

IIHF SEASON SUMMARY, 2023-24



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Spooner named Female Player of the Year

ADD ANOTHER NOTCH ON THE BELT OF GLORY FOR NATALIE SPOONER THIS YEAR.

The Canadian forward was the overwhelming choice as the IIHF's Female Player of the Year for 2024, garnering 33.6 per cent of all votes cast by nearly 100 members of the media from the top 16 nations of the Women's World Championship program.

Second was American Alex Carpenter, who had 14.6 per cent of the votes, ahead of Marie-Philip Poulin (11.5 per cent), Alina Müller (9.1), Jenni Hiirikoski (8.3), and Sandra Abstreiter (7.9 per cent).

In all, some eleven players received at least one vote. Other players nominated included Aija Balode (LAT), Kendall Coyne Schofield (USA), Taylor Heise (USA), Klara Peslarova (CZE), and Susanna Tapani (FIN).

Spooner had a goal and four points at the 2024 Women's Worlds in Utica, New York, helping Canada win the Gold Medal at the Women's Worlds for the third time in the last four tournaments. But perhaps more sensational was her play in the PWHL with Toronto.

She led the league in goals (20) and points (27), and was named both the Billie Jean King MVP and the league's Forward of the Year. She also led the PWHL with five game-winning goals during the regular season.



OTHER BUSINESS



Cervenka named Male Player of the Year

Czechia captain Roman Cervenka was named IIHF Male Player of the Year for 2024, narrowly edging Swiss defender Roman Josi in voting conducted by more than 100 media from the top 22 nations of the Men's World Championship program.

Cervenka received 31.3 per cent of the vote to Josi's 30.3. Czechia goalie Lukas Dostal, also a key player in Czechia's run to the gold medal last month in Prague, finished third with 20.4 per cent of the vote. Josi's teammate, Kevin Fiala, who was named Men's World Championship MVP, finished fourth with 11.2 per cent. Erik Karlsson (Sweden) and John Tavares (Canada) also received votes.

PLAYING IN THE 11TH MEN'S WORLDS OF HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER, CERVENKA LED CZECHIA TO A GOLD MEDAL AT THE MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Czechs defeated Josi and the Swiss 2-0 in dramatic fashion to capture their first WM gold since 2010. Cervenka tied for sixth in tournament scoring with 11 points and was a +7. In domestic league play, he had 40 points in 47 games with Rapperswil (Switzerland).



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Czechia won Men's World Championship gold on home ice for the first time since 1985.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AS I LOOK BACK AT THE IIHF'S 2023-24 SEASON, I AM FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD, FROM THE TOP NATIONS WHO SHOWCASED OUR GAME TO BE THE FASTEST AND MOST EXCITING IN THE WORLD, TO ALL OUR OTHER NATIONS WHO ALSO ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH.

Of course, we can only recall in wonder the Men's World Championship in Prague and Ostrava, Czechia which set a record for attendance and produced a dramatic victory for the home team late in the game. But we also saw Slovenia earn promotion at three levels of play. We saw Belgium's women jump four places in the World Ranking, the most of any nation, and we watched in awe as Ukraine participated in four events despite the extreme adversity they continue to face at home.

In all, the IIHF hosted 33 international tournaments and 573 games and attracted nearly 1.3 million fans to arenas around the world. And those numbers don't include our two Asia and Oceania tournaments, Olympic qualifying, and Development Cup events.

But as we look back and appreciate last season, we can also look ahead and see how 2023-24 prepares us for what lies ahead.

I AM PARTICULARLY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN GANGNEUNG, SOUTH KOREA, DURING THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES THIS PAST WINTER.

For the first time we played a formal 3-on-3 tournament which was a clear success no matter how you look at it. We are hoping this event at YOG will be one more step to getting 3-on-3 into the Olympic Winter Games for France in 2030 (in the French Alps) and the United States (Salt Lake City) in 2034.

When you see the success of 3-on-3 basketball, the Rugby Sevens, and beach volleyball—all sports that have re-imagined a traditional sport to create something new and exciting—I am confident we can do the same with ice hockey. We still have some work to do before this proposal gets approved by the IOC's sports department, but the Organizing Committees for 2030 and 2034 have given us their support in principle for 3-on-3, and that in itself is a major development.

THIS EVENT WOULD ADD ANOTHER 220 ATHLETES TO THE WINTER OLYMPICS AND BRING IN A NEW AUDIENCE THAT WOULD APPRECIATE OUR SPORT IN A THRILLING FORMAT.

I was also excited when the NHL, NHLPA, and IIHF announced last February that NHL players have committed to the Olympics again for 2026 in Milano and 2030 in France. They played five Games in a row (1998-2014) and were certainly missed in 2018 and '22, and to have the best of the best back on Olympic ice under IIHF organization is a win for players and fans alike.

IT TOOK NEARLY TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATION, BUT WE HOPE THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

We are also happy to look forward to planning a four-team Asian championship later this year. It will feature men's and women's teams from Kazakhstan, China, Japan, and South Korea. The men will play in Almaty, Kazakhstan, while the women will compete in Beijing, China, as we look for ways to build competition while avoiding the costly and difficult travel challenges we sometimes face when organizing tournaments within our current divisional structure.

AND, OF COURSE, WE CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY OUR ICE26 INITIATIVE.

This strategic plan has been the backbone of our goals and ambitions since I became president. It consists of three pillars—innovate, collaborate, expand—which we hope will keep our vision focused as we grow and develop the game worldwide.

And so, while we can look back on a wonderful 2023-24 season, we can also look ahead to a future that is even brighter and more promising, a future full of great players and great goals, to be sure, but also one rich in development, integrity, and global reach.



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IIHF President

COUNCIL, 2016-2024



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SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL, OCTOBER 2023

The 2023 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress brought together representatives from 71 Member National Federations in Vilamoura, Portugal, from 5-7 October. The gathering not only addressed business matters such as housekeeping of regulations and by-laws but was also an opportunity for reflection, development and building greater connections between multiple organizations.

In several workshops the delegates talked about the future of hockey. Participants from as far away as Australia and New Zealand were in attendance to bring a truly global lens to the annual event.

PARTNERSHIP PLANS AND UPDATED AGREEMENT WITH HOCKEY CANADA

Hockey Canada announced it will be expanding its commitment to promoting women's hockey. Canada will host the Women's Worlds in the Olympic years of 2026 and 2030 and is set to stage the Women's U18s in 2026, 2028 and 2030. As a result, the 2027 WW tournament, previously due to take place in Canada, will be reallocated in due course.

The ongoing arrangement with Hockey Canada over hosting the IIHF Women's World Championship has been updated to reflect the decision to play the tournament in Olympic seasons. During that conversation, Hockey Canada also expressed a desire to host more Women's U18 World Championships.

"We want to have these tournaments at the same level in Canada, in Europe and elsewhere, and that's exactly what we are trying to build together," said IIHF President Luc Tardif.

IIHF SUSTAINABILITY AWARD GOES TO SWITZERLAND

The IIHF encourages all MNAs to make sustainability a priority. Since 2015, Switzerland has taken this call to action seriously.

The 2023 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship included action plans around staff and volunteers, using tap water, when possible, the use of electric vehicles, and high engagement with the community, making the event their most sustainable to date.



ANNUAL CONGRESS PRAGUE, CZECHIA, MAY 2024

Prague welcomed the IIHF's 82-member hockey family this past May for the Annual Congress, during which time tournament allocation took centre stage.

It was determined that France would host the 2028 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship for the third time in its history, following the 1951 and 2017 editions. The Accor Arena in Paris and the LDLC Arena in Lyon will host the world's 16 best teams from May 12 to 28, 2028.

"I'm very proud and pleased that the hockey family has placed its trust in us for this project, recognizing our capacity to organize such a large-scale event. As we head towards the 2030 Olympic Games, this event represents an exceptional opportunity to promote and develop our sport by capitalizing on our expertise and know-how," declared Pierre-Yves Gerbeau, President of the French Hockey Federation.



ANNUAL CONGRESS PRAGUE, CZECHIA, MAY 2024

Supported by the Keneo agency in the construction of the bid and the planning of the project, the technical details were presented to the General Assembly on 23 May by Éric Ropert, FFHG Managing Director. Philippe Lacarrière, FFHG Board member and IIHF Hall of Fame inductee, reminded the voting members of how far French hockey has come in recent decades. Finally, Cristobal Huet, event ambassador, had the opportunity to underline the importance of hosting an IIHF World Championship in Paris for future generations of hockey players.

France is set to host two major world competitions in which the French ice hockey teams are expected to shine: the aforementioned IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in May 2028, followed, in all likelihood, by the 2030 Olympic Winter Games in the Alps.

"We wanted this very badly," said Pierre-Yves Gerbeau, President of the French Ice Hockey Federation after the vote at Friday's IIHF Annual Congress in Prague. *"We need it to achieve our very ambitious growth strategy, hopefully in conjunction with the Olympics in 2030. We can do it. We will deliver."*

In Paris, games will again be played in the 15,000 capacity Bercy Arena. Lyon's OL Arena, opened in November 2023 with a capacity of 12,500 when it hosts the city's basketball team, is scheduled to be the second venue.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Chinese Ice Hockey Association and the IIHF agreed to resume the previously agreed plan to stage Division I-A in Shenzhen. Following China's demotion from the top division this season, the CIHA will continue its investment to stage the event and support travel costs for the five European nations competing.

MEN'S U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Congress approved St. Paul, United States, as the host for the 2026 World Junior Championship. The tournament is due to run from 26 December 2025 to 5 January 2026.

MEN'S U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The United States will host the Men's U18s in 2025 in Frisco, Dallas from 23 April to 3 May. In his speech to Congress, IIHF President Luc Tardif said that an agreement between the NHL and the IIHF over support for this tournament was "nearly there."





Women's Worlds celebrates 500 games

The Women's World Championship started in 1990 in Ottawa, Canada, and was so successful the IIHF brought it into its program of events. But it wasn't made an annual event until 1997, in non-Olympic years, and wasn't held in Olympic years until 2022. Nevertheless, the Sweden-Japan game at the 2024 Women's Worlds in Utica marked the 500th WW game of all time, an historic milestone for the IIHF.



Konsta Helenius joins exclusive group

Finnish teen Konsta Helenius made history when he played at the 2024 Men's World Championship. This marked his third IIHF tournament of the year after having played at the World Juniors and Men's U18. Only four other players have completed the IIHF hat trick in one season—Kevin Fiala (SUI, 2014), Jack Hughes (USA, 2019), and Vadim Karaga and Andrei Kostitsyn (BLR, 2003).



IIHF CONTRIBUTORS' AWARD CEREMONY



IIHF launches two new awards

The IIHF Hall of Fame induction ceremonies saw the introduction of two new awards, one for Media (IIHF Media Award), and one to honour a contributor to youth hockey development (Johan Bollue Award).



Hiirikoski, Knight, Ambuhl extend records

Three of hockey's most extraordinary achievements were improved upon in 2023-24. Finland's Jenni Hiirikoski played in her 16th Women's World Championship tournament; USA's Hilary Knight extended her record for career goals (65) and points (111); and, Swiss forward Andres Ambuhl played in his 19th Men's Worlds while extending his games played record as well (141).

Kolbenheyer new president of Hungary

A former player and general manager with the Hungarian national team, Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer joined the IIHF Council in 2012 and the IIHF Historical Committee in 2023. In 2024, she made more history by being named the new president of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation.



Austrian comeback shocks Canada

No one could have been surprised by the fact that Canada built a solid 6-1 lead over Austria after two periods in their preliminary-round game at the 2024 Men's World Championship. But Austria shocked the world by rallying with five unanswered goals in the third to tie the game, the greatest comeback in IIHF history. Canada, however, earned a measure of relief when they won the game in overtime.





Josi, Berra, Niederreiter win 3rd silver

Switzerland came tantalizingly close to making history at the 2024 Men's Worlds, losing the gold-medal game to hosts Czechia, 2-0. It was the third silver for the Swiss in the last 11 years, and only three players were on all three teams—goalie Reto Berra, defender and captain Roman Josi, and forward Nino Niederreiter.



WM18 turns 25

The Men's U18 tournament celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2024 in Finland. First played in 1999, the event is now a critical part of the IIHF calendar and an essential part of a player's path to the NHL draft.

Connelly's brilliant lacrosse goal

American Trevor Connelly stole the spotlight at the Men's U18 by scoring a lacrosse goal in a game against Latvia. He is just the sixth player to score the fancy goal in IIHF play and the third in WM18 play to do so.



IIHF makes neck guards mandatory

On December 4, 2023, the IIHF Council, on the recommendation from the Medical Committee, made neck guards mandatory at all levels of play.



OVERTIME HEROES OF 2023-24

Games were many in IIHF play during the 2023-24 season, but players who scored in overtime to give their team a win were far fewer. Herewith we honour those overtime heroes.

Aasma, Estrit (EST)	WW-III-B	26 March 2024 vs. SGP	Manchak, Valeria (UKR)	WW-III-A	14 March 2024 vs. SRB
Boos, Lenny (GER)	WM18-I-A	17 April 2024 vs. UKR	Muller, Alina (SUI)	WW	13 April 2024 vs. GER
Chamberlin, Caleb (NZL)	WM20-III-A	27 January 2024 vs. BUL	Mykkanen, Alex (LUX)	WM-III-A	13 March 2024 vs. MEX
Chien, Chun-Hsien (TPE)	WM18-II-B	21 March 2024 vs. AUS	Pleho, Rijad (BIH)	WM20-III-B	25 January 2024 vs. LUX
Cozens, Dylan (CAN)	WM	21 May 2024 vs. CZE	Pranskevicius, Pijus (LTU)	WM18-I-B	15 April 2024 vs. ITA
Daugavins, Kaspars (LAT)	WM	11 May 2024 vs. POL	Rooba, Robert (EST)	WM-I-B	30 April 2024 vs. ESP
Daugavins, Kaspars (LAT)	WM	12 May 2024 vs. FRA	Sandin Pellikka, Axel (SWE)	WM20	2 January 2024 vs. SUI
Dziwok, Wiktoria (POL)	WW-I-B	1 April 2024 vs. GBR	Seniut, Artur (LTU)	WM20-II-A	12 December 2023 vs. GBR
Elias, Moritz (GER)	WM20	4 January 2024 vs. NOR	Shipilin, Mstislav (KAZ)	WM18	29 April 2024 vs. CZE
Fazokas, Annika (AUT)	WW-I-A	27 April 2024 vs. NED	Simms, Kirsten (USA)	WW	8 April 2024 vs. CAN
Frigo, Luca (ITA)	WM-I-A	30 April 2024 vs. JPN	Sommerschuh, Camille (BEL)	WW18-II-B	8 January 2024 vs. BUL
Hiezl, Reka (HUN)	WW18-I-A	10 January 2024 vs. AUT	Stanimirov, Aleksandar (BUL)	WM18-II-B	18 March 2024 vs. ESP
Kelemen, Milos (SVK)	WM	13 May 2024 vs. USA	Sydorenko, Mykyta (UKR)	WM20-I-B	14 December 2023 vs. ITA
Kokuwa, Junya (JPN)	WM20-I-A	13 December 2023 vs. HUN	Tavares, John (CAN)	WM	14 May 2024 vs. AUT
Krakovova, Hana (SVK)	WW18	10 January 2024 vs. SUI	Varga, Balazs (HUN)	WM-I-A	3 May 2024 vs. ITA
Lassila, Jere (FIN)	WM20	12 January 2024 vs. SVK	Vukovic, Maksim (SRB)	WM18-II-A	23 April 2024 vs. ROU
Lindberg, Valter (SWE)	WM18	30 April 2024 vs. SUI	Yam, Yi (HKG)	WM-III-B	24 February 2024 vs. BIH

Latvian captain Kaspars Daugavins scored OT winners in consecutive games at the 2024 Men's Worlds.



SPOTLIGHT



OVERVIEW OF SEASON PARTICIPATION

AUS	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-II-B	WW18-I-B
AUT	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW-I-A	WW18-I-A
BEL	WM-II-B	WM20-II-B	WM18-III-A	WW-II-A	WW18-II-B
BIH	WM-III-B	WM20-III-B	WM18-III-A	WW-III-B	
BUL	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-II-B	WW-III-A	WW18-II-B
CAN	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
CHN	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-B	WW	WW18-II-A
CRO	WM-II-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-II-A	WW-III-A	
CZE	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
DEN	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW	WW18-I-A
PRK	WM-III-B			WW-II-B	
EST	WM-I-B	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW-III-B	
FIN	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
FRA	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-B	WW-I-A	WW18-I-A
GEO	WM-II-B				
GER	WM	WM20	WM18-I-A	WW	WW18
GBR	WM	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-I-B	WW18-II-A
HKG	WM-III-B		WM18-III-B	WW-II-B	
HUN	WM-I-A	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW-I-A	WW18-I-A
ISL	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-III-A	WW-II-A	WW18-II-B
INA	WM-IV				
IRI	WM-III-B				
ISR	WM-II-A	WM20-III-A	WM18-II-B	WW-III-B	
ITA	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW-I-B	WW18-I-A
JPN	WM-I-A	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW	WW18-I-A
KAZ	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18	WW-II-A	WW18-II-A
KOR	WM-I-A	WM20-II-A	WM18-I-B	WW-I-A	WW18-I-B
KUW	WM-IV				
KGZ	WM-III-A	WM20-III-A			
LAT	WM	WM20	WM18	WW-I-B	WW18-II-A
LTU	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-I-B	WW-III-A	
LUX	WM-III-A	WM20-III-B			
MAS	WM-IV				
MEX	WM-III-A	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-A	WW18-II-B
MON	WM-IV				
NED	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-I-A	WW18-II-A
NZL	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-B	WW18-II-B
NOR	WM	WM20	WM18	WW-I-A	WW18-I-B
PHI	WM-III-B				
POL	WM	WM20-I-B	WM18-II-A	WW-I-B	WW18-I-B
ROM	WM-I-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-A	WW-III-A	
SRB	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-A	WW-III-A	
SGP	WM-III-B			WW-III-B	
SVK	WM	WM20	WM18	WW-I-B	WW18
SLO	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW-I-B	
RSA	WM-III-A	WM20-III-B	WM18-III-B	WW-II-B	WW18-II-B
ESP	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-B	WW-II-A	WW18-I-B
SWE	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
SUI	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
THA	WM-III-A		WM18-III-B	WW-III-B	
TUR	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-B	WW18-II-A
TKM	WM-III-A		WM18-III-B		
TPE	WM-II-B	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-II-A	WW18-I-B
UKR	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-A	WW-III-A	
UAE	WM-II-A				
USA	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18

ATTENDANCE

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM	64	797,727
WM-I-A	15	35,330
WM-I-B	15	16,654
WM-II-A	15	2,363
WM-II-B	15	3,058
WM-III-A	15	7,250
WM-III-B	15	4,830
WM-IV	6	996
TOTAL	160	868,208

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM20	29	170,673
WM20-I-A	15	5,887
WM20-I-B	15	2,162
WM20-II-A	15	4,934
WM20-II-B	15	2,633
WM20-III-A	15	1,775
WM20-III-B	6	1,950
TOTAL	110	190,014

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM18	29	52,958
WM18-I-A	15	3,992
WM18-I-B	15	10,399
WM18-II-A	15	6,193
WM18-II-B	15	2,778
WM18-III-A	15	4,515
WM18-III-B	6	720
TOTAL	110	81,555

EVENT	GP	ATT
WW	29	68,112
WW-I-A	15	14,055
WW-I-B	15	4,849
WW-II-A	15	2,595
WW-II-B	15	2,235
WW-III-A	15	1,935
WW-III-B	10	3,549
TOTAL	114	97,330

EVENT	GP	ATT
WW18	22	10,858
WW18-I-A	15	2,661
WW18-I-B	15	3,394
WW18-II-A	15	4,370
WW18-II-B	15	1,863
TOTAL	82	23,146

TOTALS

33

TOURNAMENTS

576

GAMES

1,260,253

FANS

PROMOTED/DEMOTED

TOURNAMENT	PROMOTED	DEMOTED
WM	---	Great Britain, Poland
WM-I-A	Hungary, Slovenia	Korea
WM-I-B	Ukraine	Netherlands
WM-II-A	Croatia	Iceland
WM-II-B	Belgium	Turkiye
WM-III-A	Thailand	Mexico
WM-III-B	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Iran
WM-IV	Mongolia	Macedonia
WM20	---	Norway
WM20-I-A	Kazakhstan	Japan
WM20-I-B	Slovenia	Croatia
WM20-II-A	Korea	Spain
WM20-II-B	Romania	Chinese Taipei
WM20-III-A	Israel	Kyrgyzstan
WM20-III-B	Bosnia & Herzegovina	South Africa
WM18	---	Kazakhstan
WM18-I-A	Germany	Japan
WM18-I-B	Slovenia	Italy
WM18-II-A	Poland	Serbia
WM18-II-B	China	Israel
WM18-III-A	Belgium	Bosnia & Herzegovina
WM18-III-B	Hong Kong	South Africa

Slovenia's WM18-I-B team earned promotion to I-A for 2025, one of three teams from that country to move up [WM-I-A, WM20-I-B].

TOURNAMENT	PROMOTED	DEMOTED
WW	---	Denmark, China
WW-I-A	Hungary, Norway	Korea
WW-I-B	Slovakia	Poland
WW-II-A	Kazakhstan	Belgium
WW-II-B	DPR Korea	South Africa
WW-III-A	Ukraine	Bulgaria
WW-III-B	Thailand	Bosnia & Herzegovina
WW18	---	Germany
WW18-I-A	Japan	Denmark
WW18-I-B	Norway	Chinese Taipei
WW18-II-A	China	Turkiye
WW18-II-B	New Zealand	South Africa

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R/L	#	Surname	First Name	NAT	Event
L		ABDYKALYKOV	Yntymak	KGZ	WM18-A0
R		ABERG	Henna	FIN	WW18-I-B
L		ALALI	Fatima	UAE	WW18-II-B
R		ALJNEIBI	Yahya	UAE	WM20-III-B
L		ALAMERI	Helan	UAE	WM18-A0
L		ALBINATI	Nicholas	CAN	WM-II-A
L		ALFARSI	Ahmed	UAE	WM-IV
L		ALHAMMADI	Abdallah	UAE	WM-IV
L		ALKAN	Ceren	TUR	WW-III-B
L		ALTMANN	Dominik	SUI	WM20-I-A
L		ANDERSEN	Frederik	DEN	WM-II-B
L		ANDRE	Attila	ROU	CC-2-D
R	11	ANKERSEN	Rasmus	DEN	WM-I-B
					CC-2-C
L	55	ANKERSTJERNE	Albert	DEN	WM18
R	27	ANSELM	Vanessa	GER	WW
R	26	ANSONS	Andris	LAT	WM
L		ANTTILA	Helina	FIN	WW-II-B
L		ARINCI	Merve	TUR	WW18-II-A
L		ASLANBEY	Berkay	TUR	WM-III-A
L		ATANASOV	Maria	BUL	WM20-III-A
L		AXMAN	Michal	CZE	WM18-II-B
R		AYGUN	Ferhat Dagus	TUR	WM-III-A
R		AYGUN	Murat	TUR	WM20-III-B
					CC-1-B
L		AZAROV	Savva	EST	WM18-I-B
					CC-1-B
R		BACA	Michal	POL	WM20-I-A
R		BAGLAR	Elif Munire	TUR	WW-III-B
R		BAI	Meichen	CHN	WW-III-A
R		BAJT	Miha	SLO	CC-3-F
L		BANNINK	Jennifer	NED	WW18-II-B
R	16	BARCELO	Geoffrey	FRA	WM-I-A
					CC-F
R		BARLOW	Grace	CAN	WW-I-B
L		BAZEVICIUS	Ervinas	LTU	CC-1-B
L	56	BEDARD	Maxime	CAN	WM18
L		BEDYNEK	Sebastian	AUT	WM18-II-A
L		BEELEN	Ladewijk	NED	WM-II-B
L		BERES	Alannah	CAN	WW18-I-B
L	55	BERESFORD	Daniel	GBR	WM-I-A
R	5	BEREZOWSKI	Jennifer	CAN	WW
L		BERTL	Natalie	GER	WW-III-A
L		BIEC	Sergio	ESP	CC-1-A
L		BIRKHOFF	Brian	CAN	WM20-I-A
R	25	BJORK	Tobias	SWE	WM
					WM20
R	16	BLOSKI	Adam	CAN	WM-I-B
R	12	BLOYER	Nolan	USA	WM-I-B
R		BORGA	Cedric	SUI	CC-F
R		BORNI BYOUK	Ibrahim	UAE	WM18-A0
R	15	BORYAYEV	Anton	KAZ	WM-I-B
L		BOURDON	Gaëlle	FRA	WW-III-A
R		BOVERIO	Melissa	SUI	WW-III-A

R/L	#	Surname	First Name	NAT	Event
L		BOWSHALL	Bethany	AUS	WW-I-B
L		BOYADJIEV	Martin	BUL	WM-II-B
					WM20-III-A
R	19	BRANDER	Riku	FIN	WM
					WM20
L		BRANDON-LAUX	Calley	USA	WW-III-A
L		BRANSON	Brooke	USA	WW18-II-A
L	54	BRATEN	Knut	NOR	WM-I-A
L	52	BRIGANTI	Kevin	USA	WM
L		BRIGANTI	Nick	USA	WM
L		BRINECS	Raitis	LAT	CC-2-C
L		BRUEGGEMANN	Vincent	GER	WM18-I-B
L		BRUNN	Melissa	CAN	WW18-I-A
L	56	BUCKNER	Sarah	USA	WW
L		BUERGY	Nathy	SUI	WM20-I-B
R	12	BURZMINSKI	Taylor	CAN	WM18
R	11	BUSS	Uldis	LAT	WM-I-A
R		BUTT	Caroline	GER	WW-III-B
L		BUTTON	Richard	NZL	WM-III-B
R		CADIEUX	Dominic	CAN	WM18-I-A
R		CAIRNS	Ryan	NZL	WM-IV
L		CALERO SCANLAN	Alba Louise	ESP	WW18-I-B
L		CALLOVINI	Anna	ITA	WW18-II-B
R		CAMANE	Sintija	LAT	WW18-I-A
L		CAMERON	Jennifer	USA	WW-I-A
R	18	CAMPBELL	Michael	CAN	WM
L		CATTANEO	Eric	SUI	CC-F
R		CELAROVA	Nikoleta	SVK	WW-II-B
R		CHAE	YoungJin	KOR	WM-III-A
L		CHAN	Ka Hei	HKG	WM-III-B
L		CHERMASHENTSEV	Tymur	UKR	WM18-II-A
L	38	CHEYROUX	Alexia	FRA	WW
L		CHI	Hongda	CHN	WM18-II-B
R		CHOI	Bo Young	KOR	WW-III-B
L		CHOI	Doyeon	KOR	WM20-II-A
L		CHONG	Su Ying Karen	MAS	WW-A0
L		CHRESTENSEN	Michael	DEN	WM18-III-B
R		CHRISTENSEN	Martin	DEN	WM18-I-B
L		CHUA	Jien Yang	MAS	WM-IV
R		CHUBENKO	Konstantin	KAZ	WM-III-A
L	7	CLARKE	Alex	CAN	WW
L		CLASSON	Ottilla	SWE	WW-I-B
L		CONFIDENTI	Ines	SLO	WW18-I-B
R		COOKE	Kelly	USA	WW-I-A
R		COUTURE	Marie-Eve	CAN	WW-II-A
L		CRAMP	Charlotte	GBR	WW18-II-B
R		CREGUT	Nicolas	FRA	WM-II-A
R		CRMAN	Filip	SVK	WM18-I-A
R		CURTIN	James	USA	WM18-I-A
L		CZECH	Wojciech	POL	WM18-II-A
R	20	DALE	Mariko	SUI	WW18
L		DALSGAARD	Emil	DEN	WM20-I-A
R		DALTON	Andrew	GBR	CC-3-F
L		DAPUZZO	Patrick	USA	WM-II-A

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
PRAGUE & OSTRAVA, CZECHIA — 10-26 MAY 2024



FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	7	5	2	0	0	32	18	19
SUI	7	5	1	0	1	29	12	17
CZE	7	4	1	2	0	26	14	16
FIN	7	3	0	1	3	21	14	10
AUT	7	2	0	1	4	21	29	7
NOR	7	2	0	0	5	15	25	6
DEN	7	2	0	0	5	15	29	6
↓GBR	7	1	0	0	6	12	30	3

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SWE	7	7	0	0	0	35	9	21
USA	7	5	0	1	1	37	16	16
GER	7	5	0	0	2	34	24	15
SVK	7	3	1	1	2	26	23	12
LAT	7	1	3	0	3	19	29	9
KAZ	7	2	0	0	5	12	31	6
FRA	7	1	0	1	5	13	26	4
↓POL	7	0	0	1	6	11	29	1

PLAYOFF ROUND

QUATER – FINALS

Game	Score
CAN-SVK	6-3
SUI-GER	3-1
USA-CZE	0-1
SWE-FIN	2-1

SEMI – FINALS

Game	Score
CAN-SVK	3-7
SUI-GER	2-3 (PSS)

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
SWE-CAN	4-2

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
SUI-CZE	0-2

Great Britain played in the top pool of the Men's Worlds for the fourth time in the last five years.



Turkmenistan [green] defeated Mexico, 8-4, in WM-III-A play.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A
BOLZANO, ITALY — 28 APRIL-4 MAY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑HUN	5	3	1	0	1	15	8	11
↑SLO	5	3	0	0	2	14	8	9
ITA	5	2	1	1	1	20	10	9
ROU	5	3	0	0	2	11	17	9
JPN	5	1	0	1	3	11	17	4
↓KOR	5	1	0	0	4	12	23	3

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B
VILNIUS, LITHUANIA — 27 APRIL-3 MAY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑UKR	5	5	0	0	0	31	2	15
LTU	5	4	0	0	1	16	7	12
EST	5	2	1	0	2	11	20	8
CHN	5	2	0	0	3	11	16	6
ESP	5	1	0	1	3	6	20	4
↓NED	5	0	0	0	5	4	14	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A
BELGRADE, SERBIA — 21-27 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑CRO	5	5	0	0	0	26	6	15
SRB	5	4	0	0	1	23	11	12
UAE	5	3	0	0	2	25	21	9
ISR	5	1	1	0	3	17	26	5
AUS	5	1	0	1	3	15	19	4
↓ISL	5	0	0	0	5	11	34	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B
SOFIA, BULGARIA — 22-28 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑BEL	5	5	0	0	0	37	4	15
NZL	5	3	0	1	1	22	18	10
GEO	5	3	0	0	2	20	17	9
BUL	5	1	1	0	3	17	29	5
TPE	5	1	0	1	3	14	27	4
↓TUR	5	0	1	0	4	10	25	2

**2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A**
BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN — 10-16 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑THA	5	5	0	0	0	38	9	15
KGZ	5	4	0	0	1	37	22	12
LUX	5	2	1	0	2	17	22	8
TKM	5	2	0	0	3	23	31	6
RSA	5	1	0	0	4	13	26	3
↓MEX	5	0	0	1	4	15	33	1

**2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B**
SARAJEVO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA —
23-29 FEBRUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑BIH	5	4	0	1	0	25	11	13
PRK	5	4	0	0	1	38	22	12
HKG	5	3	1	0	1	40	24	11
PHI	5	2	0	0	3	30	30	6
SGP	5	1	0	0	4	20	35	3
↓IRI	5	0	0	0	5	14	45	0

**2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION IV**
KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT — 16-19 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑MGL	3	3	0	0	0	28	7	9
KUW	3	2	0	0	1	25	13	6
INA	3	0	1	0	2	17	23	2
↓MAS	3	0	0	1	2	9	36	1



Belgium (red) and Turkey played in the Men's World Championship II-B in 2024.

2024 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
 UTICA, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES — 3-14 APRIL 2024



FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	3	1	0	0	16	3	11
CAN	4	3	0	1	0	12	2	10
CZE	4	2	0	0	2	10	12	6
FIN	4	1	0	0	3	9	15	3
SUI	4	0	0	0	4	3	18	0

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GER	4	4	0	0	0	13	2	12
SWE	4	3	0	0	1	17	5	9
JPN	4	1	0	1	2	8	13	4
↓CHN	4	0	1	1	2	5	15	3
↓DEN	4	0	1	0	3	4	12	2

PLAYOFF ROUND

QUATER – FINALS

Game	Score
FIN-SUI	3-1
CZE-GER	1-0
CAN-SWE	5-1
USA-JPN	10-0

5TH-PLACE GAME

Game	Score
SUI-GER	3-2 (OT)

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
CZE-FIN	2-3 (PSS)

SEMI – FINALS

Game	Score
USA-FIN	5-0
CAN-CZE	4-0

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
USA-CAN	6-5 (OT)



Switzerland (white) and Czechia played in the preliminary round of the Women's Worlds, the Czechs prevailing, 6-1.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A
 KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA — 21-27 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑NOR	5	2	3	0	0	18	6	12
↑HUN	5	3	0	2	0	9	6	11
FRA	5	3	0	1	1	19	10	10
AUT	5	1	2	0	2	20	15	7
NED	5	1	0	2	2	9	15	5
↓KOR	5	0	0	0	5	1	24	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B
 RIGA, LATVIA — 31 MARCH-6 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑SVK	5	4	0	0	1	25	6	12
LAT	5	3	0	1	1	16	15	10
ITA	5	3	0	0	2	13	8	9
GBR	5	2	0	1	2	8	14	7
SLO	5	1	1	0	3	10	16	5
↓POL	5	0	1	0	4	6	19	2

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A
 CANILLO, ANDORRA — 7-13 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑KAZ	5	5	0	0	0	28	9	15
ESP	5	4	0	0	1	25	6	12
MEX	5	3	0	0	2	13	9	9
TPE	5	2	0	0	3	8	11	6
ISL	5	1	0	0	4	9	23	3
↓BEL	5	0	0	0	5	6	31	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B
 ISTANBUL, TURKIYE — 1-7 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑PRK	5	4	1	0	0	30	4	14
AUS	5	4	0	1	0	31	4	13
HKG	5	2	0	0	3	10	10	6
NZL	5	2	0	0	3	18	12	6
TUR	5	2	0	0	3	13	17	6
↓RSA	5	0	0	0	5	1	56	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A
 ZAGREB, CROATIA — 11-17 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑UKR	5	4	1	0	0	28	8	14
ROU	5	4	0	0	1	20	11	12
LTU	5	2	1	0	2	15	11	8
SRB	5	2	0	1	2	12	19	7
CRO	5	1	0	1	3	10	16	4
↓BUL	5	0	0	0	5	5	25	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B
 KOHTLA-JARVE, ESTONIA — 24-29 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑THA	4	4	0	0	0	20	1	12
EST	4	2	1	0	1	10	4	8
ISR	4	2	0	0	2	7	11	6
SGP	4	1	0	1	2	8	11	4
↓BIH	4	0	0	0	4	8	26	0





Poland and Italy played in WW-I-B, the Italians remaining in the division for 2025 while the Poles were demoted.

2024 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Gothenburg, Sweden – 26 December 2023-5 January 2024



FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SWE	4	3	0	1	0	17	5	10
CAN	4	3	0	0	1	21	7	9
FIN	4	1	1	0	2	14	13	5
LAT	4	1	0	0	3	6	22	3
GER	4	1	0	0	3	9	20	3

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	3	1	0	0	29	9	11
SVK	4	3	0	0	1	19	16	9
CZE	4	2	0	1	1	17	13	7
SUI	4	1	0	0	3	11	20	3
↓NOR	4	0	0	0	4	8	26	0

PLAYOFF ROUND

QUATER – FINALS

Game	Score
SVK-FIN	3-4 (OT)
CAN-CZE	2-3
USA-LAT	7-2
SWE-SUI	3-2 (OT)

SEMI – FINALS

Game	Score
SWE-CZE	5-2
USA-FIN	3-2

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
CZE-FIN	8-5

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
USA-SWE	6-2



Germany presses for a goal against the Finns in World Junior Championship action.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY — 10-16 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑KAZ	5	4	0	1	0	21	12	13
FRA	5	3	0	0	2	18	19	9
DEN	5	3	0	0	2	18	14	9
AUT	5	2	1	0	2	22	21	8
HUN	5	1	0	1	3	13	16	4
↓JPN	5	0	1	0	4	12	22	2

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B
BLED, SLOVENIA — 11-17 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑SLO	5	5	0	0	0	25	6	15
UKR	5	3	1	0	1	23	13	11
ITA	5	2	0	1	2	24	17	7
EST	5	2	0	0	3	15	18	6
POL	5	1	0	1	3	9	19	4
↓CRO	5	0	1	0	4	12	35	2

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A
DUMFRIES, GREAT BRITAIN — 11-17 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑KOR	5	5	0	0	0	29	10	15
LTU	5	3	1	0	1	27	13	11
GBR	5	3	0	1	1	21	12	10
CHN	5	1	0	0	4	13	20	3
NED	5	1	0	0	4	10	25	3
↓ESP	5	1	0	0	4	8	28	3

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B
BELGRADE, SERBIA — 14-20 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑ROU	5	4	1	0	0	25	5	14
SRB	5	4	0	1	0	21	5	13
ISL	5	3	0	0	2	21	14	9
AUS	5	2	0	0	3	9	16	6
BEL	5	1	0	0	4	7	17	3
↓TPE	5	0	0	0	5	8	34	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A
SOFIA, BULGARIA — 22-28 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑ISR	5	5	0	0	0	41	14	15
NZL	5	3	1	0	1	31	17	11
BUL	5	3	0	1	1	22	19	10
TUR	5	2	0	0	3	15	19	6
MEX	5	1	0	0	4	17	20	3
↓KGZ	5	0	0	0	5	9	46	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B
SARAJEVO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA — 25-30 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑BIH	4	3	1	0	0	30	17	11
LUX	4	2	0	1	1	33	13	7
↓RSA	4	0	0	0	4	10	43	0



Romanian goalie Nandor Biro stops Australia's Riley Langille during a 4-1 Romania victory in WM20-II-B play.



The United States took gold at the World Juniors in Gothenburg with a 6-2 win over hosts Sweden in the finals.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
 ESPOO & VANTAA, FINLAND — 25 APRIL-5 MAY 2024



PLAYOFF ROUND

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	4	0	0	0	33	7	12
FIN	4	3	0	0	1	18	10	9
SVK	4	1	0	0	3	14	19	3
LAT	4	1	0	0	3	10	18	3
NOR	4	1	0	0	3	8	29	3

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	4	4	0	0	0	31	7	12
CZE	4	1	1	1	1	9	12	6
SWE	4	1	1	1	1	15	12	6
SUI	4	1	0	1	2	8	16	4
↓KAZ	4	0	1	0	3	10	26	2

QUATER – FINALS

Game	Score
USA-SUI	4-0
CZE-SVK	2-3
FIN-SWE	1-2
CAN-LAT	4-0

SEMI – FINALS

Game	Score
USA-SVK	7-2
CAN-SWE	5-4

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
SWE-SVK	4-0

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
USA-CAN	4-6



The Slovaks and Americans fight for a loose puck at the World Juniors.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A
 FREDERIKSHAVN, DENMARK — 14-20 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑GER	5	4	1	0	0	25	11	14
UKR	5	4	0	1	0	18	10	13
AUT	5	2	1	0	2	21	14	8
HUN	5	2	0	1	2	21	25	7
DEN	5	1	0	0	4	10	20	3
↓JPN	5	0	0	0	5	11	26	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B
 TALLINN, ESTONIA — 14-20 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑SLO	5	4	0	0	1	29	14	12
LTU	5	3	1	0	1	16	12	11
EST	5	2	0	0	3	13	20	6
FRA	5	2	0	0	3	15	19	6
KOR	5	2	0	0	3	15	17	6
↓ITA	5	1	0	1	3	10	16	4

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A
 SOSNOWIEC, POLAND — 17-23 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑POL	5	5	0	0	0	34	5	15
GBR	5	4	0	0	1	30	11	12
NED	5	3	0	0	2	18	19	9
ROU	5	1	0	1	3	8	25	4
CRO	5	1	0	0	4	11	21	3
↓SRB	5	0	1	0	4	6	26	2

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B
 PUIGCERDA, SPAIN — 17-23 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑CHN	5	5	0	0	0	33	14	15
ESP	5	3	0	1	1	30	15	10
BUL	5	2	1	0	2	23	22	8
AUS	5	2	0	1	2	23	23	7
TPE	5	1	1	0	3	15	26	5
↓ISR	5	0	0	0	5	18	42	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A
 ISTANBUL, TURKIYE — 4-10 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑BEL	5	5	0	0	0	33	11	15
MEX	5	4	0	0	1	24	15	12
TUR	5	3	0	0	2	38	19	9
ISL	5	2	0	0	3	26	19	6
NZL	5	1	0	0	4	21	31	3
↓BIH	5	0	0	0	5	7	54	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B
 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA — 4-7 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑HKG	3	2	0	0	1	20	7	6
TKM	3	2	0	0	1	16	12	6
THA	3	2	0	0	1	17	10	6
↓RSA	3	0	0	0	3	5	29	0



China went 5-0 at the Men's U18 II-B in Spain to earn promotion to II-A for 2025.



Austrian goalie Mika Haim keeps his eye on play as German Lenny Boos deflects the puck in front in WM18-I-A action.



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CHAMPIONSHIP
SWITZERLAND
Zug

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	3	3	0	0	0	29	1	9
FIN	3	2	0	0	1	9	12	6
CZE	3	1	0	0	2	9	12	3
↓GER	3	0	0	0	3	1	23	0

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	3	3	0	0	0	19	2	9
SWE	3	2	0	0	1	12	8	6
SVK	3	0	1	0	2	6	14	2
SUI	3	0	0	1	2	3	16	1

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18
WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION I GROUP A
EGNA, ITALY — 6-12 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑JPN	5	5	0	0	0	21	4	15
ITA	5	3	0	1	1	15	13	10
HUN	5	2	1	0	2	8	8	8
AUT	5	1	2	1	1	10	11	8
FRA	5	1	0	0	4	8	14	3
↓DEN	5	0	0	1	4	6	18	1

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18
WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION I GROUP B
JACA, SPAIN — 8-14 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑NOR	5	5	0	0	0	37	4	15
ESP	5	4	0	0	1	33	4	12
POL	5	3	0	0	2	21	13	9
AUS	5	1	0	0	4	5	32	3
KOR	5	1	0	0	4	10	17	3
↓TPE	5	1	0	0	4	6	42	3

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
ZUG, SWITZERLAND — 6-14 JANUARY 2024

PLAYOFF ROUND

QUATER – FINALS		SEMI – FINALS	
Game	Score	Game	Score
SWE-CZE	2-4	CAN-CZE	2-4
FIN-SVK	2-0	USA-FIN	4-2
CAN-SUI	6-0		
USA-GER	4-0		

7TH-PLACE GAME		BRONZE MEDAL GAME	
Game	Score	Game	Score
SUI-GER	2-1	CAN-FIN	8-1

5TH-PLACE GAME		GOLD MEDAL GAME	
Game	Score	Game	Score
SWE-SVK	4-1	USA-CZE	5-1

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18
WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION II GROUP A
HERENVEEN, NETHERLANDS — 15-21
JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑CHN	5	5	0	0	0	48	3	15
GBR	5	4	0	0	1	22	7	12
NED	5	2	1	0	2	19	29	8
LAT	5	2	0	1	2	10	13	7
KAZ	5	1	0	0	4	11	20	3
↓TUR	5	0	0	0	5	0	38	0

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18
WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION II GROUP B
SOFIA, BULGARIA — 8-14 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
↑NZL	5	4	0	0	1	33	9	12
ISL	5	4	0	0	1	33	6	12
BEL	5	3	1	0	1	23	5	11
MEX	5	2	0	0	3	21	10	6
BUL	5	1	0	1	3	19	15	4
↓RSA	5	0	0	0	5	1	85	0



Italian goalie Margherita Ostoni makes a save against France in WW18-I-A play.

CONTINENTAL CUP

FIRST ROUND, GROUP A

JACA, SPAIN — 22-24 SEPTEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Bulldogs Liege	1	1	0	0	0	6	1	3
CH Jaca	2	1	0	0	1	16	8	3
Irbis-Skate Sofia	1	0	0	0	1	2	15	0
Buz Adam								

*Buzadam withdrew; The Bulldogs Liege-Irbis-Skate Sofia game of 23 September was cancelled after one period because of bad ice. It was determined the winner of the Bulldogs-CH Jaca game would advance.

FIRST ROUND, GROUP B

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA — 22-24 SEPTEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Kaunas City	3	3	0	0	0	30	5	9
HC Panter	3	2	0	0	1	24	13	6
KHL Zagreb	3	1	0	0	2	9	20	3
Skautafelag Reykjavikur	3	0	0	0	3	4	29	0

SECOND ROUND, GROUP C

JELGAVA, LATVIA — 13-15 OCTOBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
HK Zemgale/LBTU	3	3	0	0	0	9	3	9
CSM Corona Brasov	3	2	0	0	1	16	7	6
HK RST-Pellet Celje	3	1	0	0	2	12	11	3
Bulldogs Liege	3	0	0	0	3	6	22	0

SECOND ROUND, GROUP D

BELGRADE, SERBIA — 13-15 OCTOBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Ferencvarosi TC	3	3	0	0	0	21	1	9
Kaunas City	3	1	0	1	1	8	10	4
Sokil Kyiv	3	1	0	0	2	6	13	3
SKHL Crvena zvezda	3	0	1	0	2	6	17	2



Goalie Michal Kieler of Katowice makes a save in a Continental Cup final-round game against Nomad Astana.

THIRD ROUND, GROUP E

GRENOBLE, FRANCE — 17-19 NOVEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Nomad Astana	3	3	0	0	0	11	5	9
Cardiff Devils	3	2	0	0	1	10	7	6
HK Zemgale/LBTU	3	1	0	0	2	6	10	3
Bruleurs de Loups	3	0	0	0	3	1	6	0

FINAL ROUND

CARDIFF, GREAT BRITAIN — 12-14 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

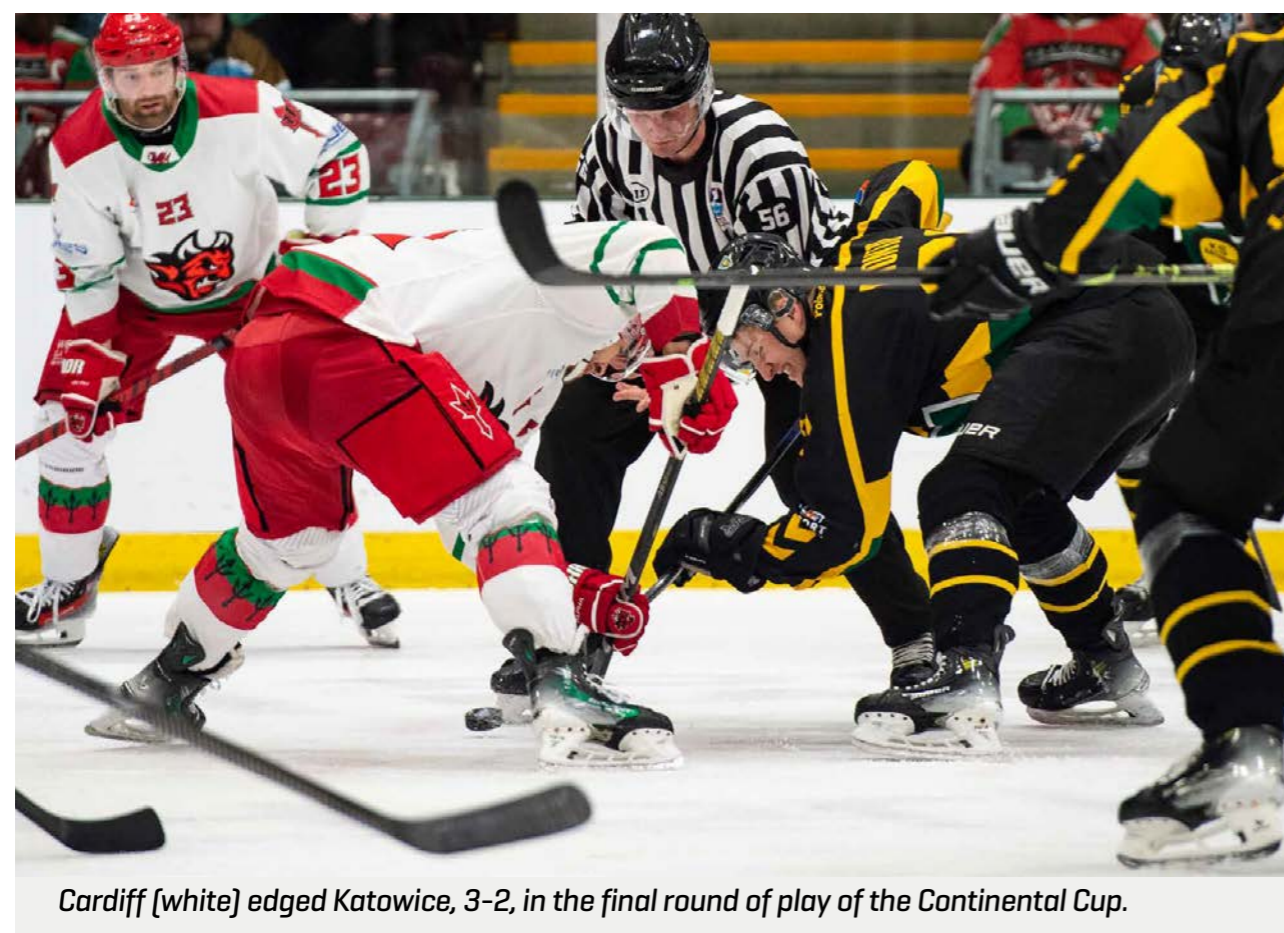
TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Nomad Astana	3	3	0	0	0	15	5	9
Herning Blue Fox	3	1	0	1	1	10	15	4
Cardiff Devils	3	1	0	0	2	8	11	3
GKS Katowice	3	0	1	0	2	8	10	2

THIRD ROUND, GROUP F

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY — 17-19 NOVEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GKS Katowice	3	2	0	1	0	15	7	7
Herning Blue Fox	3	1	1	0	1	10	7	5
SG Cortina	3	1	0	1	1	8	16	4
Ferencvarosi	3	0	1	0	2	10	13	2



Cardiff (white) edged Katowice, 3-2, in the final round of play of the Continental Cup.



Cardiff hosted the final round of the 2024 Continental Cup.

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
Adler Mannheim	6	5	0	1	0	21	9	16
Vaxjo Lakers	6	4	2	0	0	29	13	16
Lukko	6	5	0	0	1	21	14	15
Farjestad BK	6	4	1	0	1	26	11	14
Skelleftea AIK	6	4	0	0	2	18	11	12
Ilves	6	3	1	1	1	22	18	12
Geneve-Servette HC	6	3	1	0	2	25	14	11
Pelicans	6	3	1	0	2	23	15	11
Vitkovice Ridera	6	2	2	1	1	19	14	11
Red Bull Munchen	6	3	0	1	2	22	16	10
Dynamo Pardubice	6	3	0	1	2	20	14	10
Ocelari Trinec	6	3	0	1	2	21	17	10
EHC Biel-Bienne	6	3	0	1	2	19	17	10
HC Innsbruck	6	3	0	0	3	18	26	9
ERC Ingolstadt	6	3	0	0	3	13	22	9
SC Rapperswil-Jona Lakers	6	2	1	1	2	21	22	9
Belfast Giants	6	2	1	1	3	10	13	8
Tappara	6	1	2	2	3	18	17	7
Dragons de Rouen	6	2	0	0	4	16	26	6
Red Bull Salzburg	6	1	0	0	4	9	17	4
Stavanger Oilers	6	1	0	0	4	14	25	4
HC Bolzano	6	0	0	0	5	7	26	1
Aalborg Pirates	6	0	0	0	5	9	31	1
HC Kosice	6	0	0	0	6	9	22	0

ROUND OF 16 (2 GAMES, TOTAL GOALS)

Score	
SC Rapperswil-Jona Lakers 7-Adler Mannheim 2	(4-1, 3-1)
Vaxjo Lakers 7-ERC Ingolstadt 4	(4-1, 3-3)
Lukko 4-HC Innsbruck 3 (OT)	(2-2, 2-1)
Farjestad BK 11-EHC Biel-Bienne 7	(5-3, 6-4)
Skelleftea AIK 8-Ocelari Trinec 6	(3-4, 5-2)
Dynamo Pardubice 5-Ilves 3	(3-1, 2-2)
Geneve-Servette HC 5-Red Bull Munchen 4	(2-3, 3-1)
Vitkovice Ridera 4-Pelicans 1	(3-0, 1-1)

QUATER - FINALS

Score	
Geneve-Servette HC 6-Vaxjo Lakers 4	(4-1, 2-3)
Lukko 8-Dynamo Pardubice 7	(6-4, 2-3)
Skelleftea AIK 7-Farjestad BK 5	(3-4, 4-1)
Vitkovice Ridera 6-SC Rapperswil-Jona Lakers 3	(1-2, 5-1)

SEMI-FINALS (2 GAMES, TOTAL GOALS)

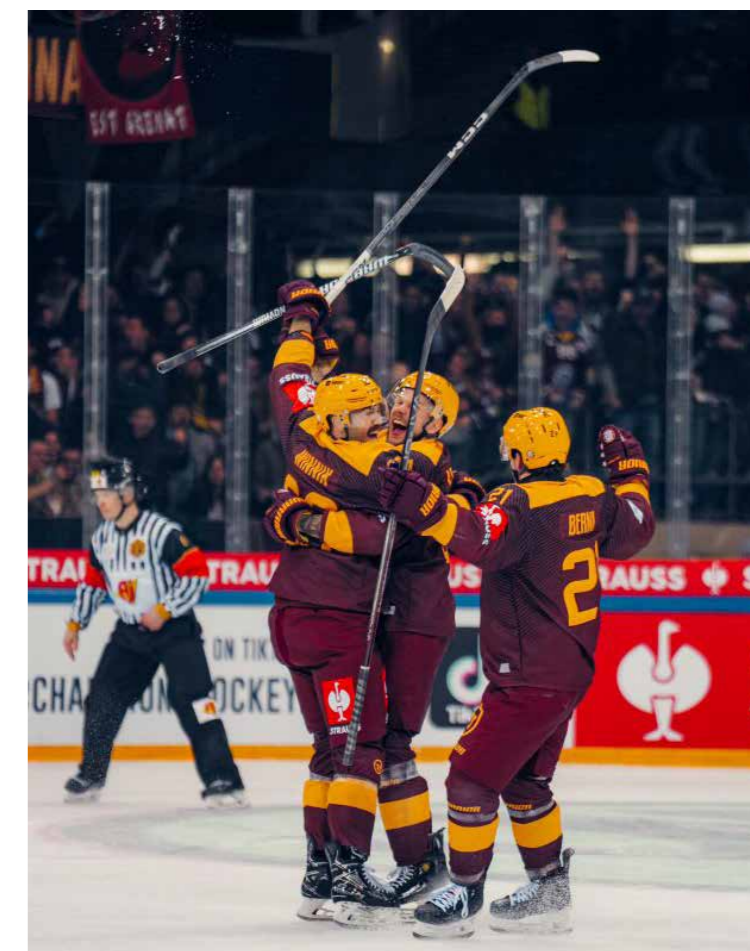
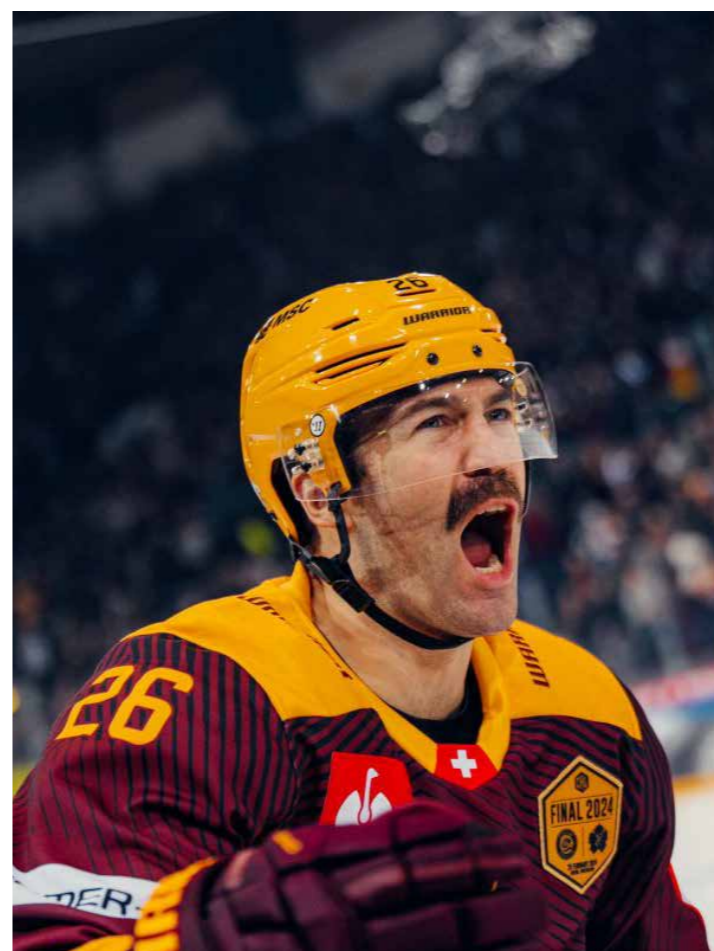
Score	
Geneve-Servette HC 5-Lukko 4	(2-2, 3-2)
Skelleftea AIK 5-Vitkovice Ridera 4	(4-2, 1-2)

FINALS

Geneve-Servette HC 3-Skelleftea AIK 2



Swiss club Geneve-Servette (dark) edged Skelleftea (Sweden) by a 3-2 score to win the 2024 Champions Hockey League title for the first time.





Iran [white] went a perfect 4-0 to win the Women's Asia and Oceania Cup in Bishkek.

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA AND OCEANIA CUP

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN — 24-30 MARCH 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
IRI	4	4	0	0	0	36	0	12
PHI	4	3	0	0	1	17	10	9
UAE	4	2	0	0	2	10	24	6
IND	4	1	0	0	3	7	22	3
KGZ	4	0	0	0	4	11	25	0



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AND OCEANIA
CUP
KYRGYZSTAN
Bishkek

2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 ASIA AND OCEANIA CUP

TASHKENT & SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN — 23-30 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
UZB	4	4	0	0	0	72	5	12
THA	4	3	0	0	1	118	7	9
IRI	4	2	0	0	2	36	43	6
MAS	4	1	0	0	3	17	75	3
KUW	4	0	0	0	4	3	116	0

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
MGL	4	4	0	0	0	90	7	12
UAE	4	3	0	0	1	51	14	9
IND	4	2	0	0	2	7	53	6
MAC	4	1	0	0	3	5	71	3
INA	4	0	0	0	4	4	12	0

PLAYOFF ROUND

SEMI-FINALS

Game	Score
UZB-UAE	12-0
MGL-THA	4-7



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AND OCEANIA
CUP
UZBEKISTAN
Tashkent-Samarkand

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
MGL-UAE	4-2

7TH-PLACE GAME

Game	Score
MAS-MAC	8-6

5TH-PLACE GAME

Game	Score
IRI-IND	14-2

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
UZB-THA	2-1

Uzbekistan edged Thailand, 2-1, to win the men's U18 Asia and Oceania Cup.



ROUND 1 – CANCELLED**ROUND 2 – GROUP K**

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND – 14-17 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
EST	3	3	0	0	0	36	2	9
ISL	3	2	0	0	1	13	9	6
RSA	3	1	0	0	2	6	19	3
BUL	3	0	0	0	3	4	29	0

ROUND 2 – GROUP L

TILBURG, NETHERLANDS – 14-17 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ESP	3	3	0	0	0	24	6	9
NED	3	2	0	0	1	34	7	6
GEO	3	1	0	0	2	13	13	3
THA	3	0	0	0	3	3	48	0

ROUND 2 – GROUP M

BELGRADE, SERBIA – 14-17 DECEMBER 2023

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SRB	3	3	0	0	0	15	0	9
CRO	3	2	0	0	1	12	7	6
TPE	3	1	0	0	2	4	13	3
TUR	3	0	0	0	3	3	14	0

ROUND 3 – GROUP G

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – 8-10 FEBRUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
JPN	3	3	0	0	0	14	8	9
HUN	3	2	0	0	1	15	6	6
LTU	3	1	0	0	2	7	13	3
ESP	3	0	0	0	3	6	15	0

ROUND 3 – GROUP H

CARDIFF, GREAT BRITAIN – 8-11 FEBRUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GBR	3	3	0	0	0	28	5	9
ROU	3	2	0	0	1	14	8	6
CHN	3	1	0	0	2	9	21	3
SRB	3	0	0	0	3	5	22	0

ROUND 3 – GROUP J

SOSNOWIEC, POLAND – 8-10 FEBRUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
UKR	3	2	1	0	0	12	5	8
KOR	3	1	1	0	1	7	8	5
POL	3	1	0	2	0	8	6	5
EST	3	0	0	0	3	5	13	0



Great Britain (blue) emerged from Group H of Men's Olympic qualifying, thanks in part to a 10-1 win over China..

FINAL ROUND – GROUP D

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA – 29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SVK	3	3	0	0	0	12	5	9
KAZ	3	2	0	0	1	8	6	6
AUT	3	0	1	0	2	6	7	2
HUN	3	0	0	1	2	8	16	1

FINAL ROUND – GROUP E

RIGA, LATVIA – 29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
LAT	3	3	0	0	0	14	5	9
FRA	3	2	0	0	1	14	8	6
SLO	3	1	0	0	2	9	11	3
UKR	3	0	0	0	3	5	18	0

FINAL ROUND – GROUP F

AALBORG, DENMARK – 29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
DEN	3	2	1	0	0	10	4	8
NOR	3	2	0	0	1	11	8	6
GBR	3	1	0	0	2	6	10	3
JPN	3	0	0	1	2	6	11	1

DEVELOPMENT CUP — MEN

The Development Cup was initiated in 2016 by the President of the Irish Ice Hockey Association and the Ice Hockey Federation of Andorra. It was established to provide an international event for IIHF Associate Members. The six participating teams are the ones that are closest to meeting the Minimum Participation Standards needed to compete in the IIHF World Championship Program.

PREVIOUS MEDALLISTS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2023	LIE	ARG	COL
2022	COL	LIE	IRL
2018	MKD	POR	IRL
2017	MAR	IRL	POR

2024 IIHF MEN'S DEVELOPMENT CUP BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA — 23-29 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
IRL	5	5	0	0	0	52	11	15
POR	5	4	0	0	1	35	24	12
COL	5	3	0	0	2	34	23	9
ARG	5	2	0	0	3	41	32	6
GRE	4	0	0	0	4	8	41	0
BRA	4	0	0	0	4	5	44	0



Ireland won the Development Cup with a perfect 5-0 record in Bratislava.



DEVELOPMENT CUP — WOMEN

2024 IIHF WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CUP KRYNICA ZDROJ, POLAND — 16-19 APRIL 2024

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
COL	3	3	0	0	0	16	8	9
ARG	3	2	0	0	1	18	10	6
IRI	3	1	0	0	2	7	8	3
IRL	3	0	0	0	3	8	23	0

SEMI-FINALS

Game	Score
COL-IRL	8-1
ARG-IRI	2-1

BRONZE MEDAL GAME	Score
IRI-IRL	3-1

GOLD MEDAL GAME	Score
COL-ARG	6-2



Iran (top, in black) and Columbia (below, yellow) faced off in the women's Development Cup, Columbia winning 8-1 in the semi-finals en route to the title.



YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES — MEN

GANGWON, KOREA — 26-31 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CZE	2	2	0	0	0	9	7	6
USA	2	0	1	0	1	10	10	3
SVK	2	0	0	1	1	6	8	1

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	2	2	0	0	0	12	1	6
FIN	2	1	0	0	1	4	5	3
KOR	2	0	0	0	2	1	11	0

PLAYOFF ROUND

SEMI-FINALS

Game	Score
CZE-FIN	3-1
CAN-USA	5-6 (PSS)

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
FIN-CAN	5-4 (PSS)

GANGWON 2024



GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
USA-CZE	4-0

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES — WOMEN

GANGWON, KOREA — 26-31 JANUARY 2024

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SWE	2	1	1	0	0	7	2	5
JPN	2	1	0	1	0	6	3	4
NOR	2	0	0	0	2	2	10	0

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SUI	2	2	0	0	0	4	1	6
GER	2	1	0	0	1	5	2	3
FRA	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	0

PLAYOFF ROUND

SEMI-FINALS

Game	Score
SWE-GER	6-1
SUI-JPN	1-2

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

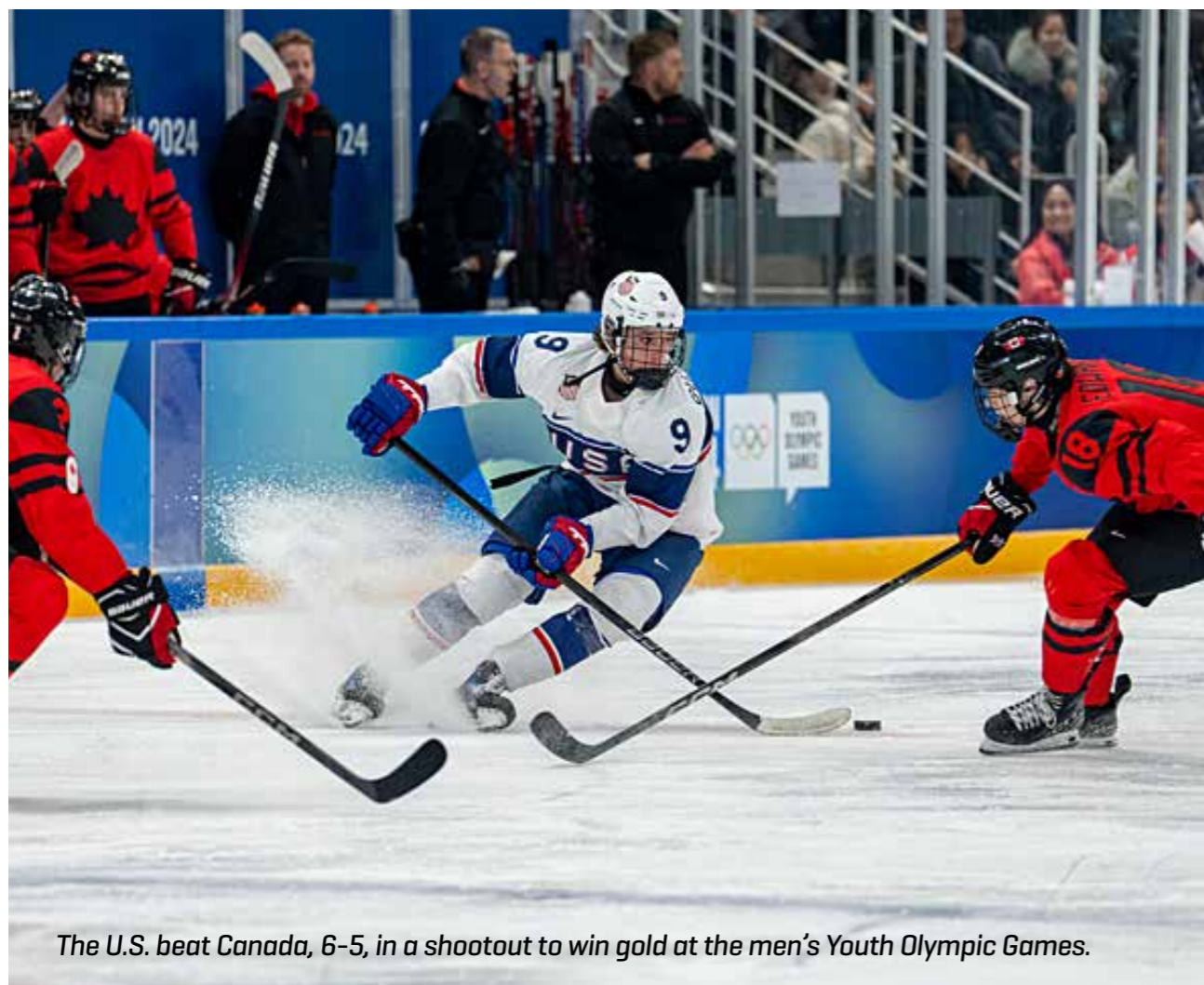
Game	Score
SUI-GER	1-3

GANGWON 2024



GOLD MEDAL GAME

Game	Score
SWE-JPN	4-0



The U.S. beat Canada, 6-5, in a shootout to win gold at the men's Youth Olympic Games.



Norway (red) couldn't keep up with the Swedes during the preliminary round while Sweden went on to win gold on the women's side of the Youth Olympic Games.



IIHF CONTRIBUTORS' AWARD CEREMONY



Eight members of the Czech 1998 men's Olympic team joined IIHF president Luc Tardif (far right) for the presentation of the Milestone Award (l-r/Jiri Slegr, Robert Reichel, Martin Prochazka, Martin Straka, Martin Rucinsky, Jaromir Jagr, coach Slavomir Lener).

IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The IIHF staged its Contributors' Award Ceremony in Prague on semi-finals Saturday kicking off a two-day festival honouring the legends of international hockey.

On this day the ceremonies were for the Bibi Torriani and Paul Loicq Awards, the IIHF Media Award, the Milestone Award, and the Johan Ballue Award.

Given that two Czech cities (Prague and Ostrava) were co-hosting this year's IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the Milestone Award got special attention. The recipient was the 1998 Czech Olympic men's hockey team, which captured the gold medal at the first Winter Games with full NHL participation.



IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Milestone Award goes periodically to teams that have made a significant contribution to international hockey history, and the Nagano champs certainly fit that description. Backstopped by legendary goalie Dominik Hasek, they upset the favoured Americans, Canadians, and Russians en route to their country's first Olympic title ever. Heroes of '98 on stage included Jagr, Robert Reichel, Martin Rucinsky, Martin Prochazka, and Jiri Slegr, among others.

"Everybody expected a final between the U.S. and Canada," Slegr recalled in a speech on behalf of the team. "But we knew what we wanted. We wanted to win. We made a revolution in our country. All the people in our country were proud of us. One man I must mention, because he's not here: [the late coach] Ivan Hlinka. He made this group work, and I want to thank him, because he deserves it."

The inaugural IIHF Media Award went to Al Michaels. The longtime U.S. sports broadcaster is best-known for his call of "Do you believe in miracles?" during the U.S.'s 4-3 upset over the Soviet Union at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. Michaels, now 79, also covered everything from the Super Bowl to the World Series, but his climactic words during the "Miracle on Ice" are a big part of why Sports Illustrated named the victory the "greatest sports moment of the 20th century."

"It served to galvanize my whole country at a time when the United States needed a big emotional boost, and it came from, of all things, a hockey team," Michaels said in a statement delivered by USA Hockey president Mike Trimboli.

Dezso Varga got the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award – celebrating excellence among nations outside the elite – for his outstanding contributions to Romanian

hockey. A former national team captain, he is the only Romanian to play in three Olympics (1964, 1968, 1976), and also suited up at his country's lone top-level Worlds in 1977, racking up three points in a 5-4 upset over the Americans.

The two-time national champion with Miercurea Ciuc (1960, 1963), now 85, could not attend due to health reasons. So Romanian Ice Hockey Federation president Atilla Ferenc-Nagy delivered Varga's statement, which focused on life lessons: "Ever since I was a small boy, hockey has been my greatest passion, and I'm forever grateful for what the game has given me. Hockey made me disciplined and focused by giving me goals in life. Hockey taught me that success is not just about me, but about working with others. Be humble in victory, acknowledge defeat with grace. Regardless of the score, there was always the passion, and I believe it translated to a greater passion for life."

Anatolii Brezvin, the longtime President of the Ukraine Ice Hockey Federation (2006-2020), received the Paul Loicq Award for outstanding service to international hockey. His numerous achievements include spearheading the building of some 60 hockey arenas across Ukraine, hosting Division I-A and I-B events, and establishing a women's national team program and youth hockey programs.

Brezvin, in his next chapter as an Honorary President, also helped to keep thousands of Ukrainian hockey players safe after the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"As our beloved Ukraine is enduring the worst, with adults and children dying, the game of hockey is especially important for our children," said Brezvin, who repeatedly thanked the IIHF and other hockey federations for standing behind Ukraine. "It helps to preserve their physical and mental health while facing the horrors of war. For us, the support of the international community is an important step toward peace. We believe in the power of sport and the friendship of the international community."

The IIHF Hall of Fame Class of 2024 (l-r/Melvin Ravndalen [representing Natalie Darwitz], Rene Nummelin [representing father, Petteri], Igor Liba, Jaroslav Pouzar, Mel Davidson, Ryan Smyth, Kenny Jonsson, Jaromir Jagr).



IIHF HALL OF FAME HONOURS EIGHT

The IIHF held its annual Hall of Fame induction at the Clarion Hotel in Prague on medal day, May 26, 2024, honouring seven Players and one Builder. Players Natalie Darwitz (USA), Jaromir Jagr (CZE), Kenny Jonsson (SWE), Igor Liba (CZE), Petteri Nummelin (FIN), Jaroslav Pouzar (CZE), and Ryan Smyth (CAN) were joined by Canada's Mel Davidson, who was inducted as a Builder.

The eight newest Honoured Members brings the total count to 244 members in the IIHF Hall of Fame, which was established in 1997.

Davidson coached the Canadians to gold medals at both the 2006 and 2010 Olympics as well as the 2007 Women's Worlds, arguably the greatest women's team ever. Her speech was thoughtful and thought provoking.

"To the people in this room," she said, "I encourage you to step back, reflect on your role in developing the present day and future generations of women in sport and hockey. You have the power to open doors, make recommendations, and provide opportunities, or not. I hope you choose to normalize women as leaders"

and players in the game...Look at the world through their eyes and use your influence to provide them with opportunities...Women in hockey provides a visibility that we can use to make society better, to make it safer, to make it more inclusive, and as we like to say, a place for all. In our roles in the game, we have a huge responsibility, and we do that by our actions, language, and decisions. Winning games, scoring goals, making saves, is only a small part of making a difference."

Jagr is a legend, plain and simple, and even at age 52 he still plays some games for his club team, Kladno. His last appearance with the national team was eight years ago, here in Prague, where he was named tournament MVP at the Men's World Championship, the culmination of a career that started in 1990 when he helped Czechoslovakia win a bronze medal at the World Junior Championship.

"I have a lot of people to thank, but I'd like to start with my coach, Ivan Hlinka, who passed away 20 years ago. When he coached me in Pittsburgh he said, if you want to be great, you have to know the history of your game. I remember that very well, and thinking that what he is trying to say is that every kid needs an idol. And when I was watching the World Championships and the Olympics, I was looking for an idol. I was looking for someone to say, he's a great player, I want to be like him. And I started with Mario Lemieux, Ron Francis, Paul Coffey. Then Hakan Loob, Jarri Kurri, who was my favourite guy when I was young. I wanted to be a goalscorer like him. But also Czech legends Jaroslav Pouzar, Igor Liba, Nedomansky, Martinec, Novy, Pospisil. I loved them all. They're the reasons I became the player I became."

Defender Kenny Jonsson of Sweden joins brother Jorgen as an Honoured Member. Kenny was one of the youngest players on a Sweden team that won Olympic gold in Lillehammer in 1994, and, incredibly, he won a second Olympic gold 12 years later in Turin. He also won gold at the 2006 Men's Worlds, the first time a team had achieved the golden double in one season.

"It is a great honour and with enormous pride that I stand here today. That my name would be associated with the very best players of all time is a little unreal for me. My motto was to have fun on the ice and do my very best every time I put my skates on...To my brother Jorgen, we competed every day, about everything. We probably drove each other crazy many times but I also think that helped us push each other to be better and better. We went in different directions, but we also won championships together, including two Olympic golds. That is amazing."

Liba rose to prominence in the early 1980s when he helped the Czechs win three consecutive silver medals—at the 1982 and 1983 Men's Worlds and 1984 Olympics. His crowning glory came a year and a half later, when the Czechs won World Championship gold after beating the Soviet Union, United States, and Canada in the medal round.

"I owe my success to many coaches and teammates too numerous to mention here. In the 1980s coach Ludec Bukac helped re-build the national team, and I was part of that when it reached its peak in 1985 when we became world champions. I'm very happy to be honoured in Prague, which I associate with the best years of my career."

Pouzar had tremendous success with the national team, winning gold at the 1976 and '77 Men's Worlds, seven medals in all. He later joined the Edmonton Oilers in the NHL at age 30, helping them win three Stanley Cups in 1984, '85, and '87 while playing on a line with Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri.

"I first played for the national team in 1972 at the Izvestia tournament, and in 1982 at the age of 30 I left for Edmonton when I retired from the national team. It was not easy. There were language barriers and I was one of the oldest players, but they welcomed me and made me feel part of the team, so I thank them very much."

Smyth was the man many called "Captain Canada." He played in eight Men's Worlds for his country, winning two gold and a silver while wearing the "C" on five occasions. He also won gold at the 1995 World Juniors and 2002 Olympics as well as a championship with Canada at the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

"If I could give one piece of advice to the players today, it would be to savour and cherish every moment because it goes by way too fast. Take it all in, and don't take the opportunity for granted."

Darwitz represented the U.S. at eleven straight events between 1999 and 2010, winning three gold medals and five silver at the Women's World Championship and two silver and a bronze in three Olympics. She was unable to attend because her PWHL team, Minnesota, is playing in the Walter Cup finals tonight. She was represented by her high school hockey coach, Melvin Ravndalen.

Petteri Nummelin represented Suomi a staggering 15 times at the Men's World Championship. None, however, was more memorable than his debut in 1995, when he helped Finland win its first ever gold medal in that tournament. He also was unable to attend and was represented by his son, Rene.



HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Hockey Hall of Fame hosted its annual induction ceremonies in Toronto on November 14, 2023, honouring seven new members for their contributions to the game both in the NHL and internationally.

The roster of new names joining the pantheon of greats included Caroline Ouellette, who was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame earlier in the year, three goalies—Henrik Lundqvist (SWE), Tom Barrasso (USA), and Mike Vernon (CAN)—coach Ken Hitchcock (CAN) and GM Pierre Lacroix (CAN) as Builders, and Pierre Turgeon (CAN) also in the Players' category.

Henrik Lundqvist was one of three goalies inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in November 2023.



Caroline Ouellette was another HHOF inductee just a few months after being similarly honoured by the IIHF Hall of Fame.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Ouellette's story is a familiar one to international hockey fans. Between 1999 and 2015 she played in three Olympics and 12 Women's World Championships, winning four gold in the former and six gold and six silver in WW play.

"Thank you to the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee for believing that I belong with the greats of our game," she said during her speech. "I truly believe there are so many women worthy of this great honour... Growing up, I played with boys from 9 to 17 years old and all those years I was the only girl on my team. I heard all sorts of name calling, but these challenges helped me appreciate how lucky I was to play hockey. At age 15, I was invited to my first Team Quebec camp, and although I wasn't as good as the other girls it became my only goal, my purpose for everything I do."

Lundqvist can boast of an impressive resume both in IIHF play and in the NHL, but surely the crowning glory of his career came in 2006 when he backstopped Tre Kronor to Olympic gold in Turin. Additionally, he played in five Men's World Championships, three Olympics in total, two World Juniors, one U18, and the 2016 World Cup.

"I want to thank my coaches over all the years but one in particular, Benoit Allaire, who was my coach for 15 years. Every day he inspired me in so many ways. He made it fun. He was the best coach, the best friend I could ask for."

Barrasso had his finest moments for Team USA in the 1980s, playing in the 1983 World Juniors and 1986 Men's Worlds. Around this time, he also played at both the 1984 and '87 Canada Cup tournaments, and his final appearance came in 2002 in Salt Lake as part of the silver-medal-winning U.S. team.

"No one gets here alone," Barrasso said. "You need love. You need support, and most of all you need opportunity... No matter your skill, you need people to give you opportunity... Scotty Bowman had the courage to start an 18-year-old goalie in the season opener in 1983, and my career was on my way... In 1991, the Pittsburgh Penguins were rebuilding around Mario Lemieux, and the GM was Tony Esposito, who traded for me. He believed in me... And in 2001, Craig Patrick selected me to be part of the Olympic team. Being an Olympian was a highlight of my lifetime, and I put that right beside my two Stanley Cups."

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Vernon represented Canada only twice but won medals both times. He played at the 1983 World Juniors, winning bronze, and in 1991 he appeared at the Men's Worlds, taking home a silver. In the NHL, Vernon has the distinction of winning two Stanley Cups with different teams, first with Calgary in 1989 and then eight years later with Detroit, when he was also named Conn Smythe Trophy winner as best playoff performer.

"I came from a hockey family, and I strapped my pads on for the first time at the age of five," the goalie related. "I never took them off. I knew that was the position for me. It was a way to have fun, hang out with my buddies, and dream one day of playing in the NHL. In 1983, I made my NHL debut — 11 minutes, four goals against. Later, I was called up and we tied the game, and at the end of the season we played Patrick Roy and the Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup finals. I wasn't sure I could play with the best players of that era, so I want to thank the NHL and everyone who helped me go from rookie to champion."

Turgeon was a pure goal scorer, which is why Buffalo drafted him 1st overall in 1987. By the time he retired in 2007, he had scored 515 regular-season goals in the NHL over a

19-year career. His best season was 1992-93 with the New York Islanders when he had 58 goals and 132 points. He also played at the ill-fated 1987 World Juniors, his lone appearance with Team Canada.

"I was inspired to see my brother Sylvain play junior hockey, and I dreamed of following him to the NHL," Turgeon explained. "The year 1987 was an exciting year for me. It was the second time the Sabres took a Quebecois as the first overall pick... I am so grateful I was able to do something I love for so many years. I still love the game. When I see a game, I get in a bubble. All I think about is, where is that puck? I want it!"

Hitchcock is a coaching legend in the NHL, his 849 wins 4th all time. He was behind the bench for 1,598 games with five teams, culminating in 1998-99 when he led the Dallas Stars to the Stanley Cup. He also coached Canada at the 2008 Men's Worlds in Quebec City, winning a silver medal, and again three years later.

The late Pierre Lacroix was president and general manager of the Quebec Nordiques/Colorado Avalanche from 1994 to 2006, the last year a Cup-winning season.



Ken Hitchcock, who coached Canada at the 2008 Men's Worlds, was one of the new inductees at the Hockey Hall of Fame for 2023.

TRIPLE GOLD CLUB (EST. 2001)

These 30 players and one coach form the unique group that has won a gold medal at the IIHF Men's World Championship and the Olympic Ice Hockey tournament and the Stanley Cup.

Being given credit with one of these honours requires the player to have participated in at least one game of the event. Players are entered chronologically by date when the final championship of the triple has been achieved. If two or more players complete their triple on the same date, priority is given to the player who was the first to win one of the three titles. If two or more players have identical accomplishments, priority is given to the player who completes the triple at the younger age.

1. TOMAS JONSSON, DEFENCE •

[B. FALUN, SWEDEN, APRIL 12, 1960]

SC 1982, 1983 (New York Islanders)
WM 1991 (Sweden)
OG 1994 (Sweden)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

2. MATS NASLUND, FORWARD •

[B. TIMRA, SWEDEN, OCTOBER 31, 1959]

SC 1986 (Montreal Canadiens)
WM 1991 (Sweden)
OG 1994 (Sweden)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

3. HAKAN LOOB, FORWARD •

[B. ROMA, SWEDEN, JULY 3, 1960]

WM 1987, 1991 (Sweden)
SC 1989 (Calgary Flames)
OG 1994 (Sweden)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

4. VALERI KAMENSKI, FORWARD •

[B. VOSKRESENSK, SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), APRIL 18, 1966]

WM 1986, 1989, 1990 (Soviet Union)
OG 1988 (Soviet Union)
SC 1996 (Colorado Avalanche)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

5. ALEXEI GUSAROV, DEFENCE

[B. LENINGRAD (ST. PETERSBURG), SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), JULY 8, 1964]

WM 1986, 1989, 1990 (Soviet Union)
OG 1988 (Soviet Union)
SC 1996 (Colorado Avalanche)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

6. PETER FORSBERG, FORWARD • ^

[B. ORNSKOLDSVIK, SWEDEN, JULY 20, 1973]

WM 1992, 1998 (Sweden)
OG 1994, 2006 (Sweden)
SC 1996, 2001 (Colorado Avalanche)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

7. VYACHESLAV FETISOV, DEFENCE • ^

[B. MOSCOW, SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), APRIL 20, 1958]

WM 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989, 1990 (Soviet Union)
OG 1984, 1988 (Soviet Union)
SC 1997, 1998 (Detroit Red Wings)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 7, 1997, Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia

8. IGOR LARIONOV, FORWARD • ^

[B. VOSKRESENSK, SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), DECEMBER 3, 1960]

WM 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989 (Soviet Union)
OG 1984, 1988 (Soviet Union)
SC 1997, 1998, 2002 (Detroit Red Wings)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 7, 1997, Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia

9. ALEXANDER MOGILNY, FORWARD

[B. KHABAROVSK, SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), FEBRUARY 18, 1969]

OG 1988 (Soviet Union)
WM 1989 (Soviet Union)
SC 2000 (New Jersey Devils)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 2000, Stanley Cup final win vs. Dallas

10. VLADIMIR MALAKHOV, DEFENCE

[B. YEKATERINBURG, SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA), AUGUST 30, 1968]

WM 1990 (Soviet Union)
OG 1992 (Russia)
SC 2000 (New Jersey Devils)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 2000, Stanley Cup final win vs. Dallas

11. ROB BLAKE, DEFENCE • ^

[B. SIMCOE, ONTARIO, CANADA, DECEMBER 10, 1969]

WM 1994, 1997 (Canada)
SC 2001 (Colorado Avalanche)
OG 2002 (Canada)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States

12. JOE SAKIC, FORWARD • ^*[B. BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, JULY 7, 1969]*

WM 1994 [Canada]
 SC 1996, 2001 [Colorado Avalanche]
 OG 2002 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States***13. BRENDAN SHANAHAN, FORWARD***[B. MIMICO, ONTARIO, CANADA, JANUARY 23, 1969]*

WM 1994 [Canada]
 SC 1997, 1998, 2002 [Detroit Red Wings]
 OG 2002 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States***14. SCOTT NIEDERMAYER, DEFENCE • ^***[B. EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA, AUGUST 31, 1973]*

SC 1995, 2000, 2003 [New Jersey Devils],
 2007 [Anaheim Ducks]
 OG 2002, 2010 [Canada]
 WM 2004 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of May 9, 2004, Men's World Championship final win vs. Sweden***15. JAROMIR JAGR, FORWARD •***[B. KLADNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA [CZECHIA], FEB. 15, 1972]*

SC 1991, 1992 [Pittsburgh Penguins]
 OG 1998 [Czech Republic]
 WM 2005, 2010 [Czech Republic]

*Triple Gold Club member as of May 15, 2005, Men's World Championship final win vs. Canada***16. JIRI SLEGR, DEFENCE •***[B. JIHLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA [CZECHIA], MAY 30, 1971]*

OG 1998 [Czech Republic]
 SC 2002 [Detroit Red Wings]
 WM 2005 [Czech Republic]

*Triple Gold Club member as of May 15, 2005, Men's World Championship final win vs. Canada***17. NICKLAS LIDSTROM, DEFENCE • ^***[B. AVESTA, SWEDEN, APRIL 28, 1970]*

WM 1991 [Sweden]
 SC 1997, 1998, 2002, 2008 [Detroit Red Wings]
 OG 2006 [Sweden]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 26, 2006, Olympic final win vs. Finland***18. FREDRIK MODIN, FORWARD***[B. SUNDSVALL, SWEDEN, OCTOBER 8, 1974]*

WM 1998 [Sweden]
 SC 2004 [Tampa Bay Lightning]
 OG 2006 [Sweden]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 26, 2006, Olympic final win vs. Finland***19. CHRIS PRONGER, DEFENCE ^***[B. DRYDEN, ONTARIO, CANADA, OCTOBER 10, 1974]*

WM 1997 [Canada]
 OG 2002, 2010 [Canada]
 SC 2007 [Anaheim Ducks]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 6, 2007, Stanley Cup final win vs. Ottawa***20. NIKLAS KRONWALL, DEFENCE***[B. JARFALLA, SWEDEN, JANUARY 12, 1981]*

OG 2006 [Sweden]
 WM 2006 [Sweden]
 SC 2008 [Detroit Red Wings]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008, Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh***21. HENRIK ZETTERBERG, FORWARD***[B. NJURUNDA, SWEDEN, OCTOBER 9, 1980]*

OG 2006 [Sweden]
 WM 2006 [Sweden]
 SC 2008 [Detroit Red Wings]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008, Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh***22. MIKAEL SAMUELSSON, FORWARD***[B. MARIEFRED, SWEDEN, DECEMBER 23, 1976]*

OG 2006 [Sweden]
 WM 2006 [Sweden]
 SC 2008 [Detroit Red Wings]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008, Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh***23. ERIC STAAL, FORWARD***[B. THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA, OCTOBER 29, 1984]*

SC 2006 [Carolina Hurricanes]
 WM 2007 [Canada]
 OG 2010 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 28, 2010, Olympic final win vs. United States***24. JONATHAN TOEWS, FORWARD***[B. WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA, APRIL 29, 1988]*

WM 2007 [Canada]
 OG 2010, 2014 [Canada]
 SC 2010, 2013, 2015 [Chicago Blackhawks]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 9, 2010, Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia***25. PATRICE BERGERON, FORWARD***[B. ANCIENNE-LORETTE, QUEBEC, CANADA, JULY 24, 1985]*

WM 2004 [Canada]
 OG 2010, 2014 [Canada]
 SC 2011 [Boston]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 15, 2011, Stanley Cup final win vs. Vancouver***26. SIDNEY CROSBY, FORWARD***[B. HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA, AUGUST 7, 1987]*

SC 2009, 2016, 2017 [Pittsburgh]
 OG 2010, 2014 [Canada]
 WM 2015 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of May 17, 2015, Men's World Championship final win vs. Russia***27. COREY PERRY, FORWARD***[B. HAILEYBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA, MAY 16, 1985]*

SC 2007 [Anaheim]
 OG 2010, 2014 [Canada]
 WM 2016 [Canada]

Triple Gold Club member as of May 22, 2016, Men's World Championship final win vs. Finland

Finland's Valtteri Filppula receives his Triple Gold Club pin from Luc Tardif, IHF President after a 4-3 overtime win against Canada in the gold medal game at the 2022 IHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

28. PAVEL DATSYUK, FORWARD*[B. SVERDLOVSK, SOVIET UNION [RUSSIA], JULY 20, 1978]*

SC 2002 [Detroit]
 WM 2012 [Russia]
 OG 2018 [OAR]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 25, 2018, Olympic final win vs. Germany***29. JAY BOUWMEESTER, DEFENCE***[B. EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA, SEPTEMBER 27, 1983]*

WM 2003, 2004 [Canada]
 OG 2014 [Canada]
 SC 2019 [St. Louis]

*Triple Gold Club member as of June 12, 2019, Stanley Cup final win vs. Boston***30. VALTTERI FILPPULA, FORWARD***[B. VANTAA, FINLAND, MARCH 20, 1984]*

SC 2008 [Detroit]
 OG 2022 [Finland]
 WM 2022 [Finland]

*Triple Gold Club member as of May 29, 2022, Men's World Championship final win vs. Canada***TRIPLE GOLD CLUB COACHES****1. MIKE BABCOCK***[B. SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA, APRIL 29, 1963]*

WM 2004 [Canada]
 SC 2008 [Detroit Red Wings]
 OG 2010, 2014 [Canada]

*Triple Gold Club member as of February 28, 2010, Olympic final win vs. United States***LEGEND:**

- IHF Hall of Fame;
- ^ Hockey Hall of Fame
- OG = Olympic Games;
- SC = Stanley Cup;
- WM = Men's World Championship



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AUGUST 2023

TARDIF VISITS MALAYSIA

Ice Hockey in South East Asia after Covid-19 is not only alive again but also growing. IIHF President Luc Tardif officially visited Malaysia to meet government officials and to discuss the current situation as well as further cooperation with the Malaysia Ice Hockey Federation.

Malaysia has a rich history of hosting events, notably in 2017 when ice hockey was included in the South East Asian Games for the first time. Participating countries included Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines.

IIHF President Luc Tardif highlighted in his meetings the potential he sees in Malaysia, especially as another new arena is being planned. It, along with the recently-built National Indoor Sport Stadium (MyNISS), will give the country a leading role in the development of ice hockey in the region.

"With the dedication and attention the government has provided, combined with a very enthusiastic and hard working Malaysia Ice Hockey Federation, we think that ice hockey in Malaysia is coming back stronger than ever," Tardif said. "We look forward to working closely with all authorities and the Federation to discuss how ice hockey can be brought to the next level."

In his meeting with the Minister of Youth and Sports, Madam Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan, Tardif stressed the importance of future and continued cooperation. "Following that conversation, combined with the concepts as mapped out by the Federation and with the strong support from the Sport Authority, it appears to be just a matter of time that we will see even more growth," said Tardif, who also met with rink owners, game officials, athletes, parents, and members of the federation board.

AUGUST 2023

SHENZHEN HOSTS WW-I-A

The 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I, Group A in Shenzhen successfully concluded the 2023 IIHF Championship Season at which time IIHF President Luc Tardif praised the cooperation and efforts of the Chinese Ice Hockey Association during his official visit to Shenzhen, China.

"As we do with all IIHF Member National Associations (MNAs), we are offering our support to develop the sport at the domestic and regional levels, and in close cooperation with each MNA, in this particular case with the Chinese Ice Hockey Association," Tardif noted. "The development discussions started in connection with the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I, Group A and led to the agreement between the IIHF and the Chinese Association."

In his meeting with the General Sport Administration of China and the Chinese Ice Hockey Association, in which IIHF Vice-President for Asia and Oceania, Aivaz Omorkanov and IIHF General Secretary Matti Nurminen also took part, Tardif mentioned that: "The commitment we are seeing today and the positive steps that have been taken are undoubtedly behind

the turnaround that was needed. With the success of China in this event, the 2022 Olympic Winter Games have ultimately been given meaning and the legacy has become visible."

Beside the 2023 IIHF WW-I-A, the IIHF also supported a special coaching clinic in which Tardif encouraged all participants to further expand their knowledge: "Grassroots and coaching programs are essential to further develop the sport," he continued. "We know that China has a lot to do here, and we are ready to work closely together, as well as on a global scale with all IIHF MNAs".

In order to do so and establish closer contacts with all IIHF MNAs, the IIHF Development Department, based at

the Federation's headquarters in Zurich, was created about one year ago with an IIHF Asia and Oceania Office located in Abu Dhabi which offers a close contact to review, adjust, or implement required development programs and initiatives in Asia and Oceania together with the MNAs.

President Tardif's official visit to Asia concluded with meetings of representatives from the Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association, the Macau Ice Sports Federation, and government officials in which further cooperation possibilities and the current organizational and development status were discussed to take the next steps towards a sustainable future of ice hockey in Asia.





SEPTEMBER 2023

INAUGURAL U16 YOUTH CAMP

A total of 131 participants from 39 nations attended the first U16 Asian Ice Hockey Youth Camp in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in the summer of 2023, the result of a successful collaboration between the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the IIHF.

Participants from a total of 27 Asian countries took part in the one-week camp in August and returned home with meaningful memories, new friendships, and, most important, new ice hockey skills. The 23 Asian IIHF MNAs nominated players through their National Olympic Committees. Other members of the Olympic Council of Asia that are not IIHF members—Afghanistan, Bahrain, Pakistan, and Vietnam—also joined in the camp, as did Australia and New Zealand.

The program consisted of on-ice sessions, off-ice practices, classroom time, and scrimmages, focusing on coaching leadership development along with programs centred on both athletes and officials.

“This project can definitely have a huge impact on ice hockey development in Asia and is also only a first step. We will carefully evaluate and review the project and come up with the next development initiatives.” said Tony Tarraf, head of Athletes’ Development and special projects for the Olympic Council of Asia.

The first dialogue between the OCA and the IIHF started in November 2022. “I remember when the first discussions started, and now we can say that we are finally there. We are proud that it has been possible to establish this cooperation with the Olympic Council of Asia and get the project off the ground. At the same time, it has opened discussions for several areas and projects to develop ice hockey in the future,” said Aivaz Omorkanov, IIHF Vice-President for Asia and Oceania.

Omorkanov also thanked the Olympic Council of Asia Headquarters, the Sport Ministry of Uzbekistan, the National Olympic Committee from Uzbekistan, and the Uzbekistan Ice Hockey Federation for their support and cooperation in hosting and organizing this historic camp.



OCTOBER 2023

UAE MAKES STRIDES

The United Arab Emirates, widely known for its soaring skyscrapers in Dubai and its capital Abu Dhabi, has made some significant steps forward in hockey, including earning promotion last season to the IIHF Men’s World Championship II-A. The UAE joined the IIHF World Championship Program in 2012.

In his recent visit to the United Arab Emirates, IIHF President Luc Tardif spoke with the sport authorities as well as the UAE Ice Hockey Federation about their status and the future development of ice hockey on domestic, regional, and international levels.

“Definitely we can see and feel the efforts from the UAE Ice Hockey Federation which are an active member and partner in all development programs the IIHF provides,” he said. “Now, after their promotion, which is a huge achievement for their country, it was and is also time to regroup and to consolidate the programs in every aspect. As a next step, improvements will be considered and implemented where required, specifically in coaching, officiating, and in domestic leagues.”

Visits to two, multi-purpose venues in Dubai and Abu Dhabi where also on the agenda. These could provide the necessary environment for international ice hockey events and the Learn To Play (LTP) Program, which experienced a new boost after Learn to Play was held in Abu Dhabi in April 2023.



Her Majesty, the Queen of Thailand, participated in an exhibition game to celebrate the opening of a new rink in Chiang Mai.

OCTOBER 2023

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND OPENS NEW RINK

Ice Hockey in Thailand is reaching new heights. With a new rink opening in Chiang Mai which was presided over by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Thailand and with the attendance of IIHF President Luc Tardif, another milestone is set in Thai hockey history.

And with that ice rink opening—a stand-alone venue, which is rare to find in the South East Asian region—many players from the northern part of Thailand can enjoy a new home they were long waiting for.

“The efforts we see and feel from the side of the authorities, the Ice Hockey Association of Thailand, investors, and developers are remarkable,” offered President Luc Tardif, who was accompanied by IIHF Vice President for Asia and Oceania Aivaz Omorkanov.

The success the Ice Hockey Association of Thailand is widely recognized on a domestic and regional level. With Thailand hosting the South East Asian Games (SEA Games) in 2025, Malaysia in 2027 and Singapore in 2029, the rinks in Chiang Mai and Bangkok could provide a perfect training platform for all Thai athletes.

The opening of the Thailand International Ice Hockey Arena had many highlights, notably the official protocol, the unveiling of the impressive arena signage by the push of a button by His Majesty The King, a religious ceremony performed by Buddhist monks, the presence of national and regional authorities across all levels, and an impressive figure skating performance. However, the focus of attention was when Her Majesty the Queen played ice hockey with members of the Ice Hockey Association of Thailand’s national team.

“We had very positive discussions here in Thailand, and I would like to thank the Sport Authority of Thailand, the National Olympic Committee, IOC Member Madame Khynying Patama Leeswadtrakul, and everyone involved for their valuable and remarkable contribution to our sport in many ways. We as the IIHF, and the newly established Development Department, provide a completely new service level to the IIHF members as we continue to grow globally,” said IIHF President Luc Tardif.





JANUARY 2024

ROMANIA TURNS 100

It was at the 11th annual IIHF Congress in Chamonix, France, on 24 January 1924 that the IIHF admitted two new members—Romania and Italy. They became the 13th and 14th nations to join the burgeoning organization whose goal was to unify and codify the game across Europe, and to bring countries from around the world under one international umbrella.

OVERVIEW

Although Romania joined the IIHF in 1924, it wasn't until the 1931 Men's World Championship that the nation participated in an IIHF event. Even in the 1920s they didn't play at the European Championships. In 1931, they lost all five games, but Alexandru Botez goes into the history books as the player to score their first goal. They lost their first two games by shutout, and lost their third, 7-1, to France, but Botez got the historic goal early in the third period. They got their first ever win two years later when they defeated Belgium, 3-2, in the placement round, and they also played at the 1935, '37, and '38 Worlds before the war.

Romania played at the 1947 Worlds, the first post-war tournament, but didn't play again until 1961. Since then they have been mainstays in IIHF competition at the Men's Worlds, but only once, 1977, did they play in the top level. In 1976, they finished atop the B Pool standings, but a year later they won only one of ten games and were demoted. They have yet to return to the top level, but there have been some close calls. They played in Division I-A in 2003 and then both 2022 and 2023, but in each case they finished fifth and couldn't earn that coveted promotion.

At the junior level, they have been active participants, playing in the U20 annually since 1983 and the U18 since 2001. The women's side has been a tougher program for Romania as skaters have been difficult to recruit and grassroots level programs hard to come by. They have played at the lower levels of the Women's Worlds intermittently since 2003 and have twice tried to qualify at the WW18 level, in 2016, and 2017, both unsuccessfully.

BIGGEST GAMES

As a starting point, Romania's only win at the top level of the World Championship since 1947 surely ranks as one of their greatest victories. On 5 May 1977, they defeated the United States, 5-4, in a Relegation Round game thanks to the great play of the aforementioned Tureanu and Varga. Romania led 1-0 after the first but exploded with four goals in the second, then withstood a furious American comeback that fell one goal short. Varga had a goal and two assists and Tureanu had two goals.

At the 1976 Olympics, Romania finished first in the Consolation Round group, winning four of five games, including 3-1 over Japan and 4-3 over Austria, the teams that finished tied for second behind them. In 1980, one of their greatest wins was a 6-4 triumph over West Germany, a win keyed by three unanswered goals in the final period, two from Tureanu to complete his hat trick.

More recently, Division I-B of the Men's Worlds in 2019 provided the backdrop for more Romanian celebrations. In that tournament, Romania and Poland tied for first place, but a 3-2 overtime win by Romania midway through the event gave them top spot. The hero was Pavlo Borysenko, a 32-year-old who was born in Ukraine and playing his first tournament with his adopted homeland after having played the U18 for Ukraine in 2002.

HALL OF FAMERS

From 1963 to 1977 Eduard Pana played every international tournament for his country. That included three Olympic Games between 1964 and 1976, the lone top-level Worlds tournament in 1977, and 13 lower level Men's Worlds. His father, also Eduard Pana, had played at the 1947 World Championship. Eduard, Jr. was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 1998.

In 2011, Pana was joined among the pantheon of greats by Doru Tureanu, who had been a teammate with Pana at the 1976 Olympics and the Men's Worlds the next year. Tureanu also played at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, and in only ten Olympic games he had an impressive 10 goals and 17 points playing against the world's best. In all, he played at 15 Men's Worlds in three levels (A, B, C Pools).

A third member of that 1977 team was given the Torriani Award in Prague in May 2024 at the World Championship. Dezsideriu "Dezso" Varga also enjoyed a long career with Romania, and these three players form the core of the team's greatest successes.

JANUARY 2024

ITALY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF IIHF MEMBERSHIP



OVERVIEW

Italy is one of the top hockey countries in Europe both for domestic and international competition. Just two months after joining the IIHF they hosted the 1924 European Championship in Milan. They started IIHF participation in 1930, at the first World Championship, and have played at the WM virtually every year since. At both the World Juniors and World U18 World Championship they have also been faithful entrants year after year, and the same can be said for the women's teams.

Italy has hosted the Olympic Winter Games on two occasions—1956 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, and 2006 in Turin. They will add a third chapter to their Olympic history in two years' time when the world comes to Milan for the 2026 Olympics. At the World Championships, they first hosted in 1934 in Milan, and again 60 years later when the tournament was spread over three cities—Milan, Bolzano, and Canazei.

Italy played consistently in the B and C Pools starting in the 1950s and continuing into the early 1990s. There were some notable exceptions, though. In 1959, they played in the top pool and were coached by Bill Cupolo, a Canadian NHLer who moved to Milan to play and coach after his pro career was over. In the early 1980s, the team had even greater success under another Canadian coach, Dave Chambers. In 1981, he took the team to first place in B Pool, earning them promotion to A Pool the following year. They finished a respectable 7th and played again in the top group in 1982, after which they were demoted.

But since 1992, the Italians have developed a more successful program, first under a series of Canadian coaches and many Canadian players, but more recently thanks to homegrown talent. They have played in the top pool 21 times since '92, their greatest success coming in 1994 when they finished 6th at the WM.

TOP STARS

Of course, you don't play hockey for a century without having some stars on the ice and behind the bench, and Italy can certainly boast a number of alumni to be proud of. In the 1930s, their biggest stars included Decio Trovati, Franco Roncarelli, Ignacio Dionisi, and goaltender Augusto Gerosa, all of whom played at the inaugural World Championship in 1930.

Aldo Federici was probably the biggest name of the 1950s, and in the next wave of talent it was the Da Rin brothers, Gianfranco and Alberto. Roberto Oberrauch captained the team six times in the 1990s, while Gates Orlando, Lucio Topatigh, and Toni Circelli were household names. The early 2000s saw a new core emerge led by Giuseppe Busillo, Mario Chittaroni, and Roland Ramoser.

On the women's side, perhaps the two most notable personalities have been coaches. Marco Liberatore guided the senior team for eleven seasons, while the U18 team has been coached since 2016 by Massimo Fedrizzi, who also took over the senior duties from Liberatore in 2022.

BIGGEST GAMES

One of the most famous games Italy played wasn't even a win—it was a 3-3 tie with Canada on April 21, 1982, at the World Championships in Tampere, Finland. What made it famous? Well, for starters, Canada's lineup included Wayne Gretzky, Dale Hawerchuk, Bob Gainey, Bobby Clarke, Kevin Lowe, and many other superstars from the NHL. The Italians were led by Canadian-born goalie Jim Corsi, who was the best player on the ice, stopping 50 of 53 shots. Canada led 1-0, but Italy tied. Canada led 2-1, but Italy tied again. In the third, Italy pulled ahead and Canada had to rally just for the tie. Up front, captain Rick Bragnalo was equal to Corsi. He scored the 2-2 goal with one second left in the second period—short-handed, no less—and assisted on the other two Italy goals. Gretzky, who led the tournament in scoring, was held pointless in the game. It was a most improbable result.

Another game of significance came on 7 April 1991, when Italy beat Norway, 4-3, to clinch top spot in B Pool of the Men's Worlds, thus earning promotion for 1992. This was the start of the team's greatest successes. They stayed in the top pool for eleven straight seasons and also played at the 1994 Olympics. Many of these teams were coached by Bryan Lefley, and their longtime captain was Robert Oberrauch.

On February 14, 2006, Sabina Florian made women's history for Italy, scoring the team's first ever goal at the Olympics, on home ice, no less, in Turin. After being shut out in their first two games, Florian scored against Russia in a 5-1 loss.



FEBRUARY 2024

NHL COMMITS TO 2026 AND 2030

The IIHF, NHL, and NHLPA jointly announced plans for NHL players to participate in the 2026 and 2030 Olympic Winter Games. The next Olympic Winter Games are scheduled to be held 6-22 February 2026, in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. It will mark the first time NHL players have competed on the Olympic stage since 2014. The host for the 2030 Olympic Winter Games is expected to be chosen later this year by the International Olympic Committee, but the NHL has already committed to that Games as well.

The IIHF, NHL, and NHLPA have outlined and agreed to the major principles related to the players' participation, and details will be finalized in the coming months. The announcements were made at a news conference during the 2024 NHL All-Star Weekend in Toronto, and attended by IIHF President Luc Tardif, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, and NHLPA Executive Director Marty Walsh.

QUOTABLE

"This decision represents a turning point for ice hockey at the global level and marks the great return of the NHL players to the Olympic Games. The IIHF was able to gather all related stakeholders at the same table to find a long-lasting and sustainable consensus, which is the backbone of what we intend to do as sports organizations. As prime hockey fans, the IIHF is obviously thrilled and excited about this unprecedented agreement. We are already looking forward to witnessing the best of ice hockey at these upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Milano and in 2030."

—IIHF President Luc Tardif

"The international composition of National Hockey League rosters is unparalleled, and NHL players take great pride in representing their countries. We are pleased that today, after intense collaborative efforts with the NHL Players' Association and the International Ice Hockey Federation, we can formally announce that NHL players will participate in both the 2026 and 2030 Olympic hockey tournaments."

—NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman

"For years, the players have embraced the opportunity to compete for Olympic gold, and we are excited that today's announcement makes it a certainty for our members in the 2026 and 2030 Olympic Winter Games. We also know that hockey fans worldwide have long been anticipating the next best-on-best international competition, and now they can finally see some of their favourite players represent their countries and line up together."

—NHLPA Executive Director Marty Walsh



FEBRUARY 2024

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATIONS

On February 2, 2024, during the NHL's All-Star Weekend in Toronto, IIHF President Luc Tardif presented the Male and Female Player of the Year Awards to Connor Bedard (CAN) and Hilary Knight (USA). The intimate ceremony took place in the International Zone of the Hockey Hall of Fame before family and friends.



IIHF Integrity Officer Program



Anti-Doping



Competition Manipulation



Harassment & Abuse



Ethics

MARCH 2024

TURKIYE LEADS ON INTEGRITY

In an extremely short period of time, the Turkish Ice Hockey Federation has gone from having no discernable policies on anti-doping, competition manipulation, abuse and harassment, or ethics to having an integrity program that can serve as a model for Member National Associations of comparable size.

"We started our programs right after the IIHF Integrity Workshop in Prague in November 2022," said IIHF Integrity Officer Aklan Kilinc, referring to the weekend when the MNA Integrity Officer Program was introduced. As the Turkish representative at the Workshop, Kilinc eagerly took in all the information.

"First of all, I went to meet with our National Anti-Doping Committee in Ankara," he described. "In the meeting, we talked about how they could help us and then we decided to start with online education."

That season, the Turkish Ice Hockey Federation made it a mandatory requirement for all players and coaches in the Men's and Women's Super League playoffs to attend the online anti-doping seminar. During some of the playoff games an anti-doping stand was opened to raise awareness. Gifts were distributed, green pucks – emblematic of the IIHF's anti-doping campaign – were used in the pre-game warm-ups, and the event was shared on social media.

Drawing inspiration from the websites of the IIHF, larger MNAs, and the U.S. Center for Safe Sport, the IIHF's website was updated to include an Integrity page, a booklet was sent to all teams, and posters were displayed in all rinks. The posters included a QR code that links to the website's reporting page.

This past season, integrity education was added to the curriculum of the Level II coach's course, and later Kilinc met with Turkiye U18 men's national team to discuss the program, which was received positively.

"The IIHF is always supporting us," said Kilinc. "Throughout this whole period, we've had online and in-person meetings and exchanged information about where we were in the whole process."

While pleased with the progress so far, Kilinc knows there's lots more work to be done. While he's presented the Integrity program to stakeholders with Turkiye's national teams, he wants to include clubs in the near future.

"I want to provide relevant education to all of them. I will even try to include parents in this program," he said. "It's still a long process to ask a lot of coaches, players, managers, and officials to focus on an unfamiliar topic and try to get a result, but it all feels more achievable than it did a year and a half ago."

—DEREK O'BRIEN



APRIL 2024

DR. AUBRY HONOURED

When it comes to safety in hockey, the dedication and expertise of individuals working behind the scenes in medical roles has been paramount. One such individual, whose impact extends internationally, and even beyond the sport of hockey, was recognized for his immense contributions to sport.

Dr. Mark Aubry, the IIHF's Chief Medical Officer, was inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in 2024 in recognition of his work with the IIHF, Hockey Canada, and the Ottawa Senators, and his world-leading role in concussion prevention and treatment.

"He was instrumental in helping to draft our concussion protocol," said Ashley Ehlert, IIHF Deputy General Secretary and Legal Director. "He ensured that we had a concussion protocol and then also the procedures that we implement in the game with our medical supervisors with respect to concussion spotting."

In advocating for the prevention of concussions and spinal cord injuries, his work, and that of the IIHF Medical Committee, has involved examining and making recommendations for rule changes, such as those related to hits from behind.

Dr. Aubry has also developed medical mandates for IIHF tournament hosts, such as the requirement of having Event Chief Medical Officers, and the IIHF has appointed and trained medical supervisors who ensure that the federation's medical rules and regulations are followed at every World Championship event.

"He really cares," said Ehlert. "The biggest thing for me, working with Mark, is his dedication to the IIHF and to ice hockey internationally. He is really dedicated to working with us and ensuring that we have a safe sport."

"The IIHF has been instrumental in making sure that the game has remained safe," said Dr. Aubry. "There's nothing more important than keeping our athletes safe. It's really been an honour to be involved in the IIHF and keeping the focus on safety."

"When I graduated from medicine and stopped playing hockey, I wanted to be involved in sport," said Dr. Aubry, who opened a clinic in Gatineau in 1981. "I began my practice in sport medicine, so it's a natural evolution to take care of athletes."

His involvement as a physician with Hockey Canada's national teams led to his being nominated to join the IIHF Medical Committee in 1994, which was followed by his appointment as the IIHF's CMO four years later, a role he continues to hold.

Respected internationally for his work, Dr. Aubry has also been a recipient of the USA Hockey Excellence in Safety Award, the IIHF's Paul Loicq Award, and the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award.

—LIZ MONTROY



MAY 2024

COACHING SYMPOSIUM

The IIHF held a well-received International Coaching Symposium in Prague during the Men's World Championship. The three-day event (18-20 May) featured engaging panel discussions, educational presentations, and great networking opportunities for some 240 attendees.

Increasing both the quality and quantity of coaches worldwide was a recurring theme, along with diversifying the profession.

"The role of the IIHF is to help the Member National Associations (MNAs), and the MNAs' job is to help their members," said IIHF Development Director Kalle Valiaho. "The better the environment is for the athlete and coach at the club level, the better the hockey is in the country and worldwide. We have 40 different countries represented in the symposium."

"We are developing people in the MNAs with a new IIHF program: the IIHF MNA Developer program," IIHF Senior Vice-President Petr Briza added. "This week, we finished up our first year with about 40 graduates."

The vision of what a hockey coach can look like has certainly expanded. According to IIHF Council Member Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, who chairs the Women's Committee, this marks the first time the IIHF has put on a three-day coaching clinic where the last day is dedicated to women's hockey.

In a panel highlighting the worldwide momentum for women's sports, Angela Ruggiero shared her experiences. After winning Olympic gold in 1998 and winning medals in her next three Winter Games, she served as an IOC commission member, founded Sports Innovation Lab, and was the president of the Women's Sports Foundation. The Hockey Hall of Famer now works as a hockey operations advisor for the New York Rangers.

"As a female hockey player, you need to have a life after hockey," Ruggiero emphasized. "Education plays an important role. Finding that balance between hockey and life is essential, and the coach is a key person who can help athletes do so."

Other women's hockey players with Olympic experience offered insights on the coach-player relationship today. Susie Jo, a member of the 2018 Unified Korean team who has a master's degree in sports management, talked about cultural differences between North American and Asian coaches and the need to "find a balance between innovative methods and traditional ways of training."

Erika Holst, who starred with the surprising 2006 Swedish Olympic silver-medal squad and now coaches Frolunda's SDHL team, stressed open communication: "The most important aspect is trust and respect. Get to know your players and meet them where they're at." And Swiss captain Lara Stalder noted that while smartphones are everywhere in modern life, there's a time and place to back off: "We have a no-phones rule inside our team. You talk to each other instead of Snapchatting each other."

The overriding trend toward diversity extends to many different coaching roles, as program moderator Amrit Gill spelled out. Gill, who works as a Hockey Night in Canada Punjabi broadcaster and a Toronto Maple Leafs producer, described how the Leafs have successfully committed to diversity: "Our video coach is of Korean descent. Our coaching development associate this year is Indian. Among our skating coaches, we have more women than men. It goes back to mentorship, creating a

pipeline of talent. It's about attaining skills through experience, bringing people in, saying, 'Hey, shadow me for a day. I might not be able to give you a job right away, but I can help open your eyes.'"

The first two days of the coaching symposium were likewise educational and thought-provoking.

Patrick Delisle-Houde, an associate coach at Montreal's McGill University, identified cornerstones of a personal development plan for hockey players, including strength and conditioning, leadership, mental performance, and academics.

Cutting-edge athletic research was on display. Martin Musalek of Prague's Charles University spoke about "Leveraging Biological Age Metrics for Fair Off-Ice and On-Ice Performance Comparison." The long-term mandate is to ensure that promising hockey talents don't fall by the wayside simply because puberty begins later for them.

Slava Lener, the former head coach and general manager of the Czech men's national team, coordinated a panel including ex-NHLer Jiri Slegr, a Triple Gold Club member (2005), and Tom Bedard, Connor Bedard's father. They agreed that family support plays a vital role for young players, and that coaches need to reinforce positive messaging at home by teaching kids to love the sport.

There was truly something for everyone at the International Coaching Symposium, as the IIHF pursues its mandate to deliver high-quality sports education to the global hockey family.

—LUCAS AYKROYD





OCTOBER 2024

WORLD GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY WEEKEND

World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend took over the international world on the weekend of 20-22 October 2023 as another successful weekend of skating, skills, and encouragement took place in arenas big and small across the IIHF universe, including Australia (above).

Australia: Adelaide

World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend provided a fun and exciting change of pace at the Ice Arena in Thebarton, an Adelaide suburb. Twelve participants aged nine to 47 came out to give hockey a go. Candice Mitchell, the Women's Director for Ice Hockey South Australia, was excited by the recruitment possibilities: "This event is great in launching our beginner hockey sessions. It's well-timed for players to start their hockey journey in our beginner hockey leagues and/or get ready for participation in the winter season."

Belgium: Ghent

Talk about goalie love! A whopping nine goalies – out of a total of 42 participants aged U8 to 20-plus – showed up for the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event staged by the Ghent Dragons. The up-and-coming netminders got their own on-ice station for training by the likes of ex-Belgium national team goalie Isis D'hossche. The other girls enjoyed instruction from U18 national team players at the Kristallijn ice rink, followed by 3-on-3 cross-ice games.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo

This dynamic two-day WGIHW event took place at the HK Vučkovi Ice Rink. The six-game tournament was hosted by HSBiH (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and included the U18 national teams of Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia. Some 90 girls, mostly born between 2005 and 2011, took part.

Brazil: Sao Paulo

An everyone's-welcome approach served the Brazilian Ice Sport Federation well with its three-day World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend extravaganza at the Arena Ice Brasil. Interestingly, more than half of the 54 participants were between the ages of 16 and 30. Highlights included on-ice training tailored for different levels, a five-game tournament, seminars on nutrition and sports psychology, and a screening of 2004's *Miracle* with popcorn.

Chinese Taipei: Taipei

Ice time can be hard to come by in Taipei. The WGIHW event staged on 18 October at the Taipei Arena wrapped up at 23:00 – well past the usual bedtime for the 10 girls ages three to eight who took part. They were supported by U18 players who helped them get their gear on and played some on-ice games.

Estonia: Tartu

With 17 girls from the ages of four to 13 on hand, HK Sade's World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event at Astri Arena was both educational and fun. Fun fact: the oldest person on the ice was a 73-year-old woman who has attended local men's and women's hockey games for more than 50 years.

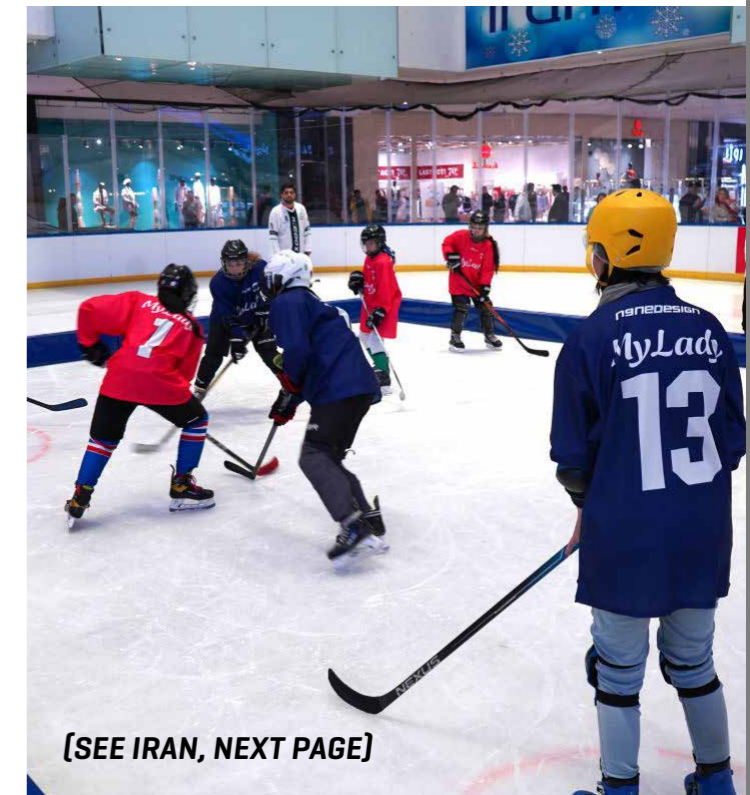
Great Britain: Nottingham

The Nottingham Vipers women's team hosted an event at the National Ice Centre in partnership with Ice Hockey UK. Twenty-five aspiring players came out, aged six to 41.



Iceland: Reykjavik

If you enjoy hot cocoa and kleinur (Icelandic doughnuts), then you likely would have found the WGIHW event hosted by Skautafelag Reykjavíkur a rewarding experience. That was the treat that awaited the 60 participants (ages three to 15) at Laugardalur Ice Rink after trying out hockey drills that involved skating, puckhandling, and completing an obstacle course before shooting on a goalie.



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Indonesia: Tangerang Selatan

The Indonesia Ice Hockey Federation's Catherine Goutama was excited to see WGIHW revived after a multi-year hiatus. Badax Ice Hockey Club helped to organize the event in Tangerang Selatan, a city of 1.3 million people.

Iran: Tehran

A two-day WGIHW event in the Iranian capital helped newcomers to embrace the sport of women's hockey. More experienced players were invited to bring a friend along to the event, which featured two sessions per day. Teams played 3-on-3 games, half on the ice and half off-ice, to enable novice skaters to participate more fully.

**Kuwait: Kuwait City**

With 10 women's national team players on hand, a successful World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event took place at the Kuwait Winter Games Club rink in Kuwait City. Participants ranged in age from 10 to 30. Puck control and passing drills, as well as some fun games, were on the menu.

Lebanon: Ottawa, Canada

The Lebanese Ice Hockey Federation (LIHF) is committed to learning on a global scale and helping girls of Lebanese descent embrace this great game. Founded in 2018 and awarded IIHF associate membership in 2019, the LIHF has headquarters in Montreal, Canada and bases its youth operations in Beirut. This year, it put on a WGIHW event in Ottawa at Pinecrest Arena.

**Mexico: Mexico City**

This year's WGIHW event, organized by the Pinguinos club and the Mexico Ice Hockey Federation, attracted 30 girls from ages five to 15. It took place at the ISK8 Rink, located at the Paseo Interlomas shopping centre at Estado de Mexico.

**Mongolia - Mergen Hockey Academy**

Mongolia's only hockey academy, Mergen Hockey Academy, celebrate their fourth World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend this weekend by welcoming 20 new girls for tryouts. The weekend has encouraged a greater partnership between the hockey school and School Number 3 in UB Mongolia, with the goal of raising the number of girls interested in playing ice hockey.

Netherlands: Amsterdam

At the Jaap Eden Ice Rink, Dutch hockey great Ron Berteling – a 1980 Olympian and Torriani Award winner in 2022 – tutored 20 participants aged six to 16 during an hour-long skating and skills practice session. The response? "Smiles from ear to ear, but really, that's not surprising," said Jenny Goessens, the chief of girls' events with IJs Nederland. "When you see Ron Berteling training and teaching little girls how to skate, as someone with 35 years of experience, that still makes me smile."

**Philippines: Pasay City**

Georgie Ann Regencia, a Hockey Philippines "Learn to Play" instructor and Women's Team Pool member, was overjoyed to coordinate the WGIHW event in this Southeast Asian nation of 114 million people. At the Mall of Asia SM Skating Rink, 15 Women's Team Pool volunteers showed up to help out the 45 participants (ages four to 42).

Romania: Miercurea Ciuc

At the Vakar Lajos Ice Rink, close to 50 participants ranging in age from seven to 45 came out to enjoy the club's WGIHW event. From on-ice training with skating, shooting, and balloon-collecting drills to a wrap-up party with tea, cake, and commemorative diplomas, it was an afternoon to remember.

**Slovakia - Bratislava and Michalovce**

In Bratislava, 17 girls ages 4-10 had the chance to meet players from the women's national team and participate in drills that will help with their reaction time, speed and agility. In Michalovce, 52 girls ages 4-10 years old hit the ice.

Switzerland: Neuchatel

The Neuchatel Hockey Academy pulled off a double whammy for WGIHW. A four-team tournament for U12 girls (45 participants) was followed by an "ice hockey discovery for girls" event (six participants) at the Patinoires du Littoral facility.

Turkey: Istanbul

Close to 50 girls aged five to 15 honed their hockey skills at a well-received World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event at Zentiburnu Ice Arena in Istanbul. After getting suited up, the girls got on-ice instruction from Turkish national team players. They played some fun games together, took photos, and received autographed national team jerseys. The excitement was palpable.

Ukraine: Kyiv

Ukraine has endured many difficult and tragic months during the current war, but World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend brought a ray of light to the capital city of Kyiv.



"Our event took place at the Palace of Sports," said Yulia Dobrovolska, the marketing manager of the Ice Hockey Association of Ukraine. "It was organized with the support of the coaches and players of the national women's team. Head coach Evgeniy Alipov and coach Alexander Nikulichev were involved in the celebration. Athletes Tatyana Kirichenko, Helen and Elizabeth Alipov, and Angelina Mayfeld also joined the event."

More than 50 girls and women between the ages of two and 41 took part in the event. Most of them were picking up a hockey stick for the first time.

Norway was one of dozens of countries to participate in the 2023 edition of World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend.

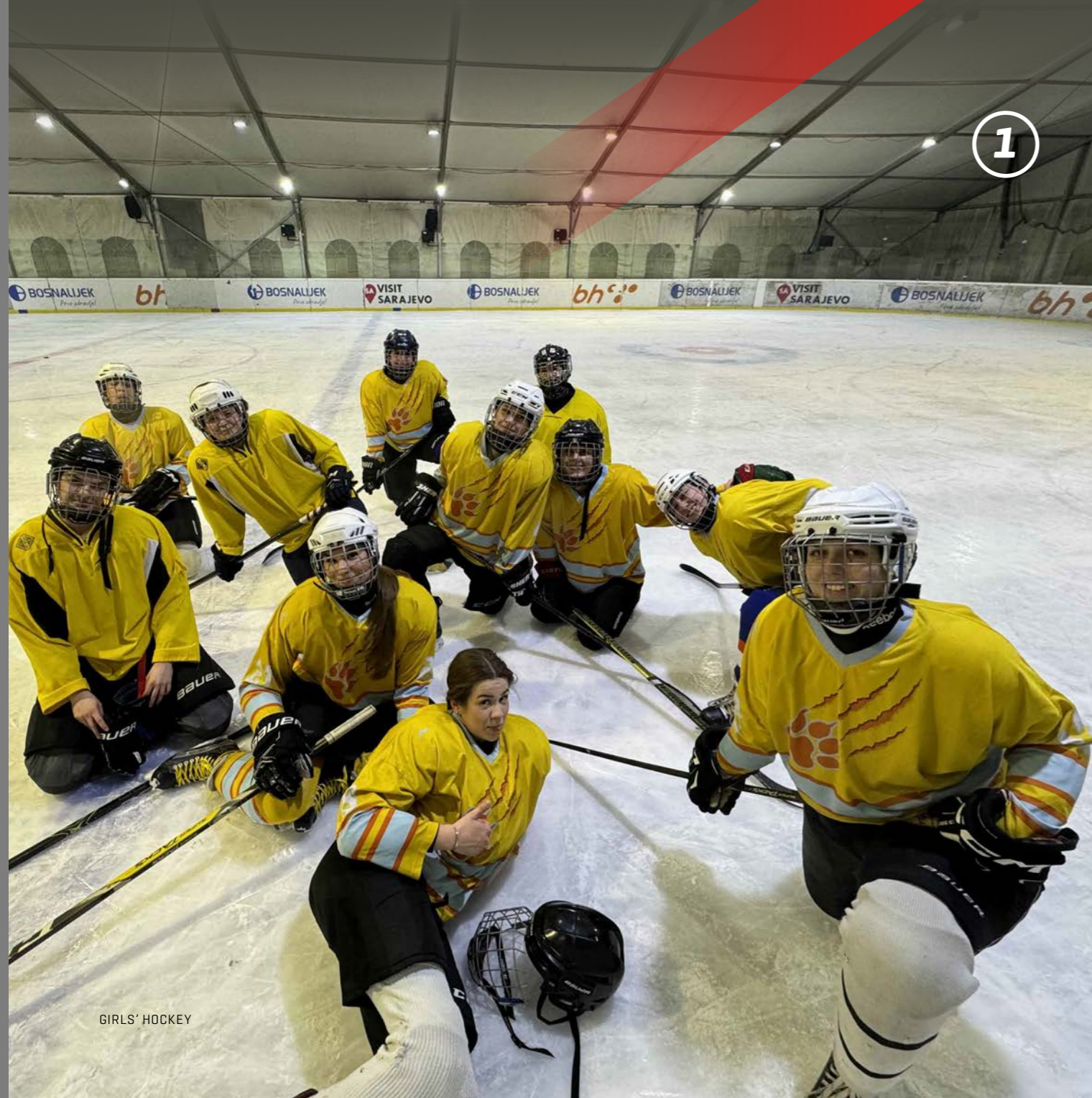


GLOBAL GIRLS' GAME

From New Zealand to Asia, Europe and the Americas - the IIHF Global Girls' Game was played on 16-18 February 2024.

The weekend-long game between the Team Blue and Team White players started with a prologue in several countries and then on early Saturday in Australia before reaching Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and North, Central, and South America.

FINAL SCORE — TEAM BLUE 195 - TEAM WHITE 178



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HOST CITIES

- Târgu-Mureș, ROMANIA
 Senica, SLOVAKIA
 Utica, NY, USA
 Almaty, KAZAKHSTAN
6 Christchurch, NEW ZEALAND
 Belgrade, SERBIA
 Sofia, BULGARIA
 Reykjavik, ICELAND
 Elektrenai, LITHUANIA
 Budapest, HUNGARY
 Al Ain City, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
 Riga, LATVIA
 Pinerolo, ITALY
 Pasay City, PHILIPPINES
 Grodno, BELARUS
 Hameenlinna, FINLAND
1 Sarajevo, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- Yellowknife, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, CANADA
 Tangerang Selatan, INDONESIA
 Kashiwazaki, NIIGATA PREFECTURE, JAPAN
4 Huarte, SPAIN
 Katowice, POLAND
 Sursee, SWITZERLAND
 Prague, CZECHIA
 Nottingham, GREAT BRITAIN
 Maribor, SLOVENIA
 Taipei City, CHINESE TAIPEI
 Antwerp, BELGIUM
5 Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA
 Karlstad, SWEDEN
 Leiden, NETHERLANDS
 Tonsberg, NORWAY
3 Muscat, OMAN
 Odessa, UKRAINE
 Montreal, QC, LEBANON
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 Istanbul, TURKIYE
 Athens, GREECE
 Bordeaux, FRANCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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To “come back” stronger than ever, to further strengthen the fundamentals, and to build upon what has been established—these were the focus points of our 2023-24 season. The present reality shows an unbelievable synergy, strategic and systematic approaches, development opportunities, and great cooperation among IIHF members in the Asia and Oceania Strategic Planning Group.

The IIHF Asia and Oceania Office, its operations, philosophy, and structured approach, not only perfectly fit into the Development Department but also set a new level for service. The customized approaches for each member are on a new level as we further work to unfold the endless potential of the region.

Reflecting on the past season, we focused on the Men’s U18 and Women’s categories. The Ice Hockey Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic provided a perfect platform for the women’s event. For the first time, we had two host cities in an AOSPG event. History was written by the Uzbekistan Ice Hockey Federation, with games being played in a 12,500-seat arena. The total attendance was a record 19,800 spectators, and the final game a record 4,773.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- 2023 OCA/IIHF U16 Asian Youth Hockey Camp with participation from 27 countries, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
- 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Asia and Oceania Cup, Samarkand & Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
- 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women’s Asia and Oceania Cup, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
- Four Growing the Game Fund Projects involving six MNAs from the region, focusing on Learn to Play, which will continue in the coming season
- Seven individual National Association Domestic Development Projects

A special highlight was the cooperation with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) with the first-ever OCA/IIHF U16 Asian Development Camp, in which we were also able to invite Australia and New Zealand. During that time, it was also agreed that we would strengthen our relations beyond the organization of the Asian Winter Games, to which we will contribute as well.

However, all our activities also reveal the challenges we still face. Expanding the pool of officials, identifying talent in each country, and working on budgets and sponsorship possibilities in each MNA are some of the priorities.

BASED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE LAST TWO SEASONS, WE WILL:

- Organize an AOSPG General Secretary Summit
- Provide MNA Youth Hockey Director Education
- Offer MNA Goalkeeper Coach Instructor Education

These three meaningful projects in our calendar for 2024-25 will improve the development of the region.

There is always the discussion about the status, demands, and direction in which Asia will develop. This can be answered very clearly: It’s in the interest of the region to ensure sustainable growth, to contribute to the ice hockey community on a global scale, and to enhance an as-yet-untapped market with tremendous potential.

I would like to thank everyone involved who contributed to the development of the region and believed in its potential. A special thank you goes to our members who are working hard every day to make the necessary changes.

Aivaz Omorkanov, Chairperson

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WORKING GROUP

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IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF IIHF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

In parallel with the 3x3 initiative, the working group has been continuously assessing the needs of IIHF Associate Members with the goal of gaining a detailed understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by these countries in developing their ice hockey programs.

The findings have been instrumental in shaping the Working Group's support strategies. To address the IIHF Associate Members' needs, the Working Group considered several initiatives, including the establishment of a central resource hub for training materials and best practices. Additionally, the IIHF is working on expanding its mentorship and partnership programs, connecting Associate Members with more established hockey nations to share expertise and resources.

In summary, the IIHF Associate Member Working Group made significant strides this past season in both conceptualizing the 3x3 ice hockey format and understanding the specific needs of its Associate Members. These efforts are set to enhance the growth and development of ice hockey globally, particularly in regions where the sport is still emerging.

Gion Veraguth, Chairperson

Under the guidance of the IIHF Associate Member Working Group Chair, Raeto Raffainer, the Working Group was highly active during the 2023-24 season, focusing on two main initiatives: establishing a 3x3 ice hockey concept and identifying the needs of IIHF Associate Members.

ESTABLISHING THE 3X3 ICE HOCKEY CONCEPT

One of the primary activities this past season was developing the 3x3 ice hockey format based on the positive experiences from the 2020 and 2024 Youth Olympic Games. This initiative aims to provide a more accessible and flexible version of the sport, particularly for countries and regions where traditional ice hockey infrastructure is limited. The 3x3 format requires fewer players, smaller rinks, and less equipment, making it an ideal entry point for new participants and nations with developing hockey programs. In addition, the format would be used for a planned 3x3 tournament taking place during the 2025 season which targets the Associate Members.

The working group has developed comprehensive guidelines for organizing 3x3 tournaments, including rules, rink dimensions, and game structure. They have also initiated pilot programs to test and refine the concept. Feedback from these pilot programs has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the format's potential, especially in regions where ice hockey is not yet well-established.



ATHLETES COMMITTEE

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 Saku Koivu - Expert



During the 2023-24 season, the Committee met several times virtually and through questionnaires. Committee members also participated in IOC Athlete sessions, and the Chairman shared experiences during a “Study on the Rights of Athletes at and around Major Sporting Events.”

The Athletes Committee was further invited to participate in the IIHF Sport Cluster meetings starting with the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2024, together with other related Committees, to determine more specifically its goals and how to align its ideas with those of other Committees.

THE IIHF ATHLETES COMMITTEE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING GOALS AND KEY PRIORITIES:

- **Promote Athlete Involvement:** Represent the views and opinions of the players and ensure that their voices are heard within the IIHF.
- **Increase Visibility of Athletes:** Provide active advice for IIHF constituencies on athlete-related issues.
- **Inspire Youth:** Engage with initiatives and projects to support clean athletes on and off the field of play and inspire the next generation.
- **Increase Athlete Interaction:** Inform athletes about IIHF activities.
- **Ensure Athlete Representation:** Represent the interests of athletes and make related recommendations.
- **Support Athlete Development:** Work with and support the IIHF and its mission to develop and promote the sport of ice hockey.
- **Enhance the Athlete’s Perception:** Work as a sounding board for the evaluation of ice-hockey rules and provide feedback to Council.
- **Strengthen Athlete Communication:** Maintain active contact with the IOC Athletes Commission and the WADA Athletes Committee.

FURTHER, THE ATHLETES COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, PROVIDING IIHF COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Consideration of ice size for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games:** There was a lengthy discussion on the traditional European rink size of 60m x 30m, the NHL size of 60m x 26m, and a compromise of 60m x 28m. In the end, the Committee favoured the NHL size, noting that it generated more offense, while the bigger size produced more play to the outside and in the corners. The smaller size also created less of a skill gap between the men’s and women’s games.
- **Neck Protection:** In light of two or three serious situations over the last couple of seasons, making neck protection mandatory was seen as an important initiative to make the game safer and ease parents’ fears about putting their children in the game. However, there were concerns about different sizes of neck guards and ensuring each model was truly cut-resistant.
- **Rooster Size at IIHF Events:** The Committee supported the proposal to have the same numbers of players for men and women.
- **Seeding at the Women’s World Championships:** The committee supported the proposal of two groups seeded by “snake system” according to the IIHF’s Sport Regulations and for consistency with all other IIHF events.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Committee Secretary and Committee members for their concerted efforts in ensuring the views and opinions of the athletes and their voice is heard within the IIHF.

Franz Reindl, Chairperson

COACHING COMMITTEE

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Kalle Valiaho - Secretary

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Sergei Zubov - RUS

Baris Coskun - Expert

Kimmo Oikarinen - Expert

Filip Pesan - Expert

Lars Weibel - Expert

The Coaching Committee's third season consisted of two on-site and two online meetings, during which time we focused on the IIHF Abuse and Harassment Coach Education Modules together with IIHF Legal Department. On-line education will be mandatory for all coaches who will take a part in an IIHF Championship/Event starting with the upcoming 2024-2025 season.

The Committee also worked on an IIHF development plan for coaching-related topics including a framework for education and Partnership for Progress seminars that targeted coaching-related topics. The coaching education framework will be a

tool for MNAs to update or build their relevant programs. The framework will underline the different areas of competence that a coach should possess, all of which can be found in the IIHF Development Hub.

THE COACHING COMMITTEE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF COACHING RELATED TO EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION, AS WELL AS MALTREATMENT (BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND ABUSE TO NAME BUT A FEW EXAMPLES).

These are very real issues for members and, by extension, the coaches who have a major influence on participants. These were not easy discussions as the Coaching Committee has never tackled these issues previously. We are of the opinion that there is a substantial need for all committees to address these issues. This will require careful planning and the participation of experts in the field to guide us through delicate discussions.

Finally, it appears that hockey life is finding its footing again after Covid-19, and we feel confident that we will have a normal hockey season ahead of us. The Coaching Committee welcomes this return to normal and thanks the IIHF Council for their tremendous leadership over these past two years of supreme challenges.

Raeto Raffainer & Tom Renney, Co-Chairpersons



COMPETITION & COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Committee had several important areas of oversight during the 2023-24 season, starting with an analysis of the structure of the various IIHF championships at all levels. Among the significant discussions focused on the idea of playing all games of a specific event in one arena, to provide a framework based on fairness to all teams.

Furthermore, the Committee created a five-year plan for international breaks on the male side of the program and discussed the creation of international breaks for women at different times, to highlight their events and to avoid conflict with men's breaks. As well, the Committee discussed the feasibility of a Women's European Championship, a separate event that would give European players more game experience which is vital to development.

The Committee also looked into the current format of 3-on-3 overtime to see if there were a way to fine tune the rules to make the overtime more engaging.

The World Ranking was also discussed during the season, and opinion suggested there could be a way to adjust the current system to ensure all games in all events counted towards ranking points.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY STARTED WORK TO CREATE A NEW SITUATION ROOM IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY TRENDS FOR ALL LEVELS OF IIHF COMPETITION, AND ON THE BASIS OF THAT TO RECOMMEND FOCUS AREAS FOR COACHING AND OFFICIATING.

Lastly, the Committee continued to explore the area of 3-on-3 hockey as an independent sport, including a feasibility study and the adoption of new rules for a new version of ice hockey.

Anders Larsson, Chairperson

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Petr Briza - Chairperson
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 Igor Andrejkovic - Expert
 Stoian Batchvarov - Expert
 Christine Duchamp - Expert
 Manuela Groger-Schneider - Expert

During our third season, the Development Committee had two on-site and two online meetings, during which time we continued to help MNAs to develop the sport. The start of the MNA Developer Program was a success and led to a new plan for the future, whereby we would concentrate on the MNA Development Plan one year and focus on developing a program the year after.

The second, bigger topic was evaluating By-law 3: minimum participation standards. The committee reviewed these standards with other committees to bring proposals to the table for the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2024. The proposals were first presented at the Annual Congress in Prague in May 2024.

The committee allocated 15 IIHF Championships where Partnership for Progress seminars could be organized. In the end, 16 seminars took in place during the 2023-2024 season, during which time topics included everything from coaching specific knowledge to integrity. The themes and itineraries were planned with the hosting country to maximize the participation. The long goal of the program is to ensure that countries hosting an IIHF event would also host a development event as per the Host Country Contract.

Additionally, Domestic Development Program (DDP) funding was allocated for several projects.

Support money was targeted for recruiting new members to MNAs. The IIHF also hosted Learn to play (LTP) seminars in Croatia for European and African countries. Those individuals who oversaw LTP programs in their countries were invited to these clinics, where IIHF instructors educated the MNA instructors so that they could produce the same clinic for local coaches. Next season the clinic will take in place in South America where American countries will be invited.

We anticipate strong cooperation between various committees in order to maximize the IIHF's development support for its members. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the good work of the Committee. We are looking forward for further intensive discussions to grow our sport the world over.

Petr Briza, Chairperson



EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY COMMITTEE

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 Denis Vaucher - SUI
 Marc Lüthi - SUI
 Jörgen Lindgren - SWE
 Anders Larsson (SWE) - Expert
 Patrick Bloch (SUI) - Expert
 Claus Gröbner (GER) - Expert
 Sami Kauhanen (FIN) - Expert

THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE IS TO DISCUSS AND MAKE PROPOSALS TO COUNCIL ON ANY TOPIC RELATED TO TOP-LEVEL HOCKEY IN EUROPE AT THE IIHF, MNA, NATIONAL TEAM, LEAGUE, AND CLUB LEVELS.

It can also express its opinion and make recommendations to other international competitions and other hockey-related topics, such as the Olympic Winter Games, World Cup of Hockey, international club competitions, and questions related to the NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association.

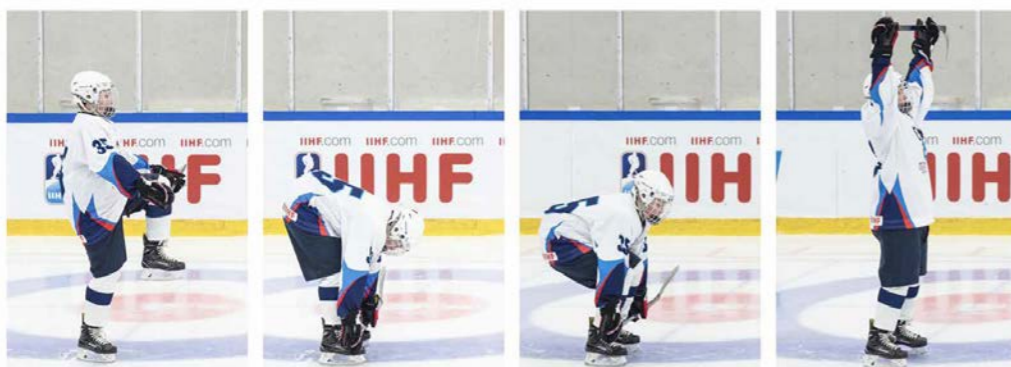
The Committee held two meetings during the 2023-24 season. Related to the IIHF strategy ICE26, the committee mainly discussed two key initiatives: refresh the World Championship structure and analyze the use of international breaks.

The Committee provided its views to the IIHF Council, other committees, and the IIHF office. Other important topics on the agenda were the potential NHL participation in the Olympic Winter Games and its influence on the European leagues and clubs, any potential World Cup of Hockey tournament and its influence on European hockey, the geopolitical situation, and IIHF Unified Rule Book.

Petr Briza, Chairperson

In January 2022, the IIHF President Luc Tardif decided to form a Presidential Task Force Group for the European stakeholders—the IIHF, Hockey Europe, Alliance of European Hockey Clubs, Champions Hockey League, and IIHF European Member National Associations—to discuss and to develop the cooperation and the coordination of European professional hockey. In the spring 2023, the IIHF Council decided to change the Presidential Task Force Group into an official committee called the European Professional Hockey Committee.

PRACTICE MANUAL



AGILITY AND BALANCE DRILLS

- Stage 1 – Agility Drills**
- Lift the knees as high as possible.
 - Touch the toes.
 - Get into a sitting position.
 - Raise the arms above the head.

EVENT & CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

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 Kwangeun Choi - KOR
 Peter Forsberg - SWE
 Alexey Kireev - RUS
 Zoltan Kovacs - Expert
 Petras Nauseda - Expert
 Igor Nemecek - Expert
 Dwayne Dillinger - Expert

The IIHF Event & Evaluation Committee met once in person, in February 2024. As well, there were numerous online meetings to discuss a variety of topics and give updates on the status of WM applications and works in progress.

During the last year Dwayne Dillinger (USA) joined the committee after Gavin Reagan withdrew. We would like to thank Gavin for his commitment and valuable contribution to the committee's work.

As usual, the main focus of the committee has been to support and evaluate IIHF World Championship bids. This year that involved the 2028 Men's World Championship, which initially included applications from France and Kazakhstan. After the withdrawal of Kazakhstan, the committee visited the proposed hotels and arenas in Paris and Lyon and organized meetings with the OC. The resulting report was submitted to Council prior to the allocation at the 2024 IIHF Annual Congress in Prague.

The committee also discussed the matter of bidding and allocation of all IIHF top-level championships (WM, WW, WM20, WM18, WW18, WM-I-A, WM-I-B). Specifically, the two WM-I tournaments have been growing to a level which makes the organization a challenge within the current one-year allocation period.

The committee also reviewed the new IIHF event codes, event-related Statutes and By-laws, the pre-allocation plan and Co-hosting rules. It proposed several amendments and additions to Council which ultimately passed after Congress approval. One such change ensured that in the future the IIHF will have operational responsibility for hosting the IIHF Annual Congress independent of the WM organizing committee. That follows the general principle that we have had for a number of years with the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

THE ICE 26 KEY INITIATIVES WERE ALSO PART OF OUR AGENDA, SPECIFICALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE TWO PROJECTS OF REVIEW OF THE IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE AND THE IIHF GLOBAL HOCKEY FORUM.

I would like to thank my Committee Secretary and Committee members for their concerted efforts in ensuring that the high standards of the current IIHF championships are maintained while we continuously set new benchmarks for performance, on and off the ice.

Franz Reindl, Chairperson

Also, the allocation of other IIHF top events are more and more frequently complicated by commercial contracts. As a result, the committee reviewed the current application and allocation process to consider any potential amendments.

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 Jesse Albers - CAN
 Ramil Nagimullin - RUS
 Michael Pfuhl - GER
 Andrei Basko - Expert
 Antoine Descloux - Expert
 Jeff Theiler- Expert
 Manu Varho - Expert
 Simon Stigenberg -Expert

The IIHF Facilities Committee focused on addressing various aspects of ice rink operations during the 2023-2024 season. This included outlining best practices for saving energy costs and becoming more sustainable, as well as consulting our MNAs on all related matters.

Together with the German Ice Hockey Federation and the International Skating Union, we have started organizing informative webinars and conferences on maintenance, energy savings, and sustainability issues. Through our collaboration, the three organizations successfully held our first virtual conference, which included participants such as rink and arena representatives from the United States and Holland, engineers and consultants from Finland and Norway, administrators and architects from Germany, the U.S., and Finland, as well as top managers from the IIHF, German Ice Hockey Federation, and ISU.

The conference was widely attended and successful, with the main conclusion being to organize future meetings in person. The aim is to create an international platform where valuable information is shared and productive discussions are held between facility owners and operators and the world's top scientists, consultants, engineers, architects, and our three organizations.

WE HAVE CONTINUED TO COLLABORATE WITH OUR COLLEAGUES FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, SHARING OUR FINDINGS AND INFORMATION.

In partnership with our consultants from Finland, "arkMILL Oy," we have finalized the latest changes to the IIHF Arena Guide, which will be presented at the 2024 Semi-Annual Congress to all delegates.

We have been invited to participate as guest speakers at hockey facilities conferences in France and Germany and served as consultants for the IIHF World Championship in Prague and Ostrava.

During our two committee meetings, we met with representatives from the Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Games Organizing Committee to discuss all topics related to facilities and their setup in Milan. Our members and experts highlighted numerous concerns and proposals to improve the quality of the hockey setup in all four venues being developed for this major hockey event featuring ice hockey's top athletes.

Viesturs Koziols, Chairperson





IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION 2024



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Jiri Slegr - CZE

The Historical Committee, which also oversees the IIHF Hall of Fame, had a busy and fruitful meeting in November 2023. For the first time, the Committee met strategically in Prague, the city that would host the next Men's World Championship, at which the IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies are traditionally held.

IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL BUSINESS, TWO MAJOR DECISIONS WERE ALSO MADE. FIRST, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ADD A NEW HONOUR, THE IIHF MEDIA AWARD, TO BE GIVEN ANNUALLY "TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY THROUGH TELEVISION, PRINT, AND RADIO."



IIHF CONTRIBUTORS' AWARD CEREMONY



It was further agreed that the inaugural honoree would be Al Michaels, whose famous call of, "Do you believe in miracles?" came to define the USA's Miracle on Ice in 1980.

Second, because the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies had gotten longer and longer, often on live TV, the Committee decided to hold the event over two days.

On day one, called Contributors' Awards, the Torriani, Loicq, and newly-minted IIHF Media Award were presented, along with the Milestone Award and the Johan Bollue Award. On day two would be the Induction Ceremonies.

The inclusion of the Milestone was significant because it hasn't been awarded in eleven years. Given periodically to a team that "made a significant contribution to the development on international hockey," the Committee saw 2024 as an ideal year to revive the honour given that the Men's Worlds would be played in Prague, and in 1998 the Czechs won their first, and still only, Olympic gold, an event that was celebrated in Prague by millions.

The Committee also agreed to keep the voting procedure for the IIHF Male and Female Player of the Year Awards the same. The process had been deemed a success and no one saw a reason to make any changes to how the winners were decided upon. It was also agreed that starting next year the Committee would once again submit proposed inductees to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, a practise that had proved successful in the induction of several members over the last few years prior to Covid-19.

In addition to the usual election of six new inductees, the Committee agreed to add two players. In the case of Ryan Smyth, he had been named an inductee in 2020, but during Covid-19 he was unable to travel. Second, it was agreed to induct Jaromir Jagr, even though technically he still played some games with his club team, Kladno, in Czechia. Jagr last played for his country in 2015, however, the last time the Czechs hosted the WM, and given his extraordinary career it seemed only fitting to induct him at home.

Luc Tardif, Chairperson

MEDICAL & PLAYER SAFETY COMMITTEE

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 Jaan Moelder - EST
 Mike Stuart - USA
 Markku Tuominen - FIN
 Walter Kistler - Expert
 Christiane Loinig-Velik - Expert
 Paul Piccininni - Expert

The 2023-2024 season brought many busy months for the IIHF Medical Committee as well as our pool of dedicated medical supervisors. With the start of the men's Olympic qualification tournaments, the championship calendar had more events than usual, but we were nonetheless able to assign medical supervisors to every event to ensure a safe medical environment for the athletes.

The IIHF medical supervisors are crucial and vital elements of all of our championships and events, not only as medical personnel who have a special focus on concussion spotting but also as IIHF Safe Sport facilitators who help create a safe space for all the participants to communicate and, if needed, report any issues or incidents. The IIHF plays an important and leading role in creating a global and inclusive integrity program, and the Medical Committee is committed to helping these important efforts.

As we approach another busy season, the IIHF Medical Committee is further expanding its pool of medical supervisors, including more female supervisors as well as a larger geographical spread.

The Medical Committee also played a significant role last year in updating the Medical Chapters of new the IIHF Event Codes as well as the Medical Guidelines. These documents will ensure a raised standard of medical care at IIHF events to further enhance the conditions for the athletes.

The IIHF and the Medical Committee will partner and lead medical research programs in the future on a variety of topics, notably mental health and female athlete-specific areas. The Committee also continues to advise on the medical aspects on the IIHF Unified Rule Book and makes recommendations whenever needed on medical and player safety measures. Plans are also being developed for a new rescue-on-ice educational video.

INDEED, EDUCATION IS A KEY ELEMENT OF RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM AND THE IIHF EDUCATES AT EVERY SINGLE U18 CHAMPIONSHIP. THE IIHF'S TUE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO REVIEW ALL THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL TUE APPLICATIONS.

The Medical Committee also makes a conscious effort to be part of the international sport medical community. IIHF CMO Dr. Mark Aubry and committee member Dr. Markku Tuominen, along with IIHF Legal Director Ashley Ehlert, attended the Sport Collision group meeting in December 2023 where other participants included the NHL and NFL, as well as representatives from rugby, lacrosse, and Australian football. The IIHF also attended the IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport in February 2024.

In March 2024, on the initiative of the IIHF Medical Committee, a Team Sport meeting was held in Zurich with the participation of the IIHF, World Rugby, World Aquatics, FIH, World Lacrosse, FIFA, and FIBA. Such meetings were held regularly in the past and the Medical Committee finds it extremely beneficial and useful to discuss shared issues and problems in person. Topics of the meeting included medical themes, integrity and mental health, anti-doping, and gender policy. At the end of the meeting a consensus was reached that such get-togethers should be held on a regular basis.

The goal of the IIHF Medical Committee remains to aid creation of the safest environment for all athletes at all IIHF events, both from a physical and a mental point of view. Only then will they be able to deliver their best in a healthy and sustainable way.

Henrik Bach Nielsen, Chairperson



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One of the most important areas of focus for the 2023-2024 season was to create opportunities for development and learning throughout the full spectrum of officiating, from individual game officials within the licensing program to officiating coaches and organizational leaders within the MNAs.

AS A PART OF THE ICE26 INITIATIVE, THE IIHF STAFF AND OFFICIATING COMMITTEE CREATED A NETWORK INCORPORATING NINE OTHER INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON LEARNING HOW OTHER SPORTS ARE WORKING WITH THE EDUCATION AND LICENSING OF INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC GAME OFFICIALS AND TO ADOPT THESE BEST PRACTICES FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON'S GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR GAME OFFICIALS.

Work was also done internally within the membership. We conducted a workshop during the Referees-in-Chief network meeting to establish a current understanding of the educational structure and systems around the world for ice hockey officials. The aim was to gather as much information as possible and to establish a starting position from which the future educational framework can be established.

The focus on development and educational activities reached an all-time high. Highlights included the introduction of the webinar series "From Good to Great" for IIHF C-licensed game officials who are about to start their international journey. This series was inspired by our current top IIHF game officials. As well, the establishment of an "RIC introduction webinar" focused on experienced Referees-in-Chiefs from various nations sharing their experience and best practices with newly-appointed RICs from small and big countries alike, the intention being to create support and a network for a job that can sometimes be isolating.

Looking back on the championship season and the events that took place around the world, the established quota system continued to provide a consistent assignment process. Feedback from game officials and officiating coaches has been positive both in terms of participation and cooperation.

Improving the preparation process for assigned game officials and officiating coaches has been another focus, especially at our top events. The IIHF has engaged external parties with expertise on group dynamic, communication, and leadership. With the support of the IIHF Situation Room, we have established a better flow and follow up around videos and educational material.

One of the key findings over the year is that this initiative has allowed the IIHF to track and support—on site, and at all the events—expected rule implementation, so that we can be as consistent as possible, regardless of level or location of the event.

Marta Zawadzka, Chairperson

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The IIHF, consistent with its objectives, emphasizes the importance of human rights and acknowledges the significance of promoting climate action as well as contributing to a sustainable environment around the game of ice hockey. Out of these concerns was born the Sustainability Committee, established to promote the social and environmental responsibility of the federation within the sport.

The Sustainability Committee held an in-person meeting in Zurich on February 5-6, 2024. During this meeting the Committee had three main agenda points:

1. Discuss the Annual Sustainability Award (deadline, format, applications);
2. Hold an online call with the Milano-Cortina Sustainability Director, during which we talked about the legacy of the infrastructure after the Olympics are over and came to an agreement about the area of cooperation between the Milano-Cortina OC and the IIHF;
3. Meet virtually with the IIHF Facilities Committee to discuss how many ice hockey arenas around the world comply with sustainability standards and the IIHF's own guide to sustainable arenas.

The Committee agreed to work with a sustainability company called "BloomUp," which will help the IIHF with our sustainability plan and CO2 reduction plan. They will participate in the stakeholder engagement process, including the maturity matrix, leadership commitment, strategy development, guidelines for events, reporting framework, and communication tools.

RELATED, WE ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE IIHF FACILITIES COMMITTEE FOR QUESTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY OF ICE RINKS. LASTLY, WE AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY AWARD, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE MIGHT CHANGE THE FORMAT.

In addition, the IIHF has joined the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework initiative, which requires sports organizations to reduce emissions and report on progress annually. To this end, the IIHF office made a calculation of its carbon footprint impact and will submit the results to the UN in September 2024.

Thanks to the Sustainability Committee, we have created a number of guidelines, notably IIHF Environment and Social Responsibility guidelines, an IIHF Sustainability vision (which outlines IIHF sustainability goals and should serve as a guide for all IIHF stakeholders), and an IIHF Manual for Sustainability for events.

WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO REPORT THAT, FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING, THE IIHF HAS EARNED RECOGNITION FROM THE IOC FOR ITS ACTIONS IN PROMOTING CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will take place online in September 2024 at which time we will discuss the newest Sustainability Award applicants.

Beate Grupp, Chairperson



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The Committee was busy on several fronts this past season. First, we helped to create minimum participation standards, re-defining and making clearer what these ought to be. We also brainstormed about structures to help developing MNAs take those critical next steps to develop growth and encourage the next generation of hockey players to reach greater heights through more ambitious goals.

The Committee also committed to help develop an agenda and participate in the 2025 Global Hockey Forum, another important initiative helping MNAs across the spectrum of play.

The 2023-24 season also saw the Committee produce a series of webinars throughout the season, seven in all. These included:

25 OCTOBER 2023: TARGETED DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPMENT MODEL

29 NOVEMBER 2023: GLOBAL PRESENCE: RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

20 DECEMBER 2023: USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE THE SPORT IN A COUNTRY

31 JANUARY 2024: GAME OFFICIALS: DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT

28 FEBRUARY 2024: HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMMING

27 MARCH 2024: NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMMING

24 APRIL 2024: TRANSITIONING FROM PLAYER TO COACH

Marta Zawadzka, Chairperson

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The IIHF Women's Committee had a very busy 2023-2024 season with several important women's hockey initiatives taking shape. Furthermore, women's hockey is a key initiative in the IIHF's ICE 26 strategy, and the Committee values its important role in creating a long-term sustainable vision and future for the female game.

However, the above can only be achieved with the active commitment and participation of the entire ice hockey community, and the Women's Committee is always keen on partnering with other committees and stakeholders. In January 2024 an important meeting was held during the WW18 in Zug, Switzerland which included the participation of the IIHF Women's, Coaching, and Development Committees where ideas were shared on a number of topics, including the restructuring of the IIHF championship program, MPS, and various coaching and camp activities.



RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF WOMEN'S HOCKEY IS A PRIMARY GOAL FOR THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, AND THE IIHF COACHING SYMPOSIUM DURING THE 2024 WM IN PRAGUE WAS THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO DO THAT.

Angela Ruggiero, an IIHF Hall of Famer and four-time Women's World Championship gold medalist, spoke about momentum in women's ice hockey and, more generally, women's sport. Yennie Rautenberg-Loya held several sessions during the symposium with a focus on communication in coaching. A session on coach and player relationships moderated by Amrit Gill from Hockey Night in Canada included a strong panel including Erika Holst, head coach of Sweden's Frölunda's women's team; Laura Brennan, goalie coach with PWHL New York; Lara Stalder from Zug, Switzerland; and, Susie Jo from Korea, a former player with the joint Koreas team at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Winter Games.

LAST SEASON BROUGHT OTHER MILESTONES IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY AS WELL INCLUDING THE LAUNCH OF A NORTH AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE, THE PWHL, WITH SIX FOUNDING TEAMS. LEAGUES ARE A VITAL PART OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, AND THE IIHF WELCOMES THE INCREASED COMMITMENT WORLDWIDE TO CREATING BETTER AND STRONGER LEAGUES AS WELL AS BETTER AND STRONGER CLUB TEAMS FOR FEMALE PLAYERS.

The Women's Committee also heavily supports the various IIHF development activities that have been created to help the national programs on all levels of IIHF membership. In November 2023, Krynica-Zdroj in Poland hosted the Women's Development Cup. The IIHF is also partnering with the Women's Hockey Partnership for Progress (WHPP) on a three-year Erasmus program with the participation of Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina,

Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia. As for gender equality, women in sport seminars were organized by a number of championship organizers last season, and the IIHF continues to partner with and support these initiatives to further female presence in ice hockey.

The latest edition of the IIHF Worlds Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend took place on October 20-22, 2023, and more than 40 countries organized single or multiple events to offer girls the opportunity to try ice hockey for the first time. Over 200 events took place worldwide, but the greater goal is to increase this number every year so that more and more girls are exposed to ice hockey.

FORTY COUNTRIES ALSO TOOK PART IN THE IIHF GLOBAL GIRLS' GAME IN FEBRUARY 2024, A WEEKEND-LONG GAME BETWEEN TEAM BLUE AND TEAM WHITE. WHILE TEAM WHITE WAS IN THE LEAD FOR MOST OF THE WEEKEND, TEAM BLUE EVENTUALLY TOOK THE VICTORY WITH A FINAL WORLDWIDE SCORE OF 195 TO 178.

The IIHF Women's Committee also saw some changes in its composition over the last season. Its newest members are Tereza Sadilova, general manager of Czech Women's Hockey, and Viktoriya Sazonova, director of women's hockey development in the Kazakhstan Ice Hockey Federation.

With the start of the qualifications for the 2026 Olympics just around the corner, and with more and more countries committing strongly to women's hockey, this is a special time in the history of our sport. The IIHF Women's Committee will be there to aid and support this development every step of the way.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, Chairperson



OTHER BUSINESS

INTEGRITY

In December 2022, the IIHF staged its first “Integrity Awareness Raising Week” with the aim of putting its Integrity program in the spotlight.

The IIHF Integrity Program was created to protect the sport of ice hockey and all those involved against any form of cheating, abuse, harassment, and ethical violations. It consists of four pillars: Anti-Doping, Competition Manipulation, Abuse & Harassment, and Ethics, with the relevant rules for each pillar explained in the IIHF Integrity Book.

A month before the first Integrity Awareness Week, a reporting system was launched, where breaches could be reported in person, via email or telephone, or via Sideline – a new online reporting form. Reports can be made anonymously.

During the first Integrity Awareness Raising Week, a series of articles was published in which the four pillars were explained and which included first-hand accounts of various pillar breaches from players. Ambassadors including Kyle Beach, Kirill Starkov, and Brandon Kozun shared their stories openly as a way to show how their experiences impacted their lives well beyond the first incident.

This year, the campaign shifted focus to the core messages of each pillar under the theme “This Is Important.” The campaign aimed to target specific demographics through cross-platform digital content that speaks to each demographic’s unique needs, and the following steps have been taken to increase the program’s effectiveness:

— REPORTING FORM AWARENESS POSTERS HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO BE PLACED IN DRESSING ROOMS AT ALL IIHF TOURNAMENTS.

— MANDATORY IN-PERSON INTEGRITY AWARENESS SESSIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR PLAYERS, TARGETING ALL U18 TOURNAMENTS. THESE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR PLAYERS, AWAY FROM COACHES AND TEAM STAFF, TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR PLAYERS. COACHES AND OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EDUCATED SEPARATELY.

FURTHER, EVERY APPOINTED IIHF GAME OFFICIAL AND IIHF MEDICAL SUPERVISOR NOW GOES THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND CHECK – CONDUCTED BY INTEGRITY PARTNER HAROD – TO FURTHER ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. IIHF STAFF AND IIHF COUNCIL HAVE ALSO UNDERGONE MANDATORY TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RESPECT GROUP, AND THIS TRAINING WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF APPOINTED BY A CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZER FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON.

The MNA Integrity Officer Program mandates that each MNA appoint a single point of contact for the IIHF regarding all integrity-related matters, called an Integrity Officer. Among other duties, this person is tasked with developing a national strategy for each integrity pillar.



Education for Coaches is another initiative, focused on abuse and harassment. Divided into seven modules, this program is designed to help coaches provide a safe environment for their players free of abuse and harassment by educating them about the different forms these can take, how to identify them, and provide avenues for reporting it if it occurs. This program will be mandatory starting with the 2024-25 season.

Designed by the International Safeguards for Children in Sport in collaboration with other international organizations, the Safeguarding Essentials online course aims to explain the concept of safeguarding, underscore its significance, and equip participants with the skills to mitigate safeguarding risks while appropriately responding to any concerns that may arise.



To that end, there is an Event Safeguarding Officer who acts as the IIHF's contact person for the respective Local Organizing Committee at each IIHF event. This person acts as a point of contact for all Integrity issues at the event, coordinates and manages communication between LOC staff or volunteers and the IIHF for matters of integrity, informs the IIHF about integrity incidents, and reports and documents non-conformities while acting in accordance with IIHF protocols. As well, a new IIHF Coaching Education component will better equip coaches to deal with abuse and harassment.

In recent years, the IIHF has invested in several educational programs as part of IIHF Integrity and its four Pillars. While everyone involved in the sport – from players to team staff, entourage, officials, stakeholders, parents and fans – stands to benefit from these programs, the unique role of coaches puts them in a crucial position in need of special attention.

"Their work with players and inside ice hockey directly involves each of the Integrity Pillars," said Frauke Kubischta, IIHF Consultant, CEO of Sport Consulting Services and former manager of the Finnish U18 women's national team. "Coaches have responsibilities and duties which are directly informed and guided by the Integrity Pillars. They are further responsible to not only know and act according to the rules and regulations but also to guide the players they work with."

While programs for other pillars are certainly relevant to coaches, a new online educational course focused on abuse and harassment is being designed specifically for ice hockey coaches, with Kubischta playing a leading role in its design.

"Education on abuse and harassment is unfortunately needed because we've all heard the reports in the media of inappropriate behaviour and misconduct by ice hockey coaches around the world," Kubischta explained.

"Adapting the IIHF Coaching Education curriculum to include education on IIHF Integrity Pillars is a representation of the changing landscape in international hockey and our society," said Raeto Raffainer, Chairperson of the IIHF Coaching Committee. "The addition of this education to the curriculum ensures coaches have the tools they need to uphold respect and safety among players and staff and to reassure a positive future for our sport."

The IIHF Coaching Education on Abuse and Harassment consists of seven modules covering themes from recognizing abuse and harassment, creating positive and effective ice hockey environments, to understanding power relationships and discrimination in ice hockey, recognizing signs and symptoms of abuse and harassment, as well as how to intervene in situations and prevent situations where abuse and harassment could happen.

The IIHF Coaching Education on Abuse and Harassment informs coaches on what abuse and harassment are and how a coach or any person can intervene and report cases of suspected abuse or harassment.

"ABUSE AND HARASSMENT HAVE MANY FACES," SAID KUBISCHTA. "IT CAN BE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR AND CAN INCLUDE NEGLECT, DISCRIMINATION, SEXISM, RACISM, GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT, HAZING AND BULLYING."

The course setup leads coaches first through information, tasks, videos, animations and a quiz on the different forms of abuse and harassment. Module 2 provides coaches with information and tools to create positive and effective environments which allow all players to thrive. Positive, safe, and effective environments provide everyone with the opportunity to be the best they can be, free from maltreatment.

While the program is designed for ice hockey coaches and will become mandatory for coaches at all IIHF World Championships in the 2024-25 season, Kubitscha emphasized that it can be completed by anyone interested in doing so.

The IIHF is further providing a guidebook and materials to the Integrity Officers of their MNAs to integrate education on abuse and harassment into their coaching education programs and to initiate live face-to-face workshops with coaches on this topic.

ICE26

MISSION

To work with all stakeholders to make ice hockey an accessible, attractive, and competitive sport, and to generate added-value for our members.

VISION

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VALUES

INTEGRITY: The IIHF is fully committed to protecting ice hockey –its players, coaches, officials, and fans—against any form of cheating or abuse. In addition, it is the IIHF’s top priority to strengthen the ethics in the sport and to tackle any ethical misconduct.

RESPECT: The IIHF, together with its Member National Associations, must strive to develop not just good hockey players but also good people. Through IIHF competitions, IIHF camps, and coaching seminars we aim to instill values of fair play and respect at all levels of the game.

PASSION: Through inclusivity and promotion of the game, the IIHF aims to instill a passion for ice hockey among all players, coaches, administrators, and fans, that will carry over across generations and grow the game.

COMMUNITY: The strength of our sport comes from our unity. The international ice hockey family is a real and tangible resource for our game, allowing our MNAs not just to compete together but also to support, share knowledge with, and assist each other with the development of the sport.

STRATEGY — INNOVATE, COLLABORATE, EXPAND

INNOVATE:

To build our capacity as an organization that excels in the modern era

- Undertake a digital transformation
- Drive new sustainable initiatives
- Refresh the World Championship structure
- Strengthen IIHF’s global presence

COLLABORATE:

To drive partnerships that serve the best interests of our sport and our players

- Develop an annual global ice hockey forum
- Increase collaboration with Olympic stakeholders
- Analyze use of international breaks

EXPAND:

To reach more players and fans through stronger MNAs and new offerings

- Build a targeted development program
- Create engaging promotional campaigns
- Develop a fresh women’s hockey concept



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IIHF SUPPLIER POOL

THANKS TO THE IIHF EQUIPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM, SEVERAL OF THE FEDERATION'S NEWEST MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO ENHANCE THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN 2023-24 WITH ON-ICE TRAINING.

The IIHF's Equipment Support Program started in 1994. It has been essential in allowing the IIHF to work with equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey worldwide by distributing equipment to MNAs around the world for little or no cost.

Suppliers include Bauer and CCM, the two largest suppliers of equipment to players, as well as Oakley, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, True, and Warrior, all of which support ice hockey development around the globe at all levels of competition. Additionally, Gufex is the exclusive game puck provider of the IIHF.



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BEHIND THE LENS

Since 2007 the IIHF has partnered with the Hockey Hall of Fame to create the best photography for top-level events across the IIHF calendar. For the 2023-24 season, those photographers were Andrea Cardin, Andre Ringuette, Chris Tanouye, and Matt Zambonin. They were asked to select their favourite images from the past season and comment about what made these images so special. Here are the spectacular results.



ANDREA CARDIN

IN HER OWN WORDS

"I selected this photo as my favourite from the year because it features David Pastrnak. His addition to the team gave the Czechs an amazing boost, both on the ice and in the dressing room. This photo shows how important he is to the team and to Czechia as a whole."



ANDRE RINGUETTE

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"Capturing a championship winning goal in overtime is always a special moment. Being able to catch it from multiple angles justifies the amount of preparation we dedicate to each event."





CHRIS TANOUYE

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"I've selected this photo of Canada's Men's U18 team celebrating their gold medal against USA because of the emotion shown in the players from a unique angle in the netcam."

MATT ZAMBONIN

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"This photo shows the excitement, intensity, and joy of what it means to Czechia to win a Men's Worlds gold medal at home. Champagne and beer spraying in the air, the coach embracing the moment, and members of the media documenting this historical moment."



IN MEMORIAM MURRAY COSTELLO

Detroit Red Wings forward Murray Costello (#19 white) played for three NHL teams in the 1950s and was later inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame for his contributions as a Builder in international hockey.

Murray Costello, one of the most accomplished administrators in hockey history, passed away at the age of 90 on Saturday, 27 July, 2024, in Ottawa. He is a member of the IIHF Hall of Fame (2014), the Hockey Hall of Fame (2005), and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame (2013), and is also a member of Hockey Canada's Order of Hockey in Canada (2017).

A former NHL player, Costello became a lawyer after his playing days and was a longtime president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (which later merged with Hockey Canada). He served on the IIHF Council for many years and was an IIHF Life Member.

"The reason I'm president of the IIHF today is because of Murray," offered Luc Tardif. "He opened the door for me in 2008 to get on the Competition Committee when he was the chair. He was always my guide throughout my life with the IIHF. Every time I had doubts or needed advice, I would phone him. He was my mentor in many ways. And it wasn't just me. It was many others. He was always there. His passion for international hockey was special. I loved talking to him. A great man is gone."

Costello was born in a tiny mining town, South Porcupine, Ontario, and played junior hockey with his brother, Les, at St. Mike's in

Toronto in the early 1950s. Murray went on to play for Chicago, Boston, and Detroit throughout the decade. After retiring in 1960, he became the marketing director for the Seattle Totems in the Pacific Coast league for 15 years, but he later moved to Ottawa and earned his law degree in 1979.

He was named CAHA president that same year and rolled up his sleeves and went to work on growing hockey in Canada. First up was improving the country's performance at the newly-created World Junior Championship. Costello created a national team in 1982 after convincing the three junior leagues to give up their players for a month, and the team won gold its first try.

"That was a hard sell," said Costello many years later. "They didn't want to give up their best players over the holidays because that's when most of the teams would experience their best crowds. We worked hard at trying to convince them because they could show what their league is to the world, not just Canada. From that point, we never really looked back."

Several years later, Costello was a key supporter of creating a World Women's Championship, first held in Ottawa in 1990, and soon after helping get the women's game into the Olympics for Nagano in 1998. In 1994, he was instrumental in merging the old Hockey Canada with his CAHA, creating one national body that oversaw all aspects of the game, from grassroots to Olympic teams and everything in between.

After leaving Hockey Canada in 1998, and being succeeded by Bob Nicholson, Costello joined the IIHF Council and became a Vice-President. He also became chair of the IIHF's Medical Committee, one of several he worked on over the next 14 years, including the Competition Committee, Historical Committee, Disciplinary Committee, and Statutes & By-Laws Committee.

But perhaps most famously Costello stepped up to the podium in 2010 at an IIHF Summit in Toronto after the Olympics and announced that the IIHF was earmarking \$2 million to women's hockey, a move that was unexpected and which received a tremendous ovation.

Costello retired from active life with the IIHF in 2012. In addition to his IIHF work, he also sat on the Board of Directors of the Hockey Hall of Fame for 18 years and was also on its Selection Committee. His was a much-respected voice, and his integrity stood as the impetus behind everything he accomplished.

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During the 2023-24 season, the IIHF oversaw some 47 tournaments and a record participation of 259 national team rosters. In addition, 58 national teams took part in IIHF senior men's competition and 46 MNAs in women's events, also records: In all, more than 1.2 million fans attended IIHF events during the 2023-24 season. Indeed, never before have the IIHF's 82 members been so active, true testament to the ever-expanding global reach of ice hockey.

