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(EHL, TROPHY (I and II) AND CHALLENGE – WOMEN AND MEN)

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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 by 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 and Youth Championships (Outdoor)
- Clubs Championships (Indoor)
- Clubs Championships (Outdoor)

These new **EuroHockey Club Championships (Outdoor) 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 **Euro Hockey League – Men (Appendix A)**, **Euro Hockey League – Women (Appendix B)**, **Club Trophy - Men & Women (Appendix C)** and **Club Challenge - Men & Women (Appendix D)**.

The new regulations do not, however, include the Tournament Regulations as all EuroHockey Outdoor Club Championships will be played in accordance with the current Rules of Outdoor Hockey together with the **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor 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 General Tournament Regulations for Outdoor Competitions.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

A.1 Authority

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

A.2 Entry

(a) **Euro Hockey League (Men & Women)**

Qualification for the Euro Hockey League (Men) will be based on positions achieved by National Associations in the EHL Ranking Points Table (Men) from points earned the previous three seasons in Euro Hockey League (Men) and Club Trophy I and II (Men) tournaments. The EHF shall have absolute discretion over the preparation, justification and interpretation of the ranking table.

Qualification for the Euro Hockey League (Women) will be based on positions achieved by National Associations in the EHL Ranking Points Table (Women) from points earned the previous three seasons in EuroHockey Club Cup (Women) and Club Trophy (Women) tournaments. The EHF shall have absolute discretion over the preparation, justification and interpretation of the ranking table.

(b) **Club Trophy and Challenge (Women)**

Each National Association affiliated to the EHF is entitled to enter up to 2 women's

clubs for such divisions as they shall be qualified, in the Club Trophy or Challenge tournaments. The first of the clubs entered should be the current national champion (unless that club is already participating in the Euro Hockey League). In exceptional circumstances, the EHF Competitions Committee Outdoor may, at its sole discretion, waive this requirement.

(c) **Club Trophy and Challenge (Men)**

Each National Association affiliated to the EHF is entitled to enter up to 2 men's clubs for such divisions as they shall be qualified, in the Club Trophy I, Trophy II or Challenge tournaments. The first of the clubs entered should be the current national champion (unless that club is already participating in the Euro Hockey League). In exceptional circumstances, the EHF Competitions Committee Outdoor may, at its sole discretion, waive this requirement.

(d) Wherever there is an obligation to enter a champion club, the EHF is entitled to call for documentation from a National Association to establish that a club is indeed the current champion at the time of entry. National Associations are free to decide their own procedure for selecting their second club entry.

(e) Those National Associations wishing to enter any EuroHockey Club Competition for the coming season must send their correctly completed **Entry Form(s)** to the EHF Office by the deadline date of **15 July** in the year preceding the competition. If such details are not received by the deadline, then entry may be refused.

(f) Where a National Association does not conclude its national club competition until after the deadline date stated above, they should enter the club who is the current champion club at the time of entry and will not be allowed to submit a different club name at a later date.

g) 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.

h) Any National Association which does not enter a EuroHockey club competition for which it is qualified, will automatically be relegated to the lowest division of the competition at re-entry.

A.3 Ranking system

The ranking tables are calculated using results from the Euro Hockey League (M), EuroHockey Club Cup (W) (now Euro Hockey League (W)) and the EuroHockey Club Trophy (W & M) over the last three years, with points awarded to each Nation and then divided by the number of clubs participating from that nation. In order to reflect current performance, results from events 2 seasons ago are discounted to 25%, results from last season are discounted by 50% and results from the current season are awarded 100% points. Details of points awarded can be found in the appropriate competition regulations on the EHF website.

MEN - Nations ranked 1-3 are entitled to 3 entries in the Euro Hockey League, those in 4th-6th place are entitled to 2 entries, and those in 7th-11th place have one entry.

WOMEN - Nations ranked 1-2 are entitled to 2 entries in the Euro Hockey League, those in 3rd-6th place are entitled their champion club.

The nations ranking is only based on the results from EHL, Trophy (I and Trophy II) participation. The Challenge events are based on promotion and relegation and there is no Nation ranking produced for the performances of their Clubs where they compete only in the Challenge Competitions.

To be eligible to have a team in either EHL and Trophy (I and Trophy II) a nation **must**, by the deadline date for entries, have a second team participating in an EHF Club competition.

All points earned are divided by the number of teams participating across all EHF club competitions.

Bonus Points

In previous years all teams received bonus points for playing in EHL, EHCC and Trophy events. From the 2017-2018 season these points were amalgamated in the total points awarded.

Number of clubs from each National Association

To decide the ranking of a National Association in the season's ranking table, the total number of points won by its clubs (and if necessary the number of goals scored and conceded) will be divided by the number of clubs which that National Association was qualified to have in the EuroHockey Club Tournaments that season.

Examples:

To calculate the points earned for the forthcoming season:

a) Nation A has 3 teams in EHL. Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from EHL divided by 3 = Nation A Ranking Score

b) Nation B has 2 teams in EHL. Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from EHL divided by 2 = Nation B Ranking Score

c) Nation C has a club in EHL and Trophy (I or II). Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from EHL plus points earned from Trophy (I or II) divided by 2 = Nation C Ranking Score

d) Nation D has a Club in EHL and Challenge. Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from EHL divided by 2 = Nation D Ranking Score

e) Nation E has 2 Clubs in Trophy (I or II).

Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from Trophy by both clubs divided by 2 = Nation E Ranking Score

f) Nation F has a Club in the Trophy (I or II) and Challenge.

Their ranking score is calculated as follows:

- Total points earned from Trophy (I or II) divided by 2 = Nation F Ranking Score

g) Nation G has 2 Clubs in Challenge – No points awarded – Challenge events up to Trophy (I or II) are based on promotion and relegation.

h) Nation H has one Club in Challenge - No points awarded – Challenge events up to Trophy (I or II) are based on promotion and relegation.

i) Nation I has two clubs playing in European competitions (of which at least 1 in EHL / Trophy (I or II) and 1 team withdraws – No points awarded

A.4 Qualification and Pools

(a) 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.

NB The EHL will be played in a knock-out format as set out in Appendix A and B of these regulations.

(b) It is a condition of playing in the EHL (Men and Women) or in the Club Trophy I and II (Men) or Club Trophy (Women) (and therefore of earning points in the ranking tables), that not less than 2 clubs from a National Association must be entered and participate in EuroHockey Men's or Women's club competitions in the season.

(c) If 8, 7 or 6 teams play in a Challenge tournament, then 2 will be promoted. If 5 or less teams play then only 1 will be promoted and the relegation adjusted accordingly.

(d) Notwithstanding anything else in these regulations, which tournament clubs shall be entitled to play in, and the ranking of the pools within that tournament, shall be a matter entirely within the discretion of the EHF.

(e) The minimum number of teams in any tournament must be three (3).

A.5 Entry Fees

National Associations are responsible for payment of entry fees on behalf of their club(s) and will receive from the Hon Treasurer of the EHF an invoice for the entry fee shown on the Responsibility Charts (Appendices E and F). **Entry fees are non-refundable once the official entry form has been received by the EHF.**

NB Where a team in a Challenge event withdraws before the deadline date for withdrawals, the team only has to pay 50% of the entry fee.

A.6 Withdrawal

(a) Any club which withdraws from a tournament for which it is entered by its National Association **before** the deadline date of **30 November** in the year preceding the tournament, will cause the team next entered by that National Association to be automatically relegated to the next lower division of the competition the next time the relevant tournament is played.

- (b) Any club which withdraws from a tournament **after** the deadline date of **30 November** in the year preceding the tournament, will cause the team next entered by that National Association 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) **In Challenge events ONLY** a National Association may replace their second club entry provided such a request is received by the EHF **before** the deadline date for withdrawals. Any such replacement club:
- (i) will be subject to approval by the EHF Competitions Committee Outdoor and
 - (ii) will not be eligible for promotion that year.
- (d) Any National Association whose club(s) have been banned for one year (or more) will be considered as a new entry in the lowest division of the competition when they return at the end of the ban. If the NA has more than one club in the competition, this regulation will only apply to the number of clubs whose actions resulted in the ban being imposed; any non-offending clubs will maintain the NA's place in the relevant division of the competition.
- (e) The EHF may, at its discretion, impose on the withdrawn club and/or its National Association such additional penalty as it considers appropriate, which may include a ban in respect of future club competitions whether for that club or for any clubs from that National Association. If a club is banned, then, unless the EHF decides otherwise, such club may, during its ban, be replaced by the runner-up in its national club championship.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Where the host club or 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 EHF Disciplinary Commissioner.

A.7 Unforeseen events

If circumstances arise pertaining to the technical aspects of the conduct of the tournament, which are not provided for in these Regulations, the EHF will determine any actions necessary.

A.8 Dates and Format

In exceptional circumstances the EHF reserves the right to change the dates on which any tournaments are held.

A.9 Applications to Host

- (a) Clubs who wish to be considered as hosts, whether for the Trophy (I and II) or Challenge tournaments must, before the closing date fixed by the EHF for such application, submit

through their National Association to the EHF Office the appropriate **EHF Application to Host** form.

- (b) If there is no offer to host a tournament which is acceptable to the EHF from the clubs qualified or entered for a Trophy (I or II) or Challenge tournament, then the EHF may call upon the National Association of one of those clubs to organise the tournament (on the same basis as set out below). If that National Association fails to agree to do so, then the EHF may relegate or remove the club of that National Association from the Division for which it was otherwise qualified in order to allow another club 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) The EHF has the authority to allow the host club of any tournament to qualify automatically if not already qualified. The EHF may also award the hosting of a tournament to a club which is not participating.
- (d) In submitting an application to host a Trophy (I or II) or Challenge tournament, the National Association agrees to host in accordance with these Regulations (including the Responsibility Chart) and with the **respective Event Manual (Outdoor)** published by the EHF, copies of which are available from the EHF website.
- (e) Should any tournament not be played in any year then the EHF may, for the next year, at its discretion, relegate the teams of the two National Associations ranked joint 5th (or 5th and 6th) in that tournament when it was last played in order to make room for the participation of the clubs from the 2 nations promoted from the tournament below.

A.10 Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires

- (a) The EHF will appoint the Technical Delegate (TD), Technical Officer, Judges, Umpires Manager, Neutral Umpires and Video Umpires (EHL when needed).
- (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 EHF.
- (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 local judges to assist the TD as outlined in the Responsibility Chart (**Appendix E**). The appointment of such officials is subject to EHF approval.
- (e) The EHF will appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer to EHL only, although it may delegate this responsibility to the host National Association or host Club. The host

National Association (or host Club) shall appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer for all Trophy and Challenge tournaments.

- (f) The host National Association (or host Club) shall appoint a suitably qualified Medical Officer.

A.11 Responsibilities of Host National Associations

- (a) A National Association that enters one or more of their member Clubs in any EHF competition will be held fully responsible for the financial obligations of those Club(s). National Associations may be required by the EHF to make good any financial debts incurred by its Club(s) at, or arising from, attendance or withdrawal from a tournament. The EHF reserves the right to consider further penalties on National Associations in respect of the behaviour of its Club(s) at EHF competitions.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the National Association of the organising host club to monitor the organisation of the tournament by that club, to provide technical assistance and guidance, and to ensure that the organising host club fulfils its obligations under these Regulations and under the **EHF Event Manual (Outdoor)** or the **EHL Host Manual**.

A.12 General Powers of the EHF

For any breach of these Regulations or for any breaches of contract between a club and the Euro Hockey League, 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 and/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 CLUBS AND PARTICIPATING TEAMS

(For tournaments which are not the subject of a separate Licence Agreement).

B.1 Licence Fee

The host club 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 E**).

B.2 Officials Travel and Accommodation

- (a) The host club is responsible for payment of:
 - (i) the cost of travel and full board hotel accommodation for those EHF tournament officials and neutral umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendices E and F). Travel costs are payable only from the departure airport, bus or railway station in the officials home country. Tournament officials must travel by the cheapest method/route reasonably available. The official's own National Association is responsible for all associated travel costs from home to point of departure, and also for the cost of any visa required by the official for entry into the host country;
 - (ii) the cost of full board hotel accommodation for the appointed national umpires and appointed EHF judges.

(b) The host club may, if they prefer, 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.

(c) Accommodation requirements:

Technical Delegates (TDs) and Umpires Managers (UMs)

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

Technical Officers (TOs)

- 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 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 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 8 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 8 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.

B.3 Teams Travel and Accommodation

(a) The host club shall provide participating teams with details of a range (minimum 3) of appropriate accommodation (the designated hotels) for the players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their own accommodation and meals. The host club must provide the EHF with details of all designated hotels which are proposed to be used.

(b) The host club 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(s) or railway station of the host club.

- (d) All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their hotel by, at the latest, **19.00hrs** 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) Teams may delay their arrival until the first day of the tournament if they are not drawn to play on the first day, **subject to prior approval from the EHF Competitions Manager**. However, it is still necessary for the Team Manager to attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the required time.
- (f) In all EHF club competitions, 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 other participating clubs to remain if possible. The ceremony will normally take place no later than 17.00hrs and teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. Failure to attend, if required, will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.

B.4 Local Transport for Teams and Tournament Officials

- (a) The host club shall provide at its cost local transport 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. Any additional journeys will be the responsibility of the participating team.
NB Please see Appendix A and B for clarification regarding team's transport at EHL events.

Any teams who choose to stay in a hotel other than those designated by the host club (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.
- (b) Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host club (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.
- (c) 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 requirements outside these dates is the responsibility of the participating team.
- (d) For teams staying at one of the designated hotels, the host club shall provide at its cost local transport from and to the designated hotel(s) and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) once only each day, also for all competition related actions (eg. Shoot-outs and any meetings).
NB Please see Appendix A and B for clarification regarding team's transport at EHL events.
- (e) Any teams which choose to stay in accommodation other than the designated hotel(s) recommended by the host club are responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from the hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) and to all other competition related actions (eg. Shoot-outs and any meetings).

- (f) The host club shall provide at its cost local transport for all EHF representatives, technical officials and umpires as set out in the respective Event Manual 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).
- (g) Transport arrangements by car(s) must be provided for any EHF Representative(s) and for the TD.

B.5 Training Facilities

- (a) The host club shall provide suitable playing and training facilities.
- (b) Each participating team is entitled, at the organiser's expense, to practice on the tournament pitch for at least 1 hour during the day prior to the start of the tournament. Available 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 water, 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) The EHF requires that the host club and the local Organising Committee shall:
 - (i) Include in the official programme a photograph of and a message by the President of the 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 club to ensure that the banners are returned to the EHF office after the event. The host club will be invoiced by the EHF for the cost of any banners not returned, or returned damaged;
 Where a Club 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 Outdoor**, as well as the names of the **Technical Officials** appointed under Regulation A.10. All this information is available from the EHF website (www.eurohockey.org);
 - (vi) Ensure that the **blue** EHF flag is displayed in a prominent position. It is the responsibility of the local organiser to obtain the blue EHF flag from its own National Association.

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

- (b) 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 club and the EHF.

B.7 Protocol and Ceremonies

- (a) Ceremonies are organised by the host club 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 respective Event Manual. 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.
- (c) The winner of the **EuroHockey Club Trophy (I and II)** 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.
- (d) The trophy must be insured by the holding club against all risks for an amount of €3000.
- (e) For each tournament the host shall be responsible for producing medals. For the number of medals, see the Responsibility Chart.

B.8 Insurances

- (a) The host club shall arrange, 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 club 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).

NB See the Event Manual for more information.

B.10 Communication Between Host Club and Participating Teams

Where, following a reminder from the EHF Competitions Manager, a participating Club does not respond to the host Club's 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.

C. PLAYERS REGULATIONS

C.1 Players' Qualifications

A player shall be eligible to play for a club in the EuroHockey Club Competitions **ONLY** if:

- (a) Prior to the tournament, s/he is and has been a bona fide regular playing member of that club and eligible according to the Regulations of that club's National Association to play for that club in its **national club competition** for that season since
- 15 September for EHL Men.
 - 1 November for EHL Women and Club Trophy (I & II) tournaments.
 - 15 March for Challenge tournaments.
- and;

- (b) Her/his name is included in the list of 29 players required by C.4 (below), and;

- (c) (S)he has not played (outdoor) for another European club in that season since:
- 15 September for EHL Men.
 - 1 November for EHL Women and Club Trophy (I & II) tournaments.
 - 15 March for Challenge tournaments.

NB; a player is allowed to play **indoor** hockey for a club different from that for which (s)he plays **outdoor** hockey) and;

- (d) (S)he has not that season played for any club team in any league competition sanctioned by the relevant National Association anywhere in the world (i.e. outside Europe), **except** during the period **15 November - 14 March** since:
- 15 September for EHL Men.
 - 1 November for EHL Women and Club Trophy (I & II) tournaments.
 - 15 March for Challenge tournaments.

NB For the avoidance of doubt, a sanctioned league is any league tournament that has been sanctioned by the relevant National Association.

NB A player will not be treated as ineligible to play in the EuroHockey Club Competitions if prior to the relevant tournament s(he) has played in any stand-alone school, college or university league provided s(he) complies with all other conditions (a) – (d) above.

General

- (e) In all EuroHockey Club tournaments, no player shall be under the age of 15 on the first day of the tournament.
- (f) A player can only play for 1 Club in an EHF Club Competition (Outdoor) (including EHL)

within the period 15 September – 15 July.

C.2 Responsibility of National Associations

- (a) Each National Association which enters a club for the **EuroHockey Club Competitions**, shall be responsible for certifying the eligibility of the players on the list submitted by their club and for ensuring its club plays only those players eligible to play for that club in accordance with Regulation C.1 above.

NB Any player who is not a citizen of the country where the club (s)he represents is located, needs to have the required NOC (No Objection Certificate). NOCs must be received by the EHF at least 14 days before the start of the tournament. For the avoidance of doubt, EHL has a different deadline (15 September or 1 November or 1 March).

Please note that the NOC should also cover the whole outdoor season and should not only be valid for the dates of the EuroHockey event.

NB It is important to realise that when a Federation receives a NOC from a players' own Federation, that it doesn't automatically mean the player is eligible to play. Each Federation has the responsibility to find out if a player has not played anywhere else after the respective deadline date before the player is eligible to play.

- (b) **NEW:** Team Entry Lists (with names, nationalities and dates of birth of players and staff members and the kit colours) must be entered into the AltiusRT system (<https://eurohockey.altiusrt.com>) 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 AltiusRT, must be sent to the EHF by the National Association and must be received by the EHF at least 14 days before the start of the tournament.

The AltiusRT Organisation Manager of the NA needs to add the Team Entry List into AltiusRT.

For the avoidance of doubt, EHL Team Entries have a different deadline (See Appendix A and B).

For failure to enter the team list into the AltiusRT system and send the Team Registration Report to the EHF by the 14th 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) at least 14 days before the start of the tournament.

- (c) If it is found that a player has played for a club in EuroHockey Club Competitions but is ineligible under these Regulations, then the EHF **will penalise (by fine, disqualification, suspension and/or otherwise) the player and/or the club and/or the National Association who entered that club and certified the Entry List**. In the EHL and Trophy Trophy (I or II) tournaments, such penalty may include the deduction of ranking points; in all other events it may include relegation.
- (d) In the case of an Anti-Doping violation related to article 11.2 of FIH Anti-Doping Rules, in all tournaments the offending club will be disqualified and will be banned from entering the relevant tournament for a minimum of 2 years. Moreover in the EHL and Trophy

Trophy (I or II) tournaments the offending club will forfeit all ranking points received in the season to date.

- (e) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **EHL and Trophy (I or II) 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. It is not mandatory for teams playing in Challenge events to complete an anti-doping educational course, however the EHF recommends that all players do so.
A certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of completion.
- (f) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **EHL and Club Trophy (I and II) 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/preventing-competition-manipulation/>
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. It is not mandatory for teams playing in Challenge events to complete an IOC Prevention of Competition Manipulation educational course, however the EHF recommends that all players do so.

C.3 Confirmation of Identity

All players must have available at the tournament, and produce to the TD upon request, their **valid** passport or national identity card (including photograph). **A National Association hockey registration card is not allowed as confirmation of identity.**

C.4 Team Entry

- (a) To allow for injuries and late changes, the Team Entry List should contain a list of up to **29 players**. Teams are advised to ensure that the list includes **5 goalkeepers** who **MUST** be indicated on the list. For clarification, provided regulation 5.1 of the FIH General Tournament Regulations is adhered to, any of the 29 listed players may play anywhere on the field or in goal. **Once submitted, additions or amendments to the list will not be permitted other than in the most exceptional circumstances (as determined by the EHF), or as covered by (c) below.**
- (b) Details of the information to be included on the Team Entry List can be found in the **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)** current at the time of the competition.
- (c) The team manager must submit a final list of **18 players** plus team officials attending the

tournament at the Event Briefing Meeting at the latest. **Only those players who have been included on the original entry list of 29 (or any subsequent permitted amendment), and certified by the National Association, will be allowed to play in the tournament.** See also regulation C.2 and for EHL please see the relevant appendix.

D. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

D.1 Rules and Regulations

- (a) All **EuroHockey Club Tournaments** shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey together with the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)** including the **Schedule of Variations to the Rules of Hockey (Appendix 1)**, except in so far as these regulations and the relevant Appendix specifically provide.
- (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, EHF Tournament Regulations and EHF Code of Conduct.
NB The Code of Conduct applies from the date the Team Entry is submitted, meaning from 15 July in the year preceding the tournament.
- (c) The **EHF Image Rights Policy** will apply at all EHF tournaments.
- (d) The EHF adopts the FIH General Tournament Regulations save that references to “FIH Chief Executive Officer” and “FIH Disciplinary Commissioner” shall be respectively to “EHF Director General” and “EHF Disciplinary Commissioner” except for article 19 (Anti-Doping Rules) of the current FIH General Tournament Regulations where any matters relating to these Regulations will be dealt with by the FIH.

D.2 Pools and Match Pattern

- (a) The pools and match patterns for each competition are set out in the relevant Appendix to these Regulations.
- (b) The ranking of teams into divisions is the responsibility of EHF, in its absolute discretion.
- (c) The arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after the previous year’s EuroHockey club competitions.

D.3 Match Schedule

EHF will produce a standard match schedule for the tournament. Certain amendments may be requested by the host club regarding timing of matches. Such requests must be submitted to the EHF for approval no later than 4 months before the tournament. **EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.** For every tournament, the match schedule must consider the following:

- (a) the schedule must take into account any requirements of TV.
- (b) there shall be a minimum of 2 hours time interval between the start times of two successive pool matches;

- (c) there shall be a minimum of 2 hours 15 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 15.30hrs (or 14.30hrs for a single pool tournament). (Except for EHL)

D.4 Event Briefing Meeting

- (a) In accordance with FIH Regulations, each participating team manager must attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the time specified 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 or Coaches Meeting with Umpire Managers in any club 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 designated 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 18 players plus team officials attending the tournament to the TD at the Event Briefing Meeting. *For EHL please see the relevant appendix.*

D.5 Team Clothing, Equipment and Colours.

- (a) Each team must wear either the first choice or alternative colours of its club as specified on the Team Entry Form; each team must have both sets of kit (in first choice and alternative colours) available at each match in which they play.
- (b) The alternative set must be of a colour completely different from the dominant colour in the primary set for each of shirts, shorts/skirts and socks. Any additional items of clothing worn by a player during a match **must be of the same colour** as specified for the adjoining corresponding piece of clothing if any part of the garment can be seen.
NB For Challenge events ONLY, teams do not have to have a 2nd coloured pair of shorts/skirts, however a 2nd pair of a different colour is desirable.
- (c) The decision as to which colours each team shall wear for a match shall be entirely within the discretion of the TD who will take into account any colour clashes and any TV requirements.
NB This means that the TD can make a mix of colours from the team's first and alternative kit.

- (d) **Each player's number must remain the same throughout the competition** and must be the same as that submitted on the Team Entry Form. Details of the size and format of players' numbers are set out in the **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)**.
- NB** There is no requirement to display the players' numbers on skirts/shorts in either EHF Trophy (I or II) or Challenge events. Where a team decides to display the players' numbers on the short/skirt, any club- or advertising logo cannot also be displayed on that side of the garment.
- NB** It is not compulsory in any EHF club tournament to display the players' family names on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all players' shirts.
- NB** It is not compulsory in any EHF club tournament to display the EuroHockey logo on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, the logo must appear on the back of all players' shirts and the logo can be found on the [EHF website](#). (FIH logo not required at all for EHF Club events)
- (e) The club logo may appear on the front of players' shirts (left/right chest) and on the front of shorts (either leg). The club name may appear on the back of shirts if required. The club name or logo may also appear on each sock.

Manufacturers Identification & Sponsors Advertising on Players, Officials and Umpires' Uniforms

- (f) The regulations relating to Manufacturers Identification and Sponsors' Advertisements on Athletes, Umpires/Officials clothing and other Clothing and Equipment are set out in the relevant **Appendix** to the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)**.

If the advertising regulations of the National Association of the participating club are more restrictive than those laid down by FIH then the National Association's regulations will prevail. No advertising will be permitted which is deemed by EHF to be detrimental to the positive image of the game.

NEW On the EHF Website you will find the *EHF Team Uniform Logos Guidelines document*. This is a helpful tool to see if your whole kit is according to the regulations. It is not mandatory to send this file to EHF for teams playing in Trophy (I or II) or Challenge events.

NB EHL has a separate [document](#) which has to be submitted together with the Entry List.

Umpires/Officials' Uniforms

- (g) The host clubs 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.
- (h) 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 **500** sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.

- (i) 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 club or Federation on the Umpires' shirts.
- (j) Tournament Officials are to wear EuroHockey Officials Uniform whilst on duty.

Contravention of this Regulation by Teams

- (k) TDs are instructed to report to the EHF any team whose dress or equipment does not comply with these Regulations or with the Rules of Hockey.

Radio Communication

- (l) No player on the field of play will use or be equipped with any device to receive or transmit communication.

The EHF adopts the FIH General Tournament Regulations (6.13) regarding black armbands save that 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.

D.6 Duration of Matches and Timekeeping

- (a) A match shall consist of the regulation time of 4 periods of 15 minutes each separated by a half-time interval of 10 minutes (2 minutes interval between 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th quarters). No extra time shall be played.
Should the result of a classification match be a draw, then the teams will play a shoot-out competition in order to decide a winner of the match (see the relevant Appendix of the FIH General Tournament Regulations - Outdoor Competitions).
- (b) Timekeeping will be controlled by the technical officials on duty, whose responsibility it will be to signal the end of any period of regulation time. However, in the case of an extension of any period of regulation time to permit the completion of a penalty corner awarded before the end of the period, the umpires will signal the end of that period.
- (c) The umpires shall blow a whistle to start or re-start the game and they shall also signal to the technical officials every stoppage they may order and the subsequent re-start.
- (d) All EuroHockey club matches will be played in the 4 x 15min format. The host is requested to provide a 40 seconds Penalty Corner clock.

D.7 Suspensions

- (a) The TD shall ensure that all participants abide by the current **EHF Code of Conduct (Club Competitions)** and the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations**.
- (b) Following any suspensions, when the Tournament is over, the TD, the National Association of the person concerned and, in the case of a permanent exclusion (red

card) of a player from the field of play, the umpire involved, must send a detailed report on the facts to EHF.

- (c) Any decision made by the TD must be published in writing and copies provided to all participating teams.

D.8 Forms

All tournament forms are available for download from the EHF website and also from the AltiusRT TMS System (www.eurohockey.altiusrt.com).

D.9 Team Video

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

D.10 Unforeseen Events

If during a tournament circumstances arise (including changes to the match schedule) which are not provided for in these Regulations, they will be determined by the TD after consulting the representative of the EHF, if present.