

# ISBHF CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

## § 1 Types of Championships and Tournaments

### 1.1 AAA Championships:

World Championship for National Teams

Junior World Championship for National Teams

Intercontinental Cup for Clubs

### 1.2 AA Tournaments:

Continental Championship for National Teams (European, American etc.)

Continental Championship for Junior National Teams

Continental Cup for Clubs

### 1.3 A Tournaments

Tournaments for National Teams

Games of national teams

### 1.4 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)

### 1.5 Scheduling of AAA&AA tournaments:

In one year, there should be either a World Championship (odd years) or Continental Championship (even years).

The same regulations apply to Junior World (even years) and Continental Championships too.

## § 2 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

**AA:** AA 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. A Continental Championship Tournament as well as a Junior World Championship Tournament is an event in which national teams from one continent take part. A Continental Cup for Clubs is an event in which the best Clubs of one continent take part.

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**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

## § 3 Qualification of Players

**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.

For continental championship the rules for AAA 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.

#### § 4 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.

B4,5 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 another 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.

C4,5 No protection

#### § 5 Arena and Infrastructure in the Arena

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.

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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

## § 6 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.

## § 7 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.

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.

## § 8 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 4,5: ISBHF or national rules and regulations.

## § 9 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) and max. 12 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. The teams should stay in max. two hotels. Referees and ISBHF Board members should stay in a separate hotel. 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, 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 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. 2 stars.

The organiser has to help the teams and the ISBHF board members to find suitable hotels or other locations for accommodation.

C4,5: The organiser has to help the teams to find suitable hotels or other locations for accommodation.

## § 10 Advertisement

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

## § 11 Entry fees, Fines, Service from ISBHF, Payment to ISBHF

AAA,AA The entry fee is 1200 CHF. for the World and Continental Championships. It is to be paid to ISBHF.

In case of the World or Continental Cup for Clubteams the entry fee is 500 CHF. and it is to be paid to the organiser.

Entry fee can be modified by ISBHF Board.

ISBHF pays the referee fee of 40 CHF. 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.

- C4,5 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.

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