



TOURNAMENT RULES

Men European Championships 2012

1. PLAYING RULES

- 1.1 The Men European Championships 2012 will be played according to the IISHF Rules of the Game "Official Version 2012".
- 1.2 All Players must wear the full and correct players equipment according to point 5.1 – 5.20 IISHF Rules of The Game.
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 completely wear either identical padded shorts and 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 5.20 IISHF Rules of the Game "players 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, neck and throat protector and a shoulder and chest protector.
All players born after 31.12.1992 must always wear a full face cage/visor.
- 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 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 (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 valid National identity card of each player to the Technical Director prior to the start of the Managers Meeting (Remark: Without passport or National identity card a player is not eligible).

- 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 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 According to the Official Time Schedule of 02.08.2012 the games No. 1-22 + 24 + 26 will be played in continuous time (with running clock) with an interval of 2 minutes between periods. For these games only the last 2 minutes of each game will be played with stopped time and all Penalties and Cards are completely served.
- 1.10 According to the Official Time Schedule of 02.08.2012 the semi finals (game No. 23+25) and the final games for the third place (game No. 27) and for the first place (game No. 28) will be completely played with stopped time with an interval of 5 minutes between periods. For these games all Penalties and Cards are completely served.
- 1.11 Each team will be allowed one Time Out of 30 seconds in each period of each game.
- 1.12 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.
- 1.13 If a game needs to have a winner, then one period of 5 minutes extra time will be played. 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 both teams are still equal after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out will take place.
- 1.14 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 02.08.2012) must change their shirts. Thus each team must bring two sets of shirts with different colours to the Men European Championships 2012.
- 1.15 If because of unforeseen reasons there is a delay of more than 60 minutes during the final day (Sunday 21.10.2012), 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 7 changing rooms (4 changing rooms with shower inside the hall, 3 changing rooms with showers in a building 50 meters next to the hall). Please leave rooms clean, tidy and undamaged.

- 2.2 The host will take EUR 50,- 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 "Centre sportif de Chandolan, Chemin du giratoire 1, CH-1762 Givisiez (Switzerland). The rink has a size of 20 x 40 meters and the pitch has a floor made of synthetic.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 3.1 Each player is only eligible to play at the Men European Championships 2012 if he possesses (produces) a valid passport or National identity card of his country and if the player is listed on the approved International Team Certificate (ITC). 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 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 European Championships 2012. The lower age limit for participating players at the Men European Championships 2012 is generally any player born in 1996 (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.
- 4.4 Smoking and alcohol is not allowed within the hall in the Pitch Area and Spectators Area.
- 4.5 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 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 Rules will result in IISHF Disciplinary Action.
- 4.7 The spectator (entry) fees are fixed as follows:
- Ticket for Friday CHF 0,-- for adults / CHF 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Ticket for Saturday CHF 0,-- for adults / CHF 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Ticket for Sunday CHF 0,-- for adults / CHF 0,-- for children under 18 years
 - Three Days Ticket CHF 0,-- for adults / CHF 0,-- for children under 18 years

5. LEGAL INFORMATIONS

- 5.1 Any player who receives a Game Misconduct Penalty (Yellow and Red Card) during the Men European Championships 2012 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 the Men European Championships 2012 will not be able to play in his 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 the Men European Championships 2012 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 spectators 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 IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Rules of the Game, these Tournament Rules (with version of 02.08.2012) are binding and official for the Men European Championships 2012.
- 5.8 The sport of inline-skaterhockey 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 01.01.2012 - 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 European Championships 2012 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 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 who has obviously and evidently in the opinion of the referees and/or Technical Director, consumed alcohol or narcotic substances (incl. drugs)

6. GENERAL

- 6.1 Teams incl. all players must be present and stay until the end of the **Opening Ceremony (Thursday 18th October 2012 - begin at 19.00 o`clock)** as well as Presentation Ceremony.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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) health insurance card is needed.
- 6.4 There will be a Team Manager`s meeting held in the office rooms at the pitch on **Friday 19th October 2012 at 08.00 o`clock**. 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. 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 and/or IISHF Rules of the Game.

8. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Organizer shall be the hosting club "**SHC Givisiez**". The website for this event shall be **<http://www.shcgivisiez.ch>** .
- 8.2 The Event Director (according to article 22 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mrs. Victoria ZAMPA (Tel. +41 79 2132426 / E-Mail: vic_zampa@hotmail.com)**.
- 8.3 The Technical Director (according to article 23 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mrs. Dee DALTON (Tel. +44 77 02290139 / E-Mail: Dee_dalton@hotmail.com)**.

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Approved and signed by the Presidium