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Chapter I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Article 1 Object

- 1.1. The present regulations serve to ensure that the objectives of IFF are attained as per the IFF Statutes
- 1.2. These regulations describe the infringements to the IFF Statutes, Regulations and Guidelines, that regulate the application of penalties and govern the organisation and action of the disciplinary organs and the procedure to be followed before these organs.

Article 2 Scope of application: natural and legal individuals

- 2.1. The following are subject to the present regulations:
 - a) National Associations (NA) of the IFF – Ordinary, Provisional & Associate - and their officials
 - b) Members of these associations, in particular the clubs and their officials
 - c) Players
 - d) Match officials
 - e) Referees
 - f) All persons with an authorisation to exercise a function on the occasion of a match, a competition or any other event organised or sanctioned by the IFF
- 2.2. The above-mentioned individuals and organs are subject to IFF's disciplinary power. They are bound by and recognise the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of IFF.

Article 3 Scope of application: time

- 3.1. The first chapter of this regulation (Discipline) applies to facts that have arisen after it has come into force
- 3.2. The second chapter (Organisation and Competence) applies as soon as the juridical regulations have come into force

Article 4 Definitions

- 4.1. Pre-match: the time between the team's arrival in the confines of the venue and the whistle for start of a match from the referee
- 4.2. Post-match: the time between the end of the final whistle of a match and the team's departure from the confines of the venue
- 4.3. Friendly International matches: the matches played between national teams of national associations or between club teams representing the highest league from two different national associations
- 4.4. IFF Tournaments: a tournament organised under the auspices of a national association for the national teams and/or clubs invited to it and sanctioned by IFF
- 4.5. Official: the individuals, with the exception of players, performing an activity connected to floorball at a national association or a club, regardless of their title, the type of activity or the duration of the activity. In particular, managers, coaches and medical staff are officials
- 4.6. Match officials: the individuals who carry the task of the match secretariat during a match

Article 5 Associations' Juridical regulations

- 5.1. National associations are requested to adapt their provisions to these regulations so as to harmonise the juridical regulations

Chapter II – ORGANISATION and COMPETENCE

Article 6 General Rules

The disciplinary organs of IFF reserve the right to sanction serious infringements of the statutory objectives of IFF, if associations, confederations, clubs, and other sports organisations fail to prosecute the infringements committed or fail to prosecute in compliance with the fundamental principles of law.

Article 7 Friendly International matches

- 7.1. Any Disciplinary action to be taken at friendly matches between two national teams from different associations is primarily the responsibility of the event disciplinary function, However, if there is not a designated event disciplinary function the report shall be sent to the IFF Disciplinary Committee, which may intervene
- 7.2. The associations shall inform IFF of the sanctions pronounced by the event disciplinary function.

Article 8 IFF Sanctions applicable with NA

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

1. Disciplinary Organs

Article 9 Generality

- 9.1. The disciplinary organs of IFF are the Jury, IFF Event Disciplinary Function, IFF administration, the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee
- 9.2. Anti-Doping Rule violations shall follow the Results Management Process defined in the valid IFF Anti-Doping Rules

Article 10 Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS)

Certain decisions passed by the Appeal Committee may be appealed against before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Article 11 Powers of the disciplinary organs for National matches

- 11.1. Match incidents committed during national matches shall be judged and penalised by the National Association of the Organiser, according to its regulations
- 11.2. Other breaches of the IFF Regulations committed during or in relation with a national match shall be judged and penalised by the National Association that issued the licence to the offender
- 11.3. The sanctions to be handed down shall be those provided for in the IFF Regulations. The procedure shall be that provided for in the regulations of the National Association
- 11.4. Unless specially provided, other breaches of IFF Regulations shall be judged and penalised by the Jury or the Disciplinary Committee according to the following rules
- 11.5. The competent National Association is determined in accordance with the time of the facts, even if the individual obtains a licence from another National Association before or during the disciplinary procedure

2. Event Disciplinary Organs (EDO)

During an event the Jury & Event Disciplinary Function are jointly referred to as the EDO – Event Disciplinary Organs.

Article 12 Appointment & role of the Jury

- 12.1. The Jury is appointed by the IFF Rules & Competition Committee (RACC) prior to each event. The number of jury members depends on the size of the event, however, one member is always nominated as the Chair of the Jury and has the authority to impose sanctions as specified in these regulations
- 12.2. The main role of the jury is to ensure that the participating teams follow the relevant competition rules for all matches within the specific competition to which they are appointed. They are also responsible for ensuring that the participating teams follow all specific event instructions as advised by the local organisers and/or IFF
- 12.3. The Jury has the authority to use official match video material to assess situations that require a disciplinary review

Article 13 Appointment & role of the Event Disciplinary Function (EDF)

- 13.1. An Event Disciplinary Function is appointed by the IFF Administration prior to each event. It must be comprised of at least one representative from each of the following groups: IFF Administration, Event Jury, Event Referee Management. Further members may be appointed as representative of other groups if needed
- 13.2. The main role of the EDF is to consider any disciplinary actions directly related to a specific match or event that are raised as a result of requests by IFF Administration, National Associations, participating teams, local organisers, or any person independent of these groups

- 13.3. The EDF has the authority to use official match video material to assess situations that require a disciplinary review

Article 14 Powers of the EDO

- 14.1. The EDO shall, in IFF Competitions, be empowered to judge and penalise any offence, excepting such offences as be committed by a National Association or by an Organiser regarding the Competition under its supervision and which is punishable by a fine, a suspension or a disqualification or any combination thereof
- 14.2. The authority of the Jury begins 48 hours prior to the first match of the event and ends two (2) hours after the final match of the event.
- 14.3. The authority of the EDO begins with the start of the first match of the event and ends two (2) hours after the final match of the event ends
- 14.4. During the stated periods the EDO may pass judgement on any offences of which it becomes aware up to the moment it is disbanded
- 14.5. After the authority period of the EDO expires, all disciplinary matters concerning a match and/or event should be referred to the IFF Disciplinary Committee

Article 15 Right of defence

- 15.1. The EDO may judge the matter only if the offending party has had a chance to defend their point of view or if, being present when summoned, he they fail to respond
- 15.2. Decisions handed down by the EDO are final and not open to appeal, except in the case of the EDO imposing a fine exceeding CHF 2000

Article 16 Communication of the decision

- 16.1. Decisions shall be noted in the report of the EDO. A copy of the decision should be delivered by the Jury Chair to the individual or team penalised in return of acknowledgment of receipt. The IFF Administration will also provide a copy, within 24 hours of the decision, to the National Association to which the relevant parties are members
- 16.2. If a copy of the decision is not able to be delivered directly to the penalised individual or team, then the IFF Administration will inform the offending party's National Association of the decision within ten (10) days of the end of the competition or match. The National Association shall notify the offending party of the decision by letter sent by latest the day after the reception of the notification referred to above.

Article 17 Appeal against the decision of the EDO

- 17.1. The appeal shall be lodged with the Disciplinary Committee by signed letter within thirty (30) days of the notification of the decision to the offender
- 17.2. The appeal to the Disciplinary Committee shall suspend the execution of the decision of the EDO if the decision concerns a fine exceeding CHF 2000
- 17.3. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee on an appeal may not be further appealed

3. Disciplinary Committee

Article 18 Restriction on jurisdiction

- 18.1. Unless otherwise provided, the Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction to judge and penalise breaches of the IFF Regulations. Nevertheless, the Disciplinary Committee shall declare itself incompetent if the same offence was judged by the EDO under Article 72.
- 18.2. Besides the exception of Article 72, matters shall be placed before the Disciplinary Committee by the IFF
- 18.3. If the offence is, or can be penalised by, only a fine, IFF may propose to the accused party payment of the fine provided for in the IFF Regulations. If payment is made, the disciplinary action shall be deemed closed.

Article 19 General jurisdiction

- 19.1. The Disciplinary Committee is authorised to sanction any breach of IFF regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another disciplinary organ
- 19.2. The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions described in Article 54 of these regulations
- 19.3. The following sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - a) Fines exceeding CHF 5 000
 - b) Suspensions exceeding 6 months
- 19.4. Other decisions handed down by the Disciplinary Committee are final and not open to appeal
- 19.5. The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by the EDO if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply
- 19.6. All sanctions imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee has been made.

Article 20 Specific jurisdiction

- 20.1. The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:
 - a) sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the referees' attention;
 - b) rectifying obvious errors in the referees' disciplinary decisions;
 - c) extending the duration of a match suspension;
 - d) pronouncing additional sanctions to those imposed by the EDO, such as a fine
- 20.2. 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.

4. Appeal Committee

Article 21 Jurisdiction

The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against the Disciplinary Committee's, EDO's, IFF Administration's and IFF Central Board's decisions that the IFF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another organ.

Chapter III - DISCIPLINE

5. INFRINGEMENTS

Article 22 Involvement

- 22.1. Anyone who knowingly takes part in committing any infringement of the IFF Regulations and/or Guidelines, either as instigator or accomplice, is punishable
- 22.2. The competent disciplinary organ will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved by reducing the sanction as it sees fit. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine.

Article 23 Proof

- 23.1. The infringements of the IFF Regulations and/or Guidelines may be demonstrated by any form of proof
- 23.2. Statements made by referees and/or match officials in reports and minutes shall be deemed substantiated unless proven otherwise
- 23.3. All officials shall be duty-bound to report to IFF or to the competent National Association any infringements they may observe, and which fall within the competence of the disciplinary jurisdiction of IFF organs or of the National Association
- 23.4. National Associations shall report to IFF or to the competent National Association organ any infringements they may observe, and which fall within the competence of the disciplinary jurisdiction of IFF organs or of the National Association.

6. Administrative offences

Sanctions can be imposed on the National Associations and their clubs, teams, officials, referees, match officials and players having violated the provision of the IFF Statutes or Regulations. In addition, all the cooperating partners of IFF can in specific cases be sanctioned in accordance to these Juridical Regulations. The following are considered administrative offences:

Article 24 Failure to pay or for late payment of fees:

- 24.1. The National Association have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by the IFF Regulations
- 24.2. A late payment of the membership or other fees called for by the IFF Regulations may entail a fine of CHF 100 charged to the National Association which, in addition, may be suspended until such payment has been made
- 24.3. In case of delay exceeding twelve (12) months, a fine of CHF 1000, may be imposed
- 24.4. Should the non-compliance continue for more than two (2) years, the National Association may be subject to suspension
- 24.5. The resumption of activity will be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.

Article 25 Breach of IFF Competition Regulations

- 25.1. National Associations have the obligation to obtain from IFF prior authorisation to hold events, tournaments or similar competitions, between national teams and clubs of the highest national level, which have not been directly attributed by the IFF
- 25.2. Failure to obtain prior authorisation from IFF to hold events, tournaments or similar competitions violates the IFF Competition Regulations and therefore involves a fine between CHF 100 and CHF 1 000 for the National Association at fault and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players, match officials and referees) for a minimum of one (1) month and a maximum of one (1) year
- 25.3. The fine and suspensions shall be increased if a suspended National Association or club has taken part in the competition
- 25.4. If a Player participates in a competition without the needed authorisation for a Temporary Play or an International Player Transfer this shall be sanctioned with a fine between CHF 100 and CHF 500

Article 26 Non-observance of the IFF Statutes

Without prejudice to the prerogative of the IFF General Assembly to expel a National Association, the non-observance of the IFF Statutes may be penalised with a maximum fine of CHF 30 000 and/or a suspension not exceeding two (2) years

Article 27 Non-observance of IFF rules, regulations and guidelines

- 27.1. Failing to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the event organiser
- 27.2. Failing to reimburse costs incurred for participation in an event to IFF or the event organiser

Article 28 Non-observance of the sanction

- 28.1. Non-observance of a non-monetary sanction imposed by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalised to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion
- 28.2. Fines must be paid according to the terms of the invoice. Payments not received within three (3) months of the due date may result in an increase of fifty per cent (50%) in the fine, and prohibition from participating in competitions organised or authorised by IFF until the entire sanction has been paid

Article 29 Non-observance of the IFF Material Regulations

If a Floorball manufacturer with approved materials fails to follow the stipulations of the IFF Material Regulations in a way that harms the immaterial rights of the IFF, or acts otherwise in a way contradictory to the IFF Statutes they may be sanctioned up to CHF 10,000

7. Sporting offences

Article 30 Dishonesty in competition

- 30.1. National Associations 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 match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party
- 30.2. A National Association or a club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5, penalisation of one (1) additional point in the standings and exclusion for two (2) years from official events and international tournaments organised or authorised by the IFF
- 30.3. Individuals declared responsible for such acts shall be suspended for a minimum period of six (6) months and a maximum of two (2) years.

Article 31 Anti-Doping Rule Violations

- 31.1. The IFF Anti-Doping Rules, which are a part of these Juridical Regulations defines the use of forbidden substances and shall be applicable
- 31.2. Any Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) shall be referred to the valid IFF Anti-Doping Rules.

Article 32 Unauthorised line up use of foreign and/or ineligible players

- 32.1. National Associations that permit their clubs to use a foreign player without the necessary authorisation according to the IFF Transfer Regulations or IFF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 3 000 for each player illegally used
- 32.2. The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension up to two (2) years
- 32.3. National Associations lining up ineligible players in their national team shall be penalised with a fine of CHF 10 000 for each player illegally used, lose the matches in which the player/s was involved, and be liable to 1 (one) year suspension from all official authorised competitions.

Article 33 Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

During any given competition, the following shall apply:

- 33.1. When a match is declared forfeit due to a team not starting the match within the first 30 minutes of the scheduled time, the offending team shall receive a fine of CHF 500 and be responsible for the damages caused to the organiser and to the IFF. This shall not be the case due to unforeseen circumstances
- 33.2. Delayed transmittal of a team players' list and documents with required information, at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the match may receive a fine of up to CHF 1 000
- 33.3. All team members must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of IFF Statutes and Regulations and the spirit guiding them
- 33.4. In the course of a tournament an action before, during or after the playing of a match which violates the Statutes, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:
 - a) for protesting, incorrect attitude or behaviour, by reprimand;
 - b) for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match, with the possibility of additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent organ
 - c) for violent conduct, by disqualification for the duration of the competition, with the possibility of additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent organ
- 33.5. National Associations and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans
- 33.6. If accidents and suspensions are caused during a match due to the incorrect conduct on the part of their fans, the National Association or club may be fined between CHF 1 000 and CHF 10 000 depending on the case
- 33.7. If such an accident has irremediably compromised the regular playing of the match, the team held responsible for the public conduct shall, in addition to a fine, be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no points for the match lost will be granted.

Article 34 Partial refereeing

- 34.1. 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 at least 1 (one) year
- 34.2. In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall be expelled from the IFF

Article 35 Failure to participate in or organising an official IFF tournament or matches

- 35.1. Any National Association or club, after having registered for an official IFF tournament, withdraws after the draw is done and more than sixty (60) full days from the starting date, shall be excluded from the next (1) subsequent official tournament of the same competition and shall be subject to a fine of up to CHF 10 000
- 35.2. Should such withdraw occur less than sixty (60) days but more than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of an official IFF tournament, in addition to exclusion as provided for in Article 35.1 in these regulations, the NA or club shall pay a fine of up to CHF 15 000
- 35.3. Withdrawal occurring during the fifteen (15) days prior to the start of an official IFF tournament shall pay a fine of up to CHF 20 000, and in addition shall be excluded from the two (2) subsequent official tournaments of the same competition
- 35.4. The withdrawn delegation has an obligation to reimburse the Organiser and the IFF for any expenses shall borne by the withdrawing delegation and for loss of income and other financial consequences as a result of the withdrawal
- 35.5. Withdrawal during an official IFF tournament shall be punished by:
 - a) A fine up to CHF 30 000
 - b) Suspension from all official IFF tournaments for two (2) years
 - c) Obligation to reimburse the Organiser and the IFF for any expenses borne by the withdrawing delegation and for loss of income and other financial consequences as a result of the withdrawal.

Article 36 Failure to participate in a Friendly International match between National Associations or Clubs

- 36.1. A National Association or club having signed an agreement with another National Association or club regarding an international friendly match, are obliged to participate
- 36.2. If a withdrawal occurs, a fine of CHF 1 000 will be imposed, upon request
- 36.3. In case of withdrawal by the organiser, within fifteen (15) days before the event, the visiting team/s must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses, determined on the basis of its travel receipts
- 36.4. In case of withdrawal by a visiting team, within fifteen (15) days before the match, the obligation for reimbursement includes all the expenses borne by the organiser for preparation of the match/matches, as well as any expenses incurred by other participating teams as a result of the withdrawal
- 36.5. In case of single or more matches, if the organising team forfeits, the visiting teams must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses, determined on the basis of its travel receipts
- 36.6. In the case of single or matches, if the visiting team forfeits, the organiser must be reimbursed for all expenses by the organiser for the preparation of the match/matches

Article 37 Failure to organise an IFF competition

Any member Association or club failing to organise a competition when having been applying and having accepted to do so, may be subject to sanction by the competent IFF organ as follows:

- a) Fine up to CHF 100 000
- b) Suspension from international participation in any IFF regulated event for up to two (2) years

Article 38 Recovery of fees, costs and loss of income

In addition to the imposition of relevant sanctions, the competent IFF organ has the right to request the Disciplinary Committee to take a decision with respect to the reimbursement of the fee, costs, loss of income, interests up to one per cent (1%) monthly from the day of the withdrawal for the non-respect of the above-mentioned section of these regulations.

8. Ethical offences

Sanctions can be imposed on the National Association's and club's teams, officials, referees, match officials and players having violated the provision of IFF Statutes or its Regulations.

The following actions are considered to be ethical offences:

Article 39 Betting or gambling in relation to own matches

Participants and their entourage, in any event, who take part in any form of, or support for, betting or gambling related to the participants own matches

Article 40 Untrue performance or match fixing

Failing, for reward, to perform to one's true abilities, 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

Article 41 Engaging other party to bet

Instructing, encouraging or facilitating any other party to bet, in relation to one's own matches or events

Article 42 Influence any participant to breach the regulations

Inducing, instructing or encouraging any participant to breach any of the established regulations

Article 43 Ensuring a particular incident

Ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident, which is the subject of a bet and for which they expect to receive, or has, received any reward.

Article 44 Bribing

Providing or receiving any gift, payment or other benefit in circumstances that might reasonably have been expected to bring the athlete or the sport into disrepute

Article 45 Using inside information

Using any inside information for betting purposes, including disclosing this information to any individual (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.

Article 46 Failure to disclose information

Failing to disclose information to the competition authority (without undue delay), full details of any approaches, invitations to engage in conduct, or incidents that would amount to a breach of the IFF Competition Regulations related to betting.

Article 47 Failure to cooperate in investigation

Failing to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the IFF or competition authority, including failure to provide any information and/or requested documentation, including records relating to the alleged breach (such as itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet services records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices).

Article 48 Prevent acts by others to be discovered

To knowingly assist, cover up or otherwise be complicit in any acts committed by a participant, as previously described. The offender shall be treated as having committed such an act themselves and shall be liable accordingly.

Article 49 Failure to cooperate in anti-doping investigation

Failing to cooperate in full with Anti-Doping Organisations investigating anti-doping rule violations.

9. Sanctions

Article 50 General provisions

A sanction for an infringement of the IFF Regulations may be handed over under the terms of a provision of the IFF Statutes or Regulations in effect at the time of the infringement.

Article 51 Determination of a sanction

- 51.1. The disciplinary organ pronouncing the sanction decides the scope and duration of it, in accordance with these regulations
- 51.2. Unless otherwise specified, the duration and/or amount of a sanction is always defined
- 51.3. The disciplinary organ shall take account of all relevant factors in the case and the degree of the offender's guilt when deciding the sanction.

Article 52 Repeated infringements

- 52.1. Unless otherwise specified, the disciplinary organ shall increase by half the sanction to be pronounced if an infringement has been repeated. The disciplinary organ is not bound by any upper limit determined in this regulation
- 52.2. As a general rule, it is considered to be a repeated infringement, if an individual or a NA or club has been imposed with a financial sanction or a suspension, in the two years prior to committing the infringement in question
- 52.3. The sanction may be increased by half only once whenever this provision applies
- 52.4. Repeated doping infringements are governed separately by the applicable Anti-Doping Violation Regulations.

Article 53 Infringements against a referee

If the victim of an infringement is a referee, the sanction to be pronounced will be increased.

Article 54 Types of sanction

Sanctions may be imposed on National Associations (NA), clubs, teams, players, match officials and officials of the IFF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the IFF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

All sanctions applied against officials, match officials, referees and players by the IFF shall apply on both international and national level.

The following sanctions are applicable to natural and legal individuals:

54.1. Warning

A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.

54.2. Reprimand

A reprimand is an official written pronouncement of disapproval sent to the perpetrator of an infringement.

54.3. Fine

- a) A fine is issued in Swiss francs (CHF). It shall be paid in the same currency
- b) A fine consists of payment to IFF of a variable sum of up to CHF 120,000
- c) National Associations are jointly liable for fines imposed on representative team players, officials and match officials. The same applies to clubs in respect of their players, officials and match officials. The fact that a natural individual has left a club or an association does not cancel out joint liability.

54.4. Disqualification from competition

- a) Disqualification of a player, an official, or a match official consists of prohibition, for those individuals, 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
- b) Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 against 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.

54.5. Discharge from official position

Discharge from official position means losing the position held in any and all of the IFF organs.

54.6. Suspension

- a) A suspension consists of prohibition, for a given period of time, in any official activity of the IFF. A suspension may be imposed on National Associations and their clubs, teams, officials, referees, match officials and players
- b) Any suspended party 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.

54.7. Expulsion

- a) Only an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly may expel a National Association, after granting it a hearing
- b) The reasons for expulsion of a NA are:
 - i. Debt to the IFF or a Confederation, notably for delay in payment of three (3) annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three (3) months before the session or the General Assembly
 - ii. Clear or repeated breach of the IFF Statutes or Regulations
 - iii. Serious misconduct that brings the NA, IFF or the sport of floorball into disrepute
 - iv. Loss of status as a NA, 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 54.7 b) i. In the case of sub-paragraphs ii. iii. and iv. a majority of seventy-five per cent (75%) of the votes cast is required, with at least fifty per cent (50 %) of the member Associations being present or represented
- d) In the case of emergency, players and other individuals may be expelled by the IFF Central Board by a seventy-five per cent (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision
- e) A NA may propose a reversal of the expulsion in accordance with Art. 54.7 c) above at the next General Assembly, requesting inclusion of the matter on the agenda sixty (60) full days before the date of such General Assembly.

54.8. Ban from team areas and/or substitution benches

A ban from team areas and/or substitution benches deprives someone of the right to enter any team area within the competition venue and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitution bench.

54.9. Venue ban

A venue ban prohibits someone from entering the confines of one or several venues.

54.10. Ban from performing any floorball-related activity

An individual may be banned from performing any kind of floorball-related activity (administrative, sports or any other)

54.11. Annulment of the result of a match

The result of a match is annulled if the result reached on the field of play is disregarded.

54.12. Exclusion from Competitions/Friendly Matches

Exclusion is the deprivation of the right of associations and/or clubs from taking part in a current and/or future competition.

54.13. Deduction of points

A club or National team may have points deducted from those already attained in any current championship

54.14. Forfeit

- a) Teams sanctioned with a forfeit are considered to have lost the match by 0-5
- b) If a forfeit is applied after the completion of a match and the goal difference in the result of the match is greater than 5, the higher score is upheld

Article 55 Combined sanctions

Unless otherwise specified, the sanctions provided for in the general and special parts of this regulation may be combined. In less serious cases, the disciplinary organ may only pronounce a reduced sanction or a warning or a reprimand.

Article 56 Time sanctions: calculation of time limit

The duration of a time sanction can be interrupted by rest periods during or between seasons.

Article 57 Limitation period of sanctions

The limitation period for sanctions is five years, with exception from doping sanctions. The limitation period begins on the day on which the decision comes into force.

Article 58 Carrying over match suspensions

As a general rule, every match suspension (of players and other individuals) is carried over from one round to the next in the same competition.

Article 59 Physical injury

59.1. A player who deliberately assaults someone physically or damages their health will be suspended for at least five (5) matches. An official or match official who commits such an infringement will be suspended for at least six (6) months

59.2. The suspension shall be imposed at every level (local, national and international)

59.3. In any case of this nature the disciplinary organ will also impose a minimum fine of CHF 1000.

Article 60 Team misconduct

60.1. The following constitute misconduct by a team and are sanctioned with a fine of up to CHF 10 000:

- a) when three players have received a red card during one match;
- b) when two players have received a “Match Penalty” during one match;
- c) when multiple players together make threats or show force against a referee

60.2. When determining the amount of the fine, the type of competition shall be taken into account.

Article 61 Offensive behaviour

61.1. Anyone who causes insult in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, will be sanctioned with a match suspension. If the perpetrator is a player, they will be suspended from at least two (2) matches; if they are an official or match official, they will be suspended from at least four (4) matches

61.2. If the victim of the attack is IFF itself or one of its bodies, the duration of the suspension will be doubled; the sanction applies at least to all official international matches. A minimum fine of CHF 1 000 shall also be pronounced.

Article 62 Discrimination

62.1. Anyone who publicly disparages, denigrates or discriminates against someone in a defamatory manner on account of race, colour, language, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic origin will be sanctioned with a match suspension for at least five (5) matches at every level. The organ will also pronounce a ban on them entering the confines of any venues. If the perpetrator is a player, official, referee, or match official the fine will be at least CHF 5 000

62.2. Any spectator who commits such an infringement will be subject to a venue ban for two (2) years and will be reported to the relevant authority

62.3. If a spectator displays banner/s bearing racist slogans at a match, the disciplinary organ will sanction the association or the club which this spectator’s support with a fine of at least CHF 2 000 and one or several matches without spectators, if deemed appropriate.

Article 63 Threats

Anyone who intimidates a referee with serious threats before, during and after a match will be sanctioned with a fine of at least CHF 2 000 and a match suspension. These sanctions may not be combined with others.

Article 64 Force

Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressurise a referee into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely will be sanctioned with a fine of at least CHF 2 000 and a match suspension. These sanctions may not be combined with others.

Article 65 Forgery

- 65.1. Anyone who, in floorball-related activities, forges a document or falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a suspension of at least six (6) matches
- 65.2. If the perpetrator is an official, the disciplinary organ will pronounce a ban on performing any floorball-related activity for a period of at least twelve (12) months
- 65.3. The organ may also pronounce a fine of at least CHF 1 000.

Article 66 Provoking the general public

Anyone who provokes the general public during or just before and after a match will be suspended for two (2) matches and sanctioned with a minimum fine of CHF 1 000.

Article 67 Abandonment

- 67.1. If a team refuses to play a match or to continue playing one which it has begun, it will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of CHF 5 000 and will be forfeited
- 67.2. In serious cases, the team will also be disqualified from the competition in progress.

Article 68 Ineligibility

If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, their team will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of CHF 3000 and the match will be forfeited.

Article 69 Failure to comply

Any National Association and/or club that fails to comply with the obligations contained in the provisions of this section will be sanctioned with a fine.

10. Doping

Article 70 Definition

Doping and Anti-Doping Rule Violations are defined in the IFF Anti-Doping Rules. Any terms in relation to doping and Anti-Doping Rule Violations used in these regulations shall have the same meaning as given to such terms in the IFF Anti-Doping Rules.

Article 71 Procedure and sanction

Any possible Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) shall be referred to the valid IFF Anti-Doping Rules.

11. Competition incidents

Article 72 Sanctions imposed by the Event Disciplinary Organs (EDO)

- 72.1. Sanctions imposed by the EDO are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned
- 72.2. Sanctions imposed by the EDO can be subject to appeal by the Disciplinary Committee if the execution of such sanctions extends beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply
- 72.3. Decisions of the EDO on competition or match incidents shall not be open to appeal by the Disciplinary Committee unless a fine exceeding CHF 2000 is imposed. In this case, an appeal may be lodged with the Disciplinary Committee, which decides in the last instance. The appeal shall be lodged within ten (10) days of the end of the competition.
- 72.4. The EDO officiating during recognised IFF competitions are competent to impose sanctions set further under Article 72.6 of these Regulations, providing that such sanctions are applied with direct reference to the duration of the competition for which the EDO have been appointed
- 72.5. In the case of serious infringements, the EDO may request the Disciplinary Committee to impose heavier sanctions
- 72.6. The EDO of an official IFF competition have the responsibility of applying, in the manner and within the limits set by these Regulations, the IFF Statutes and the Competitions Regulations, the following sanctions:
- a) Against national teams and clubs
 - i. Warning
 - ii. Reprimand
 - iii. Forfeit of match by 0-5
 - iv. Deduction of points in the competition and exclusion from the competition
 - a) Against officials, match officials, referees and players:
 - i. Warning
 - ii. Reprimand
 - iii. Disqualification for one or more matches (against officials and players)
 - iv. Suspension for entire tournament
- 72.7. National Associations and IFF organs can apply for prosecution by the EDO of a competition incident
- 72.8. The EDO must submit to the IFF Office 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
- 72.9. The EDO puts forward and decides upon protests, after considering the Referees' Report and other reports relevant to the case. The EDO also may ask for a report from other official Committees related to the match
- 72.10. The EDO shall make a decision on the protest within the following twenty four (24) hours or before the next match of the teams concerned.

Article 73 Scale of sanctions for competition incidents

73.1. Competition incidents as outlined in the following table are sanctioned by the EDO and/or IFF administration

73.2. The table applies to all IFF competitions and Friendly Internationals. However, for national competitions, the respective national association can set lower fines than those stipulated in the column “other competitions” of the table.

For incidents involving multiple players (but not the whole team), the maximum fine for each infringement can not exceed the amount set as the team fine.

EDO SANCTIONS			
OFFENCE		WFC, U19 WFC & CC	OTHER COMPETITIONS
1. Team not showing up at technical meeting(s)	1st offence:	500 CHF	200 CHF
	2nd offence:	1000 CHF	300 CHF
	Further incidents	2000 CHF	500 CHF
2. No number on the front of playing shirt	1st offence:	Warning	Warning
	Further incidents	Team: 300 CHF per match Player: 100 CHF per match	Team: 150 CHF per match Player: 50 CHF per match
3. No number on the back of playing shirt	1st offence:	Warning	Warning
	Further incidents	Team: 1000 CHF per match Player: 200 CHF per match	Team: 500 CHF per match Player: 100 CHF per match
4. No family name on the back of playing shirt*	1st offence:	Warning	<i>not applicable</i>
	Further incidents	Team: 300 CHF per match Player: 100 CHF per match	
<i>*Not applicable for U19 WFC</i>			
5. Team without a home and away outfit &/or one light and one dark coloured shirt		1000 CHF	CHF 500
6. Different numbering on the two playing shirts		Team: 500 CHF	Team: 300 CHF
		Player: 100 CHF	Player: 50 CHF
7. Different numbering on shirt and shorts		Team: 300 CHF	Team: 100 CHF
		Player: 100 CHF	Player: 50 CHF
8. Team not ready on scheduled time before match and/or after intermissions	1st offence:	Warning	Warning
	Further incidents	200 CHF per match until the quarter-final	100 CHF per match until the quarter-final
		Quarter-final: 300 CHF	Quarter-final: 150 CHF
		Semi-final: 400 CHF	Semi-final: 200 CHF
	Final: 500 CHF	Final: 250 CHF	
9. Using team official not included on the Official Team List		1000 CHF per match and additional 1000 CHF per team staff	1000 CHF per match and additional 1000 CHF per team staff
10. Not following the instructions and/or guidelines from IFF and/or organiser	1st offence:	Warning	Warning
	2nd offence:	2000 CHF	1000 CHF
	Further incidents	Up to 8000 CHF	Up to 3000 CHF

IFF ADMINISTRATION SANCTIONS	
OFFENCE	ALL IFF EVENTS
11. Late submission of the Official team list	500 CHF
12. Late or incomplete submission of the Team Information sheet	200 CHF
13. Late or incomplete submission of photos of all players and officials on the Official team list	200 CHF
14. Failure to submit photos in the correct technical specifications	200 CHF
15. Late or incomplete submission of information requested by the LOC	200 CHF
OFFENCE	FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
16. Late or incomplete submission of Information form for International Matches and Request of Referees	59-30 days prior to event: 300 CHF
	29-15 days prior to event: 500 CHF
	Less than 15 days prior to event: 1000 CHF

Chapter IV – COMMON PROVISIONS FOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY ORGANS

Article 74 Composition and organisation

- 74.1. The composition of the disciplinary organs is settled in the Statutes
- 74.2. The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee shall be composed of a Chair and a number of members appointed by the General Assembly.

Article 75 Meetings

- 75.1. At the requests of the Chair, the IFF Administration shall call the members to each meeting
- 75.2. The members deemed necessary for each committee are called to the meetings held during the applicable event.

Article 76 Secretariat

- 76.1. The IFF Administration provides the disciplinary organs with a secretary and the necessary staff at IFF headquarters
- 76.2. The secretary takes charge of the administrative work and writes the minutes of the meetings
- 76.3. The secretary takes care of the filing. The decisions passed and the relevant files shall be lodged with IFF Administration for at least ten years.

Article 77 Challenge

- 77.1. Members of the disciplinary organs shall remain independent and decline to take responsibility if there are serious reasons for questioning impartiality
- 77.2. This applies in the following cases:
- a) if the member in question is directly involved in the outcome of the matter;
 - b) if the member is associated with any of the parties;
 - c) if the member has the same nationality as the party implicated (association, club, official, player etc.);
 - d) if the member has already dealt with the case under different circumstances
- 77.3. Members shall notify the Chair immediately of any circumstances likely to affect Chair independence
- 77.4. A member may be challenged if the circumstances give rise to legitimate doubts over Chair independence. The challenge shall be brought within five (5) days after the grounds for the challenge has become known. The Chair decides
- 77.5. Proceedings that have involved a member successfully challenged will be considered null and void

12. Right of the parties, representation, convocation

Article 78 General rule

- 78.1. Unless otherwise provided by these regulations, all communication with individuals, including notification of proceedings against them, is addressed to the national association or club concerned, which must inform the individual personally. Communications are delivered in hand or sent by email or post
- 78.2. In certain circumstances, special provisions may apply.

Article 79 Representation

- 79.1. The accused party may submit their defence and may be assisted by an advisor of their choice. Representatives must prove their authority by means of a signed power of attorney
- 79.2. IFF is represented by a member of the IFF administration.

Article 80 Time limit

- 80.1. A time limit begins on the date after which it is announced in writing. It is considered observed if acted upon by 24.00 CET (Central European Time) on the deadline date. When a deadline expires on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Finland, where IFF's headquarters are located, it is carried forward to the next working day. The relevant public holidays are according to the official list published by the Finnish government.
- 80.2. If a time limit is not observed, the defaulter loses the procedural right in question
- 80.3. On receipt of a reasoned, written request, the Chair of the disciplinary organ may extend a time limit
- 80.4. The present regulations define time limits which may not be extended
- 80.5. Time limits are interrupted from 20 December to 6 January inclusive

13. Costs of proceedings

Article 81 Costs and expenses

- 81.1. Costs and expenses shall be paid by the unsuccessful party
- 81.2. If there is no unsuccessful party, they will be borne by IFF
- 81.3. If considered fair to do so, they may be split among several individuals
- 81.4. The organ that rules on the substance of the matter decides how costs and expenses will be allocated. The amounts are stipulated by the Chair, against which no appeal may be made
- 81.5. The Chair may exceptionally decide to curtail or dispense with costs and expenses.

14. Publication of the decision

Article 82 Communication

- 82.1. The quorum's decision shall be rendered as soon as possible after the close of the discussions
- 82.2. It shall be adopted by a majority vote and mention the identity of the members who took part in the deliberations
- 82.3. The decision shall be set down in writing, explained and signed by the Chair of the quorum (or its single member)
- 82.4. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the offending party by post or email.

Article 83 Publication

With the exception of simple admonitions, sanctions shall be published by the IFF Administration.

Article 84 Enforcement of decisions

- 84.1. Decisions will be enforced immediately if they are not liable to appeal or if this regulation provides for such action
- 84.2. Otherwise they are enforced upon expiry of the time limit for appeal.

Article 85 Closing of proceedings

- 85.1. Proceedings may be closed if the parties reach an agreement
- 85.2. Proceedings may be closed if a party declares bankruptcy

Article 86 Rectification of the decision

A disciplinary organ may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.

Chapter V – PROCEDURE BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Article 87 Quorum

Each matter brought before the Disciplinary Committee shall be heard by a minimum of two members (hereinafter called the quorum) designated by the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee.

Article 88 Commencement of the proceeding

- 88.1. Disciplinary infringements are automatically prosecuted by the disciplinary organs
- 88.2. Any individual or authority may report to the disciplinary organs conduct that they consider incompatible with the IFF Regulations
- 88.3. Reports must be made in writing. Oral reports will not be accepted.
- 88.4. Referees, match officials, and officials are obliged to report, in writing, infringements which have come to their notice
- 88.5. Any matter shall be addressed to the Disciplinary Committee at the IFF headquarters and shall at least include the details (in particular the complete name and national association and/or club to which they belong) of the offending party and the description of the incident

Article 89 Hearing

- 89.1. The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee (or the appointed member) may summon the accused party to a hearing
- 89.2. Unless the Chair of the quorum (or the appointed member) decides otherwise, the hearing shall be held at the IFF headquarters
- 89.3. The IFF is represented by a member of the IFF Administration
- 89.4. The quorum may summon to the hearing and question anyone whose evidence it may deem useful. Any expenses incurred thereby shall be met by the IFF unless otherwise decided by the quorum
- 89.5. The accused party may waive its right to a hearing in favour of a documentary review.

Article 90 Investigation

- 90.1. The IFF investigates infringements falling within the scope of application of the IFF regulations
- 90.2. Such investigations are conducted by means of written inquiries and, if necessary, the questioning of individuals. Other investigatory procedures may also be resorted to, such as expert opinions, on-site inspections and document requests
- 90.3. The IFF may appoint a member of the IFF Administration to act as a secretary to the investigation
- 90.4. If the IFF considers that one or more offences falling within the scope of application of the IFF regulations have been committed, IFF addresses its conclusions in the form of a report to the Disciplinary Committee.

Article 91 Follow-up of the proceeding

- 91.1. The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee (or the appointed member) shall lead the procedure with the support of the secretary
- 91.2. They shall send the documents submitted by the claimant to the accused party and grant the latter a deadline in order to present their defence
- 91.3. The accused shall be able to consult the file and to obtain a copy at their own expense
- 91.4. Except in case of agreement of both parties or decision of the Disciplinary Committee, the parties have to indicate the names of witnesses and experts they would like to have heard at the latest with their respective statements. The party requesting the audition shall meet the travel costs of these persons and shall also ensure that they are summoned to appear.

Article 92 Participation of the parties

- 92.1. If one party fails to appear at the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee shall decide on the basis of the written file on the date of the hearing
- 92.2. Any party whose conduct disrupts the orderly course of the proceedings may be reprimanded, fined up to CHF 1 000 or excluded from the hearing by the Chair (or the appointed member)
- 92.3. Disorderly conduct penalties (contempt of court) apply exclusively to individuals and are incontestable. Except in the case of reprimands, such penalties must be recorded, with statement of the reasons, in the decision

Chapter V – PROCEDURE BEFORE THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Article 93 Quorum

The Chair of the Appeal Committee will designate at least two (2) members (hereinafter called the quorum!) to handle the appeal.

Article 94 Contestable decisions

94.1. An appeal may be lodged to the Appeal Committee against any sanction passed by the Disciplinary Committee, the EDO, the IFF Administration, or the IFF Central Board, unless the sanction pronounced is a:

- a) warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) suspension for less than three matches or of up to two months;
- d) fine less than CHF 5 000 imposed on an association or a club

94.2. EDO decisions under protest are subject to appeal as well.

Article 95 Eligibility to appeal

95.1. Anyone who is affected by a decision and has an interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may submit it to the Appeal Committee

95.2. An Association or club may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the individual concerned.

Article 96 Time limit for appeal

96.1. The party intending to appeal shall announce their intention in writing within seven (7) full days of communication of the decision

96.2. The appeal shall be sent to the office of IFF within twenty-one (21) full days from the announcement of the first decision

96.3. Reasons for the appeal shall then be given in writing, when submitting the appeal within twenty-one (21) full days

96.4. The announcement of the intention to appeal shall be sent directly to IFF. The petition of appeal shall, however, be forwarded to IFF via the National Association

96.5. The association receiving the petition of appeal shall forward it immediately to IFF

Article 97 Deadline and fees

97.1. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer the amount of CHF 1 000 to IFF's bank account before expiry of the time limit of twenty one (21) full days from announcement of the first decision

97.2. The appeal is inadmissible without this deposit

- 97.3. This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if they win the case. Costs of charges payable by an appellant who wins the case are deducted from this amount. Any remaining amount is reimbursed to them. If the deposit is insufficient, the appellant will be ordered to pay the difference
- 97.4. If the appeal is considered to be improper, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.

Article 98 Commencement of the proceeding

Procedures shall be initiated directly by the competent disciplinary organ on the basis of:

- 98.1. The match record, the reports of the referees and EDO
- 98.2. Indications given by members of the IFF Central Board, the Continental bodies, the NA's and relevant IFF committees and officials
- 98.3. All sanctions being subject to an appeal, has to be according to the following:
- a) All sanctions imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal committee having been made
 - b) In case of receipt of a correct appeal the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the 14 full days from receiving the appeal
 - c) Individuals or teams subject to procedures of discipline may send to the judging organ, prior to its meeting, statements setting forth their defence
 - d) At meeting called for such specific purpose or at their first subsequent meeting, the jurisdictional bodies shall evaluate the evidence and make their decision
 - e) Sanction shall become executive after notification to the party/parties involved.

Article 99 Effects of the appeal

- 99.1. The Appeal Committee has full power in fact and in law to rule the appeal
- 99.2. The appeal does not have suspensive effect except with regard to orders to pay a sum of money

Article 100 Conclusions of the proceedings

- 100.1. The Appeal Committee rules, in principle, as an organ in the last instance
- 100.2. The right is reserved for an appeal to be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

Chapter VI – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

15. Enforcement

Article 101 Competence

The IFF Administration has the competence to enforce the decisions of the disciplinary organs. It may order the National Associations concerned to enforce a decision.

Article 102 Guarantee of enforcement

102.1. National associations are jointly and severally liable for fines, confiscation of pecuniary benefits and procedural costs imposed on their clubs, players, officials or members

102.2. Clubs bear the same liability in relation to their players, officials and members

16. Final provisions

Article 103 Enacting clause

These Juridical Regulations were adopted by the IFF Central Board on May 21st 2023. They supersede those from 4th of September 2020 and come into force on 21st of May 2023.