

INTERNATIONAL STREET & BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION



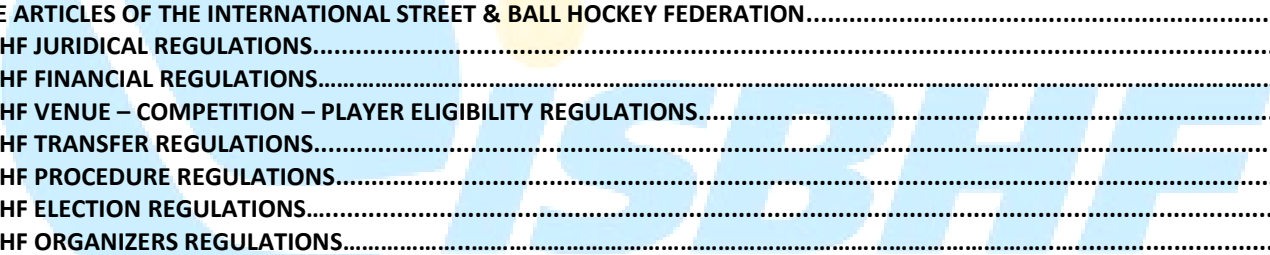
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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STREET & BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION

I. Name

- 1) The association's name (in Czech) is Mezinárodní hokejbalová federace (ISBHF). The association uses the abbreviation ISBHF and its logo. Its name in English is the International Street & Ball Hockey Federation.
- 2) ISBHF is an independent and voluntary interest group of natural and legal persons in accordance with article 214 et seq. of the Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended (hereinafter only the Civil Code).
- 3) The association is registered in the association register filed by the Municipal Court in Prague (Městský soud v Praze), section L, insert 5936.
- 4) The association was assigned a Reg. No. (ICO) 63 83 29 92.
- 5) ISBHF is established on associational democratic principles, independent of political parties and movements. It is an organizing and representative body of street & ball hockey in the world.
- 6) ISBHF's basic document is its Articles of Association, which are binding for all its members. All ISBHF's internal regulations have to be based on these Articles of Association.

II. Province

- 1) ISBHF is an associational sports institution with world-wide scope of activity, especially in its member countries.
- 2) ISBHF acts in its own name and at its own property liability, in accordance with these Articles of Association.
- 3) Upon the Annual conference's decision, ISBHF may enter other legal persons or groups of sports entities.

III. Head Office

- 1) The association is based in Prague.

IV. Aims

- 1) ISBHF is a non-profit organisation. ISBHF aims to support, develop and unite national street & ball hockey associations.
- 2) ISBHF aims to harmonise street & ball hockey competitions and rules in different countries.
- 3) ISBHF's main activity is organizing street & ball hockey as an activity beneficial to the public.
- 4) Any ISBHF's secondary economic activity serves exclusively as support of its main activity.

V. Functions

- 1) The function of ISBHF is the world-wide advancement and promotion of street & ball hockey and the protection of the ISBHF members' interests. ISBHF is responsible both for managing the development of street & ball hockey in associated organisations, and for the coordination of the activities of individual members' executives. Further, ISBHF seeks to ensure the arrangement of World and Continental Championships in street & ball hockey.

VI. Membership

- 1) Any national street & ball hockey association or corporation may join the ISBHF if they are in agreement with its aims, fulfil ISBHF's conditions and undertake to respect ISBHF status. ISBHF will recognise only one governing body per country. The ISBHF Board decides by simple majority about the admission of new members. Members may opt out of ISBHF at any time.

- 2) Membership is based on the development level of the sport. ISBHF recognizes the following membership levels:
 - a) Level IV Members (vote weight = 4 votes) are national associations that pay the full membership fee, which is established from year to year by valid Financial regulations.
 - b) Level III Members (vote weight = 2 votes) are national associations that pay a lower membership fee, which is established from year to year by valid Financial regulations and may participate in the World and/or Continental Championships. These members shall aim to become Level IV members within five years.
 - c) Level II Members (vote weight = 1 vote) are organisations that pay a minimal membership fee, which is established from year to year by valid Financial regulations and may participate in the World and/or Continental Championships. These members shall aim to become level III members within five years. Level II Members have a right to participate in their first international tournament organised by the ISBHF without the obligation of entry fee payment.
 - d) Level I Members (vote weight = 0 votes) are organisations that pay no membership fee. This level is open to corporations as well as to national associations that do not wish to participate in the World and/or Continental Championships but wish to enjoy other benefits of being a member of ISBHF.
 - e) Associate members (0 votes) are sponsors, partners and other organizations supporting ISBHF development.
- 3) Membership in ISBHF ceases by:
 - a) A member opting out of ISBHF.
 - b) Expulsion of a member based on failure to fulfil obligations, especially by delay of financial commitments of minimally 1200 EUR or absent structure. Only the ISBHF Annual conference may decide on a member's expulsion.
 - c) Cessation of a member.
- 4) A recognized ISBHF national association cannot be a member of an alternate ball hockey global governing body; nor can a national association board member serve as a board member on a separate national association that is recognized by an alternate ball hockey global governing body. If it were confirmed that the aforementioned policies were violated by the national association, it would be deemed as grounds for automatic termination of that national association from the ISBHF.
- 5) 30 days prior to each Annual conference, Level IV & Level III National Associations are required to provide documentation that adheres to ISBHF GAISF requirements, which are:
 - i) a Constitution (ISBHF approved)
 - ii) an elected Board of Directors (ISBHF approved)
 - iii) a 3-year plan (ISBHF approved)
 - iv) financial statements (ISBHF approved)
 - v) minutes taken at the most recent National Association's Annual General Meeting (ISBHF approved)

VII. Members' rights

- 1) Members may take part in meetings and competitions organised by ISBHF and its members. Members may submit proposals for ISBHF activities. A proposal is to be submitted 30 days prior to the Conference. Nominated representatives of Level IV, III and II Member organisations may perform an executive function in the ISBHF Board. Level IV Members are guaranteed at least one position in ISBHF Board.
- 2) Member organisations are allowed to issue internal briefings or orders and regulations, which must not be at variance with stated aims and the mission of ISBHF. Members are allowed to revise or modify the instructions issued by the ISBHF Board provided that at all times they meet the basic rules of the game as stated by ISBHF.
- 3) The world championship rules are set and governed by the ISBHF Board.

VIII. Members' duties

- 1) Members are to pay regard to the good name of ISBHF and support its missions. Members are obliged to respect the ISBHF's Articles of Association and are bound to conform their activity to the aims designated by the ISBHF Board. Members pay an annual membership at the date established at the Annual conference. This fee covers ISBHF's administrative costs. Members, who have not paid their financial commitments to ISBHF, lose their rights according to point VII. 1) until the commitments are paid.
- 2) Members must keep a register of their membership.
- 3) Members have the right to attend ISBHF meetings and the ISBHF Annual conference if in good standing.
- 4) Good standing is defined as: 'Membership fees for the calendar year being up to date 30 days before the Annual Conference in the subsequent year, irrespective of any other Conferences or meetings taking place in the calendar year'

IX. Bodies

- 1) ISBHF's basic bodies include:
 - a) Annual conference – as the highest body
 - b) ISBHF's Executive Director – as the statutory body
 - c) ISBHF Board – as the executive body
 - d) ISBHF President – as the head of the executive body. ISBHF President does not have a voting right in ISBHF basic bodies (Annual conference, ISBHF Board). Only a person nominated by a Level IV Member may be elected as ISBHF President. ISBHF President cannot be elected into the position more than two times consecutively (maximum of 4 years in the position).
 - e) ISBHF Vice-President – as the deputy of the head of the executive body
- 2) All ISBHF's bodies always take their decisions, resolutions or other actions by the will of the majority, expressed by the support of the absolute majority of the present members. ISBHF Board may take decisions only on condition that an absolute majority of its members are present. The vote weights in ISBHF Annual Conference and ISBHF Board are defined by Membership level according to point VI. 2.
- 3) Voting is public, unless the voting body decides in particular cases that the voting will be by secret ballot.
- 4) Elections into the bodies at all geographical levels are by secret ballot.

X. The Conference

- 1) ISBHF's highest body is the Annual Conference, which is held every year. The conference is called to order by the board or by a quorum of the members. The delegates are elected by ISBHF's member associations. Each member in good standing has a defined number of votes based on their level of membership according to point VI. 2.
- 2) An emergency conference may be called by one third of members. The Board must appoint the date and the place within 30 days.
- 3) The invitation to the Conference or Emergency Conference is to be sent 60 days prior to the session. The members may excuse themselves from participation 30 days after receiving the invitation at the latest. Otherwise their voting right is suspended for that Conference.
- 4) The Annual Conference always takes decisions based on the approval by the absolute majority of present delegates, especially in the following fundamental points:
 - a) establishment, dissolution, division, or merger of ISBHF
 - b) decides about ISBHF's membership in international sports organizations
 - c) approves ISBHF's Articles of Association, their changes or amendments
 - d) approves the ISBHF Board annual report
 - e) approves the reports of Board members

- f) approves an organiser of the world and continental championship
 - g) determines the event program for the next period of minimum two years
 - h) approves the future financial workings of ISBHF and membership fees
 - i) monitors the fulfilment of member's duties to ISBHF
 - j) approves the regulations and rules
 - k) elects and dismisses ISBHF President and Vice-President
 - l) elects and dismisses ISBHF Board members
 - m) elects and dismisses the ISBHF Executive Director
- 5) The term of office of ISBHF's bodies elected by the ISBHF Annual Conference is two years, unless decided otherwise by the ISBHF Annual Conference before the election. In case of additional election of any member during the term of office, the additionally elected member is elected only until the end of that term. If after the expiration of the term of office the Annual Conference does not elect a new body, the body whose term is expiring keeps serving its function until a new body is elected.
- 6) The ISBHF Board issues at least these reports:
- a) annual report of the president
 - b) revenue and expenditure summary,
 - c) schedule of championships and tournaments,
 - d) plans of competitions,
 - e) disciplinary and registration orders and rules.
- 7) The voting member delegates of the conference elect the members of ISBHF Board. Each member organisation has the right to be elected to the Board. The ISBHF Board has an odd number of members, at least five. The delegates elect ISBHF President, ISBHF Vice-President and other ISBHF Board members separately. Each ISBHF Board member is appointed by the President to lead expert committee(s). The committee lead has the right to appoint its members.
- 8) Associate Non-Participating Members shall have the right to come out and participate in all discussions at the conference but shall not have the right to vote.
- 9) The quorum calculation will be based on the achievement of any one of the three following conditions:
- a) 66% of Level IV Members based on point VI. 2
 - b) 50% of total of Level III and IV Members based on point VI. 2
 - c) 33% of total of Level II, III and IV Members based on point VI. 2

XI. Conflict resolution

- 1) In the event of a conflict between ISBHF members, a three-person commission of non-involved countries is to be established. Arbitration regulations are used for this purpose.

XII. Property

- 1) ISBHF obtains its property in the form of donations from sponsors or members. ISBHF Conference approves directions for the use of the property. ISBHF Board itself can make decisions on the use of regular donations and gifts.

XIII. Legal personality

- 1) ISBHF is a legal person in the form of an association with its own legal personality, which is based on the registration into the public association register at the relevant court.
- 2) ISBHF's executive director is its statutory body, acts in its name and takes legal actions. The executive director acts exclusively in accordance with the conclusions and decisions of the ISBHF Board. He/she can delegate this authority in a written authorization to another member of the ISBHF Board.
- 3) Agreements and contracts must be approved by an absolute majority of the Board. The ISBHF Board members can vote or submit their proposals.

XIV. Dissolution

- 1) ISBHF can only be dissolved by a 2/3-majority vote of all voting members in good standing at the Conference.
- 2) A liquidator shall be appointed by a simple majority of the Conference. The liquidator overtakes the function of the ISBHF Board and acts on behalf of ISBHF. Liquidation shall not commence for a period of six months. Upon liquidation, the liquidation shall submit a complete financial report including the allocation of the process, based on the following formula: number of the years as a full member / total number of the years as a full member for all members. The allocation applies to all existing and former full members. The allocation shall be paid to a member (or former member) only if their organisation is still operating and is a non-profit organisation. Otherwise the allocated share shall be paid to the national amateur association of that nation.
- 3) ISBHF can only be resurrected within a six-month period after the dissolution by an agreement by 2/3 of the votes of voting members at the time of the dissolution. If the ISBHF is resurrected, the liquidation shall be cancelled. The Emergency Conference is called by request of 1/3 of the votes of voting members.

XV. Changes and amendments of the Articles of Association

- 1) Proposals of changes and amendments of the Articles of Association may be submitted by the members to ISBHF Board at least 30 days prior to the Conference
- 2) Proposals of changes and amendments of the Articles of Association may also be submitted during the Conference.
- 3) Proposals of changes and amendments of the Articles of Association must be approved by a 2/3-majority of the Conference.

XVI. Final provisions

- 1) In all cases where the Articles of Association cannot be applied directly, the ISBHF Board shall decide in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- 2) In case that any provision of these Articles of Association is found invalid or inevitable, the validity and effect of the other provisions in these Articles of Association shall not be affected.
- 3) These Articles of Association were approved by the ISBHF Annual Conference on January 25th, 2019.
- 4) The Articles of Association come into effect on the day of approval.
- 5) These Articles of Association replaced the ISBHF Articles from February 20, 1994 and its modifications from June 15, 1997, January 20, 2001, January 25, 2002, January 31, 2004, June 20, 2012 and June 7, 2017.

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ISBHF JURIDICAL REGULATIONS

I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION

1 Types of sanctions

Sanctions may be imposed on affiliated National Association's (NA), clubs' teams, players and officials of the ISBHF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the ISBHF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

All sanctions adopted against managers, coaches, referees and players by the ISBHF shall apply on both international and national level.

These sanctions are:

1.1 Fine

A fine consists of payment to ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of EUR 10,000-.

1.2 Discharge from official position

Discharge from office means losing the position held in any and all of the ISBHF bodies.

1.3 Suspension

- a) A suspension consists of prohibition from participation, for a given period of time, in any official activity within the sphere of the ISBHF. A suspension may be imposed on all ISBHF members and NA's.
- b) A suspended National Association is obliged to reimburse the ISBHF for all expenses incurred by the latter for the study of its case (investigation or conciliation working group, juridical expenses, etc.).
- c) In order to recover its full affiliation, the said National Association must have satisfied the financial obligations above, unless an exceptional derogation is granted by ISBHF.
- d)

1.4 Expulsion

- a) Only an Ordinary or Emergency Conference may expel an affiliated Association, after granting it a hearing.
- b) The grounds for expulsion of a Federation are:
 1. Debt to the ISBHF, notably for delay in payment of two (2) annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three (3) months before the session or the Conference.
 2. Clear or repeated breach of the ISBHF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.
 3. Loss of status as a NA, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.
- c) Quorum and voting requirements for the expulsion are the same as in the Statutes art. 31.
- d) In the case of emergency, players and officials may be expelled by the Board by a seventy-five (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.
- e) A NA may propose a reversal of expulsion under Art. 1.4 d) above at the next Conference, requesting inclusion of the matter on the agenda 60 days before the date of such Conference.

2 Offenses

Sanctions can be imposed on the NA's, clubs, teams, officials, players, etc., having violated the provision of the ISBHF Statutes or its Regulations.

2.1 Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee

- a) The NA's have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by ISBHF Regulations.
- b) A late payment of the membership fee might entail a fine of EUR 20- for each running month charged to the NA which, in addition, may be suspended until payment has been made.
- c) Should the non-compliance continue for more than one (1) year, the NA shall be subject to suspension.
- d) The resumption of activity will be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.

2.2 Breach of ISBHF Competition Regulations

- a) NA's have the obligation to inform ISBHF about any events and tournaments, between national teams and clubs, which have not been directly attributed by the ISBHF.
- b) Failure to previously inform about events, tournament or else violate the general competition regulations may involve a fine of maximum EUR 500- for the NA at fault and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees) not exceeding one (1) year.

- c) Failure to follow the instruction of the tournament organizer involves a fine of maximum EUR 500- for the participant and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees) not exceeding one (1) year. This fine does not relieve the participant of an obligation to reimburse the Organizer and/or the ISBHF for the expenses borne on the behalf of the failure
- d) The fine EUR 500- and suspension shall be levied if a suspended NA or club has taken part in the competition.

2.3 Non-observance of the Statutes

Without prejudice to the prerogative of the Conference to expel a NA, the non-observance of the Statutes shall be penalized with a maximum fine of EUR 3000- and/or a suspension not exceeding 2 years.

2.4 Non-observance of the sanction

- a) Non-observance of non-monetary sanction inflicted by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalized to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion.
- b) No later than three (3) months after publication by the ISBHF fines must be paid.
- c) Delayed payment shall involve a fine EUR 20- per each month and automatic prohibition from participating in competitions organized or authorized by the ISBHF until the entire sanction has been paid.

3 Responsibility for Imposition

Expulsion of a NA from the ISBHF, except the sanctions, are specifically provided for in the text of the Statutes or Regulations, or may be imposed by a Directorate, Disciplinary Committee or the Board in accordance with the regulations in force.

3.1 Automatic (direct) Sanction

The sanctions specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However, appeal can be made to the "ad hoc" Appeal Committee on the legitimacy of such sanction. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 7.2 of these regulations.

3.2 Sanctions imposed by Directorate

- a) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- b) However, the sanctions imposed by a Directorate can be subject to revision by the Central Board or the Disciplinary Committee if the execution of such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

3.3 The Disciplinary Committee

- a) The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in Chapter I of these regulations.
- b) All sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, 8 of these regulations.
- c) The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by Directorate if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- d) Such revision by the Disciplinary Committee of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal committee.
- e) All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee have been made. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, 8 of these regulations.

II. SPORTS SANCTIONS

4 Types of sanctions

As provided for in the ISBHF Statutes, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated NA's, club teams, players and officials of the ISBHF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the ISBHF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

These sanctions are:

1. Reprimand
2. Warning
3. Fine
4. Disqualification of teams, players and/or coaches for one or more competitions, or matches in official competitions, or in any competition recognized by the ISBHF. In case of matches, the loss of match results is the immediate consequence
5. Discharge from position held in the case of officials
6. Suspension
7. Expulsion

4.1 Reprimand

A reprimand consists of a formal declaration of blame. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.2 Warning

A warning consists of an official declaration of censure, with the express intimation that if further infractions are committed the next sanction will be more severe. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.3 Fine

A fine consists of payment to the ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of EUR 5000-.

4.4 Disqualification from competition

- a) Disqualification of a player or a coach consists of prohibition for those persons from participation in one (1) or more competitions or matches during international competitions. Disqualification must be applied with reference to the official ISBHF competitions immediately following
- b) Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 for the team being punished.

4.5 Discharge from official position

Discharge from office means losing the position held in any and all of the ISBHF institutions.

4.6 Suspension

A suspension consists of prohibition, for a given period of time, in any official activity of the ISBHF. A suspension may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.7 Expulsion

Expulsion consists of exclusion from the ISBHF. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

5 Sports Offenses

5.1 Dishonesty in competition

- a) NA's with their local official representatives, and Clubs with their team delegates, are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing the result of a Street/ball match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party.
- b) A NA or club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5 and exclusion for maximum of 2 years from official events and international tournaments organized or authorized by the ISBHF.
- c) Responsible members shall be suspended.

5.2 Use of forbidden substances (Doping)

- a) Street/ball players are prohibited from doping, namely from using doping substances and methods, as well as substances subject to certain restriction.

The following provisions shall be mandatory for all ISBHF components during sports activities and competitions:

- b) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) doping regulations is valid. 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. The doping test shall be carried out in accordance with the IOC Doping Regulations.

In case of a positive doping test the player concerned will be suspended during investigation. Any player whose doping control test proves positive (samples A and B) is subject to:

1. Decision about the length of suspension, minimum 1 month and maximum 24 months, will be made after the competition.
2. Lifelong suspension after the second infraction.

This applies to any infraction arising from the use of doping substances and/or methods of doping, as defined by the IOC List of Doping Classes and Methods.

- c) If the analysis of the sample of a player's urine (bottle A) proves positive the player in question shall immediately be suspended. This suspension shall be communicated to the player in writing, as well as to the representative of the national association or club to which the player belongs, by a representative of ISBHF.

In this case however, the result of the game shall remain valid.

- d) If, during a tournament, a team is found guilty of a second case of doping, this team shall be disqualified. The team shall not be allowed to finish the tournament and shall lose the game by forfeit, as well as the games that have already been played. If a medal has been presented to the team, the team shall return the medals.

- e) The decision to penalize shall be taken in first instance as quickly as possible within thirty days following the infraction, by the Disciplinary Committee.

The implicated player has the right to be heard by the Disciplinary Committee before the verdict is pronounced and to present documents of medical nature.

- f) An appeal against the decision in the first instance may be lodged with the Appeal Committee of ISBHF. The Appeal Committee of ISBHF must make a decision in the second instance during the first 60 days following the receipt of the appeal.
- g) To introduce a complaint does not avert the execution of the penalty. Any complaint against faulty proceedings is not valid unless these faulty proceedings had influence on the results of the tests.
- h) Any appeal against the decision in second instance may only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland. Recourse to a civil court is not permitted.

5.3 Doping sanctions imposed by a national association

- a) National Associations are responsible for informing the Secretariat of ISBHF of any doping sanction they or the National Confederation of sport has imposed on a street/ball player. The information must be accompanied by a copy of the complete file on the doping control test and must be sent to ISBHF immediately, but under no circumstances later than 15 days from the day on which the decision of the National Association or the National Confederation becomes final.
- b) ISBHF, through its Central Board, may adopt for the purpose of ISBHF competitions the sanction imposed by the National Association, provided that in performing the doping control tests, the provision of the IOC Doping Regulations of were meticulously followed and, in particular, that the analysis of the samples was performed by an IOC accredited laboratory. The extent of the sanction imposed by the national association shall remain even if it is below the minimum sanction provided for in these regulations.
- c) If ISBHF adopts a sanction according to the preceding paragraph, all other National Associations shall apply this sanction for the purpose of their national competitions. ISBHF shall inform all affiliated nations on the sanction thus adopted.
- d) Sanction being imposed by ISBHF on the basis of doping control tests conducted during ISBHF competitions, National Associations shall apply that sanction for the purpose of their national competitions. ISBHF shall inform all affiliated nations on such sanctions.
- e) If a street/ball player, during doping control tests conducted under the control of organizations outside of ISBHF and its affiliated federations, is found guilty of doping, the Disciplinary Committee of ISBHF shall decide whether, and to what extent, a sanction shall be imposed on the player for the purpose of ISBHF competitions. If such sanction is imposed, ISBHF shall inform the national associations of the sanction thus imposed. The national association shall apply the sanction for the purpose of their national competitions.

5.4 Unauthorized line up of foreign players

- a) NA's that permit their clubs to use foreign player without the necessary authorization called for by the ISBHF Transfer Regulations or ISBHF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of EUR 300,- for each player illegally used.
- b) The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension of minimum 1 (one) year.
- c) NA's lining up foreign players in their national team without previous written approval from the ISBHF shall be penalized with a fine of EUR 1000- for each aligned player, lose the matches and be liable to 1 (one) year suspension from all official authorized competitions.

5.5 Obstruction of the regular playing of the competitions

- a) A team declared forfeit because it did not start the match within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled time shall receive a fine of maximum EUR 500- and be responsible for the damages caused to the organizer and to the ISBHF.
- b) Delayed transmittal of a team players' list and documents with required information shall receive a fine of maximum EUR 100-.

5.6 Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

- During any given competition, the following shall apply:
- a) All team members must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of ISBHF Statutes and Regulations and the principles guiding it.
- b) In the course of a tournament or sports event, before, during or after the playing of a match any team member who violates the Statutes, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:
1. for protesting, incorrect attitude or behavior, by reprimand;
 2. for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match.
 3. for violent conduct, by disqualification for the duration of the competition, with possibility of additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent body.
- c) NA's and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans.
- d) If accidents and suspension are caused during a match due to the incorrect conduct on the part of their fans, the NA or club shall be fined EUR 100,- to 1000,- depending on the case.
- e) If such an accident has irremediably compromised the regular playing of the match, the team held responsible for the public conduct shall in addition to a fine, according to Chapter II article 4.4 b), be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no point for the match lost will be granted.

5.7 Partial refereeing

a) Referees or other officials who carry out their job dishonestly in the course of matches or tournaments recognized by ISBHF shall be excluded from their job and shall be subject to an additional suspension of 1 (one) year.

5.8 In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall be expelled from the ISBHF.

Failure to participate in an official ISBHF tournament or matches

a) Failure to participate in international tournaments or other events sanctioned by ISBHF. A fine should be put into force in accordance with the level of tournament (AAA, AA, A, B,C).

b) Any NA or club that, after having registered for an official ISBHF tournament, withdraws after the draw is done and more than sixty (60) days from the starting date, shall be excluded from the two (2) subsequent official tournaments and shall be subject to a fine up to EUR 500-.

c) Should such withdrawal take place less than sixty (60) days but more than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the official ISBHF tournament, in addition to exclusion as provided for in Chapter II article 5.8 b) in these Regulation, the NA or club shall pay a fine up to EUR 1500-.

d) Any withdrawal taking place during the fifteen days prior to the start of official ISBHF tournament shall pay a fine up to EUR 5000-, in addition to exclusion as provided for under Chapter 2 article 5.8 b) in these Regulations.

e) Withdrawal during an official ISBHF tournament shall be punished by:

1. A fine up to EUR 5.000-.

2. Suspension from official ISBHF tournaments for two (2) years.

3. Obligation to reimburse the Organizer and the ISBHF for the expenses borne on the behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team and for loss of income and other financial consequences.

5.9 Failure to participate in private or friendly matches between ISBHF member nations or clubs

a) ISBHF member Association or club having registered or signed an agreement with another ISBHF member Association or club regarding a private or friendly match, are obliged to participate.

If a withdrawal takes place, a fine will be imposed up to 2/3 of that called for in Chapter II article 5.8 b) in these regulations. In addition, the participant is to reimburse the Organizer for all expenses borne for the withdrawing team.

b) In case of withdrawal from a private or friendly match within fifteen (15) days before the match, the obligation for reimbursement also includes all the expenses borne by the Organizer for preparation of the match/matches.

c) In case of single or double game, if the organizing team forfeits, the visiting team must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses , determined on the basis of its travel receipts.

The organizing team shall in addition be subject to sanction according to Chapter II article 5.8 a) and b).

5.10 Failure to organize ISBHF competition

Any member Federation or club failing, without previous ISBHF approval, to organize a competition when having been requested and having accepted to do so, shall be subject to sanction by competent ISBHF body as follows:

a) Fine up to EUR 10.000-.

b) Suspension from international participation for two (2) years.

c) Three (3) years interdiction of international competitions.

5.11 Recovery of fees, costs and loss of income

In addition to the imposition of relevant sanctions, an ISBHF body has the right to request the Disciplinary Committee to render a decision with respect to the reimbursement of the fee, costs, loss of income and interests up to one percent (1%) monthly from the day of the withdrawal for the non-respect of the above- mentioned Chapter of these Regulations.

6 Responsibility for imposition

With the exception of the expulsion of a NA from ISBHF, the sanctions are specifically provided for in the text of the Statutes and the Regulations and may be imposed by a Directorate, the Disciplinary Committee or the Central Board in accordance with the provision or the ISBHF Regulations approved by the Conference and other Regulations established by the CB from time to time.

6.1 Automatic (direct) sanctions

The sanction specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However, appeal can be made to the Appeal committee on the legitimacy of such sanction. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, 8 of these Regulations.

6.2 Sanctions imposed by a Directorate

a) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of competition (or tournament) to which they apply is concerned.

b) The Directorate officiating during recognized ISBHF sports events is competent to impose the sanctions set further under Chapter II article 6.2 c) of these Regulations, providing that such sanctions are applied with direct reference to the sports event for which the Directorate has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Directorate may request the CB to impose heavier sanctions.

c) The Directorate of an official ISBHF competition has the responsibility of applying, in the manner and within the limits set by these Regulations, the ISBHF Articles and the Competitions Regulations, the following sanctions:

1. Against national teams and clubs

- Reprimand
- Warning
- Loss of match by 0-5
- Penalization in standings and exclusion from the competition.

2. Against managers of delegation, physicians, coaches, players and referees

- Reprimand.
- Warning.
- Disqualification for one or more matches (against coaches and players).
- Suspension for entire tournament.

d) The sanction for which the Directorate is competent may not exceed the length of the sporting event for which the Directorate has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Directorate may propose to the Disciplinary Committee an application of additional sanctions.

e) The Directorate must transmit to the ISBHF a detailed report with the facts attached to the official documents and all evidence necessary for an in-depth evaluation of what has taken place and consequent decisions.

f) The Directorate has exclusive competence to ratifying the matches and drawing up the standings for sports competitions. The Directorate evaluates and decides on protests made by participating teams, after studying the Referee Report and other reports relevant to the case that have been given to the Directorate. The Directorate also can ask for a report from other official Committees related to the sports event.

g) If the competition takes place in more than one venue, the competence indicated under Chapter II article 6.2 f) of these Regulations falls, in the first instance, to the Directorate delegate, who hears the opinion of the Referee Committee and other involved bodies or parties at the venue. In such a case an appeal to the Directorate in second and finale instance is permitted against the decision of the Directorate delegate.

h) To this end, the team involved shall deliver a written statement containing its own deduction to the Directorate delegate, who must then immediately transmit such statement to the Chairman of the Directorate.

i) The Directorate shall make a decision on the appeal within the following twenty-four (24) hours.

j) The disciplinary sanctions called for under Chapter II article 6.2 c) of these Regulations can be imposed solely by the Directorate.

6.3 Sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board

a) The ISBHF Board may impose the sanctions provided for in Chapter 1, article 1.1 - 1.3 and Chapter II, 4.

b) All sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:

c) The ISBHF Board may revise sanction imposed by a Directorate if the impositions of such sanction extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

d) Such revision by the Board of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee

Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, 8 of these regulations.

6.4 Sanctions imposed by a NA

All sanctions provided for in the ISBHF Articles or in these Regulations may be imposed by the NA's at the national level.

III PROCEDURES

7 Initiation of the procedure

Procedures of discipline shall be initiated directly by the competent jurisdictional bodies on the basis of:

- a) Information from the match record, from the reports of the referees and Directorate delegates.
- b) Indications given by those ISBHF Committees which are competent to oversee the various categories of members.
- c) Indications given by members of the Board, the Confederations, the NA's and relevant ISBHF institutions.

8 Appeals

8.1 Validity

All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee or the ISBHF Board having been made.

8.2 Content of an appeal:

- a) name and address of proposer
- b) name of the ISBHF body to appeal
- c) number of decisions against appealed
- d) reasons for an appeal
- e) exact formulation of request
- f) copy approving payment of a deposit signature of an authorized person

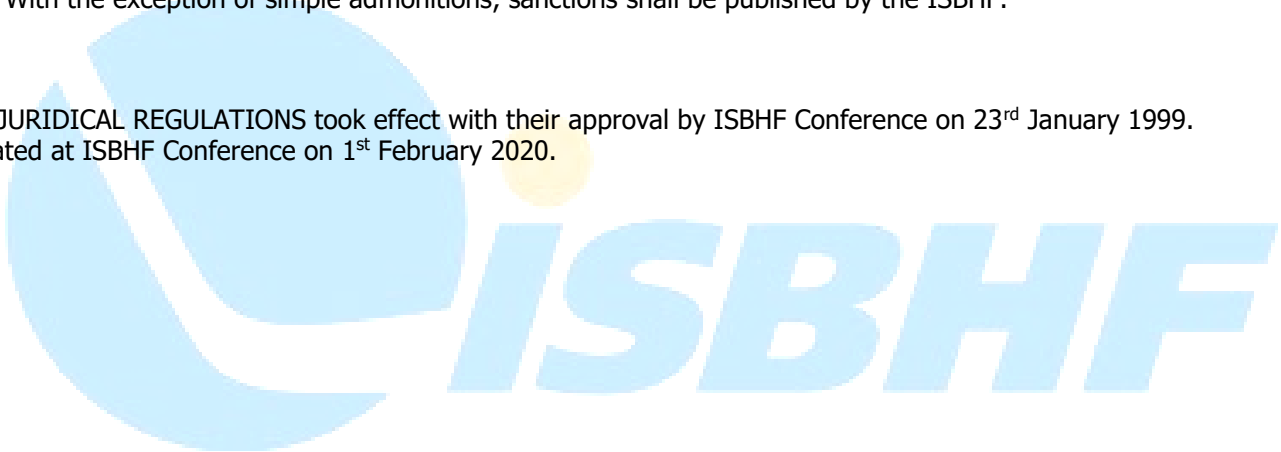
8.3 Appeal delivery

- a) All appeals shall be sent through the actual national association.
- b) The appeal shall be sent to the office of ISBHF within 21 days from announcement of the first decision. During the championship and tournament, the appeal shall be delivered to the Directorate within 120 minutes after obtaining its decision.
- c) The appeal shall be accompanied by deposit of:
 1. EUR 100- for an appeal against a warning or a fine.
- d) EUR 500- in any other case. In case of received appeal, the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the following deadlines:
 1. For fines, a date shall be communicated in good time by the Appeal Committee with the party concerned.
 2. For discharge or suspensions given by the Central Board in the first instance, the deadline shall be a maximum of 7 days following receipt of the appeal and the appropriate deposit at the office of ISBHF
 3. For sanctions imposed by the Directorate latest before the next game of the appealing team.
- e) If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded.

9 Publication and notification of a decision

- 9.1 When rendering their decisions, the jurisdictional body:
- a) Shall not suspend or delay their decision merely on the basis of notice received that a defense statement is forthcoming.
 - b) Shall communicate the sanction by registered mail with return receipt, except in the case of those sanctions imposed during a competition, which shall be delivered by hand to the head of the delegations involved.
- 9.2 Persons or team subjected to procedures of discipline may send to the judging body, prior to its meeting, statements setting forth their defense.
- 9.3 At meeting called for such specific purpose or at their first subsequent meeting, the jurisdictional bodies shall evaluate the evidence and make their decision.
- 9.4 Sanction shall become effective after notification to the party involved.
- 9.5 With the exception of simple admonitions, sanctions shall be published by the ISBHF.

The JURIDICAL REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on 23rd January 1999.
Updated at ISBHF Conference on 1st February 2020.



ISBHF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Valid from February 17th, 2017

1 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Each Member Association of the ISBHF is liable to an annual membership fee.

1.1 Membership Fee in general

- The membership fee MUST be paid by due date on invoice in the given year.
- Membership fee for each Association is confirmed by the ISBHF BOD.
- ISBHF will issue an invoice to the National Association with a due date at the end of a particular year at the latest.

1.2 Membership Fees levels

Level	Membership Fee (EUR)	Remarks
IV	2,800	Full membership
III	800	ISBHF Member
II	400	Developing member
I	100	New members (maximum three years from entering ISBHF)

2 ISBHF TOURNAMENTS

2.1 Participation Fee

- Each team that registers to participate in an ISBHF Championship or ISBHF Club Competition is liable to a participation entry fee according to the following terms:

2.1.1 Senior World Championships Men's & Women's (WC & WWC & MASTERS)

- The participation entry fee must be paid by the date established by the tournament regulations in the year preceding the Championship.
- The entry fee will be established by the ISBHF Board of Directors (BOD).

2.1.2 Junior Championships (WJC & CJC)

- The participation entry fee must be paid by the date established by the tournament regulations in year preceding the Championship.
- The entry fee will be established by the ISBHF BOD.

2.1.3 World & Continental Cup

- The entry fee will be established by the ISBHF BOD.
- Entry fee will be a minimum 400 EUR.
- The fee must be paid at least three months prior to the date established by the ISBHF BOD.

2.2 Sanction Fee

The Sanction Fee is based on the ISBHF Disciplinary Sanction Sheet.

3 INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER FEE

- The international transfer fee for players is 100- EUR, payable at the time of submission of transfer application by receiving club.
- International transfer is confirmed only when payment is received to the ISBHF account (CZK, EUR).

4 ISBHF WORK

4.1 General

- ISBHF financially supports travel and accommodation for persons of ISBHF service.
- ISBHF board members who will have official duties at ISBHF venues will receive subsidy for travelling, accommodation and daily allowances.

4.2 Annual General Meeting

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation to and from the conference location:	Accommodation per night (1)	Daily allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Board Member	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Secretary	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Conference Delegate	National Association	National Association	National Association
"Honoured" Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation

Notes:

- (1) Maximum length of stay paid by ISBHF is 3 nights.
- (2) Daily allowances can be paid for a maximum of 5 days (2 more days for travelling, if necessary), depending on distance from home country.

4.3 Semi-Annual General Meeting

- A Semi-Annual General Meeting can take place only at the same time of a World Championship and at the corresponding venue.
- **Costs can be covered only for the ISBHF president, two BOD members and secretary.**

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation to and from the conference location:	Accommodation per day (1)	Daily allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Board Member	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Secretary	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Conference Delegate	National Association	National Association	National Association
„Honoured“ Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation

Notes:

(1) Maximum length of stay paid by ISBHF is 3 nights

(2) Daily allowances can be paid for a maximum of 5 days (2 more days for travelling, if necessary), depending on distance from home country

4.4 ISBHF World Championships (WC, WWC, WJC)

	Transportation to and from the conference site	Accommodation per day (1)	Daily allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Secretary	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Maximum 1 BOD Member responsible for tournament organization	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
2 Referees in Chief	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
„Honoured“ Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation

Notes:

(1) All ISBHF staff is provided with accommodation for one night before the start of the tournament.

(2) Daily allowances can be paid for a maximum of 2 days more than the total length of the tournament.

4.5 Additional ISBHF Tournaments:

(Continental tournaments, Masters, WC for Clubs)

	Transportation to and from the conference site	Accommodation per day (1)	Daily allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President / 1 BOD Member responsible for tournament organization	fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Secretary	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Referee in Chief (to be determined by BOD)	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
"Honoured" Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation

Notes:

- (1) All ISBHF staff is provided with accommodation for one night before start of the tournament.
- (2) Daily allowances can be paid for a maximum of 2 days more than the total length of the tournament.

4.6 ISBHF Tournament Support:

Each ISBHF tournament host can be financially supported by the ISBHF to ease organization of the tournament according to the table below. All entry fees must pass via ISBHF account.

Type of the tournament	Category	% of total entry fees
World Championship	Men	25%
	Women	50%
	Masters	25%
	Juniors (boys, girls)	70%
Continental Championships	Men	25%
	Women	50%
	Masters	25%
	Juniors	70%
Club tournament	World Cup for Clubs	70%
	Continental Cup for Clubs	70%

5 ISBHF REFEREES AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Referee Fees

Both ISBHF and the Host of an ISBHF Championship or ISBHF Tournament is liable to pay the referees' transportation, accommodation and daily allowance according to the table below.

	Transportation to and from the site	Accommodation (3)	Daily allowance (4)
WC and WWC	Total of 2 overseas referees paid by ISBHF per tournament. Others paid by NA	Paid by the host (with breakfast, min. **, two refs share one room)	30- EUR Paid by ISBHF
Junior Championship (1)	Total of 2 overseas referees paid by ISBHF (if required). Others paid by NA	Paid by the host (with breakfast, min. **, two refs share one room)	30- EUR Paid by ISBHF
World Cup / Continental Cup (1)	1 Overseas referee paid by ISBHF (if required). Others paid by NA	Paid by the host (with breakfast, min. **, two refs share one room)	30- EUR Paid by ISBHF
Masters	Referees paid by the host, no overseas referees	Paid by the host (with breakfast, min. **, two refs share one room)	30- EUR Paid by ISBHF

Notes:

- (1) Continental Venue (Continental Junior Championship, Continental Cup) do not require an overseas referee.
- (2) All referees are provided with accommodation one night before start of the tournament.
- (3) Daily allowances can be paid for a maximum of 2 days more than the total length of the tournament.

5.2 ISBHF Committees

- The travel and accommodation cost for a Director of an ISBHF Committee shall, as far as the budget allows, be paid for by ISBHF.
- The travel and accommodation cost for the members of the ISBHF Committees shall, as far as the budget allows, be paid by ISBHF.
- Committees shall have meetings only after approval of ISBHF Board.

- If the Director or member of an ISBHF Committee finds that there are not sufficient funds to execute the defined work, a decision to exceed budget may be made only by the ISBHF Board.

- A balance statement and an intermediate financial report should be made by each committee to the ISBHF Board at least twice a year.

5.3 Hotel Reservations

- The reservations for ISBHF meetings and ISBHF Committee meetings shall be booked via the ISBHF Office and must be confirmed by the ISBHF Financial Director.
- The reservations should be made in most inexpensive method possible.
- As an example: no single rooms will be booked for an even number of persons.

6 ISBHF ANNUAL BUDGET AND BOOK-KEEPING

ISBHF Annual Budget is approved at the ISBHF Annual General Meeting (AGM) or ISBHF Emergency Conference.

Each income or expenditure must be identified by code.

The accounting is to be kept in double-entry book-keeping.

The audited annual financial report is to be submitted at the ISBHF AGM by the ISBHF Financial Director for approval by the ISBHF BOD.

7 GENERAL

The payer (e.g. when sending membership fee) **takes over any bank transfer fee - code OUR for international transfers** (The OUR instruction means the payer pay all transfer charges).

Reimbursement Sheets:

- Must be sent in an open excel form to the ISBHF Financial Director.
- After confirmation by ISBHF Financial Director, the form must be signed by the claimant, scanned and sent back in .pdf format.

Travel Costs:

- The mileage for private car use is 0,20 EUR/km or 0,30 EUR/mile.

ISBHF VENUE - COMPETITION - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

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 organized 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 organized 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 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.

A: A Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organized 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 is not transferred. Games of national teams can be agreed between the NAs. Home NA is to register the game by ISBHF.

A3: A Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organized 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 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 organized by a national organizer 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 organized by a national organizer, 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, North American, and Junior Championship) for national representative teams in principal in June every year, in odd years World and in even years Championships for seniors and vice-versa for juniors.

5 Rules and Regulations

Type: ISBHF Rules and Regulations

4,5 ISBHF Rules and Regulations. Rules with local changes (as allowed in the ISBHF rules). In the invitation to a tournament the organizer 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.

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

6 Protection

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.

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 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.

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 determined by the ISBHF Board 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 determined by the ISBHF Board and it is to be paid to the organizer.

Entry fee can be modified by ISBHF Board.

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

The organizer has the right to promote such a tournament as **ISBHF tournament**. Fines and the division of them between ISBHF and organizer are determined by ISBHF Regulations.

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

The organizer 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 organizer to all members.

The organizer has to announce B tournament at least 9 months 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 organizer.

C3,4,5 The entry fee is charged by the organizer. The organizer 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 organizer to all members. The organizer has to announce the C tournament at least 6 months 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:

The total number of points.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

10.2 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.

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

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

10.5 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.

10.6 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 organized 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:
International Championships (World Cup /Continental Cup), International Tournaments, 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 exhibitions games, when the location, where the game takes place, is not in a LM Category Nation.

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.

Country allocation

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

LM-Large Memberships (Countries where the sport is well developed and have a large number of participants)

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.

The regulations for switching nations a player plays for do not apply to Master's World Championships.

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 / Non-Resident Players

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 / Non-Resident Players 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.

Applicable to Men's and Women's World Championships: 5 players in Men's A-Pool and 11 players in Women's and Men's B-Pool category may be Players of Heritage / Non-resident players.

Players of Heritage / Non-Resident Players 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.

Players of Heritage / Non-resident players must be members of the affiliated organisation of the nation they reside in. If a nation does not have an affiliated organisation in the ISBHF, this does not apply. Tournament rosters are to be submitted 30 days prior to tournament.

11.10 Sanctions

Infringements against these rules will be penalized as follows:

Team: Game forfeit by 5:0 plus:

Fine of EUR 500- per game by infringement during Championships.

Fine of EUR 250- per game by infringement during an International Tournament.

Fine of EUR 100- per game by infringement during a National Team game.

Player: Blocked for all National Team games for a period of one year.

11.11 Development targets for new nations GM nations will lose their eligibility to participate in WC, WJC, and CC events if they do not meet the following development conditions:

Establish a fully functioning league in the nation, with a minimum of 50 players, within three years of first participation in WC or WJC.

Establish youth programs in the nation, with a minimum of 50 players U-20, within five years of first participation in WC/WJC.

Mandatory participation in Continental Championships at Senior level, if such exist, in the off years of WC, effective 2008.

Mandatory participation in Continental Championships at U-16 or U-18 level, if such exist, in the off years of WJC, within seven years of first participation in WC or WJC.

11.12 Development surcharge fee

Any nation with less than 500 registered youth players in the nation are subject to a development tax of 125 Euros per player used at WC who resides in a foreign nation.

100 Euros of each fee shall be held in escrow and directed by the ISBHF towards youth development in the home nation, and the balance of 25 Euros will be placed in the ISBHF Development Fund to be used in youth development in other countries at the discretion of the ISBHF.

** For the purposes of this regulation article, due to the differing government citizenship rules from nation to nation, the following other valid documents may be accepted:*

Work visa, with proof of residency in the nation

Student visa, with proof of residency in the nation

Landed immigrant certificate

Birth certificate

Person of Origin certificate

Proof of citizenship

National I.D. Card

12 Qualifications 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 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 22+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 60 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 22 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 to the tournament beginning. 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.

B5 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 organizer 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 organizer must help the teams with the reservation of the hotels. The organizer 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 organizer 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 organizer 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.

17. Protests

17.1 When taking decisions, the valid ISBHF regulations are applicable.

17.2 The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed in to Directorate within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.

17.3 Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.

17.4 A protest must be written, signed and followed by the amount of EUR 200-, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

D VENUE OFFICIALS

18 Venue Directorate

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

18.2 The Directorate shall be responsible for:

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

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.

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

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

A short welcome by the host

Addresses, e-mail, telephone and fax numbers of the Head office of the competition, the venues, the teams, officials and referee hotels

Transportation arrangements to and from the matches and practice arenas

Opening and closing ceremonies, formalities, place and time

Places reserved for teams in the spectator's areas

Press conferences and times

Briefing for the officials and referees

The procedure before and after each match

A complete list of the Directorate, organizing committee, referee committee and team members

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

ISBHF advertisement strips

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

The organizers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.

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

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

19 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.

20 Accommodation and Board of Officials

AA,A:

The organizer 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 organize the accommodation and the breakfast during this period for max. 7 ISBHF Board members and officials (ISBHF will pay the effective costs up to EUR 50- per person and night) and for the other ISBHF members or guests for one night (ISBHF will pay the effective costs up to EUR 50- 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 organizer 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 organizer 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

21 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 number 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 organization committee. There must be a separate toilet for the ISBHF (it is possible to share the toilet with the local organizing 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 organizer is responsible for the board of referees and ISBHF members and ISBHF VIPs during the tournament. Nonalcoholic 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 number 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 organizing committee). It is possible that the ISBHF shares the office with the local organizer. 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 organization 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 organizer is responsible for the board of referees and ISBHF members and ISBHF VIPs during the tournament. Nonalcoholic 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

The organizer is responsible for the sufficient supply of ISBHF approved balls.

22 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.

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 organizer. 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 organization committee. These awards have to be paid by the organizer. 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 unsportsmanlike 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-star's team.

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

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 organizer.

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

B4,5: No restrictions. The organizer 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.

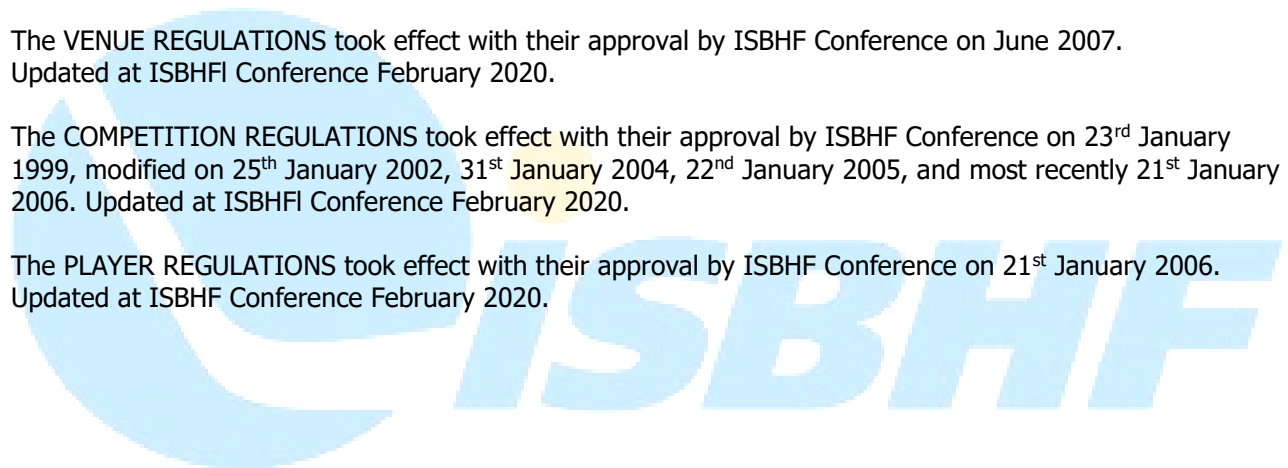
26 Unforeseen Circumstances

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.

The VENUE REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on June 2007. Updated at ISBHFI Conference February 2020.

The COMPETITION REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on 23rd January 1999, modified on 25th January 2002, 31st January 2004, 22nd January 2005, and most recently 21st January 2006. Updated at ISBHFI Conference February 2020.

The PLAYER REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on 21st January 2006. Updated at ISBHF Conference February 2020.



ISBHF TRANSFER REGULATIONS

1 GENERAL

1.1 A player is a person considered to belong to a club in an ISBHF member Association.

1.2 A player can only be licensed for one club.

1.3 An International transfer, hereafter transfer, is when a player transfers from a club, the giving club, in one nation, which is member of ISBHF to a club, the receiving club, in another nation also member of ISBHF.

2 REGULATIONS IN CHARGE

The transfer regulations of ISBHF shall be applied in all transfers according to 1.

3 TRANSFER FORM

A transfer according to 1 shall be carried out on the official ISBHF Transfer Form.

4 ADMINISTRATION FEE

The administrative fee for a transfer according to 1 is EUR 20- plus banking transfer and shall be paid to ISBHF by applicant, whether the transfer will be made valid or not.

5 TRANSFER PERIOD

A transfer period shall be in accordance with regulations of both involved NA.

6 TRANSFER VALIDITY

A transfer shall be made valid by ISBHF within 21 days after receiving correct transfer form according to 7.

7 TRANSFER

7.1 A transfer according to 1 shall be considered correct and be made valid when a transfer form according to 3, signed by the player and the involved clubs and approved by the National Association of the giving club, arrives to the official address of the ISBHF, by post, fax or email, within the transfer period and the administrative fee according to 4 is paid.

7.2 A player is free to transfer, and can not be hindered by the giving club, unless the player is under a valid written contract or has an obligation to the giving club or is under suspension of National association or its bodies or has financial obligations to National association.

7.3 If a player is under a valid contract a transfer shall be made valid by ISBHF only when the giving club has agreed upon the transfer.

7.4 A player having not played for two years cannot be hindered to transfer.

7.5 The signature of the giving club is to confirm the above.

8 HANDLING

8.1 The transfer form according to 3 shall be signed by the player and the receiving club and then be handed over to the giving club against a receipt.

8.2 If the giving club agrees upon the transfer or is not entitled to hinder the player according to 7, the giving club shall sign the transfer form and hand it over to the receiving club within 14 days.

8.3 If the giving club does not agree upon the transfer or is entitled to hinder the player according to 7, the giving club shall hand the transfer form over to the receiving club within 14 days with a written statement of the reason not to sign the transfer form.

8.4 When the transfer form is correctly signed according to 7, the receiving club shall pay to ISBHF the administrative fee according to 4 and send the transfer form to the National Association of the giving club for approval with the receipt of payment of the administrative fee enclosed.

8.5 If the clubs do not agree upon the transfer, the receiving club shall decide whether to send the transfer form or not.

8.6 If the transfer form is not returned by the giving club to the receiving club with 14 days, the receiving club is entitled to send their copy of the transfer form to the National Association of the giving club, with the receipt from the giving club and the receipt of payment of the administration fee enclosed.

8.7 When a National Association receives a copy of a transfer form not signed by all parties it shall investigate the matter within 14 days. If there is no reason according to 7 to hinder the player to transfer the National Association shall approve the transfer.

8.8 The National Association shall, after having approved or disapproved a transfer, send to ISBHF the transfer form with the receipt of payment enclosed within 7 days from approval/disapproval.

9 DECISION

Decision on transfers shall be made by the ISBHF Transfer Committee.

10 APPEAL

10.1 Appeal against a transfer decision shall be dealt with by the ISBHF Appeal Committee (AC) and shall be ISBHF by hand within 21 days from the announcement of the decision by ISBHF RACC. As day of announcement is considered the day the decision is sent by ISBHF.

10.2 The decision of the AC is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the AC.

11 ARBITRATION

11.1 If there is a dispute concerning the contract in a transfer matter the dispute shall be settled by the ISBHF Board of Arbitration (BA).

11.2 When processing in the BA the ISBHF Arbitration Regulations shall be applicable.

11.3 The decision of the BA is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the BA.

The TRANSFER REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on 25th January 2002.

APPENDIX

A player having played in a National Team or a Club on an Elite level for the last two years is considered to be a Registered player even though the National Association doesn't have a system for player registration/licensing and should therefore need to do an International Transfer.

The National Associations should have a reference to the International Transfers Regulations in their own transfer regulations.

ISBHF PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

I ISBHF CONFERENCE

1 ISBHF CONFERENCE

1.1 The Annual Conference is the superior body of ISBHF. It is held every year. The conference is called to order by the ISBHF Board or by a quorum of the members. Member delegates are elected by their National Association (NA), in accordance with the ISBHF Election Regulations. Each member in good standing has votes based on their level of membership.

1.2 An emergency conference may be called by at least one-third of members. The Board must appoint the date and the place within 30 days after receiving the call from one-third members.

1.3 The conference

- reviews the ISBHF Board annual report
- reviews the reports of Board members
- approves organizers of the world and continental championships
- determines the program for the next period
- approves the future financial workings of ISBHF
- monitors the fulfilment of member's duties to ISBHF
- approves marketing report

2 NOMINATION TO THE CONFERENCE

2.1 All member associations may be represented by one delegate who must be member of their national association.

2.2 If the delegates do not speak English the delegation is entitled to bring one interpreter at its own expenses.

2.3 The members may excuse their participation latest 30 days after receiving the invitation. The NA may substitute a delegate. If the delegate cannot attend, a letter certifying another NA member is taking his/her place is to be sent to the ISBHF Office. Otherwise their vote right is suspended for the Conference.

2.4 Full members must attend the ISBHF Annual Conference. Failure to attend subject to fine.

2.5 Observers may be invited by any ISBHF Board member to Conference.

3 CONFERENCE LOCATION

3.1 Whenever possible, the Conference shall be held by rotation in member's countries by subject to reasonable cost.

4 NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

4.1 The invitation to the Conference or Emergency Conference is to be sent 60 days prior the session. Notice of the time and the place of each Conference shall be given by mail or e-mail.

5 MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS

5.1 All proposals and motions of the member Associations shall be sent to the official address of the ISBHF at latest 30 days in advance of the Conference.

6 QUORUM AND VOTING

6.1 A quorum shall be formed when any of the three following conditions are met:

- (i) 66% of Level IV members in good standing;
- (ii) 50% of the total of Level III and IV members in good standing; or
- (iii) 33% of the total of Level II, III, and IV members in good standing. No vote shall be valid unless a quorum representing is present.

6.2 Elections and decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes (without abstentions).

6.3 No NA is obliged to vote. Voting is by open ballot unless a secret ballot is requested by one delegate who is entitled to vote.

6.4 If by the first ballot none of the two or more proposals concerning the same subject gets the required majority of votes as set forth, a new ballot will be cast. If again none of the proposals achieves the required majority the proposal with the least number of votes will drop out. This procedure will be repeated until one (or the last one remaining) gets the required majority of votes. If the required majority is not reached the motion is defeated.

6.5 In the event of tied vote, except the elections, the president of the ISBHF or his substitute must cast the deciding vote.

7 OFFICIALS OF THE CONFERENCE

7.1 The Conference elects the chairman of the Conference.

7.2 The Conference elects Mandate and Proposal committees. Each must have at least 3 members.

8 AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

8.1 The functions and competence of the Conference are:

- a) Approval of present delegates and the voting roll.
- b) Approval of the protocol of the last Conference in the case of article 9.3
- c) Approval of the ISBHF Board reports
- d) Approval of the financial report and the auditor's report
- e) Decision on freedom of responsibility for the ISBHF Board
- f) Approval of the budget and membership fee
- g) Approval of working plan for the next two years
- h) Elections of ISBHF Board members for two years
- i) Appointment of a chartered auditor
- j) Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
- k) Approval of Regulations
- l) Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Conference by the statutes or by law
- m) Appointment to be honorary member
- n) Modification of the ISBHF Articles
- o) Dissolution of the ISBHF
- p) Admission or expulsion of official member
- q) Associations Decision on the meeting place for the next Conference

9 PROTOCOL OF THE CONFERENCE

9.1 The protocol shall be sent to the member Associations within 30 days from when the Conference is to be held.

9.2 The protocol is supposed to be approved by ISBHF Board unless there shall be sent in a substantiated objection in writing to the ISBHF Office within 30 days notice before the Conference.

9.3 In the case of an objection the next Conference decides on the approval of the respecting correction or the completions of the protocol.

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II THE ISBHF BOARD

10 FUNCTIONS AND BODIES

10.1 The ISBHF Board is the executive body. It leads the ISBHF and represents it externally.

10.2 The Bodies of the ISBHF are:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Technical Committee (TC)
- d) Marketing Committee (MC)
- e) Development Committee (DC)
- f) Financial Director (FD)
- g) Special Committees

10.3 The ISBHF Board issues these reports:

- a) annual report of the president
- b) revenues and expenditure summary
- c) tournaments and meetings schedule
- d) Bulletin
- e) instructions for competitions
- f) disciplinary and registration regulations and rules
- g) The delegates of the conference elect the members of the ISBHF Board of Directors. The term of office is two years. Each associated organization has the right to have a representative elected to the Board. The Board has eight members. The Board members elect the President of ISBHF. The seven other Board members are Vice-Presidents of ISBHF, with functions of: Technical Director responsible for rules, and officials, Finance Director responsible for dealings with appointed Treasurer and creation of budgets, Marketing Director responsible for sponsorships and promotions, and Development Director responsible for the recruitment of members and the overall development of the sport.

11 ORGANIZATION

11.1 Within the members of the ISBHF Board there shall be appointed Directors of ISBHF Committees. Treasurer is appointed by the ISBHF Board separately.

11.2 The procedure within the Board, the functions and competence of the ISBHF Board members shall be governed by rules of procedure and responsibility lists.

11.3 Details about the function and competence of the TC, the MC, the DC, the FD, Special Committees and the office will be governed by the ISBHF Regulations.

12 COMPOSITION

12.1 In case of a draw in an ISBHF Board voting, the President's vote is decisive.

12.2. The term of office for the members of the ISBHF Board shall be two years.

12.3. The retiring members and the President shall be eligible for re-election.

12.4 Vacancies during the term of office shall be coopted by the Board with a replacer with no voting right. There will be election for vacancies by the next Conference.

13 COMPETENCE

13.1 The ISBHF Board shall be responsible for the management and administration of the ISBHF and shall take decisions on all matters that do not require a Congress decision. The ISBHF Board may delegate some of its powers.

13.2 The ISBHF Board shall appoint Chairmen of the committees and Chairmen of the Board of Arbitration.

13.3 The ISBHF Board enacts the ISBHF Regulations after having consulted them with the member Associations.

13.4 Each member of the ISBHF Board is entitled in the limits of its particular function and in the execution of ISBHF Board decisions to represent the ISBHF in its own power. In all other cases they act as a substitute for the ISBHF by two members.

13.5 The ISBHF Board installs the committees, which can be composed by non ISBHF Board members.

13.6 The ISBHF Board can install working groups (WG) for particular duties with adequate competence. The WG's can also be composed by non-Board members.

14 QUORUM AND MEETINGS

14.1 The President, or any of two Vice-Presidents, shall have a power to call ISBHF Board meeting. There shall be minimum one meeting a year. The meetings shall be held in conjunction with ISBHF championships and/or immediately following the Conference.

14.2 A majority of the Board Members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

14.3 No formal notice is required if all Board members are present, or if those absent have signified their consent to the meeting being held in their absence.

14.4 Notice of regular meeting shall be delivered, faxed or e-mailed to each Board member not less than 30 days before the meeting is to take place.

14.5 In case of urgency, decisions of the Board can be faxed or sent by e-mail.

14.6 All members of the ISBHF Board shall defend the general interests and goals of ISBHF and force the decisions made by the Board.

15 EXECUTING OF DOCUMENTS

15.1 Contracts, deeds, licenses and engagements on behalf of the ISBHF shall be signed by either the President or any Vice-President. Vice-Presidents need to be authorized by the President in written form (fax, e-mail etc.).

15.2 The Board shall see that all necessary books and records of the ISBHF required by the bylaws or by any applicable statute of law are regularly and properly kept.

15.3 Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the financial year of the ISBHF shall terminate on 1st January in each year.

This PROCEDURE REGULATIONS took effect with their approval by ISBHF Conference on 31st January 2004.
Updated at ISBHF Conference on 1st February 2020.



ISBHF ELECTION REGULATIONS

I. VOTING STATUS

1 Each member Association is allowed to participate with one delegate legitimated by the National Association (NA) at the Conference.

2 Each ordinary member Association in good standing, except those with Level I, Associate or Corporate member status, is entitled to vote at the Conference, based on their level of membership, as defined by the voting rights established in the Articles of the ISBHF. The Board proposes the voting roll and distributes it together with the documents of the Conference latest 30 days before the Conference.

3 The nomination of the delegate is in competence of NA. NA must notify the ISBHF Office the way of nomination. The nomination of national delegate is to be confirmed by NA appropriate body on the "delegation card". Delegation card is distributed by ISBHF Office latest with the notice to the Conference. Names of the delegates must be given to ISBHF Office before opening the Conference.

4 ISBHF Board members automatically participate in the Conference. They have voting right only if they are entitled by NA.

II NOMINATIONS

5 Candidates for election to any office in the ISBHF shall be nominated either by NA or by any ISBHF Board member to the official address of the ISBHF in advance of the Conference.

6 The delegates are allowed to nominate candidates for any office also during the Conference.

7 Only candidates older than 18 years may be nominated.

8 No more than one person from the same Nation can be elected as members of the ISBHF Board.

III ELECTIONS

10 The election to the ISBHF Board is secret. No vote shall be valid unless a quorum, as determined by the ISBHF Procedural Regulations, of the voting entitlement is present. Elections shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes (without abstentions).

11 The candidate with the most votes reaching the simple majority (more than 50%) shall be considered elected. The voting parties can vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. If there are more than two candidates for one post and there is nobody with simple majority (less than 50%) in the first round, only two candidates with most votes are allowed to candidate in the second round.

12 A simple majority (more than 50%) is required for removal of any, various or all members of the ISBHF Board or other bodies of the ISBHF, before the end of their term.

13 The term of office for the members of the ISBHF Board shall be two years.

Revised January 31, 2004, July 2018

Approved (2012) ISBHF Board Structure & Election Procedures

1(a)	President will be elected first by the entire membership and not by the newly elected Board. The President does not represent any nation on the Board. ISBHF will fund travel costs for all events that President is able to attend.
1(b)	Level IV members will have an automatic Board position, nominated by their nation 30 days prior to the Congress. The ISBHF members must ratify this selection by a vote of "Yes" or "No" during the elections. Should a delegate be declined by the members, the previous term's Board member shall remain until the following June for ratification of a newly nominated candidate by the Level IV nation. Board member travel for Congress shall be limited to 10% of annual fee paid by Level IV member nation if meeting is on same continent, and 20% if on a different continent.
1(c)	Two additional open Board positions should be filled only by Level II or III members elected at ISBHF Congress, one from each of Eastern and Western hemispheres when possible. ISBHF will fund travel costs to a maximum of 700 euro for these two positions.
1(d)	Anyone nominated for an ISBHF Board position must be present or provide a nomination acceptance 30 days prior to Congress to both ISBHF Secretariat and ISBHF President. Nominated persons must come from a member nation with an active resident league.
1(e)	The Board consist of one President, 2 Senior Vice-Presidents plus other board members. Every member of the Board is responsible for certain agenda which will be assigned by President decision.
1(f)	Board should converse by conference call at least two times per year, as well as a formal meeting on the Friday dinner before Congress, and Sunday morning breakfast after Congress, in addition to WC in June when possible.
1(g)	Board members who will have official duties at WC may receive subsidy for travel, for example Board member who is acting Tournament/Technical Director. This will eliminate free travel for Board members who are not active in tournament in an ISBHF capacity. No involvement with team(s) will be permitted by Board Members working ISBHF event.

ISBHF ORGANIZERS REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

1 Introductory Formalities

ISBHF events are World Championships and Continental Championships for National Teams and World Cup or League and Continental Cups or League for Club Teams.

Any national Association, which is a member of ISBHF, may apply to organize an ISBHF event. Applications shall be submitted during the application periods prescribed by ISBHF. Organizing other event's than ISBHF events are treated in 7.

2 Regulations

All ISBHF events shall be organized according to valid ISBHF Regulations.

3 Exceptions

Exceptions from these regulations could only be agreed upon in a contract between ISBHF and an organizer.

4 Contract

ISBHF and the organizing Association shall sign a contract setting out the particular rights and responsibilities of ISBHF and the hosting Association.

The contract should detail the following: a) The powers and rights

- b) Rights and responsibilities of marketing and advertising
- c) Rights and responsibilities concerning coverage from television, radio and other similar media
- d) Financial responsibilities including negotiated hosting fee, minimum of 3,500 Euro for WC, and a deposit fee of 3,500 Euro for WJC.
- e) Sales provisions

5 Support responsibilities of the host

The supporting responsibilities of the host shall be:

- a) Assistance with obtaining entry and exit visas
- b) Communications equipment for the press
- c) Accommodation and transport as agreed between the ISBHF and the organizer

6 Liability

Organizing liability rests with the organizer. Claims against ISBHF for compensation will not be accepted.

7 Other events

- a) National Teams
- b) Friendly matches and tournaments shall be notified to the ISBHF and the ISBHF Referee Committee for selection of ISBHF referees.
- c) Club Teams

Friendly matches and tournaments containing elite teams (the two highest divisions) from more than two nations need an approval from ISBHF. Application for approval shall be made at the latest three months before the event.

All other friendly matches and tournaments shall be treated according to the regulations of the National Association where the tournament is played.

II. FINANCIALS

8 Financial provisions

Financial obligations of organizer shall be as follows:

8.1 Cost for organizing

The host Association shall be responsible for all financial matters of the organizer and organization of the event, including a hosting fee to be negotiated by the ISBHF.

8.2 Costs for participating teams

The costs for participating teams shall be as follows: **2.1 Costs for travelling to the event** Costs for travel to and from the hotel of site of the event and board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team.

8.3 Costs for travelling during a Championship (AAA and AA tournaments)

The host shall pay for no more than 32 persons (25 players and 7 officials) to travel from their hotel to the official venues, to each scheduled game and to training sessions according to the official program. The responsibility for the organizer to transport referees and teams starts one day before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team.

8.4 Costs for participating teams in all other ISBHF events

In all other ISBHF events all costs should be borne by the participating team, if nothing else has been agreed upon.

8.5. Host responsibility

The host is responsible for the overall costs of the visit, transportation and insurance of the following persons:

- a) ISBHF Board members and General Secretary
- b) International referees nominated by the ISBHF

8.6 Medical costs

The host shall be responsible for the cost for having first aid educated persons in the arenas. Participants are responsible for taking out sufficient insurance to cover their delegations.

8.7 Costs for inspection of venues

Persons nominated by ISBHF first inspects the venues and arrangements in due time prior to the event. Further inspections may be carried out if it is necessary. The inspection should comprise the infrastructure.

Following each visit the inspector shall submit an inspection report to the ISBHF Board. The organizer shall be responsible for the basic costs of the visit and transportation of the inspector.

II. ADMINISTRATION

9 Organizing committee

The organizing committee should consist of functions and responsibilities as follows:

1. *Finance*
2. *Venues*
3. *Transportation*
4. *Accommodation and support services*
5. *Ceremonies*
6. *Medical services*
7. *VIP services*
8. *Press services*

10 Venue Program

10.1 Timetable

The competition timetable shall be drawn up in accordance with ISBHF guidelines and regulations

10.2 Consecutive matches of a team

There must be at least four (4) hours between the start of two consecutive matches of any team in a championship. In all other ISBHF events the minimum starting time between two consecutive matches for one team should be at least two (2) hours. Whenever possible a team that has played last match on one day should not play the first match of the following day.

10.3 Time between the start of matches

At least 2 1/2 hours in a championship and 2 hours in all other ISBHF events should be allowed in the timetable between the start of matches being played on the same floor if not agreed otherwise.

10.4 Warm-up

Teams are entitled to warm up on the floor 20 minutes in a championship and, if possible, 10 minutes in all other ISBHF events before start of a match.

10.5 Changing of the timetable

The organizers are entitled to request the Directorate for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage, if the teams are informed of the changes 24 hours before the start of the match in question.

11 Practice in the Championships

11.1 Daily practice

Teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area during the group play and, if possible, during play-off. The practice may not be free of charge.

11.2 Practice in tournament venue 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.

11.3 Practice schedule

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 allocated the first practice session on the following day.

11.4 Balls and other equipment Teams should bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

12 Directorate Meetings

12.1 Attendance

The team representatives are obliged to attend meetings scheduled by the Directorate.

13 Accreditation

13.1 ISBHF officials and referees

Every Directorate member shall get a personal pass "ISBHF Directorate". Every ISBHF official involved in the organization shall get a personal pass "ISBHF Organizers". Every referee shall get a personal pass "ISBHF REFEREE".

13.2 Accreditation of participating Associations and teams

Entry (eligibility) forms shall be sent to all participants at least 60 days before the first match. The entry forms shall be returned to the ISBHF Office, completed at latest a day before the first match. Accreditation's are made on the day of arrival. Every team member must submit valid passport or identity documents proving his/her nationality. Every team player shall get a personal pass "TEAM". Every team official shall get a personal pass "TEAM OFFICIAL". A team may accredit a maximum of 32 persons.

13.3 Press

Every journalist shall get a personal pass "PRESS".

13.4 V.I.P.

Every V.I.P. shall get a personal pass "V.I.P.".

III. INFRASTRUCTURE

14 Venues

The tournament shall be played in venues free from binding advertisements with the following standards:

- a) Spectator's capacity of at least 2000 in Championships and 300 in other ISBHF events
- b) Minimal length of playing area for A5 and B5 52m, width 26 m, for A4 and B4 48 x 24m.
- c) Free height of playing area 7 m, measured from the surface of the rink
- d) Minimum of 1.5 meters free space between board and walls
- e) The playing surface should be made of concrete, asphalt or synthetic material.

15 Practice arenas

15.1 Technical specification

- a) Practice arenas must be at least 38 meters long and 20 meters wide
- b) The board, goal cages and dots markings must be the same as in the tournament venues.

15.2 Changing rooms for practice Changing rooms, showers and sanitary facilities for the sole use of the teams should at least be provided in a hall nearby.

15.3 Practice schedule

The practice area should be reserved for the use of one team at a time suiting the tournament program.

15.4 Equipment for practice Teams should bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

16 Flags

Flags of all participating teams and ISBHF should be on display inside the venues and, if possible, outside the venues. The flags of ISBHF, participating teams in and the referees in an ongoing match should also be on display in the immediate vicinity of the rink.

17 Scoreboard

17.1 A scoreboard must be visible to the teams, referees, officials, press and spectators. A venue with two electric scoreboards is preferable.

17.2 The scoreboards should display the following information:

- a) Abbreviations of nation name, if possible
- b) The period being played
- c) The score
- d) Penalty timing, if possible
- e) Time-outs called by each team, if possible
- f) Results of previous periods, if possible

18 Match secretariat, penalty and substitution benches, first aid

Match secretariat, penalty and substitution benches should all be placed on the same side as the TV cameras if possible.

18.1 Placing of match secretariat

The match secretariat shall be placed outside the rink at the centre-line.

18.2 Staff in the match secretariat

The match secretariat should consist of the following staff:

1. One time keeper
2. One record keeper
3. One speaker
4. One official ISBHF representative, if requested
5. Two assistants at penalty benches

18.3 Equipment and forms of the match secretariat There must be at least four chairs placed at the match secretariat, public address equipment connected to the arena broadcasting system and the following equipment and forms:

- a) Match records
- b) Equipment for measuring the curvature of sticks
- c) Minimum of 2 stopwatches
- d) Two referees' whistles
- e) International rule book
- f) Notepads and pens
- g) 20 balls of a brand and design approved by the ISBHF.
- h) Tape for the goal creases and a tape measure

18.4 Penalty benches

The penalty benches shall for each team accommodate at least 4 persons. There shall be one official at each penalty bench

18.5 Substitution benches

The substitution benches shall for each team accommodate at least 20 team members.

18.6 First aid staff

In the immediate vicinity of the match secretariat first aid staff with stretcher shall be situated.

19 Illumination of the playing area

19.1 Disturbance

Lighting sources which may disturb the players, referees, officials or the public should be avoided.

19.2 Television

The organizers must ensure that television lighting equipment does not interfere with the progress of the game.

19.3 Maintenance

The recommended maintenance for illumination of the playing area is as follows:

Average Lighting Maintenance

	<i>Horizontal illumination in flux</i>	<i>Vertical illumination in % of horizontal</i>	<i>Vertical illumination in % of horizontal</i>
	Floor level	1 m over floor	4 m over floor
Practice & competition	400-500	>40%	>35%
Spectators <1000 seats	500-600	>50%	>40%
TV & Spectators > 1000 seats	>600	>50%	>40%

Lighting Uniformity

	<i>Horizontal illumination Eh-min/Ehmax</i>	<i>Vertical illumination Ev-min/Evmax</i>	<i>Vertical illumination Ev-min/Evmax</i>
	Floor level	1 m over floor*	4 m over floor*
Practice & competition	>0,50	>0,35	>0,20
Spectators <1000 seats	>0,50	>0,50	>0,30
TV & Spectators > 1000 seats	>0,50	>0,50	>0,30

* Within an area of 3 m from the walls values down to 0,2 could be accepted on measured vertical uniformity, when the measuring instrument is turned towards the wall.

20 Other equipment

Material for repairing goal cages and the board shall be kept in a short distance from the rink.

21 Spectators stands

21.1. Reserved seats

The following reserved seats shall be provided for ISBHF and the press:

- a) Seats reserved for the use of ISBHF should be according to a separate agreement
- b) 100 seats per ISBHF member Association participating and VIP
- c) 60 seats per participating team, specially located
- d) The necessary number of seats for the accredited press
- e) Separate location for radio and television reporters

21. 2 Locations of television cameras in the arena

- a) TV cameras shall be located at the same side as the match secretariat
- b) TV cameras should be situated such that they do not cause any disturbance or danger for participants.

21. 3 Facilities for the spectators Facilities, such as bathrooms and cafeteria for the spectators, should be provided for in the venues.

22 Changing rooms

22.1 Team's changing room Each team shall have its own changing room in connection with training and match. The changing rooms should contain benches, sanitary facilities, at least three showers and a massage table if possible.

22.2 Referee's changing room At least one changing room with a shower shall be reserved for the international referees. Female referees should have separate facilities.

23 Offices and other rooms and spaces in the venue

Each venue should contain the following offices and other rooms and spaces:

23.1 A competition "ISBHF OFFICE" with telephone, personal computer with Internet link, printer, telefax and other office equipment for the organizer. 23.2 A meeting room for ISBHF officials accommodating 15 persons.

23.3 A room for referees and staff containing soft drinks, coffee, tea, light meal and snacks

23.4 A first aid and doping control room, containing first aid equipment and wc.

23.5 A press room containing reporters pigeonholes, desks and writing equipment, 2 telephones, telefax and e-mail for tournament use, soft drinks, coffee, tea, light meal and snacks.

The access to the communication equipment for the press should be at a non-profitable cost.

23.6. A space for press conferences and a mixed zone for taking interviews shall be created, as well as a zone for photographers.

24 VIP Centre

Space containing soft drinks, coffee, tea, light meal and snacks, shall be created for:

- a) ISBHF officials
- b) ISBHF sponsors
- c) ISBHF member Association's representatives
- d) VIP persons

Access to this space must be checked by the organizers. Non-authorized person inclusive players are not allowed to enter VIP Centre.

25 Accommodation

It is the organizers' responsibility to propose accommodation alternatives in various price levels to ISBHF officials, participating teams, associations and press.

25.1 ISBHF Board accommodation

The organizers are responsible for selecting the hotel accommodation for the ISBHF Board and General Secretary. The hotel should be situated in the competition city or immediate vicinity and be of at least 3-star standard. The costs for the accommodation are covered by ISBHF.

25.2 Referee's accommodation

The organizers are responsible for selecting the referee's hotel accommodation. The hotels should be situated in the competition city or immediate vicinity and be of at least 3-star standard. The costs for the accommodation are covered by ISBHF. The organizers shall set aside a meeting room for the referees at their hotel.

25.3. Team's accommodation

Teams may select their own hotels in the competition city or the immediate vicinity. However, when accommodation not listed by the organizer is chosen, extra costs for transportation may be charged to a team. Organizer is responsible for hotel booking as soon as the team pays tournament entrance fee and pays the hotel advanced payment. Teams are responsible for accommodation costs.

26 Transportation

26.1 Host responsibilities

The host is responsible for the ISBHF Board, referee and team transportation according to the agreement between ISBHF and the organizer.

26.2 Distance between hotels and venues

As far as possible the journey time between the hotels and the tournament venue or practice venues should not be more than 60 minutes. Hotels should be selected so close to the venues and practice arenas that a drive with bus should in principal not take more than 60 minutes.

26.3 Team's transportation during the venue

The participating teams must inform the organizer of their traveling plans on the arrival to the tournament. The team transportation should be conducted by bus. If the bus is not coming prior to the game in accordance with the agreed schedule, team may use other means (taxi) to get in time to arena for a game.

26.4 ISBHF Board's, Directorate and referee's transportation

Following means of transport should be made available for the jury and referees:

- a) Two cars available for the transportation or taxi.
- b) Vehicles for the ISBHF Board according to agreement with the organizer

26.5 Transportation timetable

The organizers are responsible for organizing the transportation timetable. The timetable should be arranged in co-operation with the team such that teams arrive at the practice arena 30 minutes before the start of the practice session and at the match venue 60 minutes before the start of a match.

IV. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

27 Information

The hosting Association shall eight months prior to a championship and three months prior all other ISBHF events submit the following information to ISBHF: a) Composition of the organizing committee

- b) Confirmation of the venue dates
- c) Accommodation details
- d) Transportation details
- e) Details of technical arrangements
- f) Budget
- g) Other necessary information

28 Reports

28.1 First report

The hosting Association shall twelve (12) months prior a championship (usually during the championship in the previous year) and three months prior all other ISBHF events submit to ISBHF the first report, which also should be distributed to the participating teams and on Internet, containing:

- a) Addresses of the venues and proposed hotels for the participating teams
- b) Distances between the venues and the proposed hotels and a description of the transportation arrangements
- c) Presentation of the venues
- d) Full address, telephone and telefax number of the local organizers

28.2 Second report

The ISBHF Secretary in co-operation with hosting Association shall four months prior a championship and two months prior all other ISBHF events submit to ISBHF Board a second report, which also should be distributed to the participating teams, Directorate members and ISBHF officials, containing: a) Detailed tournament program

- b) Program and venues for practice sessions
- c) Opportunities for teams to set up video cameras
- d) Other practical information

Further hosting association is to submit the contracts with the arena operator, hotel managers, insurance company, medical service, security services and transportation operator.

28.3 Third report

The hosting Association shall upon the arrival submit to the teams, appointed referees, Directorate members and ISBHF official's a third report containing: a) A short welcome by the host

- b) Addresses, telephone and telefax 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 organizing committee, ISBHF Directorate and team members with phones and room numbers

28.4 Daily information

The hosting Association shall during the tournament present on Internet and submit to the teams, ISBHF officials, referees, Directorate members and the press a daily report containing:

- a) Final results of the previous day's matches with scores, assists, penalties and number of spectators
- b) Details of the present day's matches
- c) Name and nationality of the referees for the matches of the present day
- d) Ranking lists
- e) The next day's program
- f) Other information

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APPENDIX

The responsibilities of the organizing committee should be as follows:

1 Finance

Involves responsibility for marketing and tickets sales.

2 Venues Involves:

- a) Responsibility for playing areas and ensuring that all tournament arenas meet the required technical standards.
- b) Responsibility for practice arenas and their upkeep.
- c) Appointing officers responsible for the playing areas.
- d) Appointing officers responsible for the match secretariats
- e) Appointing officers responsible for the security within the venues.

3. Transportation Involves:

- a) Giving instructions to drivers and taking care of transportation requirements. The organizers must be in permanent contact with the bus drivers to allocate their position any time.

4. Accommodation and support services:

- a) Responsibility for hotel accommodation, meetings and support services
- b) Providing a guide for each team and, if necessary, also for the referees
- c) The guides should be available during the entire tournament and shall be able to speak agreed languages.

5. Ceremonies Involves:

- a) Opening and closing ceremony
- b) Protocol prior to a match

6. Speaker shall:

- 1) Know the rules of the game
- 2) Be able to speak English or German
- 3) Sit beside the match secretariat
- 4) Inform the spectators before each match of:
 - The results of the previous day
 - The teams ranking positions
 - The day program
- 5) After the teams have marched in, announce:
 - The name of the team listed first in the program
 - The name of the team listed second in the program
 - The referee's names and nationality
- 6) Once the teams are assembled on the playing area for the ceremony, announce the names and numbers of each teams' players. The names of the team listed second in the program should be announced first.
- 7) Once a goal has been scored, announce the following details in the course of the game: a) The time when the goal was scored. b) The scorer of the goal. c) The assistant of the goal
- 8) When a penalty is awarded, announce the following details: a) The time when the penalty was awarded. b) The name and number of the player receiving the penalty. c) The reason for the penalty.
- 9) Announce the time-outs called by each team
- 10) At the beginning of the second and third period announce the number of shots on goals and saves made by the goalkeepers
- 11) After the game to play the national anthem of the winner. In case of tie no anthem is to be played.
- 12) When the last match of the day has finished, announce the program of the next day
- 13) After the closing ceremony the national anthem of the champion is to be played.



7. Medical services Involves:

- a) Responsibility for first aid in the arenas
- b) Transportation with ambulance to hospital
- c) Responsibility for doping tests

8. VIP services Involves:

Responsibility for VIP services according to Chapter IV, 24.

9. Press services Involves:

- a) Preparing information releases prior to the opening of the tournament and after the arrival of the teams, officials and referees both in English and the language of the host nation.
- b) Preparing and distributing a daily information release during the tournament
- c) Informing the press every day, no more than one hour after the end of each match, of the result of the match and the rankings
- d) Keeping the press informed and keeping the press rooms in good order
- e) Keeping recording statistics during the tournament

Note: These Regulations were updated January 2005. Updated at Annual Conference February 2020.

