

ISBHF VENUE REGULATIONS

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 ISBHF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with ISBHF Venue Regulations, ISBHF Juridical Regulations and ISBHF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2 All ISBHF member associations are entitled to participate and to apply to organize ISBHF venues.
- 1.3 The organizers of ISBHF sanctioned venues are appointed by the Conference upon proposal from ISBHF Technical Committee (TC).
- 1.4 The responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in the ISBHF Organizers Regulations.

A Venues

§ 2 Types of Championships and Tournaments

- 2.1 AAA Championships:
 - World Championship for National Teams
 - Junior World Championship for National Teams
 - Intercontinental Cup for Clubs
- 2.2 AA Tournaments:
 - Continental Championship for National Teams (European, American etc.)
 - Continental Championship for Junior National Teams
 - Continental Cup for Clubs
- 2.3 A Tournaments
 - Tournaments for National Teams
 - Games of national teams
- 2.4 Other sanctioned tournaments
 - B5 Tournament:
 - International Tournament Type B (5 + 1)
 - B4 Tournament:
 - International Tournament Type B (4 + 1)
 - C5 Tournament:
 - International Tournament Type C (5 + 1)
 - C4 Tournament:
 - International Tournament Type C (4 + 1)
 - C3 Tournament:
 - International Tournament Type C (3 + 1)

§ 3 Definition of the Tournaments

- AAA: AAA Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organised by an organizer (a national association) which is appointed by the ISBHF Board during the Conference 15 months in advance. ISBHF enters an agreement with the organizer about the Tournament organization. The organizer may entitle the third person to arrange the tournament but the responsibility cannot be transferred this way. World Championship Tournament as well as a Junior World Championship Tournament is an event in which national teams of more than one continent take part. An Intercontinental Cup for Clubs is an event in which the best Clubs of the Countries of more than one continent take part, whereby “Clubs of more than one continent” means, that there must be at least one team from another continent than the continent on which the tournament takes place, otherwise it is a Continental Cup for Clubs
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- A3: A Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organised by an organiser (a national association), which is appointed by the ISBHF Board during the Conference 15 months in advance. ISBHF enters an agreement with the organizer about the Tournament organization. The organizer may entitle the third person to arrange the tournament, but the responsibility is not transferred. Games of national teams can be agreed between the NAs. Home NA is to register the game by ISBHF. Tournament played with 3 players and 1 goalkeeper
- B: B Tournaments are international tournaments organised by a national organiser which are supported by the ISBHF. In one country there can be maximum of 2 B tournaments in a year. If one of these tournaments is a tournament for juniors, there can be a third B tournament in the same year in the same country. At a B tournament there must be clubs or national teams of at least three different countries, else the ISBHF won't support this specific tournament in the next year. B Tournaments shall not last more than 3 days.
- B4: Tournament played with 4 players and 1 goalkeeper
- B5: Tournament played with 5 players and 1 goalkeeper
- C: C Tournaments are international tournaments organised by a national organiser, which are published in the official publications of ISBHF.
- C4: Tournament played with 4 players and 1 goalkeeper
- C5: Tournament played with 5 players and 1 goalkeeper
- C3: Tournament played with 3 players and 1 goalkeeper

§ 4 Venue time plan

ISBHF shall stage AAA&AA tournaments (a World, Continental -European, American, and Junior Championship) for national representative teams in principal in June every year, in odd years World and in even years European Championships for seniors and vice-versa for juniors.

§ 5 Rules and Regulations

A Type: ISBHF Rules and Regulations

B 4,5 ISBHF Rules and Regulations. Rules with local changes (as allowed in the ISBHF rules). In the invitation to a tournament the organiser has to indicate the rules that will be used. The participating teams and the ISBHF must be informed about the rules that will be used at least 2 weeks prior the tournament in detail.

C 3,4,5: ISBHF or national rules and regulations.

§ 6 Protection

A type No other AAA, AA, A, B4, B5, C4 or C5 tournament can take place during an AAA or an AA tournament and on the weekend prior this tournament. It is possible to have two AAA or AA tournaments at the same location at the same time.

B 4,5 No other B4, B5 tournament can take place during a B4, B5 tournament. It is possible to have a B4, B5 junior tournament while in an other country a B4, B5 senior tournament takes place. The ISBHF will not allow more than two C4 or C5 tournaments during a B4, B5 tournament in the country where the B4, B5 tournament takes place.

C 3,4,5 No protection

§ 7 Practice during the venue

7.1 Teams are entitled to at least one practice in the official tournament venue before their first match in that venue, on the day before an official match. Practice is charged as per local conditions.

7.2 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule. A team which played the last match one day should not, if possible, be scheduled to the first practice session on the following day.

7.3 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

§ 8 Entry fees, Fines, Service from ISBHF, Payment to ISBHF

AAA,AA The entry fee is 800,- EUR for the World and Continental Championships. It is to be paid to ISBHF.

In case of the World or Continental Cup for Clubs the entry fee is 350,- EUR and it is to be paid to the organiser.

Entry fee can be modified by ISBHF Board.

ISBHF pays the referee fee of **30,- EUR** per referee and day during the whole tournament (max. 12 referees during WC/ContC).

The organiser has the right to promote such a tournament as **ISBHF tournament**.

Fines and the division of them between ISBHF and organiser are determined by ISBHF Regulations.

A, B4,5 The entry fee is charged by the organiser. ISBHF organise (by referee in charge) max. 6 international referees. NA guarantees the payment of international referees by the organizer.

The organiser has the right to promote such a tournament as **ISBHF sanctioned tournament**. The ISBHF will publish all B tournaments on its Internet homepage and in the minutes. ISBHF will distribute the conditions of the tournaments and the address of the organiser to all members. The organiser has to announce B tournament at least 9 month prior the venue to ISBHF. The ISBHF Board has the right to demand a change of the date if it is in conflict with other ISBHF tournament. ISBHF Board has although the right to refuse to sanction the tournament if there are considerable reasons.

Fines for non-participating teams and referees (according ISBHF Regulations) to be paid to ISBHF. If there is no team or referee replacement managed by ISBHF the fine will be transferred to the organiser.

C3,4,5 The entry fee is charged by the organiser. The organiser has the right to promote such a tournament as **“Tournament acknowledged by ISBHF”**. The ISBHF will publish all C tournaments on its Internet homepage. ISBHF will distribute the conditions of the tournaments and the address of the organiser to all members. The organiser has to announce the C tournament at least 6 month prior the venue to ISBHF. The ISBHF Board has the right to demand a change of the date if it is in conflict with other ISBHF tournament. ISBHF Board has although the right to refuse to acknowledge the tournament if there are considerable reasons.

B Playing System

§ 9 PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1 The Championship shall be played, in principal, in two divisions. Division into further divisions may be decided after deadline for registration. ISBHF technical committee may be entitled by Conference to modify the playing system if necessary.

9.2 The A-division shall consist of the seven best teams of the previous Championship of the same category and the winner of the B-division of the previous Championship of the same category.

9.2.1 The A-division shall be played in two groups of 4 teams each. The constitution of the groups shall be based on the final rankings of the previous Championship of the same category as follows:

Group 1

World/European Champion

4th placed team

5th placed team

8th placed team or B-division winner of the previous Championship as per Conference decision

Group 2

2nd placed team

3rd placed team

6th placed team

7th placed team

9.2.2 The order of play within each group in the A-division shall be defined by technical committee. The local circumstances and media (TV) conditions are to be considered.

9.2.3 The groups are decided by each team playing each other once within the group, where 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

9.2.4 The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:

a) The total number of points.

b) If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included if necessary, shall be decisive.

c) If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.

d) If the ranking can not be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

f) If two teams are definitely clear equal after their

last mutual game in the group then this game shall be prolonged according to the regulation for play-off games.

9.2.5 Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows:

Semi-final 1 Winner of group 1 – 2nd of group 2

Semi-final 2 Winner of group 2 – 2nd of group 1

Match for 3rd Place Loser of Semi-final 1 – Loser of Semi-final 2

Final Winners of Semi-final 1 and 2

Ranking matches for 5th and 7th place shall be played as follows:

Match for 7th Place 4th of group 2 – 4th of group 1

Match for 5th Place 3rd of group 1 – 3rd of group 2

The loser of the 7th place match shall be relegated to the B-division.

The above mentioned matches shall, when ending with a draw, be settled according to the ISBHF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots.

TC is entitled to modify the system for each championship.

9.3 The B-division shall consist of the last placed team of the A-division of the previous Championship of the same category and the remaining teams registered for participation, the teams qualified for the A-division excepted.

9.3.1 The number of groups, playing system and order of play may be decided after deadline for registration. The constitution of groups, if more than one group, shall follow the principles of the A-division, and be based on the final rankings of the previous Championship of the same category.

9.4 The ISBHF technical committee prepares the game schedule for the Championship according to the ISBHF regulations. The organizers will propose the dates and places of the games.

The team listed first is the home team having the choice of sweater colour and players bench. When the teams play each other in the final round again, the home team will be reversed. The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2 1/2 hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink and that there is, in principal, at least 4 hours between the start of two consecutive matches of any team. Whenever possible a team that has played the last match on one day should not play the first match of the following day.

9.5 The organizers are entitled to request the ISBHF technical committee for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage, if the teams are informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.

9.6 Teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before start of a match.

C Venue Participation

§ 10 PARTICIPATION of National Associations

10.2 All ISBHF member associations may apply to participate in a Championship. ISBHF may invite other nations with street/ball hockey.

10.3 The registration shall be made on the official ISBHF Tournament Application Form.

Application form and payment of the participation fee, which is fixed by ISBHF Annual Conference, shall be forwarded to ISBHF latest on date announced in the application form.

10.4 A registered team that withdraws from the championship shall be fined according to the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.

10.5 Costs for travel to and from the arrival city and board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team.

10.6 The host shall pay, if agreed by ISBHF Conference, for no more than 32 persons (25 players and 7 officials) for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the Arrival city to their respective hotel. The host shall also pay for the participating teams to travel from their hotel to the official venues, to training sessions according to the official program of each team and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city. The responsibility for the organizer to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team.

10.7 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

§ 11 NATIONAL TEAMS PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

11.1 The following rules would apply for all ISBHF members as well as nations which are not or not yet ISBHF members but participate with a national team at a tournament organised by the ISBHF or play an international match against a nation which is an ISBHF member.

11.2 Area of applications

As national team games are concerned:

11.3 International Championships (World Cup / Continental Cup)

(ii) International Tournaments

(iii) Official national team games

International Matches which are well defined as exhibition games for development, do not fall under the player Eligibility rule. International Matches between two LM Category Nations (see below) are only exhibition games, when the location, where the game takes place, is not in a LM Category Nation.

11.3 Nationality

As long as a country has its own national team, this country applies to be a member nation of its own, and players may have its citizenship. A nationality of a confederation of nations is not considered in this case. Example: Scotland has its own National Team but the players are UK citizen.

11.4 Country allocation

All member nations will be allocated into one of two categories:

- (a) LM-Large Memberships (Countries where the sport is well developed and have a large number of participants)
- (b) GM-Growing Memberships (Countries where there are fewer participants and the sport is still in an early growth stage)

Each year at the annual ISBHF Congress the categories will be reviewed and redefined for the next year.

New Countries are automatically placed in GM-Category in their first year, and shall be permitted this status for a maximum period of three years from the first WC/WJC they attend.

The country allocation is only valid for their active players.

11.5 Player recognition

A player, whether he plays or not, is officially recognized as a National Team player if he is named on the match sheet.

11.6 Active Players

Definition: Active players are players who are, according to the ISBHF age guidelines, no longer eligible to play for a U20 national team, and players who are eligible to play for a U20 national team but have played for a senior national team.

Players who play for a Nation are not eligible to play for any other Nation, unless they reside in this new nation and receive citizenship or similar document*. For such a change of Nation to be valid for international competition, the players must wait a period of three years from the last world championship before being eligible for the new Nation. Players making a change of Nation cannot in the future return to play for the originating Nation.

11.7 U20 Players

Definition: U20 players are players who are, according to the ISBHF age guidelines, eligible to play for a U20 national team.

Once a U20 player has played for a senior national team, regardless of his age, the article 11.6. "Active Players" shall apply to him.

By way of transfer from a U20 Player to an Active Player, their history will be deleted and the rules under article 11.6 "Active Players" apply to him without bias. (Except article 11.8 "Active and U20 Players").

A player can either play for his home country (i.e. place of residence) or the country of his citizenship. For the determination of the country of his citizenship only the nationality of the player is crucial. The parental citizenry is irrelevant. Therefore, a player can play for several nations in his history as a U20 Player if he changes country of residence. However, players who have played for a nation are not eligible to play for another nation in same year.

11.8 Active and U20 Players

Players who played for a nation are, even if they transfer from U20 to Active Players, not eligible to play for another nation in same year.

11.9 Players of Heritage

As many as 8 players, whose parents or grandparents are/were citizens of that nation, can be used by a GM nation, only after a minimum of 17 players of citizenship* or former citizenship have been named to the official national team roster. Players of Heritage must provide copy of legal document establishing citizenship or former citizenship of parent or grandparent, example: birth certificate, old passport, citizenship certificate, or marriage certificate from that nation.

§ 12 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

12.1 Only players with citizenship of the own nation or players who meet criteria of ISBHF Player Eligibility Regulations shall be eligible to represent the nation in a Championship. Any player with a multiple citizenship cannot play for more than one country in any calendar year with regards to WC/ContC, subject to a 3 years waiting period before to be eligible to play for another country.

12.2 Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 25 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the Championship. A preliminary list of the players

and the goalkeepers must be submitted, together with the passports, confirming the state citizenship. and with the eligibility forms completely and properly filled in with correct family and given names, to the directorate for controlling the registration, by the respective directorate member, on the eve of the tournament, latest by midnight local time, with a minimum number of 15 players and 2 goalkeepers. The minimum 15 players plus 2 goalkeepers must be present at the championship venue. A final list shall be submitted latest 1 hour before the first match of the championship, if not submitted the preliminary list becomes final. The remaining players shall be submitted for registration in the same way during the tournament, latest two hours before the respective game.

The official eligibility form is only accepted if signed by the player and his NA.

12.3 30 days before the first day of the Championship a preliminary list of the team delegation, completed on the official ISBHF form and signed by the national Association, shall be sent to ISBHF Office and the organizer. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials from which the final delegation shall be selected. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the Championship. Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after an application to the ISBHF TC. Passports shall be checked before the first match.

12.4 A maximum of 20+2 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match.

A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat no later than 30 minutes before the match. No other than those mentioned on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.

12.5 The ISBHF Board is entitled to approve an exception of qualification of players and officials if this is not in conflict with the ISBHF Articles.

§ 13 Team set up for venue

AAA There must minimum 15 players and 2 goalkeepers and maximum 22 players and 3 goalkeepers in the roster. There must be a maximum 20 players and 2 goalkeepers in game report. The roster may be completed during the tournament but there must be at least the minimum number of players in the roster by 12PM the day prior the tournament begins. The roster must be submitted together with eligibility form and passports to the Tournament Directorate.

The registration of a new player during the tournament must be done no later than one hour prior to the game.

AA and A Each player must present eligibility form and registration licence.

AAA For continental championship the rules for tournaments are to be applied.

B 5 There must minimum 10 players and 1 goalkeeper and maximum 20 players and 2 goalkeepers in the roster. The roster may be completed during the tournament but there must be at least the minimum number of players in the roster by 12PM the day prior the tournament begins.

B4 There must minimum 8 players and 1 goalkeeper and maximum 16 players and 2 goalkeepers in the roster. The roster may be completed during the tournament but there must be at least the minimum number of players in the roster by 12PM the day prior the tournament begins.

§ 14 PLAYER'S UNIFORMS

14.1 Each participating team must have two sets of sweaters and socks, one of light colour and one of dark colour. Both sets must be approved by the ISBHF. The colours of the sweaters and socks must be the same. The player's uniforms shall be according to the ISBHF Rules of the Game.

All helmets of players in one team must be of the same colour, except goalkeepers. Each player must play the whole tournament under the same player number.

ISBHF may, when inviting to an ISBHF Championship or tournament, decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements of the player's uniforms, other outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the ISBHF Championship or tournament.

14.2 If two teams have the same main-colour on their uniforms the prepared ISBHF list regarding team's uniforms in the matches shall be applicable.

§ 15 Accommodation and Board

AA,A: The organiser should cover the accommodation and the breakfast of all teams if not agreed otherwise by the Conference (25 players plus 7 officials per team) during the whole tournament starting

with the day before the tournament and ending the day after the tournament. The category of the hotels must be min. 3 stars. The teams should stay in max. two hotels. In any case the organiser must help the teams with the reservation of the hotels.

The organiser has to ensure and cover the transportation of the teams if the hotels are more the 5 minutes walking distance from the arena. The bus must be equipped with mobile phone to instruct the driver any time during the tournament.

A, B 4,5: The organiser has to help the teams to find suitable hotels or other locations for accommodation. The category of the hotels must be min. 2 stars.

C 3,4,5: The organiser has to help the teams to find suitable hotels or other locations for accommodation.

§ 16 DOPING

16.1 When taking decisions the valid ISBHF regulations and the IOC Doping regulations are applicable.

16.2 All players registered for competition of ISBHF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.

16.3 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the ISBHF Championship or tournament.

D Venue Officials

§ 17 Venue DIRECTORATE

17.1 The Directorate is a temporary executive body of the ISBHF with responsibility for conducting the ISBHF Championships.

17.2 The Directorate shall be responsible for:

- a) controlling of eligibility of the players
- b) control of the organizer's responsibility
- c) ordering services not ensured by organizer to organizer's costs,
- d) ruling on all disciplinary and technical matters during the tournament
- e) doping control
- f) awarding cups, medals, diplomas
- g) confirming the nominations of best three players of each team
- h) selecting the best goalkeeper, defenceman and forward of the tournament
- i) sanctioning any other awards

17.3 The directorate of the AAA and AA pool will be under the chairmanship of the ISBHF President or his deputy. Further members are all other ISBHF Board members, representatives of all participating nations plus one member representing the organizing committee. If the Board member represents the national team, such NA will not nominate a member of the Directorate. The chairman and the representatives of the organizing committee cannot represent his own country.

17.4 In all directorates every member has one vote. In the case of equality of votes the chairman must exercise the casting vote.

17.5 The first directorate meeting will be held on the eve of the relevant tournament. The agenda should comprise the following:

- a) A short welcome by the host
- b) Addresses, e-mail, telephone and fax numbers of the Head office of the competition, the venues, the teams, officials and referee hotels
- c) Transportation arrangements to and from the matches and practice arenas
- d) Opening and closing ceremonies, formalities, place and time
- e) Places reserved for teams in the spectator's areas
- f) Press conferences and times
- g) Briefing for the officials and referees
- h) The procedure before and after each match
- i) A complete list of the Directorate, organizing committee, referee committee and team members

j) The ISBHF list of team's uniforms in the matches (each team shall have two sets of jerseys, one dark and one light)

k) ISBHF advertisement strips

17.6 If necessary other meetings may be held. Chairman or his deputy are responsible for call of the meeting.

17.7 The organizers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.

17.8 The heads of delegations or their representatives are obliged to attend other meetings scheduled by the Directorate.

17.9 The Chairman of the Directorate will send a written report to the ISBHF Office within 2 weeks after the completion of the championship.

§ 18 REFEREES

All matters concerning referees in ISBHF Championships shall be dealt with by the ISBHF Referee Committee and Referee regulations according to valid regulations and decisions.

§ 19 Accommodation and Board of Officials

AA,A:

The organiser should cover the accommodation and the breakfast all nominated referees during the whole tournament starting with the day before the tournament and ending the day after the tournament. Furthermore organizer has to organise the accommodation and the breakfast during this period for max. 7 ISBHF Board members and officials (ISBHF will pay the effective costs up to 50 CHF. per person and night) and for the other ISBHF members or guests for one night (ISBHF will pay the effective costs up to 50 CHF. per person and night). The category of the hotels must be min. 3 stars. Referees and ISBHF Board members shall not stay in the same hotel as teams.

The organiser has to ensure and cover the transportation of the referees and the ISBHF members, if the hotels are more the 5 minutes walking distance from the arena. The bus must be equipped with mobile phone to instruct the driver any time during the tournament.

A, B 4,5:

The organiser has to book and cover the accommodation and the breakfast of referees during the whole tournament starting by one day before the tournament and ending by last day of the tournament. The category of the hotels must be min. 3 stars.

E Arena and services

§ 20 Arena and Infrastructure in the Arena

The arena and the rink shall be according to the ISBHF Rules of the Game.

AAA: The arena has to be covered and must have a capacity of at least 2000 spectators (at least 500 seats).

The arena has to have a public address system and a scoreboard with electric clocks for the match time and the penalty times. The scoreboard must be visible for all spectators. All announcements over the public address system must be done in the local language(s) and in English. The national anthem of the country of the winning team must be played after every game. National anthem is to be played to the Tournament winner.

There must be a changing room for each team. The dressing rooms must be equipped with a suitable amount of showers and toilets. It is possible, that two teams share the showers and the toilet. The changing rooms must be lockable and the teams must get keys for their dressing rooms. All teams should be able to get electrical power.

There has to be a first aid room conducted by medical experienced person.

There has to be a special room for the referees.

There must be an office for ISBHF Directorate with at least 2 computers (Windows software), 1 printer, 1 copy machine, 2 phone lines, 1 fax and e-mail connection. There is to be a meeting room for exclusive use of ISBHF.

There must be a VIP room for VIP, ISBHF Board members, referees and members of the local organisation committee. There must be a separate toilet for the ISBHF (it is possible to share the toilet with the local organising committee).

There should be a press room with at least 2 computers (Windows 97 software), 1 printer, 1 copy machine, 2 phone lines, 1 fax and 2 e-mail connections.

There must be booked a meeting room (12 persons) for ISBHF Board meeting for 2 days during the tournament.

There must be an official information centre, where the latest information, statistics, etc. are at the disposition of the officials and the teams.

Each team is entitled to at least one training of 1 hour on the day before the first official match in the arena. There might be also additional training options in the suitable facility.

There must be a restaurant close to the arena and a buffet in the arena.

A suitable number of toilets for the spectators is mandatory.

There must be reserved parking places for at least 6 coaches and 12 cars for ISBHF members.

The organiser is responsible for the board of referees and ISBHF members and ISBHF VIPs during the tournament. Non-alcoholic drinks and a suitable amount of food must be at the disposition of the referees (in referee room) and of ISBHF members and ISBHF VIPs (in VIP room).

AA, A: The arena doesn't need to be covered. The players' benches, the penalty bench and the timekeepers place must be covered.

The arena has to have a public address system and a scoreboard with electric clocks for the match time and the penalty times. The scoreboard must be visible for all spectators. All announcements over the public address system must be done in the local language(s) and in English.

There must be a dressing room for each team (if more than 6 teams take part it is possible that a dressing room is shared by two teams, in this case each team must have a lockable room in which the equipment can be put during the whole tournament). The dressing rooms must be equipped with a suitable amount of showers and a toilet. It is possible, that two teams share the showers and the toilet. The dressing rooms must be lockable and the teams must get keys for their dressing rooms. All teams should be able to get electrical power.

There has to be a first aid room conducted by medical experienced person.

There has to be a special room for the referees.

There must be an office for ISBHF Directorate with at least 2 computers (Windows software), 1 printer, 1 copy machine, 2 phone lines, 1 fax and e-mail connection. There must be a separate toilet for the ISBHF (it is possible to share the

toilet with the local organising committee). It is possible that the ISBHF shares the office with the local organiser.

There should be a press room with at least 2 computers (Windows 97 software), 1 printer, 1 copy machine, 2 phone lines and e-mail connection.

There must be an VIP room for VIP, ISBHF board members, referees and members of the local organisation committee.

There must be an official information centre, where the latest information, statistics, etc. are at the disposition of the officials and the teams.

If on an occasion of a Continental Championship the ISBHF Conference takes place, the rules for AA - tournaments do apply.

There must be booked a meeting room (12 persons) for ISBHF Board meeting for 2 days during the tournament.

Each team is entitled to at least one training of 1 hour on the day before the first official match in the arena. There might be also additional training options in the suitable facility.

There must be a buffet in the arena.

A suitable number of toilets for the spectators is mandatory..

There must be reserved parking places for at least 4 coaches and 8 cars for ISBHF members.

The organiser is responsible for the board of referees and ISBHF members and ISBHF VIPs during the tournament. Non-alcoholic drinks and a suitable amount of food must be at their disposition in the VIP room.

B The players' benches, the penalty bench and the timekeepers place must be covered. There must be a separate dressing room for the referees.

There has to be an electric clock that is visible for all spectators.

There must be an official information centre, where the latest information, statistics, etc. are at the disposition of the officials and the teams.

If the tournament is combined with an ISBHF Board meeting there need to be an office with at least 1 computer (Windows software), 1 printer, 1 copy machine, 2 phone lines, 1 faxes and e-mail connection.

There must be a buffet in the arena

C: No specific regulations

20.2 The organizer is responsible for the sufficient supply of ISBHF approved balls (min 100pcs.).

§ 21 Rink

AAA: Dimensions: Length: min. 52 m, max. 61 m; width: min. 26 m, max. 30 m. The corners shall be rounded in the arc of a circle with a radius of 7 m to 8.5 m.

The rink shall be surrounded by board, not less than 1.02 m and not more than 1.22 m in height above the level of the playing surface.

There must be protective glass or net 160 - 200 cm in height on the end between the goal lines and 80, to 120 cm along the sides. The protective glass can be higher.

All markings must apply to ISBHF rules.

AA,A,B5: Dimensions: Length: min. 48 m, max. 61 m; width: min. 24 m, max. 30 m. The corners shall be rounded in the arc of a circle with a radius of 4 m to 8.5 m.

The rink shall be surrounded by board, not less than 1.02 m and not more than 1.22 m in height above the level of the playing surface.

There must be protective glass 160 - 200 cm in height or wire-netting or another approved material on the boards behind the goal lines not less than 200 cm in height.

All markings must apply to ISBHF rules.

B4, C5,4: Dimensions: Length: min. 45 m, max. 52 m; width: min. 21 m, max. 26 m.

The rink shall be surrounded by board, not less than 1.02 m and not more than 1.22 m in height above the level of the playing surface.

There must be protective glass 160 - 200 cm in height or wire-netting or another approved material on the boards behind the goal lines not less than 200 cm in height.

All markings must apply to ISBHF rules.

§ 22 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

The Directorate shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Regulations, as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

§ 23 Awards

AA,A Awards must meet ISBHF standards. Trophies for all teams and medals (32 medals per team) for the teams ranking on the first three places in each pool are to be

ensured by the organiser. Suitable award for best scorer, best defender, best goalkeeper, Fair-Play award and the 6 members of the All-star Team. All prizes have to be accompanied with a written confirmation (diploma) signed by the technical director of ISBHF and the chairman of the local organisation committee. These awards have to be paid by the organiser. The challenge trophies for the best team is paid by the ISBHF.

All referees must get a medal of remembrance.

23.1 A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team for the time between two Championships. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage to the cup and shall return it to the ISBHF office in perfect condition, one month before the next Championship. The challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times. ISBHF shall be responsible for engraving the name of the winning team.

The winning team shall be awarded a replica of the World cup together with 32 ISBHF Gold medals. Additional medals may not be produced.

The 2nd ranked team shall be presented a cup and 32 ISBHF Silver medals.

The 3rd ranked team shall be presented a cup and 32 ISBHF Bronze medals.

The winner of the B-pool shall be presented a cup and 32 ISBHF B-pool Gold medals.

Each team participating in the Championship will be awarded by a cup.

23.2 The team with the lowest penalty minus points will obtain Fair Play Cup. In case of equality of points the number of penalty minutes for misconduct and unsportmanlike conduct, then the number of major penalties will be decisive. If equality still exist then the team in higher standing position will take precedence.

23.3 A player with a match penalty, gross misconduct penalty, game misconduct penalty or positive doping test is not eligible for any award and his team is not eligible for the Fair Play Cup competition.

23.4 The following individual awards will be awarded in the Championship: best goalkeeper, best defender, best forward, all stars team.

B,C: Trophies for the all teams. Suitable award for best scorer, best defender, best goalkeeper, fairest team. These awards have to be paid by the organiser.

§ 24 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

24.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms unless uniforms supplied by the organizers.

The main colour of the uniform must be dominating.

24.2 ISBHF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms.

AAA,AA: The organiser has the exclusive right for the advertising on the players' jerseys (if the organiser provides each team with two sets of jerseys), on the boards and in the arena. If the accommodation is not covered by the organiser, the teams have the right to place advertisement on the hole equipment (including jerseys). All sponsors have to be accepted by the ISBHF. The ISBHF and the organiser have to inform the participating teams at least 6 month prior the tournament where and what kind of advertisement the participating teams can put on their equipment. The organiser has to pay every piece of equipment on which his sponsors advertise.

B4,5: No restrictions. The organiser has the right to restrict advertising on the equipment of the teams (Teams must be informed with the invitation).

C4,5: No restrictions

§ 25 TICKETS, ENTRY AND VIP CARDS

25.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 30 tickets valid for the entire Championships, free of charge, for the players and officials of the team.

25.2 Each participating member Association is entitled to a maximum of 10 tickets valid for the entire Championships, free of charge.

25.3 Each participating member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

The ticket quota of each participating member Association shall be fixed by ISBHF TC in consultation with the organizer.

25.4 Each member of the team and ISBHF staff will be provided with Entry Card, which must be displayed on visible place by entering the arena.

25.5 All accredited reporters and media staff will be provided with Press Entry Card.

25.6 All official guests will be provided with VIP Card which entitles them to enter rooms with restricted access.

The COMPETITION REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on June 2007.