

2026 IIHF INTERNATIONAL COACHING SYMPOSIUM



LOCATION ZURICH, SPIRGARTEN
DATE 22-23 MAY 2026
MODERATION CLOÉ SALZGEBER, SWITZERLAND

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

07.30 – 09.00 **REGISTRATION**

08.00 – 09.00 **GET TOGETHER**

09.00 – 09.30 **OPENING DAY 1**
IIHF President and IIHF Development Director

09.30 – 10.15 **HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT- UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS**
S. Norris - British Canadian sport scientist & performance consultant

10.15 – 10.45 **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

10.45 – 11.30 **HOW DO WE MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO LEARN?**
T. Hartmann - Swiss sport psychologist

11.30 – 12.05 **OUT OF THE DRESSING ROOM**
Representative of the Swiss Men's National Team Coaching Staff

12.05 – 13.35 **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

13.35 – 14.20 **EMPOWERING YOUR COACHING STAFF**
J. Crum - Assistant Coach NCAA Women University of Wisconsin, USA

14.20 – 14.30 **POWER SESSION**

14.30 – 15.15 **FROM PLAYER TO COACH – LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES**
J. Holden – Head Coach HC Davos, Switzerland

15.15 – 15.30 **WRAP UP DAY 1 / PLANNING DAY 2**

16.20 **GAME 1. GER – HUN**

20.20 **GAME 2. FIN – GBR**

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SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026

- 09.00 – 09.15** **OPENING DAY 2**
- 09.15 – 10.00** **STEP BY STEP – FROM SWISS YOUTH COACH TO NATIONAL LEAGUE PRO COACH IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS**
M. Bayer – Professional Ice Hockey Coach, National League Switzerland
- 10.00 – 10.50** **SPORT-SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH: THE FOUNDATION OF A HIGH PERFORMING CULTURE**
A. Forfar - Television Host and Radio Analyst for Sportsnet in Toronto and J. Renney - Co-Founder at HONE Athletics
- 10.50 – 11.20** **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**
- 11.20 – 12.05** **EVERY BEAT MATTERS – PREPARATION, COMMUNICATION & SELF-MANAGEMENT**
Prof. Dr. René Prêtre - Pediatric heart surgeon
- 12.05 – 13.35** **LUNCH & NETWORKING**
- 13.35 – 14.20** **DEVELOPING DEFENSE: TRANSFERRING SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO THE GAME**
S. Ford - Assistant Coach Columbus Blue Jackets, NHL
- 14.20 – 14.30** **POWER SESSION**
- 14.30 – 15.00** **WRAP UP DAY 2**
- 15.00 – 15.15** **OUTRO**