



# **CHAMPIONS CUP REGULATIONS**

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## § 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Champions Cup (CC) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game, for the period of 2019-2 with the four nations Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden & Switzerland organising the event.
- 1.2 The organisers of the CC are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) in accordance with the contract for the arrangement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Floorball Champions Cup
- 1.3 The IFF Member Associations qualified to participate in the CC are entitled to apply to organise the CC. For the period of 2019-2022 the organisers are set to be, in order, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Finland, in accordance with the signed agreements
- 1.4 The CC shall be organised in a city proposed by the organising country and then approved by the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG), with broad enough spectator capacity for floorball and preferably nearby an international airport
- 1.5 The duties and responsibilities of the organisers are laid down primarily in this regulation, and secondly in the IFF Organisers Regulations, IFF Event Handbook and the contract between IFF and the organiser.
- 1.6 The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF have signed a separate agreement on the structure and responsibilities of the organisation of the CC
- 1.7 The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF are fully committed to continue building an own unique identity for the competition, by finding and implementing a maximum possible number of new marketing elements for the CC. The marketing and sales related work will be coordinated by the CCSG and the operational work will be headed by the IFF sales & marketing function and any appointed CC Brand Manager
- 1.8 The CC has its own specific logo for all events, in line with the IFF Corporate Identity
- 1.9 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via other person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that i.e. players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where the own club participates. Further, their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.10 Participants in IFF Events are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the IFF Event organiser

## § 2 QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 2.1 The CC, men and women, is preferably played in the first full week of January each year, during 2019 – 2022, in accordance with these regulations.
- 2.2 The national champions of the 4 associations in question, of each category, may apply to participate in the CC.
- 2.3 If a national champion cannot participate, due to reasons beyond control, the National Association may apply to the RACC for the runner-up or winner of the National Association Cup to participate. The IFF CB shall decide, based upon the proposal of the RACC. The decision is final.

In case of a late withdrawal of a team from the event, and where the National Association of the withdrawn team cannot confirm a replacement in good time, the LOC is allowed to secure a replacement team from the organising country National Federation.

- 2.4 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of June in the year preceding the CC. Registration shall be made on the official IFF registration form.
- 2.5 The teams participating in the CC are obliged to hand in information required by the organiser before 31<sup>st</sup> August each year, in order not to lose the right to a specific service
- 2.6 A team that registers for the CC and then withdraws from the event, either prior to the start of, or during competition, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

### § 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than the date for handing in the team list shall be eligible to represent the club in the CC
- 3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the CC are eligible to participate.
- 3.3 Clubs participating are entitled to register and use a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials in the CC. The clubs are entitled, at their own cost, to use additional personnel in the event but these are not included in the official team.
- 3.4 30 full days before the first match of the CC a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form, signed by both the club and the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF. This list may consist of up to 20 players, 7 officials, 10 emergency players and 2 team media attachés. Only players included on the emergency list will be eligible to be substituted to the final team list in case of injury or other reasons.

Together with the list, the teams shall send a passport style photo of each team member (players and officials) and a picture of the team jerseys showing both the front and the back.

Photo identification shall be checked in connection with the accreditation.

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

- 3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match, along with the team line-up form. No others than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.
- 3.6 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegation.
- 3.7 A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the CC per season.

### § 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 4.1 The CC is played as a final-4 event
- 4.2 The IFF RACC shall, after the deadline for registration, build the fixture list of the CC. The fixtures will include the following:
  - Semi-final 1: 1<sup>st</sup> ranked – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> ranked
  - Semi-final 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> ranked
  - Bronze match: Loser SF – Loser SF
  - Final: Winner SF – Winner SF

A drawing of lots shall decide which teams shall be the home teams in the medal matches. The above matches shall, when ending in a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots

- 4.3 The CC can be played either as a two-day or three-day tournament as follows, based on the decision of the CCSG.

The three-day tournament is played as follows:

- Day 1: Semi-finals of one gender

- Day 2: Semi-finals of the other gender and bronze match for the Day 1 losing teams
- Day 3: Finals for both genders and bronze match for the Day 2 losing teams

The two-day tournament is played as follows:

- Day 1: Semi-finals of both genders
- Day 2: Finals and bronze match for both genders

- 4.3 The Semi-final pairing will be decided by a ballot for both genders. The ranking is based on the IFF WFC ranking
- 4.4 The match schedule of the CC shall be done so that there is at least 2 ½ hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink.
- 4.5 The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.
- 4.6 The period intermission is 15 minutes in the CC.
- 4.7 The teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

## **§ 5 PLAYER'S OUTFITS**

- 5.1 The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams of the CC shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey. The player's surname must be printed on the back of the jersey with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80mm high.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in place during the CC

- 5.2 Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.
- 5.3 A player taking part in CC shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition. Changes due to unforeseen circumstances, such as damage to the uniform, or blood, may be allowed with the permission of the IFF / Jury.
- 5.4 If two teams have the same colour the RACC shall decide which team shall change
- 5.5 All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the First Technical Meeting of the event

## **§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS**

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 6.2.
- 6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit. The space reserved for the IFF shall not exceed 10 x 15cm.

## **§ 7 REFEREES**

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the CC shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.

## **§ 8 PROTESTS**

- 8.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 8.2 When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

- 8.3 The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the Jury within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 8.4 Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 8.5 A protest must be written, signed and accompanied by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

## **§ 9 ANTI-DOPING**

- 9.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding anti-doping during the CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury 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 IFF Anti-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 a doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a 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 EFC or EFch.

## **§ 10 BETTING**

- 10.1 Participant's laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including cell phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 10.2 Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 10.3 Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their field decisions.
- 10.4 Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5
  - a) It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
  - b) It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions in their sport
  - c) It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting
- 10.6 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 10.7 Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.8 The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they and their clubs fulfill their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).
- 10.9 Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.
- 10.10 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing

- 10.11 To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.12 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

## **§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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

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

- 11.2 The Disciplinary function of the event will be comprised of representative/s from the Jury, Referee management and IFF staff of the event.
- 11.3 When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations shall apply.
- 11.4 All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the CB or the RACC of IFF shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies.

## **§ 12 WALK OVER**

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

## **§ 13 CUPS AND MEDALS**

- 13.1 The winner of CC, in both genders, will receive 10,000 CHF, a cup and 30 IFF Gold medals.
- 13.2 The runner-up of CC, in both genders, will receive 5,000 CHF, a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 13.3 The referees of both finals shall be presented with one IFF Gold medal each
- 13.4 No additional medals will be produced.

## **§ 14 THE RINK**

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

## **§ 15 PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 15.1 If the playing schedule permits, teams are entitled to at least one practice of 30-45 minutes, free of charge, in the official tournament venue before their first match at said venue, on the day before an official match.
- 15.2 Teams are entitled to practice at least once a day during the competition on a regular playing area, subject to availability of appropriate venue/s. Apart from the training on the day prior to their first official match, the costs for all other training sessions, including transport, is the responsibility of the teams.
- 15.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule
- 15.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

## **§ 16 MEETINGS IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP**

- 16.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain's & Technical meeting shall be held where the organising committee, the head of delegation and head coach of each team, the team captain, the head of referees and the IFF Jury shall be present.
- 16.2. The organiser is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms for the Captain's & Technical meeting and referee meetings.
- 16.4. The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the IFF, Jury or the organising committee.
- 16.3. Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

## **§ 17 TICKETS**

### **17.1 Participating Teams**

- 17.1.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 27 tickets/reserved seats (in the form of accreditations), free of charge, for the players and officials of the team, valid for the duration of the event.
- 17.1.2 The organiser of the CC must reserve the needed amount/reserved seats of tickets for all the participating teams.

### **17.2 Participating Clubs/Associations**

- 17.2.1 Each participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire CC, free of charge.
- 17.2.2 Each Member Association with a participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditation and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire CC, free of charge.

### **17.3 Each participating Club/Member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.**

The ticket quota of each participating Club/Member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organiser

## **§ 18 RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **18.1 Costs**

- 18.1.1 It is the responsibility of the participating teams to pay the CC participation fee and their travel costs from their home city to the official arrival city airport / harbour / railway station.
- 18.1.2 It is the responsibility of the organiser to cover all organisational costs of the CC, including domestic transport, accommodation and food for the participating teams.
- 18.1.3 It is the responsibility of the organiser to cover the costs for international and domestic transport and accommodation with breakfast for the IFF President and Executive Committee.
- 18.1.4 It is the responsibility of the organiser to cover the costs for international and domestic transport, accommodation with breakfast and daily allowances for the IFF Jury, IFF Referees, IFF Referee Management and IFF Staff
- 18.1.5 It is the responsibility of the IFF to provide prize money for the CC winners and runners-up and to produce the TV signal for both men's Semi-finals
- 18.1.6 It is the responsibility of the IFF to provide the playing materials for the event, including flooring, rink, goal cages and balls

### **18.2 Accommodation and Food**

- 18.2.1 The stakeholders of the CC have agreed to a minimum standard (2-3 star hotels) for the accommodation and food from the participating teams arriving from abroad. The board and lodging shall preferably take place in one venue

- 18.2.2 The organiser shall organise and cover all costs for accommodation and food for the six (6) participating foreign teams, in accordance with the agreement
- 18.2.3 The organiser is responsible for the board and lodging for the teams from lunch the day before the start of each team's first match in CC until lunch on the day of the final.
- 18.2.4 Preferably, the fixture of the tournament shall be built so that the teams are able to leave for home on the last day of the tournament. If the timing of the final does not make it possible for a team to travel home on the day of the final, the cost of accommodation for one extra night and two meals (dinner & breakfast) will be paid by the organisers. If there are available departure travel options but the team chooses to stay, all costs for accommodation and food after lunch on the final day will be the team's responsibility.

### **18.3 Transport**

- 18.3.1 The arrival city is to be defined by the host nation, in agreement with the CCGS, following the IFF WFC principles. If the arrival city and competition city are not the same, the organiser shall inform the participating teams of the transportation responsibilities and system
- 18.3.2 The responsibility for the organiser to transport starts the day before the first match of each team and ceases on the day of the last match of the tournament.
- 18.3.3 The organiser is responsible for the costs related to domestic transportation of the teams as follows:
- a) to/from the arrival city / harbour / railway station to hotel on arrival & departure
  - b) to/from competition arena/practice venue to hotel during the event according to the official program of each team
  - c) to/from any official event (e.g. opening ceremony) according to the official program of each team

The teams are to confirm this information at least one month prior to the start of the tournament.

### **18.4 TV & Streaming**

The organiser is to cover the costs of the production of internet TV (streaming) from all matches and the TV production of both the men's and women's final for distribution

### **18.5 Marketing Rights**

- 18.5.1 The organiser does not pay any organiser's fee to the IFF but will hand over a part of the marketing rights to the IFF (Floorball Manufacturer, CC Title Sponsor etc)
- 18.5.2 The organiser owns all other marketing rights of the event, in accordance with the organisation agreement
- 18.5.3 The IFF owns all international TV rights, all internet rights, and a part of the marketing rights

## **§ 19 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

- 19.1 The CB and/or RACC of IFF shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Regulations, as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.