

# **INTERNATIONAL STREET & BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION**

## **REGULATIONS**

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# 1 ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

## 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, and have established an existing resident competition or league structure.
  - 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 Point 1.4 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations. Only the ISBHF Annual, Semi-Annual or Emergency Conference may decide on a member's expulsion.
  - c) Cessation of a member.
- 4) 30 days prior to each Annual conference, Level IV & Level III National Associations are required to provide documentation that adheres to ISBHF GAISF requirements (English language preferred), 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
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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 fee by 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) Conference – as the highest body (see section X.)
    - b) ISBHF Board – as the executive body
    - c) ISBHF President – as the head of the executive body. ISBHF President does not have a voting right in ISBHF basic bodies (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).
    - d) ISBHF Vice-President – as the deputy of the head of the executive body.
    - e) ISBHF's Executive Director – as the statutory body
    - f) ISBHF Office – as the non-elected administrative body lead by the ISBHF Secretary. The Secretary and all other non-executive members of the ISBHF Office are appointed and dismissed by a majority vote of the ISBHF Board.
  - 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.
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## X. THE CONFERENCE

- 1) ISBHF's highest body is the Annual Conference, which is held every year. The Annual Conference is called to order by the ISBHF Board or by a quorum of members in good standing. The delegates are nominated 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 voting members in good standing. The ISBHF Board must appoint the date and the place within 30 days, the Emergency Conference must take place within 90 days.
  - 3) The ISBHF Board has the right to call an ISBHF Semi-Annual Conference to order. The Semi-Annual Conference has the same powers as the Annual Conference.
  - 4) The invitation to the Annual Conference is to be sent 60 days prior to the session. The members shall confirm their participation 30 days after receiving the invitation at the latest. Otherwise, their voting right is suspended for that Conference.
  - 5) The invitation to the Semi-Annual Conference or Emergency Conference is to be sent 30 days prior to the session. The members shall confirm their participation 15 days after receiving the invitation at the latest. Otherwise, their voting right is suspended for that Conference.
  - 6) The Annual Conference, Semi-Annual Conference or Emergency Conference can take place either in-person or via video conference. In case of an in-person Conference, only attending members in good standing and present in person are eligible to vote. In case of a video conference, all attending members in good standing are eligible to vote.
  - 7) 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 the organisers 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
  - 8) The voting member delegates of the Conference elect the members of ISBHF Board. Each member organisation at Level IV, III, II 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, ISBHF Board members and ISBHF Executive Director separately. The ISBHF President appoints leaders of expert Committees.
  - 9) 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.
  - 10) The quorum calculation will be based on the achievement of any one of the three following conditions:
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- a) 66% of Level IV Members in good standing based on point VI. 2
- b) 50% of total of Level III and IV Members in good standing based on point VI. 2
- c) 33% of total of Level II, III and IV Members in good standing 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 by the ISBHF Board.

## **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 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.

## **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.
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- 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) The Articles of Association come into effect on the day of approval.
- 4) 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, June 7, 2017, January 25, 2019, and November 9, 2019, 25 September 2021.

On 10 September, 2022.

## 2 ISBHF BODIES

### I. CONFERENCE

#### I.1. ISBHF CONFERENCE

- 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.
- 2) An Emergency Conference may be called by at least one-third of voting members in good standing. The ISBHF Board must appoint the date and the place within 30 days after receiving the call from one-third of voting members in good standing.
- 3) The ISBHF Board has the right to call an ISBHF Semi-Annual Conference to order. The Semi-Annual Conference has the same powers as the Annual Conference.
- 4) The 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 the organisers 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

#### I.2. NOMINATION TO THE CONFERENCE

- 1) All ISBHF member associations have the right to attend the Conference.
- 2) All member associations may be represented by a maximum of three delegates who must be members of their National Association.
- 3) If the delegates do not speak English, the delegation is entitled to bring one interpreter at its own expense.
- 4) The nomination of a National Association shall be sent to the ISBHF Office via email latest 15 days prior to the Conference.
- 5) The ISBHF President, Vice-President or Board member may invite an observer or guest to Conference.

#### I.3. CONFERENCE LOCATION

- 1) Whenever possible, the Conference shall be held by rotation in members' countries, subject to reasonable cost. Under certain circumstances, the ISBHF Annual, Semi-Annual or Emergency Conference could be held electronically if conditions warrant. If feasible, the ISBHF Annual, Semi-Annual or Emergency Conference should be held in-person.

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#### I.4. NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

- 1) The invitation to the Semi-Annual Conference or Emergency Conference is to be sent 30 days prior to the session.
- 2) Notice of the time and the place of each Conference shall be given by the ISBHF Office by email.

#### I.5. MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 1) All proposals and motions of the National Associations shall be sent via email to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference. This does not apply for the Articles of Association, for which the proposals of changes and amendments must be sent 30 days in advance.
- 2) All proposals and motions of the National Associations shall be distributed via email by the ISBHF Office to ISBHF member associations latest 7 days in advance of the Conference.

#### I.6. QUORUM AND VOTING

- 1) A quorum shall be formed when any of the three following conditions are met:
  - a) 66% of Level IV members in good standing;
  - b) 50% of the total of Level III and IV members in good standing; or
  - c) 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.

- 2) All proposals and motions of the National Associations shall be sent via email to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference.
- 3) Elections and decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes (without abstentions).
- 4) 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.
- 5) In the event of tied vote, except the elections, the ISBHF President or his/her substitute must cast the deciding vote.

#### I.7. OFFICIALS OF THE CONFERENCE

- 1) The Conference is chaired by the ISBHF President. In case of ISBHF President's absence, the Conference is chaired by the ISBHF Vice-President.
- 2) The ISBHF Secretary records the Minutes of the Conference.

#### I.8. AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

- 1) The ISBHF Office distributes the final version of the Agenda of the Conference to the ISBHF member associations latest 7 days prior to the Conference. The items on the Agenda of the Conference shall be, but are not limited to:
  - a) Official Welcome
  - b) Approval of present delegates and the voting roll
  - c) Approval of the Minutes of the last Conference in the case of article 9.2
  - d) Approval of President's report
  - e) Approval of Secretary's report
  - f) Modification of ISBHF Articles of Association and Regulations

- g) Approval of Financial Director's report
- h) Approval of the budget and membership fees
- i) Approval of ISBHF Board reports
- j) Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
- k) Approval of working plan for the next two years
- l) Approval of ISBHF events hosts for the next two years
- m) Elections of ISBHF President, Vice-President, Board members and Executive Director

## **I.9. MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE**

- 1) The Minutes of the Conference shall be approved by the ISBHF President and Executive Director, and shall be sent to the member associations within 30 days from when the Conference is held.
- 2) Should there be a substantiated objection to the Minutes of the Conference, the objection shall be sent in writing to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days before the next Conference. The next Conference decides on the approval of the respecting correction or the completions of the Minutes.

## **II. BOARD**

### **II.1. ISBHF BOARD**

- 1) The ISBHF Board is the executive body. It leads the ISBHF, decides on all tasks within its competence and represents the ISBHF externally.
- 2) The ISBHF Board shall be responsible for the management of the ISBHF and shall take decisions on all matters that do not require a Conference decision. The ISBHF Board may delegate some of its powers.

### **II.2. ISBHF BOARD ELECTIONS**

- 1) The Annual Conference elects the members of the ISBHF Board for a two-year term. Each member organisation at Level IV, III, II has the ability to have a representative elected to the Board.
  - 2) The ISBHF Board has an odd number of members, at least five. The exact number of members shall be decided by the Annual Conference.
  - 3) Level IV members are guaranteed a minimum of one seat in the ISBHF Board. The remaining seats shall be allocated to delegates of Level III and Level II members.
  - 4) Vacancies of Level IV members during the term of office shall be replaced by the Level IV nation within 60 days during the term with continued full voting rights.
  - 5) Vacancies of Level III or Level II during the term of office shall be co-opted by the Board with a replacer with no voting right. There will be election for vacancies at the next Annual Conference.
  - 6) Candidates for election to the ISBHF Board in the ISBHF shall be nominated either by their National Association or by any ISBHF Board member to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference.
  - 7) The delegates are allowed to nominate candidates for any office also during the Conference.
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- 8) Only candidates older than 18 years at the time of the election takes place may be nominated.
- 9) The election to the ISBHF Board is secret. No vote shall be valid unless a quorum of the voting entitlement, as determined by Point X. 9) of the ISBHF Articles of Association, is present. Elections shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes (without abstentions).
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) The ISBHF Board members shall be eligible for re-election with no term limitation.

### II.3. QUORUM AND MEETINGS

- 1) The ISBHF President has the power to call an ISBHF Board meeting. There shall be minimum of three meetings per year via a conference call.
- 2) The quorum for an ISBHF Board meeting shall be achieved by at least 66% of all ISBHF Board member votes, as defined by Point VI. 2) of the Articles of Association, being present.
- 3) The ISBHF Board makes decision by simple majority, voting is by public ballot, unless the voting body decides in particular cases that the voting will be by secret ballot.
- 4) In case of a draw in an ISBHF Board voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. In case of President's absence, the Vice-President shall cast the deciding vote.
- 5) In case of urgency, decisions by simple majority may be made via email.

### II.4. ORGANIZATION

- 1) The ISBHF Board appoints and dismisses members of the ISBHF Office. The ISBHF Board should appoint at least the ISBHF Secretary, in charge of administration, and the ISBHF Financial Director, in charge of finance and budgeting.
- 2) The ISBHF Board has the right to task the ISBHF Executive Director, Secretary and Financial Director.
- 3) All members of the ISBHF Board shall defend the general interests and goals of ISBHF and force the decisions made by the Board.

## **III. PRESIDENT**

### III.1. ISBHF PRESIDENT

- 1) ISBHF President is the head of the executive body, leads and represents the ISBHF.
  - 2) ISBHF President does not have a voting right in ISBHF basic bodies (Conference, ISBHF Board).
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- 3) Only a representative from a Level IV member may be elected as ISBHF President. Candidates for election to the ISBHF President shall be nominated either by their National Association or by any ISBHF Board member to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference. Delegates are allowed to nominate candidates for any office also during the Conference.
- 4) The ISBHF President is elected by the Annual Conference for a two-year term. The voting is by secret ballot, unless the Conference unanimously agrees on open ballot.
- 5) 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). The ISBHF President is not limited to two two-year terms in his/her lifetime. If the Vice-President replaces the President during the two-year term, he/she may commence their 4 consecutive years limitation at the next Annual Conference.
- 6) ISBHF President names the leaders of ISBHF Committees, expert groups chaired by ISBHF Board or ISBHF Office members.
- 7) Vacancy of the President during the term of office shall be filled by the existing Vice-President until the next Annual Conference. There will be an election for the vacancy at the next Annual Conference.

### III.2. EXECUTING OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) Contracts, deeds, licenses and engagements on behalf of the ISBHF shall be signed by the President and Executive Director.

## IV. VICE-PRESIDENT

### IV.1. ISBHF VICE-PRESIDENT

- 1) ISBHF Vice-President is the deputy of the head of the executive body. In case of the ISBHF President's absence, the ISBHF Vice-President acts as his/her substitute.
- 2) ISBHF Vice-President does not have a voting right in ISBHF basic bodies (Conference, ISBHF Board).
- 3) Only a representative from a Level IV member may be elected as ISBHF Vice-President. Candidates for election to the ISBHF Vice-President shall be nominated either by their National Association or by any ISBHF Board member to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference, delegates are allowed to nominate candidates for any office also during the Conference.
- 4) The ISBHF Vice-President is elected by the Annual Conference for a two-year term. The voting is by secret ballot, unless the Conference unanimously agrees on open ballot.
- 5) The ISBHF Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election with no term limitation.
- 6) Vacancy of the Vice-President during the term of office shall be filled at the next Annual Conference. There will be an election for the vacancy at the next Annual Conference.
- 7) In situations whereby the Vice-President has been promoted to President due to vacancy in the Presidency, any subsequent vacancy of the President / Vice-President shall be

filled on an interim basis until the next Annual Conference by the ISBHF Board of Directors. There will be an election for the vacancies at the next Annual Conference.

- 8) In a situation whereby the vacancies of the President and Vice-President occur simultaneously, the position of President shall be filled on an interim basis until the next Annual Conference by a person designated by the ISBHF Board of Directors. The position of Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next Annual Conference. There will be an election for the vacancies at the next Annual Conference.
- 9) Should an interim President / Vice-President vacancy occur prior to the Annual Conference, the position of President shall be filled on an interim basis until the next Annual Conference by a person designated by the ISBHF Board of Directors. The position of Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next Annual Conference. There will be an election for the vacancies at the next Annual Conference.

## **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **V.1. ISBHF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 1) 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 Conference and ISBHF Board. He/she can delegate this authority in a written authorization to a member of the ISBHF Board.
- 2) ISBHF Executive Director does not have a voting right in ISBHF basic bodies (Conference, ISBHF Board).
- 3) Candidates for election to the ISBHF Executive Director in the ISBHF shall be nominated either by their National Association or by any ISBHF Board member to the ISBHF Office latest 15 days in advance of the Conference, delegates are allowed to nominate candidates for any office also during the Conference.
- 4) The ISBHF Executive Director is elected by the Annual Conference for a two-year term. The voting is by secret ballot, unless the Conference unanimously agrees on open ballot.
- 5) The ISBHF Executive Director shall be eligible for re-election with no term limitation.
- 6) The role of the ISBHF Executive Director is non-exclusive. The ISBHF President, Vice-President, Board member or member of the ISBHF Office may be elected and act as the Executive Director.
- 7) Vacancy of Executive Director during the term of office shall be co-opted by the ISBHF Board of Directors. There will be election for the vacancy at the next Annual Conference.

### **V.2. EXECUTING OF DOCUMENTS**

- 1) Contracts, deeds, licenses and engagements on behalf of the ISBHF shall be signed by the President and Executive Director.
- 2) The Executive Director 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.
- 3) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the financial year of the ISBHF shall terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> of December, annually.

## **VI. OFFICE**

### **VI.1. ISBHF OFFICE**

- 1) The ISBHF Office is the non-elected administrative body lead by the ISBHF Secretary. The Secretary and all other non-executive members of the ISBHF Office are appointed and dismissed by a majority vote of the ISBHF Board of Directors. ISBHF Secretary reports to the ISBHF Board of Directors.
- 2) Any members of the ISBHF Office which are serving in additional capacity as an ISBHF Board of Directors member will not be able to vote on matters pertaining to the Director position in which they hold.
- 3) The ISBHF Office has its physical address at the official address of the ISBHF.

## **VII. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR**

### **VII.1. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR**

- 1) The ISBHF Financial Director is the non-elected, non-executive body that is in charge of ISBHF finance and bank accounts.
- 2) The ISBHF Board of Directors appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Financial Director by a majority vote.

## **VIII. PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR**

### **VIII.1. PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR**

- 1) The ISBHF Promotions Director is the non-elected, non-executive body that is in charge of ISBHF promotions.
- 2) The ISBHF Board of Directors appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Promotions Director by a majority vote.

## **IX. SALES DIRECTOR**

### **IX.1. SALES DIRECTOR**

- 1) The ISBHF Sales Director is the non-elected, non-executive body that is in charge of ISBHF sales.
- 2) The ISBHF Board of Directors appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Sales Director by a majority vote.

## **X. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

### **X.1. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

- 3) The ISBHF Development Director is the non-elected, non-executive body that is in charge of ISBHF development.
  - 4) The ISBHF Board of Directors appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Development Director by a majority vote.
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## **XI. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

### **XI.1. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

- 1) The ISBHF Technical Director is the non-elected, non-executive body that is in charge of ISBHF Regulations, Rules, Championship and Tournament scheduling, and technical responsibilities.
- 2) The ISBHF Technical Director chairs the ISBHF Technical Committee, which includes ISBHF Referee-in-Chief Europe and ISBHF Referee-in-Chief North America.
- 3) The ISBHF Board of Directors appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Technical Director by a majority vote.

## **XII. REFEREE-IN-CHIEF**

### **XII.1. REFEREE-IN-CHIEF**

- 1) The ISBHF Referee-in-Chief is appointed for a 2-year term by the ISBHF Technical Director. One Referee-in-Chief is appointed for the Europe region, one Referee-in-Chief is appointed for the North American region.
- 2) The ISBHF Technical Director will establish a committee to oversee the application and approval process of the two ISBHF Referee-in-Chiefs on a bi-annual basis.

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## 3 JURIDICAL REGULATIONS

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

#### I.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 Articles of Association, ISBHF Regulations and other legal instruments.

All sanctions adopted against managers, coaches, referees and players by the ISBHF shall apply to all ISBHF sanctioned competitions.

Types of ISBHF sanctions are defined as:

##### 1.1. Fine

- 1) A fine consists of payment to ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of EUR 10,000-, except for Point II.2.10 Failure to organize an ISBHF Competition.

##### 1.2. Discharge from official position

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

##### 1.3. Suspension

- 1) 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.
- 2) A suspended National Association may be obliged to reimburse the ISBHF for all expenses incurred by the ISBHF for the study of the case.
- 3) In order to recover its full affiliation, the said National Association must have satisfied any financial sanctions, unless an exception is granted by the ISBHF.
- 4) A NA may appeal a suspension based on Section 8 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.

##### 1.4. Expulsion

- 1) Only an Annual, Semi-Annual or Emergency Conference may expel an affiliated Association.
- 2) The grounds for expulsion are:
  - a) Failure to fulfil obligations, especially by delay of financial commitments of minimally 1200 EUR.
  - b) Clear or repeated breach of the ISBHF Articles of Association, ISBHF Regulations, absent structure or serious misconduct.
  - c) Loss of statues as a NA, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.
- 3) In the case of emergency, players and officials may be expelled by the ISBHF Board by a seventy-five (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.
- 4) A NA may appeal an expulsion based on Section 8 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.

#### I.2. OFFENSES

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

#### 2.1. Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee

- 1) The NAs have the obligation to pay their membership fees and other fees on time as defined by ISBHF Regulations.
- 2) A late payment of the membership fee may be charged to the NA, which in addition may be suspended until payment has been made. The late payment fee shall be a fine of a minimum of 20 EUR per month.
- 3) Should the non-compliance continue beyond the requested period designated by the ISBHF, the NA shall be subject to suspension.
- 4) The resumption of activity shall be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.

#### 2.2. Breach of ISBHF Competition Regulations

- 2) NA's shall inform ISBHF regarding updates or any changes to any events and tournaments, between national teams and clubs, which have been sanctioned by the ISBHF.
- 3) Failure to inform the ISBHF within 30 days regarding updates or any changes to any events and tournaments between national teams and clubs, which have been sanctioned by the ISBHF, may involve a fine or discipline for the NA at fault and potential suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees).
- 4) Failure to comply and follow instructions during the ISBHF sanctioned event or tournament, may involve a fine or discipline for the NA at fault and potential suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees). 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.
- 5) The fine amount or discipline will be established by the ISBHF Board of Directors.
- 6) A suspension shall be levied on the Organizer if a suspended NA or club has taken part in an ISBHF sanctioned competition. The ISBHF shall inform its members regarding NAs that have been suspended.

#### 2.3. Non-observance of the ISBHF Articles of Association, ISBHF Regulations and ISBHF Sanctions

Non-observance of the ISBHF Sanctions as defined in Section 1 and Section 2 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations shall be penalised with a fine and/or suspension as established by the ISBHF Board.

- 1) Non-observance of non-monetary sanction inflicted by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalized to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion.
- 2) Fines must be paid no later than three (3) months after publication by the ISBHF.
- 3) Delay in payment shall involve automatic prohibition from participating in competitions organized or authorized by the ISBHF until the entire sanction has been paid.

### I.3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPOSITION

Expulsion of a NA from the ISBHF, except the sanctions, are specifically provided for in the text of the ISBHF Articles of Association or ISBHF Regulations, or may be imposed by a

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Directorate, Disciplinary Committee or the ISBHF Board in accordance with the ISBHF Regulations in force.

### 3.1. Automatic (direct) Sanction

- 1) The sanctions specifically provided for specific violations of the ISBHF Articles of Association or these Regulations are final. An appeal may be made to the Appeal Committee as defined by Section 8 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.

### 3.2. Sanctions imposed by Championship and Tournament Directorate

- 1) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 2) However, the sanctions imposed by a Directorate will be subject to review or revision by the ISBHF Board or the Disciplinary Committee within 90 days if the execution of such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

### 3.3. The Disciplinary Committee

- 1) The ISBHF Disciplinary Committee is a three-person commission of individuals formed by the ISBHF Board of Directors. The ISBHF Board of Directors determines the length of term for the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2) The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in Section I and II of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.
- 3) 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, Section 8 of these regulations.
- 4) The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by a Directorate if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- 5) Such revision by the Disciplinary Committee of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee.
- 6) All sanctions 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, Section 8 of these regulations.

## **II. SPORTS SANCTIONS**

### **II.1. TYPES OF SANCTIONS**

As provided for in the ISBHF Articles of Association, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated NAs, club teams, players and officials of the ISBHF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the ISBHF Articles of Association, ISBHF Regulations and other legal instruments.

These sanctions are:

- a) Reprimand
- b) Warning
- c) Fine
- d) 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.
- e) Discharge from position held in case of officials

- f) Suspension
- g) Expulsion

### 1.1. Reprimand

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

### 1.2. Warning

- 1) 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.

### 1.3. Fine

- 1) A fine consists of payment to the ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of EUR 10,000-, except for Point II.2.10 Failure to organize an ISBHF Competition.

### 1.4. Disqualification from competition

- 1) Disqualification of a player or an official 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.
- 2) Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 to the team being punished.

### 1.5. Discharge from official position

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

### 1.6. Suspension

- 1) 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 and all individuals affiliated to an ISBHF member.

### 1.7. Expulsion

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

## II.2. SPORTS OFFENSES

### 2.1. Dishonesty in competition

- 1) 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 hockey match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party.
- 2) A NA or club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5 and exclusion/suspension from official events and international tournaments organized or authorized by the ISBHF for a period of 2 years or period determined by the ISBHF Board of Directors.
- 3) Responsible members shall be suspended.

### 2.2. Use of forbidden substances (Doping)

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Street/ball hockey 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:

- 1) The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Regulations are valid.
- 2) All players registered for competition of ISBHF agree to undergo a 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 WADA 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:
  - a) Decision about the length of suspension, between 1 to 24 months, will be made latest thirty (30) days after the competition by the ISBHF Disciplinary Committee or the ISBHF Board of Directors. The implicated player has the right to be heard by the ISBHF Disciplinary Committee before the verdict is pronounced and to present documents of medical nature.
  - b) 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 WADA Regulations.

- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) An appeal against the decision in the first instance may be lodged with the ISBHF Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee of ISBHF must make a decision in the second instance during the first 60 days following the receipt of the appeal.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.

### 2.3. Doping sanctions imposed by a National Association

- 1) National Associations are responsible for informing the ISBHF Office of any doping sanction imposed on a street/ball hockey player. The information must be accompanied by a copy of the complete file on the doping control test and must be sent to ISBHF no later than 30 days from the day on which the decision of the sanction becomes final.
- 2) ISBHF, through its 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 WADA Regulations were meticulously followed and, in

particular, that the analysis of the samples was performed by a WADA 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.

- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) If a street/ball hockey player, during doping control tests conducted under the control of organizations outside of ISBHF and its affiliated federations, is found guilty of doping, the ISBHF Disciplinary Committee 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.

#### 2.4. Unauthorized line up of foreign / non-resident players

- 1) NA's that permit their clubs to use foreign / non-resident player without the necessary authorization called for by the ISBHF Transfer Regulations or ISBHF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of EUR 500- for each player illegally used. The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension of minimum one (1) year in ISBHF sanctioned competitions.
- 2) NAs that permit their national teams to use foreign / non-resident players without previous written approval from the ISBHF shall be penalized with a fine of EUR 1000- for each aligned player, lose the matches 0-5 and be liable to a minimum one (1) year suspension from all ISBHF sanctioned competitions.

#### 2.5. Obstruction of the regular playing of the competitions

- 1) 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 minimum EUR 500- and be responsible for the damages caused to the organizer and to the ISBHF.
- 2) Delayed transmittal of a team players' list and documents with required information shall receive a fine of minimum EUR 100-.

#### 2.6. Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

During any given competition, the following shall apply:

- 1) All team members (players and officials) must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of ISBHF Articles of Association and Regulations and the principles guiding it.
  - 2) In the course of a tournament or sports event, before, during or after the playing of a match any team member who violates the Articles of Association, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:
    - a) for protesting, incorrect attitude or behaviour, by reprimand;
    - b) for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match.
    - c) 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
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imposed by the Directorate. The ISBHF Disciplinary Committee or ISBHF Board of Directors can impose further sanctions beyond the competition.

- 3) NA's and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans. 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 minimum EUR 100- depending on the case.
- 4) 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, be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no point for the match lost will be granted. Further disciplinary actions may be assessed by the Directorate, ISBHF Disciplinary Committee or ISBHF Board of Directors.

#### 2.7. Partial refereeing

- 1) Referees or other officials who carry out their duty 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 minimum one (1) year.
- 2) In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall receive lifetime suspension from the ISBHF.

#### 2.8. Failure to participate in an official ISBHF tournament or other events sanctioned by the ISBHF

- 1) A fine should be put into force to participate in international tournaments or other events sanctioned by ISBHF.
  - 2) Any NA or club withdraws more than ninety (90) days from the starting date, shall be subject to a fine of 50% of the tournament entry fee.
  - 3) Should such withdrawal take place less than ninety (90) days but more than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the official ISBHF tournament, the NA or club shall pay a fine of 100% of the tournament entry fee.
  - 4) Any withdrawal taking place during the thirty (30) days prior to the start of official ISBHF tournament shall pay a fine of 100% of the tournament entry fee, an additional fine up to maximum of 5000 EUR-, in addition to a potential suspension from ISBHF sanctioned tournaments or other events sanction by the ISBHF. This discipline or further disciplines shall be imposed by the ISBHF Board of Directors.
  - 5) Withdrawal during an official ISBHF tournament shall be punished by:
    - a) A fine of minimum EUR 5000 for NA events and EUR 2500 for club team events.
    - b) Suspension from ISBHF sanctioned tournaments or other events sanctioned by the ISBHF for minimum of two (2) years.
    - c) 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.
    - d) This discipline or further disciplines shall be imposed by the ISBHF Board of Directors
  - 6) Repeated offenses by an NA or club shall be subject to a potential suspension from ISBHF sanctioned tournaments or other events sanctioned by the ISBHF. This discipline or further disciplines shall be imposed by the ISBHF Board of Directors on a case by case basis.
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## 2.9. Failure to participate in private or friendly matches between ISBHF member nations or clubs

- 1) 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. A signed agreement must be in place to enforce the aforementioned regulation. If a withdrawal takes place, a fine will be imposed, and the participant is to reimburse the Organizer for all expenses borne for the withdrawing team. The fine and the discipline shall be imposed by the ISBHF Board of Directors.
- 2) 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.
- 3) In case of single or double game, or entire tournament games, 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.

## 2.10. Failure to organize ISBHF competition

Any NA 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 the ISBHF as follows:

- a) Fine of minimum EUR 10,000-.
- b) Suspension from international participation for minimum one (1) years.
- c) A minimum of three (3) years interdiction to organise international competitions other than test games.

## II.3. 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 Articles and the Regulations and may be imposed by a Directorate, the Disciplinary Committee or the ISBHF Board in accordance with the provision or the ISBHF Regulations approved by the Conference and other Regulations established by the ISBHF Board from time to time.

### 3.1. Automatic (Direct) Sanctions

- 1) 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.

### 3.2. Sanctions imposed by a Directorate

- 1) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of competition (or tournament) to which they apply is concerned.
- 2) 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 ISBHF Board to impose heavier sanctions.
- 3) 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:

Against national teams and clubs:

- a) Reprimand
- b) Warning
- c) Loss of match by 0-5
- d) Penalization in standings and exclusion from the competition.

Against managers of delegation, physicians, coaches, players and referees:

- a) Reprimand
  - b) Warning
  - c) Disqualification for one or more matches (against coaches and players).
  - d) Suspension for entire tournament
- 4) 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 or ISBHF Board an application of additional sanctions.
  - 5) 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.
  - 6) 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.
  - 7) 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 at the initial venue, who hears the opinion of the Referee-in-Chief and/or match officials 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 at the venue.
  - 8) 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.
  - 9) The Directorate shall make a decision on the appeal within the following twenty-four (24) hours.
  - 10) The disciplinary sanctions called for under Chapter II, article 6.2 c) of these Regulations can be imposed solely by the Directorate.

### 3.3. Sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board

- 1) The ISBHF Board may impose the sanctions provided for in Chapter I, article 1.1 - 1.3 and Chapter II, 4.
  - 2) All sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee.
  - 3) 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.
  - 4) Such revision by the Board of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee.
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Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, 8 of these regulations.

### 3.4. Sanctions imposed by a NA

- 1) 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

### III.1. 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 ISBHF Board, the NA's and relevant ISBHF institutions.

### III.2. APPEALS

#### 2.1. Appeal Committee

The ISBHF Appeal Committee is a three-person commission of individuals formed by the ISBHF Board. The ISBHF Board determines the length of term for the Appeal Committee.

#### 2.2. Validity

All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Tournament Directorate or the ISBHF Board has been made.

#### 2.3. 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

#### 2.4. Appeal delivery

- 1) All appeals shall be sent through the actual National Association.
- 2) The appeal shall be sent to the office of ISBHF within 14 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.
- 3) The appeal shall be accompanied by deposit of:
  - a) EUR 100- for an appeal against a warning or a fine.
  - b) EUR 500- in any other case.
- 4) In case of received appeal, the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the following deadlines:
  - a) For fines, a date shall be communicated in 14 days by the Appeal Committee with the party concerned.

- b) For discharge or suspensions given by the ISBHF Board in the first instance, the deadline shall be a maximum of 14 days following receipt of the appeal and the appropriate deposit at the office of ISBHF
  - c) For sanctions imposed by the Directorate latest before the next game of the appealing team.
- 5) If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded.

### III.3. PUBLICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF A DECISION

When rendering their decisions, the jurisdictional body:

- 1) Shall not suspend or delay their decision. This includes not suspending or delaying a decision on the basis of notice received that a defence statement is forthcoming.
- 2) Shall communicate the sanction by email, except in the case of those sanctions imposed during a competition, which shall be in-person and by email to the head of the delegations involved.
- 3) Persons or team subjected to procedures of discipline may send to the judging body, prior to its meeting, statements setting forth their defence.
- 4) At a meeting called for such specific purpose or at their first subsequent meeting, the jurisdictional bodies shall evaluate the evidence and make their decision.
- 5) Sanction shall become effective after notification to the party involved.
- 6) With the exception of simple admonitions, sanctions shall be published by the ISBHF.

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## 4 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### I. GENERAL

#### I.1. GENERAL

- 1) ISBHF Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with ISBHF Competition Regulations, ISBHF Juridical Regulations and ISBHF Rulebook.
- 2) All ISBHF member associations are entitled to participate and to apply to organize ISBHF Championships and Tournaments.
- 3) The organizers of ISBHF sanctioned venues are appointed by the ISBHF Conference.
- 4) The responsibilities of the organizers are detailed in the ISBHF Event Handbook.

### II. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

#### II.1. TYPES OF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

##### 1.1. World Championships Tournaments

World Championship for National Teams  
Junior World Championship for National Teams  
Masters World Championship for National Teams  
World Cup for Club Teams

##### 1.2. Continental Championship Tournaments

Continental Championship for National Teams  
Continental Championship for Junior National Teams  
Continental Championship for Masters National Teams  
Continental Cup for Club Teams

##### 1.3. National Tournaments

Tournaments for National Teams  
Tournaments for Club Teams  
Games for National Teams  
Games for Club Teams

##### 1.4. Type of sanctioned tournaments

The tournaments detailed in 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 are allowed to be played in the following format:  
5+1, 4+1, 3+1

#### II.2. DEFINITION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

##### 2.1. World Championship Tournaments

- 1) World Championship Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organized by a national association (organizer) which is appointed by the ISBHF Conference a minimum 18 months in advance.
- 2) ISBHF enters into a written agreement with the organizer regarding the tournament organization. The written agreement will detail the prerequisite, responsibilities of the organizer to be directed by the ISBHF and governed by the ISBHF Event Handbook.

- 3) The organizer may contract a third party to arrange the tournament, but the responsibility cannot be transferred in this manner.
- 4) A World Championship Tournament is an event in which national or club teams of more than one continent take part.

## 2.2. Continental Championship Tournaments

- 1) Continental Championship Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of ISBHF. They are organized by a national association (organizer) which is appointed by the ISBHF Conference or the ISBHF Board a minimum 12 months in advance.
- 2) ISBHF enters into a written agreement with the organizer regarding the tournament organization. The written agreement will detail the prerequisite, responsibilities of the organizer to be directed by the ISBHF and governed by the ISBHF Event Handbook.
- 3) The organizer may contract a third party to arrange the tournament, but the responsibility cannot be transferred in this manner.
- 4) A Continental Championship Tournament is an event in which national or club teams of only one continent take part.

## 2.3. National Tournaments

- 1) National Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of the either ISBHF or the organizing national association. Tournaments which are under the jurisdiction of the ISBHF are organized by a national association (organizer) which is appointed by the ISBHF Conference or the ISBHF Board a minimum 9 months in advance.
- 2) The organizer may contract a third party to arrange the tournament, but the responsibility cannot be transferred in this manner.

## II.3. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS TIME PLAN

- 1) ISBHF shall stage World Championship tournaments every second year.
- 2) ISBHF Continental Championship Tournaments could be staged annually.
- 3) ISBHF National Tournaments could be staged annually.
- 4) The calendar of events shall be determined by the ISBHF.

## II.4. LENGTH OF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

- 1) ISBHF Men's World Championships shall be contested over a period no longer than 9 days.
    - a) 10-Team A-Pool = maximum 9 days
    - b) 8-Team A-Pool = maximum 8 days
    - c) 6-Team A-Pool = maximum 7 days
  - 2) ISBHF Women's World Championships shall be contested over a period no longer than 7 days.
  - 3) ISBHF Junior World Championships shall be contested over a period no longer than 5 days.
  - 4) ISBHF Junior World Cup shall be contested over a period no longer than 4 days.
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- 5) ISBHF Men's Masters World Championships shall be contested over a period no longer than 5 days.
  - 6) ISBHF Women's Masters World Championships shall be contested over a period no longer than 5 days.

## II.5. RULES

- 1) The official ISBHF Rulebook governs the rules used in ISBHF Championships and Tournaments.

## II.6. PROTECTION

- 1) Only one World or Continental Championship may take place at the same time.

## II.7. PRACTICE DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

- 1) Teams are entitled to at least one hour-long 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 organizer conditions.
- 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.
- 3) Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

# III. PLAYING SYSTEM

## III.1. PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) The World Championship shall be played, in principle, in two divisions. Division into further divisions may be decided after deadline for registration. ISBHF Technical Committee may be entitled by the ISBHF Conference to modify the playing system if necessary.
- 2) The A-Division shall consist of a maximum of ten teams.
- 3) The A-Division shall ideally be played in two groups of even number of 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

Champion  
4<sup>th</sup> placed team  
5<sup>th</sup> placed team  
8<sup>th</sup> placed team  
9<sup>th</sup> placed team

### Group 2

2<sup>nd</sup> placed team  
3<sup>rd</sup> placed team  
6<sup>th</sup> placed team  
7<sup>th</sup> placed team  
10<sup>th</sup> placed team

- 4) 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.

- 5) The B-Division shall consist of the remaining teams registered for participation; the teams qualified for the A-Division excepted.
- 6) 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.
- 7) The groups are decided by each team playing each other once within the group, where 3 points are awarded for a regulation win, 2 point for an overtime/shoot-out win, 1 point for an overtime/shoot-out loss and 0 points for a regulation loss.
- 8) The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
  - a) The total number of points.
  - b) If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included if necessary, shall be decisive.
  - c) If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
  - d) If the ranking cannot be decided by the internal matches, the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
  - e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
  - f) If two teams are definitely clear equal after their last game in the group, and the above categories do not decide the final ranking, then a shoot-out shall take place amongst the competing teams at the end of the group play.
  - g) If three teams are definitely clear equal after their last game in the group, and the above categories do not decide the final ranking, then the final ranking shall be decided by their world ranking at the time of tournament entry. The world ranking is defined by the entry seedings at Championship or Tournament entry.

### III.2. CONTINUED PLAY AFTER GROUP MATCHES

1) Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows:

#### 2.1. 10-Team Championship or Tournament (A-Division & B-Division)

##### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

##### QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

Quarter-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 1 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 2 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1

Quarter-final 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 2 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 1

##### SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of Semi-final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

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## CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Winner of Semi-final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

## PLACEMENT ROUND

### 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

### 7<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

5<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1 and 5<sup>th</sup> place of Group 2 shall be relegated to the B-Division.

## B-DIVISION SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked 5<sup>th</sup> Place finisher in A-Division v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked 5<sup>th</sup> Place finisher in A-Division v 1<sup>st</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

## B-DIVISION 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of B-Division Semi-final 1 v Loser of B-Division of Semi-final 2

## B-DIVISION FINAL

Winner of B-Division Semi-final 1 v Winner of B-Division of Semi-final 2

The two teams in the B-Division final shall be promoted to A-Division.

## B-DIVISION PLACEMENT MATCHES

### 13<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

### 15<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division v 6<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

## 2.2. 10-Team Tournament

## CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

### QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

Quarter-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 1 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 2 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1

Quarter-final 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 2 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 1

### SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

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Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner  
Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of Semi-final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Winner of Semi-final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

PLACEMENT ROUND

5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

7<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

9<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1 v 5<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

2.3. 10-Team Tournament (Junior)

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 1 v 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 2

3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 2

5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 2

7<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

9<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1 v 5<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

2.4. 8-Team Tournament (A-Division & B-Division)

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

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## QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

Quarter-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 1 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2  
Quarter-final 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 2 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1  
Quarter-final 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 2  
Quarter-final 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 2 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 1

## SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner  
Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

## 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of Semi-final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

## CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Winner of Semi-final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

## PLACEMENT ROUND

### 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser shall be relegated to the B-Division.

## B-DIVISION SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser in A-Division v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division  
Semi-final 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser in A-Division v 1<sup>st</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

## B-DIVISION 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of B-Division Semi-final 1 v Loser of B-Division of Semi-final 2

## B-DIVISION FINAL

Winner of B-Division Semi-final 1 v Winner of B-Division of Semi-final 2

The two teams in the B-Division final shall be promoted to A-Division.

## B-DIVISION PLACEMENT MATCHES

### 11<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

### 13<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division v 6<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher in B-Division

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## 2.5. 8-Team Tournament

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

#### QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

Quarter-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 1 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Group 2 v 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Group 1

Quarter-final 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 1 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 2

Quarter-final 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Group 2 v 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Group 1

#### SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner v 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Winner

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of Semi-final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Winner of Semi-final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

### PLACEMENT ROUND

#### 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

1<sup>st</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

#### 7<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Quarter-final Loser

## 2.6. 6-Team Tournament

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

#### SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Semi-final 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> ranked finisher v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher

Semi-final 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked finisher v 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked finisher

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

Loser of Semi-final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Winner of Semi-final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

### PLACEMENT ROUND

## 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher v 6<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher

## 2.7. 6-Team Tournament (Junior)

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

1<sup>st</sup> ranked finisher v 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked finisher

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked finisher v 4<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher

#### 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE MATCH

5<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher v 6<sup>th</sup> ranked finisher

- 2) The above-mentioned matches shall, when ending with a draw, be settled according to the ISBHF Rulebook concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots.
  - 3) The Technical Committee is entitled to modify the system for each Championship.
  - 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.
  - 5) The team listed first is the home team having the choice of sweater colour and home team players' bench.
  - 6) When the teams play each other more than once in a preliminary round, the home team will be reversed.
  - 7) The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least the following time between the start of matches being played on the same rink:
    - a) Masters: 1 hour 30 minutes
    - b) Juniors: 2 hours
    - c) Seniors: 2 hours and 20 minutes (TV matches 2 hours and 40 minutes)
  - 8) In principle, there must be at least 4 hours between the end of a game and the start of another game for the same team.
  - 9) Whenever possible, a team that has played the last match on one day should not play the first match of the following day.
  - 10) The ISBHF Technical Committee is entitled to modify any of the above, should the circumstances warrant. During the Championship or Tournament, the Tournament Directorate is entitled to modify any of the above should the circumstances warrant.
  - 11) 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.
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12) Teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before start of a match.

## **IV. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS PARTICIPATION**

### **IV.1. PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- 1) All ISBHF member associations may apply to participate in an ISBHF Championship or Tournament. ISBHF may invite other nations with active street/ball hockey programs.
- 2) The registration shall be made on the official ISBHF Tournament Application Form. The Application form and payment of the Entry fee, which is set by ISBHF Board of Directors, shall be forwarded to the ISBHF latest on date announced on the application form.
- 3) A registered team that withdraws from the championship shall be sanctioned according to the ISBHF Juridical Regulations.
- 4) Costs for travel to and from the arrival city, boarding and lodging shall be borne by each participating team.
- 5) Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

### **IV.2. NATIONAL TEAMS PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS**

The following regulations 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 Championship or Tournament organised by the ISBHF or play an international match against a nation which is an ISBHF member.

#### **2.1. Player Recognition**

- 1) A player, whether he/she plays or not, is officially recognized as a confirmed National Team player if he/she is named on the official tournament roster.

#### **2.2. Player Eligibility**

- 1) Only players with citizenship of the own nation (passports or ID-cards), players with eligibility defined as ISBHF-approved player identification (valid resident permit, work visa or student visa valid for a period of at least 365 days), or players under the ISBHF-approved Heritage / Non-Resident player rule shall be eligible to represent the nation in a Championship or an ISBHF sanctioned Tournament for national teams.
- 2) Any player with a multiple citizenship cannot play for more than one nation in any calendar year with regards to Championships or Tournaments, subject to 2 years waiting period before being eligible to play for another nation.
- 3) Any player, other than a Junior player, who participates for a second nation is not eligible to return to play for the original nation in all future Championships and Tournaments, except for Masters Championships and Tournaments

#### **2.3. Age Regulations for Men's and Juniors Male Championships and Tournaments**

- 1) To be allowed to participate in an international game:
    - a) A player is automatically eligible if he belongs in the age category of the game/tournament
    - b) A player is automatically eligible if he belongs in one age category below the age level of the game/tournament
    - c) A player is eligible, if approved by ISBHF Board, if he belongs into two age categories below the age level of the game/tournament
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- d) A player is not eligible if he belongs into three or more age categories below the age level of the game/tournament

#### 2.4. Heritage / Non-Resident Players

- 1) If the player is not a citizen or a resident of the country he is representing, he must forward an individual passport to prove his identity and participate under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation.
- 2) A player under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation must provide authentic documentation or secondary proof that his or her ascendants to a second degree are originally from their status nation. A parent or grandparent are direct ascendants of first and second degree. Players under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation 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.
- 3) An authentic document is one which serves proof by its presentation alone, or a copy which has been certified by a Commissioner of Oath, such as notaries, lawyers, medical doctors, chartered accountants, law enforcement officials, clergy, etc.
- 4) A secondary proof can serve to solidify the players heritage in the persons family name as per his/her residence with aforementioned copy or authentic documentation.
- 5) 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 under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation.
- 6) Players under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation 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.
- 7) Championship and Tournament rosters are to be submitted 30 days prior to tournament to confirm Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation eligibility.

#### 2.5. Grandfathering

- 1) The Grandfathering exception provision is granted to Non-Resident Nations upon attainment of the stipulations listed in the Requirements stated below. All stipulations shall operate on a continuous basis and to be reviewed annually by ISBHF.
- 2) The Grandfathering of players refers to an individual player under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation distinction who has represented the non-resident national team at the 2019 ISBHF World Championships, or in previous ISBHF World Championships and shall be allowed to continue to represent that non-resident national team at future ISBHF World Championships.
- 3) The recognition of an individual Grandfathered player shall be a one-time event in advance of the 2022 ISBHF World Men's & Women's Championships.
- 4) All Non-Resident Nations with intention to recruit Grandfathered players, to represent their nation shall submit one complete list of the player's name and details in writing to the ISBHF for approval before 30 June 2021. The decision shall be determined by ISBHF Technical Committee, upon review of the attainment of the stipulations listed in the Requirements / Stipulation stated below (NSO compliance attainment).

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Requirements / Stipulation: Non-resident organization shall formally establish itself as a non-profit organization within the non-resident nation and shall provide proof of Annual General Meeting (AGM), Constitution, Elected Board of Directors (BOD), Proof of Financials, and Proof of Non-Profit. Establish a non-resident social media and website for the purpose of further promotion and growth of the program.

To further prove NSO compliance, the website shall present that the organisation is NSO compliant – presenting that the organisation is a non-profit, has a Constitution, Elected BOD, and held an AGM.

- 5) All supporting documentation towards the Requirements / Stipulation shall be submitted to the ISBHF for review and decision for approval before 30 June 2021. ISBHF's decision shall be final.
- 6) Compliance with the above Requirements / Stipulation shall grant the participating nation additional 2 players under the Heritage / Non-Resident player regulation.

#### IV.3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

- 1) Participating teams are entitled to use a maximum of 22 players, 3 goalkeepers and 7 officials in a Championship or Tournament.
- 2) Participating teams must use a minimum of 15 players, 2 goalkeepers and 2 officials in a Championship or Tournament.
- 3) Participating teams in a 3+1 format are entitled to use a maximum of 14 players, 3 goalkeepers and 7 officials in a Championship or Tournament.
- 4) Participating teams must use a minimum of 9 players, 2 goalkeepers and 2 officials in a Championship or Tournament.
- 5) 30 days before the first day of the Championship or Tournament, 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. 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 or Tournament. Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after an application to the ISBHF Technical Director.
- 6) The official tournament roster must be submitted together with Player Entry forms and ISBHF-approved player identification (passports, valid resident permit, work visa or student visa) to the Directorate for controlling the registration, by the respective Directorate member, on the eve of the tournament, latest by midnight local time. The Player Entry form is only accepted if signed by the player and his NA.
- 7) A maximum of 22 players, 2 goalkeepers and 7 officials (14 players, 2 goalkeepers and 7 officials for the 3+1 format) 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.
- 8) 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.

#### IV.4. PLAYERS' UNIFORMS

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- 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 Rulebook.
- 2) 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, unless approved by the Directorate.
- 3) 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.
- 4) If two teams have the same main colour on their uniforms, the team listed as the visiting team shall be responsible for changing jersey colours.

#### IV.5. DOPING

- 1) When taking decisions, the valid ISBHF Juridical Regulations stipulated in section II. Sports Sanctions are applicable.

#### IV.6. PROTEST

- 1) When taking decisions, the valid ISBHF Juridical Regulations are applicable.
- 2) The intention to protest shall be noted in the Official Game Report directly after the match and the protest shall be handed in to Directorate within 120 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 3) Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in 120 minutes before the start of the match concerned.
- 4) A protest must be written, signed and accompanied by the amount of EUR 200- to be confirmed received by the Directorate, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.
- 5) The Directorate must render an official decision regarding the protest within 24 hours of receipt of prior to the next scheduled game of the protesting team, whichever is earlier.

### **V. CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

#### V.1. CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORATE

- 1) The Directorate is a temporary executive body of the ISBHF with the responsibility for conducting the ISBHF Championships and Tournaments.
  - 2) The Directorate shall have an odd number of members (3 or 5), and be comprised of:  
One or more of: ISBHF President, ISBHF Vice-President, ISBHF Technical Director (one of these will serve as Directorate Chairman), or a person designated by the ISBHF President. In case of ISBHF sanctioned national tournaments, the ISBHF President designates the Chairman.  
One or more of: ISBHF Referee-in-Chief, or in case of absence of ISBHF Referee-in-Chief, the Head Referee determined by the ISBHF Referee-in-Chief is part of the Directorate.  
One individual representing the Tournament Organizing Committee
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- 3) In the Directorate, each member has one vote. In the case of equality of tied voting, the Directorate Chairman must cast the deciding vote.
- 4) The Directorate shall be responsible for:
  - a) controlling the eligibility of the players
  - b) control of the organizer's responsibility
  - c) ruling on all disciplinary and technical matters during the tournament
  - d) awarding cups, medals, awards
  - e) confirming the nominations of player awards
  - f) selecting the recipients of individual awards of the tournament and sanctioning any other awards
  - g) dealing with protests and appeals against protests
- 5) The first Directorate meeting is mandatory and will be held on the eve of the tournament. Each participating nation must have a representative attend this meeting. The agenda should include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a) A short welcome by the Directorate and the Organizer
  - b) Addresses, e-mail, telephone number of the Head Office of the competition, the venues, the teams, officials and hotels
  - c) Rules of the game
  - d) Transportation arrangements to and from the matches and practice arenas
  - e) Opening and closing ceremonies, formalities, place and time
  - f) Places reserved for teams in the spectator's areas
  - g) Press conferences and times
  - h) Briefing for the officials and referees
  - i) The procedure before and after each match
  - j) A complete list of the Directorate, Organizing Committee and Referee-in-Chiefs
  - k) The ISBHF list of teams' uniforms in the matches (each team shall have two sets of jerseys, one dark and one light)
  - l) ISBHF advertisement strips
- 6) Other meetings may be held if necessary. The Directorate Chairman or his deputy are responsible for call of the meeting.
- 7) The organizers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 8) The heads of delegations or their representatives are obliged to attend other meetings scheduled by the Directorate.
- 9) The Chairman of the Directorate will send a written report to the ISBHF Office within 21 days after the completion of the championship.

## **V.2. REFEREES**

- 1) All matters concerning referees in ISBHF Championships and Tournaments shall be dealt with by the ISBHF Referee-in-Chief(s).

## **VI. ARENA AND SERVICES**

### **VI.1. ARENA AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE ARENA**

- 1) The arena and infrastructure in the arena shall be governed according to the official ISBHF Event Handbook and ISBHF Rulebook.

### **VI.2. RINK**

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- 1) The rink in the arena shall be governed according to the official ISBHF Rulebook.

## **VII. OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **VII.1. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Directorate and / or the ISBHF Board of Directors 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.

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## 5 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

### I. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

#### I.1. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

- 1) The ISBHF Board appoints and dismisses the ISBHF Financial Director by a majority vote.

### II. MEMBERSHIP FEES

#### II.1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

- 1) Each Member Association of the ISBHF is liable to an annual membership fee.
- 2) The membership fee must be paid by due date on invoice in the given year.
- 3) Membership fee for each National Association is confirmed by the ISBHF Board.
- 4) ISBHF will issue an invoice to the National Association with a due date at the end of a particular year at the latest.

#### II.2. MEMBERSHIP FEE LEVELS

Level	EUR	Note
IV	3,600	Full Membership
III	800	ISBHF Member
II	100	Developing Member
I	0	New Members

### III. ISBHF TOURNAMENTS

#### III.1. PARTICIPATION / ENTRY FEE

- 1) 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:

Senior World Championships Men's, Women's and Masters (WC & WWC & WMC)

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 Board.

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 Board.

World & Continental Cup

The entry fee will be established by the ISBHF Board.

The entry fee will be a minimum 300 EUR.

## IV. ISBHF WORK

### IV.1. GENERAL

- 1) ISBHF financially supports travel and accommodation for persons of ISBHF service.
- 2) ISBHF Board members who have official duties at ISBHF venues receive a subsidy for travelling, accommodation and daily allowances.

### IV.2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation (Economy class)	Accommodation per night (1)	Daily Allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
ISBHF Vice-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.

### IV.3. SEMI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation (Economy class)	Accommodation per night (1)	Daily Allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
ISBHF Vice-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.

### IV.4. ISBHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation (Economy class)	Accommodation per night (1)	Daily Allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
ISBHF Vice-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
Referee-in-Chief	Fully covered	Tournament Host	30 EUR

'Honoured' Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation
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Notes:

- (1) ISBHF staff is provided with accommodation 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.

#### IV.5. OTHER ISBHF TOURNAMENTS (CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS)

Costs are covered accordingly:

	Transportation (Economy class)	Accommodation per night (1)	Daily Allowance per day (2)
ISBHF President / 1 Board Member responsible for tournament	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Secretary	Fully covered	Up to 50 EUR	30 EUR
Referees-in-Chief	Fully covered	Tournament Host	30 EUR
'Honoured' Guest	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation	Prior to ISBHF BOD confirmation

Notes:

- (1) ISBHF staff is provided with accommodation 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.

#### IV.6. ISBHF TOURNAMENT SUPPORT

Each ISBHF tournament host is entitled to receive financial support from the ISBHF to assist the organisation of the tournament, according to the table below. All entry fees must pass via the ISBHF bank account.

Type of tournament	Category	% of total Entry fees
World Championship	Men	25
	Women	50
	Juniors	70
	Masters	25
Continental Championship	Men	25
	Women	50
	Juniors	70
	Masters	25
Club Tournament	World Cup for Clubs	70
	Continental Cup for Clubs	70

### V. COMMITTEES

#### V.1. ISBHF COMMITTEES

- 1) The travel and accommodation cost for a Director of an ISBHF Committee shall, as far as the ISBHF approved budget allows, be paid for by ISBHF.
- 2) The travel and accommodation cost for the members of the ISBHF Committees shall, as far as the ISBHF approved budget allows, be paid by ISBHF.

- 3) ISBHF Committees shall have in-person meetings only after the approval of the ISBHF Board.
- 4) 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 the budget may only be made by the ISBHF Board.
- 5) A balance statement and an intermediate financial report should be made by each ISBHF Committee to the ISBHF Financial Director at least twice a year.

## V.2. HOTEL BOOKINGS

- 1) The bookings for ISBHF meetings and ISBHF Committee meetings shall be booked via the ISBHF Office and must be confirmed by the ISBHF Financial Director.
- 2) 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.

## VI. REFEREES

### VI.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 venue	Accommodation (2)	Daily Allowance per day (3)
World Men's and Women's Championships	2 overseas referees paid by ISBHF per tournament. Others paid by NA.	Paid by Tournament Host, With breakfast, min. **, two referees sharing a room.	30 EUR, Paid by ISBHF.
Junior Championships	2 overseas referees paid by ISBHF per tournament, if required. Others paid by NA.	Paid by Tournament Host, With breakfast, min. **, two referees sharing a room.	30 EUR, Paid by ISBHF.
Masters Championships	No overseas referees. Referees paid by NA.	Paid by Tournament Host, With breakfast, min. **, two referees sharing a room.	30 EUR, Paid by ISBHF.
Continental Championships / Club Tournaments (1)	1 overseas referee paid by ISBHF per tournament, if required. Others paid by NA.	Paid by Tournament Host, With breakfast, min. **, two referees sharing a room.	30 EUR, Paid by ISBHF.

Notes:

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

## **VII. ANNUAL BUDGET AND BOOK-KEEPING**

### **VII.1. ANNUAL BUDGET AND BOOK-KEEPING**

- 1) ISBHF Annual Budget is approved at the ISBHF Annual Conference, Semi-Annual Conference or Emergency Conference.
- 2) Each income or expenditure must be identified by code.
- 3) The accounting is to be kept in double-entry book-keeping.
- 4) The audited financial report is to be submitted at the ISBHF Annual Conference by the ISBHF Financial Director for approval by the Conference.

## **VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **VIII.1. INTERNATIONAL BANK TRANSFERS**

- 1) The payer (e.g., when sending the ISBHF Membership fee) takes over any bank transfer fee.
- 2) Code OUR must be used by the payer of the international bank transfer (The OUR instruction means that the payer pays all transfer charges).

### **VIII.2. REIMBURSEMENT SHEETS**

- 1) Reimbursement sheets must be sent in an open Excel form to the ISBHF Financial Director
- 2) After confirmation by the ISBHF Financial Director, the form must be signed by the claimant, scanned and sent back to the ISBHF Financial Director in PDF format.

### **VIII.3. TRAVEL COSTS**

- 1) The mileage for private car use is 0.20 EUR/km or 0.30 EUR/mile.



## 6 TRANSFER REGULATIONS

### I. GENERAL

#### I.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1) A player is a person considered to belong to a club in an ISBHF Member National Association.
- 2) A player can only be licensed for one club at a time.
- 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 the ISBHF.
- 4) The National Associations should have a reference to the ISBHF Transfer Regulations in their own transfer regulations.

#### I.2. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER FORM

- 1) A transfer shall be carried out on the official ISBHF International Transfer Form, hereafter the transfer form. The ISBHF Office may provide transfer forms via email.

#### I.3. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

- 1) The administrative fee for a transfer is EUR 100 plus the bank transfer fee and shall be paid to ISBHF by the applicant.

#### I.4. TRANSFER PERIOD

- 1) A transfer period shall be in accordance with the regulations of both involved National Associations.

#### I.5. TRANSFER VALIDITY

- 1) A transfer shall be made valid by the ISBHF within 7 days after receiving the completed International Transfer Form or the administrative fee, whichever arrives later.

### II. PLAYER STATUS

#### II.1. PLAYER STATUS

- 1) A player is free to transfer, and cannot be hindered by the giving club, unless the player:
  - a) is under a valid written contract; or
  - b) has an obligation to the giving club; or
  - c) is under suspension of National Association or its bodies; or
  - d) has financial obligations to the National Association.
- 2) 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.
- 3) A player not having played for at least two years in an ISBHF National Association remains subject to an international transfer. No administrative fee shall be applied.
- 4) The signature of the giving club is to confirm the above.

### III. TRANSFER PROCEDURE

#### III.1. TRANSFER PROCEDURE

- 1) The transfer form shall first be signed by the player and the receiving club, and then be handed over to the giving club.
- 2) If the giving club agrees upon the transfer or is not entitled to hinder the player's transfer, the giving club shall sign the transfer form and hand it over to the receiving club within 7 days.
- 3) If the giving club does not agree upon the transfer or is entitled to hinder the player's transfer, the giving club shall hand the transfer form over to the receiving club within 7 days with a written statement of the reason not to sign the transfer form.
- 4) When the transfer form is correctly signed by the player, receiving club and giving club, the receiving club shall send the transfer form to the National Association of the giving club for approval.
- 5) The National Association of the giving club shall approve or disapprove the transfer form and hand it over to the ISBHF Office within 14 days.
- 6) 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 to hinder the player to transfer, the National Association of the giving club shall approve the transfer and hand it over to the ISBHF Office.
- 7) When the transfer form is approved by the National Association of the giving club, the receiving club shall pay the administrative fee to the ISBHF.
- 8) Decision on transfers shall be made by the ISBHF Office within 7 days after receiving the transfer form approved by the National Association of the giving club or the administrative fee, whichever arrives later.
- 9) Cases of delay or disputes in regard to transfers should be raised to the respective National Associations and the ISBHF Office.

#### III.2. APPEAL

- 1) An Appeal against a transfer decision shall be dealt with by the ISBHF Appeal Committee. (see section III. 2 of the ISBHF Juridical Regulations)
- 2) The ISBHF Appeal Committee shall decide within 14 days after the Appeal is received by the ISBHF Office.
- 3) The decision of the Appeal Committee is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the Appeal Committee.

#### III.3. ARBITRATION

- 1) If a conflict arises in regard to a transfer matter, the dispute shall be settled by a three-person Arbitration commission of non-involved countries.
- 2) The three-person Arbitration commission of non-involved countries shall decide within 14 days after the conflict matter is received by the ISBHF Office.

- 3) The decision of the Arbitration commission is final. No appeals may be lodged against the decision of the Arbitration commission.

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## 7 ANNEX

### I. SHARED MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

§1 This framework governs ball hockey cooperation between the resident and the non-resident organizations of the same nation. There exists the possibility that more than one non-resident organization shall have cooperation with the resident organization.

Resident players are defined as players who hold National Citizenship and Passport or a non-citizen lawfully living in that nation. Once that non-citizen leaves the nation and no longer possess the status, he will not be eligible to represent that nation.

Non-Resident Players are also referred to as *Heritage Players*. They consist of players holding Canadian or other passports and do not hold National Citizenship & Passport. At least one grandparent or parent shall have National Citizenship & Ancestry. This player must apply to ISBHF & demonstrate proof of National Citizenship & Ancestry. The ISBHF's ruling shall be final.

§2 This framework applies, whenever there is a resident and a non-resident organizations from the same nation that are members of the ISBHF or want to become members. It does not apply for nations when the national resident federation is already recognized by the highest national sports body as well as for nations with resident federations that regularly participate in ISBHF world championships

§3 It is possible, that the SMA of one nation in ISBHF is shared by a resident and non-resident organizations for an initial duration of ten years with an option to renew the SMA for two additional terms of five years to achieve the objectives of the SMA. At the end of this period, the organizations shall merge or dissolve and a single entity shall reside in the country the federation it represents. The details of the shared membership will be outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (see §7).

§4 The new nation membership shall be defined as Growing Memberships as per ISBHF COMPETITION REGULATIONS NATIONAL TEAMS, § 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS, Para 3.4 (ii) GM – Growing Memberships, the member nation shall be placed in the GM Category. All other terms and conditions stated in § 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS remain.

§5 The SMA must be accepted by the ISBHF Board. To be accepted, the conditions outlined in this framework shall apply.

§6 To comply with ISBHF's directive to attain GAISF membership, ISBHF resident member nations are required to adopt NSO structures including the following:

1. Non-Profit Organization
2. Constitution
3. Democratic Elected Board
4. Annual General Meeting
5. Annual Financials
6. Active participation at ISBHF World Championship or Continentals
7. Active social media and marketing campaign for the purpose of further promotion and growth of the program

Furthermore, each organization shall have a Constitution and each a Board of at least three persons or the numbers of board members as required by the national law the organization resides. It is possible and when permitted by national laws governing the structure and the format of a sports federation, acceptable for representatives from the non-resident

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organization to be in the board of the resident federation and vice-versa or as an advisory role to that board. However, the board members of the non-resident federation shall not have the majority of votes in the board of the resident federation. In the first year of a shared membership, it is acceptable, that the resident nation federation does not have a formalized structure yet. With the beginning of the second year, such a structure shall be incorporated.

§7 The organizations have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ruling their cooperation in accordance with the dispositions laid down in this framework. The MOU must contain at least the following aspects:

- Clarification of ISBHF membership level for the member federation,
- Share cost structure of the financial responsibilities towards ISBHF (see §12), in its own nation and to any other sports authorities (if applicable),
- Regular quarterly written communications and updates to ISBHF Board,
- Principles of engagement and cooperation (to be specially defined in the Work Plan see §8),
- Regular attendance and voting at ISBHF conferences,
- Regular participation at ISBHF events at world and continental level,
- Regularly update list of the responsible persons from resident and the non-resident organizations including a single authorized point of contact from each organization,
- Responsibilities for the annual written status report submitted to ISBHF Board (see §10) shall be the resident organization,
- Conflict solving process shall be presented to ISBHF who shall be tasked to act as arbitrator, its findings and resolution shall be adopted by SMA.
- Other dispositions might be included.
- All supporting documentation shall be submitted to the ISBHF Board of Directors for review.

§8 The federation shall provide a Work Plan outlining the development in the home nation containing at least the following aspects:

- Master plan with verifiable actions, key dates, milestones, expectations and deliverables by all parties,
- Knowledge transfer activities including formal training and clinics, seminars, non-resident coaches traveling to the home nation, exchange programs and other activities for the purpose of development and promotion,
- Equipment to be transferred if any,
- Timeline and actions for the introduction of resident players, coaches and managers into teams for world championships,
- Steps for the transition from the shared membership to the resident federation becoming the sole member of ISBHF within the duration of the SMA including the ongoing status of the non-resident organizations within the resident federation at the end of the process.
- If no such plan exists at the occasion of the signing of the MOU the ISBHF Board may, at its own prerogative, accept a SMA on provisional basis for not longer than one year. With the condition that a plan is drawn, agreed and delivered to ISBHF for review and approval upon which the SMA is fully implemented and executed within a prescribe time frame.

§9 The IDC shall review the SMA including the MOU and the Work Plan and any other additional submissions, then submit to the ISBHF Board its recommendation to accept, to accept on a provisional basis or to decline the proposed SMA. All supporting documentation shall be submitted to the ISBHF Board of Directors for review.

§10 The federation shall submit an annual joint report to the IDC describing in detail the past year's activities and events and fulfilment of MOU terms and conditions and timelines stated in the Work Plan from that year. The report should also describe the upcoming year's event and activities, and target attainments in accordance to the MOU and Work Plan. Upon its

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satisfaction, the IDC shall submit to the ISBHF Board for presentation and approval. A preliminary draft shall be submitted to the IDC not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December. The final report is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year or a date prescribed by the IDC.

§11 Participation in ISBHF Championships. A team representing the nation and participating at ISBHF World Championship and Continental Championship shall follow the terms and conditions as follows:

- ISBHF Competition Regulations National Teams, §3 Qualification of Players and Officials, Para. 3.9 Players of Heritage and Para 3.13; and
- Sheffield AGM 2019, Item 8.2b Non-resident Player Regulations (Canada), effective from 01/01/2020, the restriction of 5 players in A Pool and 11 players in B Pool for Men's and Master's category, and 11 players in Women's and Juniors' category may be Non-resident (Heritage) players.
- In addition to the particular conditions stated below for the World Champions.

**First World Championship** - A SMA team representing the nation and participating at the first men's senior world championship in A Pool and B Pool shall contain not less than **three (3)** resident players an additional two resident coaches and one resident manager to the current seven coaches and managers of the team for a maximum of ten non-playing administrative staff members. The additional number of Non-resident (Heritage) players to the team shall be **two (2)** in A Pool and **two (2)** in B Pool.

**Second World Championship** - A SMA team representing the nation and participating at the second men's senior world championship shall contain not less than **five (5)** resident players and an additional two resident coaches and one resident manager to the current seven coaches and managers of the team for a maximum of ten non-playing administrative staff members. The additional number of Non-resident (Heritage) players to the team shall be **two (2)** in A Pool and **two (2)** in B Pool.

**Third World Championship** - A SMA team representing the nation and participating at the third men's senior world championship shall contain not less than **seven (7)** resident players and an additional two resident coaches and one resident manager to the current seven coaches and managers of the team for a maximum of ten non-playing administrative staff members. The additional number of Non-resident (Heritage) players to the team shall be **two (2)** in A Pool and **two (2)** in B Pool.

**Fourth World Championship** - A SMA team representing the nation and participating at the fourth men's senior world championship shall contain not less than **nine (9)** resident players and an additional two resident coaches and one resident manager to the current seven coaches and managers of the team for a maximum of ten non-playing administrative staff members. The additional number of Non-resident (Heritage) players to the team shall be **two (2)** in A Pool and **two (2)** in B Pool.

**Fifth World Championship** - A SMA team representing the nation and participating at the fifth men's senior world championship shall contain not less than **eleven (11)** resident players and a total of seven coaches and managers of the team. The additional number of Non-resident (Heritage) players to the team shall be **two (2)** in A Pool and **two (2)** in B Pool.

Alternative numbers of resident and non-resident players and numbers of non-playing administrative staff members may be proposed to ISBHF not less than 6 months prior to the commencement of the World Championships for its sole consideration. The ISBHF's ruling shall be final.

The composition of a SMA team representing the nation and participating at the sixth men's senior world championship and proceeding forward to the expiry of the SMA shall be

determined by the federation and presented to ISBHF Board for its sole consideration. The ISBHF's ruling shall be final.

On no ISBHF 5vs5 world championship, more than one team per nation shall participate with the exception of the Masters Men (over 40) and Masters Women (over 35) World Cup as well as the U16 World Cup for boys and girls. For Continental Championship (with the exception of European championships), up to two national teams may represent a country.

§12 The SMA shall be at the minimum at Membership Level III. If one of the two organizations was a previous member of ISBHF prior the application for a shared membership, the shared membership shall have at least the same level of membership. For the first three years of a partnership, the organization that was the past member of the ISBHF shall pay the full annual ISBHF membership fees. The responsibility for the membership fee for the following years shall be defined in the MOU. Entry fees for ISBHF World Championships and for ISBHF continental championships shall be defined by the MOU. The MOU may contain other dispositions concerning the payment of fees.

§13 The ISBHF Board has the right on recommendation of the IDC to terminate such SMA, in the event all or part of the terms and conditions of the MOU are not observed or in breach. Prior to the termination of the SMA, the ISBHF Board shall provide a specified time period to allow the federation opportunity to fulfill all conditions specified in written form by the ISBHF Board. If this deadline passes without appropriate measures taken, the ISBHF Board shall terminate the shared membership without further notification.

§14 Furthermore a SMA can be terminated for any reason specified in the constitution, the articles and the bylaws of the ISBHF. In this situation, the procedure defined in the respective ruling applies.