

Solna, Sweden 27.02 1998

To: IFF Member Associations

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE IFF CONGRESS 1998

Dear Floorball friends,

The IFF Congress 1998 will be held at Hotel Forum, Prague on the 28th of May 1998 starting 12.00.

Nominations, motions and proposals shall be sent to:

IFF, Box 1047, S-17121 Solna, Sweden, or to fax +46-8 82 22 14, to be IFF by hand no later than 60 days before the congress (29th of March 1998).

Regarding nominations:

The IFF CB will propose changes in the Statutes regarding i.e. persons to be elected by the Congress. If the Congress decides according to the proposals and that they shall come into force immediately there will be a need of nominations as follows:

- President of IFF
- 6-9 members of the IFF CB
- Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee (DC)
- 2 members and 2 substitutes of DC
- Chairman of the Appeal Committee (AC)
- 2 members and 2 substitutes of AC

When it comes to persons in DC and AC Juridical competence of at least the Chairman is of great importance.

Summons to the congress together with the agenda, CB reports, the financial report, budget, nominations and if there are motions and proposals will be sent to you latest 30 days in advance (28th of April 1998).

With sincere regards

International Floorball Federation

Tomas Eriksson
President

Stefan Kratz b.d.
Secretary General

Solna 24.04 1998

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THE CONGRESS 1998

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The Congress 1998 will, as announced 27.02 1998, be held at Hotel Forum in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 28th of May starting 12.00.

Enclosed you will find the preliminary agenda and the material to be handled by the Congress.

For the benefit of the Congress we suggest that opinions regarding the Regulations and the proposed changes of the Statutes should be sent to IFF for a possible preparation before the Congress.

To make a preparation possible the opinions should be IFF by hand not later than the 15th of May.

Regarding a possible Disciplinary Committee and a possible Appeal Committee we are short of nominations and therefore urge you to send in nominations.

Looking forward meeting you in Prague.

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Preliminary agenda

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Election of Chairman of the Congress
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of Secretary of the Congress
5. Election of two person for counting of votes
6. Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 34.2 and 34.3
No objection to the minutes of the last Congress has arrived. The minutes are therefore approved
7. Approval of the CB reports
8. Approval of the financial report and the auditors report
 - a) 1996
 - b) 1997
 - c) Summary of 1994 and 1995
9. Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB
10. Decision on membership fee - *There is no proposal of changing the existing membership fee*
11. Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years
 - a) Budget 1998
 - b) Budget 1999
 - c) Budget 2000
 - d) Plan of Action 1998-2000
12. Modification of the Statutes - *CB proposal*
13. Elections
 - a) IFF President for two years
 - b) Six to nine CB members for two years - *if the Statutes are changed accordingly, else it is eight*
 - c) Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee - *if the Statutes are changed accordingly*
 - d) Two members and two substitutes of the Disciplinary Committee - *ditto*
 - e) Chairman of the Appeal Committee - *ditto*
 - f) Two members and two substitutes of the Appeal Committee - *ditto*
14. Appointment of a chartered auditor - *CB proposes Mikael Brandstam*
15. Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
There are no proposals or motions
16. Examinations and decisions on proposals from the CB
 - a) Testing Method for Floorball Material and Equipment
 - b) Arbitration Regulations
 - c) Juridical Regulations
 - d) International Transfers Regulations
 - e) Competition Regulations for National Teams
 - f) Competition Regulations for Club Teams
17. Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 14 paragraph 2 littera c)
There are no objections against any regulations
18. Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law
19. Appointment to be honorary member - *There is no proposal on honorary membership*
20. Dissolution of the IFF - *There is no proposal on dissolution.*
21. Admission or expulsion of official member Associations
 - a) Admission of Polish Floorball Federation (Polska Federacja Unihokeja-Floorball)
 - b) Expulsion of Hungarian Floorball Federation (Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség)
22. Decision on the meeting Place for the next Congress
CB proposes Oslo, Norway during WFC 2000
23. Closing of the Congress

Enclosure 1

PARTICIPANTS OF THE IFF CONGRESS 28.05 1998

Ordinary member Associations

Czech Floorball Union	Martin Vaculik
Danish Floorball Federation	Ole Peltola
Estonian Floorball Association	Ain Lillepalu
Finnish Floorball Federation	Risto Kauppinen
	John Liljelund
Norwegian Bandy Federation/Floorball	Kjell Hovland Olsen
Russian Rinkball and Floorball Federation	Anatoli Lysenko
	Vladimir Kostjev
Swedish Floorball Federation	Lars Granqvist
	Axel Wester
Swiss Floorball Association	Max Sterchi
	Renato Orlando

Provisional member Associations

Australian Floorball Association	Rainer Martiskin
Austrian Floorball Association	Heidemarie Leb
German Floorball Association	Arndt Rüger
	Johannes Baur
Great Britain Floorball Association	Andrew Clough
	Stephen Scott
Japan Floorball Federation	Sadao Saito
	Atsuko Nakayama
Latvian Floorball Union	Vilmars Jukna
	Andris Dzenis
Polish Floorball Federation	Ewa Zoltowska
Singapore Floorball Association	R. Sinnakaruppan
	Gardeep Singh Chahal

IFF Central Board

Tomas Eriksson
Peter Lindström
John Liljelund (also representing Finland)
Per Jansson
Tomas Jonsson
Ain Lillepalu (also representing Estonia)
Risto Kauppinen (also representing Finland)
Martin Vaculik (also representing Czech Republic)

Stefan Kratz (Secretary General)

IFF Committees

Werner Schlossmacher (Referee Committee)
Thomas Gilardi (Education and Development Committee)

Others

Vadim Vassiliev (North-West Regional Floorball Federation of Russia)
Yosuke Watanabe (Japanese interpreter)
M. Nitti (Singapore Floorball Association)

INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION - ANNUAL REPORT 1996-1998

1. General

IFF consists of nine ordinary member Associations: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland.

The Central Board of IFF has admitted ten provisional member Associations: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Latvia, Poland, Singapore and the United States.

2. The IFF Central Board (CB)

The CB elected by the IFF Congress held in Stockholm 16th of May 1996 has had the following composition:

Tomas Eriksson, President
Pekka Mukkala, Vice President
John Liljelund, Treasurer
Peter Lindström, Secretary of the Board
Per Jansson, Member
Tomas Jonsson, Member
Ain Lillepalu, Member
Risto Kauppinen, Member
Martin Vaculik, Member

Stefan Kratz, Secretary General

Meetings between the Congresses have been held as follows:

Stockholm	17.05 1996
Stockholm	26-28.07 1996
Helsinki	08-09.11 1996
Prague	01-02.03 1997
Mariehamn	07.05 1997
Gothenburg	20-21.09 1997
Vienna	17-18.01 1998
Tallinn	18.04 1998

There has altogether been eight CB meetings when this is written and one meeting is still to be held, in Prague 27.05 1998.

3. The Rules- and Competition Committee (RACC)

The main task for the RACC during the period has been to prepare various Regulations in the field of competition. The result of the work, proposals for International Transfers Regulations, Competition Regulations for National Teams and Competition Regulations for Club Teams, will be decided upon by the Congress 1998.

The composition of the RACC has been:

Renato Orlando, Chairman
Andris Dzenis
Tom Hedkrok
Martin Vaculik
Axel Wester

4. The Referee Committee (RC)

Every international match, that has been informed to IFF RC has had referees nominated by IFF RC. Because of the practical things the nomination has been done mainly by the chairman only. Referees have been nominated from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Denmark and Latvia.

Because lack of money the education as well as the observation has been possible only during major events and only for those who have been nominated to the matches.

Education has been made in the means of observation. IFF RC has observed as many matches as possible and given feed back to the referees after each match.

Observations has been done during the European Cups and the World Championships.

The composition of the RC has been:

Werner Schlossmacher, Chairman

Jens Gotfredsen

Janis Kivkulis

Heikki Savolainen

Karl-Heinz Seiler

5. The Arbitration Committee (AC)

The Arbitration Committee has mainly worked with preparing the Juridical Regulations, which will be decided upon by the Congress 1998.

The composition of the AC has been:

Tomas Jonsson, Chairman

Lars Granqvist

Max Sterchi

6. The Material Committee (MC)

The Material Committee has investigated the floorball material matter and has prepared the proposal on Methods for testing Floorball Material and Equipment, which will be decided upon by the Congress 1998.

The composition of MC has been:

John Liljelund, Chairman

Per Fjeldal

Beat Flepp

7. The Information Committee (IC)

The Information Committee has mainly worked with the IFF web-site, since the economy of IFF has not allowed publishing a news paper.

The composition of IC has been:

Pekka Mukkala, Chairman

Andris Dzenis

Peter Legendi

Ain Lillepalu

8. The Public Relations Committee (PR)

The main task for the Public Relations Committee has been to raise funds to IFF. The result of that work is that IFF now has three semi-sponsors: Puma, Tarkett and Unihoc. Negotiations with a possible main sponsor has been going on for a while, but when this is written an agreement is not yet reached.

Furthermore a new PR brochure has been prepared and will be published before the Congress 1998.

The composition of the PR Committee has been:

Peter Lindström, Chairman
Roland Fust
Alfreds Kundzins
Jussi Lähde
Axel Wester

9. The Education and Development Committee (EDC)

The main task for the Education and Development Committee has been to work according to the decision of the Congress 1996 regarding the Education and Development Plan.

To get hold of the task the EDC decided to divide the floorball world between the three founders of IFF, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland. The division in short: Finland should concentrate their efforts on the Baltic states, Russia and Australia. Sweden should concentrate their efforts on Great Britain, Asia, Norway and Denmark. Switzerland should concentrate their efforts on Central Europe, USA and Canada.

Various efforts have been made such as a seminar in Tallinn with participants from Estonia, Latvia Lithuania, Russia, Poland and Ukraine, visits in Japan, Singapore and Australia, invitations to participate in educations etc.

Furthermore the EDC has been working on a basic education material. The first IFF education material will be published before the Congress 1998.

The composition of the EDC has been:

Per Jansson, Chairman
Thomas Gilardi
Jari Oksanen
Karlis Strelis
Tõnis Teesalu

10. The IFF Competitions

a) The 1st World Championships for men

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10. The IFF Competitions - continuation

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11. Economy

The financials of IFF is separately reported.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR 1998-2000

1. General

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2. Administration

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A Secretary General has been employed, first on a part-time base, but from September on a full-time base. The total cost for the administration has been paid by the Swedish Floorball Federation.

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3. Central Board

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The Central Board will have a approximately four meetings per year.

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INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION

Statement of income 1996

Income		Budget	Diff.
Membership fees	33466,33	29000,00	4466,33
European Cup	15100,00	15000,00	100,00
WFC 1996	15830,82	12000,00	3830,82
WFC 1997	6000,00	11000,00	-5000,00
PR	0,00	7500,00	-7500,00
Sponsors	0,00	0,00	0,00
Material criterias	0,00	0,00	0,00
Other	1434,02	5000,00	-3565,98
Total income	71831,17	79500,00	-7668,83
Costs		Budget	Diff.
Central Board	16492,59	14000,00	-2492,59
Office costs	6798,70	0,00	-6798,70
European Cup	3825,71	7000,00	3174,29
WFC 1996	6087,41	7000,00	912,59
WFC 1997	502,31	2000,00	1497,69
PR	0,00	10000,00	10000,00
IC	2275,19	0,00	-2275,19
EDC	84,33	5000,00	4915,67
RC	1785,57	5000,00	3214,43
RACC	84,33	3500,00	3415,67
Material criterias	0	5000,00	5000,00
Economy	5326,71	6000,00	673,29
Printings	9534,06	7000,00	-2534,06
Other	2280,07	8000,00	5719,93
Total costs	55076,98	79500,00	24423,02
Net income	16754,19	0,00	16754,19

INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION

Balance sheet 31.12 1996

Assets

	01.01 1996	31.12 1996
Current assets		
Cash	0	0
Credit Suisse 559200-10	22456,90	48161
Merita Bank 200166-54219	11133,10	89,56
Receivables		
Claims 1993	146	146
Claims 1994	2250	2250
Claims 1995	14050	13750
Claims 1996	0	4800
Total assets	50036	69196,56

Liabilities and equity

Current liabilities

Other current liabilities	0	-2406,37
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Equity

Retained earnings	-28823,05	-50036
Profit/loss 1995	-21212,95	
Profit/loss 1996		-16754,19
Total liabilities & equity	-50036,00	-69196,56

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INCOMES		Budget	Diff.
Membership fees	29810,00	36000,00	-6190,00
European Cup	6300,00	17000,00	-10700,00
WFC 1997	10000,00	10000,00	0,00
WFC 1998	22000,00	14000,00	8000,00
PR	0,00	7000,00	-7000,00
Sponsors	0,00	8000,00	-8000,00
Material criterias	0,00	0,00	0,00
Other	419,55	5000,00	-4580,45
Total income	68529,55	97000,00	-28470,45
COSTS			
Central Board	13810,82	20000,00	6189,18
Presidents' conference	3628,77	4000,00	371,23
Membership fees	3300,00	0,00	-3300,00
European Cup	497,82	5000,00	4502,18
WFC 1997	7886,74	8000,00	113,26
WFC 1998	0,00	6000,00	6000,00
PR	7320,95	16000,00	8679,05
IC	980,39	0,00	-980,39
EDC	13552,98	15000,00	1447,02
RC	3002,01	6000,00	2997,99
RACC	289,27	6000,00	5710,73
Material criterias	0,00	11000,00	11000,00
Economy	3000,00	3000,00	0,00
Other	2093,38	2500,00	406,62
Total costs	59363,13	102500,00	43136,87
Profit/loss	9166,42	-5500,00	14666,42

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Prepayments	0	37980,00
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Liabilities and equity

Current liabilities		
Other current liabilities	-2406,37	-3511,20
Transfers to reserves	0	-17500,00
Equity		
Retained earnings	-50036	-66790,19
Profit/loss 1996	-16754,19	
Profit/loss 1997		-9166,42
Total liabilities & equity	-69196,56	-96967,81

Other	2500,00	2093,38	84%
Total costs	2500,00 CHF	2093,38 CHF	84%

Profit/loss	-2500,00 CHF	-2093,38 CHF
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SUMMARY REGARDING THE FINANCIAL REPORTS OF 1994 AND 1995

The Congress 1996 decided that the CB elected by the Congress 1996 should prepare Financial Reports for 1994 and 1995 and send those to the member Associations for approval and for giving the former CB freedom from responsibility.

The Financial Reports were decided upon in the CB meeting in Helsinki 08-09.11 1996 and sent to the member Associations 21.11 1996 (enclosures).

In the CB meeting in Prague 01-02.03 1997 the CB noted that no objections had arrived against the Financial Reports for 1994 and 1995 and that the former CB therefore was given freedom from responsibility.

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- 8) Isarrecken München

BUDGET 1999-2000				
	COSTS			
	Cost Centre	1998	1999	2000
10	Central activities	7350	9000	9300
11	Office	6500	143700	164000
12	CB	42100	74300	81500
17	Congress	10300	0	13600
18	Presidents' Meeting	0	10600	0
20	RACC	23850	31500	37000
22	WFC	116500	76500	39000
23	EuroCup	9800	10100	15600
30	RC	20500	23700	29600
40	EDC	20600	31000	40000
50	PR*	23300	28500	37500
60	IC*	7700	7800	10800
70	MC	17650	105600	108100
80	AC/DC	6900	12100	19900
90	SAG	10100	13900	18900
	TOTAL	323150	578300	624800
	INCOME			
	Account	1998	1999	2000
3012	Participation fees	31600	32000	34000
3013	Organizers fee	15000	20000	25000
3210	Membership fees	31000	34500	35000
3250	Sponsors & advertisements	215000	205000	210000
3xx1	Transfers	4000	20000	20000
3xx2	Material approval income	0	266000	270000
3xx3	Other WFC incomes	0	0	30000
3899	Other incomes	550	800	800
	TOTAL	297150	578300	624800
	Estimated Result	-26000	0	0
	* The PR and IC budget will be transferred to MIC			

PROPOSED CHANGES OF THE IFF STATUTES

ARTICLE 3 ~~HEADQUARTERS~~ LEGAL SEAT

The location of the *legal seat* of IFF headquarters shall be determined by a resolution of the Congress.

ARTICLE ~~5~~ 5 DOPING ABUSE

~~The IOC Doping Regulations are in charge of all IFF activities.~~
The IFF Juridical Regulations are in charge in case of doping abuse in IFF activities.

ARTICLE 8 9 MEMBERSHIP OF IFF WITHIN OTHER FEDERATION

8.1 ~~The IFF aims to be member of the General Association of International Sports Federations (AGFIS/GAISF). The aim of IFF is to co-operate within the international sports community and to gain membership of suitable international federations.~~

ARTICLE ~~11~~ 12 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

11.1 An Association applying for membership shall address a written request (*all documents in English*) to this effect to the IFF. The application shall contain the name and address of the headquarters of the Association, the names and addresses of the board members of the Association, the Statutes and other Regulations of the Association, the minutes from the foundation, and if possible, the registration documents from their National authorities and an approval from the National Sports Confederation.

ARTICLE ~~15~~ 16 MEMBERS DUTIES

15.1

- c) ~~Try~~ *Aim* to become an ordinary member within two years from becoming a provisional member.

~~ARTICLE 16~~ ~~SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP~~

~~Member Associations that neglects the members duties, that act contrary to the statutes, regulations, decisions or other directions or decisions of the IFF's bodies or that tolerate such a way of acting by their own members with out any sanction application can be suspended in their members rights by the CB for a term of one month up to the time left to the next Congress. In this case the Congress decides on rehabilitation, recalling of the suspense or exclusion.~~

~~ARTICLE 19~~ ~~EXCLUSION~~

~~Member federations that act contrary to the statutes, regulations, decisions or other directions or decisions of the IFF's bodies or that tolerate such a way of acting by their own members without any sanction application can be expelled out of the IFF by motion to the Congress.~~

ARTICLE 26 25 TERMS

The bodies of the IFF are:

- A) The Congress
- B) The Central Board (CB)
- C) The Auditing (Revisers)
- ~~D) The Arbitration Committee (AC)~~
- D) *The Disciplinary Committee (DC)*
- E) *The Appeal Committee (AC)*

ARTICLE 31-30 AGENDA AT THE CONGRESS

The functions and competencies of the Congress are:

- a) *Approval of present Associations and the voting roll.*
- b) Approval of the protocol of the last Congress in the case of article 33 paragraph 3
- c) Approval of the CB reports
- d) Approval of the financial report and the auditors report
- e) Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB
- f) Decision on membership fee
- g) Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years
- h) Elections: - IFF President
 - ~~eight~~ *six to nine* CB members for two years
 - chairman of the ~~Arbitration Committee~~ *Disciplinary Committee*
 - *two members and two substitutes of the Disciplinary Committee*
 - *chairman of the Appeal Committee*
 - *two members and two substitutes of the Appeal Committee*
 - ~~other persons to be elected by the Congress~~
- i) Appointment of a chartered auditor
- j) Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
- k) Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c)
- l) Decision on all affairs being reserved for the Congress by the statutes or by law
- m) Appointment to be honorary member
- n) Modification of the statutes
- o) Dissolution of the IFF
- p) ~~a)~~ Admission or expulsion of official member Associations
- q) ~~p)~~ Decision on the meeting place for the next Congress

ARTICLE 32 31 VOTING STATUS

32.2 Each ~~official~~ *ordinary* member Association *that has fulfilled their obligations to IFF* is entitled to one vote at the Congress. *The CB proposes the voting roll and distributes it together with the documents of the Congress latest 30 days before the Congress.*

ARTICLE 33 32 ELECTIONS AND DECISIONS

~~33.3 The Congress shall issue rules of procedure for the treatment of functions and the passing through the elections.~~

33.3 *When the voting concerns elections, the person or those persons with the most votes shall be considered elected. The voting parties can vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies.*

ARTICLE 35 34 FUNCTION AND BODIES

35.2

- d) ~~Finance Committee (FC)~~ *Marketing and Information Committee (MIC)*
- e) ~~Promotion~~ *Education and Development Committee (PEDC)*
- f) *Material Committee (MC)*
- f g) Special Committees

ARTICLE 36 35 COMPOSITION

36.1 The CB, elected by the Congress, shall consist of a president and ~~eight~~ 6-9 members. No more than three persons from the same Nation can be elected as members of the CB. *In case of a draw in a CB voting the President's vote is decisive.*

~~36.3 In order to ensure continuity within the CB, no more than four members may be installed simultaneously.~~

36.4 Vacancies during the term of office shall be co-opted by the CB with a replacer
36.3 proposed by a conference of the national chairmen being involved to the same function.

ARTICLE 37 36 ORGANIZATION

37.1 Within the members of the CB there shall be appointed a Vice President, ~~a Secretary of the Board~~ and a Treasurer. ~~and Chairmen of the Committees.~~

ARTICLE 38 37 COMPETENCE

38.2 *The CB shall appoint Chairmen of the committees and Chairmen of the Board of Arbitration.*

ARTICLE 39 38 EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNT / AUDITORS

The Congress shall appoint a firm of chartered accountants for a term of office of two years to examine the financial report of the IFF every year. ~~The auditor's office shall be from the same country as the treasurer.~~ The auditors' reports shall be submitted to the Congress.

ARTICLE 39 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

39.1 *Sanctions are:*

- a) *Reprimand*
- b) *Warning*
- c) *Fine*
- d) *Disqualification from competitions*
- e) *Discharge from official position*
- f) *Suspension*
- g) *Expulsion*

Sanctions may be imposed on affiliated Associations, player and officials. In any case different sanctions can be combined. They are enforced throughout the IFF and notice thereof shall be given by registered letter.

39.2 *Sanction within the power of the Congress*

Fines excess the maximum pursuant to the Juridical Regulations can be imposed by the Congress. Suspension are imposed by the Congress.

In the case of emergency, the CB is empowered to impose suspension, notably in the case of non-payment of membership fees by the deadline fixed.

Suspension by the Congress is effective immediately; by the CB it is effective after notice.

39.3 *Sanctions within the power of the Central Board*

Reprimand, warnings, disqualification of teams, players and/or coaches for up to 6 months and fines up to 5.000 CHF can be imposed by the CB.

All sanctions imposed by the CB shall be pursuant to the Juridical Regulations in force.

If the CB presume that an sanction might exceeds its power. Then the CB shall require that the Disciplinary Committee start prosecution. Even if a case resides inside the Central Boards power to impose a sanction, the Central Board remains able to require the Disciplinary Committee to handle the process

39.4 *Sanctions within the power of Jury*

The Jury of a competition may impose a temporary individual or team suspension. All sanctions imposed by the Jury shall be pursuant to the Juridical Regulations in force.

It fixes the duration thereof, which may not exceed that of the competition itself.

If the Jury are of the opinion that an sanction should exceed duration of an competition, the Jury shall require that the Disciplinary Committee start prosecution.

39.5 *Sanctions within the power of the Disciplinary Committee*

The Disciplinary Committee has competence to impose sanctions on members or member nations in according to the Juridical Regulations in force.

Individual members, IFF member organisations and IFF bodies can apply for prosecution. Member organisations and IFF bodies can require that the Disciplinary Committee start prosecution.

39.6 Expulsion

- a) *Only a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress may expel an affiliated Association, after granting it hearing.*
- b) *The grounds for expulsion of an Association are:*
 - 1. *Debts to the IFF or a Confederation, notably for delay in payment of three annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three months before the Congress or an Extraordinary Congress.*
 - 2. *Clear or repeated breach of the IFF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.*
 - 3. *Loss of status as a National Floorball Association, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.*
- c) *Expulsion is determined by majority vote in the case of article 38.6 b), sub-paragraph 1. In the case of sub-paragraphs 2 or 3 a majority of 75% of the votes cast is required, with a least 40 % of the affiliated Associations being present or represented.*
- d) *In the case of need, players and officials may be expelled by the CB by a 75% majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.*

ARTICLE 40 ~~ARBITRATION CLAUSE / JUDGEMENT / SENTENCES~~

~~40.1 The Arbitration Committee decides on all sanctions and litigation's that may result by the application of the statutes and regulations of the IFF on the afflicted member Associations or individual persons or between two parties in litigation.~~

~~40.2 The Organization and the principles of the Arbitration Committee, the proceedings and the competence to apply sanctions and sanction fees shall be governed by a jurisdiction regulation that shall be approved by the Congress.~~

~~40.3 The IFF, the member Associations, the bodies and the representatives of the IFF and all other individual persons acting for a member Association are due to the proceedings and to the adjudgements of the Arbitration Committee.~~

ARTICLE 41 PENALTIES

~~41.1 The Arbitration Committee is entitled to applicate sanctions and disciplinary penalties.~~

ARTICLE 41 CONTINUATION

~~41.2 The parties due to the statutes and regulations of the IFF can be penalized by the following disciplinary sanctions:~~

- ~~_____ reprimand~~
- ~~_____ sanction fee~~
- ~~_____ ban of place~~
- ~~_____ suspension of a member from international games~~
- ~~_____ suspension of a representative~~
- ~~_____ suspension of a referee~~
- ~~_____ suspension of an instructor or a trainee~~

~~41.3 In any case different sanctions can be combined. The penalized party shall pay the costs.~~

ARTICLE 40 APPEAL COMMITTEE

40.1 *The following cases are object for appeal:*

- a) *Decision in protest case. Sanctions imposed by a Jury, however, are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.*
- b) *Decisions made by the Central Board which claims to be contrary to statutes or regulations.
Sanctions imposed on individual members, clubs or national Associations, exceeding the limits according to Juridical Regulations in force.*

Administrative regulations and deposit which shall be accompanied the appeal are according to Juridical Regulations in force.

ARTICLE ~~42~~ 41 MEDIATION

- 42.1 In the case of litigation's between member Associations, representatives, trainees, Teams, Referees etc. the ~~Arbitration Committee~~ *Board of Arbitration* offers to mediate.
- 42.2 The ~~Arbitration Committee~~ *Board of Arbitration* tries to mediate by the application of one of the parties.

ARTICLE ~~47~~ 46 ENACTING CLAUSE

These statutes were adopted by the IFF Congress in ~~Zurich on 16-17 May 1992~~ Prague 28th of May 1998. They supersede those dated ~~12 April 1986~~ *17th of May 1992* and come into force immediately.

The following person has been nominated as President of IFF:

Tomas Eriksson, Sweden (re-election)

The following persons has been nominated as CB members of IFF:

Tomas Jonsson, Norway (re-election)

Peter Lindström, Norway (re-election)

Per Jansson, Sweden (re-election)

Ain Lillepalu, Estonia (re-election)

John Liljelund, Finland (re-election)

Risto Kauppinen, Finland (re-election)

Max Sterchi, Switzerland

Thomas Gilardi, Switzerland

Martin Vaculik, Czech Republic (re-election)

R.Sinnakaruppan, Singapore – nomination arrived 04.04.98

The following person has been nominated to the Disciplinary Committee of IFF:

Matts Spångberg, Sweden

The following person has been nominated to the Appeal Committee of IFF:

Lars Granqvist, Sweden

Proposal from the IFF Central Board to the IFF Congress 1998

System for Approving and Testing Material within the IFF

The IFF Congress of 1996 decided to approve the Material Criteria's for Floorball Equipment according to the proposal of the IFF Central Board. The Congress did however not decide upon the System of Approval for the Material. Since then the IFF Central Board and its Material Committee has gathered inputs on how to solve the approving system, which now lies as a foundation for this proposal.

It is the standpoint of the IFF Central Board, that the development of the materials and equipment used is still developing rapidly, and therefore needs to be controlled with one unanimous system. The IFF Central Board wants to stress that to enable the independence of IFF as a International federation being able to long term development, the Material Approving System is one of the most important factors. It is the responsibility of the International Floorball Community to insure that the players of the game are secured and that the quality of the material and equipment used has the same minimum of standard all over the world.

There is today a functioning system for approving material and equipment in Sweden, which task is to control product development. The Swedish Floorball Federation has an agreement with the Swedish Testing and Research Institute (SP), who for the SFF tests and controls all floorball material used in the sport. This system has been in power since the beginning of July 1993.

The IFF Central Board proposes the following to the IFF Congress:

Proposal

The IFF Central Board proposes that the Congress decides to adapt the System for Approval of Floorball Equipment concerning all IFF member federations, according to the present Swedish system. The IFF Central Board will be the governing body of that Testing System. The CB will be given the power to negotiate and sign a contract with one or more Testing Sites, in accordance to the Material Criteria's and the Testing Methods. The approved equipment will be marked with a IFF logotype.

The IFF Central Board proposes that the System of Approval will be in power from first of July 1999. There will however, if needed, be a transfusion period until the first of July of 2000, for all Member Federations to fully adjust to the effect of the decisions.

In Vienna on the 17th of January 1998

The Central Board of the International Floorball Federation

IFF Arbitration Regulations

I. Competence

§ 1 The IFF Board of Arbitration (BA) shall examine disputes where the parties directly or indirectly are members of IFF.

Dispute regarding labour legislation shall be examined by BA only if both parties have agreed upon that.

II. Composition

§ 2 BA shall consist of one or three members, each party shall appoint one arbitrator each and IFF shall appoint one arbitrator.

The arbitrator appointed by IFF shall be the Chairman of the BA and have the appropriate competence for the issue concerned. The IFF arbitrator shall be appointed from the list of IFF arbitrators that the IFF CB establishes once a year.

§ 3 Any issue can be settled by the Chairman of the BA single-handedly if the parties agrees upon that.

§ 4 If IFF is one part the Chairman of BA and the arbitrator appointed by the other party shall together appoint the third arbitrator.

If one party fails to appoint an arbitrator IFF shall appoint one arbitrator for that party.

§ 5 A person that is member in a Club or Association that is one part in the dispute, or has been representing the party, or has been advisory in the dispute or is challengeable in any other way is not allowed to be appointed as arbitrator.

III. Handling

§ 6 When a dispute arises a part shall announce the dispute to the IFF CB, that within 14 days from receiving the report shall appoint the Chairman of BA.

§ 7 The Chairman of BA shall from the parties obtain answers whether the BA shall consist of one or three members. If the parties can not agree upon one or three members the BA shall consist of three members.

Even though the BA will consist of three members the Chairman single-handedly, if the parties agrees upon that, is allowed to make oral preparations.

The Chairman runs the work of the BA, which among other things includes deciding upon suitable places for the meetings, summons and leading the meetings.

The Chairman is entitled to engage a secretary to assist with the handling of an issue.

§ 8 The BA shall handle each issue impartial, appropriate, prompt and as extensively as possible according to the wishes of the parties regarding the handling.

III. Handling

§ 9 The parties shall be given the opportunity of presenting the circumstances, written and/or orally, they wish to express in the issue.

If a party, without acceptable reasons, fails to plead their issue in the prescribed way the BA is allowed to decide upon the issue on the basis of the present investigation.

§ 10 On request of a party the BA may interrogate a witness or other person quoted by the party.

The BA may also, when special circumstances are at hand, by own initiative interrogate a witness or other person.

Interrogation may, if appropriate considering the art of the evidence and other circumstances or if personal attendance would lead to costs or inconvenience not in reasonable proportion to the importance of a personal attendance when interrogated by the BA.

IV. Voting, ruling and decision

§ 11 The BA settles an issue by a ruling. Other settlements are made through decisions.

If not due to the proportion of an issue or of other special circumstances considered justifiable, a ruling shall be settled by the BA within three month from reception of the dispute.

A ruling shall be written and signed by the arbitrator/arbitrators. The ruling shall contain the following:

- the members of the BA.
- time and place for the announcement of the ruling.
- the parties and their claims and circumstances they have pleaded in the issue.
- the settlement of the BA stating the circumstances from which the ruling is based on.
- if there within the BA has been different opinions upon the ruling that shall be stated.

Ruling, through which a conciliation is confirmed, may be issued in a simplified form.

§ 12 Before making any ruling or decision a meeting shall be held.

If there are different opinions within the BA a voting shall be held.

When voting the opinion of the majority shall be in charge. If there is no majority for an opinion, the opinion of the Chairman shall be in charge.

§ 13 A ruling shall only be given according to the claims of a party and shall be based only on the circumstances pleaded for or other conclusions of the investigation.

§ 14 If the parties in a dispute has reconciled the BA may upon request of the parties settle the conciliation in a ruling.

Even though the BA consists of three members the Chairman single-handedly may confirm a conciliation.

The Chairman single-handedly is allowed to remove an issue.

IV. Voting, ruling and decision

§ 15 If nothing else is enacted a ruling of conciliation shall be in charge immediately.

A ruling of the BA must not be brought to a civil court.

V. Costs

§ 16 Each party shall bare its own costs and the costs for their arbitrator.

The costs for the Chairman and the secretary shall be shared equal between the parties. The parties shall, however, be joint and several for these costs.

Costs for evidence or other investigations decided by the BA shall be shared equal between the parties.

The parties are entitled to agree upon another division of the costs than what is stated above.

VI. Secrecy

§ 17 The members of the BA must not without authorization reveal the contents or circumstances of the ruling of the BA.

The above is also in charge for the parties and assistants of the BA.

VII. Secretariat for co-ordination

§ 18 The IFF CB shall appoint the Chairman of the BA according to § 2 to be responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the BA. The Chairman may appoint a secretary to assist in the task.

The Chairman shall, in addition to what is stated above, among other things also:

- register all issues that has been reported to IFF.
- be responsible for all documents in all issues being entitled to engage the IFF office for filing away documents and for destruction of documents. Unless there are special circumstances documents shall be destroyed two years after settlement of an issue.

A ruling of the BA shall be kept in the archives for ten years

- be the contact between the IFF CB and the BA and keep the CB currently informed of the work in the BA.
- Annually register and bring the rulings and final decisions of the BA together.

IFF Arbitrators

The list of IFF Arbitrators for the IFF Board of Arbitration (BA) decided by the IFF Central Board (CB) ...

Possible list

Name	Address	Issue No
Tomas Eriksson		
Pekka Mukkala		
Peter Lindström		
John Liljelund		
Per Jansson		
Tomas Jonsson		
Ain Lillepalu		
Risto Kauppinen		
Martin Vaculik		

JURIDICAL REGULATIONS

These Regulations refers to the various sanctions which should be imposed for any violation of IFF Regulations, to the authority and competence to impose such sanctions and to the possibility of appeal which might be granted.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION

§ 1 Types of sanctions

As provided for in art. 39 of the IFF Statutes, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated National Association's (NA), clubs teams, players and officials of the IFF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the IFF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments. These sanctions are:

1.1 Fine

A fine consists of payment to IFF of a variable sum up to a maximum of CHF 50.000.

1.2 Discharge from official position

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

1.3 Suspension

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

1.4 Expulsion

- a) Only an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress may expel an affiliated Association, after granting it a hearing.
- b) The grounds for expulsion of a Federation are:
 1. Debt to the IFF or a Confederation, notably for delay in payment of tree (3) annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three (3) months before the session or the Congress.
 2. Clear or repeated breach of the IFF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.
 3. Loss of status as a NA, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.
- c) Quorum and voting requirements for the expulsion are the same as in the Statutes art. 31.
- d) In the case of emergency, players and officials may be expelled by the Central Board by a seventy-five (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION

1.4 Expulsion - continuation

- e) A NA may propose a reversal of expulsion under Art. 1.4 d) above at the next Congress, requesting inclusion of the matter on the agenda 60 days before the date of such Congress.
- f) All sanctions adopted against managers, coaches, referees and players by the IFF shall apply on both international and national level.

§ 2 Offences

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

2.1 Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee

- a) The NA's have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by IFF Regulations.
- b) A late payment of the membership fee might entail a fine of CHF 100,- charged to the NA which, in addition, may be suspended until payment has been made.
- c) In case of delay exceeding six (6) months, the sanction specified under Chapter 1 article 2.1 b) above, shall be imposed.
- d) Should the non-compliance continue for more than one (1) year, the NA shall be subject to suspension.
- e) The resumption of activity will be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.

2.2 Breach of IFF Competition Regulations

- a) NA's have the obligation to obtain from IFF authorisation to hold events and tournaments, between national teams and clubs, which have not been directly attributed by the IFF.
- b) Failure to previously to obtain authorisation to hold events, tournament or else violate the general competition regulations involves a fine of maximum CHF 5.000 for the NA at fault and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees) not exceeding one (1) year.
- c) The fine and suspensions shall be increased if a suspended NA or club has taken part in the competition.

2.3 Non-observance of the Statutes

Without prejudice to the prerogative of the Congress to expel a NA, the non-observance of the Statutes shall be penalised with a maximum fine of CHF 30.000 and/or a suspension not exceeding 2 year.

2.4 Non-observance of the sanction

- a) Non-observance of non-monetary sanction inflicted by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalised to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION

2.4 Non-observance of the sanction - continuation

- b) No later than three (3) months after publication by the IFF fines must be paid.
- c) Delayed payment shall involve an increase of fifty percent (50%) and prohibition from participating in competitions organised or authorised by the IFF until the entire sanction has been paid.

§ 3 Responsibility for Imposition

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

3.1 Automatic (direct) Sanction

The sanctions specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However appeal can be made to the Appeal Committee on the legitimacy of such sanction.

Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 4.2 of these regulations.

3.2 Sanctions imposed by Jury

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

3.3 The Disciplinary Committee

- a) The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in Section 1.1.
- b) The following sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - 1. Fines exceeding CHF 10.000 and
 - 2. Suspensions exceeding 6 months.

Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 4.2 of these regulations.

- c) The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by Jury if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- d) Such revision by the Disciplinary Committee of sanction imposed by a Jury may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal committee.
- e) All penalty imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee have been made.

Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 4.2 of these regulations.

II. SPORTS SANCTION

§ 1 Types of sanctions

As provided for in art.39 of the IFF Statutes, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated NA's, clubs teams, players and officials of the IFF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the IFF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

These sanctions are:

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

1.1 Reprimand

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

1.2 Warning

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

1.3 Fine

A fine consists of payment to the IFF of a variable sum up to a maximum of CHF 50.000.

1.4 Disqualification from competition

- a) Disqualification of a player or a coach consists of prohibition, for those persons, from participation in one (1) or more competitions or matches during international competitions. Disqualification must be applied with reference to the official IFF competitions immediately following, as per Sub-Section 1.4.b) of this Regulations.
- b) Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 for the team being punished.
- c) Penalisation consists of cancellation of one (1) or more points in the standings previously earned by the team sanctioned in a given tournament.

1.5 Discharge from official position

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

1.6 Suspension

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

1.7 Expulsion

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

II. SPORTS SANCTION

§ 2 Sports Offences

2.1 Dishonesty in competition

- a) NA's with their local official representatives, and Clubs with their team delegates, are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing the result of a Floorball match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party.
- b) A NA or club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5, penalisation of (1) point in the standings and exclusion for 2 years from official events and international tournaments organised or authorised by the IFF.
- c) Responsible members shall be suspended.

2.2 Use of forbidden substances (Doping)

- a) Floorball 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 IFF components during sports activities and competitions:
- b) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) doping regulations is valid. All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result.
The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test. The doping test shall be carried out in accordance with the IOC Doping Regulations. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned will be suspended during investigation. Any player whose doping control test proves positive (samples A and B) is subject to:
 1. Decision about the time of suspension, minimum 1 month and maximum 24 month, will be taken after the competition.
 2. Livelong suspension after the second infraction.This applies to any infraction arising from the use of doping substances and/or methods of doping, as defined by the IOC List of Doping Classes and Methods.
- c) If the analysis of the sample of a player's urine (bottle A) proves positive the player in question shall immediately be suspended. This suspension shall be communicated to the player in writing, as well as to the representative of the national association or club to which the player belongs, by a representative of IFF.
In this case however, the result of the game shall remain valid.
- d) If, during a tournament, a team is found guilty of a second case of doping, this team shall be disqualified. The team shall not be allowed to finish the tournament and shall lose the game by forfeit, as well as the game that have already been played. If a medal has been presented to the team, the team shall return the medals.

II. SPORTS SANCTION

2.2 Use of forbidden substances (Doping) - continuation

- e) The decision to penalise shall be taken in first instance as quickly as possible within a thirty days following the infraction, by the Disciplinary Committee.
The implicated player has the right to be heard by the Disciplinary Committee before the verdict is pronounced and to present documents of medical nature.
- f) An appeal against the decision in the first instance may be lodged with the Appeal Committee of IFF.
The Appeal Committee of IFF must take a decision in the second instance during the first 60 days following the receipt of the appeal.
- g) To introduce a complaint does not avert the execution of the penalty.
Any complaint against faulty proceedings is not valid unless these faulty proceedings had influence on the results of the tests.
- h) Any appeal against the decision in second instance may only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland. Recourse to a civil court is not permitted.

2.3 Doping sanctions imposed by a national association

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

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2.4 Unauthorised line up of foreign players

- a) NA's that permit their clubs to use foreign player without the necessary authorisation called for by the IFF Transfer Regulations or IFF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 3.000.- for each player illegally used.
- b) The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension of minimum 1 (one) year.
- c) NA's lining up foreign players in their national team without previous written approval from the IFF shall be penalised with a fine of CHF 10.000.- for each aligned player, lose the matches and be liable to 1 (one) year suspension from all the official authorised competitions.

2.5 Obstruction of the regular playing of the competitions

- a) A team declared forfeit because it did not start the match within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled time shall receive a fine of CHF 500.- and be responsible for the damages caused to the organiser and to the IFF.
- b) Delayed transmittal of a team players` list and documents with required information shall receive a fine of CHF 1.000.-

2.6 Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

- a) During any given competition, the following shall apply:
- b) All team members must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of IFF Statutes and Regulations and the principles guiding it.
- c) In the course of a tournament or sports event, before, during or after the playing of a match violates the Statutes, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:
 - 1. for protesting, incorrect attitude or behaviour, by reprimand;
 - 2. for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match.
 - 3. for violent conduct, by disqualification for the duration of the competition, with possibility of - additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent body.
- d) NA's and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans.
- e) If accidents and suspension are caused during a match due to the incorrect conduct on the part of their fans, the FN or club shall be fined CHF 1.000.- to 10.000.- depending on the case.
- f) If such an accident has irremediable compromised the regular playing of the match, the team held responsible for the public conduct shall in addition to a fine, according to Chapter 2 article 2.5 c), be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no point for the match lost will be granted.

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2.7 Partial refereeing

- a) Referees or other officials who carry out their job dishonestly in the course of matches or tournaments recognised by IFF shall be excluded from their job and shall be subject to an additional suspension of 1 (one) year.
- b) In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall be expelled from the IFF.

2.8 Failure to participate in or organise a official IFF tournament or matches

- a) Failure to participate in international tournaments or other events recognised by IFF
- b) Any NA or club that, after having registered for an official IFF tournament, withdraws after the draw is done and more than sixty (60) days from the starting date, shall be excluded from the two (2) subsequent official tournaments and shall be subject to a fine up to CHF 10.000.
- c) Should such withdraw take place less than sixty (60) days but more than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the official IFF tournament, in addition to exclusion as provided for in Chapter 2 article 2.8 b) in these Regulation, the NA or club shall pay a fine up to CHF 15.000.-.
- d) Withdrawal taking place during the fifteen days prior to the start of official IFF tournament shall pay a fine up to CHF 20.000.-, in addition to exclusion as provided for under Chapter 2 article 2.8 b) in these Regulations.
- e) Withdrawal during an official IFF tournament shall be punished by:
 - 1. A fine up to CHF 30.000.-
 - 2. Suspension from official IFF tournaments for two (2) years
 - 3. Obligation to reimburse the Organiser and the IFF for the expenses borne on the behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team and for loss of income and other financial consequences.

2.9 Failure to participate in private or friendly matches between IFF member nations or clubs

- a) IFF member Association or club having signed an agreement with another IFF member Association or club regarding a private or friendly match, are obliged to participate.
- b) If a withdrawal take place, a fine will be imposed by 2/3 of that called for in Chapter 2 article 2.8 b) in these regulations. In addition to reimburse the Organiser for all expenses borne for the withdrawing team.
- c) 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 Organiser for preparation of the match/matches.

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2.9 Failure to participate in private or friendly matches between IFF member nations or clubs - continuation

- d) In case of single or double game, if the organising team forfeits, the visiting team must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses, determined on the basis of its travel receipts.
The organising team shall in addition be subject to sanction according to Chapter 2 article 2.9 a) and b).

2.10 Failure to organise IFF competition

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

- a) Fine up to CHF 50.000.-
- b) Suspension from international participation for two (2) years.
- c) Three (3) years interdiction of international competitions.

2.11 Recovery of fees, costs and loss of income

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

§ 3 Responsibility for imposition

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

3.1 Automatic (direct) sanctions

The sanction specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However appeal can be made to the Appeal committee on the legitimacy of such sanction. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 4.2 of these regulations.

3.2 Sanctions imposed by a Jury

- a) Sanctions imposed by a Jury are final as far as the duration of competition (or tournament) to which they apply is concerned.
- b) The Jury officiating during recognised IFF sports events is competent to impose the sanctions set further under Chapter 2 article 3.2 a) of these Regulations, providing that such sanctions are applied with direct reference to the sports event for which the Jury has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Jury may request the CB to impose heavier sanctions.

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3.2 Sanctions imposed by a Jury - continuation

- c) The Jury of an official IFF competition has the responsibility of applying, in the manner and within the limits set by these Regulations, the IFF Statutes and the Specific Competitions Regulations, the following sanctions:
 - 1. Against national teams and clubs
 - Reprimand
 - Warning
 - Loss of match by 0-5
 - Penalisation in standings and exclusion from the competition.
 - 2. Against managers of delegation, physicians, coaches, players and referees
 - Reprimand.
 - Warning.
 - Disqualification for one or more matches (against coaches and players).
 - Suspension for entire tournament.
- d) The sanction for which the Jury is competent may not exceed the length of the sporting event for which the jury has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Jury may propose to the Disciplinary Committee an application of additional sanctions.
- e) The Jury must transmit to the IFF a detailed report with the facts attached to the official documents and all evidence necessary for an in-depth evaluation of what has taken place and consequent decisions.
- f) The Jury has exclusive competence to ratifying the matches and drawing up the standings for sports competitions. The Jury evaluates and decides on protests made by participating teams, after studied the Referee Report and other reports relevant to the case that have been given to the Jury. The Jury also can ask for a report from other official Committees related to the sports event.
- g) If the competition takes place in more than one venue, the competence indicated under Article 3.2 f) of these Regulations falls, in the first instance, to the Jury delegate, who hears the opinion of the Referee Committee and other involved bodies or parties at the venue. In such a case an appeal to the Jury in second and finale instance is permitted against the decision of the Jury delegate.
- h) To this end, the team involved shall deliver a written statement containing its own deduction to the Jury delegate, how must then immediately transmit such statement to the Chairman of the Jury.
- i) The Jury shall make a decision on the appeal within the following twenty-four (24) hours.
- j) The disciplinary sanctions called for under Chapter 2 article 3.2 c) of these Regulations can be imposed solely by the Jury.

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3.3 Sanctions imposed by the Central Board

- a) The Central Board may impose the sanctions provided for in Section 2.1.
- b) The following sanction imposed by the Central Board may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - Fines exceeding CHF 10.000,-
 - Suspension exceeding six months.
- c) The Central Board may revise sanction imposed by a Jury if the impositions of such sanction extend beyond the duration of the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- d) Such revision by the Central Board of sanction imposed by a Jury may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal committee as called for under Article 3.3 b) of these Regulations. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 4.2 of these regulations.

3.4 Sanctions imposed by a NA

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

§ 4 Procedures

4.1 Initiation of the procedure

- a) Procedures of discipline shall be initiated directly by the competent jurisdictional bodies on the basis of:
 1. Information from the match record, from the reports of the referees and Jury delegates.
 2. Indications given by those IFF Committees which are competent to oversee the various categories of members.
 3. Indications given by members of the Central Board, the Confederations, the NA's and relevant IFF institutions.

4.2 Appeals

- a) All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal committee or the Central Board having been made.
- b) All appeals shall be send through the actual national association.
- c) The appeal shall be sent to the office of IFF within 21 days from announcement of the first decision. The appeal shall be accompanied by deposit of:
 1. CHF 1.000 for an appeal against a warning or a fine.
 2. CHF 5.000 in any other case.

II. SPORTS SANCTION

4.2 Appeals - continuation

- d) In case of received appeal the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the following deadlines:
 - 1. For fines, a date shall be communicated in good time by the Appeal Committee with the party concerned.
 - 2. For discharge or suspensions given by the Central Board in the first instance, the deadline shall be a maximum of 7 days following receipt of the appeal and the appropriate deposit at the office of IFF.
- e) If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded.

4.3 Publication and notification of a decision

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

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS REGULATIONS

§ 1 GENERAL

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

A player can only be licensed for one club at a time.

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

§ 2 REGULATIONS IN CHARGE

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

§ 3 TRANSFER FORMULA

A transfer according to § 1 shall be carried out on the official IFF Transfer Formula.

§ 4 ADMINISTRATION FEE

The administrative fee for a transfer according to § 1 is 100 CHF and shall be paid to IFF, whether the transfer will be made valid or not.

§ 5 TRANSFER Period

A transfer according to § 1 shall be the IFF official address by hand during the period 1st of May to 31st of December at midnight CET. A transfer arriving outside the transfer period shall be rejected.

§ 6 VALIDITY

A transfer shall be made valid by IFF within 21 days after receiving a correct transfer formula according to § 7, however not before 1st of July.

§ 7 TRANSFER

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

A player is free to transfer, and can not be hindered by the giving club, unless the player is under a valid written contract or has an obligation to the giving club or is under national suspension.

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

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

§ 8 HANDLING

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

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

§ 8 HANDLING - continuation

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 9 DECISION

Decision on transfers shall be made by the IFF RACC.

§ 10 APPEAL

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

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

§ 11 ARBITRATION

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

When processing in the BA the IFF Arbitration Regulations shall be applicable.

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

COMPETITION REGULATIONS – NATIONAL TEAMS

§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 IFF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Organizers Regulations, IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2 All IFF member associations are entitled to apply to organize IFF Championships.
- 1.3 The organizers of IFF Championships are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4 The responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in the IFF Organizers Regulations.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 IFF shall stage a World Championship for national representative teams in principal in May every year, in odd years for Women and in even years for men.
- 2.2 All IFF member associations may apply to participate in a Championship. IFF may invite other nations with floorball.
- 2.3 The registration shall be made on the official IFF formula. Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee, 2000 CHF for the A-division and 1000 CHF for the B-division, shall be IFF by hand latest the 30th of June the year before the Championship.
- 2.4 A registered team that withdraws from the championship shall be fined according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.
- 2.5 Costs for travel to and from the arrival city and board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team.
- 2.6 The host shall pay for no more than 30 persons (23 players and 7 officials) for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the Arrival city to their respective hotel. The host shall also pay for the participating teams to travel from their hotel to the official venues, to training sessions according to the official program of each team and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city.

The responsibility for the organizer to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team.

- 2.7 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 the own nation and not earlier participant of another national representative team in a Championship shall be eligible to represent the nation in a Championship.
- 3.2 Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 23 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the Championship.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS - continuation

- 3.3 30 days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF formula and signed by the national Association, shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials from which the final delegation shall be selected. 10 days before the first match of the Championship the final list of a maximum of 23 players and 7 officials shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the Championship. Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after an application to the IFF RACC. Passports shall be checked before the first match.
- 3.4 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat no later than 30 minutes before the match. No other than those mentioned on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 4.1 The Championship shall be played, in principal, in two divisions. Division into further divisions may be decided after dead-line for registration
- 4.2 The A-division shall consist of the seven best teams of the previous Championship of the same category and the winner of the B-division of the previous Championship of the same category.
- 4.2.1 The A-division shall be played in two groups of 4 teams each. The constitution of the groups shall be based on the final rankings of the previous Championship of the same category as follows:
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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Group 1 | Group 2 |
| World Champions | Runner-up |
| 4 th placed team | 3 rd placed team |
| 5 th placed team | 6 th placed team |
| B-division winner of the previous Championship | 7 th placed team |
- 4.2.2 The order of play within each group in the A-division shall be:
1-2, 3-4, 1-3, 2-4, 4-1, 3-2.
The IFF RACC shall lot the number of each team by drawing lot.
- 4.2.3 The groups are decided by each team playing each other once within the group, *where* 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss..
- 4.2.4 The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
- The total number of points.
 - If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included if necessary, shall be decisive.
 - If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
 - If the ranking can not be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - If most scored goals is not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - continuation

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

Semi-final 1	Winner of group 1 – 2 nd of group 2
Semi-final 2	Winner of group 2 – 2 nd of group 1
Match for 3 rd Place	Loser of Semi-final 1 – Loser of Semi-final 2
Final	Winner of Semi-final 1 – Winner of Semi-final 2

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

Match for 7 th Place	4 th of group 2 – 4 th of group 1
Match for 5 th Place	3 rd of group 1 – 3 rd of group 2

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

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

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

4.3.1 The number of groups, playing system and order of play may be decided after dead-line 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.

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

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 can not be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- f) If most scored goals is not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking.

4.3.4 When the B-division is divided into two groups continued play after the group matches shall be as follows (ranking referring to the complete Championship):

Semi-final 1	Winner of group 1 – 2 nd of group 2
Semi-final 2	Winner of group 2 – 2 nd of group 1
Match for 11 th Place	Loser of Semi-final 1 – Loser of Semi-final 2
Final	Winner of Semi-final 1 – Winner of Semi-final 2

The winner of the final shall be promoted to the A-division.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - continuation

4.3.4 Continuation

Ranking matches for 13th and 15th place shall be played as follows:

Match for 15th place 4th of group 2 – 4th of group 1
Match for 13th place 3rd of group 1 – 3rd of group 2

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

- 4.4 The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2 1/2 hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink and that there is, in principal, at least 12 hours between the start of two consecutive matches of any team. Whenever possible a team that has played the last match on one day should not play the first match of the following day.
- 4.5 The organizers are entitled to request the IFF RACC 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.
- 4.6 Teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before start of a match.

§ 5 PLAYER'S UNIFORMS

- 5.1 The player's uniforms shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. IFF may, when inviting to an IFF 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 IFF Championship or tournament.
- 5.2 If two teams have the same main-colour on their uniforms the prepared IFF list regarding team's uniforms in the matches shall be applicable.

§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms. The main colour of the uniform must be dominating.
- 6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms.

7. REFEREES

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in IFF Championships 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 occurring during IFF Championships.

Sanctions imposed by RACC 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 PROTESTS - continuation

- 8.3 The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed in to DC 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 followed by the amount of 50 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 9 DOPING

- 9.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding doping occurring during IFF Championships.
- Sanctions imposed by RACC are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 9.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations and the IOC Doping regulations are applicable.
- 9.3 All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.
- 9.4 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the IFF Championship or tournament.

§ 10 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 10.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters occurring during IFF Championships.
- Sanctions imposed by RACC are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

§ 11 WALK OVER (W.O)

- 11.1 When a Walk Over is at hand, meaning when a team does not show up to a match, the opponent shall be considered as having won the match with the result 5-0 and the team that does not show up shall be considered as having lost the match with the result 0-5.

§ 12 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1 A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team for the time between two Championships. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage to the cup and shall return it to the IFF office in perfect condition, one month before the next Championship. IFF shall be responsible for engraving the name of the winning team. A replica of the cup shall be awarded to the winning team together with 30 IFF Gold medals. 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.
- 12.2 The runner-up shall be presented a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 12.3 The 3rd ranked team shall be presented a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.
- 12.4 The winner of the B-division shall be presented a cup and 30 IFF Gold medals.
- 12.5 The referees refereeing the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees refereeing the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each and the referees refereeing the B-division final shall be presented one IFF Bronze medal each.
- 12.6 Each participating player, team official and referee shall be presented one IFF Bronze Memory medal each.

§ 13 THE RINK

- 13.1 The rink shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

§ 14 PRACTISE SESSIONS DURING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 14.1 Teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area during the group play and, if possible, during play-off.
- 14.2 Teams are entitled to at least one practice in the official tournament venue before their first match in that venue, on the day before an official match.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

§ 15 MEETINGS IN IFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

15.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament a meeting should be held where the organizing committee, the head of delegation and coach of each team, the referees representative and the IFF RACC should be present. The agenda should comprise the following:

- a) A short welcome by the host
- b) Addresses, telephone and telefax numbers of the Head office of the competition, the venues, the teams, officials and referee hotels
- c) Transportation arrangements to and from the matches and practice halls
- d) Opening and closing ceremonies, formalities, place and time
- e) Places reserved for teams in the spectator's areas
- f) Press conferences and times
- g) Briefing for the officials and referees
- h) The procedure before and after each match
- i) A complete list of the organizing committee, jury and team members
- j) The IFF list of team's uniforms in the matches (each team shall have two sets of jerseys, one dark and one light)
- k) IFF advertisement strips

15.2 If necessary another meeting may be held prior the semi-finals.

15.3 The organizers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.

15.4 The heads of delegation's or their representatives are obliged to attend other meetings scheduled by the organizing committee.

§ 16 TICKETS

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

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

16.3 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 organizer, 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 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

17.1 The IFF RACC 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.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS – CLUB TEAMS

§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 IFF Club competitions shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Organizers Regulations, IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2 All IFF member associations are entitled to apply to organize IFF Club competitions.
- 1.3 The organizers of IFF Club competitions are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4 The responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in the IFF Organizers Regulations.

§ 2 QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 2.1 IFF shall stage a European Cup for national Champions (the Cup), men and Women, in principal within the period 26th-30th of December each year. If necessary a qualification tournament shall be organized in principal in August *or September*.
- 2.2 All national champions of IFF member associations situated in Europe and the reigning European Cup champion of each category, may apply to participate in the Cup. If a national champion, due to reasons beyond control, can not participate, the IFF CB shall decide upon replacement.
- 2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee, 300 CHF, shall be IFF by hand latest the 31st of May the same year as the Cup. The registration shall be made on the official IFF formula.
- 2.4 A registered team that withdraws from the Cup shall be fined according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.
- 2.5 All costs such as travelling, local transports included, and board and lodging, shall be borne by each participating team.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than the 31st of July for the qualification tournament and 30th of September for the final tournament the same year as the Cup shall be eligible to represent the club in the Cup.
- 3.2 Clubs participating are entitled to use a maximum of 23 players and a maximum of 7 officials in IFF Club competitions.
- 3.3 30 days before the first match of the Cup a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF formula and signed both by the Club and their national Association, shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials from which the final delegation shall be selected. 10 days before the Cup the final list of a maximum of 23 players and 7 officials shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the Cup. Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after an application to the IFF RACC. Passports shall be checked before the first match.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS - continuation

- 3.4 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 30 minutes before the match. No other than those mentioned on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.
- 3.5 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

4.1 The European Cup may be divided into a qualification round and a final round.

4.2 If qualification is necessary shall be decided by IFF RACC after dead-line for registration.

IFF RACC shall decide, according to the ranking list, which teams shall be in a qualification.

The constitution of groups shall be according to the ranking list based on the results obtained during the last five years of the same category.

The seeding shall be based on the ranking list. The reigning champion shall always be seeded as number one.

Group A	Group B
Seeded 1 st	Seeded 2 nd
Seeded 4 th	Seeded 3 rd
Seeded 5 th	Seeded 6 th
Seeded 8 th	Seeded 7 th

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

4.4 The order of play in a group shall be as follows:

3 teams: 1-2, 3-1, 2-3.

4 teams: 1-2, 3-4, 1-3, 2-4, 4-1, 3-2.

5 teams: 1-2, 3-4, 5-1, 2-3, 4-5, 1-3, 5-2, 4-1, 3-5, 2-4.

6 teams: 1-6, 5-2, 3-4, 2-1, 6-3, 4-5, 3-2, 6-4, 1-5, 4-1, 5-3, 2-6, 1-3, 2-4, 6-5.

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

- The total number of points.
- If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference if necessary included, shall be decisive.
- If the internal matches according to b), are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
- If the ranking can not be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- If the total goal difference is not be decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- If most scored goals is not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM - continuation

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

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

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

Match for 7 th Place	4 th of group B – 4 th of group A
Match for 5 th Place	3 rd of group A – 3 rd of group B

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

- 4.7 The match schedule of the Cup shall be done such that there is at least 2 hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink and that there is at least 3 hours between the start of two consecutive matches of any team. Whenever possible a team that has played the last match on one day should not play the first match of the following day.
- 4.8 The organizers are entitled to request the IFF RACC 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.
- 4.9 If possible, the teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before the start of a match.

§ 5 PLAYER'S UNIFORMS

- 5.1 The player's uniforms shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. IFF may, when inviting to an IFF Club competition, decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's uniforms, other outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the IFF Club competition.
- 5.2 If two teams have the same main-colour on their uniforms the prepared IFF list regarding team's uniforms in the matches shall be applicable.

§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms, but is obliged to leave space for IFF advertisement according to 6.2
The main colour of the uniform must be dominating.
- 6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms.

§ 7 REFEREES

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in IFF Club 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 occurring during IFF Club competitions. Sanctions imposed by RACC 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 in to DC 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 followed by the amount of 50 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 9 DOPING

- 9.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding doping occurring during IFF Club competitions. Sanctions imposed by RACC are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 9.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations and the IOC Doping regulations are applicable.
- 9.3 All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.
- 9.4 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the IFF Club competition.

§ 10 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 10.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters occurring during IFF Club competitions. Sanctions imposed by RACC are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

§ 11 WALK OVER

- 11.1 When a Walk Over (W.O) is at hand, meaning when a team does not show up to a match, the opponent shall be considered as having won the match with the result 5-0 and the team that does not show up shall be considered as having lost the match with the results 0-5.

§ 12 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE EUROPEAN CUP

- 12.1 A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage to the cup and shall return it to the IFF office in perfect condition, one month before the final tournament the next season. IFF shall be responsible for engraving the name of the winning team. A replica of the cup shall be awarded to the winning team together with 30 IFF Gold medals. 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.
- 12.2 The runner-up shall be presented a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 12.3 The 3rd ranked team shall be presented a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.

§ 13 THE RINK

- 13.1 The rink shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

§ 14 PRACTISE SESSIONS

- 14.1 Teams are, if possible, entitled to practice every day during the competition on a regulation playing area.
- 14.2 Teams are, if possible, entitled to at least one practice in the official tournament venue before their first match at the venue, on the day before an official match.
- 14.3 If practice sessions are possible they 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.
- 14.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

§ 15 MEETINGS IN IFF CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 Immediately prior to the start of the tournament a meeting shall be held where the organizing committee, the head of delegation and coach of each team, the referees representative and the IFF RACC shall be present. The agenda should comprise the following:
- a) The tournament program and practice sessions
 - b) The IFF list of team's uniforms in the matches (each team must have two sets of jerseys, one dark and one light)
 - c) Advertising on team strips (sold by the IFF)
 - d) Details of medical care and doping tests
 - e) Instructions for the referees
 - f) Miscellaneous: transportation, hotel accommodation, ceremonies and other matters related to the tournament.
- 15.2 If necessary another meeting may be held prior the semi-finals.
- 15.3 The organizers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 15.4 The heads of delegation's or their representatives are obliged to attend other meetings scheduled by the organizing committee.

§ 16 TICKETS

- 16.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 30 tickets valid for the entire IFF Club competition, free of charge, for the players and officials of the team.
- 16.2 Each participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets valid for the entire IFF Club competition, free of charge.
- 16.3 Each member Association with a participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets valid for the entire IFF Club competition, free of charge.
- 16.4 Each participating club is entitled to purchase tickets.

The ticket quota of each participating club shall be fixed by IFF RACC in consultation with the organizer, and shall be divided as follows:

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ADMISSION OF ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The CB proposes the Congress to admit the Polish Floorball Federation (Polska Federacja Unihokeja - Floorball) as ordinary member Association of IFF (Application of ordinary membership is enclosed).

EXPULSION OF ORDINARY MEMBER

The Hungarian Floorball Federation (Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség) has not paid membership fee to IFF for the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, and have not been heard from regarding settlement of the debts.

The CB therefore proposes the Congress to expel the Hungarian Floorball Federation (Magyar Palanklabda Szövetség) from IFF.