISHF U13, U16 and U19 Title Events cancelled in 2020 the following will apply for the age years limit: The same age years that were valid for 2020 will also apply for 2021 so here is a concrete example for the IISHF U19 European Cup 2020 (original text) and then what will be valid for the IISHF U19 European Cup 2021 (exception due to Corona Covid-19).

The IISHF U19 European Cup 2020 (original text):

The upper age limit for players participating at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020 is generally any male player born in 2002 (oldest) and is any female player born in 2001

(oldest). As exception participating teams may participate any player who was part of the previous year's squad if the male player is one year too old (born 2001) and/if the female player is two years too old (born 2000) – the relevant male player born in 2001 and/or female player born in 2000 must have been part of the previous year 2019 squad (only based on the written confirmation of each National Member Association as delivered at latest as per 31.12.2019 and must still be registered in the year 2020 (as well as at the date of the Junior (U19) European Cup) with the same club taking part at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020. If any player of the previous year 2019 squad has changed the club in the new season 2020, then he/she cannot play at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020.

The lower age limit for participating players at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020 is any player born in 2007.

The IISHF U19 European Cup 2021 (exception due to Corona Covid-19):

The upper age limit for players participating at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021** is generally any male player born in 2002 (oldest) and is any female player born in 2001 (oldest). As exception participating teams may participate any player who was part of the previous year's squad if the male player is one year too old (born 2001) and/if the female player is two years too old (born 2000) – the relevant male player born in 2001 and/or female player born in 2000 must have been part of the previous year **2020** squad (only based on the written confirmation of each National Member Association as delivered at latest as per 31.12.**2020** and must still be registered in the year **2021** (as well as at the date of the Junior (U19) European Cup) with the same club taking part at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021**. If any player of the previous year **2020** squad has changed the club in the new season **2021**, then he/she cannot play at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021**.

The lower age limit for participating players at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021** is any player born in **2008**.

For the IISHF Men Title Events cancelled in 2020 and postponed to 2021 no changes will be made in regard to the age years limits. The normal age requirements will apply. This will also apply to the IISHF Women and Veterans European Cup 2021.

On behalf of the IISHF Presidium
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