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DEAR HOCKEY FRIENDS

It is an honour and a pleasure to bring the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship back to Finland. This will be my first World Championship as IIHF President and I am pleased that this tournament will be held in one of the most passionate and supportive hosts of international ice hockey you can find anywhere in the world.

On behalf of the IIHF and the entire international ice hockey family, we are very grateful and excited to welcome ice hockey fans through the doors of the brand-new Nokia Arena in Tampere and the storied Helsinki Ice Hall. Much work has been done to make this event possible, and in these challenging times we can say we are ready to host the world once more.

And what a year for Finland to host! Finnish hockey is riding high, with the men's national team coming off a historic gold medal at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, and the women's team collecting an impressive fourth Olympic bronze. We have seen the Finns compete at every level of the game, and with two consecutive IIHF World Championship final appearances in 2019 and 2021, hopes are high for the hometown fans.

But no matter who you cheer for, if you are coming to Finland get ready for a special experience. The IIHF Worlds is meant to be a true "ice hockey festival" where fans from 16 different nations converge in the spring to enjoy the game, meet and celebrate with other fans in a fun and safe environment.

Sadly, it has been more than two years since we had the joy of experiencing packed arenas and Fan Zones, but we are happy to say that the party will be on in Tampere and Helsinki. The Local Organizing Committee has put tremendous effort into this event, and I cannot



envision a better location than Finland for ice hockey fans to make a comeback.

As President of the IIHF, I would like to sincerely thank the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Organizing Committee and the Finnish Ice Hockey Association for their tireless work in preparing for this event.

I would also like to extend a sincere thanks to our marketing partner Infront Sports & Media, as well as to the sponsors and suppliers of the IIHF, Infront, and the tournament organizers. Your support and dedication to our sport has been invaluable through difficult times and has helped to ensure that we could return the IIHF World Championship experience to the fans. The entire ice hockey family is extremely grateful for your support.

Most of all, I would like to give a special thanks to the volunteers that will be working in both arenas. Truly, there is no tournament without you.

Now, it's time to hit the ice!

Luc Tardif, *IIHF President*



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DEAR PLAYERS, SPECTATORS, HOCKEY FANS

I warmly welcome you all to Finland, to the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship to be played in Tampere and Helsinki on 13-29 May.

Tampere and Helsinki are ready to host a top-class tournament that brings together the best ice hockey countries from around the world to compete for the 2022 IIHF World Championship. In the tournament, we will see world-class games and performances from athletes who are committed to giving their all on the rink. 'Making Miracles', the theme of the World Championship, will surely be seen in the performances and atmosphere of many games.

Finland is an experienced organiser of ice hockey competitions. The organizing committee and the many volunteers involved in the arrangements are ready to receive the teams as well as hockey fans from all over the world. The World Championship values of responsibility, fun and community describe the goal of making this spring's event an outstanding and memorable event for people of all ages. The Finns are a hockey nation and the atmosphere of the World Championship will surely be visible all over the country in the latter part of May, particularly in the competition cities of Tampere and Helsinki.

Thanks are due to all of the teams in the tournament for the world-class performances that will provide the spectators with unforgettable hockey moments. Many tournament players are role models for children and young people, future athletes and sports enthusiasts. Honest competition brings joy

and creates a sense of community in these challenging times for the world. Thanks also to all the organisers for your work in preparing the World Championship and during the tournament itself. Through your actions, you will highlight Finnish sporting expertise.

I wish all players, team members and hockey fans a wonderful tournament and unforgettable moments amidst the hockey.



Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland, Patron of the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship



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FINNISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to Finland, international hockey family.

It is my pleasure to welcome the international ice hockey family to Finland. Come and enjoy the unique ambience and nail-biter games. We are happy to see the world's best teams gathering to Finland and the fans to follow them.

I am sure everyone has been waiting for this, to see each other and gather around the electrifying games. We are living unprecedented times as the world around us keeps surprising us. The exceptional circumstances might have thrown us hurdles but they certainly have not stopped us from planning and building a memorable tournament – 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship is setting up to be an extraordinary event!

In the building part, our volunteers play a significant role. It can not be overstated how important their bubbling energy is, the eger spirit and spark they thrust into the event together with their talents and working contributions. We have photographers and videographers, security and transportation personnel, event assistants, team and referee hosts; we have courier and IT support services, construction and marketing staff; we have game operations and info desk volunteers and many, many more. We want to thank each and every one of our valuable team members.
Thank you Volunteers!

The 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship will be carried out under a theme of Making Miracles. This spring, we want to introduce the international ice hockey family to some of Finland's greatest natural miracles and make ice hockey miracles possible for all the competing teams. Finland certainly has its own ice hockey miracles to reminisce: the previous

ones have inspired the 2022 IIHF WM visual identity. Expectations are high this spring as well, and we're looking to add yet another victorious chapter to the Finnish ice hockey history.

We are grateful we can, yet again, welcome fans onto the stands to rally for their favourite teams. There will surely be noise like no other both in arenas and Official Fan Zones as crowds flock in their seats. We envision spectacular thrillers, glorious individual game performances and unyielding teams fighting to the very last second – in other words, ice hockey as its best.

Dear visitors, please emerge yourselves into the Making Miracles state of mind and clear your throats for cheers.

We welcome you all to join us in following what kinds of miracle stories this year's IIHF WM presents!



*Harri Nummela, Chairman President
of Finnish Ice Hockey Association*

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MAKING MIRACLES IN FINLAND

Dear ice hockey fans, spring 2022 will bring not only world-class ice hockey but also full stands of fans to Finland. We are excited to see fans of the sport coming together from all around the world to enjoy the game and cheer their favorite teams for the win after two years of empty seats surrounding theboards.

We are hoping to organize the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship as an international ice hockey event that lends an air from festivals and brings together the best of the best on ice. Full capacity of fans in the audience means more powerful and earnest atmosphere for players, enriched experiences for fans and more fun all around. And we are so ready for it all!

Finland has the honor and privilege to host IIHF WM now for the 9th time. We are grateful that the IIHF community trusts the Finnish organizing abilities, and we have worked hard to meet the set expectations of hosting the IIHF WM – and added a few miraculous moments onto the chronicle along the way.

We embraced the challenge of intense preparation and changing plans and are now proud to announce that everything is ready for 17 days full of action and excitement both on and off ice. Players, coaches, team officials, referees and other game officials, fans, IIHF representatives, sponsors, partners, volunteers, media, you are all very welcome to Finland. Our Host Cities, Tampere and Helsinki, cannot wait to show what they have prepared for you.

Fun, community and sustainability are the chosen values for the 2022 IIHF WM, the values we live by before, during and after the tournament. We want to make miracles, big and small, on and off ice. We want to offer a platform for lifelong memories and positive impact on future.

In the spirit of our values, we wanted to ensure each and everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the 2022 IIHF WM in Finland. Both Host Cities' Official Fan Zones are open for free to everyone. The Official Fan Zones are the second best place to be, right after the arenas themselves. You can enjoy the pre- and after-game hype there, and on those days you do not have the tickets for the game, you can watch the whole action, with other fans, from the huge screens set up on the Official Fan Zones. Drinks, food, happy people and ice hockey – what else would you even need.

Dear visitors, bring your passion, we will provide the rest. We are ready to have fun – please, come and join us in the best ever IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship!

Heikki Hietanen, *General Secretary of the 2022 IIHF WM Organizing Committee*





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The story began in December 1926. A local leather factory director Mr. Yrjö Salminen had visited Canada and encountered a new sport. He bought some gear, brought it home to Tampere and gave it to young sports enthusiasts to try at Lake Pyhäjärvi.

“Game on, boys,” Salminen said as he threw the pucks and sticks on ice.

The sport was, of course, ice hockey.

It was love at first sight, and only two years later Finland’s first ice hockey game between two clubs was played on Lake Pyhäjärvi ice. Later the city got its first artificial ice rink and the first indoor rink.

Ice hockey is deep in the heart of Tampere. It has given us a lot of joy and kept us grounded (on ice!) through good and bad times.

Generations of Tampere residents have grown up with ice hockey and as ice hockey fans. Our local clubs are very active and skilled, and the good-natured rivalry between the clubs is a Tampere staple. Many world-class hockey players have been raised here, and the local sport high school helps ambitious students to combine sports and education. In the winter, the city is abundant with outdoor possibilities for kids and families to enjoy the sport.

The first IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships hosted by Finland were played in Tampere in 1965, in then brand new Hakametsä hall. This year ice hockey visitors get to enjoy, yet again, a brand new hockey experience: state of the art multi-purpose venue Tampere Deck and Arena, that is located right in the city centre, above the railway tracks.

This year’s Championship is quite a different event, as it takes place in time shadowed by over two years of a global pandemic. Nevertheless, in the midst of worries, let us try to

enjoy ourselves for a moment and remember what’s best about ice hockey: it brings people together to enjoy.

In between games, there is a lot to see and do in Tampere. I recommend you to try the excellent restaurants and one of the saunas in and around Tampere – the city is the Sauna Capital of the World. You might also like to visit the Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame. If you’re feeling very sporty, try running the legendary Pyynikki steps – “The Stairs of the Will” – where local ice hockey players have trained their strength and stamina for years. It’s 126 steps to the top. Afterwards you can enjoy a cup of coffee, a local doughnut and some great views from Pyynikki Observation Tower.

**Welcome to the Home of Hockey,
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DEAR FRIENDS OF ICE HOCKEY

It is my distinct pleasure to wish the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and hockey fans worldwide a warm welcome to Helsinki! The theme of the 2022 IIHF WM is “Making Miracles” and together with the city of Tampere, the main Host City of the event, we promise you an unforgettable experience – both inside and outside the arenas.

Helsinki loves sports, and we have a solid reputation as an efficient promoter and organiser of sporting events. Countless competitions in a wide variety of fields have been successfully staged here. Finland’s capital is also home to a very active ice hockey community, whose players and fans represent passion and fellowship at its finest.

I am delighted that the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship will bring the thrill of organised sports within reach of the residents of Helsinki and many people who will be visiting our fair city. As we emerge from a long period of coronavirus dormancy, we are especially excited to host an event that will give us all a welcome dose of joy and inspiration.

Just as with team sports, the organisation of events is a group effort. It is Helsinki’s sincerest wish that the 2022 IIHF WM will be executed in a responsible and smooth manner, with the added sparkle that only sports competitions can bring. As part of our joint preparations with the IIHF, Helsinki has enlisted the help of local sports clubs with event arrangements, created volunteer opportunities that are sure to bring life-long memories,



and partnered with schools to create competition-inspired educational content. We have also provided school groups with game tickets.

Here in Helsinki, everyone will have a chance to join in the fun. In addition to the Helsinki Ice Hall, we will establish the “World’s Largest Official Fan Zone” for true ice hockey devotees in Helsinki’s sleek new shopping complex, the Mall of Tripla. A giant screen will be erected in the Official Fan Zone’s massive event area, where each of the games will be broadcasted, including Team Finland’s faceoffs in Tampere.

The matchups in the competition are sure to be nail-biters, full of suspense and excitement. I wish everyone participating in this electrifying event the best of luck. Here’s to a memorable 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship!

I hope you also get to enjoy some sunny days in springtime Helsinki during your visit.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The 16 teams are divided into two groups for the Preliminary Round played in a single round robin. The top-four ranked teams of each group advance to the quarterfinals that will be played cross-over. The first-place team in each preliminary-round group plays the quarter-finals fourth-place team of the other group, while the second-place team plays the third-place team of the other group: 1A-4B, 2A-3B, 1B-4A, 2B-3A. The venues and time slots of the games will officially be determined following the conclusion of the preliminary round.

In the semi-finals the best-ranked team - criteria:

- 1) placement in the group
- 2) points in the preliminary round
- 3) goal difference in the preliminary round
- 4) goals scored in the preliminary round
- 5) seeding coming into the tournament - will play against the lowest-ranked semi-finalist.

The 2nd-best ranked semi-finalist will play the 3rd-best ranked semi-finalist.

Both semi-final games will be played in Tampere. The host if qualified, or otherwise the best-ranked semi-finalist according to before-mentioned criteria, shall play the early game. The time slots will officially be determined after the quarter-final games.

The winning teams of the semi-final games advance to the gold medal game while the semi-final losing teams play for bronze.

The overall bottom ranked two teams will be relegated to the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

For all games points shall be awarded as follows:

3 points for the winning team at the conclusion of regulation time

1 point for both teams at the conclusion of regulation time if the game is tied

An additional point earned for the team winning the game in a 5-minute overtime period, or the Penalty-Shot Shootout if the teams are still tied following conclusion of the overtime period

0 points for the team losing the game in regulation time

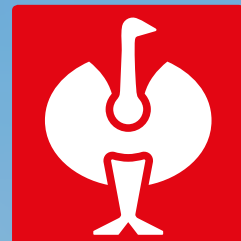
Overtime Operations

If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, a five-minute overtime period shall be played after a three-minute intermission. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period. The game will end when the five minutes have expired or when a goal is scored; the scoring team will be declared the winner. If no goal is scored in the overtime period, then the Penalty-Shot Shootout Procedure will apply. All overtime periods of any IIHF preliminary-round or round-robin game shall be played with each team at the numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

Overtime procedure in Play-Off Games:

In case of a tie at the conclusion of regulation time in a Relegation Playoff, Placement Playoff, Quarter Final, Semi Final and Bronze Medal Game, there will be a 10-minute sudden-death overtime period played after a three-minute intermission. In the Gold Medal Game, 20-minute sudden-death overtime periods will be played until the winning goal is scored. Between each period, there will be a 15-minute intermission during which the ice will be resurfaced. The overtime period shall be played with each team at the numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

If no goal is scored in the overtime period, then the Penalty-Shot Shootout (PSS) procedure will apply. Five different shooters from each team will take alternate shots, until a decisive goal is scored. If the game is still tied after five shots by each team, the PSS will continue with a tie-break shoot out by one player of each team, with a reversed shooting order. The same or new players can take the tie-break shots.



























































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GAME SCHEDULE

A GROUP

FRIDAY	16:20	 FRA vs  SVK
13.5.2022	20:20	 GER vs  CAN
SATURDAY	12:20	 DEN vs  KAZ
14.5.2022	16:20	 SUI vs  ITA
	20:20	 SVK vs  GER
SUNDAY	12:20	 ITA vs  CAN
15.5.2022	16:20	 FRA vs  KAZ
	20:20	 DEN vs  SUI
MONDAY	16:20	 SVK vs  CAN
16.5.2022	20:20	 FRA vs  GER
TUESDAY	16:20	 ITA vs  DEN
17.5.2022	20:20	 SUI vs  KAZ
WEDNESDAY	16:20	 FRA vs  ITA
18.5.2022	20:20	 SUI vs  SVK
THURSDAY	16:20	 GER vs  DEN
19.5.2022	20:20	 CAN vs  KAZ
FRIDAY	16:20	 GER vs  ITA
20.5.2022	20:20	 KAZ vs  SVK
SATURDAY	12:20	 DEN vs  FRA
21.5.2022	16:20	 CAN vs  SUI
	20:20	 ITA vs  SVK
SUNDAY	16:20	 KAZ vs  GER
22.5.2022	20:20	 SUI vs  FRA
MONDAY	16:20	 KAZ vs  ITA
23.5.2022	20:20	 CAN vs  DEN
TUESDAY	12:20	 GER vs  SUI
24.5.2022	16:20	 SVK vs  DEN
	20:20	 CAN vs  FRA
THURSDAY	16:20	QF 1
26.5.2022	20:20	QF 3























































TEAMS

CAN | CANADA
GER | GERMANY
SUI | SWITZERLAND
SVK | SLOVAKIA

DEN | DENMARK
KAZ | KAZAKHSTAN
FRA | FRANCE
ITA | ITALY

GAME SCHEDULE

B GROUP

FRIDAY	16:20	 USA vs LAT 
13.5.2022	20:20	 FIN vs NOR 
SATURDAY	12:20	 SWE vs AUT 
14.5.2022	16:20	 CZE vs GBR 
	20:20	 LAT vs FIN 
SUNDAY	12:20	 NOR vs GBR 
15.5.2022	16:20	 AUT vs USA 
	20:20	 CZE vs SWE 
MONDAY	16:20	 LAT vs NOR 
16.5.2022	20:20	 FIN vs USA 
TUESDAY	16:20	 CZE vs AUT 
17.5.2022	20:20	 SWE vs GBR 
WEDNESDAY	16:20	 NOR vs AUT 
18.5.2022	20:20	 FIN vs SWE 
THURSDAY	16:20	 GBR vs USA 
19.5.2022	20:20	 CZE vs LAT 
FRIDAY	16:20	 GBR vs FIN 
20.5.2022	20:20	 LAT vs AUT 
SATURDAY	12:20	 USA vs SWE 
21.5.2022	16:20	 AUT vs FIN 
	20:20	 NOR vs CZE 
SUNDAY	16:20	 GBR vs LAT 
22.5.2022	20:20	 SWE vs NOR 
MONDAY	16:20	 USA vs CZE 
23.5.2022	20:20	 AUT vs GBR 
TUESDAY	12:20	 SWE vs LAT 
24.5.2022	16:20	 USA vs NOR 
	20:20	 FIN vs CZE 
THURSDAY	16:20	QF 2
26.5.2022	20:20	QF 4
SATURDAY	14:20	SEMI-FINAL 1
28.5.2022	18:20	SEMI-FINAL 2
SUNDAY	15:20	BRONZE MEDAL
29.5.2022	20:20	GOLD MEDAL

TEAMS

FIN | FINLAND

USA | UNITED STATES

CZE | CZECHIA

SWE | SWEDEN

LAT | LATVIA

NOR | NORWAY

GBR | GREAT BRITAIN

AUT | AUSTRIA

Quarter-Finals

If Finland is qualified for the quarter-finals they will play the 20:20 QF at Tampere.

Semi-Finals

If Finland is qualified for the semi-finals they will play the 14:20 SF.

If Finland is not qualified for the semi-finals, the highest ranked team will play the 14:20 SF as per IIHF Sports Regulations.



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PROTEINS





This year's host country Finland is the number-one ranked team in the IIHF Men's World Ranking. Losing to Canada in the final of 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the 2022 host country is now set out to finish the tournament with golden medals. Youngster Anton Lundell, who plays in the NHL with Florida Panthers, was Finland's top scorer in the 2021 IIHF WM with seven points in ten games. It says a lot about Team Finland that their scoring was so evenly shared among the team members, with no one particularly standing out. Both of their goalkeepers Harri Säteri and Jussi Olkinuora were amazing the whole tournament and Olkinuora was selected to the Media All-Stars.

This year's IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship is an opportunity for Team Finland to score their first medals on home ice, having not placed in the top three in the previous IIHF WMs Finland has hosted. Altogether 8 IIHF World Championships have been played in Finland, most recently in 2012 and in 2013 when the tournament was co-hosted with Sweden. Now they have their new and shining Nokia Arena and the support of whole Finland behind them. Finland has over 70,000 registered players

which is a good amount in respect to the number of residents in the country. The 3 gold medals in Finland's history have been enormous events and celebrations in Finland – Finland truly is a hockey country.

Head coach Jukka Jalonen has an unbelievable record under his belt having won two IIHF WM gold medals, IIHF WM silver, IIHF WM bronze, IIHF U20 WJC gold and Olympic gold and bronze. Aiming for his third IIHF WM gold, Finland is a favorite to win gold again.

Medals:	3 Gold, 9 Silver, 3 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	10.2.1928
Total players:	71,063
Male players:	27,995
Female players:	5,906
Junior players:	37,162
Total Referees:	1,847
Indoor Rinks:	282
Outdoor Rinks:	62
President of National Federation:	Harri Nummela
Men's World Ranking:	1
Capital City:	Helsinki
Population:	5,571,665



CANADA

Always a favorite to win, Canada comes to the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship with gold in mind, its 28th. Canada most recently won the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in overtime against Finland, and defending this feat is certainly their objective this spring as well. Canada's journey to the victory was an amazing story as the team lost their first three games. However, wins against Kazakhstan got them to the quarter-finals, and after that there was no stopping them. Last year Team Canada's Connor Brown won the scoring title with 2 goals and incredible 14 assists. Andrew Mangiapane was named as the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship MVP after his arrival sparked Canada's golden run.

Canada has over a half a million registered hockey players, and they are the biggest hockey country in the world. Every player representing Team Canada is a top player in the world. Canada is the most successful country with 51 medals to its name and they have four medals from the last five IIHF World Championships.

Shane Doan will lead the Canadian team to the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship as general manager, joined on the management

staff by assistant general manager Rick Nash and senior vice-president of hockey operations and assistant general manager Scott Salmond. Behind the bench, Claude Julien will take the reins as head coach, alongside assistants D.J. Smith and André Tourigny.

Canada has hosted only one IIHF World Championship in 2008. The tournament was played in Quebec and Halifax. It was the first time since 1962 that an IIHF WM was held outside Europe.

Medals:	27 Gold, 15 Silver, 9 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	26.4.1920
Total players:	607,951
Male players:	76,899
Female players:	101,879
Junior players:	429,173
Total Referees:	31,487
Indoor Rinks:	2,860
Outdoor Rinks:	5,000
President of National Federation:	Scott Smith
Men's World Ranking:	2
Capital City:	Ottawa
Population:	37,971,020

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Team USA won the bronze medal game 6-1 against Germany at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. USA won Group B ahead of Finland executing high-level hockey game after game. Team USA's only loss in the group stage was against Finland in the opening game. Furthermore, as the tournament progressed, USA won five games in a row and lost only to Canada in the semi-finals.

After last year's bronze, USA has four bronze medals in the last eight IIHF WMs. Their leading scorer in 2021 was Conor Garland with 13 points in 10 games and that got him in the all-star team selected by the media. Tournament directorates selected best goalkeeper was USA's Cal Petersen.

David Quinn has been named head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team that will compete in the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, continuing his tenure after the Beijing Olympics. Quinn has also served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and held the same role at both the 2007 and 2012 events.

USA's last gold medal in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship is from 1960: it has been over 60 years and they are ready to step up their game and bring the long wait to its end.

Team USA has never made it to the final game since the IIHF introduced the playoff system in 1992, which is quite a surprise when you think of the calibre of the American players. Team USA usually comes to the IIHF WM with a team that has been built with a combination of experienced NHL players and young stars from the NCAA or their National Development program.

The USA has over half a million registered players, a number only Canada beats. USA has hosted the IIHF World Championship only once, in 1964.

Medals:	2 Gold, 9 Silver, 9 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	26.4.1920
Total players:	561,700
Male players:	272,580
Female players:	84,102
Junior players:	205,108
Total Referees:	25,861
Indoor Rinks:	1,550
Outdoor Rinks:	500
President of National Federation:	Mike Trimboli
Men's World Ranking:	4
Capital City:	Washington DC
Population:	332,639,102



Sweden is counting on bouncing back after a disappointing tournament last year when they finished 5th in Group A at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Since 1992, when the IIHF introduced a knock-out round to the World Championship, Sweden has always been a part of it. This was the first time Sweden did not qualify for the quarter-finals. We have to go all the way back to 1937 to find the last record of Sweden failing to crack the top eight at the IIHF Worlds.

In 2021, Sweden lost their first two games against Denmark and Belarus, which they were forecasted to win. After a challenging start, they beat Switzerland 7-0 and things were looking better. However, after a loss to Czechia, even the wins against Great Britain and Slovakia were not enough to carry them through to the quarter-finals. Sweden's leading scorers in the tournament were Henrik Tömmernes, Adrian Kempe and Nils Lundkvist all scoring five points. Nils Lundkvist made five points in only three games.

Head Coach Johan Garpenlöv will lead Team Sweden for the last time in the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. In the past, Sweden won two golds in a row, 2017 in Germany

and 2018 in Denmark, where Garpenlöv acted as an assistant coach. After three years as a head coach and being part of the coaching staff since 2016, it will be a big change for the Swedish National Team after the 2022 IIHF WM.

Sweden has hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship 11 times, most recently in 2012 and 2013 when the tournaments were co-hosted with Finland. In 2024, Sweden will co-host with Denmark. Sweden's 11 previously organized IIHF WMs is the most tournaments any country has hosted.

Medals:	11 Gold, 19 Silver, 17 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	23.3.1912
Total players:	73,293
Male players:	15,502
Female players:	7,843
Junior players:	49,948
Total Referees:	6,794
Indoor Rinks:	363
Outdoor Rinks:	34
President of National Federation:	Anders Larsson
Men's World Ranking:	5
Capital City:	Stockholm
Population:	10,202,491

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Switzerland is on the hunt for their first gold and is striving to repeat their run from 2018, which led to a silver medal. In the previous 2021 IIHF WM, Switzerland was defeated by Germany in the quarter-finals. In that tournament their scoring leader was Gregory Hofmann, who scored six goals and had two assists in eight games. That time around Switzerland had some of their biggest stars in the tournament as NHL players Timo Meier, Nico Hischier and Jonas Siegenthaler joined the team. This was the second time in a row when Switzerland's games ended at the quarter-final stage, so this time around they are seeking to break the pattern and advance to the semi-finals.

Switzerland has hosted 8 IIHF World Championship tournaments, latest being in 2009. They were supposed to host the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Zurich and Lausanne, but the tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19.

At the 2013 IIHF WM, Switzerland lost in the final to Sweden, earning themselves silver medals to end their medal drought of 60 years. Switzerland was awarded with silver medals also in 2018. These two podium placements are their only medals in the last 10 years. This

spring, Switzerland is eager to top their prior record, turn silver into gold, with head coach Patrick Fischer, who is going into his 7th year as the head coach of Switzerland.

Switzerland has over 30,000 registered players. The popularity of the game and a wide roster of talents is also reflected in their recent ascent of their World Rankings positions: they currently hold 6th place. Switzerland is really proving itself as a true hockey country. Its National League, a home of the best Swiss players, is one of Europe's top leagues.

Medals:	0 Gold, 3 Silver, 8 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	23.11.1908
Total players:	30,655
Male players:	9,805
Female players:	2,011
Junior players:	18,839
Total Referees:	1,290
Indoor Rinks:	49
Outdoor Rinks:	11
President of National Federation:	Michael Rindlisbacher
Men's World Ranking:	6
Capital City:	Bern
Population:	8,403,994



Last year in the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Czechia started the tournament with two losses but picked up the speed and won five games in a row earning their place in the quarter-finals. The team lost a tight game against Finland in the quarter-finals and took 3rd place in group A. Dominik Kubalik was Czechia's leading scorer with three goals and three assists in seven games. The team's number one goalie in the tournament was Simo Hrubec who posted a save percentage of 90.23 in six games.

Czechia will come into the 2022 IIHF WM under a new head coach, Kari Jalonen, who replaces Filip Pesan. Jalonen, 62, will be joined behind the bench by assistant coaches Martin Erat and Libor Zabransky. Jalonen becomes the first non-Czechia native to head the country's national team since the 1992 split of Czechoslovakia. Jalonen has plenty of experience internationally, he was head coach of the Finnish national team in 2015 and 2016. He has also coached in Czechia, having been the head coach of Lev Prague in the KHL.

Czechia has a lot of world-class hockey players in the NHL and in Europe: David Pastrnak, Tomas Hertl, Jakub Voracek, and the list goes on. Team Czechia is a mainstay in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship quarter-finals and

they are expected to show world-class quality also this spring.

Czechia has hosted 10 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, most recently in 2015 when the tournament was played in Prague and Ostrava setting an attendance record and will host again in 2024. With 10 tournaments under its belt, Czechia is in second place of most IIHF WMs hosted after Sweden with 11 tournaments. With 10 tournaments under its belt, Czechia is in second place of most IIHF WMs hosted after Sweden with 11 tournaments.

Medals:	6 Gold, 1 Silver, 5 Bronze (6-12-16)
IIHF Member since:	15.11.1908
Total players:	129,595
Male players:	95,163
Female players:	4,142
Junior players:	30,290
Total Referees:	2,274
Indoor Rinks:	200
Outdoor Rinks:	8
President of National Federation:	Tomas Kral
Men's World Ranking:	7
Capital City:	Prague
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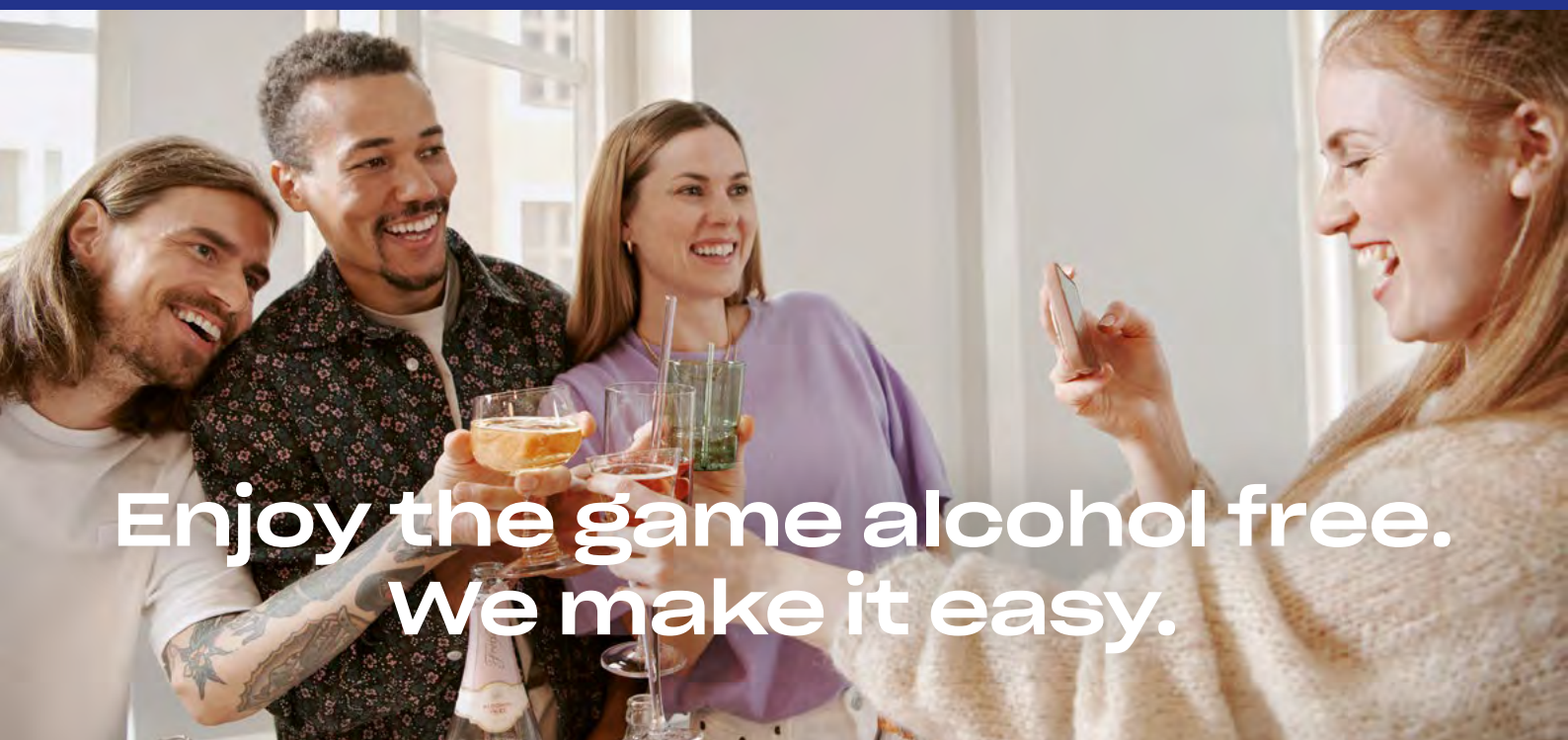


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Slovakia is surely attempting to repeat their 2002 IIHF WM success when they won gold medals for the first time ever. At the 2021 IIHF WM, Slovakia finished 4th in Group A and lost to the United States in the quarter-finals. It was the first time Slovakia qualified to the quarter-finals since 2013. Slovakia's scoring leader in the 2021 tournament was Peter Cehlarik who scored five goals and had six assists in only eight games. Cehlarik was the 2021 IIHF WM directorate's selection as the best forward of the tournament.

Slovakia has hosted the IIHF World Championships twice, in 2011 and 2019 – both times Finland took gold medals home from Bratislava. The Slovak capital was also one of the hosts during Czechoslovak times in 1959 and 1992. At the 2011 IIHF WM, Slovakia's tournament ended in the group stage, but the following year in Helsinki they made headway all the way to the final, though their triumph fell a bit short in the end as Russia won gold. Following that Slovakia hasn't had a lot of success. After the 2013 IIHF WM quarter-final loss to Finland, Slovakia's games ended in the group stage every year from 2014 to 2019. Last year, however, in the 2021 IIHF WM, Slovakia qualified again to the quarter-finals suggesting a more competitive trend.

Slovakia has some great international players, over 600 NHL game veteran Tomas Tatar, youngster Martin Fehérváry, and Slovak giant Zdeno Chara, but the team is far from their golden years. That said, Slovakia's young superstar Juraj Slafkovsky was the Beijing 2022 Olympic games MVP, and he is going to be a first-round draft pick in next year's NHL draft. All in all, Slovakia has young and hungry talent growing and they are sure to offer interesting moments on ice as the team pursues to gain their place in the top six.

Medals:	1 Gold, 2 Silver, 8 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	2.2.1993
Total players:	10,970
Male players:	1,670
Female players:	452
Junior players:	8,848
Total Referees:	377
Indoor Rinks:	74
Outdoor Rinks:	27
President of National Federation:	Miroslav Satan
Men's World Ranking:	8
Capital City:	Bratislava
Population:	5,440,602



Team Germany comes to the tournament with a defeat under their belt from the previous IIHF WM. Germany lost to Team USA in the bronze game of the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship under Finnish coach Toni Söderholm. They lost the semi-final to Finland 2-1 in an exciting and even game. This year Germany is aiming for their first gold medal and to end their medal drought that has been going since 1953. In the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the team's leading scorers were Matthias Plachta and Marcel Noebels each collecting eight points in 10 games. Young talent Lukas Reichel had six points in nine games. In 2021, members of the media selected Germany's defenders Korbinian Holzer and Moritz Seider to the All-Star Team and Seider was also the tournament directorate's selection as the tournament's best defender.

Germany has hosted eight IIHF WM tournaments, latest in 2017 when the tournament was co-hosted with France. In the 2010 IIHF WM, Germany beat the United States 2-1 in front of 77,803 fans in the tournament's opening game. At the time it was a world-record audience in a hockey game and it is still the fourth largest crowd ever. The game showed the world that Germany is indeed also a hockey country. The team's best results in recent years are fourth-

place finishes both in the 2010 IIHF WM and the 2021 IIHF WM and they won silver at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Germany has had a good amount of internationally successful hockey players. Today's active NHL players representing Germany's hockey mastery are players such as Leon Drais-Atl, Tim Stützle and 2021 IIHF WM best defender Moritz Seider. Germany has over 20,000 registered players and they are getting better year by year. registered players and they are getting better year by year.

Medals:	0 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	19.9.1909
Total players:	21,336
Male players:	5,432
Female players:	2,251
Junior players:	13,653
Total Referees:	345
Indoor Rinks:	218
Outdoor Rinks:	45
President of National Federation:	Peter Merten
Men's World Ranking:	9
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Denmark comes in to 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship after finishing in 6th place in Group A at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. In 2022, Denmark chases their first medal in the top division. At the 2021 IIHF WM, before suffering an injury in the third game, one of Denmark's biggest stars, Mikkel Bødker, had four assists to his name, so it was a big loss early in the group stage. In the same tournament Denmark's scoring leader was Nicklas Jensen with eight points in seven games.

In the 2010s, Denmark has qualified to the quarter-finals only twice but has retained their place in the top division for 20 years. This success is a big accomplishment considering Denmark has only a bit over 5,000 registered hockey players, which is a small player pool if you compare it to, for example Finland with over 70,000 players despite a yet smaller population.

In 2018, Denmark hosted for the first – and so far the only – time an IIHF WM. The games were played in Copenhagen and Herning. In their home tournament, Denmark finished 5th in Group B and did not qualify to the quarter-finals. Despite the placement, they played a

good tournament, getting four wins and even beating Finland 3-2.

Denmark's brightest star is Nikolaj Ehlers who is the son of Denmark's head coach Heinz Ehlers. Ehlers is one of the few Danish NHL players, though Denmark has a lot of talented players in Europe's top leagues such as Nicklas Jensen and 900+ NHL game veteran Frans Nielsen. Other NHL players from Denmark include Oliver Bjorkstrand, Alexander True, Jonas Røndbjerg and Lars Eller, also goalkeeper Frederik Andersen and Mads Søgaard.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	27.4.1946
Total players:	5,147
Male players:	2,527
Female players:	702
Junior players:	1,918
Total Referees:	127
Indoor Rinks:	27
Outdoor Rinks:	0
President of National Federation:	Henrik Bach Nielsen
Men's World Ranking:	10
Capital City:	Copenhagen
Population:	5,869,410



Latvia hosted the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in which the team finished 6th in Group B. They surprised everyone by winning against Canada 2-0 in the group stage, where the team's biggest star was their goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks, who tragically passed away last year.

Latvia lost 2-1 to Germany in the last game of the preliminary round which meant they did not qualify for the quarter-finals. Latvia showed their potential in moments during the tournament with, for example, a win over Canada and a scant overtime loss against Finland. Latvia proved that on their best day they can measure up against the best of the best. Lauris Darzins and Ronalds Kenins were Latvia's top scorers, each scoring four points in seven games.

Latvia has been in the top division every year since 1997 but has advanced to the playoff round only four times, being defeated in each of their quarter-final games. Latvia head coach Harijs Vitolins, who replaces Bob Hartley, will surely get his team to play at the top level as a unified group of talents. Vitolins is an experienced Latvian native coach.

Zemgus Girgensons, Teodors Blugers, Rudolfs

Balces, and Kristians Rubins are among Latvia's top players today. Latvian players play all around Europe's top leagues as seen with the team in the 2022 IIHF WM, which proved they will have a lot of individual skills coming together. Many of their previous rosters have included a large number of players from Dinamo Riga.

Latvia has hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship twice, in 2006 and most recently the previous tournament 2021.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	22.2.1931
Total players:	7,460
Male players:	5,229
Female players:	223
Junior players:	2,008
Total Referees:	197
Indoor Rinks:	19
Outdoor Rinks:	3
President of National Federation:	Aigars Kalvitis
Men's World Ranking:	11
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Team Norway is locally called Isbjørnene, polar bears. The polar bears finished 7th in Group B at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Their leading scorer in the tournament was Mathias Trettenes with seven points in seven games. Norway won against Italy, Latvia and Kazakhstan but, regardless, did not earn enough points to qualify for the quarter-finals. Norway has not made it into the quarter-finals since 2012, but they have firmly maintained their spot in the top division since 2006.

Petter Thoresen is going to his 5th IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship tournament as head coach. Thoresen is highly experienced having worked with Norwegian national teams and Stavanger Oilers since 1999. Before his coaching career, Thoresen played in Norway for over 10 years. Thoresen will pick his team from players all around Europe and from Norway's domestic league.

Mats Zuccarello is Norway's undisputed hockey superstar, but additionally the team has a lot of other experienced players in Europe and players who have played in many IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships. For example, Mathis Olimb has played in 13 IIHF WMs and Jonas

Holøs has played in incredible 15 tournaments, which is tied for second most tournaments played.

Norway has hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship twice, most recently in 1999. The tournament was played in Oslo, Hamar and Lillehammer. Norway's capital city Oslo had the smallest venue in that tournament, but Lillehammer had a huge arena, with capacity of 11,500 spectators.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	20.1.1935
Total players:	10,270
Male players:	2,284
Female players:	1,360
Junior players:	6,626
Total Referees:	338
Indoor Rinks:	49
Outdoor Rinks:	3
President of National Federation:	Tage Pettersen
Men's World Ranking:	12
Capital City:	Oslo
Population:	5,467,439



After getting relegated in the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Slovakia, “Les Bleus” are now making a comeback to the top division. Losing to Great Britain 4-2 in the final game of the group stage caused France to move down to the lower division after the 2019 IIHF WM. Two of the previous tournaments France was supposed to play in were canceled due to COVID-19. This spring means new opportunities and France is sure to come to the 2022 IIHF WM with a determination to prove their place.

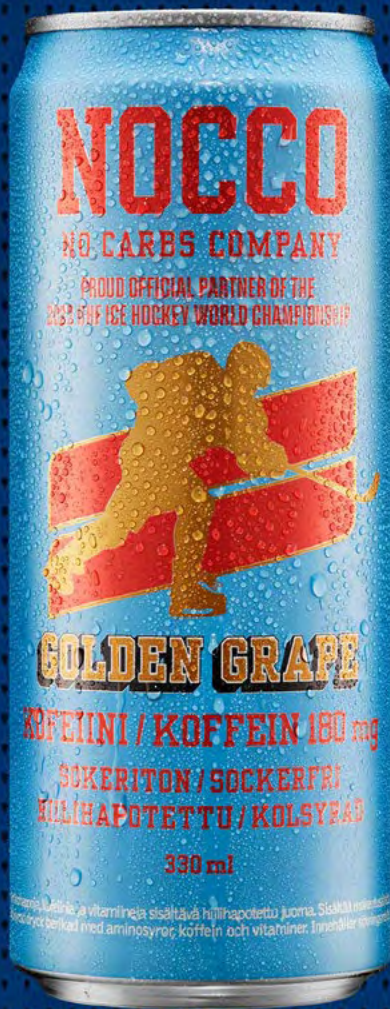
Former NHL player Philippe Bozon is the head coach of France. He has been the national team head coach since the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Bozon has experience both from Switzerland and France’s top leagues and played 144 NHL games. Bozon is also a member of IIHF Hall of Fame and French Hockey Hall of Fame.

Antoine Roussel, Alexandre Texier and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare are France’s top players, all playing in the NHL. France also has star players around Europe, but the majority of the national team comes from France’s domestic Ligue Magnus. Yohann Auvitu, Hugo Gallet and

Charles Bertrand are French players who play in the Finnish Liiga. Auvitu, if selected, will have a chance to play for his country in his Liiga-home rink in Helsinki.

France has hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship three times, most recently, the 2017 IIHF WM which was co-hosted with Germany. The tournament was played in Paris and Cologne.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	20.10.1908
Total players:	21,582
Male players:	8,739
Female players:	2,622
Junior players:	10,221
Total Referees:	116
Indoor Rinks:	110
Outdoor Rinks:	9
President of National Federation:	Pierre-Yves Gerbeau
Men’s World Ranking:	13
Capital City:	Paris
Population:	67,848,156



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Team Kazakhstan came to the tournament after a five-year interlude and finished in 5th place in the Group B at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. In the group stage, Kazakhstan started with a promising shootout win over Latvia. After the victorious beginning they shockingly upset Finland by winning the game 2-1 after, yet again, a shootout.

In the end, losses to the USA, Canada, and Norway resulted in Kazakhstan not proceeding to the quarter-finals – even though they beat Italy 11-3 and Germany 3-2. Kazakhstan lost their chance to qualify in the last group-stage game against Norway, who had already lost their chances. It would have been Kazakhstan's first time in the quarter-finals. The result from the 2021 IIHF WM was still the best in Kazakhstan's history. With seven points in as many games their leading scorer was Roman Starchenko. Kazakhstan's goalkeeper Nikita Boyarkin had an unbelievable tournament posting a 92.9 save percentage.

In the 2010s, Kazakhstan has bounced back and forth between the divisions and they are fighting for their spot this year again. The performance and fighting morale at the 2021 IIHF

WM signaled a positive sign for them, though. Kazakhstan has never hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

A lot of Kazakhstan's players come from KHL and most of them come from Kazakhstan's own KHL team Barys Nur-Sultan. They have also had double citizens who have played in Barys Nur-Sultan and then joined the national team, for example Nigel Dawes, Henrik Karlsson and Viktor Svedberg.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	6.5.1992
Total players:	7,684
Male players:	477
Female players:	173
Junior players:	7,034
Total Referees:	62
Indoor Rinks:	39
Outdoor Rinks:	127
President of National Federation:	Askar Mamin
Men's World Ranking:	15
Capital City:	Nur-Sultan
Population:	19,091,949



After losing all their games in the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Italy is striving for better results this time around. The team went into last year's tournament without a lot of their top players due to injuries and unfortunate COVID-19 circumstances, which left the team missing their best possible lineup.

The shortage of top players showed in the scoreboard: Italy had a goal difference of -30 in seven games. One of their biggest losses was their top goalkeeper Andreas Bernard, who couldn't take part in the tournament. At the 2021 IIHF WM, Team Italy's scoring lead was shared by four players: Angelo Miceli, Alex Petan, Daniel Frank and Luca Frigo all having two scored goals and one assist to their name.

In the 2021 IIHF WM, one of Italy's goalkeepers, Damian Clara, born in 2005, was the youngest goalkeeper of the event history and, further, the youngest player in the modern history. At the time of writing this, we do not know who makes the team this year, nevertheless, we can expect more from Team Italy this spring, pending they are luckier with their preparations.

Italy has bounced around the different divisions in the 2010s, but has now been in the top division since the 2019 IIHF WM. They had

better success in the 1990s, but Italy is looking forward to reaching the level of prior decades and is ready for this year's tournament.

Italy has hosted the IIHF World Championship twice, most recently in 1994. In their home tournament, the team made into the quarter-finals, which is still their best result to date.

Italy has almost 5,000 registered hockey players and Italian players mostly come from cross-border ICEHL and AlpsHL.

Medals:	0
IIHF Member since:	24.1.1924
Total players:	4,926
Male players:	1,061
Female players:	376
Junior players:	3,489
Total Referees:	115
Indoor Rinks:	58
Outdoor Rinks:	12
President of National Federation:	Andrea Gios
Men's World Ranking:	16
Capital City:	Rome
Population:	62,402,659

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This year Austria is returning to the top division and coming to the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship after two cancelled Division I tournaments. A tough loss in their final game at the 2019 IIHF WM against Italy after a shootout resulted in Austria's relegation. In the 2019 IIHF WM, their scoring leader was NHL player Michael Raffl, who scored four goals in six games. Raffl was tied in points with Fabio Hoser, who had four assists in seven games.

Austria is not a mainstay in the top division. That said they had a seven-year streak in the top division at the turn of the millennium and are always a party to watch for. In the 2010s they have bounced between the top division and Division I. They have hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship six times, latest being in 2005 when Vienna and Innsbruck hosted the tournament.

Roger Bader, Head Coach of Austria, will be leading the team to 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Swiss native Bader has worked with different Austrian national teams and in different roles since 2014. Bader has been an influential part of Austrian ice hockey for a long time.

Austria has only a total of 7,670 registered players, but the country is still able to produce top-level players. Thomas Vanek, Michael Grabner and Michael Raffl are examples of first-class players from Austria. Younger generation star, Marco Rossi, born in 2001, plays for the Minnesota Wild in NHL. A major part of Team Austria will probably come from ICEHL which is Austria's top tier league, but it includes also teams from Czechia, Hungary, Italy, and Slovenia.

Medals:	Gold 0, Silver 0 Bronze 2
IIHF Member since:	18.3.1912
Total players:	7,670
Male players:	3,294
Female players:	579
Junior players:	3,797
Total Referees:	282
Indoor Rinks:	42
Outdoor Rinks:	33
President of National Federation:	Klaus Hartmann
Men's World Ranking:	17
Capital City:	Vienna
Population:	8,859,449



Great Britain finished 7th in Group A at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Great Britain's brightest star Liam Kirk shone also in the tournament statistics by having tied first position in most goals with seven scored, the same as Canadian Andrew Mangiapane. Having also been crowned the 2021 IIHF WM's Media All-Star forward, Liam Kirk is not able to attend this year's tournament due to an injury, which is a big blow to Team Great Britain. Unfortunately, Kirk is not the only significant absence: also Brendan Connolly and Steve Lee are out from the line-up due to injuries.

Great Britain's head coach Pete Russel was the first to announce his 25-squad team for the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Most of the team comes from their domestic league EIHL, but there are players from other leagues in Europe as well. For example, Brett Perlini joins the team from Norway's top league, goalkeeper Ben Bowns plays in Slovakia and defender Ben O'Connor in Romania. Joshua Tetlow brings more international experience to the team: the defender played in 2020/21 in Kalajoki JHT, Finland's third-tier league team. Team Great Britain also has an interesting young player, Cade Neilson, who has committed to play NCAA hockey in the 2022/2023 season for the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

A lot of the players in the Great Britain team have played in North America, either in juniors or college. They even have some players who

have reached the AHL and a lot of players who have played in the ECHL. But most of the players played last season in the EIHL and almost everyone in the team played also in the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Latvia. First time call-ups to the national team are Josh Waller from Cardiff Devils in the EIHL and Cade Neilson from Aberdeen Wings in the NAHL.

Great Britain has hosted two IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, most recently in 1950. It has been some time since Great Britain has held a top-tier tournament. Despite the lack of hosting experience, Team Great Britain is ready to play and prove their skills in the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Medals:	1 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze
IIHF Member since:	19.11.1908
Total players:	11,148
Male players:	6,353
Female players:	864
Junior players:	3,931
Total Referees:	334
Indoor Rinks:	68
Outdoor Rinks:	0
President of National Federation:	Clifton Wrottesley
Men's World Ranking:	18
Capital City:	London
Population:	65,761,117

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In the spirit of **social sustainability**, we have, for example, organized a collection of used ice hockey equipment for the young hockey players, donated game tickets to charitable causes and our Official Mascot Miracleo has visited schools reminding kids that everyone can make small miracles everyday for community, sustainability and fun.



We want to have **a positive impact on the future** in every manner. All of the possible financial income of the 2022 IIHF WM will be redirected back to the sport supporting e.g kids starting new hobby, women's and girls' hockey as well as national teams.

To organize **a safe event** to everyone, we follow the instructions of Finnish health authorities regarding health safety. Every visitor is also encouraged to take care of one's own safety while keeping everyone else safe at the same time.

For the first time in the history of the IIHF World Championship, we also calculate the carbon handprint and footprint of the event as accurately as possible. The overall goal is, and has been, to organize as sustainable and fun event as possible, and to encourage future local organizing committees to follow our example on sustainable work.

We wish you a fun and sustainable event!



STORY BEHIND THE MEDALS

A competition was held to determine the prize medal design for the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The design competition for the prize medals of the 2022 IIHF WM was opened in January 2021 to the general public. The competition created widespread interest and a total of about 70 proposals were received. The competition was genuinely international, with proposals coming from Finland, Estonia, Great Britain, New Zealand, Russia, Belarus, Canada, Slovakia, Czechia, Indonesia and Italy.

The winner was a medal designed by a Finn, **Pauli Maronen**. The unique design of the medal and strong references to the sport itself attracted instant attention. The theme of the medal is the Tampere Nokia Arena, which will serve as the main arena for the 2022 IIHF WM. On the reverse side, a hockey player, is portrayed.





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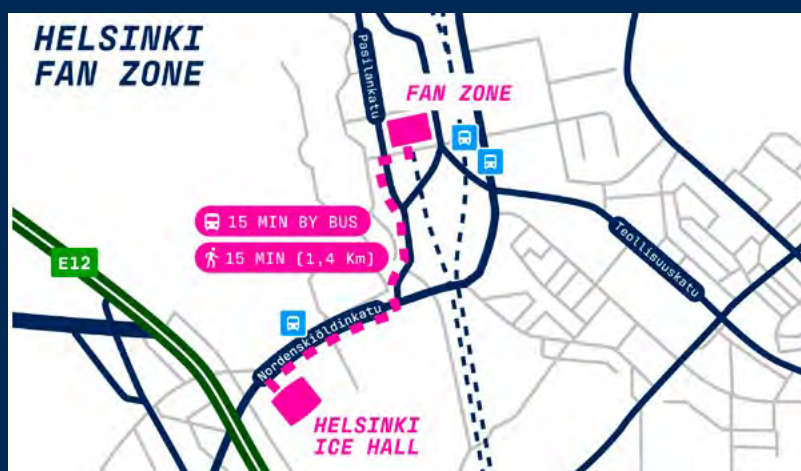
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OFFICIAL FAN ZONES

The Official Fan Zones will be the second-best place to be during the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship: if one can't make it to the arenas, the Official Fan Zones in both cities, Tampere and Helsinki, are the places to be, to watch the games and enjoy the atmosphere. Official Fan Zones offer also different kinds of events outside the game schedule: magicians, musicians, DJs, the Official Mascot Miracleleo and ice hockey stars.

The Official Fan Zone in Helsinki will be the world's biggest of its kind, and in Tampere fans get to submerge themselves into the atmosphere right after getting off the train. The Official Fan Zones are free to visit.

Something completely new is being experienced in Helsinki when the world's biggest Fan Zone, the Mall of Tripla, is in use. Official Fan Zone activities and screens for public viewing of the games can be found at Tripla's Cultural Square and the 2022 IIHF WM visual identity will be recognizable throughout the entire Mall inviting visitors to join in the world-class sporting event.



In Tampere, the Official Fan Zone is right in between the train station and the Nokia Arena. The festivities can be reached almost directly from track one. The Official Fan Zone is also a

great place to visit pre- and post-game, and to mingle with other hockey fans from around the world.



There will be a public viewing tent in the area where you can watch all the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship – if you did not manage to get a ticket for the games and want to get into the World Championship atmosphere, this is the place to be!

WELCOME TO FEEL THE ATMOSPHERE IN OUR OFFICIAL FAN ZONES!

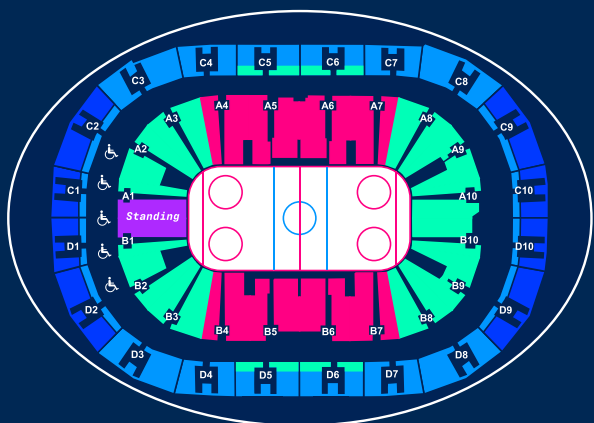
ARENAS

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The **Nokia Arena** in Tampere opened in December 2021 and has an audience capacity of 13,300 for ice hockey games.

The arena was sold out on its very first game night when local teams Tappara and Ilves faced each other in a game of Finland's top ice hockey league, Liiga. Nokia Arena is unique also in terms of its services: there's a hotel inside the arena.



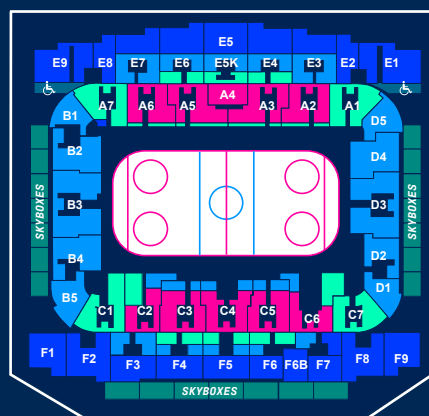
The district where Nokia Arena stands rises, where at Nokia Arena stands, rises above the railway tracks next to the railway station, offering excellent connections to the rest of Finland and the world at large. Nokia Arena is located right next to the city center, connecting the eastern and western parts of the city. It's also only 1:40 from Helsinki-Vantaa airport and 17 min from Tampere-Pirkkala airport. The new arena is a pride of the city.

HELSINKI



Helsinki Ice Hall opened in October 1966, and it is the oldest ice hall in Helsinki and second oldest in Finland. It has an audience capacity of 8,200 for ice hockey games being the fourth biggest ice hall in Finland.

The ice hall was originally planned for the 1965 IIHF World Championships in Finland, but due to the construction delays in Helsinki, the competitions were held at the Tampere Ice



Hall. Helsinki Ice Hall has hosted the IIHF World Championship four times, most recently in 1991.

Traditional Liiga – Finland's top league – team IFK plays in Helsinki Ice Hall. The Ice Hall has also hosted IIHF World Junior Championship and other sports World Championships, for example floorball and ringette. In addition to sporting events there has been plenty of concerts by top artists.



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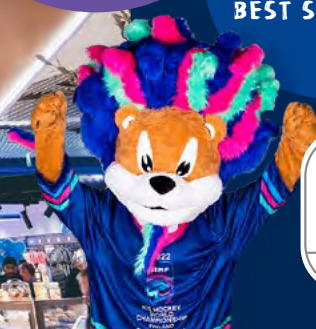
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FINLAND – MAKING MIRACLES



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Finland prides itself with its clean nature and appreciation of the seasons. We cherish the cold, embrace the silence and soak in the sunlight during the summer's nightless nights. There are nature's miracles all around us, but the most remarkable of them all is northern lights. To see such a display of nature's own art show is an awe-struck experience.

It is the dynamic movement of the northern lights on a night sky that inspired the visual theme of the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Furthermore, the Making Miracles colorful illustrations mimic the players' movements in the rink: just imagine the skates dashing on ice leaving behind a trail of snug turns, swift zig zags and beautiful turmoil of passionate speeding after the puck. The color strokes represent the fast movement of the players, the nimble pace of the puck, and the skillful maneuvers witnessed by the audience. It is a colorful joy of the game that excites us all.

Making Miracles is more than meets the eye, however. We want to tell the miraculous

stories, big and small, that ice hockey has provided to spectators in arenas and at home, in Finland and around the world. The hockey superstars, the Miracle Makers on ice, act as important role models for young sport enthusiasts and encourage children and youngsters to move and be active. Being part of a team, even when it is not a National Team, is a memorable experience that builds character and teaches us to work together. We can all learn from each other and complement each others' skills and abilities – both on and off ice.

We need Miracle Makers also in different communities and in the background, like in the IIHF WM, to ensure everything works smoothly. It is often the little things that matter and make the difference, and we can all make little miracles come true every day.

Time will tell what kinds of miracles take place at the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Regardless of the stories, Finland is ready to act as the setting and throw in some color!



1965

Ice hockey was first seen in Finland in the last decade of the 1800s, when Lennart Borgström introduced the game to Helsinki. To Finns though, ice hockey was really born, in Tampere in 1926 when Yrjö Salminen brought some ice hockey gear from England to a legendary sport club Tampereen Pyrintö. The first official game was played on 15 January 1928. A month later, Finland joined the International Ice Hockey Federation, and a year later the Finnish Ice Hockey Association was founded.

Team Finland, best known as “Leijonat”, or Lions, took their first win, as a national team, in 1937 against Estonia. Finland’s first victories on the IIHF World Championship level took 10 years, and not until 1959 Leijonat were able to outdo their beloved, neighboring Sweden.

The first IIHF World Championship Finland took part in was in 1939. Fast forward 26 years, and in 1965 Finland was hosting the IIHF WM. The main venue of the tournament was an object of celebration itself, and an important part of Finnish hockey history: 22 November 1956, Hakametsä Ice Hall, the very

first of its kind in the country, was opened in Tampere. The hall was in regular use until last year when Tampere opened their brand new Nokia Arena and Liiga teams Tappara and Ilves moved there.

In their inaugural performance as a Host Country of the 1965 IIHF WM, Finland finished in 7th place, and the tournament was a huge success for Finnish ice hockey. The second time the IIHF WM was battled out in Finland in 1982. That time around Finland finished its venture in 5th place, and the tournament added some renowned names such as Wayne Gretzky and, a Finn favourite, Jari Kurri to the IIHF WM history books.

Calgary 1988 marks the first Olympic medal, a silver one, for Finland. Nothing compares, however, to the magnitude of 1995 IIHF WM gold and win against Sweden. The tournament made the players instant heroes. Nicknamed as Tupu, Hupu, Lupu (Dewey, Huey, Louie) the line of Peltonen, Koivu, Lehtinen were all selected to the tournament all stars – and no wonder, Peltonen, for example, scored a hat trick in the final.



1965

At the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, the team went from victory to victory, playing amazing hockey. Prior to the tournament Finland was not predicted to win any medals but the team surprised everyone. Finland won all but one of their games earning them silver. The Lion team fell short in the final game against Sweden.

Bratislava is also a big part of Finnish hockey history: Finland has won IIHF WM gold twice there, in 2011 and again in 2019. From the 2011 IIHF WM, everybody remembers Mikael Granlund's lacrosse-style goal and the final game against Sweden ending 6-1 for Finland. The 2019 gold has been described as a miracle, as Finland's team did not have any superstars and most of the team came from their domestic league, Liiga. However, the team and foremost Marko Anttila, a big strong forward, proved everyone wrong. Anttila became a national hero scoring a lot of the important goals and lead Finland to the win.

In the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games, Finland played like they played in previous tournaments, disciplined and with big hearts, under head coach Jukka Jalonen. In the end, Finland won the Olympic gold and Jukka Jalonen nailed his reputation as a miracle maker in Finnish hockey history.



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Surrounded by two lakes that give the city its distinctive spacious feel, Tampere is a vibrant regional capital with active cultural life and a versatile event scene. A big city by Finnish standards, Tampere still manages to feel like a small town. In the compact city centre, everything is within a convenient walking distance.

Buzzing city centre

Tampere is known for its vivid cultural life. All kinds of events awake the city centre during spring and summer. Tampere is quite possibly the most interesting city of diverse museums in Finland - themed museums from art to natural history, and from spies to history of labor, offer exploring for every taste.

We've got the views

Tampere offers many great places to enjoy the stunning city views. Head out to Pynnikki ridge to climb up to the observation tower and marvel at the views opening to Lake Pyhäjärvi and Lake Näsijärvi. Or admire a panoramic view of the city from the roof top of a historic building: in Finlayson Area one can take in the sights from an exciting perspective.

Explore with the family

Museum Centre Vapriikki has numerous ongoing exhibitions at the same time and things to see and do for the whole family. Vapriikki is also home for the Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame. The collection consists of over 30,000 objects and over 300,000 photographs taking you on a journey through Finnish ice hockey history.

The world's only Moomin Museum is also located in Tampere and it invites you and your family for a magical journey into the fairytale world.

The amusement park Särkänniemi offers a great variety of amusement rides for both adrenaline seekers as well as to those enjoying more of a peaceful ride.

Savor the food

Are you hungry for Tampere? Savor the tastes and atmosphere of this unique city and find your favorite dishes from its vast range of restaurants. Local, organic, vegan, burgers, wings, oriental... Tampere has it all. Not to mention the breweries! Tampere is also known for the vivid market culture, where you'll find all the local delicacies.



TAMPERE – THE SAUNA CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Tampere is famous for its sauna culture and the city region has over 50 public saunas to choose from. Here are some of our favorites.

Rajaportti

The oldest public sauna in Finland. Here you'll experience the traditional sauna atmosphere. Let the locals show you how it's done!

Kuuma sauna & restaurant

Kuuma is one of the newest additions to Tampere sauna scene right in the city centre. Enjoy the heat, dip into the Ratina

bay and have some food or drinks on the terrace.

Kaupinoja and Rauhaniemi

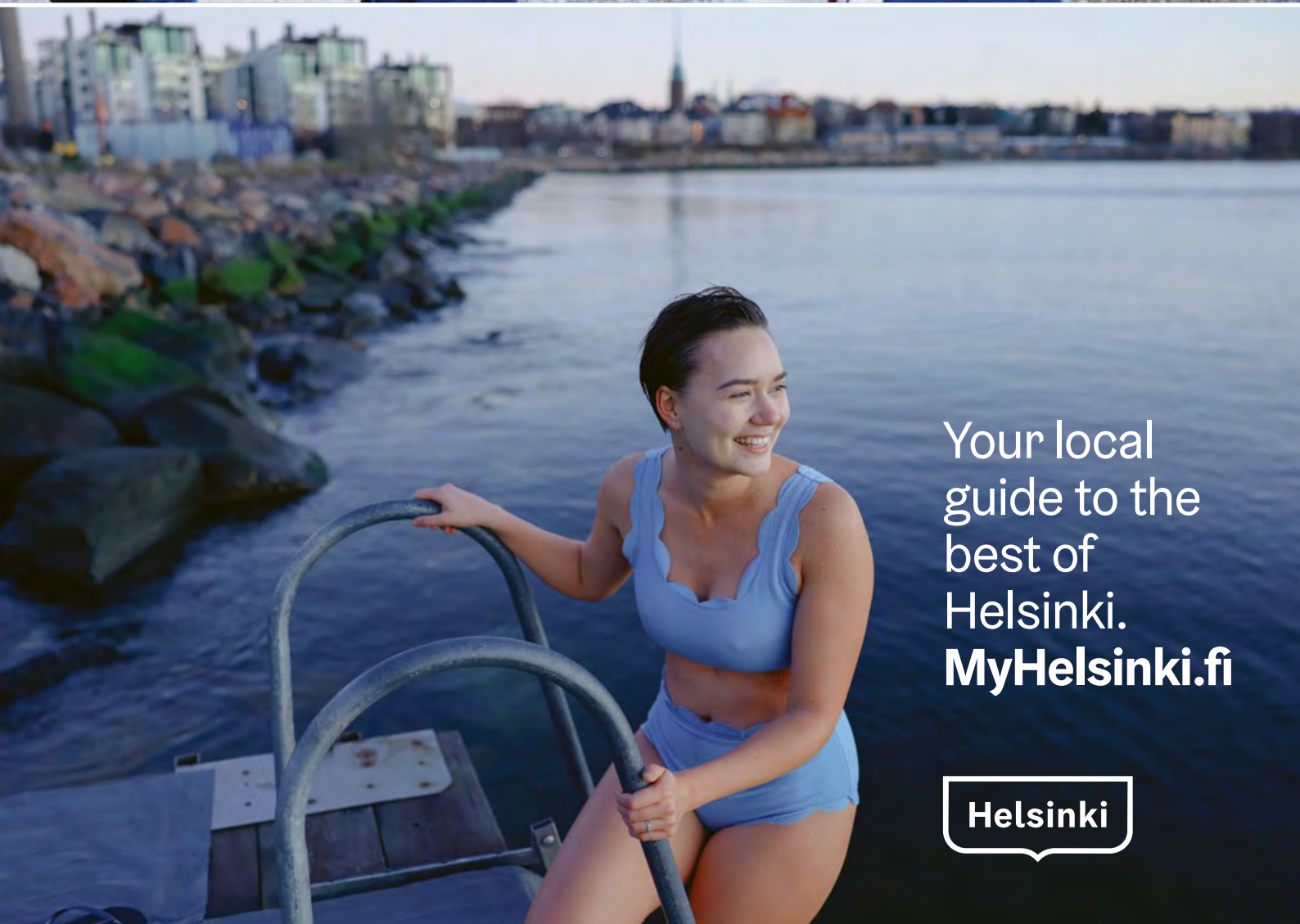
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WELCOME TO HELSINKI



Helsinki is the perfect combination of urban and outdoors, lively and laid-back. Just in one day, you can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the Helsinki archipelago, get to know the city's unique architecture and visit the best cultural attractions. The city is overflowing with good food, great design and interesting museums. Visit Helsinki and discover why it's said to be one of the world's most livable cities! We've listed nine reasons to fall in love with Helsinki.

1. Innovative food and drink culture

Helsinki has a comprehensive selection of restaurants to satisfy all tastes, budgets, and moods. The city's markets, market halls and a vibrant food culture are a blessing not only for residents, but especially for visitors. Helsinki has also plenty to offer for hardcore craft beer connoisseurs, casual sippers, and novices. There are many restaurants and bars where you can enjoy the great atmosphere.

2. Experience Helsinki's saunas

Being the capital of Finland, it should be no surprise that Helsinki has some great public saunas – both traditional neighborhood saunas and brand-new design saunas. There's no better way to get to the heart of the Finnish identity. What would be more wonderful than laying on a sauna bench, enjoying the hot steams and listening to sounds of the burning wood in the stove.

3. Quality shopping and souvenirs

Helsinki has countless boutiques and larger shopping emporia that are packed with highly desirable Finnish design – such as Moomin items – as well as unique Finnish delicacies. Treat yourself and bring home a slice of Helsinki with you!

4. Urban nature a step away

The majestic shoreline, archipelago, parks, forests... Helsinki is one of the few capital cities in the world where nature is so close, even in the heart of the city.

5. Sea all around you

In Helsinki you can sense the proximity of the sea everywhere, as the city has over a hundred kilometers of shoreline and around 300 islands in its archipelago. Suomenlinna sea fortress is a Unesco World Heritage Site located just a 15 min. ferry ride from the city centre.

6. Enchanting neighborhoods

Venture beyond the city centre and discover all the fascinating districts, each one more delightful than the next. There's plenty to see and experience in Kruununkallio, Punavuori, Kallio, Vallila and Arabia in particular. Hop into a tram and start to explore.

7. Friendly and helpful locals

Helsinki's locals are extremely open and hospitable, and most speak English fluently, so don't be afraid to ask us for advice. We'd love to tell you about Helsinki's greatest secrets! Also check out Local guides at [MyHelsinki](https://myhelsinki.fi) for tips to experience the city.

8. Design everywhere

Finland's world-renowned modern design heritage can be seen everywhere in Helsinki. Famous brands are a cool part of everyday life here. There's no way you can miss them!

9. Unique architectural layers

The cityscape in Helsinki harmoniously combines elements of Neoclassicism, Art Nouveau, Alvar Aalto and contemporary architecture, offering a fascinating journey through the changing styles of past centuries.

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ODE TO THE VOLUNTEERS

2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Finland will be an amazing event thanks to the 1,300 volunteers! The Organizing Committee received a respectable pile of applications from enthusiastic ice hockey lovers. People with different backgrounds and from all walks of life; young students in the beginning of their professional - and volunteering - career as well as retired pros with valuable knowledge and experience to share. We are honored to have this wonderful group working hard to make the tournament best ever.

There are volunteers everywhere you look during the IIHF WM – as well as before and after, actually. Construction, tournament support services, customer and VIP services, sport and game operations, arena entertainment, communications and media services, security and transportation services, all of these areas buzz with volunteers and they all welcome ice hockey fans from all over the world to be warmly welcomed to Finland.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALIST TABLE

YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	MAIN VENUE(S)
1930	Canada	Germany	Switzerland	Chamonix, Vienna, Berlin
1931	Canada	United States	Austria	Krynica
1933	United States	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Prague
1934	Canada	United States	Germany	Milan
1935	Canada	Switzerland	Great Britain	Davos
1937	Canada	Great Britain	Switzerland	London
1938	Canada	Great Britain	Czechoslovakia	Prague
1939	Canada	United States	Switzerland	Zurich, Basel
1947	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Austria	Prague
1949	Czechoslovakia	Canada	United States	Stockholm
1950	Canada	United States	Switzerland	London
1951	Canada	Sweden	Switzerland	Paris
1953	Sweden	West Germany	Switzerland	Zurich, Basel
1954	Soviet Union	Canada	Sweden	Stockholm
1955	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Krefeld, Dortmund, Cologne, Dusseldorf
1957	Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Moscow
1958	Canada	Soviet Union	Sweden	Oslo
1959	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Prague, Bratislava
1961	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Geneva, Lausanne
1962	Sweden	Canada	United States	Colorado Springs, Denver
1963	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Stockholm
1965	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Tampere
1966	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Ljubljana
1967	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	Vienna
1969	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Stockholm
1970	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Stockholm
1971	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Berne, Geneva
1972	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Sweden	Prague
1973	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Moscow
1974	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Helsinki
1975	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Munich, Dusseldorf
1976	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Sweden	Katowice
1977	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Soviet Union	Vienna
1978	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Prague
1979	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Moscow
1981	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Gothenburg, Stockholm
1982	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Helsinki, Tampere

YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	MAIN VENUE(S)
1983	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Munich, Dusseldorf, Dortmund
1985	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Soviet Union	Prague
1986	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	Moscow
1987	Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Vienna
1989	Soviet Union	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Stockholm, Sodertalje
1990	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Berne, Fribourg
1991	Sweden	Canada	Soviet Union	Turku, Helsinki, Tampere
1992	Sweden	Finland	Czechoslovakia	Prague, Bratislava
1993	Russia	Sweden	Czech Republic	Munich, Dortmund
1994	Canada	Finland	Sweden	Milan, Bolzano, Canazei
1995	Finland	Sweden	Canada	Stockholm, Gavle
1996	Czech Republic	Canada	United States	Vienna
1997	Canada	Sweden	Czech Republic	Helsinki, Turku, Tampere
1998	Sweden	Finland	Czech Republic	Zurich, Basel
1999	Czech Republic	Finland	Sweden	Lillehammer, Oslo, Hamar
2000	Czech Republic	Slovakia	Finland	St. Petersburg
2001	Czech Republic	Finland	Sweden	Hanover, Cologne, Nuremburg
2002	Slovakia	Russia	Sweden	Gothenburg, Karlstad, Jonkoping
2003	Canada	Sweden	Slovakia	Helsinki, Turku, Tampere
2004	Canada	Sweden	United States	Prague, Ostrava
2005	Czech Republic	Canada	Russia	Vienna, Innsbruck
2006	Sweden	Czech Republic	Finland	Riga
2007	Canada	Finland	Russia	Moscow, Mytishi
2008	Russia	Canada	Finland	Quebec City, Halifax
2009	Russia	Canada	Sweden	Berne, Kloten
2010	Czech Republic	Russia	Sweden	Cologne, Mannheim
2011	Finland	Sweden	Czech Republic	Bratislava, Kosice
2012	Russia	Slovakia	Czech Republic	Helsinki, Stockholm
2013	Sweden	Switzerland	United States	Stockholm, Helsinki
2014	Russia	Finland	Sweden	Minsk
2015	Canada	Russia	United States	Prague, Ostrava
2016	Canada	Finland	Russia	Moscow, St. Petersburg
2017	Sweden	Canada	Russia	Cologne, Paris
2018	Sweden	Switzerland	United States	Copenhagen, Herning
2019	Finland	Canada	Russia	Bratislava, Kosice
2020	<i>cancelled because of coronavirus</i>			Zurich, Lasanne
2021	Canada	Finland	United States	Riga

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4 GOALS

Canada 11 – East Germany 5 - March 9, 1963

East Germany led 4–0 at 4:40 of 1st. Canada scored 3 goals still later in 1st and one more in 2nd to tie the game, 4–4, en route to 11–5 win

4 GOALS

Canada 6 – Finland 5 - April 19, 1990

Finland led 4–0 at 12:37 of 2nd. Canada scored 3 goals still later in 2nd & 3 more goals in 3rd en route to 6–5 win

4 GOALS

Sweden 6 – Finland 5 - May 7, 2003

Finland led 5–1 at 6:44 of 2nd. Sweden scored 3 goals later in 2nd & 2 goals in 3rd to win 6–5

4 GOALS

Switzerland 5 – Slovenia 4 - May 6, 2017

Switzerland led 4–0 late in the first period but Slovenia rallied to tie the game, 4–4, late in the third before losing in a penaltyshot shootout

MOST MEN'S IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

16 Mathias Seger (SUI), Andres Ambuhl (SUI)

15 Petteri Nummelin (FIN), Morten Green (DEN), Jonas Holos (NOR), Morten Madsen (DEN)

14 Aleksandrs Nizivijs (LAT), Gerhard Unterluggauer (AUT) 13 Dieter Hegen (FRG/GER), Tommy Jakobsen (NOR), Dieter Kalt (AUT), Udo Kiessling (FRG), Ville Peltonen (FIN), Roland Ramoser (ITA), Mark Streit (SUI), Mats Trygg (NOR), Anders Bastiansen (NOR), Daniel Nielsen (DEN), Alexander Ovechkin (RUS), Mathis Olimb (NOR), Mikelis Redlihs (LAT), Martin Roymark (NOR)

MOST GAMES PLAYED

119 Udo Kiessling (FRG)

115 Andres Ambuhl (SUI)

110 Alexander Maltsev (URS)

109 Jiri Holik (TCH)

107 Oldrich Machac (TCH), Ville Peltonen (FIN)

106 Vyacheslav Fetisov (URS), Dieter Hegen (FRG/GER), Mathias Seger (SUI)

105 Valeri Kharlamov (URS), Boris Mikhailov (URS)

104 Jorgen Jonsson (SWE), Petteri Nummelin (FIN), David Vyborny (CZE)

103 Vladimir Lutchenko (URS)

102 Vladimir Petrov (URS)

101 Sergei Makarov (URS), Lasse Oksanen (FIN), Valeri Vasiliev (URS), Jonas Holos (NOR)

MOST POINTS, CAREER

164 Boris Mikhailov (URS)

156 Valeri Kharlamov (URS)

153 Alexander Maltsev (URS)

152 Vladimir Petrov (URS)

123 Sergei Makarov (URS)

107 Vladimir Martinec (TCH)

100 Sven "Tumba" Johansson (SWE)

MOST POINTS, GAME

10 Boris Mikhailov (URS), April 11, 1973 vs. POL (7 goals, 3 assists)

10 Vladimir Petrov (URS), April 11, 1973 vs. POL (5 goals, 5 assists)

9 Alexander Martinyuk (URS), April 8, 1973 vs. FRG (8 goals, 1 assist)

7 John Mayasich (USA), February 28, 1958 vs. POL (6 goals, 1 assist)

7 Jackie McLeod (CAN), March 17, 1962 vs. GBR (4 goals, 3 assists)

7 Vaclav Nedomansky (TCH), April 7, 1972 vs. SUI (4 goals, 3 assists)

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