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**IIHF SEASON  
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*Canada's Caitlin Kraemer tied the IIHF Women's U18 World Championship record for most goals in a period when she scored three times in the opening period against Sweden on January 15, 2023.*

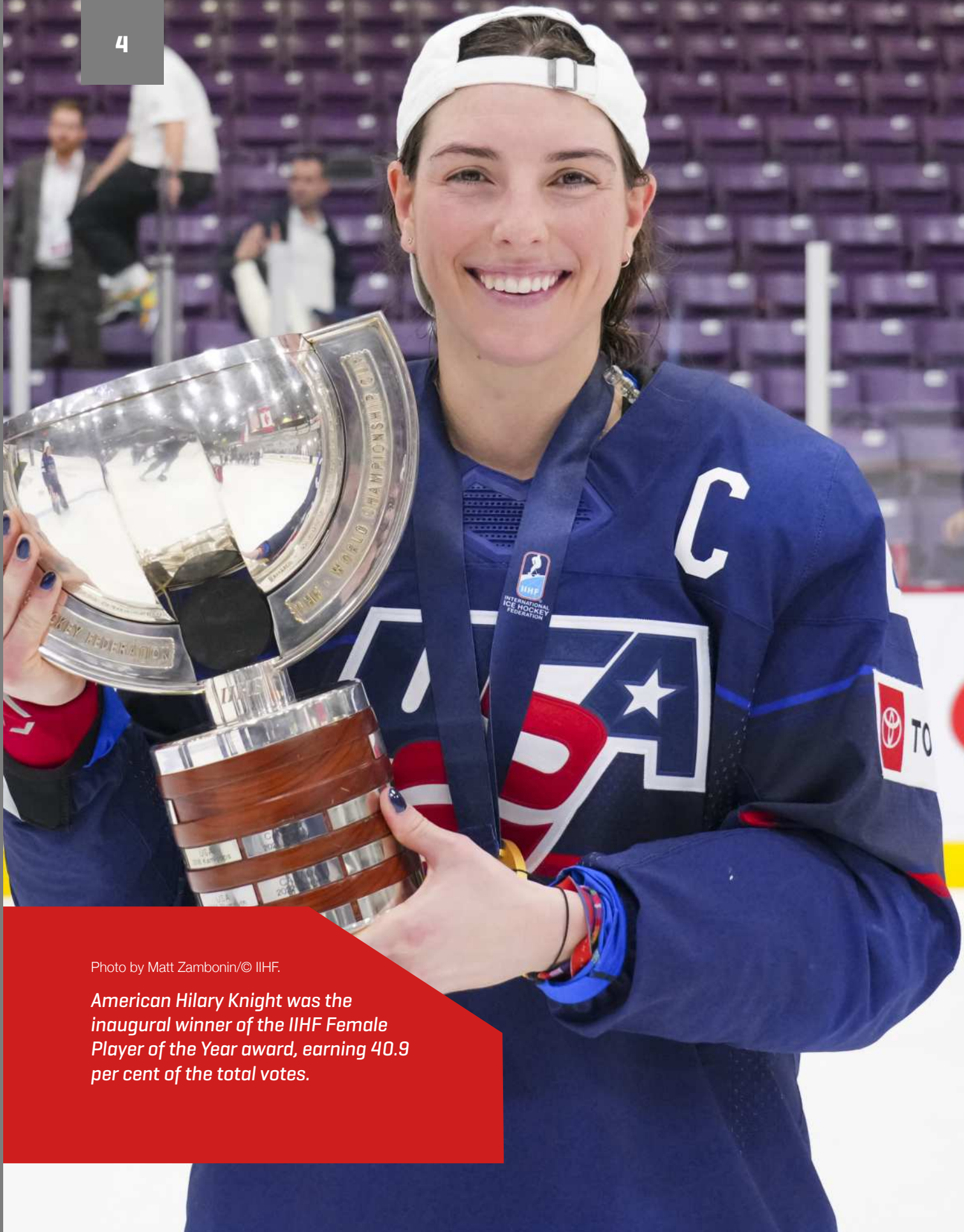


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*American Hilary Knight was the inaugural winner of the IIHF Female Player of the Year award, earning 40.9 per cent of the total votes.*

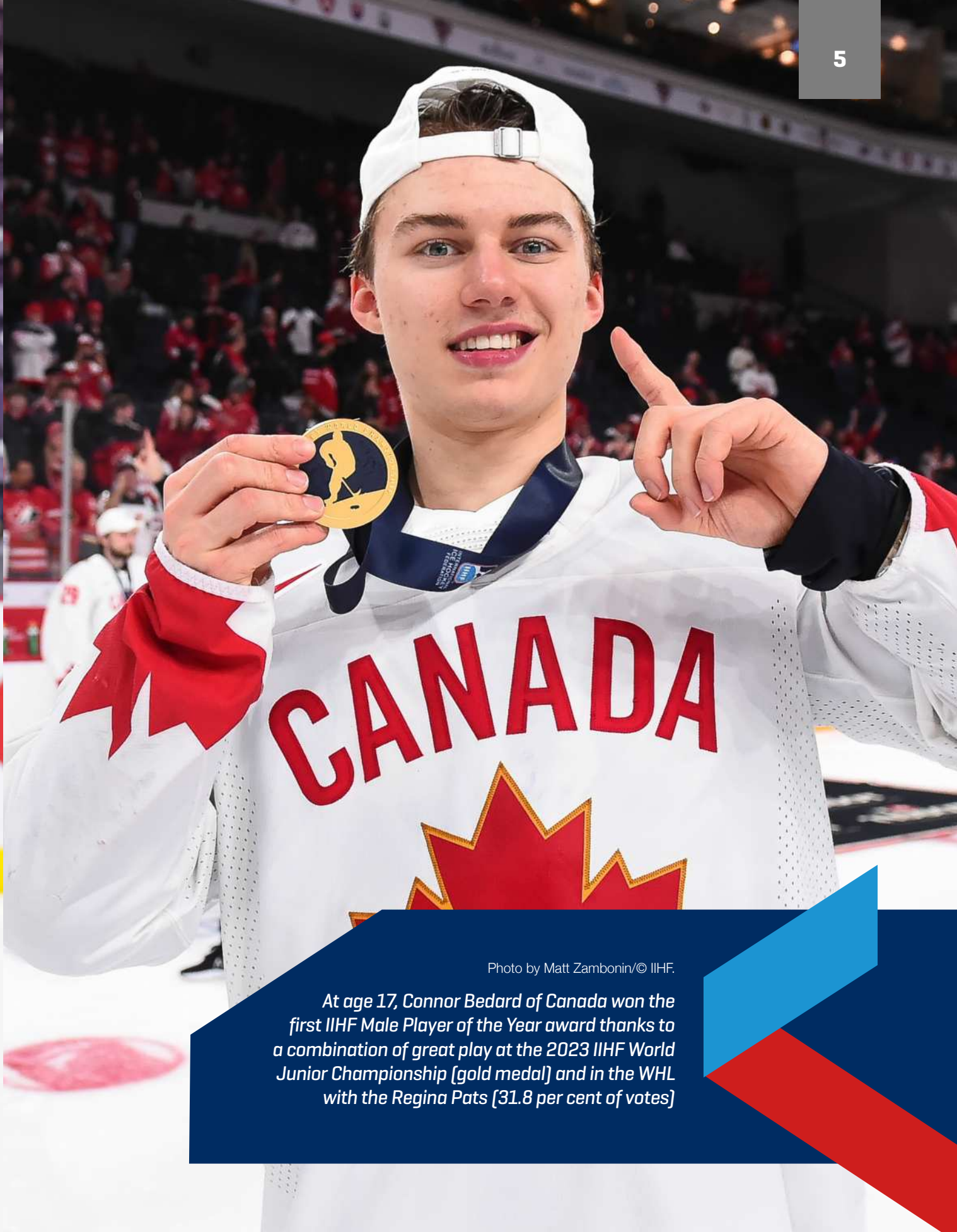


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*At age 17, Connor Bedard of Canada won the first IIHF Male Player of the Year award thanks to a combination of great play at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championship [gold medal] and in the WHL with the Regina Pats [31.8 per cent of votes]*



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*The Swiss and Slovaks closed out 2022 with a record-setting 20-shot shootout at the IIHF World Junior Championship. It took a Rodwin Dionicio goal on New Year's Eve to give Switzerland the victory.*





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*In a wild and crazy bronze-medal game that included nine goals in the second period, the U.S. defeated Sweden, 8-7, in overtime to take third place at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championship.*









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*Both Dalibor Dvorsky [SVK] and Cole Eiserman [USA] tied a WM18 record by scoring four goals in a game last season*





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*Nela Lopusanova had an incredible IIHF Women's U18 World Championship in January 2023, scoring the first ever lacrosse goal in women's hockey, leading the tournament in scoring, and being named MVP. All at age 14.*



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*Finland's Jenni Hiirikoski extended her record for most career IIHF Women's World Championships by skating in her 15th last year in Brampton, Canada.*



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*Goalie Arturs Silovs had an extraordinary tournament at the 2023 IIHF Men's World Championship, leading Latvia to its first ever medal in any IIHF tournament (bronze) and becoming the first Latvian to be named tournament MVP.*



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*Kazakh forward Roman Starchenko and Swede Lucas Raymond tied the IIHF Men's World Championship record by each scoring two goals in one shootout.*



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*Not only did Czechia goalie Tomas Suchanek lead his team to a silver medal at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championship, he also set two records by earning two assists in one game and four assists in a tournament*





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*Canada defeated Germany, 5-2, to win gold at the IIHF Men's World Championship. It was the first time the teams had met for gold since 1930*



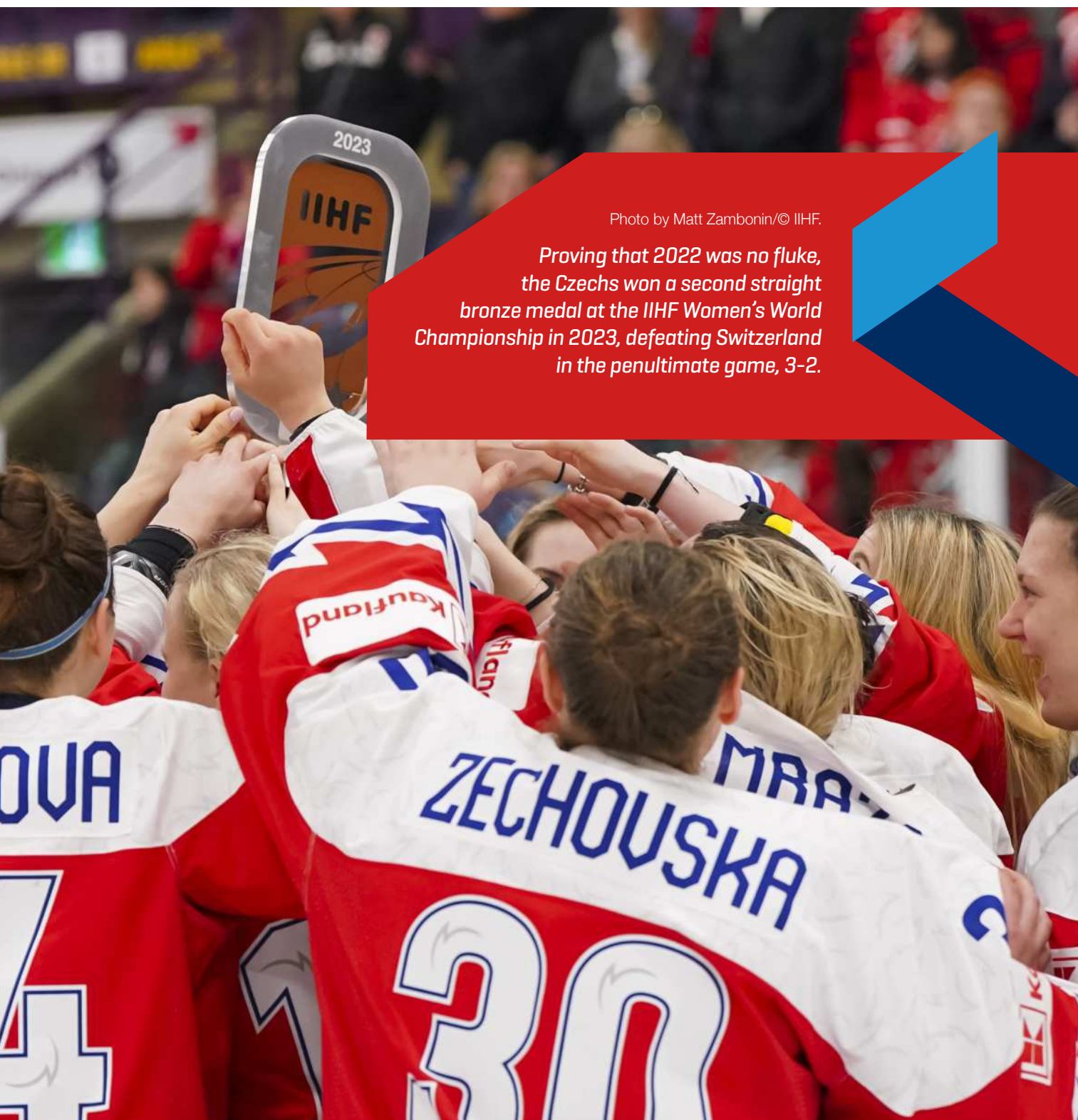


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*Proving that 2022 was no fluke, the Czechs won a second straight bronze medal at the IIHF Women's World Championship in 2023, defeating Switzerland in the penultimate game, 3-2.*



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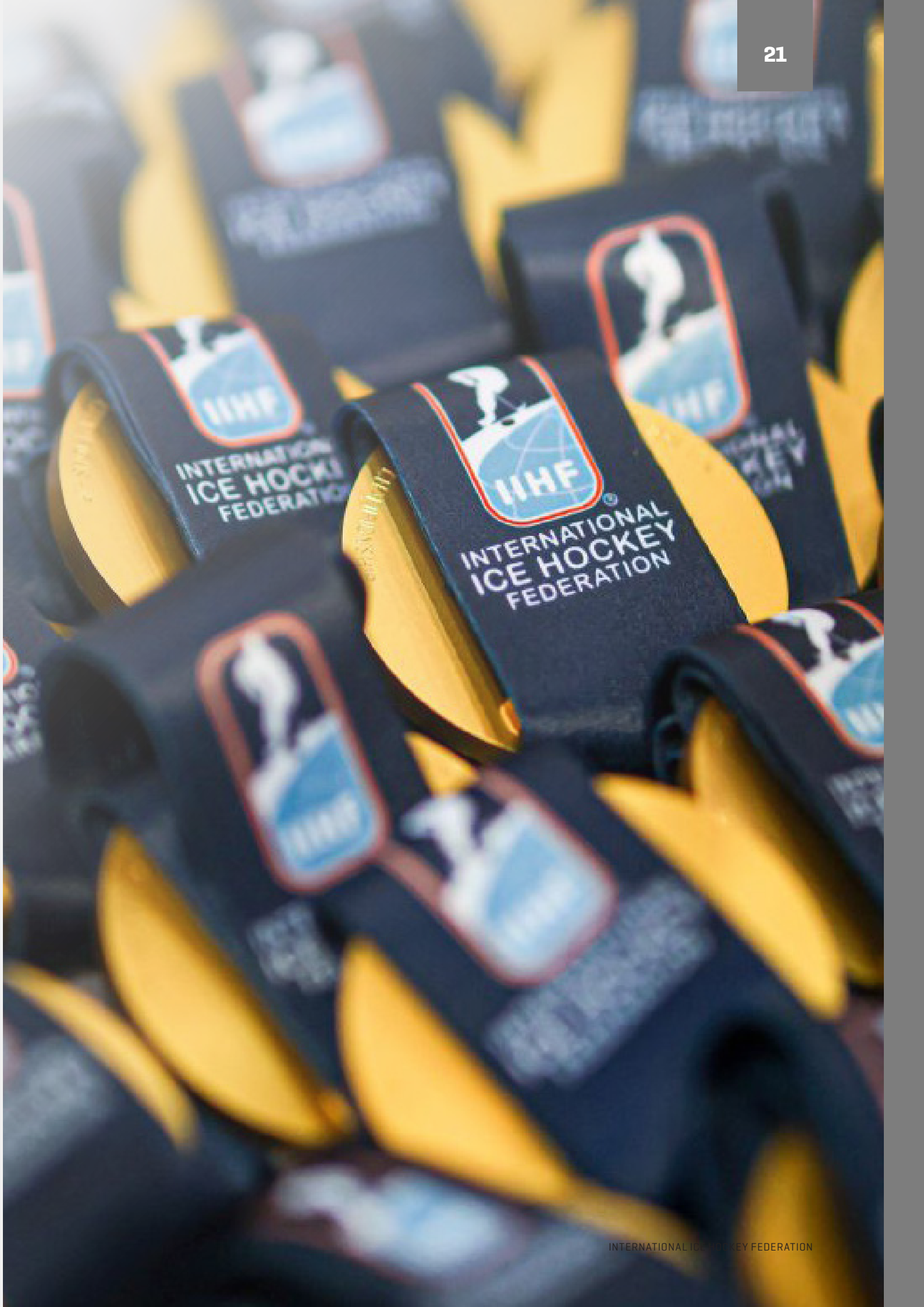
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# SUMMARY



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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOP-TIER GLOBAL ICE HOCKEY LEGACY

As IIHF General Secretary Matti Nurminen often references, I am no longer a “rookie.” I am pleased to report a full championship season, with all tournaments played, and am fully able to experience the growth of ice hockey in every part of the world. I want to say thank you to each of you who played a part in ice hockey’s recovery post-COVID-19 and congratulate you on your unwavering commitment to the game. It is not solely the IIHF that drives the growth of this game, but the cooperation and collaboration between our organizations at every level.

**While the 2022-2023 Season is one to celebrate, it was not without challenges.**

The ongoing war in Ukraine means that we must continue to ensure our players remain protected in Russia and Belarus and during international competition. It is not a decision we take lightly and continue to monitor and review the situation closely. On the opposite side, the Ukraine Ice Hockey Federation has found opportunities to compete, much in thanks to the ongoing support of external organizations and IIHF Member National Associations.

*AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE ARE CONSTANTLY LEARNING AND EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THE GLOBAL PRESENCE OF OUR SPORT.*

The establishment of the Asia and Oceania office has been an incredible asset to growing the game in that region, and strong partnerships between the IIHF and governments are being forged. The success of China’s women’s national team at the 2022 IIHF Women’s World Championship Division 1A is proof of a lasting legacy from Beijing 2022 and financial investment into the development of the country’s players.

With our strategic plan “ICE26” acting as the guiding light for the IIHF’s business, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the pillars of Innovation, Collaboration, and Expansion. We have much work to do, but even through this season, I have witnessed a shift in culture, approach, and perspective that will ensure a successful future for the IIHF and the sport.

*I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE IIHF COUNCIL AND THE IIHF OFFICE, AND NOTABLY THEIR INSIGHT AND PERSPECTIVES THAT REPRESENT A DIVERSITY OF BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCE.*

I am also thankful to our committee members for bringing an added perspective to specific topics that shape our game in every facet. Thank you also to the MNAs for their continued investment in the development of ice hockey.

**WE HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON AND BEYOND.**



**LUC TARDIF**  
IIHF President





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*IIHF President, Luc Tardif speaks during the closing ceremonies after Canada's 5-2 Gold Medal Game win against Germany.*





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**LUC TARDIF (FRA)**  
 PRESIDENT


Born on 29 March 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Elected to IIHF Council in 2012. Re-elected in 2016. Elected as IIHF President on 25 September 2021.

Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age 3 to university level. He came to Europe in 1975 where he played in Brussels (Belgium) before moving to France in 1978 to play for Chamonix and later Rouen.

After his player career, the dual Canadian-French citizenship holder was in charge of Rouen's youth ice hockey program for several years. In 2000, he was appointed head of the ice hockey department at the French Ice Sports Federation. In 2006, he was elected as first President of the newly created French Ice Hockey Federation, a position he was re-elected for in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

He has worked as member of the IIHF Competition Committee (2008-2012) and as chairman of the IIHF Finance Committee (since 2016). He is also strongly involved in the French Olympic Committee and was named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi and the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang..

**PETR BRIZA (CZE)**  
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT


Petr Briza was born on 9th December 1964 in Prague, Czechoslovakia (now Czechia). Elected to IIHF Council in 2016, elected IIHF Senior Vice-President in 2021. He graduated from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at Charles University in Prague. As a professional hockey player he played 23 years in three top elite European hockey leagues and represented his country in seven IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships and three Olympic Winter Games.

After finishing his career as a goalie in 2006, Briza has immediately started to work at the hockey club Sparta Prague as a General Manager and later also became the Chairman of the Board. He was also very active together with founding colleagues at the establishment of the league association Hockey Europe, of the club competition European Trophy which was succeeded by the Champions Hockey League where he acts as a board member.

In 2008 Briza became a member of the Executive Committee of the Czech Ice Hockey

Association and its Vice President. During the record-breaking 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in the Czech Republic he was the Chairman of the Prague Organizing Committee. Since 2010 he is also Prague City Representative where he initiated and systematically implemented projects supporting the youth sport development in Prague.

Briza resides in Prague with his wife Pauline and brought up four children..

**BOB NICHOLSON (CAN)**  
 VICE PRESIDENT


Born on 27 May 1953 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Elected to IIHF Council as Vice-President Americas in 2012. Re-elected in 2016 and as Vice-President Americas in 2021. After a long career with Hockey Canada, Nicholson resigned as Hockey Canada's President and CEO to join Edmonton's Oilers Entertainment Group as Vice-Chairman in June 2014 while remaining in his role as IIHF Vice President.

Nicholson was Hockey Canada's President and CEO from 1998 to 2014. He managed a staff of 95 people within five offices across Canada and oversees all operations for competitions that Canada participates in internationally, including in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program and Olympic Winter Games. He was senior vice-president of the Canadian Hockey Association from 1992 to 1998 and vice-president of programs with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1990 to 1991.

Before joining the national body, Nicholson was technical director with the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association from 1979 to 1989. He was inducted into the B.C. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004 and received the City of Penticton's 55 Award for having brought recognition to the Penticton area through hockey. He played minor hockey and Junior A hockey in Penticton, helped the Penticton Broncos win the BCJHL and B.C.-Alberta championships and played NCAA hockey at Providence College..

**HENRIK BACH NIELSEN (DEN)**  
 VICE-PRESIDENT


Born on 12 July 1966, in Herning, Denmark. Elected to IIHF Council in 2012. Re-elected in 2016. Elected as Vice-President Europe & Africa in 2021.

Bach Nielsen served as a board member of Danish club AaB Aalborg for five years until 2005 when he was elected to the Board of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. In 2007, he was elected President of the Danish Ice Hockey Association.

Bach Nielsen was a member of the Danish Sport Confederation's Media Committee 2006-2010. In 2008, he was appointed to the IIHF Facility Committee. Bach Nielsen is educated in Political Science and has held executive positions in a major Danish broadcaster company. Currently, he is the owner and president of a real estate development company..

**AIVAZ OMORKANOV (KGZ)**  
 VICE-PRESIDENT


Aivaz Omorkanov was born on 2 June 1996 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and is the youngest council member the IIHF ever had. He was elected as Vice-President Asia & Oceania on 25 September 2021. Before being elected into the IIHF Council he served as General Secretary as well as Public Relations Manager for the Ice Hockey Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

As a former national team player his big passion and engagement in sports off the ice leads also to honorary awards of Kyrgyzstan such as the honorary award for the development of sports and fight and contribution against Covid-19.

Aivaz Omorkanov studied international economics and trade at the Beijing University of International Business and Economics in China, received his Bachelor in Law at the Kyrgyz National University and made his Master for International Relations at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan. In the private industry he worked as manager in a construction company.

Aivaz Omorkanov is fluent in English, Chinese, Russian and Kyrgyz. Beside his work he developed a passion for triathlon and qualified for the ironman 70.3 World Championships.

**ZSUZSANNA KOLBENHEYER (HUN)**  
 COUNCIL MEMBER


Born on 3 July 1977 in Budapest, Hungary. Elected to IIHF Council in 2012. Re-elected in 2016 and 2021. Kolbenheyer was the first registered female ice hockey player in Hungary, starting her career in 1990. She represented Hungary in 55 games with the national team. After her playing career she became the general manager of the women's national teams. As a lawyer she has been a member of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation's Disciplinary Committee since 2009, and member of the governing board since 2012. She is married, and has three children.



### MARTA ZAWADZKA (POL) COUNCIL MEMBER

Born on 11th June 1982 in Katowice, Poland. Elected to IIHF Council in 2016, re-elected in 2021. Graduated at the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice in Sport Management and at the Silesian University in Marketing and Management.

Since 2000 she has been an ice hockey referee with an international licence from 2010 to 2014.

In 2008 she became a member of the women's hockey committee of the Polish Ice Hockey Federation.

In 2012 she became a Polish Ice Hockey Federation council member responsible for women's hockey and of the referee committee (2015/2016). She has been the General Manager of senior and junior U18 women's national team.

She has worked in event-related functions not only in hockey but was also an LOC member during events such as Eurobasket 2009, Women's Eurobasket 2011, World Men's Volleyball Championships 2014, European Handball Championships EHF Euro 2016, international football games and cycling tours.

Since 2018, she is a Polish Hockey League Commissioner.

In 2023 she obtained an MBA from the Collegium Hummanum in Warsaw, Poland.



### FRANZ REINDL (GER) COUNCIL MEMBER

Franz Reindl was born in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on 24th November 1954. Elected to IIHF Council in 2016 and re-elected in 2021.

Reindl spent his whole life in hockey. As a top player in Germany he played 861 games including 181 for the national team he represented in nine IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, three Olympic Winter Games and one Canada Cup. He was on the team that won the Olympic bronze medal in Innsbruck 1976.

After ending his career as a forward in 1988 he was a coach first with his hometown team SC Riessersee and before joining the German Ice Hockey Association in 1991 first as an assistant to the technical director and national team assistant coach and then working his way up as Sport Director, General Secretary and from 2014 to 2022 as President. Between 1994 and 1996 he was also the CEO of the newly-founded league DEL. Reindl was also the General Secretary of the Organizing Committees for the 2001 and 2010 IIHF Ice Hockey

World Championships in Germany and serves as CEO of the Organizing Committee for the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Germany and France. He was a member of the German bidding committees for the 2018 and 2022 Olympic Winter Games and in 2015 he was named President of Team Europe for the 2016 World Cup of Hockey by the NHL and NHLPA.

During his time with the German Ice Hockey Association Reindl led the national team as General Manager at 15 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, four Olympic Winter Games and twice at the World Cup of Hockey.

Reindl has been involved in IIHF committees since 1998, most recently as the Co-Chairman of the IIHF Competition & Inline Committee and as member of the IIHF Co-Ordination Committee. He was also the Chairman of the IIHF Disciplinary Panel for the Olympic men's ice hockey tournament in Sochi 2014.

Outside of hockey he worked as a manager in wholesale and foreign trade and a long-term independent contractor.

### PAVEL BURE (RUS) COUNCIL MEMBER



Pavel Bure was born in Moscow on 31 March 1971. He is a Russian former professional ice hockey player, Russian-born Hall of Fame NHL winger who was known for his great speed and scoring ability. He led the league in goals three times during his career and was a seven-time All-Star selection.

Pavel Bure started playing hockey at the age of 6, and already at the age of 16, in 1988, he distinguished himself in the main team of CSKA Moscow against Dinamo Riga, scoring the first goal in the 4th minute of the match. As a part of CSKA Pavel Bure became the USSR champion and one-time silver medalist (1990), as well as a two-time winner of the IIHF European Cup (1989-1990).

In 1991 Bure started to play in NHL, as he was selected 113th overall in the sixth round of the draft by the Vancouver Canucks. He played in the NHL for twelve years – including seven All-Star Game appearances – and was awarded the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy as the league's top goal scorer three times.

Pavel Bure represented Russia internationally from youth hockey to the Olympic Games in 1998 and 2002, medaling in both tournaments.

As a member of the USSR/Russian national teams he became World Championship bronze medalist in 1990, European Championship silver medalist in 1990, World Junior Championship silver medalist in 1990 and 1991, and Olympic bronze medalist in 2002. In 2005/2006 Pavel

Bure announced his retirement.

Pavel Bure was inducted in the IIHF Hall of Fame on 20 May 2012 and also into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto on 12 November 2012. In 2014 Bure was included into the Russian and Soviet Hall of Fame. On 27 November 2015 he became the President of the "League of World Hockey Legends" Association for the Support and Development of Ice Hockey. In 2017 he was named one of the 100 Greatest Players in the NHL History. He is the Board Member and curator of the Moscow Conference of the Night Hockey League, working on amateur hockey development. In 2016 Pavel Bure joined the Supervisory Board of PHC CSKA Moscow.

Nowadays he regularly takes part in charity and masters games and tournaments and holds annual charity games in Norilsk.

In July 2021 Pavel Bure became a IIHF Special Advisor International Matters.

Pavel Bure is married and has two children.



### ANDREA GIOS (ITA)

Born on 7 February 1963 in Asiago, Italy. He was elected to the IIHF Council in 2021.

Gios was elected as President of the Italian Ice Sport Association (FISG) in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. He is a Council member of the National Olympic Committee (CONI) and of the National Paralympic Committee (CIP). In 2019 he was named to the board of directors of the Milano Cortina 2026 Foundation, which will have the task of organizing the 2026 Olympic Winter Games and 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.

Gios studied Economics and Business at the University of Verona and is a certified accountant and court-appointed expert on economic and auditing issues.

Outside of his work in ice sports he is partner of an audit and consultancy company where he works as CPA accountant, auditor and business consultant in the Veneto Region and Northern Italy and with Italian companies setting up branches abroad. He has been a board member and auditor of several companies in his function.

He also served as mayor of his hometown Asiago for two terms from 2004 to 2014. From 2005 to 2011 he was Director, Vice President and Commissioner of ATO Brenta, a public consortium for the management of water supply services for 78 municipalities.

He has served as member of the IIHF Finance Committee since 2016.

Gios is married with two children.

## HEIKKI HIETANEN (FIN)



Heikki Hietanen was born on 7 July 1959. He was elected on the IIHF Council in 2021.

Hietanen's work in ice hockey dates back to 1996 when he became an Executive Committee Member of Finland's top league, Liiga, for 13 years. From 2001 to 2009 he was the General Secretary of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association. He was also in the organizing committees of the 2012 and 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, of the 1998 and 2004 IIHF World Junior Championships, the 2007 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship and is a board member of the Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame and the Sport Institute of Finland of which he was the CEO from 2011 and 2018. He served for many years as CEO/GM (1996-2001) and as President (2009-2014) of HPK Hameenlinna.

He was heading the Finnish ice hockey delegation at three Olympic Winter Games (2002, 2006, 2010).

Hietanen has been working as General Secretary of the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship organizing committee in Tampere and Helsinki since 2019.

Hietanen has served at various IIHF committees with the IIHF Marketing Ad-Hoc Group (2002), IIHF Evaluation Committee (2003-2008), IIHF Competition Committee (2008-2012) and IIHF Player Safety Committee (since 2016).

## VIESTURS KOZIOLS (LAT)



Born on 24 August 1963 in Riga, Latvia /Soviet Union. Koziols is a Latvian businessman, real estate developer and media and sports organizations founder.

After graduating at the University of Latvia in the faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences, he started his professional career as director of the newspaper Atmoda, the first Latvian independent media outlet during Soviet times, and was among the organizers of the Baltic Way and the Latvian independence movement. He was an advisor to Prime Ministers Ivars Godmanis and Valdis Birkavcs and Minister of Economics Juris Lujans.

He later worked for Norwegian retail chain Varner Baltija and real estate company Varner Hakon Invest and has since participated as an investor, developer and consultant in the

development of shopping malls, hotels, office buildings and real estate.

He is a board member in several NGOs and a member of the advisory board to the rector of the University of Latvia and of the advisory board at the University Turiba. He was also a chairman of Latvijas Krajbanka. He was owner of Zurnals publishing the weekly magazine Republika.lv. He was one of the founders of the photography studio Imagine. He was a major shareholder and chairman of the media holding Diena and established the companies LDF Holding (Norway) and LDIC (Singapore) and is the main shareholder of Space Group (Norway).

In ice hockey he was owner and president of the HK Riga 2000 that won four consecutive Latvian championships and became a shareholder and chairman (for the first season) of Dinamo Riga when the KHL club was founded. He has been a board member and General Secretary of the Latvian Hockey Federation since 2016.

He is fluent in English, Latvian and Russian.

## ANDERS LARSSON (SWE)



Anders Larsson was born in Stockholm, Sweden on 4 March 1977. Larsson has a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. In his business career Larsson has been holding leading positions within Human Resources and People Development in some international companies, most recently in the MedTech industry.

Larsson has been involved in ice hockey as a referee, learning instructor and administrator since 1992. It all started in the ice hockey club Brynas IF and the regional ice hockey association. After seven years in the Officiating Committee, Larsson was 2004 elected Board Member of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association. In 2015 he was elected President of the organization, a position he is holding since then.

Larsson has been a member of the IIHF Competition & Coordination committee 2016-2021, and he is also strongly involved in the Swedish Olympic Committee in his role as elected Vice-President. In addition to that, Larsson is also Chairman of the Employer's Alliance, which is the organization making all collective bargaining agreements with the unions of all sports in Sweden.

## RAETO RAFFAINER (SUI)



Raeto Raffainer was born on 1 January 1982 in Wolhusen, Switzerland. He played junior hockey in St. Moritz and Davos before moving to professional hockey where he played for the ZSC Lions Zurich, SC Bern, the SC Rapperswil-Jona Lakers, HC Ambri-Piotta and the GCK Lions Zurich.

Towards the end of his player career he started coaching in youth hockey with his clubs and the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation. He was the Director National Teams at the SIHF (2015-2019) and worked as GM of various national teams in 23 World Championships and the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. He later worked in club hockey as Head of Sports of HC Davos (2019-2021) and Chief Sports Officer of SC Bern (since 2021).

Raffainer has been a member of the IIHF Coaching Committee (since 2015) and of the Swiss National Team Committee (since 2015).

He speaks German, Romansh, English, Italian and French, is married and has two daughters.

## MATTI NURMINEN (FIN) GENERAL SECRETARY



Born on 9 January 1973 in Ristiina, Finland. Chosen as the IIHF General Secretary by the IIHF Council in June 2022 after a long career with the Finnish Ice Hockey Association (FIHA).

Nurminen was the FIHA's CEO from 2010 to May 2022. He managed 60-70 people within several offices across Finland and oversaw all FIHA operations nationally and internationally. He was the FIHA's Marketing and Administrative Director 2005-2009 and Finance Manager 2001-2004. Before joining the FIHA Nurminen worked four years for two companies after his studies.

Nurminen studied at the Aalto University (former Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration) majoring in accounting and minoring in Commercial Law, French language and Marketing.

Nurminen served as a General Secretary of the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and the 2004 IIHF World Junior Championship organizing committees, and he has been a member of the organizing committees of various IIHF events held in Finland. He was a member of the IIHF Competition and Coordination Committee from 2012 to May 2022.

Nurminen is married with two children.

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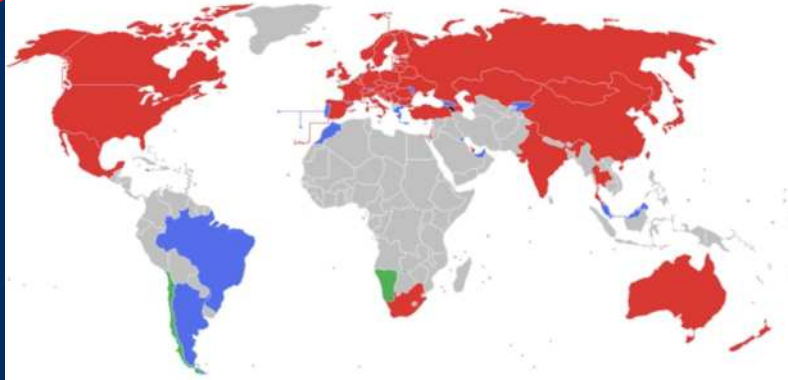


# ICE26 FORGES AHEAD

**NOW IN ITS SECOND YEAR, ICE26 CONTINUES TO BE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ALL IIHF ACTIVITIES, WITH THE UNITED GOAL TO INNOVATE, COLLABORATE AND EXPAND AND ESTABLISH ICE HOCKEY AS THE DEFINITIVE GLOBAL GAME.**

Ice hockey is a game of dedication, determination, and strength. These qualities are not only demonstrated by players on the ice, but also by the people who lead and work within the IIHF and its 83 Member National Federations. In a collective effort to grow the game, it was imperative to begin work from the grassroots level. From focused development efforts in Asia and Oceania regions, to elevating stories of women in hockey and game officials, the hockey world has grown impressively year over year.

# DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH



The IIHF's Asia and Oceania Office in Dubai has strengthened partnerships between Member National Associations, community leaders and governments, giving hope for the future growth of ice hockey in these nations. It is the IIHF's first official satellite office, and is further proof that targeted approaches to non-traditional ice hockey countries can result in success.

## MISSION

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

## VISION

Global leader in winter sports.

## VALUES

INTEGRITY RESPECT  
PASSION COMMUNITY

# OUR STRATEGY

## GOALS & KEY INITIATIVES

### INNOVATE

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

### COLLABORATE

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

### EXPAND

- Build a targeted development program
- Create engaging promotional campaigns
- Develop a fresh women's hockey concept
- Establish a new 3-on-3 discipline

# ICE26

IIHF STRATEGY 2022-2026



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## ICE26 – INITIATIVES FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS

While many activities are ongoing, there is still much to do. Rooted in education, development of the sport in Asia and Oceania must start at the grassroots level. From ice rink building and education on ice maintenance, to officiating seminars, to skills development, the region's continued investment in the sport will absolutely lead to continued growth and success.

**WITH THE LIHF ASIA AND OCEANIA OFFICE IN ABU DHABI (UA EMIRATES) THE IIHF IS IN THE POSITION TO PROVIDE REAL-TIME SUPPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE IIHF ASIA AND OCEANIA STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP (AOSPG).**

With its regionality and direct gateways, it is in the position to provide the membership with required targeted development support they need to further strengthen their foundation and to build up as well as strengthen their operations and programs in close cooperation with the IIHF Development Department.

Since the establishment of the IIHF Asia and Oceania Office in 2022 and with the employment of the Sport Development Manager at the same time, required programs with the focus on sustainability were initiated and reached also an all-time high with more to come. While the strategic focus on all activities and programs is seen and planned in the long-term, positive results and the boost the regional office brought can be felt and seen. Its state of the art operations will lead to the point that the potential the region have will be unfold.

**AIVAZ OMORKANOV,**  
IIHF Vice President, Asia and Oceania



For the rest of the world, the IIHF Women's Development Cup was launched for the first time, and welcomed Colombia, UAE, Ireland, Luxemburg and Andorra to experience an IIHF-level event for the first time. The Women's Development Cup is an important experience for countries looking to develop their women's programs, and provides a valuable experience for players, staff and hosts.

**"THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR US BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE AN ICE HOCKEY RINK IN COLOMBIA, BUT THESE GIRLS PLAYED AMAZING AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THESE KINDS OF TOURNAMENTS AND HAVE AN ICE HOCKEY RINK IN COLOMBIA," SAID LORENA PEDRAZA, COLOMBIA'S CAPTAIN. "WE SHOWED THAT WE HAVE TALENT, WE HAVE PASSION, AND WE LOVE THIS SPORT."**



## GLOBAL INITIATIVES: SUPPORTING MNAS WHERE THEY NEED IT MOST

There are many factors into what makes a national association successful; and for the IIHF, this meant identifying key initiatives where we could support, notably from an education and digital standpoint.

### CONNECTING DIGITALLY

**SOCIAL MEDIA IS ONE OF THE LARGEST DRIVERS OF DISCOVERY.**

With over **4.9 billion users**, social media platforms are one of the most cost-effective tools for reaching new audiences and promoting engagement.

**4.9 billion users**

**IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE GREATER COLLABORATION ON CAMPAIGNS BETWEEN THE IIHF AND MNAS, THE IIHF MADE CANVA ACCOUNTS FREE FOR ALL ASSOCIATIONS TO ACCESS.**

CANVA is an online graphic design and video editing tool, that allows users to build templates, share designs and build engaging graphics in minutes. Providing these accounts to MNAs supported the ICE26 mandate by allowing seamless collaboration of sharing IIHF campaign templates as well as providing MNAs with a simple tool they could use to create their own social media content. The investment made into providing CANVA accounts for MNAs has built important relationships between them and the IIHF, setting the tone for future collaboration.

While social media content is a way to connect to digital audiences, it was also important to share knowledge and support our MNAs in their organizational development. Workshops and seminars (held digitally) covered topics from detailed social media strategies to player development, to officiating, to arena operations. These workshops and seminars has re-established the IIHF as leaders in our sport and allowed for greater collaboration and connection between MNAs.



## SHIFTING CONVERSATIONS

We are at the precipice of change. Women's equality, abuse and harassment in sport and celebrating marginalized voices are but a few of the conversations that are driving the IIHF's strategic approach. In December 2022, the first Integrity Awareness Week was launched, highlighting conversations around Abuse and Harassment, Competition Manipulation, Anti-Doping and Ethics. In partnership with player ambassadors, we used social media to support raising awareness about the scenarios that exist within these pillars and how to report incidents. The season also saw the launch of the MNA Integrity Officer Program and an anonymous reporting system that led to 290 reported incidents.

Global interest in women's hockey continues to grow and expand beyond North America. Czechia's success at Beijing 2022 and the 2022 IIHF Women's World Championship was a perfect example of the outcome of investment in player development. In March 2022, the Inspire The Next campaign was launched, providing a dedicated platform to share global stories of women in hockey; and in February 2023, over 100 delegates from close to 50 MNAs gathered in Budapest for the IIHF Women's Summit.

## GOING BEYOND

**In the coming season, we will continue to push the needle for global leadership in the sport of ice hockey.**

We are witnessing important changes within the culture of hockey, and discovering more and more how they connect with our ICE26 strategy.

**THE ICE26 STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUES TO BE THE IIHF'S GUIDING LIGHT FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS TOWARDS BUILDING A BIGGER, BETTER WORLD OF ICE HOCKEY.**



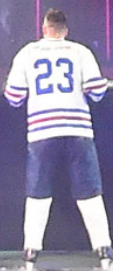
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**NOTES FROM  
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# 2022 IIHF SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS IN BELEK, TÜRKIYE

## 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2022

### 1. Welcome by the IIHF President

#### REPORT AND DISCUSSION

IIHF President, Luc Tardif, opened the 2022 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present. LTA introduced IIHF General Secretary Matti Nurminen, who will be the timekeeper of the Semi-Annual Congress 2022. The IIHF General Secretary said he is privileged and honoured to be part of the IIHF family, and happy to get to know all of the participants present online and virtually.

LTA gave a welcome speech as follows:

First, he started with the announcement that IIHF Life President RFA was supposed to participate online, but due to a sudden family engagement, he would not be able to join. He went on welcoming all Life Members present in Belek and those also present online. He also welcomed and introduced the new Development Director, Kalle Valiaho, and Sport Development Manager for Asia and Oceania, Harald Springfeld. He reflected on the new strategy named ICE 26, which will serve as the new strategic plan for the upcoming years.

He said two difficult years are behind us, where we faced many challenges. Challenges included the geopolitical situation and the risk of cancellation due to Covid-19, and after 2023 the insurance will not cover the same way, and needs to be renegotiated. He further reflected on the spread of the virus covid19 addressed the cost of energy and its effects as the potential closure of ice rinks may happen in some countries. He further explained the increased importance of sustainability, and we have to focus on reducing the cost of energy.

He reflected on ice hockey as growing sport, as we continue to have more and more participants at the tournaments having the same income. He mentioned the contract negotiations with Infront, as the last two years were challenging from the marketing contract side. Our business was strongly affected by the cancellation of the WM in Switzerland, the movement of the tournament to Latvia, and the non-participation of Russia and the discussion regarding the claim is still ongoing. He said that the IIHF has to respect the ongoing contract, also the

one concluded with Hockey Canada, even if it is sometimes challenging. He said that China represents a market as a new income source. Mentioning that the decision to reintegrate RUS and BLR is also important, so they can return to the tournament when it is safe. We need to be ready when the war is over. He further addressed the new income generated by the WWIA, and reflected on the negotiation process with the CIHA, which started after the Annual Congress in Finland.

He summarized that we have to focus on our top events, and there will be additionally the challenges of the World Cup in Europe, where at the moment, IIHF is not involved, and the discussions are ongoing. Regarding the communication, he said the MNA's asked for more proximity to the IIHF family. He explained that in the last Congress in Tampere, and in this Congress, everything is in the same hotel, and we tried to introduce workshops and discussions to engage the membership interactively. The Council Hour is once again included in the SAC program. He reflected on a few cooperations; the last one was with Georgia and Kazakhstan. Cooperations were signed with the respective NOCs. The format of the Congress was adapted to be able to spend more time helping the MNAs. He further informed that from the IIHF studio, a zoom call campaign will be organized to keep the membership frequently informed on the updates. He mentioned the IIHF's new development plan and the sustainability award's return.

He concluded that the strategic plan would be presented during the SAC, which will be the IIHF's guideline in the future, and thanked HBN and his team for participating and working on this important topic.

MNU also welcomed the delegates then, a moment of silence was held for all members of the ice hockey family that passed away since the last IIHF Congress.

He welcomed all the delegates and guests attending physically or virtually the 2022 Semi-Annual Congress in Belek, Türkiye. He said that this is his first Congress as the new IIHF General Secretary, and he is more than honoured and privileged to welcome all participants to the Congress. He continued to explain the following organizational information:



**Accreditation:** The officially registered participants at the congress have received an accreditation which gave them access to the IIHF Congress facilities and should be used as identification as an official participant. Therefore, he asked the delegates to wear the accreditation visible at any time in the congress area.

**Congress Setup:** Out of the 74 MNA's registered 19 are present completely online, and 3 are present both virtually and physically. 52 Delegations were present in the room.

He continued to explain the speaking and raise hand functions for the virtual attendees. He reminded the virtual participants to keep the camera always turned on while speaking.

**Roll Call:** He said that as this congress will be handled as hybrid congress, a Roll call would be conducted for all sessions including agenda points that have to be approved by the congress. He explained that roll call would always start with the virtual participants, then continued with the attendees in the room. He said that the virtual participants will be asked when their country will be named to unmute their microphone and to confirm that they are present and that they can hear/see us.

**Voting process:** He informed about the change of the voting procedure from the previous Congresses. In this congress, every decision will be approved by actively showing the open voting card, so no approval will be given by being passive. He informed that all delegates would use the voting cards in front of them. He continued his explanation that whenever we need to make a decision, we are not going to ask "anybody against". Instead, we will ask "can we agree to that proposal" or "is everyone in favour of that proposal", and the delegates will be asked to raise their voting card to approve the decision. For virtual participants he requested to use the "raise your hand" function and to remember to put your hand down after the decision.

**Translation services:** Translation services from English to Russian and vice-versa would be available. German translation is not available.

**Coffee & Lunch Breaks:** The coffee breaks would be served in the foyer in front of the congress room, and lunch is served in the main restaurant. All reported religious, allergy and dietary preferences have been duly noted and taken into consideration.

**Social Program:** He then continued to give a brief overview on the social events organized for this week. He referred to the invitation to the Gala Dinner, which takes place in the same room as the Congress. He explained

that before the dinner an apero will be served in the lobby restaurant Moulin Rouge. After the gala dinner around 11 pm., the hotel staff will start rebuilding the congress room for Friday morning. On Friday the Family Program is planned. The pick-up for registered participants will be at 10:00 am.

He further informed all the delegates, that the Strategy workshops would take place on Thursday, 29 September, at 13.30 in six different rooms, located next to this room and that the Council will organize again a Council Hour on the 30 September, at 15.45 in the next room at the end of the Congress.

**Roll Call:** He explained the procedures of the roll call for the virtual attendees, and for the persons in the Congress room.

MNU asked if there are any new delegates in the room, they should present themselves.

The following IIHF delegates were newly appointed since the last Congress, and introduced themselves to the IIHF Congress: • New CEO of Finnish Ice Hockey Association, Sami Kauhanen

- New president of German Ice Hockey Association, Peter Martin
- Dwayne Dillinger, USA Hockey Vice President, elected in June
- Hirotaka Saegusa from Japan

A roll call was then performed. Prior to starting the roll call it was explained that presence for this Congress could be both online and in-person.

**(See Enclosure 1. Congress Delegate List)**

## 2. Notice of the Meeting

IIHF General Secretary, Matti Nurminen, confirmed that the 2022 Semi-Annual Congress Meeting was called and notified in accordance with IIHF Statute 14.4; the IIHF provided notice and purpose of the 2022 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress with the First Notice being sent out on 6 July 2022, and the Second Notice being sent out on 1st September 2022.

He explained that the subjects dealt with during this 2022 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress, were strictly limited to the topics explicitly indicated on the 2022 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Agenda. (See Enclosure 2.)

### 3. Approval of the Hybrid Congress

**CONGRESS APPROVED THE HYBRID ORGANIZATION OF THE 2022 IIHF ANNUAL CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IIHF STATUTES.**

The Hybrid organization of the 2022 IIHF Annual Congress was submitted to the Congress for approval.

### 4. Appointment of Minutes Keepers and Scrutineers

**CONGRESS CONFIRMED - APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES KEEPERS - APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS.**

It was proposed to appoint Enid Eicher and Adriaan Wijckmans as minutes' keepers. In addition, in case a vote would occur, Eric Robert (FRA), Konrad Gylfason (ISL), Andy French (GBR) and Ottar Eide (NOR) were requested to act as scrutineers.

Congress confirmed: - Appointment of Minutes Keepers; - Appointment of Scrutineers.

### 5. Approval of Minutes from Last Congress

**THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 IIHF ANNUAL CONGRESS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The General Secretary announced that the IIHF Office had not received any written remarks to the minutes.

The Minutes of the 2022 IIHF Annual Congress were unanimously approved.

### 6. Report of the President

LTA gave a short report as a continuation of his opening speech as the following:

He reflected on the first year of the new IIHF Council's mandate, where the first and second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic represented a challenge. He summarised the withdrawal of the NHL out of the Olympic Winter Games 2022 participation, which happened before Christmas, and the cancellation of the World Juniors in the middle of tournament due to Covid-19. He said that the preparation and the way to Beijing 2022 was not easy, but the competition was organized well. After concluding the Olympic Winter Games 2022, the war and conflict in Ukraine emerged, which had a huge impact on the IIHF Championship structure. The IIHF had the goal to return to a regular season after the Covid-19 cancella-

tions and he expressed his gratitude and thanked all the organizers, participants, and staff involved in the tournaments. He further thanked Hockey Canada for the support around the World Women's tournament. He reflected also on the successful women's tournament organized by Denmark, which went very well. He finally addressed the ICE26, as the first ever strategic plan created for the IIHF, and thanked BCW Sports for their work done on the strategy planning. He said that the last year was not easy, and thanked Gion Veraguth for making two jobs as an interim General Secretary, and thanked Ashley Ehlert for the work done on the legal side. He finally thanked all the Directors of the departments and the IIHF Council for the continued efforts in growing ice hockey as a sport.

### 7. Report of the IIHF Activities

**See Agenda Item 6 for the report of the Season**

### 8. Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council

There were no urgent Council decisions to be ratified.

### 9. Admission of New Member National Association and Change of Membership Status

**THE ADMISSION OF PUERTO RICO AS AN IIHF ASSOCIATE MEMBER, AND THE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF IRAN TO AN IIHF FULL MEMBER WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY CONGRESS.**

The admission of Puerto Rico as a new member of the IIHF and the change of membership status to an IIHF Full Member for the national ice hockey federation of Iran were submitted to the IIHF Congress. **(See Enclosure 9.)**

### 10. Allocation of IIHF Championships

**CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED SOUTH AFRICA AS A HOST. CAPE TOWN, 17. - 23.04.2023**

HED informed Congress that the allocation of 10 Championships different categories was postponed from the 2022 IIHF Annual Congress to the 2022 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. **(See Enclosure 10.0/ 2023 IIHF Championship Program)**

MNU gave a presentation to Congress about the voting procedure. **(See Enclosure 10.1)**

### 10.1 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIIA

WM IIIA. South Africa is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.2 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIIB

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AS A HOST. SARAJEVO, 27.02.2023 - 05.03.2023.*

WM IIIB. Bosnia & Herzegovina is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.3 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IV

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED MONGOLIA AS A HOST. ULAANBAATAR 23.- 26.03.2023.*

WM IV: Mongolia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. The presentation of Mongolia was shown.

### 10.4 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IA

*CONGRESS APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH CIHA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IIHF STATUTES..*

WW IA: HED informed that Austria and the Netherlands withdrew their hosting applications from this tournament pending on the decision as described below and therefore China would be the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

MNU gave a short presentation on the main points of the IIHF CIHA agreement on the WWIA (See Enclosure 10.4) He explained that after the Annual Congress in Finland in Tampere the negotiations with CIHA started. The agreement was signed by the Chinese Ice Hockey Association on September 2022. He explained that the agreement is not yet signed by the IIHF, as its depending on the approval of Congress. He explained that the IIHF Council proposes Congress to approve the agreement with CIHA.

CIHA was given the floor, who was participating virtually. The representatives of CIHA greeted the IIHF President, Council Members, and the MNAs participating at the Congress they thanked the General Secretary and Aivaz Omorkanov for the work done, and explained that they look forward to the fruitful cooperation.

LTA that informed that the IIHF has to implement ways to adapt to the financial situation and the challenges, which involves to be more proactive, and find ways to capitalize new products. The agreement with CIHA would serve as a first step in a new area of this process. This will be the first investment by CIHA, which will enhance the importance of women's hockey to the level they deserve to be. LTA shortly reflected on the negotiation process, and said that he met the participating teams, and thanked Aivaz

Omorkanov who was driving process, and also thanked Matti Nurminen and Ashely Ehlert for the work done.

*CONGRESS APPOINTED CHINA AS A HOST. SHENZHEN 16.- 22.04.2023.*

MNU asked everybody to raise the voting cards, and Congress appointed China as a host.

### 10.5 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IIIB

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED ISRAEL AS A HOST. METULA 27. - 30.03.2023.*

WW IIIB: Israel is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.6 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IIB

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED ISRAEL AS A HOST. REYKJAVIK 16. - 22.01.2023.*

WM20 IIB: Iceland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.7 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 III

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED TURKIYE AS HOST. ISTANBUL 26.01.2023 - 02.02.2023.*

WM20 III: Bosnia & Herzegovina and Türkiye applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

- 10 votes for Bosnia & Herzegovina, and
- 15 votes for Türkiye.

### 10.8 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IIIB

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED SOUTH AFRICA AS A HOST. CAPE TOWN, 13. - 16.03.2023.*

WM18 IIIB: South Africa is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.9 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18 IIA

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED GREAT BRITAIN AS A HOST. DUMFRIES, 21. - 27.01.2023.*

WW18 IIA: Great Britain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 10.10 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18 IIB

*CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED BULGARIA AS A HOST. SOFIA, 26.01.2023 01.02.2023.*

WW18 IIB: Bulgaria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **10.11 Approval of Game Schedules of allocated Championships**

HED informed the participating teams, that the IIHF Office is missing a few game schedule approvals, and asked the participating teams to sign the game schedules before leaving. He further said that none of the hosts have received a host country contract yet, as the IIHF Event Department was waiting for the final allocation of the events to send out all the contracts. In that context he informed that a new clause was added regarding a development seminar. KVA will include it in his upcoming presentation which tournament was chosen for a bigger seminar.

### **10.12 Confirmation of nominated referees and linespersons**

#### **CONGRESS APPROVED CONGRESS APPROVED RUS/BLR REINTEGRATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IIHF STATUTES AND BYLAWS**

MNU informed that in accordance with IIHF Statutes and Bylaws the nomination of referees and linesmen has to be approved. As events are taking place later, the long list uploaded has been uploaded to the IIHF intranet prior to the Congress. The respective persons will be assigned as officials to the events at a later stage. **(See Enclosure 10.3)**

MNU said that RUS and BLR are suspended from the Championship program, and we don't know when they come back but we need clear principles how they come back. In accordance with the Allocation of Championships – Agenda Point 10 – CHO gave a presentation on Council's proposal for the reintegration of RUS and BLR. **(See Enclosure 10.4.1 & 10.4.2)** ALA explained the challenges for the championship structure promotion and relegation and said that this is about the principles how to do it and not about when.

CHO counited with the presentation and clarified that Council will take the decision of the return of RUS and BLR, and in each season the deadline for such is Wednesday before the start of the Annual Congress (Calendar Meeting) to prepare the championship program for the following season.

LTA reflected on the work done by the Competition & Coordination Committee, and also confirmed that the participating nations need to know the rules of promotion and relegation before they start playing in any group.

MNU also commented that this is a clear proposal, which has been discussed in the Competition & Coordination Committee and within Council. We understand that there are many technical ways on doing this but we want to keep it simple.

Rauno Parras (EST) requested more clarification about the decision making process.

AEH explained that the Council is the decision making body that will decide when RUS/BLR is reintegrated into the Championship program. She explained that the Disciplinary Board confirmed that Council had the power to remove RUS/BLR from the Championship Program for safety reasons. The Disciplinary Board was not appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. As with the decision to remove RUS/BLR whereby Council discussed such with the Federations prior to making the decision, Council will discuss with the Federations the timing of reintegrating RUS/BLR prior to making the decision.

LTA commented that this is not an easy task for the Council and the Committee. It's clear that everyone needs an idea on what will happen with promotion and relegation. We spoke also about the option to fuse division WMIA and WMIB which could reduce some impact. But also the contract with Infront has to be considered.

There is still work to do but today it's important that we take a decision. And this proposal is the one that the Council unanimously agreed with.

Jaan Mölder commented that he is not in favor how the proposal is presented, particularly that the MNAs should be informed before the Congress, to be able to prepare. There was not enough time to prepare and to express respective opinions.

MNU acknowledged Mr. Mölder's concern, and he referred to the Council meetings schedule: the Competition & Coordination Committee was involved in the preparation of the presentation and the Council meeting took place only days before SAC.

MNU asked first delegates in favour of the proposal to raise their voting cards, before he addressed separately the delegates who are not supporting this proposal.

The scrutineers counted and the result of the vote was the following:

- 119 votes in total
- 108 votes cast
- 98 votes in favour
- 10 votes against
- 11 abstentions

## **11. Report of the 2022 IIHF World Championship in Tampere & Helsinki**

LTA commented that the 2022 IIHF World Championship was organized within a short time and said that the Championship was organized in an outstanding and fantastic way, and the Congress went also very well. PBR

also commented, that he was the Chairman in Helsinki, and he thanked for the organizing committee, participating teams, Infront and the staff involved for mastering all challenges in a professional manner. He said that after the two years of covid, and struggle to playing without fans, he hopes to return to a normal season and to continue to organize events with great success.

## **12. Proposals for the modification of the Official Playing Rules**

**THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MMU informed Congress that only minor housekeeping changes were made to the Official Playing Rules so that there was no separate presentation on this matter. The amended Playing Rules were uploaded to the Intranet for the attention of the IIHF Delegates.

## **13. Finances**

**CONGRESS APPROVED THE IIHF COUNCIL REMUNERATION AS PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IIHF STATUTES AS PRESENTED.**

### **13.1 Yearly accounts for the 2021/2022 season**

Petr Briza gave a presentation on the yearly accounts for the 2021/2022 season. (See Enclosure 13.1) He gave an overview on the Season and reflected on the challenges including the unpredictable development of the Covid-19 situation worldwide, and the special circumstances with the war in the Ukraine. He presented the Profit and Loss of the Season 202/2022 and the Balance Sheet figures as per June 30,2022.

### **13.2 IIHF Council Remuneration**

Before proceeding with this point on the agenda, all IIHF Council members were requested to leave the Congress room. Clinton Wrottesley (GBR) presented the detailed suggestion of the Finance Committee regarding the remuneration levels of the IIHF President and Council members. (See Enclosure 13.2) He said that the experience from of the 2021/2022 season showed that the amount of time spent by the President and the Council Members on IIHF business is significantly higher than expected, and the remuneration therefore doesn't reflect the actual amount of work done, and the time spent working on behalf of IIHF.

The independent members of the Finance Committee have studied the situation in detail, and propose the adjustment

of the Council stipend amount. He explained the flat fee, and the structure of the daily allowances, the current council remuneration and the proposed council remuneration.

MNU asked the delegates to raise their voting cards and keep them up who are in favor of the new council remuneration.

### **13.3 IIHF Auditors Report**

IIHF Internal Auditor Fabio Oetterli and Hub van Grinsven gave a presentation on their findings to the Congress. (See Enclosure 13.3) They said they audited the yearly accounts of the IIHF for the fiscal year 2021/22 in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws, presented their findings, and thanked Gion Veraguth, Petr Briza and the Finance Committee for the work done.

## **14. Strategy Plan 2022 - 2026**

MNU introduced that the IIHF Strategic plan, that he is happy to have a strategic plan and work together with the IIHF staff on the implementation of the strategic plan **(See Enclosure 14.)**

Henrik Bach Nielsen introduced the strategic plan, and said that this is a new process for the organization, and the success of such strategy depends on all of the stakeholders. Raeto Raffainer also said that the Council together with the Administration, have been working closely together to review the IIHF's mission and vision.

He said that the mission is to work with all stakeholders to make ice hockey an available, attractive and competitive sport and to generate added-value for our members, and the vision is to be global leader in winter sports. Anders Larsson continued by explaining the IIHF values, which are important as they will guide our behavior, decisions and actions moving forward. He explained in detail the values integrity, respect, passion and community and said that together the Council and the Administration is committed to these this new mission, vision and values and said that he hopes that each the valued members, will join to be part of this commitment. Henrick Bach Nielsen continued to explain the ICE 26 framework, which is built to achieve 3 main goals to innovate, to collaborate and to expand. He said that the 12 key areas were identified as a very strong potential for progress in ice hockey.

Finally, Matti Nurminen thanked HBN and said that the first step in the implementation of this strategy is to create a clear frame for each of these areas. He has shown an example of how each initiative will be put against a concrete implementation plan and its progress will

be monitored over time and presented the key initiative timeline 2022-2026.

## 15. Approval of Appointed External Auditors Approval of Appointed External Auditors

**THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The IIHF Internal Auditors recommended the IIHF Congress to continue with the current External Auditor firm, Curator Revision AG in Zürich.

## 16. Discharge of the Responsibilities of the President, the Treasurer, and the Council

**THE DISCHARGE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE TREASURER, AND THE COUNCIL WAS APPROVED, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE YEARLY ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IIHF STATUTES.**

Based on the Auditors Report, the IIHF Congress was requested to approve the discharge of the IIHF President, the Treasurer, and the Council for the period 1 July 2021 through 30 June 2022.

## 17. Honors and Awards

The Johan Bollue award was awarded during the Gala Dinner on the 29.09.2022.

## 18. Motion to Destroy the Ballots

**CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS. NO BALLOTS WERE USED**

Congress approved to destroy the ballots. / No ballots were used.

## 19. Other Business

### 19.1 25 years IIHF Continental Cup

Igor Nemecek has shown a video on the IIHF Continental Cup, and thanked for the good cooperation with CHL in allowing the Continental Cup winner to participate in CHL, and said that he hopes this will stay the case in the fu-

ture. He further thanked Hans Dobida for all his hard work on the Continental Cup, and finally thanked IIHF Event and Marketing Department.

### 19.2 2024 Youth Olympic Games

Christian Hofstetter explained the Youth Olympic Games qualification system (See Enclosure 19.2). He highlighted the general information, the total athletes quota, the quota per MNA, and explained the qualification system for which the Combined Youth World Ranking 2022 and 2023 will serve as base

### 19.3 IIHF Development Plan

Kalle Valiaho gave a presentation on the MNA Organization Assessment 2022 **(see Enclosure 19.3)**.

Then, he went on to present the IIHF Development plan including the education, event platforms, program, communication and measures. He explained the details of the season 2022/23 and gave an overview of the Growing the Game Fund application, which starts now and ends 31 December 2022. He listed the events in the partnership for progress 2022-2023 program and concluded his presentation with the Skills4All program details.

### 19.4 Report of the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Heikki Hietanen and Edgar Buncis gave a presentation on the upcoming 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

HHL thanked the Congress for the opportunity to organize the World Championship 2023 together with Latvia, and said it's going to be challenging to organize a World Championship in 11 months, and gave a short presentation on the cities where we are going to play. **(See Enclosure 19.4)**

Edgar Buncis also commented that he is happy to welcome the fans in Latvia again and gave more details on the Arenas, fan zone.

Anatolii Brezvin and Oleksandra Satvytska gave a presentation on the Ukrainian Hockey Dream and explained the fundraising goals.

They thanked the delegates for the continues support (see Enclosure 19.5) LTA reflected on the past solidarity projects, and thanked Viesturs Koziols who is actively involved as a coordinator in the projects.

MNU closed the congress, and thanked all the delegates the very active participation.

## 20. Date and place next IIHF Congress

The IIHF President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked all delegates, the IIHF Council, Infront, the entire IIHF Team, the technical people, the life members present virtually and in-person, and the translators. On behalf of the IIHF council he thanked for the approval of the council remuneration. He further thanked the Latvian and Finnish Organizers involved in the World Championship and wished continued fruitful collaboration.

The next IIHF Congress is the IIHF Annual Congress which will take place from 26 to 27 May 2023 in Tampere, Finland.

*Matti Nurminen*

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General Secretary

*Enid Eicher*

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Minutes keeper

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# 2023 IIHF ANNUAL CONGRESS IN TAMPERE, FINLAND

## 26-27 MAY 2023

### 1. Welcome by the IIHF President

#### REPORT AND DISCUSSION APPROVED BY CONGRESS

IIHF President, Luc Tardif, opened the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present.

Then, a moment of silence was held for all members of the ice hockey family that passed away since the last IIHF Congress.

He gave the floor to IIHF General Secretary Matti Nurminen for the following organizational remarks:

Matti Nurminen welcomed all Delegates, including those attending virtually, to the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress in Tampere, Finland. He explained that all should wear the accreditation visible at any time when in the congress area. He explained the Gala dinner and the ticket pick-up for the final game days. He told the Congress that a record high number of delegates is attending this Annual Congress. He explained that of the 79 MNAs registered, 4 are present completely online, and 1 MNA is present both virtually and physically. 75 Delegations are present in the room. He instructed the virtual participants to raise their hands and have their cameras on whenever they want to speak. He said that all delegates should have received a voting device; if that was not the case, then the MNAs were invited to pick one up at the entrance of the Congress room. The delegates should have the device with them at all times. He explained that the voting devices would be used to allocate the championships but that all other votes are done with the voting cards. He clarified that translation services from English to Russian are available. It was shared with Congress that an Eligibility Workshop takes place on Saturday morning in the Congress room (See Enclosure 1.1). Finally, he informed Congress that the Council hour will take place in Ukko-Pekka at the end of the Congress.

Concerning the Congress agenda, it was pointed out that the changes to Rule Book would be added to the agenda.

The General Secretary then welcomed the new Presidents and General Secretaries at the Congress and asked them to stand up and introduce themselves. Puerto Rico, Romania, Slovakia, and Armenia were present in the room to introduce their new delegates.

A roll call was then performed. Prior to starting the roll call, it was explained that presence for this Congress could be both online and in-person. The Virtual attendees were done first. **(See Members List attached Enclosure 1.2)**. The Philippines was missing from the registered virtual participants.

### 2. Approval of the Streaming and a Hybrid Congress

#### APPROVED BY CONGRESS

Congress approved the streaming of the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress. Congress approved the Hybrid organization of the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress.

### 3. Notice of the Meeting

The IIHF General Secretary confirmed that the 2023 Annual Congress Meeting was called and notified in accordance with IIHF Statute 14.4; the IIHF provided notice and purpose of the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress with the First Notice being sent out on 29

March 2023, and the Second Notice being sent out on 27 April 2023.

He explained that the subjects dealt with during this 2023 IIHF Annual Congress were strictly limited to the topics explicitly indicated on the 2023 IIHF Annual Congress Agenda.

### 4. Appointment of Minutes Keepers and Scrutineers

#### CONGRESS CONFIRMED - APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES KEEPERS<sup>2023</sup> - APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS.

It was proposed to appoint Enid Eicher and Adriaan Wijckmans as minutes' keepers. In addition, in case a vote would occur, Eric Ropert (FRA), Konrad Gylfason (ISL), Ottar Eide (NOR), and Andy French (GBR) were requested to act as scrutineers.



## 5. Approval of Minutes from Last Congress

**CONGRESS RAISED NO OBJECTIONS, AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 IIHF SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS WERE APPROVED.**

The General Secretary announced that the IIHF Office had not received any written remarks to the minutes.

## 6. Report of the President

Luc Tardif thanked the Organizing Committee of Finland for the excellent organization of the venues and the set-up and also thanked the Latvian Organizing Committee for the successful co hosting. He explained that following the geopolitical situation, all the decisions taken by the IIHF Council were to protect the World Championship as a product and not for political reasons. He said that he would like to ensure to have the delegates' cooperation in this respect. He explained the process of the qualification rounds for the Olympic tournament and stressed once again that the IIHF does not accept any political reasons to be brought into this discussion. He further noted that his speech will be divided into two parts. In the first part, he will list the activities of the past season. In the second part, he will address the outlook of the new season.

Luc Tardif explained the recap of the last season as follows: He said that the IIHF came back to its usual, regular activity and organized 40+ events as all the postponed events took place. He once again addressed the relocation of the World Championship to Tampere and Riga. He explained the implementation plan of the ICE 26 strategy and said that the integrity program had kicked off involving 55 countries. He said he wants to remain close to and continue communicating with all relevant stakeholders. He added that he had visited 43 % of the MNAs so far. He explained the changes in the IIHF Office, having a new General Secretary, a new Asian manager, and an entirely new department – the Development Department, and informed about the changes in the Sports Department. He reflected on the preparation of the YOG and the 3-on-3 competition format and said that 220 athletes will participate in the 2024 YOG in Gangwon, Korea. He went on to talk about the IIHF 2023 Women's Ice Hockey Summit, where for the first time in IIHF history, 101 delegates from 50 countries met in Budapest, Hungary, to learn, connect and share knowledge and experience about the women's game. He thanked IIHF Council member Viesurs Koziols for his work in the area of sustainability and said that the new sustainability ice rink guide is available to download on the IIHF website. Regarding the 2026

Winter Olympic Games Milano, and Cortina, he spoke about the challenges and said that the set-up is not at the level of our standards. He said that, in this respect, the first meetings took place but that it seems that there is no legacy plan for ice hockey. However, he ensured that the IIHF was working hard on preparing for the best competition possible. He said that the IIHF leadership is on the way to developing relationships based on mutual respect with the clubs, leagues, NHL, and the NHL PA. He said that the target is the coordination of the ice hockey activities in the world. He further addressed the financial impact of the rising energy prices and travel costs, which represent difficulties for organizers. He addressed the Asian competitions and mentioned the importance of the development cup. Finally, he informed Congress of the new Rule Book, which aims to unite everybody.

Regarding the discussion in the Council, he once again reflected on the protection of the World Championship as a product. As the World Championship represents 65 % of the income, it's not possible to organize the development activities without the World Championship. He said that the top events like the World Championship, the Olympic Games, and the World Juniors represent close to 80 % of the IIHF budget. If we would like to keep increasing the level of the competition, we need to develop the sport further. He reflected on the inflation and said that the situation resulted in less income and more expenses. He also addressed the situation with the clubs & leagues. Moreover, he touched on the four pillars of the IIHF integrity program, and said that the Legal department had to deal with a total of 220 eligibility cases last season. Therefore, an Eligibility workshop is held on Saturday morning to address this topic. Further, he informed

Congress that the IIHF will organize a workshop about the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards during the 2023 SAC. He concluded by stating that the most important topic to tackle is the invention of the new championship format, which should be adapted to the modern world while continuing to develop the game, as alone we go faster, but together we go further.

## 7. Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council

### CONGRESS APPROVED THE RATIFICATION OF THE URGENT COUNCIL DECISIONS

IIHF Deputy General Secretary and Legal Director, Ashley Ehlert, clarified that the following decisions had to be ratified: - IIHF participation in the 2026 Winter Olympic Games and Italy's automatic;

- Team Entry Long-List due date (a) 15 April 2023 rather than 1 February two years in advance of the Olympics for the Men and (b) 15 April 2024 rather than 1 February two years in advance of the Olympics for the Women.

## 8. Report of the IIHF Activities

Included in point 6.

## 9. Report of the 2024 Youth Olympic Games

IIHF President Luc Tardif explained the preparatory work done by the IIHF for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games, taking place in Gangwon, Korea.

IIHF Sport Director, Christian Hofstetter, gave a presentation on the 2024 Youth Olympic Games, providing general information on the men's and women's events, the athlete's quotas, and the combined world ranking. He also provided information on the qualified MNAs and explained the 3-on-3 game and practice schedules. He then went on to address the qualified MNAs for the 6-team tournaments and informed Congress on the 6-team tournament game and practice schedule. [See Enclosure 9.]

## 10. Report of the Host of the 2024 IIHF World Championship

IIHF Senior Vice President, Petr Briza, thanked the Latvian and Finnish OC for their work during the 2023 IIHF World Championship and introduced the organizing team for the 2024 IIHF World Championship. He then gave a presentation on the slogan of the tournament "Heart of the Game".

The OC General Secretary for the 2024 IIHF World Championship explained the visa requirements and restrictions to enter Czechia. He also gave an overview of the host cities and the travel distances between both cities. Petr Briza finally provided some information on the host arenas, the practice arenas, the game schedule, and the official hotels. [See Enclosure 10.]

## 11. Allocation of IIHF Championships

*FOR THOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WERE NOT ALLOCATED DURING THE 2023 ANNUAL CONGRESS, CONGRESS AGREED WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ALLOCATION OF THE RESPECTIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO THE 2023 SAC.*

IIHF Deputy General Secretary and IIHF Event Director, Hannes Ederer, indicated that the IIHF will be strict during the upcoming season regarding changes from the hosting application for no material reason. Such changes are not fair to the participating countries and to the IIHF. Therefore, the last moment on which such change can be made is right before the official allocation of the Championship during Congress. **(See Enclosure 11. 2024 IIHF Championship Program)**

### 11.1 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IA

*CONGRESS APPOINTED ITALY AS A HOST. BOLZANO, 28.04.2024 - 04.05.2024*

WM IA: Italy is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 11.2 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IB

*CONGRESS APPOINTED LITHUANIA AS A HOST. VILNIUS, 27.04.2024 - 03.05.2024*

WM IB: Lithuania is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 11.3 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIA

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SERBIA AS A HOST. BELGRADE, 21.04.2024 - 27.04.2024.*

WM IIA: Serbia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 11.4 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIB

*CONGRESS APPOINTED BULGARIA AS A HOST. SOFIA, 22.04.2024 - 28.04.2024.*

WM IIB: Bulgaria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### 11.5 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIIA

*CONGRESS APPOINTED KYRGYZSTAN AS A HOST. BISHKEK, 10.03.2024 - 16.03.2024.*

### 11.6 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IIIB

WM IIIB: The allocation of this Championship Division was postponed to the 2023 IIHF SAC.

### **11.7 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IV**

WM IV: The allocation of this Championship Division was postponed to the 2023 IIHF SAC.

### **11.8 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED USA AS A HOST. UTICA, 3 OR 4.04.2024 - 14.04.2024.*

WW: USA is the only applicant to host this Championship Division..

### **11.9 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IA**

WW IA: The 2023 WW IA will be played in August of 2023. Therefore, we shall wait for the outcome of the tournament. If China stays in this group – based on the contract concluded with the Chinese Ice Hockey Association, China will host this Championship. If not, the allocation will take place during the 2023 SAC.

### **11.10 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IB**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED LATVIA AS A HOST. RIGA, 31.03.2024 - 06.04.2024*

WW IB: Slovenia withdrew. Poland, Italy and Latvia applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 7 votes for Poland,
- 6 votes for Italy, and
- 11 votes for Latvia.

Italy has the least number of votes, and therefore its bid was withdrawn.

Second round:

- 10 votes for Poland, and
- 14 votes for Latvia.

### **11.11 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IIA**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SPAIN AS A HOST. TBD, 18.03.2024 - 24.03.2024.*

WW IIA: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division..

### **11.12 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED TURKIYE AS A HOST ISTANBUL, 01.04.2024 - 07.04.2024.*

WW IIB: Türkiye is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.13 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IIIA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED CROATIA AS A HOST. ZAGREB, 11.03.2024 - 17.03.2024*

WW IIIA: Lithuania and Croatia applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 4 votes for Lithuania, and
- 21 votes for Croatia.

### **11.14 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW IIIB**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED ESTONIA AS A HOST. KOHTLA-JARVE, 24.03.2024 - 29.03.2024.*

WWW IIB: Estonia and Thailand applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 13 votes for Estonia, and
- 11 votes for Thailand.

### **11.15 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SWEDEN AS A HOST. GOTHENBURG, 26.12.2023 -05.01.2024*

.WM20: Sweden is the only applicant to this Championship Division.

### **11.16 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED HUNGARY AS A HOST. BUDAPEST, 10.12.2023 - 16.12.2023*

WM20 IA: Austria and Hungary applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 6 votes for Austria, and
- 18 votes for Hungary..

### **11.17 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IB**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED SLOVENIA AS A HOST. BLED, 11.12.2023 - 17.12.2023.*

WM20 IB: Estonia, Italy and Slovenia applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 4 votes for Estonia,
- 11 votes for Italy, and
- 11 votes for Slovenia.

Estonia has the least number of votes, and therefore its bid was withdrawn.

Second round:

- 11 votes for Italy, and
- 15 votes for Slovenia.

**11.18 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IIA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED GREAT BRITAIN AS A HOST. DUMFRIES, 11.12.2023 - 17.12.2023.*

WM20 IIA: China and Great Britain applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 7 votes for China, and
- 19 votes for Great Britain.

**11.19 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SERBIA AS A HOST. NOVI SAD, 14.01.2024 - 20.01.2024.*

WM20 IIB: Serbia is the only applicant to this Championship Division.

**11.20 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED ISRAEL AS A HOST. TNUVOT, 22.01.2024 - 29.01.2024.*

WM20 IIIA: Bulgaria and Israel applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 10 votes for Bulgaria, and
- 16 votes for Israel.

**11.21 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20 IIIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA AS A HOST. SARAJEVO, 25.01.2024 - 28.01.2024.*

WM20 IIIB: Bosnia & Herzegovina is the only applicant to this Championship Division.

**11.22 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED FINLAND AS A HOST. ESPOO & VANTAA, 25.04.2024 - 05.05.2024*

WM18: Finland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

**11.23 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IA**

WM18 IA: The allocation of this Championship Division was postponed to the 2023 IIHF SAC.

**11.24 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED ESTONIA AS A HOST. TALLINN, 14.04.2024 - 20.04.2024.*

WM18 IB: Estonia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

**11.25 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IIA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED POLAND AS A HOST. SOSNOWIEC, 17.04.2024 - 23.04.2024.*

WM18 IIA: Poland and Romania applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

- 20 votes for Poland, and
- 6 votes for Romania.

**11.26 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SPAIN AS A HOST. TBD, 06.04.2024 - 12.04.2024.*

WM18 IIB: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

**11.27 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IIIA**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED TURKIYE AS A HOST. ISTANBUL, 04.03.2024 - 10.03.2024.*

WM18 IIIA: Türkiye is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

**11.28 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IIIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SOUTH AFRICA AS HOST. CAPE TOWN, 04.03.2024 - 07.03.2024.*

WM18 IIIB: South Africa is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

South Africa announce a change of date for this Championship – tournament will be played from 4 to 7 of March 2024.

**11.29 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SWITZERLAND AS A HOST. TBD, 06.01.2024 - 14.01.2024*

WW18: Switzerland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

**11.30 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18 IA**

WM18 IA: The allocation of this Championship Division was postponed to the 2023 IIHF SAC.

**11.31 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18 IB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED SPAIN AS A HOST. TBD, 08.01.2024 - 14.01.2024.*

WM18 IB: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.32 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18 IIA**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED NETHERLANDS AS A HOST. HEERENVEEN, 15.01.2024 - 21.01.2024.*

WW18 IIA: Türkiye withdrew. Netherlands is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.33 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18 IIB**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED BULGARIA AS A HOST. SOFIA, 08.01.2024 - 14.01.2024.*

WW18 IIB: Bulgaria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

It was announced that a new Championship Division in this category would be considered during summer.

Serbia shared that it wishes to potentially apply for that new Championship Division.

### **11.34 Olympic Qualification**

Hannes Ederer explained that traditionally the highest ranked team of each group will be offered the hosting rights on the basis of the right of first refusal. In addition, he informed Congress that this will be considered through communication with the IIHF Office in the coming months.

### **11.35 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey WW**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED CZECHIA AS A HOST. 09.04.2025 - 20.04.2025.*

2025 WW: Czechia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.36 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED CANADA AS A HOST. TBD, 26.12.2024 - 05.01.2025.*

2025 WM20: Canada is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.37 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20**

The allocation of this Championship Division was postponed to the 2023 IIHF SAC

### **11.38 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18**

*CONGRESS APPOINTED FINLAND AS A HOST. VANTAA, 05.01.2025 - 12.01.2025..*

2025 WW18: Finland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

### **11.39 2027 IIHF Ice Hockey WM**

*BASED ON THE VOTING RESULTS, CONGRESS APPOINTED GERMANY AS A HOST. DUSSELDORF, MANNHEIM 14.05.2027 - 30.05.2027.*

2027 WM: Germany and Kazakhstan applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results were as follows:

- 102 votes for Germany, and
- 34 votes for Kazakhstan.

## **12. Budget for the upcoming year**

*CONGRESS APPROVED THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED*

IIHF Senior Vice-President and Treasurer, Petr Briza, gave a presentation on the IIHF Budget for the 2023/2024 season. (See Enclosure 12.) He explained the key facts for the season 2022/2023 and gave information on the budget and outlook for the 2023/2024 season.

EST asked Petr Briza if he could provide a different comparison for the budget, i.e. the actual versus the budgeted amounts. Petr Briza answered that the biggest event of the IIHF of this season, the IIHF World Championship, is still ongoing. Therefore, the final numbers will only be available at the end of the season.

Finally, Petr Briza thanked the Finance Committee for their work and contribution throughout the season.

## **13. Minimum participation standards**

IIHF Sport Director, Christian Hofstetter, indicated to Congress that his presentation is a memory refresher of the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards. **(See Enclosure 13.)** He said that the implementation of minimum participation standards will be applied strictly for MNAs wishing to join the Championship Program and that no exceptions are allowed. MNAs within our Championship Program have a 1-year period to get in compliance with the Minimum Participation Standards. Together with the Development Committee, the different development programs in the Minimum Participation Standards will be clarified.

AND mentioned that due to the low number of inhabitants in Andorra it is hard to reach the required number of players in accordance with the Minimum Participation Standards. To this point, Luc Tardif answered that a workshop will be organized during the 2023 SAC where the MNAs can address all their specific situations in the

context of the Minimum Participating Standards. After the SAC, a Working Group will be set up to address these points.

BIH raised a point on the age requirements for the WW18. He indicated that from the experience they have in the Balkan region, he would like the Council to consider lowering the minimum age for participation in the WW18 from 15 to 14 as this would help the women's programs in many countries. He explained that there are multiple arguments that can be raised in this context; including that from a biological point of view girls mature faster than boys, that there is less body contact in women's hockey, and that women tend to leave hockey at an earlier age. Ashley Ehlert replied that this should be put into a proposal to Congress. IIHF will then make sure this goes to the relevant Committees (including the Medical Committee).

Christian Hofstetter added that the Minimum Participation Standards are not in place to hinder the development of ice hockey at the national level, but that they have as an objective that participation in IIHF Championships is the highlight of national development.

AUS explained that meeting the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards has become very expensive for their Federation. They have players that need to take a 6-hour flight in order for them to be able to run a competition. They feel that this needs to be taken into account as travel costs increased so much, so that this is no longer sustainable for their federation long-term.

The General Secretary thanked Congress for raising these questions and invited everyone to bring his questions up once again during the workshop that will be held at the SAC.

## 14. IIHF Legislative Project

Ashley Ehlert gave a presentation on the IIHF Legislation Project. (See Enclosure 14.) She explained the regulatory journey in short, and spoke of the new legislative structure.

## 15. Motion to Destroy the Ballots

**CONGRESS APPROVED THE MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS.**

Congress approved the motion to destroy the electronic record of the ballots.

## 16. Other Business

**CONGRESS APPROVED THE CHANGES TO THE RULE BOOK**

### 16.1 Rule Book 2023/2024

IIHF Vice President, Bob Nicholson, indicated that he is happy to see that we have a Rule Book so early. He said that this is a unified Rule Book to make sure that it covers all leagues and the NHL. He said that he wants to get rid of the word unified and just call it IIHF Rule Book. There are four changes, nothing major. He further explained that now we have a process that if we see that a change is needed for the better of the game or player safety to make the change and to communicate such with the leagues. It is important to make the game safer and better for the sport. **(See Enclosure 16. 2023-2024 IIHF Official Rulebook)**

IIHF Council Member, Marta Zawadzka, continued to say that the IIHF is responsible for all games, not only the professional ones. She said it is important to keep player safety in mind but also to keep the rules understandable for everyone.

IIHF Officiating Manager, Danny Kurmann, also commented that it is important to have a Unified Rule Book, so that we all speak the same language, officials, players, and people in the stadium and at home. He said that the intent is to make the game better and to make the rules easier to understand for everyone.

For this year, all stakeholders were invited to come back with feedback. This was considered by the steering group and resulted in 4 small changes.

### 16.2 Women's European Club Competition

Marta Zawadzka, explained that the Women's European Club Competition came in the media recently. She told Congress that this is however not an IIHF project. The IIHF is in some way involved, but not in a leading role. The objective of this competition is to close the gap between the European teams and the North American Teams. The competition will start this December, and in the future they would like to grow.

Finally, she clarified that it is not the idea for this competition to be considered the Continental Cup for women.

### 16.3 Johan Bollue Award

Kalle Valiaho gave a presentation on the Johan Bollue Award. **(See Enclosure 16.3)** He explained the award criteria and the application process.

### 16.4 Hockey Canada WM20 and WW

Pat McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer at Hockey Canada, gave a presentation on the 2023 World Junior Championship, which was held in Canada. (See Enclosure 16.4) He shared key data and records about the tournament, and provided information on the ticket sales and broadcast. He addressed the current situation of Hockey Canada and said, that they are in the best possible position now, and all of the sponsors came back with the exception of one sponsor.

### 16.5 Flowers to CHO

Christian Hofstetter was thanked by the IIHF President and IIHF General Secretary for his hard work during his many years with the IIHF.

## 17. Date and place next IIHF Congress

The IIHF President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked all delegates, the IIHF Council, Infront, the entire IIHF Team, the technical people, the Finnish and Latvian Ice Hockey Associations, the life members, and the translators.

The next IIHF Congress is the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress which will take place from 4 to 7 October 2023 in Vilamoura, Portugal.

*Matti Nurminen*

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General Secretary

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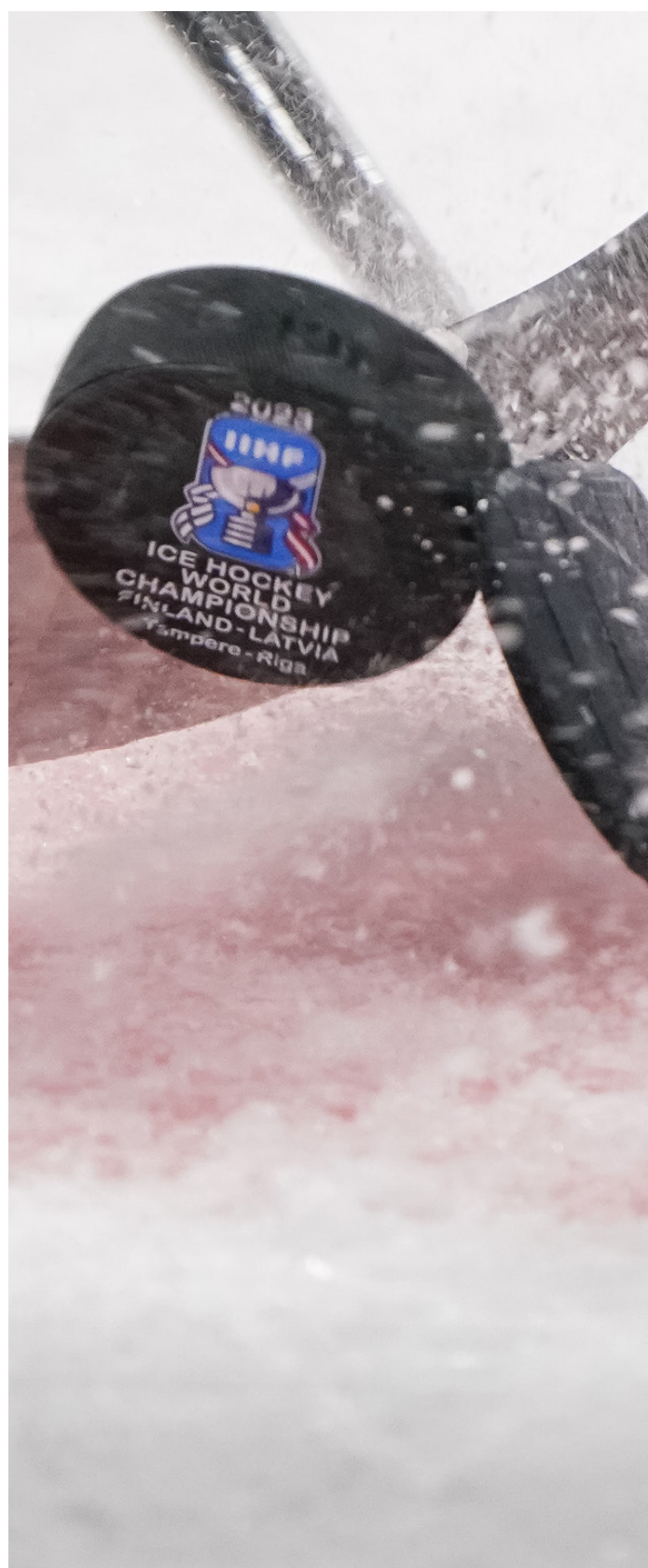
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**IIHF  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**



**INTERNATIONAL  
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FEDERATION**



# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# IIHF OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

The 2022-2023 season was an opportunity for the officiating community to come back together and target focus areas for improving the game on a global scale.

**THIS SEASON, WE LOOKED TO SCALE THE OFFICIATING COMMITTEE BOTH FROM A QUANTITY AND QUALITY PERSPECTIVE IN THE SHORT AND LONG TERM.**

The start of a yearly initiative to host a global Referees-in-Chief Network was initiated to support and encourage cooperation between MNAs and to create a natural meeting platform between the IIHF office, the officiating committee, and Referees in chiefs worldwide. The focus was to engage in workshops and discussions in areas that are prioritized by MNAs from around the world.

**OVER THE WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, ROUGHLY 35 MNAs PARTICIPATED ON-SITE AND 25 ONLINE TO ENGAGE IN IMPORTANT TOPICS. VIRTUAL FOLLOW-UP WEBINARS WERE ALSO HOSTED TO ENGAGE IN A CONTINUOUS DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE WITH THE REFEREES IN CHIEFS.**

The IIHF deepened their collaboration with the officiating apparel and equipment supplier, Warrior Hockey by presenting the webinar series "Recruitment powered by Warrior". These webinars aimed to showcase global best practices on topics including recruitment and retention, and rewarded MNAs who attended all webinars with game officials' equipment free of charge. In total, 15 federations received free equipment and 65 federations signed up to participate in the webinars.

The first physical gathering for the IIHF Officiating Coaches post-Covid was held in Denmark during the 2022 IIHF Women's World Championship. The IIHF gathered its 37 coaches from around the world to discuss the topic of improving officiating coaching at all levels. Over the coming seasons, the IIHF will intensify the work on gaining knowledge from theoretical and practical perspectives while incorporating an updated coaching philosophy and approach.

During the 2023 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship in Switzerland, the IIHF together with Mr. Lee Waters broke new ground in the research and development on the topic of decision-making for game officials at the top level. During the tournament, selected game officials received training in various areas of eye movement and decision-making that had previously only been used in other sports and training for professions with a high demand of decision-making. This research will be crucial to better understanding the changing needs of on-ice game officials and how to adapt their training.

The unified rulebook continues to be a success, with implementation from the grassroots to elite levels. Minor adjustments and changes were made to the rulebook to reflect the development of international hockey and also to stay updated with specific rules for junior and women's hockey. The focus for the work ahead is to stay more consistent and promote a safe and fair game.

# IIHF SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

## SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

The International Ice Hockey Federation and IIHF Sustainability Committee, together with the company “Sporting Giants” have made the crucial step in joining the Sports For Climate Action Framework to align with the International Olympic Committee and other International Federations to safeguard the future of our sport and the planet.

**The Climate Transition Plan sets out the steps that IIHF will take to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions across our value chain by 2040.**

To create such a plan, the International Ice Hockey Federation has defined its operational scope for its carbon emissions and has created a baseline measurement. IIHF included within its boundary its office operations and travel to events by its staff.

The “Sporting Giants” performed a data analysis provided by the IIHF and desk-based research was conducted to assess opportunities for carbon reduction in the sport and beyond.

## THE INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION HAS 3 MAIN TARGETS:



**SHORT-TERM:**  
TO REDUCE THE OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS BY 15% BY 2026 AGAINST A 2022 BASELINE;



**MEDIUM-TERM:**  
TO REDUCE THE OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS BY 50% BY 2030 AGAINST A 2022 BASELINE;



**LONG-TERM:**  
TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2040.

**The IIHF Sustainability Committee will review the effectiveness of this action plan in 2024, updating and improving where needed, and will develop a sustainability strategy for the sport.**

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES FOR ‘OWNED’ EVENTS TO IMPLEMENT LOWER**



## SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

In the last season, the IIHF Sustainability Committee received 9 applications for the IIHF Sustainability Award: Switzerland, Norway, Bulgaria, France, Italy, South Africa, Great Britain, Poland and Slovenia, with Switzerland taking home the top award for their work in organizing the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.

Since 2015, the Swiss Organizers have implemented sustainability into their event organization. It is not “a project” for them, but included in their DNA. There is not a single person responsible for sustainability, but the whole team is thinking about sustainable solutions in their field of work.

Therefore the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship is one of the most sustainable organized events in IIHF history. Their sustainability efforts extended from efficient and sustainable structures (e.g. pet-bottles disposal/waste separation in general, transport: integration of public transport/shuttle instead of individual transport, deposit on cups at the beverage stands in the ice rinks) to stadium accessibility, to their volunteer program.

Given the magnitude of this event, Switzerland’s achievements are very impressive, and they plan to continue to improve on future events.

In second place, Norway was honoured for the organization of the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division IA. The Organizing Committee set a great practice example on how to organize events in the future.

Working with a sustainable caterer in the venue, the OC was able to track the food waste of the event with a digital system. This data was evaluated regularly to adjust the food orders to the actual needs. With respect to staff on site, the conscious handling of resources and the usage of high-quality materials was impressive.

In third place, Bulgaria took a different approach and covered two projects: “Saving Mussels and Clear Water with Broken Sticks,” This project turns discarded hockey sticks into a unique form of underwater construction, serving as habitats for mussels along the Bulgarian sea coast. Typically, these broken sticks end up as waste; however, by creatively reusing them as mussel hotels, they contribute to the preservation of mussel habitats and play a vital role in purifying the surrounding seawater.

Their second project, “Caps for Future Project” minimized plastic bottle cap waste while simultaneously funding the acquisition of a second neonatal kids ambulance. Originally conceived to provide baby incubators, this initiative has expanded its scope to assist hospitals and healthcare facilities.

***The IIHF Sustainability Award ceremony was held in Portugal during the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in October.***





# IIHF FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**The IIHF Facilities Committee's focus during the 2022-2023 season was to continue work on issues related to all aspects of ice rink operations, including outlining best practices on how to save energy costs and become more sustainable.**

In cooperation with the Swedish consultancy firm EKA, we have developed the document "IIHF Guide to Sustainable Rinks" which is now available on IIHF.com under the Facilities section. This guide is meant to be used for all ice arenas at any level and is especially useful for those undertaking the building of a new rink. Not only does the guide include information on how to plan from the ground up, but most importantly we explain how to construct and design energy-efficient refrigeration, ventilation, dehumidification, and lightning systems allowing to save energy and other costs during operations.

It is an even more important document for existing rinks with a lot of information on how to improve, and adjust existing systems in the best possible way allowing them to become more sustainable and energy efficient. The guide was shared across multiple global networks and presented through a webinar to more than 60 participants.

For ice hockey to be played on the best possible ice, the Facilities Committee designed a document that outlines the Ice Quality standards. This document describes all aspects of ice quality and recommended standards for IIHF top events: Olympic Winter Games, IIHF Men's World Championship, IIHF Women's World Championship,

IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF U18 Men's World Championship and IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. Based on data collected from the previous four Men's World Championships and the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, we identified a list of parameters that are crucial to ice quality and must be implemented to create the best possible ice quality for the world's top athletes.

Facilities Committee members and experts regularly connect with many of our MNA's to provide advice and consultancy services related to energy saving, ice quality, and sustainability topics, with the goal of helping our members design and construct new arenas with modern and efficient technologies available.

***We have been invited and participated as guest speakers at the Finish hockey facilities conference. To show that the IIHF maintains a leading role in this field, we have entered into a partnership with the International Skating Union and started looking for synergies in terms of energy savings and ice quality standards.***

For the future, facilities are on the agenda, and the committee has engaged the Finish company "arkMILL Oy" to support the process of updating our existing facilities guide. The new guide will be upgraded with additional chapters and more valuable information for our members and the international hockey community.

# IIHF ASIA AND OCEANIA COMMITTEE

The 2022-2023 season was the first season after COVID-19 in which we could completely invest in our programs and explore the full potential in Asia and Oceania. We established an operations structure that will lead our operations and environment:

- The IIHF Asia and Oceania Office has been re-established in Asia and with an experienced Sport Development Manager who is actively working with the members
- Two centralized IIHF Learn to Play programs with individual monthly follow-up meetings on specific topics in each MNA
- One ice management seminar in cooperation with the IIHF Facility Committee
- Three Asia and Oceania Championships in which the organizers put the organization to new heights and provided a championship environment:

*2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP IN BANGKOK (THA)*

*2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP IN BANGKOK (THA)*

*2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP IN ULAANBAATAR (MGL)*

- MNA-specific Officiating Programs with dedicated Referee in Chief Network meetings
- Three AOSPG Meetings to review the activities and talk about required initiatives and programs

**With the investment in an IIHF regional office based in Asia the communication with Asia and Oceania members has been taken to a new level. And new ways will be walked together in future with the Olympic Council of Asia with a greater focus on sustainability and legacy.**

**POSITIVE GROWTH HAS ALSO BEEN SEEN IN THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMS. THE PROMOTION OF CHINA TO THE IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOP DIVISION AND KOREA TO WOMEN'S WORLDS DIVISION 1A ARE VERY POSITIVE SIGNS AND IS FURTHER PROOF THAT INVESTMENT IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY IS A KEY FACTOR TO ENSURE THE GROWTH OF THE SPORT.**

Asia and Oceania representatives in IIHF committees are engaged and proactively contribute to the development on domestic, regional as well as on international levels. We look forward to further exchanges and cooperation with all IIHF Committees.

In a historical meeting with China, Japan, Korea and Kazakhstan it was agreed to intensify the cooperation and to work on new products to boost the game on national, regional, and international levels.

We would like to acknowledge the work that was put forth to achieve such a successful season. It was a labour of actions, financial investment, and following through with programs that reflected the needs of our members.

**IT'S TIME TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS AS WELL AS TO ALL COLLEAGUES AND EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND DAILY WORK AS WELL AS FOR THE TRUST IN OUR OPERATIONS.**

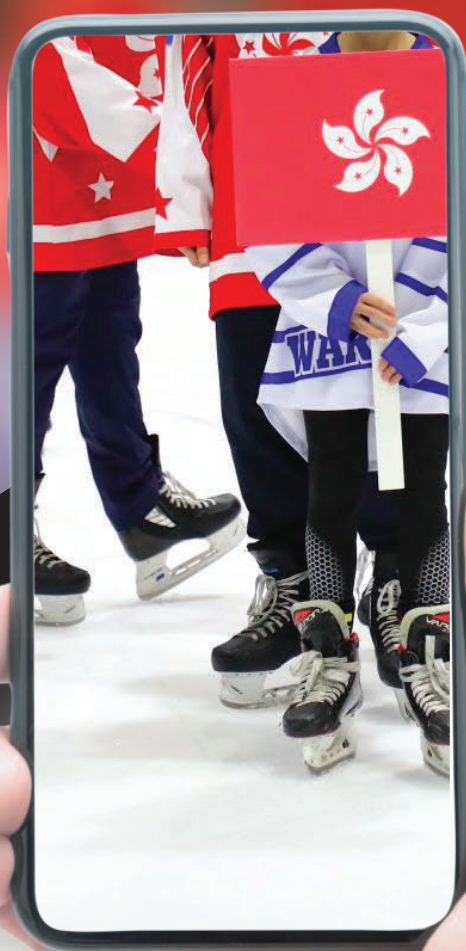
The situation in the region includes a diversity of needs and we will take this into consideration as we move on. Therefore and in the coming season we will further consolidate and build up on what has been established, further customize programs, strengthen the domestic foundation, work in regions and take full use and advantage of upcoming big events to make the next steps into the right direction in the region with new markets and to unfold the big potential in the time to come.



## IIHF VICE-PRESIDENT AIVAZ OMORKANOV QUOTE

With the IIHF Asia and Oceania Office in Abu Dhabi (UA Emirates) the IIHF is in the position to provide real-time support to the members of the IIHF Asia and Oceania Strategic Planning Group (AOSPG). With its regionality and direct gateways, it is in the position to provide the membership with required targeted development support they need to further strengthen their foundation and to build up as well as strengthen their operations and programs in close cooperation with the IIHF Development Department.

Since the establishment of the IIHF Asia and Oceania Office in 2022 and with the employment of the Sport Development Manager at the same time, required programs with the focus on sustainability were initiated and reached also an all-time high with more to come. While the strategic focus on all activities and programs is seen and planned in the long-term, positive results and the boost the regional office brought can be felt and seen. Its state of the art operations will lead to the point that the potential the region have will be unfold.



# IIHF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WORKING GROUP

**IN THIS LIGHT, DURING THE MEETING IN OCTOBER 2023, EACH MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP PROVIDED A PRESENTATION ON A CONCRETE TOPIC RELEVANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.**

*Consistent with its mandate, the IIHF Associate Members Working Group continued to focus on the development of IIHF Associate Members during the 2022-2023 season.*

To this end, the Working Group analyzed the various ways in which information could be obtained from the current IIHF Associate Members. In this context, during its in-person meeting in Vilamoura, Portugal, in October 2023, the Working Group initiated the creation of a survey that would gather the specific needs of the Associate Members. The outcomes of this survey should allow the Working Group to identify those areas in which the Associate Members need support to grow.

**In addition, the Working Group started the process of creating Guidelines specifically targeting Associate Members. These Guidelines should provide guidance to the Associate Members on their pathway to IIHF Full Membership. In this light, the Working Group started by collecting and assessing best practices that could be integrated into such Guidelines. At the same time, the Working Group started investigating potential ways to make the Guidelines as easily accessible and user-friendly as possible.**

In their presentation, the members incorporated their own experiences in the relevant fields, paired with research on practices used in other MNAs.

## **THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE ADDRESSED:**

*The IIHF Developer Program and its relevance for Associate Members*

*The development of ice hockey with limited ice availability*

*Maximizing off-ice development opportunities*

*The building of an ice rink with limited resources*

The Working Group will continue to assess ways and tools which may contribute to the development of the IIHF Associate Members. In doing so, the Working Group will work closely together with the IIHF Associate Members in order to obtain as much first-hand information as possible.

**IN ADDITION, FOR THOSE AREAS THAT OVERLAP WITH THE MANDATES OF OTHER IIHF COMMITTEES, THE WORKING GROUP WILL SEEK A CLOSE COLLABORATION ON SUCH RELEVANT TOPICS.**

# IIHF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

**THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MET AT THE IIHF OFFICES IN ZURICH IN NOVEMBER 2022 TO NOMINATE A NEW CLASS OF INDUCTEES FOR THE 2023 IIHF HALL OF FAME.**

After much debate, the Committee agreed to honour Sandra Dombrowski (Official, SUI), Jimmy Foster (Player, GBR), Cristobal Huet (Player, FRA), Kalervo Kummola (Builder, FIN), Brian Leetch (Player, USA), Caroline Ouellette (Player, CAN), and Henrik Zetterberg (Player, SWE). Additionally, Viktor Szelig (HUN) was named Richard “Bibi” Torriani Award winner and Kimmo Leionnen (FIN) the Paul Loicq Award winner.

The Committee also agreed to introduce two new trophies for the current season—the IIHF Male Player of the Year and the IIHF Female Player of the Year, to be awarded annually to individuals who best demonstrate exceptional skill, determination, team success, and sporting character on and off the ice during the preceding season. The committee nominated the short list of both male and female players, with selected individuals given the opportunity to vote.

**IN THE END, CONNOR BEDARD (CANADA) AND HILARY KNIGHT (USA) WERE SELECTED AS THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THEIR AWARDS.**

*On the topic of the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it was discussed the possibility of making the ceremony bigger, opening it up to the public, or in a larger venue. As well, the committee decided on making a change of venue for the Historical Committee meeting, which is usually held in Zurich. It was agreed that the 2023 meeting would take place in Prague, Czech Republic to help promote the 2024 IIHF Men’s World Championship.*



# EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY COMMITTEE

In January 2022, IIHF President Luc Tardiff founded the Presidential Task Force Group (PTFG) with the goal of creating greater cooperation between the IIHF, European Leagues and Club and MNAs. After the withdrawal of the NHL from the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the PTFG was forced to mobilize quickly and build the schedule for the tournament. The Olympic Winter Games highlighted the skill of European players, notably with Slovakia's first-ever Olympic medal (bronze) in ice hockey.

The PTFG continued operations into the 2022-2023 season, with a renewed focus on collaboration between multi-national leagues and international events. The task force held three meetings that covered topics related to a potential World Cup of Hockey event, the 2026 Olympics, international calendars, league and club impacts on the IIHF, and revisiting ICE26 Key Initiatives as they relate to the World Championship structure.

Following the success of the PTFG through the 2022-2023 season, the task force was adapted into an annual committee, as approved by the IIHF Council in May 2023. The European Professional Hockey Committee is entitled to discuss and make proposals to the Council on any topic related to top-level hockey in Europe at the IIHF, MNA, national team, league and club level. 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 National Hockey League (NHL) and National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA).

*This committee will be an important voice in shaping the future of ice hockey while attracting investment and international collaboration.*



# IIHF ATHLETES COMMITTEE

The IIHF Athletes Committee is an important connection between the IIHF and all athletes who take part in ice hockey activities. The committee is focused on improving player experiences, including safety, anti-doping, rules and regulations while maintaining an active connection between the IIHF, IOC Athletes Commission, and the WADA Athletes Committee.

## **THE GOAL WAS TO INVOLVE THE COMMITTEE IN ALL IIHF MATTERS AND BE A VOICE FOR ATHLETES.**

The Athletes Committee is unique in the sense that, for the first time, it consists of active and retired players, each with a unique understanding of the changing landscape of what players need in order to succeed on and off the ice. At the top of discussions, it was clear that further financial investment into men's and women's hockey will be a key factor in growing the game globally.

**Topics of nutrition, training camp preparedness, player safety, competition environments, and accommodations, gender equality, and life after hockey were also among other player-related discussions within the committee.**

### **THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, THE ATHLETES COMMITTEE MADE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:**

- 1. Created a proposal that outlined increased financial support for player development*
- 2. Confirmed the updates to the 2023-2024 IIHF Official Rule Book*
- 3. Recommendation of ice size for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games [NHL size]*
- 4. Committee member Sean Burke will participate at IOC Athletes Call*
- 5. Committee member Jennifer Harss will participate in the IOC Athletes Forum*
- 6. Chairperson Franz Reindl will take part in a DGEAC Study on Athletes' Rights in and around large sporting events*

The 2023-2024 Season will provide opportunities to review relevant player needs and look for new ways to create safer, sustainable, and more equitable spaces.

**150**

PARTICIPANTS

**19**

COUNTRIES

**35**

COACHES

**1****WEEK-LONG CAMP**TEAM PRACTICES  
ON & OFF-ICE SESSIONS  
CLASSROOM SESSIONS

## IIHF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The 2022-2023 season started with a long-awaited event for the women's hockey community. The High Performance Camp was organized again in July after a four-year hiatus. The camp featured 150 participants from 19 countries, including 79 U18 athletes, among them 28 goaltenders, 36 coaches and goalie coaches (mostly females), 35 staff members (equipment managers, athletic trainers, strength and conditioning coaches, mental skill developer) and 6 athlete ambassadors (Alena Mills, Erika Holst, Katerina Mrazova, Julia Zorn, Klara Peslarova, Andrea Brandli).

**THE WEEK-LONG CAMP INCLUDED POSITION-SPECIFIC ICE SESSIONS, TEAM PRACTICES, GAMES BOTH IN 3 ON 3 AND 4 ON 4 FORMATS, OFF-ICE SESSIONS (WEIGHT ROOM, SPEED-AGILITY-QUICKNESS), AS WELL AS CLASSROOM SESSIONS (ANTI-DOPING, INTEGRITY IN SPORT, MENTAL SKILLS AND MEDIA).**

World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend returned on a larger scale following the pandemic-stricken years with over 220 events worldwide. The IIHF encourages all MNAs to organize as many of these events as possible so more girls can experience the sport of ice hockey. Women's hockey's other promotional event, the Global Girls' Game once again featured 42 countries, including Singapore, Brazil and Oman among many others. Team Blue was victorious with a score of 226-216 over Team White. February 2023 brought the first edition of a much-needed event for women's hockey worldwide, the IIHF Women's Ice Hockey Summit which was organized in Budapest, Hungary. The Summit was a cornerstone event in the implementation of the ICE26 strategy for the development of the female game.

**Over half of the IIHF membership was represented at the Summit with 108 registered participants coming from all corners of the world.**

The two-day program was divided into four sessions, all of which started with general presentations on the featured topic, then the participants continued the discussions and the networking in their respective breakout groups (countries close to each other in rankings were appointed into the same group and each group was named after a pillar of the ICE26 strategy, Group Respect, Group Integrity, Group Passion, Group Community). The Summit topics included getting to know the IIHF, the IIHF Marketing and Communication strategy, Competition and Development and the IIHF Integrity program.

**Each session ended with an Inspire the Next... moment to link together with the IIHF's running women's ice hockey promotional campaign.**

The featured speakers came from different areas of ice hockey and brought their own inspirational life and career stories. The speakers were Sarah Murray, head coach of the United Korea's women's ice hockey team at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, Susan Cohig, NHL Club Affairs Executive Vice President, Anna Wiegand, Olympic-experienced former game official and SIHF Officiating Development Manager for Women Officials and Sang Eun Lee, founder of the Korean women's ice hockey competition, The Dream League.

The IIHF Women's Committee during its meetings throughout the season created an ambitious plan on how to contribute most effectively to the growing network of women's ice hockey and is committed to carry on with the Summit as a key element on a regular basis. Having women's ice hockey as a key initiative in the ICE26 strategy is an important step but brings a huge responsibility to the leaders of the female game. The Women's Committee is committed to creating the network and environment where these leaders can perform to their best ability, whether in the area of coaching, administration, leadership, etc. Working together with other IIHF committees is also an important element that is planned to be done on a regular basis to ensure the smooth and direct exchange of information.

**The IIHF Women's Committee is looking forward to another exciting season in 2023-2024 with many exciting tournaments and games played worldwide and many new initiatives taking shape in order to help the growth and development of women's ice hockey.**

# IIHF MEDICAL COMMITTEE

For the 2022-2023 season the hockey world was back to a more normal running of events and our world championships could once again be organized without severe pandemic-related restrictions.

**THE SEASON WAS FULLY COMPLETED IN AUGUST 2023 WITH THE IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION IA IN CHINA.**

IIHF medical supervisors were present at all IIHF events and championships, ensuring smooth operations in supervision of medical care, including a special emphasis and attention on concussion spotting and the respect of the IIHF Concussion Protocol.

The members of the IIHF Medical Committee participated in the 6th International Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport which took place in Amsterdam, October 27-28, 2022. The event included the introduction of the new SCAT6, child SCAT6 and Office SCAT6 as sport concussion assessment tools. The Conference's resulting Concussion Consensus Statement was released in June 2023 and carries the contribution of IIHF Medical Committee member Dr. Markku Tuominen.

A two-day workshop has also been organized by the Committee for all the IIHF medical supervisors and all invitees attended this very important event. The agenda for the workshop included an education on the IIHF Integrity program as well as safeguarding breakout case studies, and further topics such as Duties of an IIHF Medical Supervisor, Emergency Care, the IIHF Injury Reporting System, the IIHF Concussion Protocol, Injuries in Ice Hockey and Medical Care Guide and Regulations.

*The Medical Committee is also continuously assessing any safety concerns for players and contributes to changes/amendments made to the IIHF Unified Rule Book.*



**In order to serve all IIHF events in the highest standard, new medical supervisors have started working for the IIHF as the Medical Committee is looking to further increase this pool.**

The TUE committee, a sub-group of the IIHF Medical Committee continues to review all international TUE applications and a TUE committee member attended the WADA TUE Symposium as a representative of the committee.

**The IIHF Medical Committee continues to work together with the IIHF office to ensure that we have the highest level of anti-doping program both in and out of competition, by way of overseeing anti-doping at IIHF competitions and advising the IIHF on all policies related thereto.**

With respect to the IIHF Integrity Program the Medical Committee has taken an active role to help the IIHF ensure a safe environment at IIHF championships. As of March 2023 the IIHF medical supervisors have become IIHF Safe Sport Facilitators to ensure that every participant has a safe place to report any concerns. Further all medical supervisors assigned to any IIHF competition underwent a background check and completed a Safe Sport education prior to being assigned.

***THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE IIHF MEDICAL COMMITTEE REMAINS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF ALL ICE HOCKEY ATHLETES AROUND THE WORLD AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE MOST SECURE ENVIRONMENT, SO THEY ARE ABLE TO PERFORM TO THEIR BEST ABILITY.***





# IIHF HALL OF FAME REPORT



## IIHF HALL OF FAME 2023 REPORT

*History was made in 2023 when Sandra Dombrowski became the first woman inducted into the Officials category of the IIHF Hall of Fame. It marked the continuation of a series of firsts for her. She was a player at the first, unofficial, Women's World Championship in Toronto, in 1987. She was the first woman to referee men's games in Switzerland at the amateur level, in the 1980s. She was the first woman to referee the gold-medal game of an IIHF Women's World Championship (in 1992), the first female member of the IIHF's Referee Committee (1998), and the first female referee supervisor after she retired as an on-ice official.*

Dombrowski was joined by another woman, in the Player category, Caroline Ouellette. Ouellette made her debut at the 1999 Women's Worlds, scoring two goals in five games. Ouellette also played at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where she became one of NCAA's top players, averaging a goal a game over three seasons and joining the Patty Kazmaier top-10 nominees twice. Additionally, she continued to play for Canada, notably the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake.

After finishing at UMD, Ouellette returned to Montreal to play in the NWHL, winning the Clarkson Cup four times—2009, 2011, 2012 with the Montreal Stars, and 2017 with the Canadiennes de Montreal. She also won four Olympic gold, six Women's Worlds gold and another six silver.

The Hall of Fame also honoured two goalies, one from the distant past, one much more recent. In the case of the former, it was Great Britain's Jimmy Foster, who established his legend at the 1936 Olympics. He heroically stopped all shots but one against a vastly superior Canadian team during the second round of the Olympic tournament, leading Great Britain to a shocking 2-1 victory that gave the Brits an advantage heading to the final round-robin portion of the Olympics. In those final games, Foster continued his brilliant play, guiding Great Britain to a 5-0 win over Czechoslovakia and then shutting out the United States for 75 minutes (three regulation periods of 15 minutes plus three overtime periods of ten minutes) in a 0-0 tie to give his homeland an historic gold medal, the only gold the country has ever won in ice hockey.

Foster represented Great Britain in the next three World Championships, almost single-handedly leading the team to two consecutive silver medals (in 1938 and '39). In

four years of Olympic/World Championship play he never conceded more than two goals in a game to any country except perennial champions Canada. And, he lost only five games in four years of international play, three against the Canadians. In 29 career international games, Foster recorded an astounding 16 shutouts. He was never replaced in a game, and no other goalie played for Britain during his four years with the national team.

Fast forward to the 21st century where France's Cristobal Huet also joined the legends of the game. By the time he retired in 2017 at age 41, he had left a mark on French hockey that will forever remain significant. Skilled, gracious, competitive, he is the finest puckstopper France has ever produced, and he proved his worth on both sides of the Atlantic.

Huet first refined his skills in the French league with Bruleurs de Loup in 1995, but it was four years later when he joined Lugano in Switzerland that his fame really began to take hold. He helped Lugano win the National League championship in his first year, and in 2001 he was selected 214th overall by Los Angeles in the NHL draft. In 2003, he made his debut, thus becoming only the second Frenchman, after Philippe Bozon, to make it to the NHL. He later played for Montreal and Washington, but it was in 2009-10 with Chicago that he made history, helping the Hawks win the Stanley Cup and becoming the first Frenchman to have his name stamped on the silver chalice.

Huet first represented his country at the top level at the 1997 World Championship. It was to be the first of an incredible 13 appearances in WM play. He also played at the two most recent Olympics for France, in 1998 and 2002.

If you measure against the best, you measure against Brian Leetch. The American defender could skate, shoot, and pass. He was unquestionably the greatest American blueliner in the game's history, and he was a winner at the highest levels.

During the first half of his career, Leetch was a frequent representative for his country in international play. He played at three World Junior Championships (1985-87) and also at the 1987 World Championship as a teenager. After playing at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, he played at the 1989 Worlds, but it was in the 1990s when IIHF/NHL best-on-best tournaments were scheduled that Leetch turned in his greatest play, first in 1991 and then 1996, when the U.S. won.

Photo: Andrea Leigh Cardin/IIHF.

## The IIHF Hall of Fame held its 2023 Induction Ceremonies in Tampere prior to the medal games



Leetch's final international events were the 2002 Olympics on home ice, where the U.S. won a silver medal, and the 2004 World Cup, where the team wasn't able to recapture the glory of '96 and finished fourth. Nevertheless, he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2009, and for the NHL's centennial in 2017 was named one of the Top 100 players of all time.

Sweden's Henrik Zetterberg was also inducted for an exceptional career both with Tre Kronor and in the NHL. The 21st member of the IIHF's Triple Gold Club, he was selected 210th overall by Detroit at the 1999 Entry Draft. In succeeding years he played at the World Juniors, where he was clearly Sweden's best player in 2000, and a year later at the World Championship, helping Sweden win bronze with a 3-2 win over the U.S. While still only 21, he earned an invitation to the Olympics, in Salt Lake in 2002. Zetterberg was one of only three non-NHL players on Sweden's stacked roster.

Zetterberg was later instrumental in Detroit's successful run to the Stanley Cup in the spring of 2008 as the Wings beat Sidney Crosby and Pittsburgh in six games. He scored the Cup-winning goal early in the third period, only the seventh European to do so, and he was given the Conn Smythe Trophy for his superior play throughout the playoffs. The win also made him a member of the Triple Gold Club, along with teammates Niklas Kronwall and Mikael Samuelsson.

In the Builder category, the IIHF honoured Finland's Kaler-vo Kummola. He contributed to hockey within his country, with the Finnish Ice Hockey Association, and internationally, through a multitude of roles with the IIHF.

Like many great administrators, his hockey career as a player never took off, but that only led to greater success as an organizer than he ever could have imagined.

Kummola also became active internationally with the Finnish Ice Hockey Association. He joined the Board of Directors in 1975, and remained on the Board for 15 years until becoming vice-president. Kummola was president of the FIHA for two decades (1997-2016), and over the course of his career in Finland he became evermore active with the IIHF. He was a vice-president of the IIHF from 2003-2021. In addition to his contributions to the ongoing success of hockey in his country, Kummola also co-founded the Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame and was on its Board of Directors for 33 years.

The Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award was given to Hungary's Viktor Szelig, who played from 1992 to 2016, including 17 World Championships at all levels, notably the top of the World Championship in 2009 for the first time since 1939.

The Paul Loicq Award was given to Kimmo Leinonen, who has been involved in the game for half a century. He was the IIHF's PR and Marketing Director for 12 years, leaving his position to assume the duties of general secretary for Finland's historic co-hosting with Sweden of the 2012 and 2013 World Championship. Leinonen helped create the IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame in 1996 as he had the Finnish Hall of Fame some 12 years earlier. And that Finnish Hall came out of another Kimmo co-creation—the Finnish Hockey Museum, which he had helped establish in 1978.

# IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE LIST

Country	Inducted	Category	Country	Inducted	Category	Country	Inducted	Category
<b>AUSTRIA</b>			<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>		
Hans Dobida	2007	Builder	Ivan Hlinka †	2002	Player	Hans Rampf †	2001	Player
Dieter Kalt	2017	Builder	Jiri Holecsek	1998	Player	Dr. Gunther Sabetzki †	1997	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1999	Player	Jiri Holik	1999	Player	Alois Schloder	2005	Player
Walter Wasservogel †	1997	Builder	Vladimir Kostka †	1997	Builder	Xaver Unsinn †	1998	Builder
<b>BELARUS</b>			Josef Malecek †	2003	Player	Joachim Ziesche	1999	Player
Ruslan Salei	2014	Player	Vladimir Martinec	2001	Player	<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>		
<b>BELGIUM</b>			Bohumil Modry †	2011	Player	Bunny Ahearne † ·	1997	Builder
Paul Loicq †	1997	Builder ·	Vaclav Nedomansky ·	1997	Player	Carl Erhardt †	1998	Player
<b>BULGARIA</b>			Milan Novy	2012	Player	Peter Patton †	2002	Builder
Konstantin Mihaylov	2019	Player (T)	Frantisek Pospisil	1999	Player	Tony Hand	2017	Player (T)
<b>CANADA</b>			Robert Reichel	2015	Player	<b>HUNGARY</b>		
Father David Bauer † ·	1997	Builder	Miroslav Subrt †	2004	Builder	Gyorgy Pasztor	2001	Builder
Rob Blake ·	2018	Player	Jan Suchy †	2009	Player	Laszlo Schell	2009	Referee
Roger Bourbonnais	1999	Player	Frantisek Tikal †	2004	Player	Gabor Ocskay	2016	Player (T)
Mike Buckna †	2004	Builder	Vladimir Zabrodsky †	1997	Player	Viktor Szelig	2023	Player (T)
Murray Costello ·	2014	Builder	<b>DENMARK</b>			<b>ITALY</b>		
Danielle Goyette ·	2013	Player	Jesper Damgaard	2018	Player (T)	Enrico Calcaterra †	1999	Builder
Wayne Gretzky ·	2000	Player	Jorgen Hviid †	2005	Builder	Lucio Topatigh	2015	Player (T)
Geraldine Heaney ·	2008	Player	<b>FINLAND</b>			<b>JAPAN</b>		
Paul Henderson	2013	Player	Raimo Helminen	2012	Player	Shoichi Tamita	2006	Builder
William Hewitt † ·	1998	Builder	Timo Jutila	2003	Player	Tsutomu Kawabuchi †	2004	Builder
Derek Holmes	1999	Builder	Matti Keinonen	2002	Player	Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1999	Builder
Fran Huck	1999	Player	Saku Koivu	2017	Player	<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>		
Angela James ·	2008	Player	Jari Kurri	2000	Player	Boris Alexandrov	2019	Builder
Marshall Johnston	1998	Player	Jere Lehtinen	2018	Player	<b>KOREA</b>		
Gordon Juckes ·	1997	Builder	Harry Lindblad †	1999	Builder	Mong-Won Chung	2020/22	Builder
Dave King	2001	Builder	Pekka Marjamaki †	1998	Player	<b>LATVIA</b>		
Bob LeBel †	1997	Builder	Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	2010	Player	Helmuts Balderis	1998	Player
Mario Lemieux	2008	Player	Kalevi Numminen	2011	Builder	Arturs Irbe	2010	Player
Vic Lindquist †	1997	Player	Teppo Numminen	2013	Player	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>		
Barry MacKenzie	1999	Player	Lasse Oksanen	1999	Player	Ron Berteling	2020/22	Player (T)
Seth Martin †	1997	Player	Esa Peltonen	2007	Player	<b>NORWAY</b>		
Jackie McLeod	1999	Player	Ville Peltonen	2016	Player	Tore Johannessen †	1999	Builder
Andy Murray	2012	Builder	Teemu Selanne ·	2017	Player	<b>POLAND</b>		
Bob Nadin	2018	Builder	Goran Stubb	2000	Builder	Henryk Gruth	2006	Player
Scott Niedermayer ·	2015	Player	Kimmo Timonen	2020/22	Player	<b>ROMANIA</b>		
Terry O'Malley	1998	Player	Jorma Valtonen	1999	Player	Eduard Pana	1998	Player
Pat Quinn † ·	2016	Builder	Juhani Wahlsten	2006	Player	Doru Tureanu †	2011	Player
Gordon Renwick †	2002	Builder	Unto Wiitala †	2003	Referee	<b>RUSSIA</b>		
Fran Rider	2015	Builder	Urpo Ylonen	1997	Player	Veniamin Alexandrov †	2007	Player
Joe Sakic ·	2017	Player	<b>FRANCE</b>			Vsevolod Bobrov †	1997	Player
Harry Sinden	1997	Player	Philippe Bazon	2008	Player	Pavel Bure ·	2012	Player
Steve Yzerman ·	2014	Player	Jacques Lacarriere †	1998	Player	Vyacheslav Bykov	2014	Player
Harry Watson † ·	1998	Player	Philippe Lacarriere	2018	Builder	Arkady Chernyshev †	1999	Builder
Hayley Wickenheiser ·	2019	Player	Louis Magnus †	1997	Builder	Vitaly Davydov	2004	Player
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>			Igor Dimitriev †	2007	Builder
Quido Adamec †	2005	Referee	Rudi Ball †	2004	Player	Sergei Fyodorov ·	2016	Player
Vladimir Bouzek †	2007	Player	Dieter Hegen	2010	Player	<b>SUMMARY   2022 - 23 SEASON</b>		
Vlastimil Bubnik †	1997	Player	Heinz Henschel †	2003	Builder			
Ludek Bukac	2007	Builder	Gustav Jaenecke †	1998	Player			
Josef Cerny	2007	Player	Udo Kiessling	2000	Player			
Jaroslav Drobný †	1997	Player	Josef Kompalla	2003	Referee			
Karel Gut †	1998	Player	Uwe Krupp	2017	Player			
Dominik Hasek ·	2015	Player	Erich Kuhnhackl	1997	Player			

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<b>RUSSIA</b>			<b>SWEDEN</b>			<b>PAUL LOICQ AWARD</b>		
Vyacheslav Fetisov ·	2005	Player	Tomas Jonsson	2000	Player	Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Anatoli Firsov †	1998	Player	Nicklas Lidström ·	2014	Player	Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Valeri Kamenski	2016	Player	Hakan Loob	1998	Player	Vsevolod Kukulshkin	RUS	2000
Yuri Karandin	2004	Referee	Tord Lundstrom	2011	Player	Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Alexei Kasatonov	2009	Player	Mats Naslund	2005	Player	Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
Valeri Kharlamov † ·	1998	Player	Kent Nilsson	2006	Player	George Nagobads	USA	2003
Andrei Khomutov	2014	Player	Nils "Nisse" Nilsson †	2002	Player	Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Viktor Konovalenko †	2007	Player	Ronald Pettersson †	2004	Player	Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Vladimir Krutov †	2010	Player	Thomas Rundqvist	2007	Player	Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
Viktor Kuzkin †	2005	Player	Maria Rooth	2015	Player	Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Igor Larionov ·	2008	Player	Borje Salming ·	1998	Player	Juraj Okalicany †	SVK	2008
Konstantin Loktev †	2007	Player	Ulf Sterner	2001	Player	Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Sergei Makarov ·	2001	Player	Roland Stoltz †	1999	Player	Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Alexander Maltsev	1999	Player	Arne Stromberg †	1998	Builder	Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011
Boris Mayorov	1999	Player	Mats Sundin ·	2013	Player	Kent Angus †	CAN	2012
Boris Mikhailov	2000	Player	Henrik Zetterberg	2023	Player	Gord Miller	CAN	2013
Vladimir Petrov †	2006	Player	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			Mark Aubry	CAN	2014
Alexander Ragulin †	1997	Player	Ferdinand "Pic" Cattini †	1998	Player	Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015
Nikolai Sologubov †	2004	Player	Hans Cattini †	1998	Player	Nikolai Ozerov †	RUS	2016
Andrei Starovoitov †	1997	Builder	Jakob Kolliker	2007	Player	Patrick Francheterre	FRA	2017
Vyacheslav Starshinov	2007	Player	Cesar Luthi †	1998	Builder	Kirovs Lipmans	LAT	2018
Anatoli Tarasov † ·	1997	Builder	René Fasel	2021	Builder	Jim Johansson	USA	2019
Viktor Tikhonov †	1998	Builder	Mathias Seger	2020/22	Player	Zoltan Kovacs	HUN	2020/22
Vladislav Tretyak ·	1997	Player	Mark Streit	2020/22	Player	Kimmo Leinonen	FIN	2023
Valeri Vasiliev	1998	Player	Richard "Bibi" Torriani †	1997	Player	<b>RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)</b>		
Alexander Yakushev ·	2003	Player	<b>UKRAINE</b>			Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015
Vladimir Yurzinov	2002	Builder	Anatoli Khorozov †	2006	Builder	Gabor Ocskay	HUN	2016
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>			<b>UNITED STATES</b>			Tony Hand	GBR	2017
Peter Bondra	2016	Player	Art Berglund	2008	Builder	Jesper Damgaard	DEN	2018
Vladimir Dzurilla †	1998	Player	Herb Brooks † ·	1999	Builder	Konstantin Mihaylov	BUL	2019
Josef Golonka	1998	Player	Walter Brown †	1997	Builder	Ron Berteling	NED	2020/22
Ladislav Horský	2004	Builder	Walter Bush Jr. † ·	2009	Builder	Viktor Szelig	HUN	2023
Zigmund Palffy	2019	Player	Walter Bush Jr. † ·	2009	Builder			
Miroslav Satan	2019	Player	Karyn Bye [-Dietz]	2011	Player			
Jan Starsi	1999	Builder	Bill Christian	1998	Player			
Peter Stastny ·	2000	Player	Chris Chelios ·	2018	Player			
Ladislav Trojak †	2011	Player	Bill Cleary	1997	Player			
<b>SLOVENIA</b>			Gerry Cosby	1997	Player			
Ernest Aljancic Sr. †	2002	Player	Gerry Cosby	1997	Player			
Rudi Hiti	2009	Player	Jim Craig	1999	Player			
<b>SWEDEN</b>			Mike Curran	1999	Player			
Daniel Alfredsson	2018	Player	Cammi Granato ·	2008	Player			
Curt Berglund †	2003	Builder	Phil Housley ·	2012	Player			
Sven Bergkvist †	1999	Player	Mark Johnson	1999	Player			
Lars Bjorn	1998	Player	John Mayasich	1997	Player			
Ove Dahlberg †	2004	Referee	Jack McCartan	1998	Player			
Jan-Ake Edvinsson	2013	Builder	Mike Modano ·	2019	Player			
Rudolf Eklow †	1999	Builder	Lou Nanne	2004	Player			
Rickard Fagerlund †	2010	Builder	Bob Ridder †	1998	Builder			
Peter Forsberg ·	2013	Player	Jack Riley †	1998	Builder			
Arne Grunander †	1997	Builder	Angela Ruggiero ·	2017	Player			
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	2003	Player	Ben Smith	2016	Builder			
Anders Hedberg	1997	Player	Hal Trumble †	1999	Builder			
Leif Holmqvist	1999	Player	Thayer Tutt †	2002	Builder			
Sven "Tumba" Johansson †	1997	Player						
Jorgen Jonsson	2019	Player						

· also member of HHOF  
† deceased



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PROGRAMMING COMMITTEES IN LATVIA AND FINLAND ORCHESTRATED A SEAMLESS UNION OF TRADITION AND INNOVATION FOR A TRULY MODERN SPECTACLE OF ICE HOCKEY.

BACKDROP OF REMARKABLE ATTENDANCE FIGURES, WITH Tampere and Riga drawing in a combined total of over 441,000 spectators, is a testament to the enduring allure of the sport.







## *The same great game from new angles*

**The championship's social media landscape thrived with pioneering content.**

The introduction of immersive replays, a first in ice hockey's history, granted audiences an unprecedented player's-eye view of the on-ice drama. Škoda's strategic placement around rinks and within the fan zones further encapsulated the event's spirit, reaching audiences both physical and virtual.

This synergy of sports and technological advances underpinned the broadened broadcast strategy rolled out by Infront. An expansive network of almost 80 broadcasters and streaming via the IIHF's YouTube channel for those beyond the reach of traditional media ensured that the championship's pulse was felt globally.

*The production's enhancement with a comprehensive 31-camera setup—expanded to 35 cameras for the climactic games—coupled with the addition of immersive replay technology and improved audiovisual elements, offered a viewing experience that was as close to the glass as one could get without stepping onto the ice.*

As we close the chapter on this season's accomplishments, our sights are already set on what lies ahead. The ground-breaking initiatives and the passion displayed by teams and fans alike form the cornerstone of what promises to be an even more captivating narrative for ice hockey.

**THE STORY OF THE IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IS ONE OF CONTINUOUS EVOLUTION, WHERE EACH SEASON WRITES A NEW LEGACY OF SPORT, COMMUNITY AND INNOVATION.**

# DIGITAL STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## Making memories from every angle

Social media has revolutionized the way audiences connect with athletes and live sporting events. Beyond unbelievable moments on the ice, global audiences are looking to be inspired by stories, using ever-changing mediums to listen, engage and connect.

The 2022-2023 Season saw unprecedented growth across the IIHF digital channels. As trends shifted, as did the content strategy behind tournaments and additional campaign content, resulting in effective and highly engaging content. The IIHF saw a growth of over 600,000 new followers across English social media channels, and notably 628 million impressions. Thanks to investment in increased social media teams (videography, social media coordinators), the digital content team was able to create lasting content that truly connects the global ice hockey family.



**600k**  
NEW FOLLOWERS



**628M**  
SMM USER IMPRESSIONS



**INTERNATIONAL  
ICE HOCKEY  
FEDERATION**

## INVESTMENT where it counts

In 2022-2023, two new service provider positions were created to establish consistency and structure for the content creation team: a Digital and Content Manager and a videographer.

These roles reestablished the IIHF as leaders in content creation and resulted in over 50 sit-down interviews, hundreds of hours of b-roll footage, and over 30 digital-specific features. From following leaders in women's hockey to a day in the life of Team Latvia, this undertaking was the first of its kind for the federation and will continue to be a major element of the team's strategy in the future.

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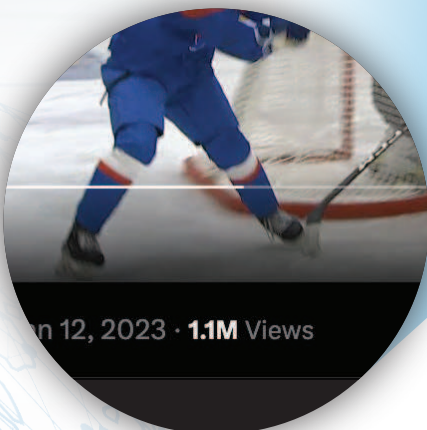
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**SOCIAL MEDIA VALUATION.**



## CAMPAIGNS that matter

Creating awareness of topical issues was a major priority in the 2022-2023 season, and welcome the launch of three new marketing campaigns: *Integrity Awareness Week*, *Inspire The Next* and *Officially Cool*.

Each with their own focus and target audiences, these campaigns aimed to highlight some of the core values that drive the IIHF and ICE26 strategy.

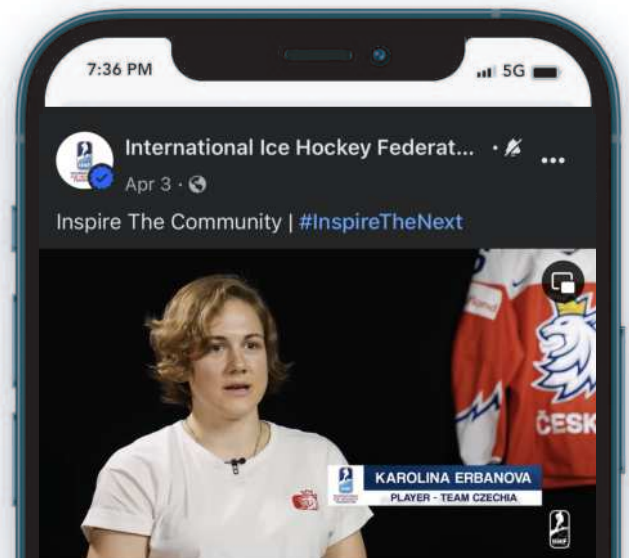
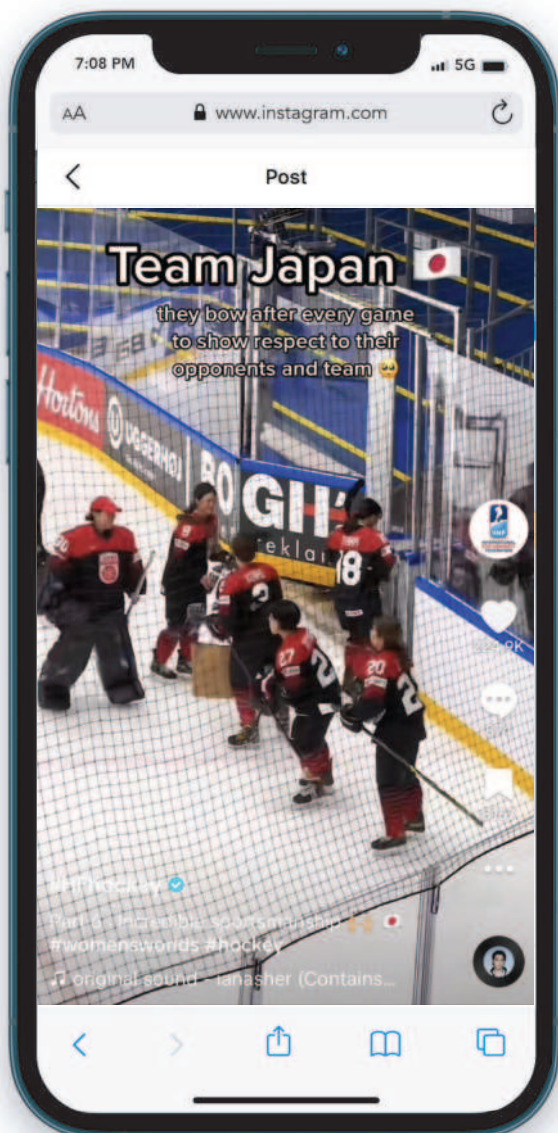


## Integrity Awareness Week

**EDUCATION AROUND INTEGRITY TOPICS OF ABUSE AND HARASSMENT, ANTI-DOPING, COMPETITION MANIPULATION AND ETHICS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE RELEVANT IN THE LAST YEAR.**

Launched in December 2022, the Integrity Awareness Raising Week combined information with real-life stories from Kyle Beach, Brandon Kozun and Kyrill Starkov to effectively connect with global audiences. The result is greater awareness of the topics, their nuances, and a greater sense of empowerment for reporting integrity-related topics.

**The week will continue for the 2023-2024, with the focus shifting to highlighting the work the IIHF is doing globally with these topics and how each MNA is adapting to ensure safe and equitable spaces for all.**



## Inspire The Next

It's not just the number of female players that is rising globally, but also the number of women in hockey.

These women are shaping the game on and off the ice, and the Inspire The Next campaign aimed to highlight the stories and connections that would inspire the next coach, GM, equipment manager, back office staff, etc.

Launched in March 2023, the global campaign featured videos, social media content, news articles that showcased the importance of being a woman in hockey. This campaign was not only designed to drive awareness, but to also empower women and girls to pursue non-traditional roles in hockey and instill confidence to speak up and create change in their environment.

**The Inspire The Next campaign will continue into the 2023-2024 season as a strategic pillar across social media and editorial content.**

## Officially Cool

You've heard the phrase "No Ref, No Game." but what goes into becoming a game official? Why should you want to wear the stripes? In cooperation with the Officiating Department, the Officially Cool campaign aimed to highlight the unique aspects of being a game official with the goal of driving global recruitment.

Feature-style videos, quote-based graphics and "Did You Know" style content were part of the campaign launched in June 2023, along with a dedicated webpage on IIHF.com. The campaign will continue into the 2023-2024 season.

# SUPPORTING MNAs

THE IIHF'S MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS REPRESENT A DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCE, REACH AND ORGANIZATIONAL SIZE.

Regardless of size, the IIHF has an obligation to support MNAs and be leaders in every field. In terms of digital content, this means providing opportunities for each MNA to succeed, both from an execution and education perspective.

## EDUCATION

The Social Media Power Hour was a 10-part series focused on all aspects of social media.

The hour-long episodes covered topics from basic content creation and planning, to TikTok trends, to analytics, paid advertising, sponsorship and production. With a wide range of budgets, experience and knowledge, the episodes provided options for any MNA at any level, and built a deeper connection between the IIHF and MNAs.



## COLLABORATION AND OPEN SOURCE CONTENT

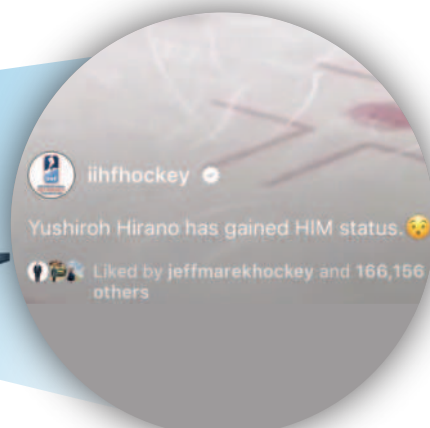
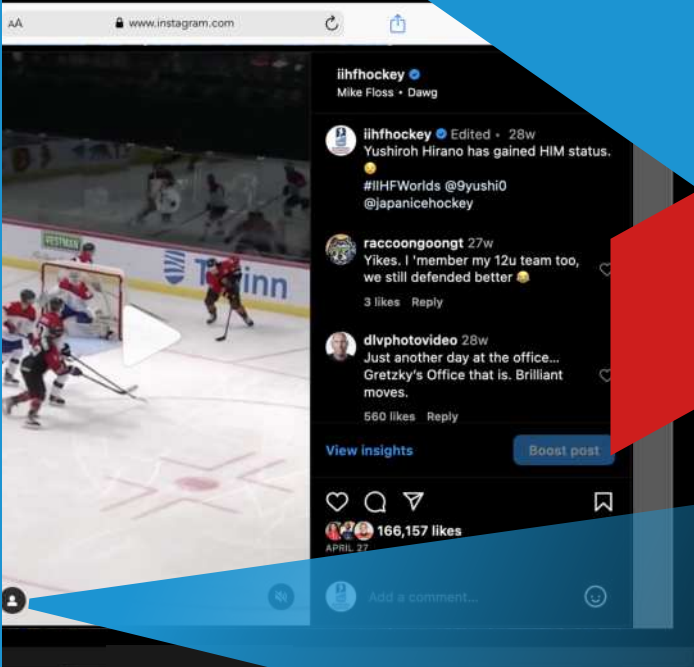
To better support MNAs in their content production efforts, two systems were established to promote greater collaboration: CANVA accounts and open source content toolkits.

CANVA is a digital graphic design and video production tool that is easy to use and ideal for collaboration. By making CANVA accounts available to each MNA, the IIHF was able to easily share campaign templates across multiple teams and ensure a cohesive brand experience. The tool also simplifies the graphic design process, effectively breaking down some of the most challenging and expensive aspects of social media content creation.

In terms of content toolkits, MNAs and partners were provided with full access to all content to be used in each of the previously mentioned campaigns. These toolkits went beyond just videos and graphics, and provided source files that could be edited to reflect the MNA's native language.

This first-of-its-kind approach was a key aspect of driving buy-in from MNAs and a key part of each campaign's success.

*In the 2023-2024 Season, we will continue to prioritize collaboration and digital content support for MNAs.*



# HOCKEY HALL OF FAME REPORT

## EUROPEANS DOMINATE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

**THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME IN TORONTO HOSTED ITS MOST EUROPEAN INDUCTION EVER IN NOVEMBER 2022.**

Inducted as Players were three Swedes—Daniel Alfredsson, and Daniel and Henrik Sedin—and for the first time in HHOF history a European woman, the legendary Riikka Sallinen (Nieminen/Valila), who was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2010. Other inductees included Roberto Luongo as a Player and Herb Carnegie as a Builder.

The inclusion of the 49-year-old Sallinen was monumental for the women's game and final acknowledgement that it's not only Canada and the United States that produces world-class talent on the female side of the sport. She was a key member of Finland's team at the first Women's Worlds in 1990 playing under her maiden name of Riikka

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Throughout the 1990s Finland was the third-best team in women's hockey, winning the bronze medal in all five events, notably the 1998 Olympics in Nagano. But in 2019, the Finns upset Canada in the semi-finals, 4-2, and ended up losing gold to the U.S. in a shootout.

**"IT MEANT A LOT FOR FINLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO SEE IT IS POSSIBLE," Sallinen said of 2019's historic run to its one and only gold-medal game to date. "IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT OFTEN, BUT IT HAPPENED IN 2019, AND IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY, TOO."**

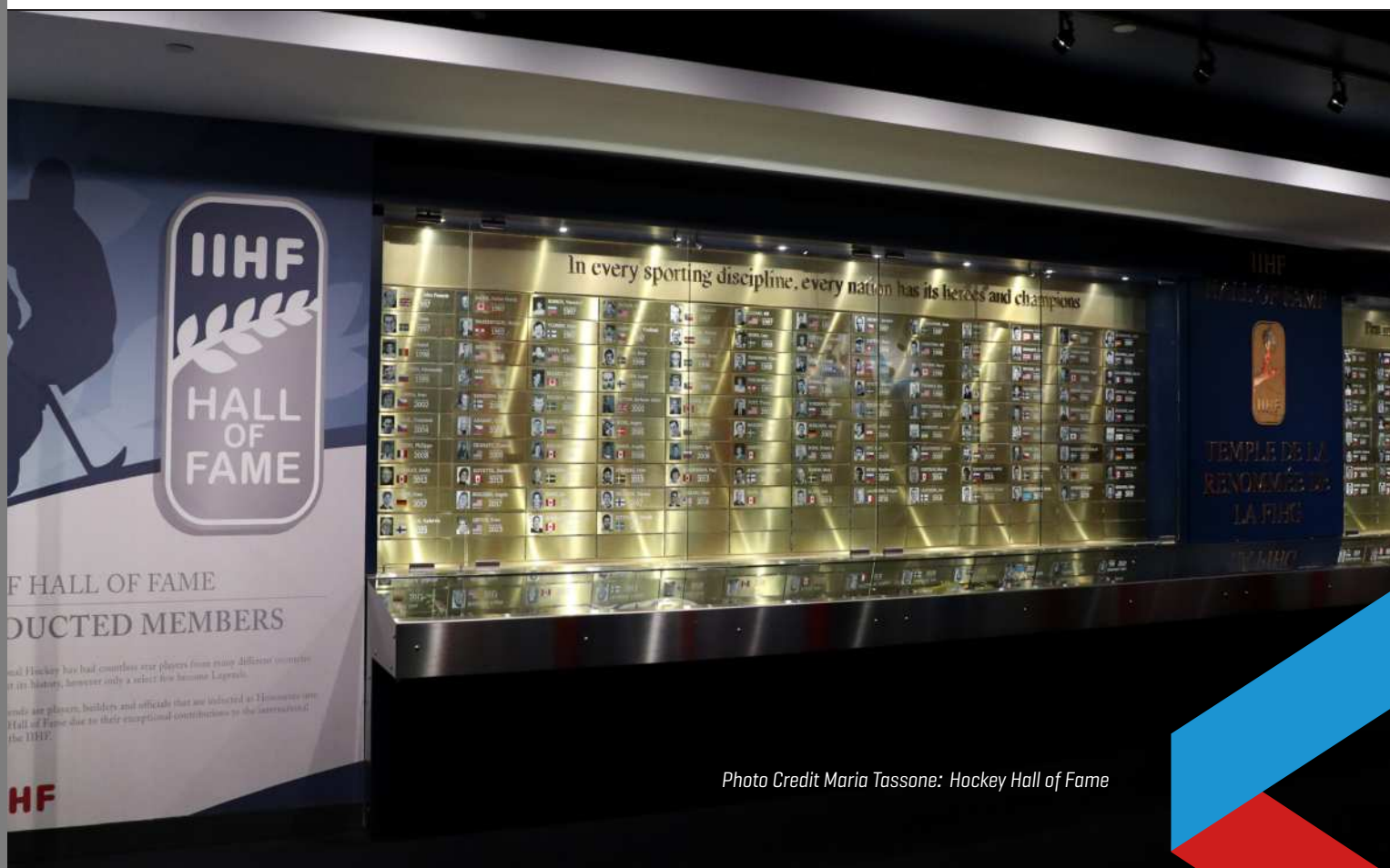


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Carnegie was often called the finest player never to have made the NHL. The prime of his career came in the 1940s and '50s, and many believe it was the fact that he was black that prevented him from playing in the best league. Carnegie passed away in 2012 at 92 but was represented at the induction by his two children, daughter Bernice and son Rane. nals, 4-2, and ended up losing gold to the U.S. in a shootout.

***“IT WAS JUST THE MOST WONDERFUL THING,” Bernice said tearfully of her call from HHOF Chairman Lanny McDonald. “I HAVE TO SAY, I DIDN’T REALLY BELIEVE IT WAS EVER GOING TO HAPPEN.”***

Carnegie, a Toronto native of Jamaican heritage, started his own hockey school called Future Aces to help kids get involved in the game. After his passing, it continued as the Herb Carnegie Future Aces Foundation. He also used hockey as a tool for mainstream education, and all of these factors combined to make him a perfect inductee in the Builder category.

But in many ways the night belonged to Tre Kronor. In one night the number of Swedish inductees into the HHOF went from four to seven, thanks to “Alfie” and the Sedins.

Never before had a European country had three inductees in the same ceremony. They join the legend, Borje Salming, and Peter Forsberg, Mats Sundin, and Nicklas Lindstrom as Honoured Members. And in all cases, it was a combination of excellent NHL and international careers that got them inducted.

Alfredsson was born in Gothenburg and played with Frolunda from 1992-95. But he was never a top prospect as a teen, never played the Worlds Juniors, and was drafted a lowly 133th overall by the Ottawa Senators in 1994. He arrived to the Sens around the same time as Alexandre Daigle and Alexei Yashin, but it was Alfredsson who developed into the team’s best player, winning the Calder Trophy in 1995-96 and never looking back. A smooth skater with a great shot, he was also a natural leader and two-way player, eventually captaining the team from 1999 until 2013.

He was given his HHOF plaque by Sundin, an opponent for many years in Toronto but a longtime friend. “I looked up to him,” Alfredsson said. “He was a star even before I started playing in the Swedish league, winning World Championships. A great role model.”



*TORONTO, ONTARIO - NOVEMBER 14: Bernice Carnegie (daughter) of the late Herb Carnegie (2022 Inductee) and Dale Carnegie (son) share a moment with the crowd during the 2022 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Meridian Hall on November 14, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (Dave Sandford/Hockey Hall of Fame)*

*TORONTO, ONTARIO - NOVEMBER 14: Daniel Sedin (left) shakes his brother Henrik's hand after his speech during the 2022 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Meridian Hall on November 14, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (Matthew Manor/Hockey Hall of Fame)*



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**OF COURSE, IT WAS ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE SEDIN TWINS WERE INDUCTED TOGETHER.**

They accomplished almost everything together in their lives and careers. Daniel was the scorer and Henrik the passer, and together they formed a formidable duo wherever they played. They were born on Ornskoldsvik, the greatest small town in Europe for producing hockey players, and they rose to prominence in North America in 1999 when Vancouver general manager Brian Burke attended the NHL draft and declared he would acquire the rights to both players. Burke was true to his word, drafting Daniel second overall and Henrik third. They made their NHL debuts a year later and took the league by storm with their puck control, cycling, and no-look passes that created a steady stream of scoring chances.

They played their entire careers with Vancouver, 17 seasons in all, and when all was said and done their statistics were as nearly identical as their faces. Henrik played 1,330

games and recorded 1,070 points; Daniel played 1,306 games with 1,041 points.

In 2009-10, Henrik won the Art Ross and Hart Trophies and a year later Daniel won the Ross and Ted Lindsay awards. Never before or since had brothers been named NHL MVP in consecutive seasons. Although identical twins, the one thing that did visually separate them on ice was the “C” that Henrik wore on the front of his sweater from 2010 until their retirement eight years later. The only time he wore the “C” internationally was at the 2016 World Cup, but the twins played plenty of international hockey for Tre Kronor as well.

In all, they appeared at three World Junior Championships and five senior World Championships, but like Alfredsson their career highlight was that gold in Turin in 2006. Their only gold at the Worlds came in their dual final appearance, in 2013, when they helped Sweden beat Switzerland, 5-1, in the finals.





*TORONTO, ONTARIO - NOVEMBER 14: Inductee Roberto Luongo speaks during the 2022 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Meridian Hall on November 14, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (Dave Sandford/Hockey Hall of Fame)*

Luongo was one of the most dominant goalies of his era, and he is one of a rare group of goalies to have won two Olympic gold medals, first on home ice in Vancouver in 2010, and then again four years later in Sochi. He was also a rare example of a goalie being selected with a high draft choice, being taken a lofty 4th overall by the New York Islanders in 1997 during his junior career with Val d'Or in the Quebec league. At the time, it was the highest selection ever used to claim a goalie.

Luongo rarely turned down a chance to play for Canada in IIHF competition, starting with consecutive appearances at the World Juniors in 1998 and '99. He also won two gold medals at the World Championship, in both 2003 and 2004,

and he also played a game at the 2004 World Cup, which Canada won. When a fan asked him which team he wanted to be associated with for his induction, Florida or Vancouver, he replied, "Team Canada."

Looking to the Sedins as he spoke, Luongo recalled getting the phone call from Lanny McDonald informing him of induction.

***"WHEN I GOT THE CALL, THE FIRST THING I ASKED WAS IF YOU GUYS WERE IN, TOO... I WANTED TO GO IN WITH YOU GUYS," HE EXPLAINED. "I HOLD YOU IN SUCH HIGH REGARD. IT'S TOUGH TO PUT INTO WORDS."***



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# TOURNAMENTS



**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Finland and Latvia - Tampere, Riga | 12.05 - 28.05.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
ANSONS, Andris	LAT BRIGANTI, Nicholas USA
BJOERK, Tobias	SWE CATTANEO, Eric SUI
BLOSKI, Adam	CAN CONSTANTINEAU, Nicolas FRA
FERNANDEZ, Sean	USA DAVIS, Jake USA
FRANSEN, Mads	NOR HAUTAMAKI, Onni FIN
HEIKKINEN, Lassi	FIN HOFER, Andreas GER
HOLM, Christoffer	SWE HYNEK, Daniel CZE
HRIBIK, Jan	CZE KROYER, Andreas Weise DEN
HUERLIMANN, Stefan	SUI MACKEY, Brett CAN
HUNNIUS, Sirko	GER NIITYLA, Tommi FIN
KAUKOKARI, Mikko	FIN NOTHEGGER, David AUT
LANGIN, Mike	CAN ONDRACEK, Jiri CZE
MACFARLANE, Sean	USA SYNEK, Simon SVK
SCHRADER, Andre	GER WYONZEK, Tarrington CAN
SEWELL, Liam	GBR YLETYINEN, Emil SWE
STOLC, Miroslav	AUT ZUNDE, Davis LAT

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A**

Great Britain - Nottingham | 29.04 - 05.05.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BORGA, Cedric	SUI KISIL, Ilya GBR
DALTON, Andrew	GBR KNOESEN, Nicklas DEN
HANSEN, Roy	NOR MERTEN, Jonas GER
HINTERDOBLER, Killian	GER MUZSIK, Norbert HUN
HOLM, Mikael	SWE NYQVIST, Anders SWE
NAGY, Attila	HUN THOMANN, Jussi FIN
STERNAT, Christoph	AUT ZGONC, Gasper Jaka SLO
ZRNIC, Milan	SLO

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B**

Estonia - Tallinn | 23.04 - 29.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BACA, Michal	POL ALTMANN, Dominik SUI
BUSS, Uldis	LAT BRATEN, Knut NOR
CHAE, Youngjin	KOR DAVIDONIS, Renars LAT
CHRISTENSEN, Martin	DEN OZOLINS, Agris LAT
HOPPE, Benjamin	GER PUFF, Wolfgang AUT
KICHA, Andrii	UKR SCHWENK, Tobias GER
MOSCHEN, Andrea	ITA STEPANKEVICIUS, Laurynas LTU
RUUSKA, Timo	FIN

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A**

Spain - Madrid | 16.04 - 22.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
POZAR, Stefan	SRB BIEC CEBRIAN, Sergio ESP
ROSHCHYN NIKITIN, Alexey	ESP DEBUCHÉ, Cyril FRA
STERKENS, Ramon	NED FUCHS, Dario SUI
TERAKADO, Goro	JPN GERNE, Michal POL
	HASHIMOTO, Masakazu JPN
	TROBAJO NAVARRO, Carlos ESP
	WILHELMSSEN, Niklas NOR

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B**

Türkiye - Istanbul | 17.04 - 23.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
CHUBENKO, Konstantin	KAZ ASLANBEY, Berkay TUR
LOVE-DEKAZOS, Robert	AUS BEELEN, Lodewijk NED
PIRAGIC, Trpimir	CRO CARMICHAEL, Nathan GBR
STEINGROSS, Bastian	GER CHI, Hongda CHN
	GER GERTH, Wayne GER
	CRO GROZAJ, Tomislav CRO
	TUR KAVLAKOGLU, Taha TUR

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A**

South Africa - Cape Town | 17.04 - 23.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
AL JNEIBI, Yahya	UAE ALAMERI, Helan UAE
BENVEGNU, Andrea	ITA HOWARD, Edward NZL
CAIRNS, Ryan	NZL LEERMAKERS, Joep NED
KAYA, Cemal	TUR LHOTSKY, Miroslav CZE
	AUS OHLSON, Fraser AUS
	MEX PEREZ, Oscar MEX
	RSA VAN ROOYEN, Jason RSA

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B**

Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo | 27.02 - 05.03.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
OEBERG HALLIN, Robert	NOR GARCIA BANOS, Alejandro ESP
PARK, JaeHyung	KOR GROZAJ, Tomislav CRO
SEVRUK, Vitalijus	LTU HUANG, Jen-Hung TPE
STROEBEL, Phillip	SUI KACEJ, Lukas SVK
	SRB PERDUV, David SRB
	CRO SAKOVIC, Marko CRO
	CZE SVOBODA, Jiri CZE

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION IV**

Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar | 23.03 - 26.03.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
OEBERG HALLIN, Robert	JPN BREJCHA, Tomas CZE
PARK, JaeHyung	AUT HRIBAR, Matjaz SLO
SEVRUK, Vitalijus	ITA HUANG, Qiwei Benjamin SIN
	MAS NG, Eng Kuan Edmond MAS

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## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada - Halifax, Moncton | 26.12.202 - 05.01.2023

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
CAMPBELL, Michael	CAN	GONCALVES, Clement	FRA
HAMILTON, Graeden	CAN	GRILLO, Brandon	USA
HARNEBRING, Andreas	SWE	HAUTAMAKI, Onni	FIN
HRONSKY, Tomas	SVK	KLOUCEK, David	CZE
IWERT, Marc	GER	KNOX, Spencer	CAN
MAGNUSSON, Richard	SWE	KONC, Daniel	SVK
MENNITI, Mathieu	CAN	LAGUZOV, Patrick	GER
SALONEN, Anssi	FIN	OLIVER, Shawn	CAN
SCHLITTENHARDT, Peter	USA	PERSSON, Daniel	SWE
SINDEL, Jakub	CZE	WALESKI, John	USA
TSCHERRIG, Michael	SUI	WYONZEK, Tarrington	CAN
YERKOVICH, Riley	USA		

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

Norway - Asker | 11.12 - 17.12.2022

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
DEHAEN, Pierre	FRA	DAVIDONIS, Renars	LAT
LUNDSGAARD, Niclas	DEN	DEHN, Christopher	NOR
PEARCE, Mark	CAN	HEFFNER, Tim	GER
PERSSON, Christian	NOR	JOHANSEN, Herman	NOR
REZEK, Gregor	SLO	ROZITIS, Davids	USA
SOOS, Daniel	HUN	WILLIAMS, Christopher	USA
YOUNG, Jack	USA	ZEDE, Vincent	FRA

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

Poland - Bytom | 11.12 - 17.12.2022

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
HUBER, Andreas	AUT	BEDYNEK, Sebastian	AUT
KONC, Juraj	SVK	ISKAKOV, Timur	KAZ
KOSIDLÓ, Pawel	POL	JEDLICKA, Peter	SVK
MURRAY, Troy	CAN	KIS-KIRALY, Barna	HUN
ONDRACEK, Jiri	CZE	KUCHAREWICZ, Mateusz	POL
PINIE, Omar	ITA	NENKO, Andrzej	POL
	KAZ	UGOLINI, Quentin	FRA

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

Lithuania - Kaunas | 11.12 - 17.12.2022

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
KORBULY, Gergely	HUN	HASHIMOTO, Go	JPN
KOZLOWSKI, Krzysztof	POL	KAPTAIN, Alexander	DEN
LOCANS, Maris	LAT	KHARABERYUSH, Sergii	UKR
PERETIATKO, Anton	UKR	MASHENKIN, Vladislav	KAZ
		SASCENKOV, Aleksej	LTU
		THORRIGNAC, Jason	FRA
		TIMOFEJEV, Juri	EST

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

Iceland - Reykjavik | 16.01 - 22.01.2023

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
FILIP, Cristian	ROU	ESTIRADO REVUELTA, Luis	ESP
GOOD, David	GBR	GHEORGHIES, Andries	ROU
METZINGER, Filip	CRO	GUNNARSSON, Oli	ISL
OOSTERLING, Stef	NED	GUNNARSSON, Sindri	ISL
		KLIJBERG, Jeroen	NED
		LEIFSSON, Saemundur	ISL
		POLASEK, Kresimir	CRO

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III

Türkiye - Istanbul | 26.01 - 02.02.2023

REFEREES		LINESPERSONS	
AIR, Nicholas	AUS	ASLANBEY, Berkay	TUR
AYGUN, Murat	TUR	AYGUN, Ferhat	TUR
GROZNIK, Bostjan	SLO	CHRISTIAENS, Thibo	BEL
SHEN, Yen - Chin	TPE	CUI, Yunjie	CHN
VAN GRINSVEN, Christiaan	NED	DOW, John	AUS
		KAVLAKOGLU, Taha	TUR
		MAGYAR, Aron	ROU
		RAMIREZ, Sem	MEX
		SIRINS, Kaspars	LAT
		WONG, Chun Hang	HKG



## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Switzerland - Basel, Porrentruy | 20.04 - 30.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BARCELO, Geoffrey	FRA BOIVIN, Nicolas CAN
BLOYER, Nolan	USA DALSGAARD, Emil DEN
BRANDER, Riku	FIN DURMIS, Oto SVK
CADIEUX, Dominic	CAN GUSTAFSON, Shane USA
ERIKSSON, Daniel	SWE JUSI, Niko FIN
HEBEISEN, Micha	SUI MERK, Markus GER
JOBAGY, Martin	SVK NORDLANDER, Tobias SWE
KIKA, Adam	CZE RAMPIR, Lukas CZE
KOHLMUELLER, Lukas	GER RIECKEN, Simon AUT
OFNER, Christian	AUT SCHLEGEL, Dominik SUI
PILNY, Ludek	CZE
RUPRECHT, Loic	SUI

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

France - Angers | 23.04 - 29.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BAKKEN, Petter	NOR BUERGY, Nathy SUI
CREGUT, Nicolas	FRA MAEKINEN, Luka FIN
DOIRON, Tanner	CAN SOESTUMOEN, Njaal NOR
DRUSEIKS, Emils	LAT SOLTES, Ludovit SVK
HOGARTH, Stefan	GBR STANZEL, Matus SVK
WEDIN, Johan	SWE THORRIGNAC, Jason FRA
ZAK, Marek	SVK UGOLINI, Quentin FRA

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

Slovenia - Bled | 10.04 - 16.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
ANKERSEN, Rasmus	DEN ANKERSTJERNE, Albert DEN
KACZMAREK, Bartosz	POL BALLA, Norbert HUN
KOROVKIN, Andrey	KAZ BERGANT, Anze SLO
SEREBRIAKOV, Oleh	UKR FRALEY, Ryan GBR
	SNOJ, Tadej SLO
	VACZI, David HUN
	ZIEN, Wiktor POL

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

Serbia - Belgrade | 09.04 - 15.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
KASPRZYK, Patryk	POL BAERNTHALER, Christoph AUT
SIKO, Levente	ROU HERCOG, Martin SVK
TILKU, Toivo	EST MALETIC, Goran SRB
TZIRTZIGANIS, Tim	BEL MANTOVANI, Davide ITA
	MLADENOVIC, Uros SRB
	STALDER, Michael SUI
	ZIKA, Michal CZE

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

Bulgaria - Sofia | 03.27 - 04.02.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
AYGUN, Murat	TUR ANDRE, Attila ROU
FURET, Yann	FRA BORYAYEV, Anton KAZ
JAKSYS, Benas	LTU BRINECS, Raitis LAT
STEENSTRA, Adler	NED GATCHEV, Yanaki BUL
	HASLEMORE, Tyler NZL
	SZABO, David HUN
	VAN DEN ACKER, Maarten BEL

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A

Iceland - Akureyri | 12.03 - 18.03.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BAJT, Miha	SLO BANDI, Csaba ROU
BOJLE, Daniel	DEN CEPIK, Maksim GER
MRKVA, Roman	CZE COOK, Andrew GBR
WIKSTRAND, Mats	NOR GATOL-SCHAFRANEK, Maximilian AUT
	GUNNARSSON, Oli ISL
	GUNNARSSON, Sindri ISL
	STROEMBERG, Rasmus SWE

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B

South Africa - Cape Town | 13.03 - 16.03.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
ALZIDAN, Abdullah	KUW ALFARSI, Ahmed UAE
ANDERSEN, Rasmus	DEN BUTTON, Richard NZL
JUCERS, Raivis	LAT CHOI, DoYeon KOR
	KANG, KyuSeong KOR
	MOSES, Morne RSA



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## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada - Brampton | 05.04 - 16.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
COOKE, Kelly	USA
DEWAR, Brandy	CAN
HAACK, Tijana	GER
HILLER, Samantha	USA
KAINBERGER, Julia	AUT
KARKLINA, Agnese	LAT
LIEFFERS, Cianna	CAN
MANTHA, Elizabeth	CAN
NEARY, Shauna	CAN
NURMI, Anniina	FIN
RAPIN, Chelsea	USA
TASSONI, Amanda	USA
BUCKNER, Sarah	USA
CAMERON, Jennifer	USA
CHARTRAND, Jessica	CAN
GOTTLIBET, Zora	HUN
GREENEN, Erika	USA
HAMMAR, Anna	SWE
JONAKOVA, Magdalena	SVK
LACK, Amy	GBR
SAARIMAKI, Tiina	FIN
SMETKOVA, Kamila	CZE
TODD, Justine	CAN
ZACH, Erin	CAN

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

China - Shenzhen | 20.08 - 26.08.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
HENRIKSSON, Ida	SWE
KETONEN, Kaisa	FIN
MARTIN, Amy	CAN
NAKAYAMA, Miyuki	JPN
STAPLETON, Michelle	CAN
VICHOREK, Jestina	USA
WELTER, Mackenzie	USA
WHITE, Laura	USA
DINANT, Marine	BEL
GUTAUSKAS, Laura	CAN
MOLEKOVA, Eva	SVK
OKSANEN, Johanna	FIN
PAULHEIM, Adrienn	USA
SUCHANEK, Natalia	POL
VICHA, Jennifer	SUI
WELSH, Kirsten	USA

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

Korea - Suwon | 17.04 - 23.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
CELAROVA, Nikoleta	SVK
DOYLE, Melissa	USA
MATEJOVA, Michaela	SUI
PICAVET, Marie	USA
ANEX DIT CHENAUD, Magali	SUI
BOWSHALL, Bethany	AUS
BRANSON, Brooke	USA
BRUNN, Melissa	CAN
KOEHL, Alexandra	SWE
MA, Sang Hee	KOR
MONARD, Jamie	SUI

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

Mexico - Mexico City | 02.04 - 07.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
BARLOW, Grace	CAN
FORTIN, Beatrice	CAN
ZEDNIKOVA, Martina	CZE
DUCHESNEAU, Joanie	CAN
LARIOS, Marise	MEX
LUNDGREN, Jessica	SWE
SZPYT-JUCHA, Monika	POL
THOMSON, Sophie	CAN

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

South Africa - Cape Town | 20.02 - 26.02.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
MALA, Gabriela	CZE
PAUL, Davida	AUS
STROHMENGER, Svenja	GER
CALERO SCANLAN, Alba Louise	ESP
HOLZER, Bernadett	HUN
MUELLER, Michele Sibylle	SUI
POBOZNIAK, Joanna	POL
ROSTAN, Danielle	ITA

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A

Romania - Brasov | 03.04 - 09.04.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
LEE, KyungSun	KOR
NOVOTNA, Ilona	CZE
SANDERS, Emma	GBR
WINKLMAYR, Ulrike	AUT
BAGLAR AVCU, Elif	TUR
HJALMARSOTTIR, Elva	ISL
HJELMSTROEM, Julia	SWE
KEUZERS, Amy	NED
PERONNIN, Laura	FRA
STRUBE, Julia	GER

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B

Israel - Tnuvot | 26.03 - 31.03.2023

REFEREES	LINESPERSONS
FIALOVA, Drahomira	SUI
PEREIRA, Cien	AUS
JOHNSEN, Mildrid	NOR
MRAK, Katja	SLO
TSANG, Yin Kwan Serena	SIN



# GAME OFFICIALS

Sweden - Östersund | 08.01 - 15.01.2023

ANSELM, Vanessa	GER	BUTT, Caroline	GER
BEREZOWSKI, Jennifer	CAN	CHEYROUX, Alexia	FRA
CAMANE, Sintija	LAT	ERNST, Leonie	GER
HANVELT, Taylor	USA	GOTSDINER, Melanie	USA
HENRIKSSON, Ida	SWE	HAJKOVA, Kristyna	CZE
JANSSEN, Jenna	USA	KOSTERS, Britt	NED
KURODA, Anna	JPN	KRAUT, Breana	USA
LOVENSNOE, Veronica	SWE	SCHUEPBACH, Anina	SUI
NEENAN, Hollie	GBR	SUCHANEK, Natalia	POL
SVOBODOVA, Zuzana	CZE	WANG, Hui	UAE

Italy - Ritten | 09.01 - 15.01.2023

BOVERIO, Melissa	SUI	ANTILA, Helina	FIN
DE LA POMPA CARRERA, Claudia	ESP	CONFIDENTI, Ines	SLO
FIALOVA, Drahomira	SUI	FJELDSTAD, Anette	NOR
HOVE, Aina	NOR	KLEMM, Anja	AUT
MATEJOVA, Michaela	SUI	LACK, Amy	GBR
		REPSTOCK-ROMME, Cassandra	DEN
		VAN DE WIJGERT, Kaitlyn	NED

Poland - Katowice | 10.01 - 15.01.2023

CHAVEZ, Maria	MEX	DZENE, Baiba	LAT
KAUHANEN, Sini	FIN	FROHAUG, Maren	NOR
MALECKIENE, Ramune	LTU	MAIFELD, Anhelina	UKR
		MIZUHORI, Mai	JPN
		ZABRSOVA, Alice	CZE

Great Britain - Dumfries | 21.01 - 27.01.2023

MACKINNON, Philippa	GBR	CHEUNG, Oi Lam	CAN
ORLANDINI, Anneke Katharina	SUI	OEBERG, Hanna	SWE
STAIGER, Reica	SUI	OKUDA, Kumiko	JPN
TURKMEN, Sinem	TUR	SZPYT-JUCHA, Monika	POL
		WEEGH, Harriet	AUT
		WOON, Yean Hui	MAS

Bulgaria - Sofia | 26.01 - 01.02.2023

ANSELL, Krysta	USA	ARINCI CUCU, Merve	TUR
FOO, Mei See Diana	SIN	HJARTARDOTTIR, Ingibjorg	ISL
HOLM-RODAL, Ingeborg	NOR	ILIC, Dana	SRB
WILLINER, Karin Nicole	SUI	PAVLACKOVA, Natalie	CZE
		PERSSON, Hanna	SWE
		PÉTER, Csilla	HUN
		WACIK, Hanna-Sophie	AUT





# ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

## CONTINENTAL CUP FINAL

France - Angers | 13.01 - 15.01.2023

### REFEREES

BACA, Michal  
BARCELO, Geoffrey  
BUSS, Uldis  
HUERLIMANN, Stefan  
VIKMAN, Kristian

### LINESPERSONS

POL DEBUCHE, Cyril FRA  
FRA GONCALVES, Clement FRA  
LAT MONNAIE, Frederic BEL  
SUI NIITYLA, Tommi FIN  
FIN ZEDE, Vincent FRA

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL A

Bulgaria - Sofia | 23.09 - 25.09.2022

### REFEREES

DEHERDT, Niki  
KAYA, Cemal  
POZAR, Stefan

### LINESPERSONS

BEL BOYADJIEV, Martin BUL  
TUR DUNCHEV, Hristo BUL  
SRB GATCHEV, Yanaki BUL  
MUHACHEV, Stanislav BUL  
VASILEV, Vasilij BUL

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL B

Türkiye - Istanbul | 23.09 - 25.09.2022

### REFEREES

FAZEKAS, Djordje  
METZINGER, Filip  
SEMJONOV, Anton

### LINESPERSONS

SRB ASLANBEY, Berkay TUR  
CRO AYGUN, Ferhat TUR  
EST CEYLAN, Yusuf TUR  
KILINC, Alkan TUR  
ÖZDEN, Ahmet TUR

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL C

France - Angers | 14.10 - 16.10.2022

### REFEREES

CREGUT, Nicolas  
HINTERDOBLER, Killian  
LAZZERI, Alex  
RUPRECHT, Loic  
ZAK, Marek

### LINESPERSONS

FRA DEBUCHE, Cyril FRA  
GER FAUVEL, Johan FRA  
ITA GONCALVES, Clement FRA  
SUI THORRIGNAC, Jason FRA  
SVK ZEDE, Vincent FRA

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL D

Italy - Asiago | 14.10 - 16.10.2022

### REFEREES

HUBER, Andreas  
NAGY, Attila  
PINIE, Omar  
SCOLARI, Benjamin  
SIKO, Levente

### LINESPERSONS

AUT BASSO, Nicola ITA  
HUN BEDANA, Alessio ITA  
ITA MANTOVANI, Davide ITA  
FRA PARDATSCHER, Ulrich ITA  
ROU RIGONI, Daniel ITA

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL E

Great Britain - Cardiff | 18.11 - 20.11.2022

### REFEREES

GOOD, David  
HOGARTH, Stefan  
KICHA, Andrii  
KONC, Juraj  
KOZLOWSKI, Krzysztof  
PINIE, Omar

### LINESPERSONS

GBR CARMICHAEL, Nathan GBR  
GBR FRALEY, Ryan GBR  
UKR KISIL, Ilya GBR  
SVK PULLAR, Robert GBR  
POL RODGER, Scott GBR  
ITA

## CONTINENTAL CUP POOL F

Slovakia - Nitra | 18.11 - 20.11.2022

### REFEREES

FURET, Yann  
HALAS JR, Pavel  
HEJDUK, Oldrich  
LOCANS, Maris  
ZAK, Marek

### LINESPERSONS

FRA CRMAN, Filip SVK  
GBR GEGAN, Tomas SVK  
CZE HERCOG, Martin SVK  
LAT KACEJ, Lukas SVK  
SVK STANZEL, Matus SVK



# GAME OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA & OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Thailand - Bangkok | 30.04 - 07.05.2023

### REFEREES

PAUL, Davida  
REGENCIA, Georgie Ann  
SONG, Meina  
WAN, Mei Wah

### LINESPERSONS

AUS	ALDAYOULI, Maryam	KUW
PHI	CHONG, Su Ying Karen	MAS
CHN	CLASSON, Ottilia	SWE
MAS	HOSHI, Aiko	JPN
	KINNINMENT, Sarah	AUS
	LI, Mengjie	CHN
	PARK, Jung Yoon	KOR

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 ASIA & OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar | 11.03 - 17.03.2023

### REFEREES

FENG, Lei  
LI, Ho Ching  
LIU, Ren  
YUSOFF, Mohamad Faris  
Hakimin

### LINESPERSONS

CHN	LIM, JunSeo	KOR
HKG	PARK, JunSoo	KOR
CHN	PROKOFYEV, David	UZB
MAS	TEMUUJIN, Mergen	MGL
	WARDANA, Heru	INA

## IIHF REP MNA - EXCHANGE PROGRAM PRO LEAGUES

Country??? - City??? | 00.00 - 00.00.202?

### REFEREES

BACA, Michal	POL	HANSEN, Roy	NOR
BARCELO, Geoffrey	FRA	HRONSKY, Tomas	SVK
BORGA, Cedric	SUI	JOBAGY, Martin	SVK
BULOVEC, Miha	SLO	MOSCHEN, Andrea	ITA
BUSS, Uldis	LAT	OFNER, Christian	AUT
CHRISTENSEN, Martin	DEN	PERSSON, Christian	NOR
DALTON, Andrew	GBR	REZEK, Gregor	SLO
DRUSEIKS, Emils	LAT	SOOS, Daniel	HUN



Note: Groups, dates, and venues subject to change.

## MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

### 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Finland	Canada
United States	Czechia
Sweden	Switzerland
Germany	Slovakia
Denmark	<b>Latvia</b>
France	Norway
Austria	Kazakhstan
Hungary	Slovenia

FIN & LAT, Tampere & Riga, 12.05.2023 - 28.05.2023

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Italy	Japan
<b>Great Britain</b>	Ukraine
Lithuania	<b>Estonia</b>
Korea	China
Poland	Serbia
Romania	Netherlands

GBR, Nottingham:  
29.04. - 05.05.2023

EST, Tallinn:  
23.04. - 29.04.2023

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Croatia	Belgium
<b>Spain</b>	Bulgaria
Australia	New Zealand
Iceland	UA Emirates
Israel	Mexico
Georgia	<b>Türkiye</b>

ESP, Madrid:  
16.04. - 22.04.2023

TUR, Istanbul:  
17.04. - 23.04.2023

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Turkmenistan	Hong Kong, China
Chinese Taipei	Kyrgyzstan
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>
Luxembourg	Iran
Thailand	Singapore
	Malaysia

RSA, Cape Town:  
17.04. - 23.04.2023

BIH, Sarajevo:  
27.02. - 05.03.2023

#### DIVISION IV

Kuwait  
Philippines  
**Mongolia**  
Indonesia

MGL, Ulaanbaatar:  
23.03. - 26.03.2023

## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2024	CZE, Prague, Ostrava	10.05 - 26.05.2024
2025	SWE, Stockholm & DEN, Herning	09.05 - 25.05.2025
2026	SUI, Zurich & Fribourg	15.05 - 31.05.2026

## NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2022/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	22-28.8.2022
2023	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	7-13.11.2022
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	12-18.12.2022
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	6-12.2.2023
2023/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	21-27.08.2023
2024	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	06-12.11.2023
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	11-17.12.2023
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	05-11.02.2024
2024/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	26.08-01.09.2024
2025	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	04-10.11.2024
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	09-15.12.2024
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	03-09.02.2025

## U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2023 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	United States
Sweden	Finland
Czechia	Switzerland
Germany	Slovakia
Austria	Latvia

CAN, Halifax & Moncton: 26.12.2022 - 05.01.2023

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Norway	Japan
Kazakhstan	Ukraine
Denmark	Estonia
France	Italy
Hungary	<b>Poland</b>
Slovenia	Korea

NOR, Asker:  
11.12. - 17.12.2022

POL, Bytom:  
11.12. - 17.12.2022

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Serbia
Spain	Belgium
<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Iceland</b>
Croatia	Chinese Taipei
Romania	China
Netherlands	Mexico

LTU, Kaunas:  
11.12. - 17.12.2022

ISL, Reykjavik:  
16.01. - 22.01.2023

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Australia	Israel
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<b>Türkiye</b>
Kyrgyzstan	South Africa
New Zealand	Bulgaria

TUR, Istanbul: 07.01. - 14.01.2023

### IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 SWE, Gothenburg 26.12.2023 - 5.1.2024

## U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	USA
Czechia	Finland
Canada	<b>Switzerland</b>
Germany	Latvia
Slovakia	Norway

SUI, Basel &amp; Porrentruy: 20.04. – 30.04.2023

## DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
<b>France</b>	Italy
Kazakhstan	<b>Slovenia</b>
Denmark	Austria
Hungary	Korea
Japan	Poland
Ukraine	Estonia

FRA, Angers: 23.04. – 29.04.2023

SLO, Bled: 10.04. – 16.04.2023

## DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Netherlands
Lithuania	China
Romania	Australia
Croatia	Chinese Taipei
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>
Spain	Belgium

SRB, Belgrade: 09.04. – 15.04.2023

BUL, Sofia: 27.03. – 02.04.2023

## DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
<b>Iceland</b>	<b>South Africa</b>
Israel	New Zealand
Mexico	Hong Kong, China
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Thailand
Türkiye	
Luxembourg	

ISL, Reykjavik: 12.03. – 18.03.2023

RSA, Cape Town: 13.03. – 16.03.2023

## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
<b>Canada</b>	Finland
United States	Sweden
Czechia	Hungary
Switzerland	Germany
Japan	France

CAN, TBC

## DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Denmark	Poland
Norway	Italy
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Austria	<b>Korea</b>
<b>China</b>	Great Britain
Netherlands	Slovenia

CHN, Shenzhen: 16.04. – 22.04.2023

KOR, Suwon City: 17.04. – 23.04.2023

## DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Australia
Spain	New Zealand
Chinese Taipei	<b>South Africa</b>
Iceland	Belgium
<b>Mexico</b>	Croatia

MEX, Mexico City: 01.04. – 07.04.2023

RSA, Cape Town: 20.02. – 26.02.2023

## DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Ukraine	Serbia
Lithuania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Romania</b>	<b>Israel</b>
Hong Kong, China	

ROU, Brasov: 03.04. – 09.04.2023

ISR, Metula: 27.03. – 30.03.2023

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Czechia
United States	Slovakia
Finland	Switzerland
<b>Sweden</b>	Japan

SWE, Östersund, 08.01. – 15.01.2023

GROUP A	GROUP B
Germany	<b>Poland</b>
France	Chinese Taipei
<b>Italy</b>	Korea
Hungary	Denmark
Austria	Spain
Norway	

ITA, Ritten: 09.01. – 15.01.2023

POL, Katowice: 09.01. – 15.01.2023

GROUP A	GROUP B
<b>Great Britain</b>	Kazakhstan
Australia	Iceland
Netherlands	New Zealand
Latvia	<b>Bulgaria</b>
Türkiye	Belgium
Mexico	Estonia

GBR, Dumfries: 21.01. – 27.01.2023

BUL, Sofia: 16.01. – 22.01.2023





# IIHF WORLD RANKING 2023

## MEN AND WOMEN

### MEN

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	CANADA	FINLAND	RUSSIA	UNITED STATES	GERMANY	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	CZECHIA	SLOVAKIA	LATVIA	DENMARK	NORWAY	FRANCE	BELARUS	KAZAKHSTAN	AUSTRIA	SLOVENIA	ITALY	HUNGARY	GREAT BRITAIN	KOREA	POLAND	ROMANIA	LITHUANIA	JAPAN	CHINA	UKRAINE	ESTONIA
Points	4150	4080	4050	3940	3835	3800	3775	3735	3690	3610	3500	3270	3240	3175	2900	3170	2990	2970	2950	2945	2805	2790	2645	2630	2580	2535	2470	2400
Move	+1	-1	0	0	+4	-1	0	-2	-1	+1	-1	0	0	0	+1	-1	+2	-1	+1	-2	0	0	+1	-1	0	0	0	0
Prev.	2	1	3	4	9	5	7	6	8	11	10	12	13	14	16	15	19	17	20	18	21	22	24	23	25	26	27	28

### WOMEN

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	CANADA	UNITED STATES	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	CZECHIA	RUSSIA	JAPAN	SWEDEN	GERMANY	HUNGARY	DENMARK	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	CHINA	NORWAY	SLOVAKIA	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	KOREA	POLAND	SLOVENIA	KAZAKHSTAN	GREAT BRITAIN	SPAIN	MEXICO	CHINESE TAIPEI	ICELAND	TÜRKIYE
Points	4250	4220	3850	3820	3920	3885	3775	3665	3515	3515	3420	3375	3245	3210	3205	3125	3040	2955	2935	2920	2705	2705	2680	2560	2450	2380	2280	2175
Move	0	0	+1	-1	+1	-1	0	0	+1	-1	0	0	+1	+2	-2	-1	+1	-1	0	0	+1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prev.	1	2	4	3	6	5	7	8	10	9	11	12	15	16	13	7	18	17	19	20	22	21	23	24	25	26	27	28

### TOURNAMENTS



29	0	2285	29	NETHERLANDS
30	0	2245	30	SERBIA
31	0	2170	31	CROATIA
32	0	2140	32	SPAIN
33	0	1950	33	ISRAEL
34	0	1925	34	ICELAND
36	+1	1710	35	AUSTRALIA
37	+1	1655	36	BULGARIA
38	-2	1600	37	MEXICO
38	0	1585	38	TÜRKIYE
43	4	1505	39	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
38	-1	1470	40	BELGIUM
43	-2	1455	41	CHINESE TAIPEI
42	0	1010	42	NEW ZEALAND
44	+1	1280	43	LUXEMBOURG
46	+2	1190	44	THAILAND
48	+3	1140	45	TURKMENISTAN
49	+3	1095	46	KYRGYZSTAN
47	0	1070	47	HONG KONG
50	+2	1040	48	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
51	+2	1020	49	SOUTH AFRICA
52	+2	770	50	KUWAIT
55	+4	650	51	SINGAPORE
53	+1	635	52	MALAYSIA
41	-12	630	53	GEORGIA
56	+2	625	54	IRAN
54	-1	600	55	PHILIPPINES
45	-11	510	56	DPR KOREA
	NEW	460	57	MONGOLIA
	NEW	420	58	INDONESIA

29	0	2110	29	LATVIA
30	0	1860	30	HONG KONG
33	+2	1780	31	AUSTRALIA
34	+2	1780	32	LITHUANIA
32	-1	1755	33	BULGARIA
35	+1	1705	34	NEW ZEALAND
36	+1	1615	35	CROATIA
39	+3	1610	36	BELGIUM
37	0	1610	37	SOUTH AFRICA
38	0	1470	38	UKRAINE
40	+1	1415	39	ROMANIA
41	+1	1155	40	ESTONIA
42	+1	1055	41	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
43	+1	960	42	SERBIA
31	-12	915	43	DPR KOREA
44	0	910	44	ISRAEL



**INTERNATIONAL  
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# IIHF SURVEY OF PLAYERS

## 2022-2023 SEASON

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				OFFICIALS (M+W)	RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2023 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Male Senior	Male U20 (U18 - U10)	Female (all ages)		Indoor	Outdoor		
Algeria	121	90	14	17	0	1	0		45,606,480
Andorra	112	33	55	24	4	1	0		80,088
Argentina	1143	550	240	353	33	2	1		45,773,884
Armenia	308	159	132	17	308	3	6		2,777,970
Australia	6138	3382	1454	1302	337	20	0	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB, WW18 IIA	26,439,111
Austria	7557	3607	3333	617	260	61	62	WM, WM20, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 IA	8,958,960
Belgium	2903	974	955	974	122	16	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB, WW18 IIB	11,686,140
Bosnia and Herzegovina	291	41	176	74	0	2	1	WM IIIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIIB	3,210,847
Belarus	10335	1809	7588	938	60	45	2		9,498,238
Brazil	78	21	23	34	3	2	0		216,422,446
Bulgaria	821	131	564	126	28	6	5	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIIA, WW18 IIB	6,687,717
Canada	548800	76332	376308	96160	29292	2,860	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	38,781,291
Chile	250	120	80	50	0	7	1	WM IB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IA	19,629,590
China	10786	1221	8043	1522	364	104	13	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IA	1,425,671,352
Croatia	593	126	372	95	11	2	6	WM IIA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	4,008,617
Czechia	27078	5092	20503	1483	3967	191	29	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,495,295
Denmark	5944	2247	2873	824	109	27	0	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 IB	5,910,913
Spain	817	127	489	201	34	12	0		47,519,628
Estonia	1304	126	896	282	26	10	23	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IIIA, WW18 IIB	1,322,765
Finland	59145	17813	35569	5763	1679	293	99	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,545,475
France	19467	7372	9874	2221	115	125	27	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW, WW IA	64,756,584
Great Britain	11277	6591	3740	946	250	63	0	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IB, WW18 IIA	67,736,802
Georgia	534	175	343	16	12	7	1	WM IIA	3,728,282
Germany	23717	5681	15357	2679	720	143	76	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18 IA	83,294,633
Greece	192	85	94	13	0	2	0		10,341,277
Hong Kong	832	154	575	103	66	6	0	WM IIIB	7,491,609
Hungary	8477	1478	5538	1461	224	59	2	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW, WW18 IA	10,156,239
Indonesia	228	126	80	22	13	12	0	WM IV	277,534,122
India	1844	910	516	418	16	2	40		1,428,627,663
Iran	624	90	185	349	32	5	0	WM IIIB	89,172,767
Ireland	225	185	0	40	11	4	0		5,056,935
Iceland	704	120	281	303	12	3	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA, WW18 IIB	375,318
Israel	16	1	7	8	2	2	2	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIIB	9,174,520
Italy	5145	1103	3588	454	120	61	13	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IB, WW18 IA	58,870,762
Jamaica	20	20	0	0	0	0	0		2,825,544
Japan	16864	7013	7074	2777	730	60	5	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW, WM18	123,294,513
Kazakhstan	9970	1204	8579	187	253	54	196	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 IIB	19,606,633
Kyrgyzstan	2880	1700	1080	100	11	5	32	WM IIIB, WM20 III	6,735,347
Korea	3684	130	3062	492	271	143	10	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IB, WW18 IB	51,784,059
Kuwait	630	160	240	230	35	1	0	WM IV	4,310,108
Latvia	8859	6000	2525	334	126	24	3	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18 IIA	1,830,211
Lebanon	230	120	42	68	1	0	0		5,353,930
Liechtenstein	60	40	15	5	1	0	1		39,584
Lithuania	1445	120	1180	145	32	10	3	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIIA	2,718,352
Macau	139	33	82	24	6	1	0		704,149
Morocco	779	98	539	142	7	2	3		37,840,044
Malaysia	121	40	49	32	17	6	0	WM IIIB	34,308,525
Mexico	762	270	352	140	19	14	1	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA, WW18 IIA	128,455,567
Mongolia	792	200	530	62	4	4	18	WM IV	3,447,157
Macedonia	70	53	17	0	5	0	1	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIB, WW IIB, WW18 IIB	2,085,679
Netherlands	3552	1808	1237	507	76	20	0	WM IIB	17,618,299

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				OFFICIALS (M+W)	RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2023 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Male Senior	Male U20 (U18 - U10)	Female (all ages)		Indoor	Outdoor		
Nepal	275	20	130	125	2	1	0	30,896,590	
Norway	11618	1942	7624	2052	355	154	10	WM, WM20 IA, WM18, WW IA, WW18 IA	5,474,360
New Zealand	2584	986	1118	480	107	8	3		5,228,100
Oman	73	38	35	0	87	2	0		4,644,384
Philippines	315	130	101	84	17	3	0	WM IV	117,337,368
Poland	3928	452	2983	493	235	26	10	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IB, WW18 IB	41,026,067
Portugal	70	45	22	3	2	3	0		10,247,605
DPR Korea	1595	145	750	700	35	3	9		26,160,821
Puerto Rico	323	131	125	67	1	1	0		3,260,314
Qatar	165	109	48	8	4	1	0		2,716,391
Romania	2073	210	1625	238	70	12	0	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIIA	19,892,812
South Africa	544	175	240	129	52	8	0	WM IIIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIIB, WW IIB	60,414,495
Russia	101819	19063	80160	2596	1935	807	5990		144,444,359
Singapore	211	101	50	60	14	2	0	WM IIIB	6,014,723
Slovenia	941	97	730	114	40	7	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IB	2,119,675
Serbia	759	75	612	72	23	3	1	WM 1B, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIA, WW IIIB	7,149,077
Switzerland	32229	14317	15188	2724	1298	115	94	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	8,796,669
Slovakia	11829	1686	9237	906	653	84	19	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18	5,795,199
Sweden	73585	12559	51491	9535	6856	374	75	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,612,086
Thailand	594	93	401	100	16	8	0	WM IIIA, WM18 IIIB	71,801,279
Turkmenistan	710	150	560	0	30	5	0	WM IIIA	6,516,100
Chinese Taipei	841	184	549	108	78	3	0		9,078,000
Tunisia	55	40	10	5	2	1	1		12,458,223
Turkiye	1591	272	801	518	73	14	0	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW18 IIA	85,816,199
UAE	638	120	374	144	15	10	0	WM IIB	9,516,871
USA	556929	144352	321277	91300	28329	2101	500	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	339,996,563
Uzbekistan	458	27	428	3	20	4	0		35,163,944
Colombia	110	47	38	25	10	0	0		52,085,168
Luxembourg	492	175	285	32	20	3	0	WM IIIA, WM18 IIIA	654,768
Ukraine	5341	1641	3521	179	69	26	3	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IIIA	36,744,634

## LEGEND

### MEN

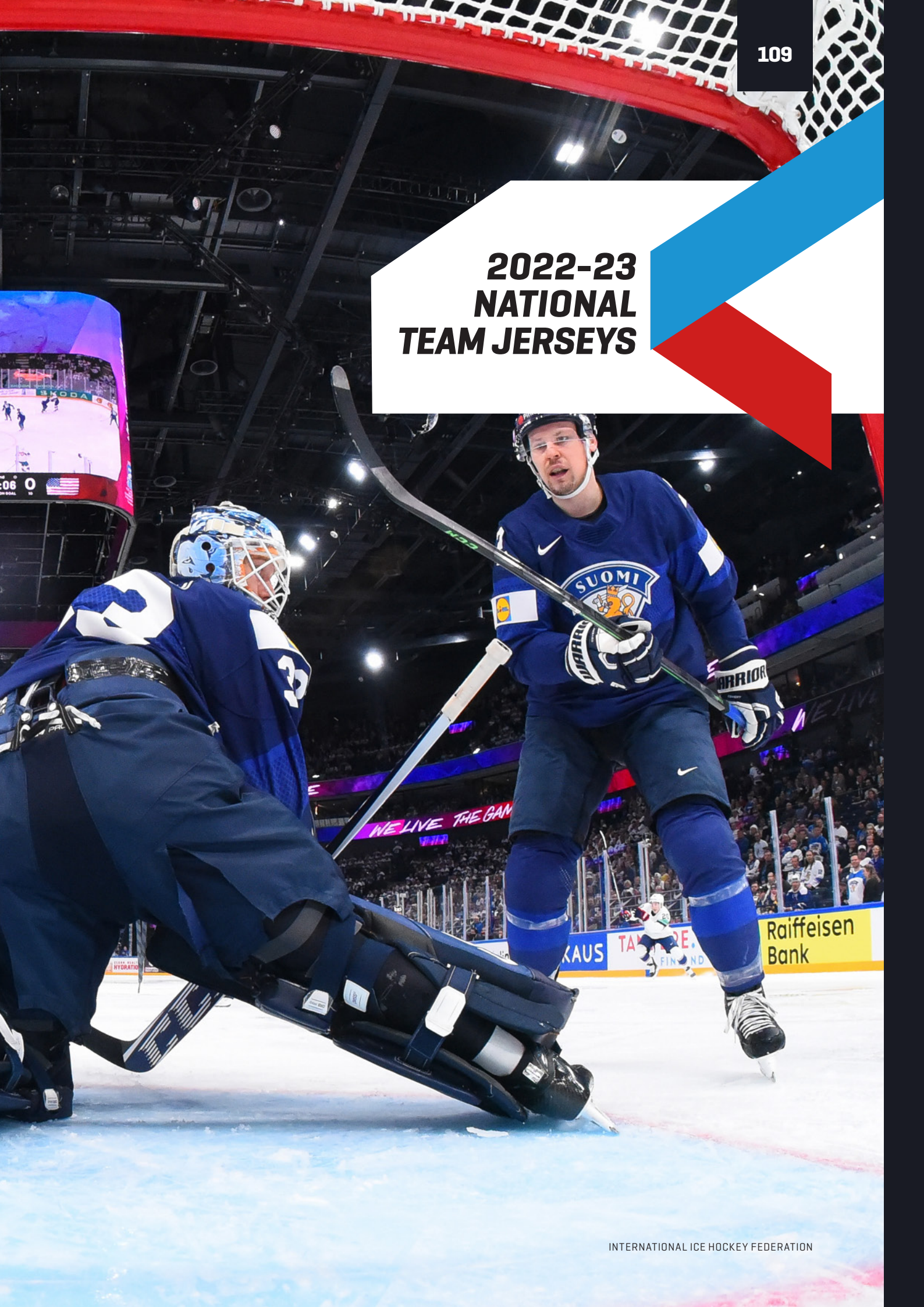
WWM	IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
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WM20	IIHF World Junior Championship
WM20 I	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I
WM20 II	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II
WM20 III	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III
WM18	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship
WM18 I	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I
WM18 II	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II
WM18 III	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

### WOMEN

WW	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
WW I	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I
WW II	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II
WW III	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III
WW18	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship
WW18 I	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I
WW18 II	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division II



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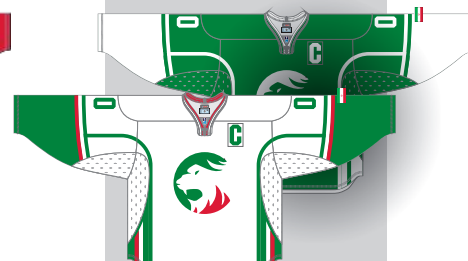
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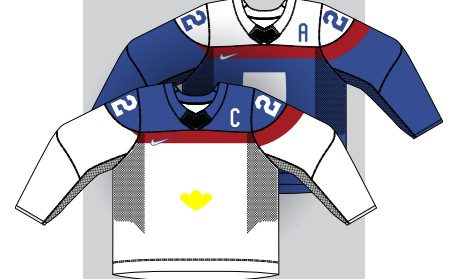


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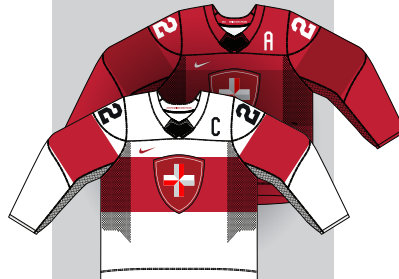
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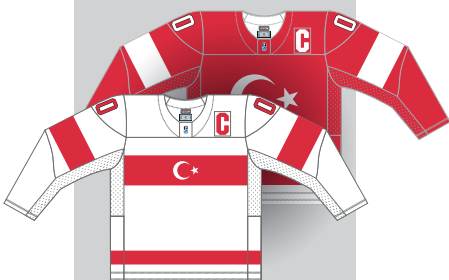
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A		CANADA
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B		GREAT BRITAIN
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A		JAPAN
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B		SPAIN
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Group A		UA EMIRATES
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Group B		CHINESE TAIPEI
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division IV		KYRGYZSTAN
		PHILIPPINES

**IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A		CANADA
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B		NORWAY
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A		JAPAN
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B		CROATIA
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III		CHINA
		AUSTRALIA

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A		USA
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B		KAZAKHSTAN
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A		AUSTRIA
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B		LITHUANIA
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A		NETHERLANDS
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B		ISRAEL
		NEW ZEALAND

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A		USA
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B		CHINA
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A		KOREA
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B		LATVIA
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III Group A		BELGIUM
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III Group B		HONG KONG
		SERBIA

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group A		CANADA
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B		GERMANY
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group A		DENMARK
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group B		AUSTRALIA
		KAZAKHSTAN

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP**

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP		THAILAND
		UZBEKISTAN

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# CHAMPIONS 2022 / 2023





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2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
FINLAND-LATVIA  
Tampere - Riga

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
GREAT BRITAIN  
Nottingham  
Division I - Group A

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
ESTONIA  
Tallinn  
Division I - Group B

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SPAIN  
Madrid  
Division II - Group A

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
TÜRKIYE  
Istanbul  
Division II - Group B

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Cape Town  
Division III - Group A

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
Sarajevo  
Division III - Group B

2023



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
MONGOLIA  
Ulaanbaatar  
Division IV

# WORLD MEN

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
12.05.2023	Finland - United States	1-4	1-0,0-1,0-3
12.05.2023	Sweden - Germany	1-0	0-0,0-0,1-0
13.05.2023	France - Austria	2-1	1-0,0-0,0-1,1-0
13.05.2023	Hungary - Denmark	1-3	0-1,0-1,1-1
13.05.2023	Germany - Finland	3-4	1-1,2-2,0-1
14.05.2023	United States - Hungary	7-1	2-1,2-0,3-0
14.05.2023	France - Denmark	3-4	0-2,3-1,0-0,0-1
14.05.2023	Sweden - Austria	5-0	1-0,2-0,2-0
15.05.2023	Germany - United States	2-3	0-0,2-1,0-2
15.05.2023	Finland - Sweden	1-2	0-0,0-1,1-0,0-0,0-1
16.05.2023	Denmark - Austria	6-2	1-0,1-1,4-1
16.05.2023	France - Hungary	2-3	1-1,1-1,0-0,0-1
17.05.2023	United States - Austria	4-1	0-0,2-1,2-0
17.05.2023	Finland - France	5-3	1-1,2-1,2-1
18.05.2023	Hungary - Sweden	1-7	1-3,0-3,0-1
18.05.2023	Denmark - Germany	4-6	1-0,1-3,2-3
19.05.2023	Hungary - Finland	1-7	0-1,1-1,0-5
19.05.2023	Austria - Germany	2-4	1-2,0-1,1-1
20.05.2023	United States - Denmark	3-0	0-0,0-0,3-0
20.05.2023	Austria - Finland	1-3	1-2,0-0,0-1
20.05.2023	Sweden - France	4-0	4-0,0-0,0-0
21.05.2023	Germany - Hungary	7-2	1-0,3-0,3-2
21.05.2023	United States - France	9-0	3-0,1-0,5-0
22.05.2023	Denmark - Sweden	1-4	1-1,0-1,0-2
22.05.2023	Austria - Hungary	4-3	1-2,2-1,0-0,0-1,0-0
23.05.2023	Germany - France	5-0	2-0,1-0,2-0
23.05.2023	Sweden - United States	3-4	1-1,0-2,2-0,0-1
23.05.2023	Finland - Denmark	7-1	3-0,3-0,1-1

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
12.05.2023	Slovakia - Czechia	2-3	2-3,0-0,0-0
12.05.2023	Latvia - Canada	0-6	0-2,0-2,0-2
13.05.2023	Switzerland - Slovenia	7-0	2-0,1-0,4-0
13.05.2023	Norway - Kazakhstan	3-4	2-1,1-1,0-1,0-0,0-1
13.05.2023	Slovakia - Latvia	2-1	1-0,0-1,1-0
14.05.2023	Slovenia - Canada	2-5	1-0,0-3,1-2
14.05.2023	Norway - Switzerland	0-3	0-2,0-0,0-1
14.05.2023	Czechia - Kazakhstan	5-1	2-0,0-1,3-0
15.05.2023	Slovakia - Canada	1-2	1-1,0-0,0-0,0-0,0-1
15.05.2023	Czechia - Latvia	3-4	1-0,1-2,1-1,0-1
16.05.2023	Slovenia - Norway	0-1	0-1,0-0,0-0
16.05.2023	Switzerland - Kazakhstan	5-0	1-0,2-0,2-0
17.05.2023	Latvia - Norway	2-1	0-0,2-1,0-0
17.05.2023	Canada - Kazakhstan	5-1	4-1,0-0,1-0
18.05.2023	Czechia - Slovenia	6-2	0-2,1-0,5-0
18.05.2023	Switzerland - Slovakia	4-2	1-0,1-2,2-0
19.05.2023	Latvia - Slovenia	3-2	1-0,2-2,0-0
19.05.2023	Kazakhstan - Slovakia	4-3	0-1,3-0,0-2,0-1,0-0
20.05.2023	Norway - Czechia	0-2	0-2,0-0,0-0
20.05.2023	Canada - Switzerland	2-3	0-0,1-2,1-1
20.05.2023	Kazakhstan - Latvia	0-7	0-2,0-3,0-2
21.05.2023	Slovenia - Slovakia	0-1	0-0,0-1,0-0
21.05.2023	Czechia - Switzerland	2-4	1-1,0-2,1-1
22.05.2023	Canada - Norway	2-3	0-1,1-1,1-0,0-0,0-1
22.05.2023	Kazakhstan - Slovenia	4-3	1-1,1-1,2-1
23.05.2023	Slovakia - Norway	4-1	3-0,0-1,1-0
23.05.2023	Canada - Czechia	3-1	1-0,0-1,2-0
23.05.2023	Switzerland - Latvia	3-4	0-0,1-2,2-1,0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	7	6	1	0	0	+26	34:8	20
2	Sweden	7	5	1	1	0	+19	26:7	18
3	Finland	7	5	0	1	1	+13	28:15	16
4	Germany	7	4	0	0	3	+11	27:16	12
5	Denmark	7	2	1	0	4	-7	19:26	8
6	France	7	0	1	2	4	-21	10:31	4
7	Austria	7	0	1	1	5	-16	11:27	3
8	Hungary	7	0	1	1	5	-25	12:37	3

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Switzerland	7	6	0	1	0	+19	29:10	19
2	Canada	7	4	1	1	1	+14	25:11	15
3	Latvia	7	3	2	0	2	+4	21:17	13
4	Czechia	7	4	0	1	2	+6	22:16	13
5	Slovakia	7	3	0	2	2	0	15:15	11
6	Kazakhstan	7	1	2	0	4	-17	14:31	7
7	Norway	7	1	1	1	4	-8	9:17	6
8	Slovenia	7	0	0	0	7	-18	9:27	0

### PLAYOFF ROUND

#### QUARTER - FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
25.05.2023	United States - Czechia	3-0	1-0,1-0,1-0
25.05.2023	Switzerland - Germany	1-3	0-1,1-2,0-0
25.05.2023	Canada - Finland	4-1	1-0,1-0,2-1
25.05.2023	Sweden - Latvia	1-3	0-1,1-0,0-2

#### SEMI - FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
27.05.2023	Canada - Latvia	4-2	0-1,1-1,3-0
27.05.2023	United States - Germany	3-4	2-2,1-0,0-1,0-1

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
28.05.2023	United States - Latvia	3-4	2-2,0-0,1-1,0-1

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
28.05.2023	Canada - Germany	5-2 OT	1-1,1-1,3-0



## FINAL STANDINGS



CANADA



GERMANY



LATVIA

4 United States	9 Slovakia	14 Austria
5 Switzerland	10 Denmark	15 Hungary
6 Sweden	11 Kazakhstan	16 Slovenia
7 Finland	12 France	
8 Czechia	13 Norway	

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Arturs Silovs	LAT
Best Defender	Mackenzie Weegar	CAN
Best Forward	John Peterka	GER

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Arturs Silovs	LAT
Defender	Mackenzie Weegar	CAN
Defender	Moritz Seider	GER
Forward	John Peterka	GER
Forward	Rocco Grimaldi	USA
Forward	Dominik Kubalik	CZE
MVP	Arturs Silovs	LAT



## CANADA TAKES GOLD IN HISTORIC MEDAL WEEKEND

Rallying from a 2-1 deficit in the second period, Canada won an unprecedented 22nd gold medal at the Men's World Championship, but the greater stories came from the silver and bronze medalists. After the 5-2 loss to Canada in the final game, Germany took home silver for the first time since 1953, and only the second time ever, and they did so after eliminating Switzerland and the United States in the playoffs. They also placed two players on the All-Star Team, forward John Peterka and defender Moritz Seider. The only other times these teams had played for gold was in 1930, the first time the IIHF had staged an independent World Championship.

And for the first time ever, Latvia won a medal at any top-level IIHF event, rallying in dramatic fashion to defeat the U.S., 4-3, for bronze. Kristians Rubins tied the game with only 5:39 remaining in regulation and then won it in overtime with another goal at 1:22 of the unlimited OT. But the real hero was goalie Arturs Silovs. He played every game for the Latvians and was named tournament MVP, another first for the tiny but hockey-mad country.

Rocco Grimaldi, the tournament's leading scorer with 14 points, and the rest of the Americans left Finland empty-handed despite winning their first eight games. Consecutive, late-game defeats put them in fourth place. Canada's Adam Fantilli joined an exclusive group by becoming only the 11th player (and second Canadian) to win World Junior and Men's Worlds gold in the same year.

Hungary and Slovenia finished at the bottom of their groups and were demoted, while Great Britain and Poland finished in the top two spots of Division I-A and will play in the top pool in Prague in 2024.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A GREAT BRITAIN - NOTTINGHAM

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
29.04.2023	Poland – Lithuania	7–0	3–0, 3–0, 1–0
29.04.2023	Romania – Italy	2–6	0–2, 1–2, 1–2
29.04.2023	Korea – Great Britain	0–4	0–2, 0–1, 0–1
30.04.2023	Lithuania – Romania	2–3	2–1, 0–2, 0–0
30.04.2023	Great Britain – Poland	5–4	1–1, 2–0, 1–3, 1–0
30.04.2023	Italy – Korea	6–1	2–0, 1–0, 3–1
02.05.2023	Romania – Korea	2–5	1–1, 0–2, 1–2
02.05.2023	Italy – Poland	2–4	1–1, 1–2, 0–1
02.05.2023	Great Britain – Lithuania	3–0	2–0, 0–0, 1–0
03.05.2023	Korea – Poland	0–7	0–2, 0–3, 0–2
03.05.2023	Lithuania – Italy	4–6	1–1, 2–4, 1–1
03.05.2023	Great Britain – Romania	7–0	0–0, 3–0, 4–0
05.05.2023	Poland – Romania	6–2	0–1, 4–0, 2–1
05.05.2023	Lithuania – Korea	1–2	0–0, 1–1, 0–1
05.05.2023	Italy – Great Britain	3–5	1–1, 2–3, 0–1

### FINAL STANDINGS



GREAT BRITAIN



POLAND



ITALY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Great Britain	5	4	1	0	0	+17	24: 7	14
2	Poland	5	4	0	1	0	+19	28: 9	13
3	Italy	5	3	0	0	2	+7	23: 16	9
4	Korea	5	2	0	0	3	-12	8: 20	6
5	Romania	5	1	0	0	4	-17	9: 26	3
6	Lithuania	5	0	0	0	5	-14	7: 21	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ben Bowns	GBR
Best Defender	Thomas Larkin	ITA
Best Forward	Krystian Dziubinski	POL

Great Britain and Poland promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B ESTONIA - TALLINN

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
23.04.2023	Netherlands – Japan	1–8	0–2, 0–2, 1–4
23.04.2023	China – Ukraine	5–4	0–2, 4–0, 0–2, 1–0
23.04.2023	Serbia – Estonia	1–2	0–0, 0–1, 1–0, 0–0, 0–1
24.04.2023	Japan – China	5–2	1–2, 2–0, 2–0
24.04.2023	Ukraine – Serbia	7–0	0–0, 2–0, 5–0
24.04.2023	Estonia – Netherlands	4–2	1–1, 0–0, 3–1
26.04.2023	Netherlands – China	7–2	3–0, 3–2, 1–0
26.04.2023	Japan – Serbia	8–3	2–0, 1–2, 5–1
26.04.2023	Ukraine – Estonia	7–4	1–1, 4–1, 2–2
27.04.2023	China – Serbia	5–0	2–0, 2–0, 1–0
27.04.2023	Ukraine – Netherlands	14–2	4–1, 6–1, 4–0
27.04.2023	Estonia – Japan	1–3	0–1, 1–2, 0–0
29.04.2023	Serbia – Netherlands	3–2	1–1, 0–1, 1–0, 0–0, 1–0
29.04.2023	Estonia – China	2–5	0–3, 1–0, 1–2
29.04.2023	Japan – Ukraine	5–3	2–0, 2–0, 1–3

### FINAL STANDINGS



JAPAN



UKRAINE



CHINA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Japan	5	5	0	0	0	+19	29: 10	15
2	Ukraine	5	3	0	1	1	+19	35: 16	10
3	China	5	2	1	0	2	+1	19: 18	8
4	Estonia	5	1	1	0	3	-5	13: 18	5
5	Netherlands	5	1	0	1	3	-17	14: 31	4
6	Serbia	5	0	1	1	3	-17	7: 24	3

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Yuta Narisawa	JPN
Best Defender	Igor Merezhko	UKR
Best Forward	Yushiro Hirano	JPN

Japan promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division I A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

### SPAIN - MADRID

#### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
16.04.2023	Georgia – Iceland	4 – 1	2 – 0, 1 – 1, 1 – 0
16.04.2023	Australia – Croatia	4 – 6	0 – 3, 4 – 2, 0 – 1
16.04.2023	Spain – Israel	8 – 2	2 – 0, 5 – 1, 1 – 1
17.04.2023	Croatia – Iceland	6 – 2	2 – 0, 3 – 1, 1 – 1
17.04.2023	Israel – Georgia	3 – 7	2 – 1, 1 – 3, 0 – 3
17.04.2023	Spain – Australia	8 – 1	2 – 0, 4 – 0, 2 – 1
19.04.2023	Croatia – Israel	12 – 1	4 – 1, 4 – 0, 4 – 0
19.04.2023	Australia – Iceland	2 – 4	1 – 1, 1 – 0, 0 – 3
19.04.2023	Spain – Georgia	2 – 0	0 – 0, 1 – 0, 1 – 0
21.04.2023	Israel – Australia	1 – 7	0 – 2, 1 – 3, 0 – 2
21.04.2023	Georgia – Croatia	6 – 0	1 – 0, 1 – 0, 4 – 0
21.04.2023	Iceland – Spain	4 – 7	1 – 2, 1 – 2, 2 – 3
22.04.2023	Australia – Georgia	2 – 3	1 – 0, 0 – 3, 1 – 0
22.04.2023	Iceland – Israel	3 – 7	1 – 1, 2 – 4, 0 – 2
22.04.2023	Croatia – Spain	2 – 5	2 – 1, 0 – 1, 0 – 3

#### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Spain	5	5	0	0	0	+21	30:9	15
2	Georgia	5	4	0	0	1	+12	20:8	12
3	Croatia	5	3	0	0	2	+8	26:18	9
4	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	-6	16:22	3
5	Israel	5	1	0	0	4	-23	14:37	3
6	Iceland	5	1	0	0	4	-12	14:26	3

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Raul Barbo	ESP
Best Defender	Bruno Baldris	ESP
Best Forward	Borna Rendulic	CRO

Spain promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division I B.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

### TÜRKIYE - ISTANBUL

#### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
17.04.2023	New Zealand – Belgium	1 – 4	0 – 0, 0 – 1, 1 – 3
17.04.2023	Bulgaria – Mexico	4 – 2	1 – 1, 2 – 0, 1 – 1
17.04.2023	Türkiye – UA Emirates	0 – 8	0 – 3, 0 – 4, 0 – 1
18.04.2023	Bulgaria – New Zealand	7 – 2	4 – 0, 0 – 0, 3 – 2
18.04.2023	Belgium – UA Emirates	3 – 4	0 – 2, 1 – 2, 2 – 0
18.04.2023	Mexico – Türkiye	0 – 5	0 – 3, 0 – 1, 0 – 1
20.04.2023	New Zealand – UA Emirates	1 – 7	1 – 1, 0 – 4, 0 – 2
20.04.2023	Belgium – Mexico	11 – 2	4 – 0, 4 – 2, 3 – 0
20.04.2023	Bulgaria – Türkiye	5 – 3	1 – 0, 2 – 0, 2 – 3
21.04.2023	Mexico – New Zealand	2 – 7	1 – 2, 0 – 3, 1 – 2
21.04.2023	UA Emirates – Bulgaria	7 – 2	2 – 0, 5 – 1, 0 – 1
21.04.2023	Türkiye – Belgium	2 – 9	2 – 2, 0 – 4, 0 – 3
23.04.2023	UA Emirates – Mexico	9 – 4	3 – 0, 1 – 2, 5 – 2
23.04.2023	Belgium – Bulgaria	6 – 1	2 – 0, 2 – 1, 2 – 0
23.04.2023	New Zealand – Türkiye	4 – 2	4 – 0, 0 – 0, 0 – 2

#### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	UA Emirates	5	5	0	0	0	+25	35:10	15
2	Belgium	5	4	0	0	1	+23	33:10	12
3	Bulgaria	5	3	0	0	2	-1	19:20	9
4	New Zealand	5	2	0	0	3	-7	15:22	6
5	Türkiye	5	1	0	0	4	-14	12:26	3
6	Mexico	5	0	0	0	5	-26	10:36	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Mate Tomljenovic	UAE
Best Defender	Vadim Gyesbreghts	BEL
Best Forward	Maxim Zakharau	UAE

UA Emirates promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division II A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
17.04.2023	Thailand - Chinese Taipei	2 - 11	0 - 3, 1 - 3, 1 - 5
17.04.2023	Turkmenistan - South Africa	6 - 9	3 - 0, 0 - 4, 3 - 5
18.04.2023	Luxembourg - Thailand	2 - 10	0 - 2, 1 - 5, 1 - 3
19.04.2023	Luxembourg - Turkmenistan	1 - 4	0 - 1, 1 - 3, 0 - 0
19.04.2023	Chinese Taipei - South Africa	6 - 1	0 - 0, 3 - 1, 3 - 0
20.04.2023	Thailand - Turkmenistan	3 - 6	0 - 0, 0 - 3, 3 - 3
21.04.2023	Chinese Taipei - Luxembourg	10 - 0	6 - 0, 2 - 0, 2 - 0
21.04.2023	South Africa - Thailand	2 - 5	1 - 2, 1 - 1, 0 - 2
23.04.2023	Turkmenistan - Chinese Taipei	1 - 3	0 - 0, 0 - 2, 1 - 1
23.04.2023	South Africa - Luxembourg	4 - 0	1 - 0, 2 - 0, 1 - 0

### FINAL STANDINGS



CHINESE TAIPEI



TURKMENISTAN



SOUTH AFRICA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	+26	30:4	12
2	Turkmenistan	4	2	0	0	2	+1	17:16	6
3	South Africa	4	2	0	0	2	-1	16:17	6
4	Thailand	4	2	0	0	2	-1	20:21	6
5	Luxembourg	4	0	0	0	4	-25	3:28	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Po-Yu Hsiao	TPE
Best Defender	Ken Edvin Kindborn	THA
Best Forward	Jan Mikael Isaksson	THA

Chinese Taipei promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division II B.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - SARAJEVO

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
27.02.2023	Kyrgyzstan - Singapore	14 - 2	7 - 1, 5 - 1, 2 - 0
27.02.2023	Malaysia - Iran	4 - 14	1 - 3, 0 - 7, 3 - 4
27.02.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Hong Kong, China	6 - 5	1 - 2, 2 - 3, 2 - 0, 0 - 0, 1 - 0
28.02.2023	Singapore - Malaysia	10 - 0	2 - 0, 5 - 0, 3 - 0
28.02.2023	Hong Kong, China - Iran	11 - 1	3 - 0, 5 - 0, 3 - 1
28.02.2023	Kyrgyzstan - Bosnia and Herzegovina	10 - 1	3 - 0, 4 - 0, 3 - 1
02.03.2023	Hong Kong, China - Singapore	7 - 6	1 - 2, 1 - 2, 4 - 2, 1 - 0
02.03.2023	Kyrgyzstan - Malaysia	22 - 0	7 - 0, 10 - 0, 5 - 0
02.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Iran	9 - 2	1 - 1, 3 - 1, 5 - 0
03.03.2023	Malaysia - Hong Kong, China	1 - 16	1 - 3, 0 - 6, 0 - 7
03.03.2023	Iran - Kyrgyzstan	0 - 18	0 - 7, 0 - 4, 0 - 7
03.03.2023	Singapore - Bosnia and Herzegovina	2 - 8	0 - 2, 1 - 4, 1 - 2
05.03.2023	Iran - Singapore	2 - 11	1 - 5, 0 - 4, 1 - 2
05.03.2023	Hong Kong, China - Kyrgyzstan	2 - 12	1 - 4, 1 - 4, 0 - 4
05.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Malaysia	15 - 1	5 - 1, 4 - 0, 6 - 0

### FINAL STANDINGS



KYRGYZSTAN



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



HONG KONG, CHINA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kyrgyzstan	5	5	0	0	0	+71	76:5	15
2	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	3	1	0	1	+19	39:20	11
3	Hong Kong, China	5	2	1	1	1	+15	41:26	9
4	Singapore	5	2	0	1	2	0	31:31	7
5	Iran	5	1	0	0	4	-34	19:53	3
6	Malaysia	5	0	0	0	5	-71	6:77	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Dino Pasovic	BIH
Best Defender	Ernazar Isamatov	KGZ
Best Forward	Chung Pan Justin Cheng	HKG

Kyrgyzstan promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division III A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION IV GROUP

MONGOLIA - ULAANBAATAR

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
23.03.2023	Philippines – Indonesia	14 – 0	4 – 06 – 04 – 0
23.03.2023	Kuwait – Mongolia	0 – 8	0 – 40 – 00 – 4
25.03.2023	Indonesia – Kuwait	2 – 4	1 – 01 – 10 – 3
25.03.2023	Philippines – Mongolia	7 – 6	3 – 00 – 33 – 31 – 0
26.03.2023	Kuwait – Philippines	0 – 14	0 – 10 – 40 – 9
26.03.2023	Mongolia – Indonesia	5 – 1	3 – 00 – 02 – 1

### FINAL STANDINGS



PHILIPPINES



MONGOLIA



KUWAIT

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Philippines	3	2	1	0	0	+29	35:6	8
2	Mongolia	3	2	0	1	0	+11	19:8	7
3	Kuwait	3	1	0	0	2	-20	4:24	3
4	Indonesia	3	0	0	0	3	-20	3:23	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Baatarkhuu Bazarvaani	MGL
Best Defender	Eishner Jigsmac Sibug	PHI
Best Forward	Ali Alsarraf	KUW

Philippines promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Championship Division III B.





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CHAMPIONSHIP  
POLAND  
Bytom  
Division I - Group B

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U20 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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2023



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CHAMPIONSHIP  
ICELAND  
Reykjavik  
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2023



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Istanbul  
Division III

# WORLD MEN U20

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
26.12.2022	Sweden - Austria	11-0	2-0,6-0,3-0
26.12.2022	Czechia - Canada	5-2	2-1,3-1,0-0
27.12.2022	Germany - Sweden	0-1	0-1,0-0,0-0
27.12.2022	Austria - Czechia	0-9	0-3,0-4,0-2
28.12.2022	Canada - Germany	11-2	3-1,6-0,2-1
29.12.2022	Sweden - Czechia	3-2	0-0,2-1,0-1,1-0
29.12.2022	Austria - Canada	0-11	0-3,0-4,0-4
30.12.2022	Germany - Austria	4-2	1-0,3-1,0-1
31.12.2022	Czechia - Germany	8-1	2-0,3-1,3-0
31.12.2022	Canada - Sweden	5-1	3-1,0-0,2-0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
26.12.2022	Finland - Switzerland	2-3	0-0,1-1,1-1,0-1
26.12.2022	Latvia - United States	2-5	0-0,2-2,0-3
27.12.2022	Finland - Slovakia	5-2	1-1,3-0,1-1
27.12.2022	Switzerland - Latvia	3-2	1-1,0-1,1-0,0-0,0-1-0
28.12.2022	Slovakia - United States	6-3	1-2,3-0,2-1
29.12.2022	Latvia - Finland	0-3	0-1,0-1,0-1
29.12.2022	United States - Switzerland	5-1	1-0,3-1,1-0
30.12.2022	Slovakia - Latvia	3-0	1-0,0-0,2-0
31.12.2022	Switzerland - Slovakia	4-3	0-1,1-2,2-0,0-0,1-0
31.12.2022	United States - Finland	6-2	1-1,3-1,2-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Czechia	4	3	0	1	0	+18	24:6	10
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	+21	29:8	9
3	Sweden	4	2	1	0	1	+9	16:7	8
4	Germany	4	1	0	0	3	-15	7:22	3
5	Austria	4	0	0	0	4	-33	2:35	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	4	3	0	0	1	+8	19:11	9
2	Finland	4	2	0	1	1	+1	12:11	7
3	Slovakia	4	2	0	1	1	+2	14:12	7
4	Switzerland	4	0	3	0	1	-1	11:12	6
5	Latvia	4	0	0	1	3	-10	4:14	1

### RELEGATION ROUND

#### GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
02.01.2023	Latvia - Austria	5-2	1-2,1-0,3-0
04.01.2023	Austria - Latvia	2-4	0-1,0-2,2-1
05.01.2023	Latvia - Austria		

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Latvia	2	2	0	0	0	+5	9:4	6
2	Austria	2	0	0	0	2	-5	4:9	0

### PLAYOFF ROUND

#### QUARTER - FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
02.01.2023	Finland - Sweden	2-3	1-1,0-0,1-2
02.01.2023	Czechia - Switzerland	9-1	3-1,4-0,2-0
02.01.2023	United States - Germany	11-1	3-0,5-0,3-1
02.01.2023	Canada - Slovakia	4-3	1-0,2-2,0-1,1-0

#### SEMI - FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
04.01.2023	Czechia - Sweden	2-1	0-0,0-1,1-0,1-0
04.01.2023	United States - Canada	2-6	2-1,0-3,0-2

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
05.01.2023	United States - Sweden	8-7	1-0,4-5,2-1,0-0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
05.01.2023	Czechia - Canada	2-3	0-1,0-1,2-0,0-1

## FINAL STANDINGS



CANADA



CZECHIA



UNITED STATES

4 Sweden	7 Switzerland	10 Austria
5 Finland	8 Germany	
6 Slovakia	9 Latvia	

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Adam Gajan	SVK
Best Defender	David Jiricek	CZE
Best Forward	Connor Bedard	CAN

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Tomas Suchanek	CZE
Defender	David Jiricek	CZE
Defender	Ludvig Jansson	SWE
Forward	Logan Cooley	USA
Forward	Jiri Kulich	CZE
Forward	Connor Bedard	CAN
MVP	Connor Bedard	CAN



## BEDARD LEADS CANADA TO REPEAT

Playing a “normal” World Juniors for the first time since 2020 after three years of COVID-disrupted scheduling, Canada won gold on home ice by defeating Czechia, 3-2, in overtime in Halifax. Dylan Guenther was the overtime hero, in a game which saw Canada recover from a crushing third period. Their solid and hard-earned 2-0 lead evaporated in a 54-second letdown midway through when the Czechs rallied on quick goals from Jiri Kulich and Jakub Kos.

Connor Bedard was the star performer throughout for Canada. The 17-year-old led the tournament with an astounding 23 points, including most goals (9) and most assists (14). It was the second-best performance ever, after Peter Forsberg’s 31 points in 1993. Bedard also captured the three end-of-tournament honours—MVP, Directorate Award, All-Star Team—and a short time later was also named the inaugural winner of the IIHF’s prestigious Male Player of the Year award.

For the Czechs, the disappointment of gold-medal loss was quickly erased by the realization they had produced their best result since gold in 2001. Kulich tied with Guenther and American Logan Cooley for second on the goals list (7), and goalie Tomas Suchanek set two records for most assists in a game (two) and tournament (four).

The bronze-medal game was one of the wildest ever played. The Americans raced out to a 3-1 lead, only to see Sweden tie the game midway through the second. The U.S. took a 5-3 lead, and again the Swedes tied it, all in a crazy second period that featured nine goals on just 25 total shots. In the third, the Swedes took a 6-5 lead, then the U.S. had a 7-6 lead. Filip Bystedt tied the game one final time for Sweden with only 22 seconds remaining in regulation, but the determined Americans won in OT thanks to Chaz Lucius. That third-place medal erased the disappointment of a 5th-place finish last year for the U.S. It was Sweden’s third medal in the last four World Juniors.



## 2023 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A NORWAY - ASKER

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
11.12.2022	Hungary – Denmark	2–3	0–1,1–0,1–0–1
11.12.2022	Slovenia – Norway	0–4	0–0,0–2,0–2
11.12.2022	France – Kazakhstan	2–0	1–0,0–0,1–0
12.12.2022	Denmark – Slovenia	1–6	1–1,0–3,0–2
12.12.2022	Kazakhstan – Hungary	3–2	0–0,0–2,3–0
12.12.2022	Norway – France	3–2	1–0,1–1,1–1
14.12.2022	Slovenia – France	2–5	1–2,1–2,0–1
14.12.2022	Norway – Hungary	3–2	0–1,1–0,2–1
14.12.2022	Kazakhstan – Denmark	4–0	1–0,2–0,1–0
15.12.2022	France – Hungary	4–5	2–2,2–0,0–2,0–0–1
15.12.2022	Kazakhstan – Slovenia	4–2	2–0,1–1,1–1
15.12.2022	Denmark – Norway	1–4	0–2,0–1,1–1
17.12.2022	Hungary – Slovenia	7–5	1–2,3–1,3–2
17.12.2022	Denmark – France	4–3	1–1,1–2,1–1
17.12.2022	Norway – Kazakhstan	5–3	1–0,3–2,1–1

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Norway	5	5	0	0	0	+11	19:8	15
2	Kazakhstan	3	3	0	0	0	+3	14:11	9
3	France	2	2	0	1	2	+2	16:14	7
4	Hungary	1	1	1	1	3	+0	18:18	6
5	Denmark	1	1	1	0	4	-10	9:19	5
6	Slovenia	1	1	0	0	5	-6	15:21	3

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Markus Rohnebak Stensrud	NOR
Best Defender	Zeteny Hadobas	HUN
Best Forward	Matias Bachelet	FRA

Norway and Kazakhstan promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship.



## 2023 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B POLAND - BYTOM

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
11.12.2022	Korea – Japan	3–5	2–1,0–4,1–0
11.12.2022	Poland – Estonia	4–3	0–0,3–2,0–1,1–0
11.12.2022	Italy – Ukraine	0–4	0–0,0–3,0–1
12.12.2022	Estonia – Korea	1–2	1–0,0–2,0–0
12.12.2022	Ukraine – Poland	5–2	2–0,1–2,2–0
12.12.2022	Japan – Italy	2–3	1–1,1–0,0–1,0–1
14.12.2022	Korea – Italy	4–6	1–0,1–3,2–3
14.12.2022	Japan – Poland	7–3	1–1,3–1,3–1
14.12.2022	Ukraine – Estonia	3–2	1–0,0–2,2–0
16.12.2022	Estonia – Japan	3–4	1–1,2–2,0–1
16.12.2022	Italy – Poland	2–1	0–0,1–0,1–1
16.12.2022	Ukraine – Korea	7–1	1–0,3–1,3–0
17.12.2022	Estonia – Italy	2–1	0–0,2–1,0–0
17.12.2022	Poland – Korea	11–2	3–0,4–1,4–1
17.12.2022	Japan – Ukraine	7–4	1–1,4–0,2–3

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Japan	5	4	0	1	0	+9	25:16	13
2	Ukraine	5	4	0	0	1	+11	23:12	12
3	Italy	5	2	1	0	2	-1	12:13	8
4	Poland	5	1	1	0	3	+2	21:19	5
5	Estonia	5	1	0	1	3	-3	11:14	4
6	Korea	5	1	0	0	4	-18	12:30	3

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Damian Clara	ITA
Best Defender	Junya Owa	JPN
Best Forward	Danylo Korzhyletsky	UKR

Japan promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship Division I A.



## 2023 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A LITHUANIA - KAUNAS

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
11.12.2022	Netherlands - Croatia	4 - 1	2 - 0,1 - 1,1 - 0
11.12.2022	Lithuania - Great Britain	4 - 6	0 - 3,4 - 2,0 - 1
11.12.2022	Spain - Romania	8 - 2	2 - 0,5 - 1,1 - 1
13.12.2022	Romania - Netherlands	6 - 2	2 - 0,3 - 1,1 - 1
13.12.2022	Great Britain - Croatia	3 - 7	2 - 1,1 - 3,0 - 3
13.12.2022	Spain - Lithuania	8 - 1	2 - 0,4 - 0,2 - 1
14.12.2022	Great Britain - Romania	12 - 1	4 - 1,4 - 0,4 - 0
14.12.2022	Spain - Netherlands	2 - 4	1 - 1,1 - 0,0 - 3
14.12.2022	Lithuania - Croatia	2 - 0	0 - 0,1 - 0,1 - 0
16.12.2022	Croatia - Spain	1 - 7	0 - 2,1 - 3,0 - 2
16.12.2022	Netherlands - Great Britain	6 - 0	1 - 0,1 - 0,4 - 0
16.12.2022	Romania - Lithuania	4 - 7	1 - 2,1 - 2,2 - 3
17.12.2022	Great Britain - Spain	2 - 3	1 - 0,0 - 3,1 - 0
17.12.2022	Lithuania - Netherlands	3 - 7	1 - 1,2 - 4,0 - 2
17.12.2022	Croatia - Romania	2 - 5	2 - 1,0 - 1,0 - 3

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Croatia	5	3	1	1	0	+8	25:17	12
2	Great Britain	5	4	0	0	1	+16	27:11	12
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	1	1	+6	15:9	10
4	Spain	5	2	0	0	3	-2	18:20	6
5	Netherlands	5	1	1	0	3	-10	11:21	5
6	Romania	5	0	0	0	5	-18	11:29	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Kazimieras Jukna	LTU
Best Defender	Jaime De Bonilla	ESP
Best Forward	Bruno Idzan	CRO

Croatia promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship Division I B.



## 2023 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B ICELAND - REYKJAVIK

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
16.01.2023	Mexico - Chinese Taipei	3 - 8	1 - 3,1 - 2,1 - 3
16.01.2023	Belgium - China	3 - 4	1 - 1,1 - 1,1 - 1,0 - 1
16.01.2023	Iceland - Serbia	1 - 7	0 - 3,0 - 3,1 - 1
17.01.2023	China - Mexico	4 - 0	1 - 0,2 - 0,1 - 0
17.01.2023	Serbia - Chinese Taipei	7 - 1	2 - 0,2 - 1,3 - 0
17.01.2023	Belgium - Iceland	5 - 3	0 - 1,2 - 1,3 - 1
19.01.2023	Serbia - China	2 - 8	1 - 2,0 - 4,1 - 2
19.01.2023	Belgium - Mexico	5 - 2	3 - 0,0 - 2,2 - 0
19.01.2023	Iceland - Chinese Taipei	5 - 4	1 - 1,1 - 1,3 - 2
20.01.2023	Mexico - Serbia	2 - 8	0 - 3,1 - 2,1 - 3
20.01.2023	Chinese Taipei - Belgium	2 - 6	0 - 4,0 - 0,2 - 2
20.01.2023	China - Iceland	5 - 2	2 - 0,2 - 1,1 - 1
22.01.2023	China - Chinese Taipei	8 - 2	2 - 0,4 - 0,2 - 2
22.01.2023	Serbia - Belgium	3 - 6	2 - 1,1 - 2,0 - 3
22.01.2023	Iceland - Mexico	7 - 0	3 - 0,3 - 0,1 - 0

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	China	5	4	1	0	0	+20	29:9	14
2	Belgium	5	4	0	1	0	+11	25:14	13
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	+9	27:18	9
4	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	-3	18:21	6
5	Chinese Taipei	5	1	0	0	4	-12	17:29	3
6	Mexico	5	0	0	0	5	-25	7:32	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Shifeng Chen	CHN
Best Defender	Lowie Vreys	BEL
Best Forward	Matija Dinic	SRB

China promoted to the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship Division II A.



### PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
26.01.2023	Australia – Kyrgyzstan	12 – 4    3 – 1,3 – 1,6 – 2
26.01.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – New Zealand	1 – 6    0 – 2,0 – 3,1 – 1
27.01.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – Kyrgyzstan	3 – 4    1 – 1,1 – 2,1 – 1
27.01.2023	New Zealand – Australia	2 – 6    0 – 3,1 – 3,1 – 0
29.01.2023	Australia – Bosnia and Herzegovina	10 – 0    1 – 0,6 – 0,3 – 0
29.01.2023	Kyrgyzstan – New Zealand	3 – 1    1 – 1,1 – 0,1 – 0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
26.01.2023	Israel – South Africa	16 – 1    4 – 0,8 – 1,4 – 0
26.01.2023	Türkiye – Bulgaria	3 – 5    1 – 0,1 – 2,1 – 3
27.01.2023	Bulgaria – Israel	0 – 8    0 – 5,0 – 1,0 – 2
27.01.2023	Türkiye – South Africa	9 – 3    4 – 2,1 – 0,4 – 1
29.01.2023	South Africa – Bulgaria	0 – 5    0 – 1,0 – 3,0 – 1
29.01.2023	Israel – Türkiye	6 – 3    5 – 0,1 – 2,0 – 1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Australia	7	3	0	0	0	+22	28:6	9
2	Kyrgyzstan	7	2	0	0	1	-5	11:16	6
3	New Zealand	7	1	0	0	2	-1	9:10	3
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	7	0	0	0	3	-16	4:20	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Israel	3	3	0	0	0	+26	30:4	9
2	Bulgaria	3	2	0	0	1	-1	10:11	6
3	Türkiye	3	1	0	0	2	+1	15:14	3
4	South Africa	3	0	0	0	3	-26	4:30	0

### PLAYOFF ROUND

#### QUARTER – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
30.01.2023	Australia – South Africa	2 – 8    0    5 – 0,11 – 0,12 – 0
30.01.2023	Bulgaria – New Zealand	6 – 2    3 – 1,1 – 0,2 – 1
30.01.2023	Israel – Bosnia and Herzegovina	10 – 0    4 – 0,3 – 0,3 – 0
30.01.2023	Kyrgyzstan – Türkiye	1 – 3    1 – 2,0 – 0,0 – 1

#### SEMI – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
01.02.2023	Australia – Bulgaria	4 – 1    1 – 0,1 – 0,2 – 1
01.02.2023	Israel – Türkiye	6 – 4    1 – 1,3 – 1,2 – 2

#### P7-8

Date	Game	Score
01.02.2023	Bosnia & Herzegovina – South Africa	7 – 3    6 – 0,1 – 1,0 – 2

#### P5-6

Date	Game	Score
02.02.2023	Kyrgyzstan – New Zealand	2 – 3    1 – 0,0 – 0,1 – 3

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
02.02.2023	Bulgaria – Türkiye	8 – 3    3 – 1,3 – 2,2 – 0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
02.02.2023	Israel – Australia	1 – 4    0 – 0,0 – 2,1 – 2



## FINAL STANDINGS



AUSTRALIA



ISRAEL



BULGARIA

4 Türkiye  
5 New Zealand

6 Kyrgyzstan  
7 Bosnia and Herzegovina

8 South Africa

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Furkan Duran	TUR
Best Defender	Nir Sigalov	ISR
Best Forward	Dmitri Kuleshov	AUS





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Bled  
Division I - Group B

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U18 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SERBIA  
Belgrade  
Division II - Group A

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BULGARIA  
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Division II - Group B

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Cape Town  
Division III - Group B

# WORLD MEN U18

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
20.04.2023	Canada – Sweden	0 – 8	0 – 5,0 – 1,0 – 2
20.04.2023	Czechia – Slovakia	2 – 3	0 – 1,2 – 1,0 – 0,0 – 0 – 1
21.04.2023	Canada – Germany	8 – 0	2 – 0,3 – 0,3 – 0
21.04.2023	Slovakia – Sweden	3 – 5	1 – 3,0 – 0,2 – 2
22.04.2023	Germany – Czechia	1 – 7	0 – 3,0 – 3,1 – 1
23.04.2023	Slovakia – Canada	3 – 4	0 – 1,1 – 2,2 – 1
23.04.2023	Sweden – Czechia	2 – 0	0 – 0,0 – 0,2 – 0
24.04.2023	Germany – Slovakia	4 – 6	1 – 1,3 – 2,0 – 3
25.04.2023	Sweden – Germany	3 – 0	0 – 0,0 – 0,3 – 0
25.04.2023	Czechia – Canada	3 – 8	0 – 2,2 – 3,1 – 3

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	+15	18:3	12
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	+6	20:14	9
3	Slovakia	4	1	1	0	2	0	15:15	5
4	Czechia	4	1	0	1	2	-2	12:14	4
5	Germany	4	0	0	0	4	-19	5:24	0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
20.04.2023	United States – Latvia	7 – 1	0 – 0,3 – 0,4 – 1
20.04.2023	Finland – Switzerland	4 – 2	0 – 0,2 – 2,2 – 0
21.04.2023	Latvia – Finland	2 – 5	0 – 1,0 – 3,2 – 1
21.04.2023	Norway – Switzerland	0 – 5	0 – 2,0 – 2,0 – 1
22.04.2023	Norway – United States	1 – 12	0 – 4,1 – 5,0 – 3
23.04.2023	Switzerland – Latvia	5 – 1	2 – 1,1 – 0,2 – 0
23.04.2023	United States – Finland	8 – 4	2 – 2,3 – 1,3 – 1
24.04.2023	Latvia – Norway	1 – 0	0 – 0,0 – 0,1 – 0
25.04.2023	Switzerland – United States	0 – 10	0 – 4,0 – 2,0 – 4
25.04.2023	Finland – Norway	10 – 2	4 – 1,4 – 0,2 – 1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	4	4	0	0	0	+31	37:6	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	+9	23:14	9
3	Switzerland	4	2	0	0	2	-3	12:15	6
4	Latvia	4	1	0	0	3	-12	5:17	3
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	-25	3:28	0

### RELEGATION ROUND

#### GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
27.04.2023	Germany – Norway	1 – 6	0 – 2,0 – 2,1 – 2
29.04.2023	Norway – Germany	3 – 2	1 – 1,2 – 0,0 – 1
30.04.2023	Germany – Norway		

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Norway	2	2	0	0	0	+5	9:3	6
2	Germany	2	0	0	0	2	-5	3:9	0

### PLAYOFF ROUND

#### QUARTER – FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
27.04.2023	United States – Czechia	4 – 1	1 – 0,1 – 0,2 – 1
27.04.2023	Finland – Slovakia	2 – 3	0 – 1,0 – 2,2 – 0
27.04.2023	Canada – Switzerland	7 – 3	1 – 1,5 – 1,1 – 1
27.04.2023	Sweden – Latvia	6 – 1	2 – 0,2 – 1,2 – 0

#### SEMI – FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
04.01.2023	United States – Slovakia	7 – 1	3 – 0,2 – 1,2 – 0
04.01.2023	Sweden – Canada	7 – 2	2 – 2,4 – 0,1 – 0

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
30.04.2023	Canada – Slovakia	4 – 3	0 – 0,2 – 1,1 – 2,1 – 0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
30.04.2023	United States – Sweden	3 – 2	0 – 1,0 – 1,2 – 0,1 – 0

### FINAL STANDINGS



UNITED STATES



SWEDEN



CANADA

4	Slovakia	7	Czechia	10	Germany
5	Finland	8	Latvia		
6	Switzerland	9	Norway		

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Noah Erliden	SWE
Best Defender	Axel Sandin Pellikka	SWE
Best Forward	Will Smith	USA

### ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Noah Erliden	SWE
Defender	Axel Sandin Pellikka	SWE
Defender	Cole Hutson	USA
Forward	Will Smith	USA
Forward	Dalibor Dvorsky	SVK
Forward	Otto Stenberg	SWE
MVP	Will Smith	USA



## LEONARD (USA) THE OVERTIME HERO

Another tournament, another overtime nailbiter! This time it was Ryan Leonard who provided the dramatics, scoring at 2:20 of OT to give USA a 3-2 win over Sweden for gold. It was a devastating loss for the Swedes, who led 2-0 after two periods and had played the kind of solid hockey needed to win gold. But in the third, they couldn't keep pace with the American pressure and surrendered the lead.

Carey Terrance tied the game on a late power play to send the game to a fourth period, giving the U.S. their 11th gold in the last 22 years of U18 play, further proof of the success of their development program which greenhouses the best U18 talent in the country. The U.S. went through the tournament undefeated (7-0) with a goals differential of 51-10. Will Smith led all scorers with 20 points (9+11) and was named tournament MVP, while teammate and goalie Trey Augustine posted a perfect 6-0 record and 1.61 goals-against average.

Sweden's silver was their fifth straight year with a medal, including gold in both 2022 and 2019. They entered the gold game also perfect, 6-0, and allowing only six goals in as many games. Canada took bronze with a 5-3 win over Slovakia after a 7-2 thumping by the Swedes in the semi-finals had eliminated them from gold contention. The win came on another OT goal, this from 16-year-old Macklin Celebrini. Matthew Wood had tied the game with goalie Gabriel D'Aigle on the bench for the extra skater and only 70 seconds left in the third.

Norway defeated Germany in two straight relegation games, so the Germans will go down to I-A for 2024 while Kazakhstan, winners of I-A this past season, will play in the top level next year for the first time in 21 years (their only other top level appearance).

The tournament was hosted by Switzerland (Basel, Porrentruy) for the third time (2000, 2015) and produced a strong attendance figure of over 47,000, nearly equalling the Swiss figures for 2015 in Zug and Lucerne.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A FRANCE - ANGERS

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
23.04.2023	Japan – Denmark	5–3	0–13–02–2
23.04.2023	Ukraine – France	3–2	1–11–10–00–01–0
23.04.2023	Hungary – Kazakhstan	0–3	0–00–30–0
24.04.2023	Denmark – Ukraine	5–1	2–12–01–0
24.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Japan	5–0	1–01–03–0
24.04.2023	France – Hungary	0–2	0–00–10–1
26.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Denmark	3–8	1–32–30–2
26.04.2023	Ukraine – Hungary	3–2	0–11–11–00–01–0
26.04.2023	France – Japan	2–4	0–10–22–1
27.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Ukraine	5–0	1–04–00–0
27.04.2023	Hungary – Japan	4–2	1–11–02–1
27.04.2023	Denmark – France	3–2	2–10–10–01–0
29.04.2023	Japan – Ukraine	2–1	0–01–10–01–0
29.04.2023	Denmark – Hungary	7–0	3–02–02–0
29.04.2023	France – Kazakhstan	1–6	1–30–10–2

### FINAL STANDINGS



KAZAKHSTAN



DENMARK



JAPAN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kazakhstan	5	4	0	0	1	+13	22:9	12
2	Denmark	5	3	1	0	1	+15	26:11	11
3	Japan	5	2	1	0	2	-2	13:15	8
4	Hungary	5	2	0	1	2	-7	8:15	7
5	Ukraine	5	0	2	1	2	-8	8:16	5
6	France	5	0	0	2	3	-11	7:18	2

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Vladimir Nikitin	KAZ
Best Defender	Marius Andersen	DEN
Best Forward	Oscar Moelgaard	DEN

Kazakhstan and Denmark promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship.



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## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B SLOVENIA - BLED

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
10.04.2023	Poland – Austria	3–1	1–02–10–0
10.04.2023	Estonia – Italy	2–4	0–00–22–2
10.04.2023	Korea – Slovenia	2–4	0–11–21–1
11.04.2023	Austria – Estonia	7–1	3–02–02–1
11.04.2023	Italy – Korea	3–2	1–11–11–0
11.04.2023	Slovenia – Poland	6–3	1–03–22–1
13.04.2023	Estonia – Korea	2–5	1–20–11–2
13.04.2023	Italy – Poland	1–0	1–00–00–0
13.04.2023	Slovenia – Austria	4–6	0–21–13–3
15.04.2023	Korea – Poland	6–2	2–03–11–1
15.04.2023	Slovenia – Estonia	4–1	2–01–11–0
15.04.2023	Austria – Italy	3–0	1–00–02–0
16.04.2023	Poland – Estonia	1–2	0–10–01–1
16.04.2023	Austria – Korea	4–2	1–00–23–0
16.04.2023	Italy – Slovenia	1–2	0–01–00–10–1

### FINAL STANDINGS



AUSTRIA



SLOVENIA



ITALY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Austria	5	4	0	0	1	+11	21:10	12
2	Slovenia	5	3	1	0	1	+7	20:13	11
3	Italy	5	3	0	1	1	0	9:9	10
4	Korea	5	2	0	0	3	+2	17:15	6
5	Estonia	5	1	0	0	4	-13	8:21	3
6	Poland	5	1	0	0	4	-7	9:16	3

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Damian Clara	ITA
Best Defender	Urban Podrekar	SLO
Best Forward	Oliver Lam	AUT

Austria promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

### SERBIA - BELGRADE

#### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
09.04.2023	Romania – Great Britain	3–4	2–2,0–1,1–0,0–1
09.04.2023	Spain – Croatia	2–3	1–0,1–1,0–2
09.04.2023	Lithuania – Serbia	5–3	2–0,2–2,1–1
10.04.2023	Great Britain – Croatia	0–7	0–0,0–4,0–3
10.04.2023	Lithuania – Romania	6–0	4–0,0–2,0–0
10.04.2023	Serbia – Spain	3–4	0–1,2–1,1–0,1–0
12.04.2023	Lithuania – Spain	5–0	2–0,2–0,1–0
12.04.2023	Romania – Croatia	2–11	1–4,1–3,0–4
12.04.2023	Great Britain – Serbia	6–2	1–1,3–0,2–1
13.04.2023	Croatia – Lithuania	1–4	1–2,0–0,0–2
13.04.2023	Spain – Great Britain	2–3	1–1,1–2,0–0
13.04.2023	Serbia – Romania	6–3	1–2,2–0,3–1
15.04.2023	Romania – Spain	3–2	1–0,0–1,2–1
15.04.2023	Great Britain – Lithuania	1–2	0–1,1–0,0–0,1–0
15.04.2023	Croatia – Serbia	6–1	3–1,1–0,2–0

#### FINAL STANDINGS



LITHUANIA



CROATIA



GREAT BRITAIN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Lithuania	5	4	1	0	0	+17	22:5	14
2	Croatia	5	4	0	0	1	+19	28:9	12
3	Great Britain	5	2	1	1	1	-2	14:16	9
4	Serbia	5	1	0	1	3	-9	15:24	4
5	Romania	5	1	0	1	3	-18	11:29	4
6	Spain	5	0	1	0	4	-7	10:17	2

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Omar Zdralovic	CRO
Best Defender	Daniil Kovalenko	LTU
Best Forward	Minja Ivanovic	SRB

Lithuania promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

### BULGARIA - SOFIA

#### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
27.03.2023	Australia – Netherlands	1–6	0–3,1–2,0–1
27.03.2023	Belgium – Chinese Taipei	3–4	1–0,0–3,2–1
27.03.2023	China – Bulgaria	5–1	2–0,2–1,1–0
28.03.2023	Netherlands – Chinese Taipei	8–1	2–1,4–0,2–0
28.03.2023	China – Australia	5–2	1–1,2–1,2–0
28.03.2023	Bulgaria – Belgium	4–0	1–0,0–0,3–0
30.03.2023	Australia – Chinese Taipei	5–3	1–1,4–0,0–2
30.03.2023	China – Belgium	6–2	3–1,1–1,2–0
30.03.2023	Netherlands – Bulgaria	5–1	1–0,4–1,0–0
01.04.2023	Belgium – Netherlands	2–4	2–0,0–1,0–3
01.04.2023	Bulgaria – Australia	5–2	0–0,0–1,5–1
01.04.2023	Chinese Taipei – China	4–8	2–2,1–3,1–3
02.04.2023	Australia – Belgium	2–1	1–0,1–0,0–1
02.04.2023	Chinese Taipei – Bulgaria	4–1	2–0,0–1,2–0
02.04.2023	Netherlands – China	3–2	0–1,1–1,2–0

#### FINAL STANDINGS



NETHERLANDS



CHINA



CHINESE TAIPEI

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Netherlands	5	5	0	0	0	+19	26:7	15
2	China	5	4	0	0	1	+14	26:12	12
3	Chinese Taipei	5	2	0	0	3	-9	16:25	6
4	Bulgaria	5	2	0	0	3	-4	12:16	6
5	Australia	5	2	0	0	3	-8	12:20	6
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	-12	8:20	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Kaloyan Stoyanov	BUL
Best Defender	Zhihao Li	CHN
Best Forward	Maxime Rentmeester	NED

Netherlands promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A ICELAND - AKUREYRI

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
12.03.2023	Israel – Türkiye	3–1	0–0,0–1,3–0
12.03.2023	Luxembourg – Bosnia and Herzegovina	0–6	0–2,0–2,0–2
12.03.2023	Mexico – Iceland	3–5	1–1,2–0,0–4
13.03.2023	Türkiye – Luxembourg	15–1	2–0,10–0,3–1
13.03.2023	Israel – Mexico	2–3	1–1,1–2,0–0
13.03.2023	Iceland – Bosnia and Herzegovina	9–0	1–0,3–0,5–0
15.03.2023	Israel – Luxembourg	18–0	5–0,6–0,7–0
15.03.2023	Mexico – Bosnia and Herzegovina	7–2	2–0,2–1,3–1
15.03.2023	Iceland – Türkiye	8–4	3–1,3–2,2–1
16.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – Israel	0–11	0–4,0–3,0–4
16.03.2023	Türkiye – Mexico	5–3	2–0,2–2,1–1
16.03.2023	Luxembourg – Iceland	0–13	0–3,0–3,0–7
18.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – Türkiye	0–2	0–0,0–1,0–1
18.03.2023	Mexico – Luxembourg	15–2	3–1,5–1,7–0
18.03.2023	Iceland – Israel	1–5	0–2,0–0,1–3

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Israel	5	4	0	0	1	+34	39:5	12
2	Iceland	5	4	0	0	1	+24	36:12	12
3	Türkiye	5	3	0	0	2	+12	27:15	9
4	Mexico	5	3	0	0	2	+15	31:16	9
5	Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	1	0	0	4	-21	8:29	3
6	Luxembourg	5	0	0	0	5	-64	3:67	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Karim Ahmetovski	BIH
Best Defender	Arnar Helgi Kristjansson	ISL
Best Forward	Luis Valencia	MEX

Israel promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
13.03.2023	New Zealand – Thailand	4–2	3–0,1–2,0–0
13.03.2023	South Africa – Hong Kong, China	2–4	0–1,1–0,1–3
14.03.2023	New Zealand – Hong Kong, China	4–5	1–1,1–2,2–2
14.03.2023	Thailand – South Africa	7–1	5–0,1–1,1–0
16.03.2023	Hong Kong, China – Thailand	4–5	0–2,2–2,2–1
16.03.2023	South Africa – New Zealand	1–7	0–1,1–3,0–3

### FINAL STANDINGS



RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	New Zealand	3	2	0	0	1	+7	15:8	6
2	Hong Kong, China	3	2	0	0	1	+2	13:11	6
3	Thailand	3	2	0	0	1	+5	14:9	6
4	South Africa	3	0	0	0	3	-14	4:18	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Nico Janse Van Rensburg	RSA
Best Defender	Ting Hei Darren Cheung	HKG
Best Forward	Yau Yam	HKG

New Zealand promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.







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KOREA  
Suwon  
Division I - Group B

2023



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MEXICO  
Mexico City  
Division II - Group A

2023



ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Division II - Group B

2023



ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
ROMANIA  
Brasov  
Division III - Group A

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ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
ISRAEL  
Tnuvat  
Division III - Group B

# WORLD WOMEN

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
05.04.2023	United States – Japan	7 – 1
05.04.2023	Canada – Switzerland	4 – 0
06.04.2023	Japan – Czechia	1 – 2
07.04.2023	Switzerland – United States	1 – 9
07.04.2023	Czechia – Canada	1 – 5
08.04.2023	Japan – Canada	0 – 5
09.04.2023	United States – Czechia	6 – 2
10.04.2023	Switzerland – Japan	4 – 3
10.04.2023	Canada – United States	4 – 3
11.04.2023	Czechia – Switzerland	5 – 2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	3	1	0	0	+14	18:4	11
2	United States	4	3	0	1	0	+17	25:8	10
3	Czechia	4	1	1	0	2	-4	10:14	5
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	0	3	-14	7:21	3
5	Japan	4	0	0	1	3	-13	5:18	1

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
05.04.2023	France – Finland	1 – 14
06.04.2023	Germany – Sweden	6 – 2
06.04.2023	France – Hungary	2 – 4
07.04.2023	Finland – Germany	3 – 0
08.04.2023	Sweden – Hungary	6 – 2
09.04.2023	Finland – Sweden	4 – 2
09.04.2023	Germany – France	3 – 0
10.04.2023	Hungary – Finland	0 – 5
11.04.2023	Hungary – Germany	1 – 2
11.04.2023	Sweden – France	8 – 2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Finland	4	4	0	0	0	+23	26:3	12
2	Germany	4	3	0	0	1	+5	11:6	9
3	Sweden	4	2	0	0	2	+4	18:14	6
4	Hungary	4	1	0	0	3	-8	7:15	3
5	France	4	0	0	0	4	-24	5:29	0

### PLACEMENT ROUND

#### PLA

Date	Game	Score
14.04.2023	Finland – Germany	8 – 2
14.04.2023	Japan – Sweden	0 – 1

#### P5 – 6

Date	Game	Score
16.04.2023	Finland – Sweden	3 – 1

### PLAYOFFS

#### QUARTER – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
13.04.2023	Czechia – Finland	2 – 1
13.04.2023	United States – Germany	3 – 0
13.04.2023	Canada – Sweden	3 – 2
13.04.2023	Switzerland – Japan	5 – 1

#### SEMI – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
14.04.2023	Finland – Germany	8 – 2
14.04.2023	Japan – Sweden	0 – 1

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
16.04.2023	Czechia – Switzerland	3 – 2

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
16.04.2023	Canada – United States	3 – 6

### FINAL STANDINGS



UNITED STATES



CANADA



CZECHIA

4 Switzerland	7 Japan	10 France
5 Finland	8 Germany	
6 Sweden	9 Hungary	

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ann-Renee Desbiens	CAN
Best Defender	Caroline Harvey	USA
Best Forward	Sarah Fillier	CAN

#### ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Emma Soderberg	SWE
Defender	Caroline Harvey	USA
Defender	Renata Fast	CAN
Forward	Petra Nieminen	FIN
Forward	Sarah Fillier	CAN
Forward	Marie-Philip Poulin	CAN
MVP	Sarah Fillier	CAN



## KNIGHT'S BEST RALLIES AMERICANS

Hilary Knight's hat trick in the gold-medal game gave the U.S. a 6-3, come-from-behind win over Canada in Brampton. It erased a streak of three major victories for the Canadians—at the 2021 and 2022 Women's Worlds and 2022 Olympics—and allows the Americans to host the 2024 WW in Utica, New York, as defending champions. For Knight, it was a tournament of celebrations. She led all players with eight goals, and her tournament totals extended her records for goals (61) and points (101) that seem more and more untouchable with every passing event. As well, she is now tied with Hayley Wickenheiser for most WW medals (13) and tied with Danielle Goyette for most gold medals (9). To cap things off, she was named IIHF Female Player of the Year soon after.

Canada had three leads in the game—1-0, 2-1, 3-2—but each time the U.S. responded. The game changed late in the third, overtime

looming, when Canada took two quick penalties. Knight scored on the 5-on-3 and again with the 5-on-4, and the Americans added an empty netter to stun the Canadian crowd. A 3-3 tie turned into a 6-3 loss in a matter of minutes.

The Czechs won the bronze for the second straight year, again at the expense of the Swiss. Coach Carla MacLeod continued her magic with the players, inspiring them to a well-earned 3-2 win and allowing the Swiss only 13 shots all game. For captain Alena Mills, it was a win she will remember forever. A player at the first ever Women's U18 Championship in 2008, she announced her retirement soon after. For the Swiss, another tough defeat, their third in a row for bronze. In all, they have won two medals in women's hockey, bronze at the 2014 Olympics and two years earlier at the WW.

For France and Hungary, their tournament wasn't so memorable and both will be demoted for 2024. China and Denmark will return to the top pool for Utica.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A CHINA - SHENZHEN

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
20.08.2023	Netherlands – Denmark	1–6	0–2,1–10–3
20.08.2023	Austria – Norway	4–0	2–0,2–0,0–0
20.08.2023	China – Slovakia	1–0	0–0,1–0,0–0
21.08.2023	Denmark – Austria	0–1	0–0,0–1,0–0
21.08.2023	Slovakia – Netherlands	0–3	0–0,0–2,0–1
21.08.2023	Norway – China	3–5	1–0,1–3,1–2
23.08.2023	Norway – Slovakia	4–2	1–0,0–2,3–0
23.08.2023	Netherlands – Austria	2–1	0–0,1–1,1–0
23.08.2023	Denmark – China	2–4	0–3,1–0,1–1
24.08.2023	Norway – Netherlands	3–6	1–1,2–3,0–2
24.08.2023	Slovakia – Denmark	1–2	1–1,0–0,0–1
24.08.2023	Austria – China	0–2	0–0,0–1,0–1
26.08.2023	Slovakia – Austria	1–2	0–0,0–1,1–1
26.08.2023	Denmark – Norway	4–1	2–0,0–1,2–0
26.08.2023	China – Netherlands	2–1	1–0,0–1,1–0

### FINAL STANDINGS



CHINA



DENMARK



AUSTRIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	China	5	5	0	0	0	+8	14:6	12
2	Denmark	5	3	0	0	2	+6	14:8	11
3	Austria	5	3	0	0	2	+3	8:5	8
4	Netherlands	5	3	0	0	2	+1	13:12	7
5	Norway	5	1	0	0	4	-10	11:21	5
6	Slovakia	5	0	0	0	5	-8	4:12	2

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Selma Luggin	AUT
Best Defender	Qiqi Lin	CHN
Best Forward	Savine Wielenga	NED

China promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B KOREA - SUWON

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
17.04.2023	Great Britain – Kazakhstan	1–0	0–0,0–0,1–0
17.04.2023	Slovenia – Poland	0–2	0–0,0–1,0–1
17.04.2023	Korea – Italy	2–1	0–0,1–0,1–0
18.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Slovenia	1–2	0–1,0–0,1–1
18.04.2023	Italy – Great Britain	2–0	0–0,1–0,1–0
18.04.2023	Poland – Korea	0–4	0–1,0–2,0–1
20.04.2023	Poland – Great Britain	2–1	0–0,0–1,2–0
20.04.2023	Italy – Kazakhstan	3–0	1–0,2–0,0–0
20.04.2023	Slovenia – Korea	2–4	1–1,0–1,1–2
22.04.2023	Italy – Slovenia	4–2	3–1,1–0,0–0
22.04.2023	Korea – Great Britain	3–2	1–0,2–2,0–0
22.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Poland	2–3	1–1,0–0,1–2
23.04.2023	Great Britain – Slovenia	3–4	1–0,1–2,1–0,0–0
23.04.2023	Kazakhstan – Korea	1–2	1–1,0–0,0–1
23.04.2023	Poland – Italy	1–0	0–0,1–0,0–0

### FINAL STANDINGS



KOREA



POLAND



ITALY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Korea	5	4	1	0	0	+9	15:6	14
2	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	+1	8:7	12
3	Italy	5	3	0	1	1	+5	10:5	10
4	Slovenia	5	1	1	0	3	-4	10:14	5
5	Great Britain	5	1	0	1	3	-4	7:11	4
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	0	5	-7	4:11	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Pia Dukaric	SLO
Best Defender	Nadia Mattivi	ITA
Best Forward	Jongah Park	KOR

Korea promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I A.





## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A MEXICO - MEXICO CITY

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
02.04.2023	Latvia – Chinese Taipei	3 – 2	0 – 12 – 0,1 – 1
02.04.2023	Mexico – Spain	0 – 6	0 – 4,0 – 1,0 – 1
03.04.2023	Iceland – Mexico	2 – 3	0 – 11 – 1,1 – 1
04.04.2023	Spain – Chinese Taipei	2 – 0	0 – 0,2 – 0,0 – 0
04.04.2023	Iceland – Latvia	0 – 6	0 – 3,0 – 1,0 – 2
05.04.2023	Mexico – Latvia	0 – 8	0 – 1,0 – 4,0 – 3
06.04.2023	Spain – Iceland	8 – 2	1 – 1,3 – 0,4 – 1
06.04.2023	Chinese Taipei – Mexico	0 – 2	0 – 1,0 – 1,0 – 0
07.04.2023	Latvia – Spain	4 – 1	1 – 0,1 – 0,2 – 1
07.04.2023	Chinese Taipei – Iceland	3 – 2	1 – 2,1 – 0,0 – 0,0 – 1,0 – 0

## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
20.02.2023	Croatia – New Zealand	1 – 15	1 – 4,0 – 3,0 – 8
20.02.2023	Australia – South Africa	10 – 0	2 – 0,5 – 0,3 – 0
21.02.2023	Belgium – Croatia	10 – 1	3 – 0,3 – 1,4 – 0
22.02.2023	Belgium – Australia	1 – 0	0 – 0,1 – 0,0 – 0
22.02.2023	New Zealand – South Africa	5 – 1	2 – 0,1 – 0,2 – 1
23.02.2023	Croatia – Australia	0 – 19	0 – 2,0 – 12,0 – 5
24.02.2023	New Zealand – Belgium	2 – 4	2 – 1,0 – 2,0 – 1
24.02.2023	South Africa – Croatia	2 – 1	2 – 0,0 – 1,0 – 0
26.02.2023	Australia – New Zealand	5 – 2	0 – 2,3 – 0,2 – 0
26.02.2023	South Africa – Belgium	1 – 4	0 – 1,1 – 2,0 – 1

### FINAL STANDINGS



LATVIA



SPAIN



MEXICO

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Latvia	4	4	0	0	0	+18	21: 3	12
2	Spain	4	3	0	0	1	+11	17: 6	9
3	Mexico	4	2	0	0	2	-11	5: 16	6
4	Chinese Taipei	4	0	1	0	3	-4	5: 9	2
5	Iceland	4	0	0	1	3	-14	6: 20	1

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Monica Renteria	MEX
Best Defender	Aija Balode	LAT
Best Forward	Liga Miljone	LAT

Latvia promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship



### FINAL STANDINGS



BELGIUM



AUSTRALIA



NEW ZEALAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Belgium	4	4	0	0	0	+15	19: 4	12
2	Australia	4	3	0	0	1	+31	34: 3	9
3	New Zealand	4	2	0	0	2	+13	24: 11	6
4	South Africa	4	1	0	0	3	-16	4: 20	3
5	Croatia	4	0	0	0	4	-43	3: 46	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Nina Van Orshaegen	BEL
Best Defender	Donne Van Doesburgh	RSA
Best Forward	Lotte De Guchteneere	BEL

Belgium promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II A.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A ROMANIA - BRASOV

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
03.04.2023	Lithuania – Estonia	6–0	1–0,3–0,2–0
03.04.2023	Bulgaria – Hong Kong, China	2–6	1–4,1–1,0–1
03.04.2023	Romania – Ukraine	0–4	0–1,0–3,0–0
04.04.2023	Estonia – Bulgaria	2–6	1–2,1–3,0–1
04.04.2023	Ukraine – Hong Kong, China	1–2	0–0,0–0,1–2
04.04.2023	Lithuania – Romania	5–2	2–0,1–2,2–0
06.04.2023	Lithuania – Bulgaria	8–2	1–0,4–2,3–0
06.04.2023	Ukraine – Estonia	5–0	3–0,2–0,0–0
06.04.2023	Romania – Hong Kong, China	1–3	0–0,0–1,1–2
07.04.2023	Bulgaria – Ukraine	3–10	1–3,1–3,1–4
07.04.2023	Hong Kong, China – Lithuania	4–5	1–0,2–1,1–3,0–0,0–1
07.04.2023	Estonia – Romania	0–4	0–0,0–0,0–4
09.04.2023	Hong Kong, China – Estonia	3–0	1–0,0–0,2–0
09.04.2023	Ukraine – Lithuania	2–1	0–0,1–0,1–1
09.04.2023	Romania – Bulgaria	10–2	1–1,2–0,7–1

### FINAL STANDINGS



HONG KONG, CHINA



UKRAINE



LITHUANIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Hong Kong, China	5	4	0	1	0	+9	18:9	13
2	Ukraine	5	4	0	0	1	+16	22:6	12
3	Lithuania	5	3	1	0	1	+15	25:10	11
4	Romania	5	2	0	0	3	+3	17:14	6
5	Bulgaria	5	1	0	0	4	-21	15:36	3
6	Estonia	5	0	0	0	5	-22	2:24	0

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Keira Mak	HKG
Best Defender	Tetiana Kyrychenko	UKR
Best Forward	Klara Miuller	LTU

Hong Kong, China promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II B.



## 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B ISRAEL - TNUVOT

### ROUND ROBIN

#### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
26.03.2023	Serbia – Israel	5–1	1–0,2–0,2–1
27.03.2023	Israel – Bosnia and Herzegovina	2–4	0–0,2–2,0–2
28.03.2023	Serbia – Bosnia and Herzegovina	12–1	5–0,4–0,3–1
29.03.2023	Israel – Serbia	0–9	0–3,0–2,0–4
30.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – Israel	1–4	0–1,0–0,1–3
31.03.2023	Bosnia and Herzegovina – Serbia	0–11	0–4,0–2,0–5

### FINAL STANDINGS



SERBIA



ISRAEL



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Serbia	4	4	0	0	0	+35	37:2	12
2	Israel	4	1	0	0	3	-12	7:19	3
3	Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	1	0	0	3	-23	6:29	3

#### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Yael Fatiev	ISR
Best Defender	Amila Sose	BIH
Best Forward	Milica Velcek	SRB

Serbia promoted to the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III A.





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Ostersund



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U18 WOMEN'S WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
ITALY  
Ritten  
Division I - Group A



2023  
ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WOMEN'S WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
POLAND  
Katowice  
Division I - Group B



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ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WOMEN'S WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
GREAT BRITAIN  
Dumfries  
Division II - Group A



2023  
ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WOMEN'S WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
BULGARIA  
Sofia  
Division II - Group B

## GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
08.01.2023	United States – Sweden	6 – 3 1–1,2–1,3–1
08.01.2023	Canada – Finland	8 – 0 2–0,3–0,3–0
09.01.2023	United States – Finland	8 – 1 2–0,3–1,3–0
09.01.2023	Sweden – Canada	2 – 4 1–1,1–1,0–2
11.01.2023	Finland – Sweden	1 – 6 0–1,1–3,0–2
11.01.2023	Canada – United States	3 – 1 0–0,2–1,1–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	+12	15:3	9
2	United States	3	2	0	0	1	+8	15:7	6
3	Sweden	3	1	0	0	2	+0	11:11	3
4	Finland	3	0	0	0	3	-20	2:22	0

## GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
08.01.2023	Czechia – Switzerland	3 – 2 0–2,0–3,0–0
08.01.2023	Slovakia – Japan	6 – 3 2–1,1–1,3–1
09.01.2023	Japan – Czechia	1 – 5 0–1,0–2,1–2
09.01.2023	Slovakia – Switzerland	4 – 1 0–1,3–0,1–0
11.01.2023	Czechia – Slovakia	4 – 3 2–1,1–0,1–2
11.01.2023	Switzerland – Japan	2 – 1 1–0,0–0,1–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Czechia	3	3	0	0	0	+6	12:6	9
2	Slovakia	3	2	0	0	1	+5	13:8	6
3	Switzerland	3	1	0	0	2	-3	5:8	3
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	-8	5:13	0

## GROUP O

Date	Game	Score
12.01.2023	Switzerland – Japan	1 – 6 1–0,0–0,4–0
14.01.2023	Japan – Switzerland	3 – 2 0–1,1–0,0–1
15.01.2023	Switzerland – Japan	

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Switzerland	2	2	0	0	0	+6	7:1	6
2	Japan	2	0	0	0	2	-6	1:7	0

## QUARTER – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
27.04.2023	Sweden – Slovakia	4 – 1 1–0,1–0,2–1
27.04.2023	Finland – Czechia	2 – 3 0–1,0–2,2–0

## SEMI – FINALS

Date	Game	Score
14.01.2023	United States – Sweden	1 – 2 1–0,0–2,0–0
14.01.2023	Canada – Finland	3 – 2 1–0,0–1,1–1,1–0

## 5TH PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
14.01.2023	Czechia – Slovakia	6 – 3 4–0,1–1,1–2

## BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
30.04.2023	United States – Finland	5 – 0 1–0,2–0,2–0

## GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
30.04.2023	Canada – Sweden	10 – 0 5–0,3–0,2–0



CANADA



SWEDEN



UNITED STATES

4 Finland	6 Slovakia	8 Japan
5 Czechia	7 Switzerland	

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Felicia Frank	SWE
Best Defender	Mira Jungaker	SWE
Best Forward	Nela Lopusanova	SVK

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Felicia Frank	SWE
Defender	Mira Jungaker	SWE
Defender	Molly Jordan	USA
Forward	Nela Lopusanova	SVK
Forward	Pauliina Salonen	FIN
Forward	Caitlin Kraemer	CAN
MVP	Nela Lopusanova	SVK





## CANADA GOLD AND SWEDEN STUNNING SILVER

Canada skated to an easy 10-0 win over Sweden to win WW18 gold, but the bombshell of the tournament had come the previous day when the Swedes shocked the Americans in the semi-finals, 2-1, to advance to their first ever gold-medal game and keep the U.S. out of the ultimate game for the first time. The Swedes trailed 1-0 after the first period in the semis and scored the only two goals of the middle period, both on the power play. They then played their hearts out in the scoreless third behind the goaltending of Felicia Frank, who stopped all 12 shots she faced in the nail-biting final frame.

For Canada, it was their second straight gold and third in four years. They were led by Caitlin Kraemer, who led the tournament with ten goals, including a record-tying hat trick in the first period of the gold-medal game. But the story of the event wasn't any player on a

medal team. Instead, it was 14-year-old Slovakian Nela Lopusanova who stole the show and burst to international fame. She scored a lacrosse goal, the first ever in IIHF history for a woman, and later scored between her legs on a breakaway. She led the tournament with 12 points, one more than Kraemer, and she was named MVP, the youngest ever, and the first from Slovakia since goalie Zuzana Tomcikova in 2011.

Lopusanova's lacrosse goal came during the quarter-finals against Sweden and tied the game, 1-1 in the opening period. Two days after, in the 5th-place game against the Czechs, she went in alone on a breakaway and roofed a shot from between her legs, cementing her place in tournament history despite being three to four years younger than many of her opponents.

Sweden boasted two Directorate Award winners in Frank and defender Mira Jungaker, who showed poise and maturity beyond her 17 years. She was already playing in her third IIHF event after appearing in both WW18 and WW in 2022.



## GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
09.01.2023	Norway – Germany	1–3	0–1,1–2,0–0
09.01.2023	Hungary – France	1–2	0–0,1–0,0–2
09.01.2023	Austria – Italy	0–1	0–0,0–0,0–0,0–1
10.01.2023	Germany – Hungary	3–1	1–1,2–0,0–0
10.01.2023	France – Austria	2–3	1–1,1–0,0–1,0–0,1–1
10.01.2023	Italy – Norway	4–1	2–0,1–0,1–1
12.01.2023	Germany – Austria	2–0	0–0,1–0,1–0
12.01.2023	France – Italy	0–2	0–1,0–1,0–0
12.01.2023	Norway – Hungary	2–3	1–1,0–0,1–2
13.01.2023	Italy – Germany	0–1	0–0,0–0,0–0,0–0,1–1
13.01.2023	France – Norway	5–1	2–0,3–0,0–1
13.01.2023	Hungary – Austria	3–2	1–0,1–2,0–0,1–0
15.01.2023	Austria – Norway	1–3	0–1,0–2,1–0
15.01.2023	Italy – Hungary	1–3	1–1,0–2,0–0
15.01.2023	Germany – France	1–2	0–0,0–0,1–1,0–0,1–1

## GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
10.01.2023	Poland – Korea	6–0	1–0,2–0,3–0
10.01.2023	Spain – Chinese Taipei	4–1	1–1,2–0,1–0
11.01.2023	Denmark – Spain	3–0	2–0,0–0,1–0
12.01.2023	Denmark – Poland	3–1	1–0,2–0,0–1
12.01.2023	Chinese Taipei – Korea	0–3	0–1,0–1,0–1
13.01.2023	Spain – Poland	0–4	0–2,0–0,0–2
14.01.2023	Chinese Taipei – Denmark	1–9	0–3,1–0,5–5
14.01.2023	Korea – Spain	1–2	0–0,0–0,1–1,0–1
15.01.2023	Poland – Chinese Taipei	4–0	0–0,2–0,2–0
15.01.2023	Korea – Denmark	1–4	0–2,0–1,1–1



GERMANY



ITALY



FRANCE

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Germany	5	3	1	1	0	+6	10:4	12
2	Italy	5	2	1	1	1	+3	8:5	9
3	France	5	2	1	1	1	+3	11:8	9
4	Hungary	5	2	1	0	2	+1	11:10	8
5	Austria	5	0	1	2	2	-5	6:11	4
6	Norway	5	1	0	0	4	-8	8:16	3

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Chiara Schultes	GER
Best Defender	Charlott Schaffrath	GER
Best Forward	Matilde Fantin	ITA

Germany promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.



DENMARK



POLAND



SPAIN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Denmark	4	4	0	0	0	+16	19:3	12
2	Poland	4	3	0	0	1	+12	15:3	9
3	Spain	4	1	1	0	2	-3	6:9	5
4	Korea	4	1	0	1	2	-7	5:12	4
5	Chinese Taipei	4	0	0	0	4	-18	2:20	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Nadia Ratajczyk	POL
Best Defender	Indira Bosch	ESP
Best Forward	Nikita Bergmann	DEN

Denmark promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I A.



## GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
21.01.2023	Australia – Türkiye	3 – 1	0 – 1,1 – 0,2 – 0
21.01.2023	Mexico – Latvia	1 – 6	1 – 2,0 – 2,0 – 2
21.01.2023	Netherlands – Great Britain	3 – 1	0 – 1,0 – 0,3 – 0
22.01.2023	Türkiye – Mexico	3 – 2	0 – 0,1 – 0,1 – 2,0 – 0,1 – 0
22.01.2023	Australia – Netherlands	4 – 0	3 – 0,1 – 0,0 – 0
22.01.2023	Great Britain – Latvia	2 – 3	0 – 0,0 – 0,2 – 2,0 – 0,0 – 1
24.01.2023	Netherlands – Latvia	1 – 2	0 – 0,0 – 0,1 – 1,0 – 1
24.01.2023	Australia – Mexico	5 – 2	2 – 1,1 – 1,2 – 0
24.01.2023	Great Britain – Türkiye	3 – 1	0 – 1,3 – 0,0 – 0
26.01.2023	Türkiye – Netherlands	1 – 2	0 – 0,1 – 2,0 – 0
26.01.2023	Latvia – Australia	2 – 3	0 – 1,2 – 2,0 – 0
26.01.2023	Mexico – Great Britain	0 – 3	0 – 0,0 – 1,0 – 2
27.01.2023	Latvia – Türkiye	1 – 0	1 – 0,0 – 0,0 – 0
27.01.2023	Netherlands – Mexico	3 – 1	1 – 0,1 – 1,1 – 0
27.01.2023	Great Britain – Australia	2 – 1	0 – 1,2 – 0,0 – 0

## GROUP O

Date	Game	Score	
26.01.2023	Iceland – Belgium	2 – 3	0 – 1,2 – 1,0 – 0,0 – 1
26.01.2023	Estonia – Bulgaria	0 – 6	0 – 4,0 – 2,0 – 0
27.01.2023	Iceland – New Zealand	2 – 1	1 – 0,1 – 0,0 – 1
27.01.2023	Belgium – Estonia	7 – 0	0 – 0,6 – 0,1 – 0
27.01.2023	Kazakhstan – Bulgaria	8 – 1	5 – 0,2 – 1,1 – 0
28.01.2023	New Zealand – Kazakhstan	1 – 7	0 – 2,0 – 2,1 – 3
29.01.2023	Iceland – Estonia	8 – 1	1 – 0,3 – 0,4 – 1
29.01.2023	Kazakhstan – Belgium	5 – 3	2 – 1,0 – 2,3 – 0
29.01.2023	New Zealand – Bulgaria	4 – 2	2 – 1,0 – 1,2 – 0
31.01.2023	Estonia – Kazakhstan	0 – 8	0 – 3,0 – 4,0 – 1
31.01.2023	Belgium – New Zealand	3 – 2	1 – 1,2 – 1,0 – 0
31.01.2023	Bulgaria – Iceland	2 – 3	0 – 1,1 – 1,1 – 0,0 – 0,0 – 1
01.02.2023	New Zealand – Estonia	11 – 0	3 – 0,1 – 0,7 – 0
01.02.2023	Bulgaria – Belgium	4 – 6	1 – 1,2 – 4,1 – 1
01.02.2023	Kazakhstan – Iceland	7 – 0	2 – 0,4 – 0,1 – 0



AUSTRALIA



LATVIA



NETHERLANDS



KAZAKHSTAN



BELGIUM



ICELAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Australia	5	4	0	0	1	+9	16 : 7	12
2	Latvia	5	2	2	0	1	+7	14 : 7	10
3	Netherlands	5	3	0	1	1	0	9 : 9	10
4	Great Britain	5	3	0	1	1	+3	11 : 8	10
5	Türkiye	5	0	1	0	4	-5	6 : 11	2
6	Mexico	5	0	0	1	4	-14	6 : 20	1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	+30	35 : 5	15
2	Belgium	5	3	1	0	1	+9	22 : 13	11
3	Iceland	5	2	1	1	1	+1	15 : 14	9
4	New Zealand	5	2	0	0	3	+5	19 : 14	6
5	Bulgaria	5	1	0	1	3	-6	15 : 21	4
6	Estonia	5	0	0	0	5	-39	1 : 40	0

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Azra Sert	TUR
Best Defender	Roos Karst	NED
Best Forward	Linda Rulle	LAT

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Sofia Salamatina	EST
Best Defender	Jirne Wagemans	BEL
Best Forward	Sofiya Zubkova	KAZ

Australia promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I B.



Kazakhstan promoted to the 2024 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I B.

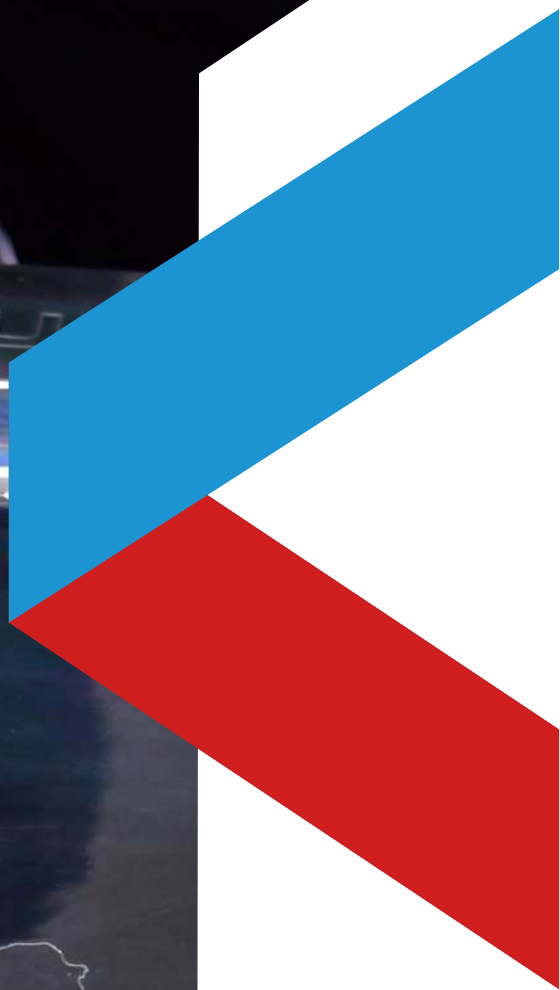




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# CONTINENTAL CUP



## FIRST ROUND

## BULGARIA - SOFIA

## GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
23.09.2022	Tartu Valk 494 - KHL Sisak	2-7	0-2,0-2,2-3
23.09.2022	Skautafelag Akureyrar - NSA Sofia	6-5	1-12-2,2-0,0-1-0
24.09.2022	Skautafelag Akureyrar - KHL Sisak	2-6	0-2,1-2,1-2
24.09.2022	NSA Sofia - Tartu Valk 494	3-12	1-2,1-5,1-5
25.09.2022	KHL Sisak - NSA Sofia	9-6	4-1,3-2,2-3
25.09.2022	Tartu Valk 494 - Skautafelag Akureyrar	8-0	1-0,2-0,5-0

## FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	KHL Sisak	3	3	0	0	0	+12	22:10	9
2	Tartu Valk 494	3	2	0	0	1	+12	22:10	6
3	Skautafelag Akureyrar	3	0	1	0	2	-11	8:19	2
4	NSA Sofia	3	0	0	1	2	-13	14:27	1

KHL Sisak Corona Brasov advances to the IIHF Continental Cup Group D

VS

## TURKEY - ISTANBUL

## GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
23.09.2022	FC Barcelona - Liege Bulldogs	0-7	0-3,0-1,0-3
23.09.2022	Buz Adam Istanbul - Hockey Punks Vilnius	6-0	2-0,3-0,1-0
24.09.2022	FC Barcelona - Hockey Punks Vilnius	3-6	1-2,0-2,2-2
24.09.2022	Liege Bulldogs - Buz Adam Istanbul	1-4	0-1,0-1,1-2
25.09.2022	Buz Adam Istanbul - FC Barcelona	9-4	2-2,3-0,4-2
25.09.2022	Hockey Punks Vilnius - Liege Bulldogs	0-5	0-1,0-2,0-2

## FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Buz Adam Istanbul	3	3	0	0	0	+14	19:5	9
2	Liege Bulldogs	3	2	0	0	1	+9	13:4	6
3	Hockey Punks Vilnius	3	1	0	0	2	-8	6:14	3
4	FC Barcelona	3	0	0	0	3	-15	7:22	0

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Troy PASSINGHAM	LBU
Best Defender	Rolandas ALIUKONIS	HPU
Best Forward	Sergei PISKUNOV	BAI

Buz Adam Istanbul advances to the IIHF Continental Cup Group C

## SECOND ROUND

## FRANCE - ANGERS

## GROUP C

Date	Game	Score	
14.10.2022	SC Miercurea Ciuc - KHL Sisak	5-0	2-0,0-3,0-0
14.10.2022	Angers Duacs - Ferencvarosi TC	8-5	2-0,4-2,2-3
15.10.2022	SC Miercurea Ciuc - Ferencvarosi TC	5-2	1-1,1-0,3-1
15.10.2022	KHL Sisak - Angers Duacs	0-12	0-0,0-5,0-7
16.10.2022	Ferencvarosi TC - KHL Sisak	10-2	2-2,5-0,3-0
16.10.2022	Angers Duacs - SC Miercurea Ciuc	4-1	1-0,2-1,1-0

## FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Angers Duacs	3	3	0	0	0	+18	24:6	9
2	SC Miercurea Ciuc	3	2	0	0	1	+5	11:6	6
3	Ferencvarosi TC	3	1	0	0	2	+2	17:15	3
4	KHL Sisak	3	0	0	0	3	-25	2:27	0

Angers Duacs Corona Brasov advances to the IIHF Continental Cup Group D

VS

## ITALY - ASIAGO

## GROUP D

Date	Game	Score	
14.10.2022	Acroni Jesenice - Buz Adam Istanbul	5-1	1-0,2-0,2-1
14.10.2022	Vojvodina Novi Sad - Asiago Hockey	1-14	0-2,1-7,0-5
15.10.2022	Vojvodina Novi Sad - Acroni Jesenice	1-7	1-1,0-3,0-3
15.10.2022	Buz Adam Istanbul - Asiago Hockey	2-9	1-2,0-4,1-3
16.10.2022	Buz Adam Istanbul - Vojvodina Novi Sad	6-1	4-0,2-0,0-1
16.10.2022	Asiago Hockey - Acroni Jesenice	5-2	2-1,2-0,1-1

## FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Asiago Hockey	3	3	0	0	0	+23	28:5	9
2	Acroni Jesenice	3	2	0	0	1	+7	14:7	6
3	Buz Adam Istanbul	3	1	0	0	2	-6	9:15	3
4	Vojvodina Novi Sad	3	0	0	0	3	-24	3:27	0

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Saveli VORONOV	BAI
Best Defender	David PLANKO	ACJ
Best Forward	Allan MCSHANE	ASI

Asiago Hockey advances to the IIHF Continental Cup Group E



## THIRD ROUND GREAT BRITAIN - CARDIFF

### GROUP E

Date	Game	Score	
18.11.2022	Zemgale Jelgava - Acroni Jesenice	2-3	0-0,1-0,1-2,0-1
18.11.2022	Cardiff Devils - Angers Ducs	3-1	0-0,2-1,1-0
19.11.2022	Zemgale Jelgava - Angers Ducs	0-2	0-0,0-1,0-1
19.11.2022	Acroni Jesenice - Cardiff Devils	0-3	0-1,0-1,0-1
20.11.2022	Angers Ducs - Acroni Jesenice	4-1	2-0,1-1,1-0
20.11.2022	Cardiff Devils - Zemgale Jelgava	5-2	3-1,1-0,1-1

### FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Cardiff Devils	3	3	0	0	0	+8	11:3	9
2	Angers Ducs	3	2	0	0	1	+3	7:4	6
3	Acroni Jesenice	3	0	1	0	2	-5	4:9	2
4	Zemgale Jelgava	3	0	0	1	2	-6	4:10	1

Cardiff Devils and Angers Ducs advance to the IIHF Continental Cup Final

# VS

## SLOVAKIA - NITRA

### GROUP F

Date	Game	Score	
18.11.2022	Unia Oswiecim - HK Kremenchuk	4-2	0-1,1-0,3-1
18.11.2022	HK Nitra - Asiago Hockey	5-2	3-0,1-2,1-0
19.11.2022	Asiago Hockey - Unia Oswiecim	4-3	1-1,2-0,1-2
19.11.2022	HK Nitra - HK Kremenchuk	7-3	2-1,1-1,4-1
20.11.2022	HK Kremenchuk - Asiago Hockey	0-5	0-2,0-2,0-1
20.11.2022	Unia Oswiecim - HK Nitra	1-2	0-0,1-1,0-1

### FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	HK Nitra	3	3	0	0	0	+8	14:11	9
2	Asiago Hockey	3	2	0	0	1	+3	11:8	6
3	Unia Oswiecim	3	1	0	0	2	0	8:8	3
4	HK Kremenchuk	3	0	0	0	3	-11	5:16	0

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Justin FAZIO	ASI
Best Defender	Branislav MEZEI	NIT
Best Forward	Jozef BALAZ	NIT

HK Nitra advances to the IIHF Continental Cup Final

## CONTINENTAL CUP FINAL FRANCE - ANGERS

### GROUP C

Date	Game	Score	
13.01.2023	HK Nitra - Asiago Hockey	5-3	2-0,2-1,1-2
13.01.2023	Cardiff Devils - Angers Ducs	1-2	0-1,0-1,0-0,0-0,1
14.01.2023	Cardiff Devils - Asiago Hockey	7-1	3-0,1-1,3-0
14.01.2023	Angers Ducs - HK Nitra	2-3	0-0,0-1,2-1,0-0,0-1
15.01.2023	HK Nitra - Cardiff Devils	3-2	3-0,0-1,0-1
15.01.2023	Asiago Hockey - Angers Ducs	3-2	2-0,0-2,0-1,0-1

### FINAL STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	HK Nitra	3	2	1	0	0	+4	11:7	8
2	Angers Ducs	3	0	1	2	0	-1	6:7	4
3	Cardiff Devils	3	1	0	1	1	+4	10:6	4
4	Asiago Hockey	3	0	1	0	2	-7	7:14	2

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Evan COWLEY	ANG
Best Defender	Luke GREEN	NIT
Best Forward	Cole SANFORD	CAR





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# WOMEN'S ASIA AND OCEANIA

## PRELIMINARY ROUND

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
30.04.2023	Singapore – Malaysia	2 – 1	0 – 1,0 – 0,1 – 0,0 – 0,1 – 0
30.04.2023	Thailand – UA Emirates	11 – 0	6 – 0,3 – 0,2 – 0
01.05.2023	Singapore – UA Emirates	5 – 2	2 – 0,2 – 0,1 – 2
01.05.2023	Malaysia – Thailand	0 – 11	0 – 4,0 – 5,0 – 2
03.05.2023	UA Emirates – Malaysia	3 – 4	1 – 0,1 – 3,1 – 1
03.05.2023	Thailand – Singapore	13 – 2	2 – 0,6 – 0,5 – 2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Thailand	3	3	0	0	0	+33	35:2	9
2	Singapore	3	1	1	0	1	-7	9:16	5
3	Malaysia	3	1	0	1	1	-11	5:16	4
4	UA Emirates	3	0	0	0	3	-15	5:20	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
30.04.2023	Kuwait – Kyrgyzstan	1 – 3	1 – 1,0 – 1,0 – 1
30.04.2023	India – Iran	1 – 17	1 – 4,0 – 7,0 – 6
01.05.2023	Kuwait – Iran	0 – 20	0 – 5,0 – 6,0 – 9
01.05.2023	Kyrgyzstan – India	0 – 3	0 – 2,0 – 0,0 – 1
03.05.2023	Iran – Kyrgyzstan	26 – 0	9 – 0,7 – 0,10 – 0
03.05.2023	India – Kuwait	6 – 0	1 – 0,3 – 0,2 – 0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Iran	3	3	0	0	0	+62	63:1	9
2	India	3	2	0	0	1	-7	10:17	6
3	Kyrgyzstan	3	1	0	0	2	-27	3:30	3
4	Kuwait	3	0	0	0	3	-28	1:29	0



## PLAYOFF ROUND

### QUARTER – FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
04.05.2023	Malaysia – India	2 – 3	1 – 1,0 – 1,1 – 1
04.05.2023	UA Emirates – Iran	0 – 14	0 – 2,0 – 4,0 – 8

### 7TH PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score	
06.05.2023	Kyrgyzstan – Kuwait	1 – 0	0 – 0,1 – 0,0 – 0

### 5TH PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score	
06.05.2023	Malaysia – UA Emirates	3 – 4	3 – 0,0 – 2,0 – 1,0 – 1

### SEMI – FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
06.05.2023	Thailand – India	13 – 0	3 – 0,5 – 0,5 – 0
06.05.2023	Singapore – Iran	0 – 3	0 – 1,0 – 1,0 – 1

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
07.05.2023	Singapore – India	3 – 1	3 – 0,0 – 1,0 – 0

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
07.05.2023	Thailand – Iran	3 – 1	1 – 0,0 – 1,2 – 0

## FINAL STANDINGS



THAILAND



IRAN



SINGAPORE

4	India	6	Malaysia	8	Kuwait
5	UA Emirates	7	Kyrgyzstan		

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Thamida Kunthadapakorn	THA
Best Defender	Kiarra Chin	SGP
Best Forward	Fatemeh Esmaeili	IRI



## THAILAND WINS WOMEN'S 2023 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD

Backed by the near-perfect goaltending of Thamida Kunthadapakorn, Thailand won the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Asia and Oceania Championship (IIHF WAOC) with a 3-1 win over Iran in the gold-medal game Sunday in Bangkok. The eight-team tournament saw Kunthadapakorn surrender just one goal in 260 minutes of playing time while her teammates outscored the opposition by a whopping 51-3 margin. The final game was the only one in which the Thais didn't score at least 11 goals.

Other countries competing in what was formerly known as the Challenge Cup of Asia included Singapore, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, India, Kyrgyzstan, and Kuwait. Singapore won the bronze earlier in the day with a 3-1 win over India.

For Iran and Kyrgyzstan these were historic games, their first women's participation under the IIHF umbrella. The tournament is particularly valuable to these nations which are not competing in an IIHF World Championship event but nonetheless gives them international experience and also helps prepare them for the Asia Winter Games which will next be played in Trojena, Saudi Arabia, in 2029.

The IIHF WAOC tournament started in 2010, and was won by China in that inaugural season. This year marked the second time Thailand won, the first coming in 2019, the last time the event was played before covid-19 forced the cancellation of hockey worldwide. It also marked the second time Thailand had hosted the event, and all 20 games were played at the Thailand International Ice Hockey Arena in Bangkok, which has the standard international dimensions of 60m x 30m. The explosion of hockey in Asia, and Thailand in particular, is further evident by the imminent opening of another rink, in Chiang Mai, about 700km north of Bangkok, this summer.

In the case of India, the team was coached by Canadian Darrin Harrold, and some 18 of the 20 players came from Ladakh, a region in the far north that is making a major push to develop hockey.

The winning Thais were also coached by a Canadian, Rory Rawlyk, while the players came from a national women's league that has also made a push to promote hockey. And in Iran, their first rink opened four years ago, and the following year a women's team was formed, mostly from Inline players. The Tehran Times covered the 2023 IIHF WAOC, an important symbol of respect for the emerging popularity of the game. In the United Arab Emirates, the team held a two-week training camp prior to the tournament, an event they hosted in 2019.

The tournament was played with two groups in vertical structure, the top four in Group A (Thailand, Singapore, Macau, UAE) and the lower-ranked four in Group B. The last two teams in Group B—Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait—didn't qualify for the playoffs while the top two in A—Thailand and Singapore—automatically advanced to the semi-finals.

Key to Thailand's win in the final game was holding tournament scoring leader, Fatemeh Esmaeili, in check. Although she led all players with a whopping 17 goals and 26 points in just five games, she was held pointless in the game for gold. At the other end, it was captain Thipwarintorn Yannakornthanapunt who led the way, scoring two goals in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and carry her team to victory. Incredibly, she also took 34 of the team's 38 total faceoffs in the game, winning 19 (64 per cent).

Supitsara Thamma had given the Thais the early lead, but Zahra Rezaei Jafari tied the game for Iran midway through the second, setting the stage for Yannakornthanapunt's heroics in the final period.

All in all, the Thai win was impressive and important, but the tournament was, in the bigger picture, indicative of an ever-growing development of the women's game in the Far East and the evident sense that this growth is only just beginning.



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## ROUND ROBIN

### GROUP 0

Date	Game	Score	
11.03.2023	UA Emirates – Thailand	6 – 2	2-0,3-0,1-2
11.03.2023	Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan	5 – 0	2-0,1-0,2-0
11.03.2023	Mongolia – Iran	5 – 0	1-0,3-0,1-0
12.03.2023	Thailand – Turkmenistan	3 – 4	1-1,2-3,0-0
12.03.2023	Iran – Uzbekistan	1 – 14	0-6,0-4,1-4
12.03.2023	Mongolia – UA Emirates	10 – 2	2-1,5-0,3-1
14.03.2023	Thailand – Iran	8 – 0	1-0,3-0,4-0
14.03.2023	UA Emirates – Turkmenistan	2 – 7	0-2,1-1,1-4
14.03.2023	Mongolia – Uzbekistan	4 – 7	2-1,2-3,0-3
15.03.2023	Iran – UA Emirates	2 – 7	0-0,1-5,1-2
15.03.2023	Uzbekistan – Thailand	10 – 2	2-0,5-1,3-1
15.03.2023	Turkmenistan – Mongolia	6 – 4	2-0,1-3,3-1
17.03.2023	Turkmenistan – Iran	14 – 1	8-0,2-1,4-0
17.03.2023	UA Emirates – Uzbekistan	1 – 8	0-3,0-4,1-1
17.03.2023	Thailand – Mongolia	4 – 6	1-1,3-1,0-4

## FINAL STANDINGS



UZBEKISTAN



TURKMENISTAN



MONGOLIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Uzbekistan	5	5	0	0	0	+36	44: 8	15
2	Turkmenistan	5	4	0	0	1	+16	31: 15	12
3	Mongolia	5	3	0	0	2	+10	29: 19	9
4	UA Emirates	5	2	0	0	3	-11	18: 29	6
5	Thailand	5	1	0	0	4	-7	19: 26	3
6	Iran	5	0	0	0	5	-44	4: 48	0

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Best Forward	Jasurbek Rustamkhonov	UZB





## WINNING START FOR UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan wasted no time in making an impact on IIHF play. The Central Asian country played its first ever official international tournament this week, and won gold with a game to spare. Facing off at the 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Asia & Oceania Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the Uzbek youngsters won all five games with a combined goal differential of 44-8.

Team Uzbekistan got off to a flying start with a 5-0 victory in its opening game against Turkmenistan. There were two goals apiece for Jasturbek Rustamkhonov and Albert Dadakhodjaev, while goalies Rustam Irgashev and Sergey Popov shared 15 saves to blank the opposition. That turned out to be crucial, with the Turkmen winning their four subsequent outings to take silver. The Uzbeks, meanwhile, rolled on with a crushing 14-1 success against Iran, a 7-4 win over host nation Mongolia and a 10-2 verdict against Thailand to seal first place with one game to spare.

For team captain and star forward Jasturbek Rustamkhonov, leading his team to gold in its first tournament was a special moment.

"It's hard to put into words," he said after the win over Thailand. "Our first time at a championship and right away, we're already champions."

"I can't wait for the final game and to get our hands on the cup."

That final game brought an 8-1 victory over UAE, with Rustamkhonov getting a goal and three assists to take his personal tally to 26 (14+12) points for the tournament. That put him top of the tournament scoring chart by a big margin, ahead of Mongolia's Chinzolboo Mishigsuren, who had 20 (9+11) points.

The tournament was also a big deal for Mongolia, which was hosting an IIHF event for the first time. The newly-built Steppe Arena in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, can hold 2,600 spectators and is the first indoor hockey arena in Mongolia's history. The multi-sport facility will also stage this year's men's Division World Championship, with Mongolia taking on Indonesia, Kuwait and the Philippines.

Uzbek head coach Artur Fakhruudinov enjoyed the experience of playing in front of a lively crowd in Ulaanbaatar. "There was a great atmosphere throughout the tournament," he said. "It was good to see fans coming along to watch our games. To be honest, we didn't expect so many spectators. It's always more fun to play with a crowd."

The host nation also had plenty to enjoy on the ice after picking up bronze medals. Going into the final game against Thailand, the Mongolians had the luxury of knowing that even a three-goal loss would not see them drop below third place in the standings.





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# INTEGRITY PROGRAM

As news of integrity issues rocked the global ice hockey family, the IIHF was already preparing an action plan to combat issues of abuse and harassment, competition manipulation, anti-doping, and ethics, with a heavy focus on connecting with Member National Associations (MNA) and support on the ground level. The introduction of an Integrity Awareness Raising Week on social media, coupled with stories from ambassadors and the nomination of an Integrity Officer by each MNA has further solidified the importance of these topics.

*An anonymous digital reporting form was launched as well, leading to over 290 reported incidents, with all incidents being resolved in accordance with the IIHF Integrity Code.*

Reporting form awareness posters have been mandated to be placed in dressing rooms at all IIHF tournaments, and players at top division tournaments have undergone mandatory in-person Integrity Topic Awareness Sessions. These sessions are designed specifically for players, away from coaches and team staff, in order to provide a safe and supportive environment for players.

**COACHES AS WELL AS OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EDUCATED SEPARATELY.**

In addition, every appointed IIHF Game official and IIHF Medical supervisor went through a comprehensive background check, to further ensure a safe environment. IIHF Staff and IIHF Council at tournaments have also undergone mandatory training in conjunction with The Respect Group, and this training will be expanded to all volunteers and staff appointed by a Championship Organizer for the 2023-2024 season.

*We will continue to expand the IIHF Integrity Program to include additional reporting functions, a larger MNA Integrity Officer Program, SafeSport Training, and more initiatives to ensure everyone in hockey has the information and power to keep hockey a safe and honest sport.*



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