COMPETITION REGULATIONS
NATIONAL TEAMS

Edition 2020

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§ 1 GENERAL
1.1 IFF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.

1.2 All IFF Member Associations are entitled to apply to organise IFF Championships.

1.3 The organisers of IFF Championships are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from the IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).

1.4 The duties and responsibilities of the organisers are laid down in the IFF Organisers Regulations.

1.5 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via another person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where their own team participates. Further, 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 or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.

1.6 Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

1.7 Participants in IFF Events are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the IFF Event organiser.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION
2.1 IFF shall stage a World Championship for national representative teams in principal:
   a) the final round in the week involving the 2nd full weekend of December every year for adults, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
   b) the qualifications in the week involving the 1st full weekend of February every year for adults, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
   c) the final round in the week involving the 1st full weekend of May every year for juniors, in odd years for Men Under 19 and in even years for Women Under 19
   d) the qualifications in the week involving the 2nd full weekend of September every year for juniors, in odd years for Women Under 19 and in even years for Men Under 19

2.2 All IFF Member Associations which are not under suspension may apply to participate in a Championship.

2.3 Registration shall be made on the official IFF form. Registration and payment of the participation fee shall be submitted to the IFF as follows:

2.3.1 Adult WFC
   a) 7000 CHF* for directly qualified and 3000 CHF* for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than 31st of December two years before the year of the Championship
   b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF*, to be paid before the event.
   c) The teams qualifying for the WFC final round shall pay an additional fee of 2500* CHF within 30 days from having qualified to the final round.
2.3.2 U19 WFC
   a) 5000 CHF* for directly qualified and 3000 CHF* for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than the 31st of December two years before the year of the Championship
   b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification and the final round respectively shall be equally shared by all teams. The cost is set to 1500 CHF* per team, and event, to be paid before the event.

   *Fees valid starting from the WFCs 2021.

2.4 A team that registers for a competition and then withdraws from the championship, either prior to the start of, or during competition, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

2.5 Costs for travel to and from the arrival city, board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team. The arrival city of a tournament shall be the city with the nearest harbour, railway station or international airport to the main city of the competition. The organiser shall take the cost of transport from the arrival city onwards. In case of any doubts, it is the IFF Central Board/RACC which defines the arrival city of the tournament.

2.6 The host shall pay for no more than 30 persons (20 players and 10 officials) per team for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the arrival city to their respective accommodation. The host shall also pay for the participating teams for travelling from their accommodation to the official venues and to training sessions according to the official program and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city.

2.7 The responsibility for the organiser to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team. The teams must use the local transport provided by the organiser.

2.8 Teams may select their own hotels in the competition city or the immediate vicinity, however, when accommodation not listed by the organiser or outside the designated radius is chosen, extra costs for transportation and other LOC services may be charged.

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

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS
3.1 Only players with citizenship of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.

3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the final round are eligible to participate. All players participating in the U19 WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year of the final round.

3.3 Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the Championship.

3.4 30 full days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 20 players, 7 officials, 3 extra officials, 10 emergency players and 2 Team Media Attachés. Only players included on the emergency list will be eligible to be substituted to the final team list in case of injury or other reasons.
Together with the list, the teams shall send a passport style photo of each team member (players and officials) and a picture of the team jerseys showing both the front and the back.

Passports or other internationally accepted ID card shall be checked in connection with the accreditation.

Every player and official must have signed the IFF Event Participant Acknowledgement & Agreement form before they will be provided with accreditation.

3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The signed list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match. At the same time the team line-up form shall be handed in. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone. The printed match record shall be signed by team officials after the match.

3.6 For the WFC / U19 WFC Final round players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event.

3.7 For Friendly Internationals during IFF International weekends in February, April, September (1st full weekend of February, 4th full weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event or at the latest, Wednesday at noon, to be present in the team concerned.

3.8 For Friendly Internationals during IFF International weekends in October and November (3rd full weekend of October and the 2nd full weekend of November), the players shall be freed on Monday at noon.

3.9 In addition, players should be freed for national training camps the last weekend before the WFC / WFC Qualification / Multisport event. Information of such training camps shall be informed to the IFF no later than 30th of June for the WFC and 4 months before a WFC Qualification / Multisport Event.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1 Adult World Championships (WFC)

4.1.1 The Adult World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.

4.1.2 The final round shall consist of 16 teams.

4.1.3 The WFC final round shall be played in 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the two previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

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4.1.4 Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows: (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule)

| Play-off 1:          | 3rd group A - 2nd group D |
| Play-off 2:          | 3rd group B - 2nd group C |
| Play-off 3:          | 4th group A - 1st group D |
| Play-off 4:          | 4th group B - 1st group C |
| Quarter-final 1:     | 1st group A - Winner PO4  |
| Quarter-final 2:     | 1st group B - Winner PO3  |
| Quarter-final 3:     | 2nd group A - Winner PO2  |
| Quarter-final 4:     | 2nd group B - Winner PO1  |
| Semi-final 1:        | Winner Q1 - Winner Q4    |
| Semi-final 2:        | Winner Q2 - Winner Q3    |
| 3rd place:           | Loser Semi - Loser Semi  |
| Final:               | Winner Semi - Winner Semi |

A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match

Ranking matches between 5th and 16th place shall be played as follows:

| 13-16:1             | 3rd group D - 4th group C |
| 13-16:2             | 3rd group C - 4th group D |
| 9-12:1              | Loser PO2 - Loser PO3    |
| 9-12:2              | Loser PO1 - Loser PO4    |
| 5-8:1               | Loser Q1 - Loser Q4     |
| 5-8:2               | Loser Q2 - Loser Q3     |
| Match for 15th place| Loser 13-16:1 - Loser 13-16:2 |
| Match for 13th place| Winner 13-16:1 - Winner 13-16:2 |
| Match for 11th place| Loser 9-12:1 - Loser 9-12:2 |
| Match for 9th place | Winner 9-12:1 - Winner 9-12:2 |
| Match for 7th place | Loser 5-8:1 - Loser 5-8:2 |
| Match for 5th place | Winner 5-8:1 - Winner 5-8:2 |

4.1.5 Qualification for the Adult World Championships is played with continental tournaments. The model of the qualifications and the number of places will be based on the number of qualifying teams per continent. The system of the qualification will be decided by the RACC. If a direct qualified team is out, due to financial and/or other reasons, the best loser of the 3rd place matches from the WFCQ 2020 EUR qualifications, according to earlier used calculation system, where the group matches are counted, shall replace this/these teams.

4.2 U19 World Championships (U19 WFC)

4.2.1 The U19 World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.

4.2.2 The final round shall consist of 16 teams

4.2.3 The U19 WFC shall be played 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

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4.2.4 The continued play after the group matches shall be as follows: (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule)

Semi-final 1: Winner of group A – 2nd of group B
Semi-final 2: Winner of group B – 2nd of group A
3rd Place: Loser Semi – Loser Semi
Final: Winner Semi – Winner Semi

A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match.

Ranking matches for 5th to 15th place shall be played as follows:

Qualifying to top 8: 4th group A – 1st group D (Q1)
4th group B – 1st group C (Q2)
Match for 5th place: 3rd group A – 3rd group B
Match for 7th place: Winner Q1 – Winner Q2
Match for 9th place: Loser Q1 – Loser Q2
Match for 11th place: 2nd group C – 2nd group D
Match for 13th Place: 3rd group D – 3rd group C
Match for 15th Place: 4th group C – 4th group D

4.3 General regulations for both Adult and U19 World Championships

4.3.1 The matches within each group shall be organised so that each team play each other once.

4.3.2 In the group matches 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

4.3.3 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 most scored goals are not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking unless the ranking concerns only the two teams playing a last round match deciding about promotion or relegation when extra time and, if needed, penalty shots shall decide the ranking.

The results of all matches versus a team which has missed a match or matches, and lost these by walk over 5-0, shall not have an effect on the final ranking between teams having ended up in the same amount of points, unless the team having missed the match or matches is itself involved.
4.3.4 All matches of the continued play after the group matches shall, when ending with a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots. This shall be valid also for qualifications involving two teams only playing two matches where the qualification, if a draw after two matches, shall be decided by extra time and possible penalty shots following directly after the second match.

4.3.5 The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2 1/2 hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink. In principal a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day.

4.3.6 The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.

4.3.7 Teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

§ 5 PLAYER’S OUTFITS

5.1 The player’s outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey to play with, in order to avoid problems on internet and TV. IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player’s outfit and equipment and the team official’s outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the Championship.

5.2 Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.

5.3 In the final round of the Adult World Championships, players must have the surname written in the back of the player’s shirt. The name must be written with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high. Players with the same surname should be identified with the addition of the initial of their first name.

5.4 A player taking part of the Championship shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition. Changes due to unforeseen circumstances, such as damage to the uniform, or blood, may be allowed with the permission of the IFF / Jury.

5.5 If two teams have the same colour the RACC shall decide which team shall change

5.6 All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the First Technical Meeting of the event

§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player’s outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 6.2.

6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements (10 x 15cm) on the player's outfit.

§ 7 REFEREES

7.1 All matters concerning referees in IFF National Team competitions shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.
§ 8 PROTESTS
8.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

8.2 When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

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

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

8.5 A protest must be written, signed and accompanied by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 9 ANTI-DOPING
9.1 All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in order to participate in an IFF Championship. TUE applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.

9.2 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding doping during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

9.3 When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations and the IFF Anti-Doping regulations are applicable.

9.4 All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of a 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.

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

§ 10 BETTING
10.1 Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including cell phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.

10.2 Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principal be made at the earliest the day before a match.

10.3 Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their field decisions.

10.4 Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.

10.5 a) It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).

b) It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions in their sport.
c) It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.

10.6 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.

10.7 Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.

10.8 The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they, and their clubs, fulfil their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).

10.9 Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.

10.10 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financial dealings.

10.11 To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.

10.12 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

11.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

Exemption from this is when a disciplinary matter is reported by any of the teams playing in a match or by the IFF. Then the decision shall be made by the disciplinary function of the event. A suspension decided by the Event Disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches and applies only to matches in the said event.

11.2 When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

11.3 All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the CB or the RACC of IFF shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies.

11.4 The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in latest 09:00 the morning after the match. The disciplinary function shall decide and inform of the decision 15:00 the day after the match.

11.5 A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written, signed and followed by the amount of 500 CHF, which will be returned only if the decision is in favour of the reporter. If the report refers to a video clip this shall be included in the report.

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11.6 When handling a disciplinary matter during an IFF event the IFF Disciplinary function may use video recording only if the recording is from the official filming of the event (LOC, IFF YouTube, TV).

11.7 The Disciplinary function of the event will be comprised of representative/s from the Jury, Referee management and IFF staff of the event.

§ 12 WALK OVER
12.1 When a Walk Over (W.O) is at hand, meaning when a team does not line up to a match, the match is forfeited, and the opponent shall be considered having won the match with the result 5-0.

§ 13 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
13.1 A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team to hold for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup and shall bring it to the next Championship in perfect condition. The holder shall be responsible for engraving of its name according to the guidelines laid down by IFF. A replica of the cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team. Additional medals may not be produced.

The challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times.

13.2 The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.

13.3 The 3rd ranked team shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.

13.4 The referees in the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees in the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.

13.5 Each participating player and team official in the teams placed 4th - 16th, and referee shall be presented one IFF Bronze Memory medal each.

§ 14 THE RINK
14.1 The rink shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

§ 15 PRACTICE SESSIONS DURING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
15.1 Teams are entitled to at least one practice for at least 45 minutes in the official tournament venue before their first match at said venue, on the day before an official match.

15.2 Teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area or a playing area of the same size as the competition arena. Where possible, the playing surface should be the same as in the competition arena. In Adult WFC, the cost of the daily training session and transport is the responsibility of the organiser. In U19 WFC, apart from the training on the day prior to their first official match, the costs for all other training sessions, including transport, is the responsibility of the teams.

15.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.

15.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.
§ 16 MEETINGS IN IFF CHAMPIONSHIPS
16.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain’s & Technical meeting shall be held where the organising committee, the head of delegation of each team, the team captain, the head of referees and the IFF Jury shall be present.

16.2 A second technical meeting may be held after the group matches.

16.3 The organisers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.

16.4 The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the Jury or the organising committee.

16.4 Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 17 TICKETS

17.1 Participating Teams
17.1.1 Each participating team is entitled to, free of charge, a maximum of 30 tickets/reserved seats, in the form of accreditations, for the players and officials of the team. Only those on the Final team list will receive accreditation/reserved seats.

For Adult WFC these are valid for the time the team is playing in the Championships.
The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition.

For U19 WFC these are valid for the duration of the event.

17.1.2 The organiser of the Championship must reserve the needed amount of reserved seats for all the participating teams for the group rounds. For the play-off rounds the organiser needs to reserve the same amount of reserved seats equal to the number or teams still participating in the tournament.

17.1.3 For the Adult WFC, the participating teams are entitled to reserve and purchase tickets for the play-off phase of the tournament to the lowest price category, no later than six months prior to the start of the Championships. If a team, which has reserved and paid tickets for the play-offs, would qualify for the play-offs, the organiser would reimburse the price of the tickets.

17.2 Participating Associations
Each Member Association with a team participating in a Championship is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire event, free of charge.

17.3 Each participating Member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.
The ticket quota of each participating member Association shall be fixed by IFF RACC in consultation with the organiser, and shall be divided as follows:

a) For their own team’s matches in the group
b) For matches played by other teams in the same group
c) For matches in other groups
d) For their own team’s matches in continued play after group matches
e) For other matches in continued play after group matches

17.4 Associations attending the IFF General Assembly/Associations Meeting
Each Member Association, without a team taking part in the Championship, but attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting is entitled to 2 VIP accreditations for the Championships, valid only for during & after the time of the IFF General Assembly/Associations Meeting.
§ 18 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES
18.1 The CB and/or RACC of IFF 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.