

# EUROPEAN HOCKEY FEDERATION

## REGULATIONS FOR **EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDOOR)** Seniors & Juniors (Men & Women)

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## INTRODUCTION

In 2012, the EHF established a Working Group to review the regulations for all EHF competitions in order to reduce the potential for misunderstanding for nations competing in both European and World level events and to recognise that different levels of compliance are relevant to teams competing at the top level of hockey from those competing at a more basic level.

The number of different regulations produced by the EHF has been reduced to four, namely:

- Nations Championships (Indoor)
- Nations Championships (Outdoor)
- Clubs Championships (Indoor)
- Clubs Championships (Outdoor)

These new **EuroHockey Championships (Indoor) Regulations** set out the general administrative parameters and responsibilities of host associations and participating teams together with separate Appendices which set out any specific rules or requirements for **Seniors and Juniors, Men and Women** related to **Championship (Appendix A)** and **Championship II, III and IV (Appendix B)**.

The new regulations do not, however, include the Tournament Regulations as all EuroHockey Indoor Championships will be played in accordance with the current Rules of Indoor Hockey together with the **FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions)** current at the date of the competition, except in so far as these regulations specifically provide.

It is essential therefore that, in preparation for any event, National Associations and Team Managers read these regulations in conjunction with the current FIH Tournament Regulations for Indoor Competitions.

## A. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

### A.1 Authority

The competition shall be held under the authority of the EHF and the FIH.

### A.2 Entry

- (a) Entry into all **EuroHockey Indoor Championships** shall be open to those National Associations properly affiliated to the EHF and the FIH.
- (b) Those National Associations wishing to enter the EuroHockey Indoor Championships must send their correctly completed **Entry Form(s)** to the EHF Office by the deadline date of **15 April** two years preceding the year of competition. If such details are not received by the deadline, then entry may be refused.
- (c) If a National Association is for any reason suspended by FIH or the EHF, any teams from that National Association are withdrawn from all EuroHockey tournaments with immediate effect.
- (d) Any National Association which does not enter a EuroHockey competition for which it is qualified, will automatically be relegated to the lowest division of the competition at re-entry.

### A.3 Qualification and Pools

The tournaments will normally be played in Divisions of up to 8 teams. The format for an 8-team tournament shall be 2 pools of 4 (3 matches per team), followed by classification matches.

- (a) Qualified for the **Championship** will be those nations who finished ranked 1 to 6 in the previous Championship and the 2 nations promoted from the previous Championship II.
- (b) Qualified for the **Championship II** will be those nations who finished ranked 3 to 6 in the previous Championship II and those 2 nations relegated from the Championship plus the nations promoted from the Championship III.
- (c) Qualified for the **Championship III** will be those nations who finished ranked 3 to 6 in the previous Championship III and those 2 nations relegated from the Championship II plus the nations promoted from the Championship IV.
- (d) In the **Championship IV** will be the remaining nations who have entered, including those relegated from the Championship III. If there are more than 8 entries, then there may, at the discretion of EHF, be a **Championship V**.
- (e) If 8, 7 or 6 teams play in a tournament, then 2 will be promoted. If 5 or less teams play then only 1 will be promoted and the relegation adjusted accordingly.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything else in these Regulations, which tournament nations shall be entitled to play in, and the ranking of the pools within each tournament, shall be a matter entirely within the discretion of the EHF.
- (g) The minimum number of teams in any tournament must be three (3).

### A.4 Entry Fees

National Associations will receive from the Hon Treasurer of the EHF an invoice for the entry fee shown on the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**).

**Entry fees are non-refundable once the official entry form has been received by the EHF.**

**NB Where a team in an Indoor Championship II, III or IV event withdraws before the deadline date for withdrawals, the team only has to pay 50% of the entry fee.**

### A.5 Withdrawal

- (a) If after **30 June** in the year preceding the tournament a National Association withdraws from the tournament for which it is entered, it **will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF**.
- (b) Any National Association that withdraws a team from a tournament after **30 June** in the year preceding the tournament, will cause the team next entered by that National Association at the same level of competition (senior or junior) to be automatically relegated to the next lower division of the competition the next time the relevant tournament is played. In addition that team will not be eligible for promotion in the year of its relegated participation.  
**NB** In case a team is relegated 2 or more divisions by the EHF after a late withdrawal, the team will be eligible for promotion in the year of its relegated participation.

- (c) If, as a result of a team withdrawing from a tournament, fewer neutral officials are required, then the National Association of the team withdrawing shall be liable for any travel or hotel costs already incurred by the official or the hosts.
- (d) Where the host National Association can clearly demonstrate that a late withdrawal has resulted in them incurring any additional costs or loss of income, a claim for damages against the team that withdrew can be submitted for consideration to the Disciplinary Commissioner.

#### **A.6 Dates and Duration of Tournaments**

- (a) The tournaments will normally be played from Friday to Sunday inclusive:
  - (i) the Men's tournaments on the second or third weekend in January
  - (ii) the Women's tournaments on the third or fourth weekend in January.
- (b) Tournaments will be held every two years:
  - (i) the Senior tournaments in even years (2018, 2020, 2022, etc)
  - (ii) the Junior tournaments in odd years (2019, 2021, 2023, etc).

The EHF reserves the right to change these dates if the Men's and Women's tournaments are held jointly, or in any other exceptional circumstances.

#### **A.7 Applications to Host**

- (a) National Associations who wish to be considered as hosts for any tournament must, before the closing date fixed by the EHF for such application, submit to the EHF Office the appropriate **EHF Application to Host** form.
- (b) If there is no offer to host which is acceptable to the EHF from a National Association qualified for a specific tournament, then the EHF may call upon one of those qualified National Associations to organise the tournament (on the same basis as is set out below). If that National Association fails to agree to do so, then the EHF may relegate or remove that National Association from the Division for which it was otherwise qualified in order to allow another National Association the opportunity to be promoted and organise the tournament. The EHF has the authority to determine in its absolute discretion which National Association shall be called upon to organise in such circumstances.
- (c) In submitting an application to host an Indoor Senior Championship tournament, the National Association offers to host on the terms set out in the detailed **Licence Agreement** for organisers (a copy of which is available on request from the EHF), and agrees that in the event of a conditional award for hosting being made by the EHF it will, within 21 days, sign and deliver the said Licence Agreement document to the EHF.
- (d) In submitting an application to host an Indoor Senior Championship II, III or IV tournament or any Indoor Junior Championship tournament, the National Association agrees to host in accordance with these Regulations (including the Responsibility Chart, **Appendix C**) and with the **respective Event Manual (Indoor)**, copies of which are available from the EHF website.

- (e) A license fee, as set out in Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**), is payable to the EHF for certain tournaments, details to be decided. The payment of this fee entitles the hosts to sell all commercial aspects of the event. Where a licence fee is payable the host and the EHF will agree the payment schedule.
- (f) Should any tournament not be played in any year, then the EHF may, for the next year, in its discretion, relegate the teams of the two nations ranked 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in that tournament when it was last played in order to make room for the participation of the teams from the 2 nations promoted from the tournament below.

#### **A.8 Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires**

- (a) The EHF will appoint the Technical Delegate (TD), Technical Officer, Judges, Umpires Manager, Neutral Umpires (EHF Appointed Umpires) and National Umpires in consultation with, and with the approval of, the FIH.
- (b) The EHF will appoint suitably qualified and experienced National Umpires for each tournament from the list of those nominated for that season by participating National Associations. The EHF has the right to refuse a nominated umpire, or request a National Association to consider an alternative nomination, or appoint an umpire from another National Association. The cost of travel to the tournament host city of those national umpires appointed will be met by their own National Association, or by the participating National Association if an umpire from another National Association is appointed on their behalf by the EHF.  
**NB** For the EuroHockey Championships only, no National Umpires are appointed.
- (c) For travel costs for Neutral Umpires see Regulation B.2 (a), below.
- (d) The host National Association shall nominate to the EHF suitably experienced Judges to assist the TD as outlined in the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**); the appointment of such officials is subject to EHF approval.  
**NB** A team official of a participating team is not permitted to be a technical official of the tournament.
- (e) The EHF will appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer to the Indoor Senior and Junior Championship only, although it may delegate this responsibility to the host National Association. The host National Association shall appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer for all Indoor Championship II, III and IV tournaments. The EHF will appoint an EHF Photographer to Senior and Junior Championships only.
- (f) The host National Association shall appoint a suitably qualified Medical Officer.

#### **A.9 Trophies and Medals**

- (a) The winner of the **EuroHockey Indoor (Junior) Championship** will receive a trophy, which it will retain until the trophy is next awarded. It shall ensure that such trophy is engraved and returned to the EHF on request, or is sent to the venue at which the tournament is next held.
- (b) The trophy must be insured by the holding National Association against all risks for an amount of €3000.

- (c) For each tournament the host National Association shall be responsible for producing medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold, silver and bronze for the 3 highest ranked nations as set out in the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**). For the number of medals, see the Responsibility Chart.

#### **A.10 Responsibilities of National Associations**

- (a) A National Association that enters any EHF competition will be held responsible for any default by its team in respect of a financial obligation arising out of its entry or participation in a tournament. The National Association may be required by the EHF to make good any such financial default by its team.
- (b) It is the responsibility of any host National Association to organise the tournament, to provide technical assistance and guidance, and, if appropriate, to ensure that the appointed organising committee fulfils its obligations under these Regulations and under the **respective Event Manual (Indoor)**.

#### **A.11 General Powers of the EHF**

For any breach of these Regulations or for any conduct which it considers unacceptable and in breach of the spirit of the competition and the regulations, whether by an individual or a team or National Association, the EHF shall have the power to impose such penalties as it thinks fit, including a fine or suspension of an individual, or of a team, or of the right of a National Association to enter a team in one or any EHF competition.

### **B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTICIPATING TEAMS** (For tournaments which are not the subject of a separate Licence Agreement)

#### **B.1 Licence Fee**

The host National Association is responsible for payment of any licence or hosting fee payable to the EHF for the tournament as set out in the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**)

#### **B.2 Officials Travel and Accommodation**

The host National Association is responsible for payment of:

- (a) The cost of travel and full board hotel accommodation for those EHF tournament officials and neutral umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix C**). Travel costs are payable only from the departure airport, bus or railway station in the official's home country. Tournament officials must travel by the cheapest method/route reasonably available. The official's own National Association is responsible for all travel costs from home to the point of departure, and also for the cost of any visa required by the official for entry into the host country;
- (b) The cost of full board hotel accommodation for the appointed national umpires and appointed EHF judges.
- (c) The host National Association may, if it prefers, offer a per diem payment to officials to cover the cost of lunch and dinner (to include dinner on the day of arrival). The level of such payment must be agreed in advance with the EHF Competitions Manager and must reflect actual costs in the host city.

(d) Accommodation requirements:

Technical Delegates (TDs) and Umpires Managers (UMs)

- Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision.
- TDs and UMs are **required** to arrive between mid-day and midnight 2 days prior to the start of the tournament and are entitled to stay until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

Technical Officers (TOs)

- Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision for TOs at Indoor Senior Championships (including Championships II-III) and at Indoor Junior Championships; for Indoor Junior Championships II-III the EHF is to pay the TOs' travel costs (after having given approval of the cost).
- TOs are entitled to arrive from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the tournament until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

Neutral Umpires (EHF Appointed Umpires), EHF Media Officer and Medical Officer

- Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision.
- EHF Media Officer is entitled to arrive from mid-day 2 days prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.
- Neutral Umpires (EHF Appointed Umpires) and Medical Officer are entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends. Neutral umpires travelling from another continent (or where travel time is greater than 10 hours door to door (home to the tournament city)) can arrive the previous evening i.e. from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the event.

National Umpires and Judges

- Travel costs are the responsibility of their home National Association.
- All are entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends unless travel time is greater than 10 hours door to door (home to the tournament city) in which case they can arrive the previous evening i.e. from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the event.

EHF Photographer (at Senior and Junior Championship only)

- Travel costs are the responsibility of the EHF Photographer.
- Is entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

### **B.3 Teams Travel and Accommodation**

(a) For all **Senior and Junior Championship** tournaments the host National Association shall assist participating teams by providing details of a range of appropriate accommodation for the players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their accommodation and meals.

(b) The host National Association should recommend reasonably priced and located eating facilities for the participating teams.

- (c) Participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their return travel from their home to the designated arrival airport, bus or railway station in the host country.
- (d) All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their hotel by, at the latest, **19.00 hrs** on the evening before the first match of the tournament. Failure to arrive on time may result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.
- (e) In ALL Indoor Championship tournaments, only those teams receiving medals/trophies are required to remain at the tournament until **after the Prize Giving Ceremony** on the final day although the EHF would encourage all teams to remain if possible.
- (f) Prize Giving Ceremonies will normally take place no later than 16.00hrs. Teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. **Any team which is not present when required at the Prize Giving Ceremony will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

#### **B.4 Local Transport for Teams and Tournament Officials**

- (a) For ALL Indoor **Senior and Junior Championship** tournaments the host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport for all participating teams from and to the **designated** airport(s) or railway station and the **designated** tournament hotel(s). The host's responsibility is for a single journey in each direction only, not multiple journeys.

Apart from being collected from the designated airport(s)/railway station and taken to the designated tournament hotel(s), and taken back to the designated airport(s)/railway station at the end of the tournament, teams are responsible for their own internal transport, including transport from and to their hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s), and the collection of any additional players from the airport(s) or railway station who did not travel with the main group.

Any teams who choose to stay in accommodation other than the designated hotel(s) recommended by the host National Association, are responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from the hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) (including airport-hotel v.v.).

A host is responsible for the transport to/from the designated tournament hotel(s) to the location of the Event Briefing Meeting. Moreover the host is responsible for the transport to/from the designated tournament hotel(s) to the venue of all players and staff members who are involved in Anti-Doping tests.

- (b) Teams transport (where provided) shall be available up to 2 days before and no more than 1 day after the end of the tournament. Any transport requirement outside these dates is the responsibility of the participating team.
- (c) Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host National Association (and agreed by EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their hotel.

- (d) For all tournaments the host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport for all EHF representatives, technical officials and umpires as set out in the **respective Event Manual (Indoor)** from and to the **designated** airport(s) or railway station and the officials' hotel, and from and to the officials' hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s).
- (e) Transport arrangements by car(s) must be provided for any FIH and/or EHF Representative(s) and for the TD.

#### **B.5 Training Facilities**

- (a) The host National Association shall provide suitable playing and training facilities.
- (b) Each participating team is entitled, at the organiser's expense, to practice on the tournament pitch(es), during the day prior to the start of the tournament, for at least 1 hour. Practice times will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis.
- (c) If a team requests additional practice/training facilities, over and above that specified above, then organisers shall use their best endeavours to assist them subject to payment by the team making the request of any actual costs incurred by the host club for lights etc.  
**NB** If the organisers have to hire an alternative venue for this purpose then this shall also be at the expense of the team making the request.

#### **B.6 Publicity**

- (a) Publicity requirements for tournaments which are the subject of separate Licence Agreements will be incorporated in the agreement between the EHF and the organisers.
- (b) For all other tournaments, the EHF requires that the host National Association and the local Organising Committee shall:
  - (i) Include in the official programme a photograph of and a message by the President of EHF which will be issued by the EHF office;
  - (ii) Ensure that the EHF logo and/or EuroHockey branding is used on all publicity, programmes, and all official tournament papers;
  - (iii) Entitle the EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 6) to one full-page advertisement in the tournament programme free of charge. Advertisements and artwork will be issued by the EHF office;
  - (iv) Where required, permit the EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 6) to place one 6 metre perimeter advertising banner on the main pitch and in the TV arc, or in such other place as designated by the EHF, free of charge (only applicable to certain tournaments). The advertising banners will be issued directly by the EHF office and it is the responsibility of the host NA to ensure that the banners are returned to the EHF office after the event. The host NA will be invoiced by the EHF for the cost of any banners not returned, or returned damaged.  
 Where an NA decides to use a LED Board system then the time allocated to EHF partners should be equivalent in nature and agreed with the EHF.

- (v) List in the official programme the names of the members of the **EHF Executive Board** and members of the **EHF Competitions Committee Indoor**, as well as the names of the **Technical Officials** appointed under Regulation A.8. All this information is available from the EHF website ([www.eurohockey.org](http://www.eurohockey.org));
- (vi) Ensure that the **blue** EHF flag and the FIH flag are displayed in prominent positions at all Indoor Senior and Junior Championships.

**Non-compliance with official EuroHockey branding will result in a fine (amount to be determined by the EHF).**

**NB** It is not mandatory to produce an official programme (book) for the event, but EHF recommends hosts to do so.

- (c) Where required, the EHF shall also be entitled to advertise at no cost on:
  - (i) Umpires uniforms;
  - (ii) Ball boys/girls uniforms;
  - (iii) Front of technical officials table (event title and/or EHF logo);
  - (iv) Press conference and interview backdrops;
  - (v) Tournament results board;
  - (vi) Tournament website;
  - (vii) Posters accreditations, tickets, leaflets;
  - (viii) Such other areas as may be mutually agreed between the host venue and the EHF.

#### **B.7 Protocol and Ceremonies**

- (a) Ceremonies are organised by the host National Association but are subject to the prior approval of the EHF. Matters of protocol must be approved in advance by the official Representative of the EHF and shall be in line with the protocol regulations contained in the **Licence Agreement** or as contained in the respective Event Manual (Indoor). In the absence of any appointed official representative, the TD acts as the representative of the EHF.
- (b) Tournament organisers and team managers should note that Prize Giving Ceremonies must be conducted in accordance with the **EHF Guidelines on Prize Giving Ceremonies** available from the EHF website.

#### **B.8 Insurances**

- (a) The host National Association shall effect at its cost and with a reputable insurance office, all the necessary insurances to cover any liabilities of themselves and of the EHF in respect of the tournament and shall, if called upon to do so, produce evidence of such insurance to the EHF.
- (b) It is the responsibility of each participating team to arrange their own insurances in respect of travel, personal injuries to players, hospital expenses and other risks which are not the responsibility of the hosts/organisers or of the EHF.

#### **B.9 Internet**

The host must provide Internet access at the technical table, in the TD/UM offices and in the officials relax room (preferably LAN or else wifi with dedicated speed and password).

#### **B.10 Communication Between Host Federation and Participating Teams**

Where, following a reminder from the EHF Competitions Manager, a participating Federation does not respond to the host Federations' request for information by the stated deadline, it will be subject to a penalty of up to €50 per day to be decided by the EHF. The same applies when a host does not respond to questions from participating Federations.

### **C. PLAYERS REGULATIONS**

#### **C.1 Age Qualification**

The age qualification for participation in EuroHockey Indoor **Junior Championship** tournaments will be that players are under the age of 21 years on **31 December** in the year preceding that tournament. Please see this [link](#) to the EHF website.

In all EuroHockey Indoor **Senior** and **Junior Championship** tournaments, no player or staff member shall be under the age of 15 on the first day of the tournament.

#### **C.2 Nationality**

All players must be nationals of the country they represent and will be required to provide proof of identity and nationality (and for Junior tournaments, proof of age) to the TD when required. **A valid passport is the only acceptable document for this purpose.**

#### **C.3 Team Entry**

(a) Team Entry Lists (with names and dates of birth of players, staff members and the kit colours) must be entered into the FIH TMS system ([www.tms.fih.ch](http://www.tms.fih.ch)) by the National Association who must confirm that all the players listed are eligible. A PDF of the **Team Registration Report**, which can be downloaded as soon as the team is entered into FIH TMS, should be used to check if the team is uploaded correctly.

Either the TMS Organisation Manager of the NA needs to add the Team Entry List into FIH TMS or the Team Manager can do this. In case the latter, the EHF Competitions Manager needs to be informed.

**For failure to enter the team list into the FIH TMS system by the 14<sup>th</sup> day before the start of the tournament, the National Association will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

**NB** The NA needs to send the name of the Team Manager (including gender, nationality and email address) to the EHF Competitions Manager ([competitions@eurohockey.org](mailto:competitions@eurohockey.org)) at least 14 days before the start of the tournament

(b) Details of the information to be included on the Team Entry Form can be found in the **FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions)** current at the time of the competition.

(c) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **Indoor Senior and Junior Championships** (including Championship II-III tournaments) complete an anti-doping education program as part of hockey's commitment to anti-doping. All participants

must complete the WADA ALPHA course or a NADO course and the certificates and the list of players who have completed the course must be sent by the National Association to the EHF. The deadline date for submitting the certificates to the EHF is the same date as that for submitting the team entry list. Please note that the failure of any player(s) to complete an education programme will result in a sanction for the National Association and the player(s) not being allowed to participate until they have submitted the form.

A certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of completion.

- (d) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **Indoor Senior and Junior Championships** (including Championship II-III tournaments) complete the IOC Prevention of Competition Manipulation education course as part of hockey's commitment to uphold the integrity and credibility of the sport. The course can be accessed at <https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/courses/wareness-raising-programme-manipulation-of-competitions>. The certificates and the list of players who have completed the course must be sent by the National Association to the EHF. The deadline date for submitting the certificates to the EHF is the same date as that for submitting the team entry list. Please note that the failure of any player(s) to complete an education programme will result in a sanction for the National Association and the player(s) not being allowed to participate until they have submitted the form.

#### C.4 Ineligible Players

If it is found that a player has played in the EuroHockey Indoor Championship competitions but is ineligible under the FIH or EHF Regulations, then the EHF **will penalise (by fine, disqualification, suspension or otherwise) the player and/or the National Association who entered that player and certified the Entry Form**, such penalty to be determined by the EHF.

### D. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

#### D.1 Rules and Regulations

- (a) The **EuroHockey Indoor Championships (Senior and Junior)** shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Indoor Hockey together with, except in so far as these regulations specifically provide, the current **FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor)** including the **Schedule of Variations to the Rules of Indoor Hockey** set out in the relevant **Appendix** of the FIH Regulations.
- (b) By virtue of a Team submitting a Team Entry Form to an International Event, all Team members are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the FIH General Tournament Regulations, Code of Conduct, Media Policy and Uniform Advertising Policy.
- (c) For Indoor **Senior Championship** tournaments only (so not Indoor Championship II-III-IV) all players are required to display their family name above their number on the back of their playing shirts in accordance with FIH regulations.  
**NB** In any Indoor Senior Championship II-III-IV or Indoor Junior Championship where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all field players' shirts.

**NB** Players do need to have a number on the front of the shorts/skirts. A number on the short/skirt always needs to be displayed without any (nations, manufacturers, advertising) logo on that side of the leg!

## **D.2 Pools and Match Pattern**

- (a) The Indoor Championship tournament shall be played in accordance with **Appendix A** of these Regulations. The Indoor Championship II, III and IV tournaments shall be played in accordance with **Appendix B**.
- (b) Any tournament in which there are less than 8 teams shall be played on a round robin basis in accordance with the **relevant Appendix of the FIH Tournament Regulations Indoor Competitions**.
- (c) The ranking of teams into divisions is the responsibility of the EHF, in its absolute discretion.
- (d) For the **Indoor Senior Championships** tournaments the arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the FIH (using the appropriate World Ranking positions on the moment the match schedules are prepared).
- (e) For the **Indoor Junior Championships** tournaments the composition of the pools will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based upon the World Ranking of the participants' senior teams (on the moment the match schedules are prepared).
- (f) **NB** When applying the new FIH Regulation which takes Field Goals into account to determine rankings in a pool, field goals scored in a preliminary round do not count when determining positions in any subsequent promotion/relegation pool.

## **D.3 Match Schedule**

The EHF will produce a standard match schedule for the tournament. Certain amendments may be requested by the host National Association regarding timing of matches. Such requests must be submitted to the EHF for approval no later than 4 months before the tournament. **The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.** For every tournament, the match schedule must follow FIH regulations in relation to the minimum rest period between a team's matches as follows:

- (a) there shall be a minimum of 3 hours between the start time of a team's matches played on the same day; the schedule must also take into account the requirements of TV.
- (b) there shall be a minimum of 1 hour 15 minutes time interval between the start times of two successive pool matches;
- (c) there shall be a minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes time interval between the start times of two successive classification matches.
- (d) the final match on the last day should normally be played no later than 14.30hrs (or 15.00hrs for a single pool tournament).

For the programme of Pool A and B matches, classification matches and Pool C (and Pool D) matches, see Appendix A (Indoor Championship) or Appendix B (Indoor Championship II, III & IV) of the EHF Regulations.

For the programme of matches in a one pool tournament (7 teams or less) see the relevant Appendix of the FIH Indoor Regulations.

#### D.4 Event Briefing Meeting

- (a) In accordance with FIH Regulations, each participating team manager must attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the time fixed by the organisers and the TD. **For failure to attend this meeting a team will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

The team coach and/or assistant team coach may also attend the Event Briefing Meeting, but unlike the team manager, his/her attendance is optional.

**NB** There will be no separate Medical Meeting and/or Coaches Meeting with Umpire Managers in any Indoor Championship event.

- (b) Before their first match, team managers must bring a sample of their team clothing (first choice colours and alternative colours including GKs shirts) as well as the leg guards, kickers and hand protectors of their goalkeepers and all personal equipment for defending penalty corners (eg. masks, gloves, etc) to this meeting or to any other meeting as required by the TD.  
**NB** Sponsors' advertising is not permitted on any playing equipment – sticks, helmets, hand protectors, leg guards, kickers, sweatbands, mouth protectors, knee protectors, shin pads, chest protectors, elbow protectors, throat guards etc.
- (c) The Team Manager must submit the final list of 12 players plus team officials attending the tournament to the TD at the Event Briefing Meeting.

#### D.5 Forms

For Indoor Senior and Junior Championships: All tournament forms are available for download from the EHF/FIH website and also from the FIH TMS System (<https://tms.fih.ch/>).

#### D.6 Clothing

- (a) The EHF adopts the FIH General Tournament Regulations in respect of Team Clothing, Equipment and Colours with the exception that in 6.12 regarding black armbands where references to the "FIH Chief Executive Officer" and "FIH Event Director" shall be respectively to the "EHF Director General" and "EHF Competitions Manager". Where neither of the above can be reached, the TD shall have discretion to make a decision.
- (b) Where a national team (Senior/Junior) has new sponsors, the advertising must be approved by the FIH not less than 3 weeks prior to the event in accordance with the Event Resources page on the FIH website (Uniform Advertising section).

#### Umpires/Officials' Uniforms

- (c) The host must provide 2 shirts for umpires in colours approved by the EHF which shall normally be either bright yellow, bright pink or turquoise blue (unless these are supplied directly by EHF).  
**NB** Shirts provided for female umpires should be women's fit.

- (d) Advertising in the form of a company's name, logo or trademark is permitted on umpires shirts only when expressly authorised by EHF on the front and/or back of the umpire's shirt - size not exceeding 350 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.
- (e) Logos: The EuroHockey logo **must** be placed on the left or right sleeve of the umpires' shirt. The Tournament logo can be placed on the front left or right of the shirt. Any sponsor logo that has been approved by the EHF may also be placed on the shirt in accordance with the regulations. It is expressly forbidden for the Organiser to print the logo of their Federation on the Umpires' shirts.
- (f) Tournament Officials are to wear EuroHockey Officials Uniform whilst on duty.

**D.7 Team Video**

Video filming may only take place from designated areas outside the field of play as identified at the Event Briefing Meeting.

**D.8 Unforeseen Events**

If during a tournament circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Regulations, they will be determined by the TD after consulting the representative of the EHF, if any.