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IIHF World Championship Division I Group A	Slovenia
IIHF World Championship Division I Group B	Korea
IIHF World Championship Division II Group A	Estonia
IIHF World Championship Division II Group B	Belgium
IIHF World Championship Division III	Turkey
IIHF World Junior Championship	Sweden
IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group A	Germany
IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group B	France
IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group A	Ukraine
IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group B	Romania
IIHF U20 World Championship Division III	Iceland
IIHF U18 World Championship	United States
IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A	Slovakia
IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B	Belarus
IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A	Korea
IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B	Estonia
IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A	Belgium
IIHF Women's World Championship	Canada
IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group A	Czech Republic
IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B	Denmark
IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group A	DPR Korea
IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B	Poland
IIHF U18 Women's World Championship	Canada
IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I	Hungary
IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship	Canada
IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I	Slovakia
Continental Cup	Rouen Dragons
European Women's Champion's Cup	Tornado Moscow Region
Challenge Cup of Asia	United Arab Emirates
Women's Challenge Cup of Asia	Japan
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U18 Challenge Cup of Asia	Thailand

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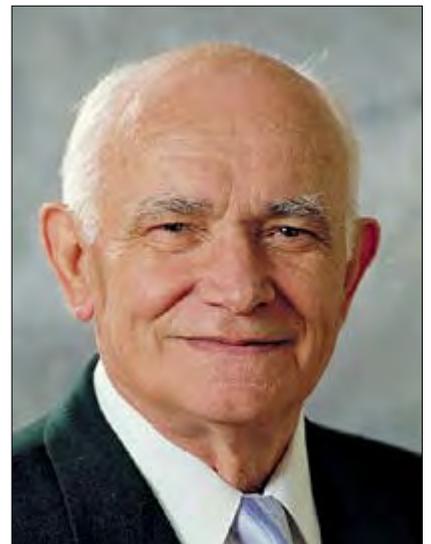
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Cover photo: *Russia's team captain Ilya Nikulin hoists the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship trophy after winning the gold medal game in Helsinki.*
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In Memoriam

Miroslav Subrt 1926-2012



The IIHF honours the memory of former IIHF Vice President Miroslav Subrt, who passed away on 5th April in Prague, Czech Republic. Miro Subrt was associated with the game for more than 60 years and 55 of these with the IIHF. He was the longest serving high-ranked official in international ice hockey.

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The Goal Seen 'Round the World: Tied at 0-0 and playing in overtime for the gold, Sweden's Mika Zibanejad rushed down the right wing and cut past the Russian defence, firing a high backhand past goalie Andrei Makarov at 10:09 of the extra period to win the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship. The game was watched by over 600,000 in Sweden, who tuned in late at night to watch their country win its first U20 gold in 31 years. Photo: JC Pinheiro / HHOF-IIHF Images

Tribute to the victims of the 2011 Yaroslavl plane crash

September 7, 2011 was the darkest day in the history of hockey. Twenty-six players, three coaches and eight team officials from KHL club Lokomotiv Yaroslavl died in an air plane crash on their way to Minsk to play in their season opener.

The commemoration of the tragedy began with huge memorials across Europe and continued throughout the season. Slovakia's team captain Zdeno Chara concluded the season of mourning by paying tribute to his former teammate and friend Pavol Demitra after Slovakia won the silver medal at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Helsinki.

Demitra was one of the 37 victims from ten countries who perished in the fatal accident.



Top: Slovak captain Zdeno Chara wears former teammate and crash victim Pavol Demitra's jersey during the medal presentation at the 2012 World Championship. Photo: Jeff Vinnick
Below: The Yaroslavl memorial service. Photo: Vladimir Bezzubov, Yury Kuzmin / KHL
Opposite Page: Team picture taken prior to the crash.

In Memoriam

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Pavol Demitra (SVK), 36
Robert Dietrich (GER/KAZ), 25
Alexander Galimov (RUS), 26
Marat Kalimulin (RUS), 23
Alexander Kalyanin (RUS), 23
Andrei Kiryukhin (RUS), 24
Nikita Klyukin (RUS), 21
Stefan Liv (SWE), 30
Jan Marek (CZE), 31
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Karel Rachunek (CZE), 32
Ruslan Salei (BLR), 36
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Karlis Skrastins (LAT), 37
Pavel Snurnitsyn (RUS), 19
Daniil Sobchenko (RUS/UKR), 20
Ivan Tkachenko (RUS), 31
Pavel Trakhanov (RUS), 33
Yuri Urychev (RUS), 20
Josef Vasicek (CZE), 30
Alexander Vasyunov (RUS), 23
Olexander Vyukhin (UKR), 38
Artyom Yarchuk (RUS), 21

Coaches:

Brad McCrimmon (CAN), 52
Alexander Karpovtsev (RUS), 41
Igor Korolyov (RUS), 41

Team staff:

Yuri Bakhvalov (RUS, video coach)
Alexander Belyayev (RUS, equipment manager)
Nikolai Krivonosov (BLR, fitness trainer)
Yevgeni Kunnov (RUS, masseur)
Vyacheslav Kuznetsov (RUS, masseur)
Vladimir Piskunov (RUS, administrator)
Yevgeni Sidorov (RUS, tactic analyst)
Andrei Zimin (RUS, team doctor)

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Andrei Solomentsev, commander
Igor Zhivelov, co-pilot
Sergei Zhuralev, flight engineer
Vladimir Matyushin, flight engineer
Nadezhda Maksumova, flight attendant
Yelena Sarmatova, flight attendant
Yelena Shavina, flight attendant



Red Machines: With over 1,200 NHL goals and 93 World Championship points between them, Alexander Ovechkin and Yevgeni Malkin are the twin faces of Russian hockey. With a gold medal at the 2012 Worlds, the two superstars will be counted on to repeat in Stockholm next year and claim international hockey's biggest prize at Sochi 2014.

Photo: Jeff Vinnick



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Report of the President

It is a fair assessment to say that this past hockey year has been incredibly eventful. But more than that, 2011/2012 has been a season of many firsts.

The year kicked off with yet another record IIHF World Junior Championship on Canadian soil. The tournament, played in Calgary and Edmonton, was for the first time held in two NHL arenas. Alongside an average of 14,345 spectators per game and a total of more than 550,000 fans in attendance, the TV figures went through the roof as spectacular hockey was put on display throughout the event.

Considering how many good young players Sweden has developed over the years, it was actually strange that it took them 31 years to win another U20 gold. Let's call this a "first" in the modern era.

With the 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, the next hockey premiere was staged only one week later. Both the men's and the women's tournament were the Games' fan magnet featuring exciting upsets and great performances by the young athletes. In addition, the introduction of the Skills Challenge – a new hockey discipline testing individual player skating and stickhandling finesse – proved to be a resounding success with the crowds.

I am pleased to report that, later during the season, we saw the first tangible signs of parity in Women's hockey in the tier below Canada and the U.S. Switzerland was the rising star at the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship in Burlington, claiming bronze and for the first time finishing ahead of Finland and Sweden.

In early May, the hockey world headed up north for the first co-hosted men's IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship which debuted a new tournament format that featured two groups of eight, thereby eliminating the qualification round.

With attendance numbers below expectations and a number of organisational challenges, we will have to

learn our lesson and do our best to improve in all concerned areas for next year's co-hosting sequel when Stockholm will welcome the world as the event's main hub.

However, speaking of the IIHF Championship Program in general, we saw that we took the right decision one year ago by implementing a vertical World Championship structure. The adjustment brought about the desired effect – more evenly contested games and all teams playing on a level that reflected their current status of development.

We recorded that 13 out of 15 IIHF Men's Championship events improved in quality, meaning having fewer games with five goals or more difference. Before the change, in 2011 only 53% of all games were high-quality. This past season, with the vertical system in place, the amount of high-quality games drastically increased to 70%.

Only two weeks after the conclusion of the 2011/2012 season, the Hockey Forum welcomed all stakeholders of European club ice hockey to the vibrant city of Barcelona. Under the slogan "Together", a first attempt was made at bringing the IIHF, the IIHF member national associations as well as the leagues and clubs under one roof. The three-day long discussions amongst the more than 160 attendees scrutinized the main issues – the efforts of establishing a European club competition, a potential new governance structure, and the goal of a harmonious co-existence and cooperation between national federations and leagues on matters such as international breaks. We must seize the positive momentum which was created in Barcelona to work together.

I would also like to take the opportunity to commend the IIHF Congress and our Council on their unity in Helsinki on the issue of the 2014 IIHF World Championship in Belarus. Our organisation showed that you can maintain awareness on human right issues without letting sport become a tool for political purposes.

One of the most important objectives of any inter-



national sports federation is to grow the sport. With this, we are very pleased to welcome two new members, Jamaica and Qatar. Both were adopted at the Helsinki Congress, thus growing the IIHF family to 72 members and I would like to seize this opportunity to once more extend a warm welcome these two national associations.

This 135th IIHF Congress will be the first ever to be held in Asia, standing as a tribute to the long-time member of the worldwide hockey family, IIHF Vice President Shoichi Tomita, who will leave the Council after 34 years of passionate service.

To hold the General Congress – our highest legislative body – in Shoichi's hometown of Tokyo is a proper acknowledgment to his services to Japanese and international hockey.

I would also like to thank Frederick Meredith (18 years on the IIHF Council), Murray Costello (14 years), Ernest Aljancic (9 years), Juraj Siroky (9 years), and

Alexander Medvedev (4 years) on the way they have developed and shaped international ice hockey with the contributions they have made throughout their tenures.

Last but not least, with Olympic qualifying tournaments starting this fall, the 2014 Olympic Winter Games are already on the horizon. But until then, I wish you a successful 2012/2013 ice hockey season with many exciting match-ups and lots of memorable moments.

Finally, my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to our member national federations and their staffs of volunteers for organizing the 27 IIHF World Championship events and also our club team events.

Brace yourself for the upcoming season. In 2012/2013, we will have 42 events.

René Fasel
IIHF President



René Fasel hands over the 2012 IIHF World Championship trophy to Russian captain Ilya Nikulin.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Czech Please: Finnish defender Juuso Hietanen's diving effort is for naught as Jiri Novotny scores the go-ahead goal during the 2012 IIHF World Championship bronze medal game.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Report of the General Secretary

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Most probably, not many know that the first – independent of the Olympics – IIHF World Championship in 1930 was co-hosted between three cities and countries, Chamonix, France; Berlin, Germany and Vienna, Austria. It was coincidental, not planned, but still a unique occasion in our sport.

Eighty-two years later, the IIHF organised a co-hosted men's World Championship for the first time since the history-making 1930 tournament. With the 2012 event held in Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden we saw new opportunities emerging, but there were also challenges. A sort of a "mixed bag" if you will.

In order to immediately learn from this new experience – and to advise the Congress and the Council on future co-hosting rules and regulations – the IIHF conducted a major evaluation based on a research which involved around 400 people and many of our committees. The results will be presented at the General Congress in Tokyo in September 2012.

The 2011/2012-season included some noteworthy events outside of the IIHF annual program:

- The Youth Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria was a major success as far as ice hockey's participation was concerned. The quality of our games was spectacular, the attendance excellent and the Skills Test, organised for the first time, was part of the overall success story.

Prior to the second edition in Lillehammer, Norway in 2016, next steps will be decided upon between the IOC and the IIHF regarding both the tournament format and the Skills Test. We are looking forward to further positive development.

- At the Hockey Forum in Barcelona, the IIHF, the member associations, the top European pro leagues and their clubs met for the first time to address issues regarding a European club competition, new forms for a governance structure including leagues and clubs as potential stakehold-

ers, and to find harmony between leagues and associations, primarily with regards to the International Breaks.

It is our expectation that this IIHF initiative will create a new spirit of co-operation, where differences are settled in discussions rather than in courts.

Although the Swiss Federal Court ruled in IIHF's favour in the case involving Swiss club SC Bern (it approved the IIHF's claim that the Court of Arbitration in Sport, CAS, does not have jurisdiction to hear this case), the German league DEL and its CEO Gernot Tripcke continued on the way of confrontation by supporting yet another legal claim, this time by two German clubs.

This ongoing legal activity will cast a dark "shadow" over the constructive dialogue initiated by the parties in Barcelona.

- As we are looking back on a successful season, we are fully aware that the upcoming one will be much more demanding on all of us; our national member associations, players and IIHF Council and staff. The 2012/2013 campaign will have 42 events (around 27 is the annual norm) as it will mark the start of the Olympic qualifications for Sochi 2014. The IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship in Sochi in April 2013 will virtually be a pre-Olympic event.

As the Olympic qualifications will include teams ranked down to 30+ on the IIHF World Ranking (which of course is very encouraging) it is worth reminding that the moratorium on the fulfillment of the IIHF's minimum standards for World Championship event participation will expire at the end of this season. This may of course have an impact on the 2013-2014 IIHF competition program.

The IIHF will continue its commitment to assist countries and regions with resources for development. The Balkan project is one example, another is our obligation to Asia. With the new Vice

President for the continent to be elected in Tokyo, Thomas Wu, the Asian structure will be formalized with the potential move of the IIHF's Asian office to Hong Kong.

On this note, I would like to thank the Finnish Ice Hockey Association for its continuous support for the various IIHF development program conducted at Vierumäki each year.

Very little of the above would be possible without the 31 people comprising the IIHF staff at the Zurich office, with an additional three working externally. I would like to express my gratitude to the entire staff for their tireless commitment.

■ Since the last Annual Report, the office has seen the additions of Kira Ebel (Marketing & Communications Assistant), Eric Trinkler (Event Assistant), and Harald Springfeld (Asian Sport Development Manager). Simona Richiger (Coordinator, IT & Administration), replaces Stephanie Kallai, who became a mother and left the IIHF after ten years of service.

With regards to the above, it was a fruitful year at the IIHF office. Martin Zoellner (IT Director), Tanya Foley (Women's Program Manager) and Aku Nieminen (Coordinator Sport Administration) all became first-time parents.

We conducted some minor changes at the Zurich

office; the reception has been moved to the Villa, while the space left after the reception in the New Building will be reconstructed into a meeting room. There will also be new investments in the heating & cooling systems.

I would like to thank President René Fasel for yet another year of excellent cooperation and I am looking forward to another four years of stimulating challenges.

I would also like to wish the President good luck for the next four-year period as a member of the IOC Executive Board, as well in the Presidency of the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations, AIOWF.

On behalf of the entire IIHF staff let me express a deep sense of appreciation to the five outgoing council members, Shoichi Tomita, Frederick Meredith, Murray Costello, Juraj Siroky and Alexander Medvedev, who all will end their mandates at the General Congress in Tokyo.

Finally, a warm thank you to our member national associations and their officials for their cooperation during this season and a sincere thank you to the Council Members for their trust.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



Horst Lichtner addressing the delegates at the Hockey Forum in Barlecona in June 2012. Photo: Martin Merk



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Northern Stars: For the first time since 1930, the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was held in different countries, Finland and Sweden. The co-hosting format will return in 2013 when both countries switch duties as the main venue host. In 2012 Helsinki was the centre of the international hockey world, featuring most of the playoff games including the gold medal final.

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IIHF Council 2008-2012

Biographies

Fasel, René (SUI) President

Born on February 6, 1950 in Fribourg, Switzerland. A dentist by profession, Fasel graduated from the University of Berne. As a referee, he went up to the top division and officiated 37 international games including the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki. In 1985 he became the president of the Swiss Association and in 1986 he was elected an IIHF Council Member. René Fasel was the chairman in both the IIHF Referee and the IIHF Marketing Committees. He was the Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. IIHF President since 1994, member of the IOC since 1995 and elected to its Executive Committee in 2008. President of the AIOWF. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011. Current Chairman of the Women's Committee.



Costello, Murray (CAN) Vice President

Born on February 24, 1934 in South Porcupine, Canada. A former NHL player from 1953-1958 with Chicago, Boston and Detroit. After playing, he returned to school and became a lawyer. President of Canadian Hockey Association until 1998. Member of the Board of Directors of the Hockey Hall of Fame for 18 years. IIHF Auditor for eight years, member of the IIHF Disciplinary Committee for eight years and Statutes Committee for four years. IIHF Council Member since 1998 and IIHF Vice President since 2008. Chairman of the IIHF Medical and Competition Committees. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2005.



Tomita, Shoichi (JPN) Vice President

Born on January 1, 1936 in Tokyo, Japan he was a goalkeeper on the Japanese national team in the 1960 Olympics and in the 1962 IIHF World Championship. Was a member of the Council, Chairman of the Junior Committee and Chairman of the Asian Oceanic Committee from 1978 to 1994. Currently the Chairman of the Asian Strategic Planning Group and has contributed to development of world ice hockey, especially in Asia, since 1994. IIHF Vice President since 1994. Has been active within the Olympic Committee in Japan being affiliated as the Honorary Member of the IOC during the 100th Anniversary Congress in 2011. Received the Olympic Order in 2002.



Meredith, Frederick (GBR)

Born on November 24, 1938 in Montreal, Canada. Meredith played hockey for 12 years in Great Britain. He was president of the British Ice Hockey Association from 1982-1999. Honorary Member of the British Ice Hockey Association since 1999. IIHF Council Member since 1994 and Chairman of the IIHF Legal Committee.



Aljancic, Ernest (SLO)

Born on May 31, 1945 in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. Aljancic played ice hockey for 15 years for HC Olimpija and played six games with the national team of Yugoslavia. Returned to hockey as the Vice President of the Slovenian Ice Hockey Association in 1994. Member of the Executive Committee of the Slovenian Olympic Committee, member of the IIHF Marketing Committee since 1998. Chairman of the Event Committee. IIHF Council Member since 2003.



Kummola, Kalervo (FIN) Vice President

Born on November 21, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President since 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Chairman of the Facilities and Environment Committee. Also chairman of the Board of the Finnish Olympic Committee.



Gonzalez, Frank (ESP)

Born on November 14, 1955 in Barcelona, Spain. Played Junior B hockey for the Preston Raiders in Canada. Returned to Spain in the 1970s and joined the hockey program of FC Barcelona. Won several Spanish national championships with Casco-Viejo and later with C.G. Puigcerda. Moved to officiating after playing in many IIHF World Championships. Later served as referee supervisor at several IIHF championships. Spanish delegate to IIHF congress since 1991. Chairman of the Development Committee. IIHF Council member since 2003.



Grupp, Beate (GER)

Born on April 5, 1965 in Geislingen, Germany, Dr. Beate Grupp became one of the two first women to join the IIHF Council in 2003. Served as the team doctor of Germany's national women's team. Started practicing medicine in 1992 and in 1995 went on to get her degree with a Sports Medicine emphasis. Currently, works in Geislingen with her private practice where she focuses on physical therapy, sports medicine and orthopedics.

**Siroky, Juraj (SVK)**

Born on December, 29, 1953 in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. In 1998, named president of HC Slovan Harvard Bratislava. Since 2001, was a member of the Sport Council of the Slovak Olympic Committee. IIHF career began in 1999 in the Development Committee, also a member of the Championship Structure Committee. Worked for the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of former Czechoslovakia in the 1980s and was employed at the Czechoslovak embassy in Washington, USA. Chairman of the Officiating Committee. IIHF Council Member since 2003.

**Englund, Christer (SWE)**

Born on August 29, 1947. Englund was a board member of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association from 1993-2001 and was active on several committees. In 2004, he was named the chairman of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association. The former bank manager has also served as General Manager for the Swedish national team from 1994-96 and represented Sweden at several congresses dating back to Moscow in 1986. Joined the Council in 2008.

**Medvedev, Alexander (RUS)**

Born on August 14, 1955 in Shaktyorsk, Russia. Since 2008 Medvedev is the President and Chairman of the Kontinental Hockey League Executive Board. He was the driving force behind the founding of the KHL in 2008. First Deputy Chairman of the KHL and member of the Supervisory Board of the Russian Ice Hockey Association. Medvedev is well-known as Deputy Chairman of the energy company Gazprom. Elected to the IIHF Council in 2008.

**Rossi, Tony (USA)**

Born on April 9, 1941 in Illinois, USA. Rossi began his career in hockey in the 1970s in Illinois when he started a local hockey club for kids. Rossi was elected to the USA Hockey Board of Directors in 1983 and was named a director of the Central District in 1989. In 1995, Rossi was named the USA Hockey Treasurer where he helped develop the USA Hockey Foundation. Rossi was elected USA Hockey Vice President in 2003. Chairman of the Historical Committee. Elected to the IIHF Council in 2008.

**Scheier-Schneider, Monique (LUX)**

Born on October 15, 1954. Scheier-Schneider was elected in 2008 becoming the third-ever female council member. She has worked in hockey since 1974 and has been the general secretary of the Luxembourg Ice Hockey Association since 1992. In addition, she managed various Luxembourg national teams and was also the president of Tornado Luxembourg since 2002. Council member since 2008.

**Lichtner, Horst (GER)****General Secretary**

Born on Aug. 31, 1959 in Essen, Germany. Started as a personal assistant to the President of the German NOC, Dr. Daume and went on to leading marketing positions in various sports companies (ISL, CWL, TEAM). In 2001, he joined the German Football Association as Marketing Director. Became General Secretary of the IIHF in 2006. In 2007 he became General Secretary of the AIOWF.

**Subrt, Miroslav (CZE), IIHF Life President**

Born on July 16, 1926 in Vlci u Loun, Czechoslovakia, Miro Subrt was part of 14 Olympic ice hockey tournaments, starting in 1960 at Squaw Valley, USA. He was one of the founding members of HC Hvezda Praha, an ice hockey club for young players.



Subrt served as chairman of the 1959 IIHF World Championship Organizing Committee and was elected the same year to the IIHF Council, only stepping down in 2003 after working in the sport for more than half a century. The following year Subrt was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"Miro was instrumental in introducing the under-20 and the under-18 World Championships into the IIHF program, long before people realized what potential those events had," said René Fasel, who worked closely with Subrt for more than 20 years. "The events we have today stand as a tribute to Miro's foresight."

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IIHF Survey of Players

2011/2012 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS			REFEREES			RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2012 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	Under-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	56	23	24	9	0	0	1	0		85,082
Argentina	966	690	130	146	25	4	0	1		42,192,494
Armenia	578	381	197	0	27	0	2	3		2,970,495
Australia	3721	2217	997	507	268	17	17	0	WM IB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIA	22,015,576
Austria	11202	5897	4690	615	413	22	45	72	WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 I	8,219,743
Belarus	3937	1154	2747	36	128	0	28	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IB	9,542,883
Belgium	1490	670	736	84	31	4	17	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	10,438,353
Bosnia & Herzegovina	208	42	162	4	5	0	0	0		4,622,292
Bulgaria	330	100	203	27	30	3	3	5	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA	7,037,935
Canada	617107	74626	455806	86675	31572	1834	2486	5000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	34,300,083
China	610	118	308	184	63	32	46	43	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IB, WW18 IQ	1,343,239,923
Chinese Taipei	848	142	630	76	84	8	4	0	WM18 IIIA	23,113,901
Croatia	536	114	379	43	12	1	2	4	WM IIA, WM20 IB, WM18 IIA, WW IIA	4,480,043
Czech Republic	95094	58654	34113	2327	1532	71	148	21	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18	10,177,300
Denmark	4405	1764	2245	396	100	3	25	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IB	5,543,453
DPR Korea	1575	640	420	515	20	0	3	12	WM III, WM20 III*, WW IIA	24,589,122
Estonia	1510	442	976	92	142	12	6	15	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB	1,274,709
Finland	56626	16752	35929	3945	1709	51	246	30	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,262,930
FYR Macedonia	82	45	37	0	0	0	1	4		2,082,370
France	17381	6400	9767	1214	123	6	124	5	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 IQ	65,630,692
Georgia	266	77	189	0	4	0	4	1		4,570,934
Germany	27068	8042	16561	2465	184	13	198	45	WM, WM20 IA, WM18, WW, WW18	81,305,856
Great Britain	5119	1484	2897	738	285	27	46	0	WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18 IIA, WW IB, WW18 I	63,047,162
Greece	713	463	153	97	4	2	0	0	WM III	10,767,827
Hong Kong	496	62	371	63	9	0	4	0		7,153,519
Hungary	3320	218	2713	389	75	6	18	18	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IB, WW IIA, WW18 I	9,958,453
Iceland	587	58	441	88	22	3	3	0	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	313,183
India	724	400	285	39	10	0	1	8		1,205,073,612
Ireland	297	189	70	38	14	4	1	0	WM III	4,722,028
Israel	653	270	374	9	5	0	2	0	WM IIB	7,590,758
Italy	6774	1720	4571	483	139	5	45	24	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 IQ	61,261,254
Japan	19975	9999	7256	2720	928	94	99	25	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 I	127,368,088
Kazakhstan	4067	483	3491	93	41	7	17	56	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 IQ	17,522,010
Korea	1636	93	1365	178	55	9	43	4	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	48,860,500
Kuwait	320	84	122	114	1	1	2	0		2,646,314
Kyrgyzstan	330	228	102	0	6	0	2	4		5,496,737
Latvia	3979	2348	1515	116	185	28	16	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA	2,191,580
Liechtenstein	80	70	10	0	0	0	0	0		36,713
Lithuania	547	137	410	0	19	1	6	0	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	3,525,761
Luxembourg	392	130	235	27	26	8	3	1	WM III	509,074
Macau	106	28	63	15	0	0	1	0		578,025
Malaysia	184	91	72	21	1	0	1	0		29,179,952
Mexico	1568	327	1139	102	18	2	20	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA	114,975,406
Mongolia	1001	477	524	0	8	0	0	12	WM III	3,179,997
Morocco	137	71	52	14	3	0	2	0		32,309,239
Namibia	438	104	215	119	47	10	3	2		2,165,828
Netherlands	2842	1468	1156	218	52	5	26	4	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IB	16,730,632
New Zealand	1193	593	437	163	60	6	6	3	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIA, WW IIA	4,327,944
Norway	6893	2130	4212	551	164	14	41	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 I	4,707,270
Poland	2575	713	1494	368	76	3	35	6	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IIB	38,415,284
Portugal	116	48	50	18	5	2	1	0		10,781,459
Romania	1093	151	872	70	51	5	5	15	WM IB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIA	21,848,504
Russia	64326	2606	61220	500	230	5	346	2000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	138,082,178
Serbia	564	147	414	3	21	2	4	1	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB	7,276,604
Singapore	414	285	97	32	15	1	2	0		5,353,494
Slovakia	9034	2041	6576	417	327	16	47	21	WM, WM20, WM18 IA, WW, WW18 I	5,483,088
Slovenia	924	148	707	69	46	4	7	1	WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IIA	1,996,617
South Africa	466	171	235	60	8	2	5	0	WM IIB, WM18 IIIA, WW IIB	48,810,427
Spain	854	236	530	88	30	1	18	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	47,042,984
Sweden	69921	13084	53334	3503	2420	41	342	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,103,788
Switzerland	26166	11219	13775	1172	1079	43	158	29	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	7,655,628
Thailand	114	43	62	9	15	3	3	0		67,091,089
Turkey	790	310	320	160	80	30	8	3	WM III, WM20 III	79,749,461
Ukraine	4003	607	3384	12	74	0	25	0	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IB	44,854,065
United Arab Emirates	371	118	186	67	12	0	4	0		5,314,317
United States	511178	139033	305453	66692	23693	1263	2000	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	313,847,465

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(all tournaments from the 2011/2012 season)

WM IIHF World Championship
 WM I IIHF World Championship Division I
 WM II IIHF World Championship Division II
 WM III IIHF World Championship Division III
 WM20 IIHF U20 World Championship
 WM20 I IIHF U20 World Championship Division I
 WM20 II IIHF U20 World Championship Division II
 WM20 III IIHF U20 World Championship Division III
 WM18 IIHF U18 World Championship
 WM18 I IIHF U18 World Championship Division I
 WM18 II IIHF U18 World Championship Division II

WM18 III IIHF U18 World Championship Division III
 WW IIHF Women's World Championship
 WW I IIHF Women's World Championship Division I
 WW II IIHF Women's World Championship Division II
 WW18 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship
 WW18 I IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I
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Member since 1950



Austria AUT
Member since 1912



Belarus BLR
Member since 1992



Belgium BEL
Member since 1908



Bulgaria BUL
Member since 1963



Canada CAN
Member since 1920



China CHN
Member since 1963



Chinese Taipei TPE
Member since 1983



Croatia CRO
Member since 1992



Czech Republic CZE
Member since 1993 (as Bohemia 1908)
as Czechoslovakia 1920-1993



Denmark DEN
Member since 1946



DPR Korea PRK
Member since 1964



Estonia EST
Member since 1992
also a member from 1937-1946



Finland FIN
Member since 1928



France FRA
Member since 1908



Germany GER
Member since 1909



Great Britain GBR
Member since 1908



Greece GRE
Member since 1987



Hungary HUN
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Iceland ISL
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Israel ISR
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Italy ITA
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Japan JPN
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Kazakhstan KAZ
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Korea KOR
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Luxembourg LUX
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Mongolia MON
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Netherlands NED
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IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2012



For almost 15 years, Nike Hockey's Kent Angus has worked closely with both the IIHF and the member national associations, serving in a professional manner whilst delivering the best possible product in terms of quality, design and appearance.

Kent Angus is known for being the first to arrive at a championship site and the last to leave. He has built up an organisation whereby jerseys are personalised with numbers and name bars in the tournament arenas, directing a program which very often works under immense pressure to fulfill the expectations of the IIHF, the teams and the players.

During the IIHF's centennial year in 2008, Kent Angus was responsible for producing a collection of retro jerseys for the elite division teams, outfits which became immensely popular among fans and very sought-after collector items. In 2012 he was recognized by the IIHF for his work, receiving the Paul Loicq Award at the Hall of Fame Induction (see pages 70-71)

Picture: Angus posing with the 2012 Paul Loicq trophy.

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Golden Years: Team USA captain Seth Jones lifts the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship trophy, his country's fourth straight. In the 14-year history of the tournament, the Americans' vaunted youth program has won ten U18 medals, seven of them gold.
Photo: Phillip MacCallum / HHOF-IIHF Images

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Financial Report

2008–2012

	Season 09/10 in 1'000 CHF	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 in 1'000 CHF Provisional Result	Season 12/13 in 1'000 CHF Budget Figures
INCOME				
Marketing Contracts	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,250
Sponsors and Suppliers	2,946	942	1,045	1,188
Olympic Contribution	32,501	11,606	5,362	4,060
Championship Income	3,695	2,606	4,673	4,775
Other Income	3,576	4,145	4,872	2,799
Total Income	62,718	39,299	35,952	33,072

	Season 09/10 in 1'000 CHF	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 in 1'000 CHF Provisional Result	Season 12/13 in 1'000 CHF Budget Figures
EXPENSES				
World Championships	17,628	19,856	19,775	20,700
Other Tournaments	0	343	0	0
InLine World Championship	284	262	311	400
Other Club Competitions	825	821	910	989
Olympic Games (incl. Qualification)	22,414	0	263	391
Committees	2,288	3,009	3,567	3,603
Congresses	478	401	436	1,975
Council	725	775	700	1,155
Operational Costs	11,906	15,021	10,679	10,607
Total Expenses	56,548	40,488	36,641	39,820
Gain/Loss	6,170	-1,189	-689	-6,748

The IIHF and Infront Celebrating long term partnerships

In 2012, the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship presented itself slightly reshaped – be it in regards to the name of the tournament, the first double-championship format or a revised playing mode. With this in mind, ‘shaping the future of ice hockey’ is also the constant pattern of the long-term partnership of Infront and the IIHF. Keeping with the main objective of enhancing and maintaining the tournament’s status as the world’s most successful annual winter sports event, the accomplishments of this on-going venture have been reconfirmed this year, once again by the figures and results drawn from the tournament: The IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship holds unique appeal for fans, sponsors and media alike, with continuous improvements steadily raising it to new heights.

International ice hockey reaching new territories

For this year’s IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Finland and Sweden, Infront secured broadcast coverage in over 113 countries and territories worldwide. Coverage was transmitted not only in established ice hockey nations, but also in newly covered areas such as Turkey, Korea, Macedonia, Mexico and other territories in Central America – further extending the reach of the sport. In addition, Infront ensured future stability for the tournament, implementing long-term broadcast agreements for key territories, such as Scandinavia (TV4), Switzerland (SRG SSR) or Latvia (MTG).

Consistency, high quality and the professional delivery of the tournament was again carried forward through the media production in 2012. Infront, in partnership with host producer Mediatec Broadcast Sweden AB, provided full HDTV coverage of all 64 games with 20 cameras capturing the action in accordance with the highest international standards. More than 70 broadcasters worldwide benefitted from the signal, which accumulated over 3,800 broadcast hours. In total, levels of coverage were maintained compared to the previous year with the overall cumulative audience for 2012 numbering more than 800 million.

Furthermore, as the media landscape evolves so do the conceptual ideas and approaches of how to connect and engage fans all over the world. In this vein, for 2012 Infront and the IIHF introduced a dedicated channel on YouTube. Currently in its early stages but with further potential for future development, the channel has already provided global audiences with more extended coverage and accessibility than ever before. In total, over 1 million streams were generated. Adding to the digital media approach, the ŠKODA/IIHF iPhone App registered over 130,000 downloads with complete games made available on the IIHF website.

Sponsorship – a strong and stable pillar

The iPhone App is also the very best illustration of the all-round involvement of main sponsor ŠKODA in the championship – reaching far beyond pure brand exposure to engage and truly immerse the fans. The 2012 tournament marked the 20th anniversary of ŠKODA as Official Main Sponsor – a time period, in which the automobile company has been supporting and fostering ice hockey in all aspects. This year’s jubilee is without precedent in sports sponsorship history and tops again and again its own GUINNESS WORLD RECORD as ‘the longest main sponsorship in the history of world sports championships’.

Beyond the ŠKODA partnership, Infront’s long-term experience and continuous efforts to offer attractive and tailored packages is routinely bearing fruits. For 2012, the inventory of 13 international and local sponsors successfully leveraged the international force and activation potential of the marketing platform. Long term sponsors maintained previous levels of commitment and last year’s extension with significant partners – such as Official Sponsor Tissot – came to fruition, securing high levels of exposure across the international markets. In addition, new brands climbed on board, which included Russian mobile phone operator MegaFon - confirming the appeal of the platform in Eastern Europe.

The variety of sponsors is one of the keys to success. They all act as ambassadors and promoters of the event in their home countries as well as activating

the sponsorship in the two host countries. As a novelty this year, the IIHF embedded a new double-championship concept with Finland and Sweden that has not only delivered for 2012 but also shapes the picture for 2013. This is specifically relevant for national commercial partners, able to make use of the extended visibility for two years in a row.

Finally, this year also witnessed the development of a new mascot for the championship – realised by the Local Organising Committee together with Infront and the Finnish company Rovio Entertainment. HockeyBird – an adaption of the online strategy puzzle game Angry Birds – aligned a hugely popular and beloved digital superstar with the championship. The concept provides a channel for both sides, the IIHF and Rovio to benefit – reaching into the global gaming and ice hockey communities respectively.




2012 Worlds mascot HockeyBird posing with the ŠKoda fleet.

Over the years the continuity of the trusted and highly established relationship between the IIHF and Infront has paved the path for success. For 2012, as much as any other year, this has been the case. The long term nature of the agreements between Infront and the IIHF allows for clear future direction and provides the ability for both sides to plan well in advance. The combination of long-term success factors and new ventures builds stability for the future. Infront will continue to realign and extend the dynamic and scope of the tournament – adapting to the times and sharing the ambition and vision of the IIHF for the benefit of the sport and all stakeholders involved.

IIHF World Ranking

2012 Season

2012 IIHF Men's World Ranking

Rank	Country	Points	Prev	+/-
1	Russia	3425	1	0
2	Finland	3345	2	0
3	Czech Republic	3330	5	+2
4	Sweden	3280	3	-1
5	Canada	3255	4	-1
6	Slovakia	3100	10	+4
7	United States	3065	6	-1
8	Norway	2960	9	+1
9	Switzerland	2910	7	-2
10	Germany	2885	8	-2
11	Latvia	2765	12	+1
12	Denmark	2710	13	+1
13	Belarus	2705	11	-2
14	France	2660	14	0
15	Austria	2465	15	0
16	Italy	2440	17	+1
17	Kazakhstan	2440	16	-1
18	Slovenia	2375	18	0
19	Hungary	2265	20	+1
20	Ukraine	2235	19	-1
21	Great Britain	2110	21	0
22	Japan	2105	22	0
23	Poland	2020	23	0
24	Netherlands	1925	25	+1
25	Lithuania	1905	24	-1
26	Estonia	1760	26	0
27	Romania	1725	28	+1
28	Korea	1665	31	+3
29	Spain	1665	29	0
30	Croatia	1665	27	-3
31	Serbia	1565	30	-1
32	Australia	1385	34	+2
33	Bulgaria	1270	32	-1
34	Mexico	1230	33	-1
35	Iceland	1185	36	+1
36	Belgium	1135	35	-1
37	New Zealand	1125	38	+1
38	China	1040	39	+1
39	Turkey	1015	37	-2
40	Israel	875	40	0
41	South Africa	780	42	+1
42	Ireland	735	41	-1
43	Luxembourg	665	43	0
44	Greece	625	44	0
45	DPR Korea	540	45	0
46	Mongolia	375	46	0
47	UA Emirates	110	47	0

2012 IIHF Women's World Ranking

Rank	Country	Points	Prev	+/-
1	Canada	2960	2	+1
2	United States	2940	1	-1
3	Finland	2780	3	0
4	Switzerland	2685	6	+2
5	Sweden	2680	4	-1
6	Russia	2650	5	-1
7	Slovakia	2500	8	+1
8	Germany	2430	10	+2
9	Kazakhstan	2350	7	-2
10	Norway	2320	12	+2
11	Japan	2285	11	0
12	Czech Republic	2245	14	+2
13	China	2235	9	-4
14	Latvia	2195	13	-1
15	Austria	2185	15	0
16	France	2055	16	0
17	Great Britain	1955	18	+1
18	Italy	1915	17	-1
19	Denmark	1625	21	+2
20	Slovenia	1505	19	-1
21	Netherlands	1480	22	+1
22	Croatia	1480	20	-2
23	Hungary	1210	25	+2
24	Australia	1205	24	0
25	New Zealand	1110	27	+2
26	Korea	995	28	+2
27	Belgium	985	26	-1
28	Poland	975	34	+6
29	Iceland	960	29	0
30	Spain	940	35	+5
31	DPR Korea	920	32	+1
32	South Africa	890	31	-1
33	Bulgaria	705	23	-10
34	Romania	405	30	-4
35	Turkey	330	33	-2
36	Ireland	315	36	0

Rankings establish top seeds for Sochi 2014

■ The IIHF World Ranking in 2012 went beyond determining the strength of each men's and women's national team. With two years to go to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, the 2012 World Ranking is frozen and will serve as seeding for both Olympic tournaments (men and women) as well as for the qualifications which will start in autumn of 2012.

■ Following the men's World Championship in Finland and Sweden, the nine top ranked teams earned an automatic bye to Sochi: Russia, Finland, Czech Republic, Sweden, Canada, Slovakia, United States, Norway and Switzerland. The 76th men's Worlds were especially rewarding to Slovakia who, thanks to their surprising run to the silver medal, advanced four spots in the ranking to end up sixth, well above the Olympic cut.

■ The corresponding procedure on the Women's side sent the six top ranked teams directly to Sochi: Canada, United States, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden and Russia. Seventh ranked Slovakia and eighth ranked Germany earned the right to host the Final Olympic qualifications.

The biggest women's climber was Switzerland who rose up two places thanks to its historic bronze medal in the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship in Burlington.



Soft Hands: Czech Republic forward Tomas Filippi gets the puck around a pokecheck from Danish goaltender Sebastian Feuk at the IIHF U20 World Championship.
Photo: Andy Devlin / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Istanbul, Turkey

September 22-23, 2011

The President opened the 2011 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Istanbul. He expressed appreciation to the Finnish Ice Hockey Association for selecting this venue and for organising the Congress.

In an emotional speech, the President honoured the 44 victims of the plane crash in Yaroslavl, Russia, of 7 September 2011, killing 26 players of the KHL team of Lokomotiv Yaroslavl and a total of 36 members from the hockey family. During his opening address, the President also paid respect to the Canadian NHL players Wade Belak, Derek Boogaard and Rick Rypien who had passed away. Also, the following former players from the international ice hockey family who had passed away since the last congress were honoured.

JAROSLAV JIRIK (CZE, 71)
JÜRIG JÄGGI (SUI, 64)
FREDDY SCHWEERS (NED, 95)
OLDRICH MACHAC (CZE, 67)

The Congress honoured these distinguished ice hockey people with a minute of silence.

Report of the IIHF Activities

IIHF President

The President began his report by referring to the printed 2010/2011 Annual Report. He particularly mentioned the change of competition formats, one being the WM format as of 2012 from four groups of four teams to two groups of eight teams and the other one being the introduction of vertical structures. Changes had also been made in Women's hockey. He once again thanked USA Hockey for the excellent staging of the WM20 in Buffalo and Niagara and was looking forward to the next edition in Calgary and Edmonton.

Committee Updates

Asian Strategic Planning Group

Shoichi Tomita informed Congress about the meeting in Taipei the previous month, attended by 23 representatives from 13 countries.

Competition Committee

Murray Costello asked Congress to follow Council's recommendation to approve the slightly amended official international break schedule. He once again stressed the fact that any new Member National Association (MNA) had to adhere to the minimum standards as listed in the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws, which had been the case so far.

He then informed Congress that the committee was looking into the game schedule for the 2014 Sochi Games. He continued by briefly reporting on the success of the Junior Club World Championship in Omsk, Russia a few weeks ago and stated that the committee would evaluate whether this competition should come under the IIHF umbrella.

Murray Costello went on to report on the 2011 Inline World Championship in Pardubice, Czech Republic. He had been very impressed about the whole competition and enthusiasm. The whole city and government had supported the event and all games of the home team had been televised live. Pardubice was interested in hosting the event again within the next three years.

Congress approved the official international break schedule as presented.

Event Committee

Ernest Aljancic reported that bids had been received from Latvia, Denmark, Germany and France to host the 2017 World Championship. After the next WM, many questions would be answered with regard to the new format and co-hosting.

Legal Committee

Frederick Meredith provided legal updates relevant to the IIHF that had occurred over the summer:

■ Insurance

The IIHF Office had been working with Himmelseher Sportversicherungen (HiSV) to deal with the Insurance Working Group's proposals for IIHF insurance coverage, specifically: Event Cancellation, Player Support Insurance, and Coverage for third party claims. He explained that the General Secretary would give a detailed presentation on this subject to Congress under agenda item 16. Lastly with respect to insurance, Frederick Meredith noted that the new IIHF insurances would not exclude IIHF requirements that MNAs have health insurance for all players. Also, it would not exclude OCs' requirements to have third party liability coverage specifically naming the IIHF as a co-insured party. The IIHF Office would provide guidelines regarding such.

■ Statutes & Bylaws (S&B) Amendment Project for 2012

Frederick Meredith explained that the amendments to the 2012 S&Bs were well in hand. He explained that all MNAs would receive guidelines on how to submit proposals for the S&B amendments in late November/early December with the deadline for submitting the proposals by 1 February 2012.

■ Education Fee System

He continued to report that a working group composed of Martin Urban (CZE), Andy French (GBR) and Franz Reindl (GER) had been composed to determine the best program to compensate MNAs/clubs when a player moved between clubs in different countries and the club invested a significant amount of money into training the player. The proposed program would be circulated to MNAs following Council's approval in December with a view to presenting the program at the 2012 Annual Congress in Finland.

■ CAS – SC Berne (SUI)

SC Berne and two German clubs in conjunction with the German League were suing the IIHF in CAS for damages resulting from the Champions Hockey League (CHL) cancellation. The IIHF was disputing jurisdiction and the merits of the claims, believing that the issues were strictly outside the jurisdiction of CAS and rooted in Swiss Law.

Medical Committee

Murray Costello informed Congress on further activities and recommendations of the Medical Committee:

- The host committee would be asked to step in for any guarantee payment in any hospital in case of emergency. The IIHF would then reimburse the costs to the OC through the MNA account in Zurich. He asked all chairmen for the upcoming season to check the medical insurance level of each team at the beginning of each world championship.
- He reminded all MNA representatives and especially the team doctors to file concussion protocols of players. Any player suspected of a concussion had to be examined by a doctor in the dressing room.
- All teams should be aware about the existing TUE (Therapeutic use exemption), as WADA was becoming very strict with this matter. Any player who was on any type of medication had to apply three weeks in advance of the relevant championship. Should the responsible team official or player fail to do so and the player consequently be tested positive, he would be suspended.
- The position of the Medical Committee for "Zero Tolerance" regarding hits to the head was pointed out. Still 80% of the hits to the head did not result in penalty calls. This IIHF policy should again be reconfirmed by the Referee Supervisors to each country.
- The committee strongly recommended using rigid spinal boards for transportation from the ice and asked all OCs to have them in place.
- It was recommended that it should be mandatory for U18 national teams to travel with a team doctor. This recommendation should be valid for the five top events (WM, WW, WM20, WM18, WW18).
- MCO informed about two medial symposiums in 2012: The Medical Summit in Toronto in August 2012 and the Team Sport Concussion Symposium in November 2012 in Zurich. All MNAs should evaluate the possibility to send their Chief Medical Officer to those symposiums.
- The OCs should make the team hotels aware of the nutritional requirements as stated in the contract between the OC and the IIHF.
- The IIHF had to comply with the WADA Code and asked Congress to accept the IIHF Registered Testing Pool Proposal.

Congress accepted the proposal as presented.

Implementation of the Player Agent Label Guidelines

Christer Englund passed the floor to the IIHF Legal Manager, Ashley Ehlert who then presented further information on the Ice Hockey Player Agent Guidelines, specifically its implementation.

She explained how each MNA could become labelled according to the Ice Hockey Player Agent Guidelines and then walked Congress through the actual implementation and operation of the Agent Program within each of their individual countries. Specifically, she pointed out that each MNA was

responsible for creating their own Agent Regulations based on IIHF Guidelines. The IIHF had initiated this process to allow each MNA to take into consideration national laws and prior working relationships with player associations. She stressed the point that each MNA controlled all national issues and that the IIHF would only assist when the issue was international or the MNA requested such assistance. Lastly, Ashley Ehlert explained that the IIHF recognised the administrative overhead the program created for each MNA and explained how the IIHF would be available to assist all MNAs as best possible.

Enver Hansen (DEN) asked if any country of a current MNA had laws regarding Player Agents. Ashley Ehlert replied that some countries had existing laws, such as the US where each state decided independently to control the practices of player agents.

Ron DeGregorio (USA) inquired whether the IIHF had had correspondence with the NHLPA. Ashley Ehlert explained that the IIHF had been in continued contact with the NHLPA and that the NHLPA generally favoured the idea behind the IIHF Guidelines. Ron DeGregorio then asked if the Agent Program could be handed over to the respective Player Association within the MNA's country. Ashley Ehlert responded that this would have to be a Council decision.

Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council

The President informed Congress that Council recommended allocating the 2017 World Championship only at the 2013 Annual Congress in Sweden and not at the 2012 Annual Congress in Finland. The reason was the need of more detailed evaluation of a co-hosting WM and the necessary regulations for such potential co-hosting. Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN) made the motion to freeze the applicants to the existing four bids. This motion was supported by the other applicants. The President decided to call for a short extraordinary Council meeting to evaluate this motion. Council decided to propose the following procedure to Congress:

- The IIHF Office as well as the involved IIHF committees would evaluate the co-hosting conditions until June 2012.
 - The four applicants would be invited to a meeting in June 2012 where the conditions and decisions of co-hosting would be presented and discussed.
 - The applicants had to present their final concept at the 2012 Semi-Annual/General Congress in Tokyo.
- Congress unanimously agreed to postpone the allocation of the 2017 WM to the 2013 Annual Congress in Sweden.

2012 IIHF Championship Organiser Reports

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Group in Turkey

Alexander Steblin reported that only three out of the six teams had been present in the meeting and questioned whether the game schedule could be signed under such circumstances. Dave Fitzpatrick explained that teams that were absent at congress had to accept the game schedule by default. Steblin then also questioned whether other teams could enter the tournament if one or the other team was to withdraw. Again, Dave Fitzpatrick replied that according to the Bylaws which Congress had approved in May 2011 no other team could enter and minimum standards had to be adhered to.

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B in Turkey

Kalervo Kummola reported that Ireland and Israel had pulled out and only Mongolia and Turkey were left in this division. As Mongolia was not present at the congress and Turkey did not attend the meeting, no meeting had taken place. The General Secretary explained that the IIHF Office would remind Mongolia to confirm their participation and propose a best-of-three tournament.

Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report

The General Secretary explained the presentation containing the overview as well as the impacts of the activities that had taken place over the past season on the IIHF accounts. He thanked the IIHF Finance Department for their good work.

Yearly Accounts 2010/2011

The General Secretary explained the documentation on the Yearly Accounts which had been submitted to Congress. The financial report covering the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was completed by the report of the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG 2010/2011

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was also presented.

Auditors Report 2010/2011

Kai Hietarinta presented the report of the Internal Auditors. He pointed out that the examination by the Internal Auditors revealed that the books of accounts represented a fair and honest view of the financial operations of the IIHF and Parking AG.

The audit group spent the necessary time at the IIHF Office in Zurich to analyse the documents, balance sheets and budget papers as well as the accounts.

The Internal Auditors recommended acceptance of the report of the External Auditors, as it was confirmed that the books of accounts and the financial statement for 2010/11 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

Congress unanimously approved the Auditors Report 2010/2011 as presented.

Insurance Update Presentation

The General Secretary provided a brief presentation (enclosure 16) on the progress of IIHF's insurance portfolio and pointed out that the IIHF Office had made a lot of progress in creating the best and most complete insurance portfolio for the IIHF since the last congress. He noted that Congress had approved the insurance proposals at the 2011 Annual Congress via approving the budget.

He then explained the IIHF's current insurance portfolio, and consequently, based on the existing insurances, he carved out the areas in the IIHF insurance portfolio where IIHF liability still existed. He outlined that the newly proposed insurances (mainly Event Cancellation, Players Insurance and Umbrella) should remove the only remaining liability within the IIHF insurance portfolio.

With respect to Player Insurance Support, the General Secretary explained that providing some type of compensation to players injured in IIHF senior men's top events who were forced to miss club games was extremely important to maintaining the current level of participation at IIHF events. He pointed out that based on the Insurance Working Group's proposal for Player Insurance Support, the IIHF had engaged in a tender which had been received

on 6 September 2011. However, due to Council deciding to create coverage more similar to the IIHF coverage provided for NHL players at IIHF Events, the IIHF would put forward an additional tender for player insurance support. The results would be announced at the 2012 Annual Congress.

With respect to Event Cancellation, the General Secretary reported that while Council had initially decided not to include such insurances within its portfolio, after reanalysing the environment, Council agreed to insure certain events in the event of cancellation/abortion/curtailment, etc. A tender had been put forward to cover the Event under the Infront and Hockey Canada Contract and had been presented to Council on 19 September 2011. Council had approved such tender and the insurance would be put in place within the coming weeks.

The General Secretary furthermore informed Congress that the IIHF would conclude general Umbrella Insurance, but that such insurance would not eliminate the host country requirements to insure for third party liability and other insurances indicated in the Host Country Contract (HCC). However, to provide additional assistance to OCs, the IIHF was offering its insurance broker's assistance to them to ask questions and to ensure that they had appropriate insurance coverage.

Lastly, he commented on the Errors & Omission (E&O) insurance coverage that the IIHF had approved at the 2011 Annual Congress. The IIHF had signed the E&O coverage in August 2011.

Other Business

Junior Club World Cup, Omsk

Dmitri Efimov, Managing Director of the Russian Junior Hockey League, presented a summary including a short video about the recent Junior Club World Cup in Omsk, Russia, from 20 August to 3 September 2011. The invitation tournament, age category U21, had been staged with eight teams from USA, LAT, SVK, RUS, CAN, SWE, CZE and BLR. A total of 13 games had been played and the tournament had been won by the home team Red Army. Omsk would like to host the event again in 2012.

He concluded his report by thanking the IIHF President for his trust and the IIHF Council for its support as well as Ernest Aljancic as an adviser and friend and all participating countries.

2012 General Congress – Nomination Deadline as per Statutes: 1 May 2012

The General Secretary pointed out that as per IIHF Statutes the nomination deadline for Council candidates as well as Auditors, Vice Presidents and President was set for 1 May 2012. He recommended keeping this nomination date also under the new date of the General Congress in September 2012 and informed Congress that the IIHF Office would send out a circular letter to all MNAs in November or December to explain the requirements.

He then took the opportunity to remind Congress that the deadline for changes to the Statutes and Bylaws was 1 February 2012.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) addressed Congress with an update of one of the key issues that had come out of the 2010 World Hockey Summit in Toronto.

Hockey Canada had put together some documents to be sent to the NHL/NHLPA asking for the draft age being raised from 18 to 19 years of age. He would like to send a copy to all MNAs with NHL players, but pointed out to take into consideration that this letter was based on the Canadian point of view.

The President thanked Bob Nicholson for this constructive proposal and indicated support from the IIHF.

The Biggest Prize: The 2012 U18 World Championship gold medals and trophy await the victors.
Photo: Phillip MacCallum / HHOFF-IHF Images



IIHF Annual Congress Helsinki, Finland

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The President gave a special welcome to IIHF Life Members Kai Hietarinta, Yuri Korolev, Philippe Lacarrière, György Pasztor, Jan-Ake Edvinsson, Hans Dobida and Alexander Steblin. A special welcome was also given to the CEO of the IIHF marketing partner Infront Sports & Media AG, Philippe Blatter and his collaborators.

Warmly welcomed were also the new Presidents (P) and General Secretaries (GS) of Member National Associations (MNAs), who had been elected since the last IIHF Congress: Ms Monica Lopez (P) and Ms Raquel Puigcernal (GS) of AND, Mr Mohammed Ashraff (ad interim P) of GBR, Mr Georgios Markouizos (P) of GRE, Mr Eran Aharonovitz (P) of ISR, Mr Ruud Vreeman (P) of NED and Mr Orhan Duman (P) of TUR.

The President then asked Congress to honour members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2011 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Istanbul, Turkey.

MIRO SUBRT (CZE, 85)
ANATOLI KHOROZOV (UKR, 86)
SVEN TUMBA (SWE, 80)
PETER JAKS (SUI, 45)
CHRISTOS CHATZIATHANASIU (GRE, 60)
ROGER CHRISTIAN (USA, 75)
FRED ETCHER (CAN, 79)
HEINI LOHRER (SUI, 93)
JOHNNY WILSON (CAN, 82)
XAVIER UNSINN (GER, 82)
ALDO ZENHÄUSERN (SUI, 60)
PETER ÅSLIN (SWE, 49)
ELWIN FRIEDRICH (SUI, 78)
ROMAN GASSER (ITA, 94)
VALERI VASILIEV (Soviet Union/RUS), 62)
FRANTISEK PROCHAZKA (Czechoslovakia/CZE, 50)
PEKKA MARJAMÄKI (FIN, 64)

Congress honoured these distinguished hockey people with a moment of silence.

Committee Reports

The chairmen of the various committees submitted their reports to Congress in written form. The reports are attached to the minutes as listed below:

Asian Strategic Planning Group

Shoichi Tomita pointed out the Challenge Cup which was now also being played in various categories (Men Senior, Women Senior, Men U20 and Men U18). He introduced Harry Springfield, who had taken over from Jukka Tiikkaja as Asian Sport Development Manager in the Tokyo office.

Competition Committee

Murray Costello had nothing to add to his written report. The Member National Associations (MNAs) were reminded that the minimum participation standards as operated domestically during the 2012/2013 season would be applied for entry into the 2014 IIHF Championship Program, which he explained was a step forward for ice hockey.

Inline Report

Murray Costello stressed the importance of inline hockey. He explained that the 2013 and 2014 Inline Championships were already set-up which established the growing importance of the sport. In 2013 the competition would take place in Dresden (GER) and in 2014 in Pardubice (CZE). Although players had to pay for their own travel expenses, the interest was high. He also commented on the cross-over between inline and ice hockey, especially for men's and women's teams that came from South America and played ice hockey in Mexico.

Mr Jorge Haiek (ARG) thanked Mexico for their professional help and confirmed the importance for the development in such countries as Argentina with no ice rinks. He expressed his hope for women and junior inline hockey championships in future.

Coordination Committee

Christer Englund had nothing to add to his written report, except to express how important it was for the committees to start working on the Player Agent Guidelines, especially for the protection of the players and the clubs. He expressed the importance of the Hockey Forum in Barcelona especially with relation to analysing the clubs and league concerns.

Development Committee

Frank Gonzalez reported on the two successful coaches' symposiums in Helsinki during the 2012 WM with 120 participants in the International Coaching Symposium and 160 coaches attending the Youth Coaching Symposium. He noted that the Youth Olympics skill challenge had been a huge success, which he primarily contributed to the IIHF staff working well both on and off the ice. The committee chairman went on to explain that the committee and the IIHF Office were still working with the Development Assistance Program, having almost completed the applications from Austria and Slovakia which were next in line.

Event Committee

Ernest Aljancic reminded Congress that the allocation of the 2017 WM had been postponed by Congress at the last congress until the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress. Therefore, the Event Committee had only met twice, mainly discussing the co-hosting, the new WM competition format and developments in various future projects.

Facilities & Environment Committee

Kalervo Kummola reported that the committee had conducted a deep and full research on synthetic ice with the result that synthetic ice was a big alternative for countries with hot climate or those that had high ice costs. He also informed Congress that the Arena Guide would soon become available in at least three additional languages.

Legal Committee

In addition to the written report, Frederick Meredith added further comments:

The Insurance Program which had been initiated two years ago was now complete. The only outstanding issue was how best to protect the IIHF and MNA with respect to third party claims.

He explained that all hosting MNAs had been sent a questionnaire regarding the specific insurance the MNAs utilized during the championship which they hosted. He explained the responses indicate that the hosting MNAs did not take out proper insurance and that the IIHF and the respective MNAs were exposed. He indicated that further work with respect to third party claims required: (1) MNAs to take out better insurance to protect themselves; (2) the IIHF to provide better guidance to MNAs regarding such protection; and (3) the IIHF to amend the regulations.

Medical Committee

Murray Costello referred to his written report and added some additional remarks. Specifically, he reported on a special American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) medical conference to be held in Toronto in August 2012 which would involve the IIHF, USA Hockey, Hockey Canada, the NHL and the NHLPA. He explained that it was an entire weekend devoted to Hockey Medicine and also pointed out that valuable networking would take place. He mentioned that the IIHF would bring together the Chief Medical Officers from member countries to have one full day devoted to IIHF matters in a Chief Medical Officers Workshop followed by participation in the full medical conference.

Next Murray Costello explained that in connection with other team sports, there would be a concussion symposium held at FIFA Headquarters in Zurich in November 2012. He then went on to inform Congress that in preparation for the next congress, the Medical Committee was preparing a five-year comprehensive study on injuries. Since the President had recently asked the Medical Committee to form a working group on safety, the chairman of the committee pointed out that safety was beginning to harm the sport as parents were walking away from the sport due to the potential of severe injuries.

Officiating Committee

Juraj Siroky referred to his written report. Bob Nicholson (CAN) expressed that although the officials had improved over the last term, there was still some potential. He welcomed the involvement of the Disciplinary Judges. He then voiced his concern about the lack of communication, which had been addressed to him by players and coaches, between themselves and the referees after the beginning of the championship. The President thanked Bob Nicholson for his comments and stated that the new Officiating Committee would put this communication issue on the agenda.

IIHF Championship Reports

The President asked the Chairmen to report if there were any special remarks regarding the individual championships.

WM20III, Dunedin, New Zealand – Kai Hietarinta reported that the games had to be rescheduled because DPR Korea had not shown up. Grant Hay (NZL) added that the continuous withdrawals of DPR Korea at championships notably harmed the organisers and could lead to the situation of not having event applicants for Championships where that team was scheduled to participate.

WM18, Brno, Czech Republic – Frank Gonzalez explained the challenges due to the change of arena on short notice, as the Czech club playing in the scheduled arena had reached the finals for the first time in 41 years. He congratulated Brno arena for changing the arena setup several times and making available a third venue on such short notice.

WW, Burlington, USA – Murray Costello reported that the new format had resulted in more quality games. He commended USA Hockey for the choice of the venue due to the university's involvement.

WWIIA, Maribor, Slovenia – Frederick Meredith reported that the team of DPR Korea had not arrived on time due to their flight connections. After discussions, the Directorate had agreed to change the game schedule in order for DPR Korea to play the last game on the first day, which had resulted in a significant disadvantage for the team of Hungary. He complimented Hungary for their true fair play and sportsmanship. The chairman then explained that the reason for the late arrival had proven to be financial and he requested a full investigation be completed. Grant Hay (NZL) inquired as to why DPR Korea had been allowed to not show up at one championship and then show up late to another championship and not receive any fines and/or punishments. He asked Council to look into this issue. The President replied that DPR Korea was a very special situation, but Council was working on this concern and some discussions would be taking place with DPR Korea.

WW18I, Tromsø, Norway – Beate Grupp thanked the Norwegian Organising Committee for solving the few technical problems with air pollution in the beginning and for their excellent cooperation.

WW18IQ, Asiago, Italy – Christer Englund commented that the tournament had been well organised and the level of ice hockey had been high, which was promising for the future of women's hockey.

2012 Youth Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria – Murray Costello and Frank Gonzalez shared the view that the Games had been a very interesting experience but most notable had been the extra effort put in by staff. They understood that the IOC had encouraged the IFs to create a new exciting format. Great thanks were expressed to Dave Fitzpatrick and Darryl Easson for their tireless efforts in creating a new format which had included more than just the top nations. The competition level had been very good and ice hockey had been one of the major sports to go see at the event.

Admission of New MNAs, Membership Issues

Jamaica

Jamaica had submitted a complete application and Council had decided to propose to Congress to give Jamaica Associate status, making them the 71st member. The federation, which presently named itself Jamaican Olympic Association would however need to remove the word "Olympic" from their title. Congress unanimously approved.

Qatar

The General Secretary confirmed that all necessary documents had been submitted to the IIHF Office and Council had decided to propose to Congress to give Qatar Full Member status, making them the 72nd member, under the condition that the IIHF would send a representative to check if all information submitted was accurate and that minimum standards were met. Congress unanimously approved under the given condition.

Other Member National Associations

The General Secretary explained the current ice hockey/ inline hockey situation within Brazil. The existing MNA in Brazil was controlling ice hockey. However, there was another organisation controlling only inline hockey which was requesting

membership based on its status of controlling inline hockey within Brazil. He explained that there were already other MNAs where a separate organisation was controlling inline hockey, which however was integrated into the existing MNA. In Brazil, however, the IIHF member refused the inline active area. The General Secretary recommended that rather than Congress making a defiant answer with respect to the inline organisation membership, he and the President would schedule a meeting with the Brazil NOC during the London Olympics to, hopefully, resolve the matter. IIHF Office to come to next Congress with proposal on Brazil.

Reports of the Organisers of IIHF Championships

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Finland & Sweden

On behalf of the 2013 Organising Committee, Mika Sulin (FIN OC) was very pleased with the cooperation between all parties and expressed that everybody had learnt a lot. A technically good platform had been built for players, officials, media and fans. Both OCs were looking into possibilities to make next year better, also learning from some problems that had been recognised in 2012. Special attention would be given to strategies on ticket prices and sales. He was pleased to confirm that this process had already started together with the IIHF.

Peter Forsberg reported that as of 1 June, Matti Nurminen would replace Mika Sulin as General Secretary of the Finnish OC, but the hand-over would not take place until 1 October. He was looking forward to welcoming the teams for site visits as soon as the game schedule was known.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) thanked the OCs for their hard work. He understood how much time had been put in areas that had needed to be improved. However, he indicated that there were some major problems with the championship and encouraged the Swedish OC with their leadership for 2013 to put forward a plan and take immediate action not only for the fans but also for the players, who were used to playing in full arenas. The President admitted that improvements were necessary and commented that already many discussions had taken place with the OCs.

The dates of the 2013 WM were confirmed as 3 to 19 May. The 2013 IIHF Annual Congress would take place in Stockholm from 16 to 18 May 2013. The 2012 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress would take place in Tokyo on 25 September in conjunction with the 2012 General Congress from 26 to 29 September 2012.

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Belarus

Yevgeni Vorsin (BLR) thanked Congress and the IIHF leadership for awarding the WM to Belarus three years ago in Berne. He reminded Congress about the promise made in Berne to organise the championship on a high level and walked Congress through the milestones by means of a presentation. He particularly emphasised on the fact that all ticket and accreditation holders, in addition to their passports, would not need a visa to enter the country.

Peter Forsberg (SWE) and Frederick Meredith asked whether it would be possible to buy a ticket directly without the involvement of any travel or other agency. Yauhen Vorsin confirmed that it would be possible to purchase game tickets directly.

The President once more expressed his view not to mix sports with politics.

The General Secretary reported about a petition from a human rights organisation called "No Minsk 2014" signed by 25,000 people, which the organisation had handed over to the IIHF in Helsinki.

Congress unanimously shared the opinion that a boycott would be the wrong way to go.

Uwe Harnos (GER) thanked the President for his clear statement not to mix sports with politics.

Allocation of IIHF Championships

The participation summary was reviewed at the Calendar Meeting held on 17 May 2012 preceding Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to file an application for hosting a championship that was currently without an Organiser.

The General Secretary introduced the election procedure with six election boxes permanently installed in the front of the room. Instead of distributing voting devices to the federations, he asked the federations concerned to come to the voting boxes and cast their votes.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Hungary, Budapest, 14-20 April 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Ukraine, Donetsk, 15-21 Apr 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Ukraine as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Croatia, Zagreb, 7-13 Apr 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed, Congress appointed Croatia as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIIB

Mexico and Turkey applied to host this Championship Division. Bulgaria had also applied as host, but according to Bylaw 602 was only eligible to host if no other applicants applied. The result of the voting was as follows: 10 votes for Mexico, 14 votes for Turkey. Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Turkey Istanbul or Izmit, 21-27 Apr 2013 as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIII

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was South Africa, Cape Town, 15-21 April 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed South Africa as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIIQ

The only applicant for the hosting of this Qualification Tournament was the United Arab Emirates, Venue tba, 14-17 Oct 2012

Several delegates pointed out that it was difficult for teams to travel twice within the same year to far away countries. Upon the inquiry of the President to each participant, all teams confirmed their readiness to travel to this championship.

Frederick Meredith reported that this issue had already been discussed in Council and the future Bylaws would not allow a qualification and championship in the same year – Congress unanimously appointed the UAE as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was France, Armiers, 9-15 Dec 2012 – Congress unanimously appointed France as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Ukraine, Donetsk, 10-16 Dec 2012 – Congress unanimously appointed Ukraine as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Romania, Brasov, 15-21 Dec 2012 – Congress unanimously appointed Romania as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIB

Iceland and Serbia applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows: 13 votes for Serbia, 11 votes for Iceland. Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Serbia, Novi Sad or Belgrade, 12-18 Jan 2013 as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20III

Mexico and Bulgaria applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows: 9 votes for Mexico, 15 votes for Bulgaria. Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Bulgaria, Sofia, 14-20 Jan 2013 as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Italy. Asiago, 7-13 Apr 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Italy as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Poland. Tychi, 14-20 April 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Estonia, Tallinn, 31 Mar – 6 Apr 2013. Hungary asked whether the tournament could be played in the first week of April, although the General Secretary stated that it could be difficult to find a chairman. Estonia would check with the participating teams on the date preference – Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Serbia. Novi Sad or Belgrade, 9-15 March 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Serbia as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Chinese Taipei. Taipei City, 11-17 March 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Chinese Taipei as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIIB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Turkey, Izmit, 2-9 Feb 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Norway, Stavanger, 7-13 April 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Norway as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was France, Strasbourg or Rouen, 8-14 Apr 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed France as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIA

New Zealand and Poland applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows: 16 votes for New Zealand, 8 votes for Poland. Based on the voting result, Congress appointed New Zealand, Auckland, 8-14 Apr 2013 as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Spain, Logrono or Jaca, dates tba – Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIBQ

The only applicant for the hosting of this Qualification Tournament was Turkey, Izmir, 1-8 Dec 2012. Again, the teams were asked to confirm whether they were willing to travel twice in one year. Most teams expressed that they could not do it. Mohammed Asuraff (GBR) offered his help to work out some more models and come back with possible solutions – Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Finland, Vierumäki, 29 Dec 2012 – 5 Jan 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Finland as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18I

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Switzerland, Romanshorn, 2-8 Jan 2013 – Congress unanimously appointed Switzerland as host.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IQ

The only applicant for the hosting of this Qualification Tournament was Great Britain, Dumfries (Scotland), 29 Oct – 3 Nov 2012, under the condition that the tournament would run one day less with no rest day. The teams confirmed their willingness to travel twice. Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host.

2014 Men's Olympic Winter Games – qualification tournaments

The General Secretary reported that the first 9 teams had qualified for the Olympic Winter Games (Group A, B and C), which left three spots for qualifiers. The qualifying groups were created according to the teams' rankings. The highest ranked team in each group had the right to host.

Final Olympic Qualification (7 – 10 February 2013)

Group D: Host Germany, venue tba

Group E: Host Latvia, Riga

Group F: Host Denmark, venue tba

Olympic Pre-Qualification (8 – 11 Nov 2012)

Group G: Host Hungary, Budapest, 9-11 Nov 2012

Group H: Host Ukraine, Kiev

Group J: Japan as host tbc

Olympic Preliminary Qualification (Sept/Oct 2012)

Group K: Host Croatia, venue and dates tba

2014 Women's Olympic Winter Games – qualification tournaments

The General Secretary reported that the first 6 teams had qualified for the Olympic Winter Games (Group A and B), which left two spots for qualifiers. The qualifying groups were created according to the teams' rankings. The highest ranked team in each group had the right to host.

Final Olympic Qualification (7 – 10 February 2013)

Group C: Host Slovakia, Bratislava

Group D: Host Germany, venue tba

Olympic Pre-Qualification (8 - 11 Nov 2012)

Group E: Host China, Shanghai

Group F: Host Latvia, venue tba

Olympic Preliminary Qualification (Sept/Oct 2012)

Group G: Host Spain, Barcelona, dates tba

Group H: Host Poland, Katowice or Krakow, dates tba

Frank Gonzalez then reported about a series of meetings in Brno, Czech Republic in April and prior to the Annual Congress in Helsinki with the delegates of the concerned nations regarding the dates of the WM18 and with the playing format of the WM20 and WM18, which would also have the positive result of more availability of players.

He explained that all teams had met and had agreed to change the dates to 18 – 28 April, and to a new format which would allow the eliminated teams to either stay for the remainder of the championship or leave. The other discussion was about teams playing in the same arena and not having to change until the quarter-final round. The General Secretary pointed out that those dates were against the Bylaws in that the tournament had to finish one full week before the World Championship.

Frank Gonzalez expressed that all teams agreed to the change in dates for WM18 with a few reservations (Canada to confirm by the end of May) plus a new playing format. With the consent of the respective organisers, the new playing format with four Quarterfinals would be implemented first at 2013 WM18, Russia and 2014 WM20, Sweden.

General Congress 2012

Program

The General Secretary confirmed the dates of 25-29 September 2012 and referred to the documents that were placed on the delegates' tables containing information about the procedure to register for Congress as well as general information on Tokyo and the hotels that would be used. In addition, a presentation was shown with the relevant details.

Shoichi Tomita stated that he was honoured to organise the General Congress in cooperation with the Japanese Ice Hockey Federation and the Japanese NOC.

Candidates for Election

The General Secretary confirmed that the deadline for the MNAs to nominate candidates had passed (1 May). There was no candidate running against the current President.

For the three regional Vice Presidents, the following three candidates had been nominated and were given the floor for 3-5 minutes each to present themselves:

Vice President Europe: Kalervo Kummola (FIN)
Vice President North America: Bob Nicholson (CAN)
Vice President Asia: Thomas Wu (HKG)

Then all nominated council members (5 women and 11 men) took the opportunity to present themselves:

Dr Beate Grupp (GER)
Monique Scheier-Schneider (LUX)
Shirley Rurak (AUS)
Dr Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (HUN)
Dr Katerina Radostova (CZE)
Frank Gonzalez (ESP)
Christer Englund (SWE)
Anthony Rossi (USA)
Vladislav Tretiak (RUS)
Dr Igor Nemecek (SVK)
Joaquin de la Garma (MEX)
Kirovs Lipmans (LAT)
Luc Tardif (FRA)
Dr Slavko Azman (SLO)
Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN)
Vidar Gardarsson (ISL)

Finally, the two nominated internal auditors were given the opportunity to present themselves:

Juraj Siroky (SVK)
Fabio Oetterli (SUI), briefly presented by Peter Lüthi (SUI).

2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi, Russia

Organiser's Report

Vladimir Cherkasov from the Organising Committee explained the current status of the Olympic Game organisation. He started with same basic figures of the Games, i.e. the number of athletes, number of media representatives, and the number of expected fans. He pointed out the close distance between the hotels and the Olympic venues and provided information on transportation by cars, buses and trains and described the construction of new bridges, roads and rail. He then went on to explain the ticketing process, whereas the tickets would be on sale for the public as of 26 September 2012. Since the last congress, the OC had determined the mascots and the specific images which would be used for the games.

With respect to the venues, an overview was shown. The distance between all of the venues was not more than 50 km. The construction of the Ice Dome and other arenas would be completed by the end of 2012.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) inquired into tickets, specifically that key stakeholders would have access to tickets before the tickets were offered to the general public. Vladimir Cherkasov explained that the order of key stakeholders was: IOC, NOCs, IFs and Marketing Partners. With regard to obtaining visas, Cherkasov answered the President's question by indicating that more information could only be provided at the General Congress, as this matter was still in progress. However, the concept would be to use the tickets as visa entry into the country.

Insurance Working Group

Overview Insurances 2012

The General Secretary provided an update of the insurances, specifically the players' protection. He explained that the player support insurance was already in place as of the 2012 championship season which provided protection for all ice hockey players participating in any lead up games to the World Championships (and Division I) and the actual World Championships (and Division I). He explained that specific funds would be distributed to all players for missed games up to a threshold amount. The IIHF had created an international duty notification and administration process to control the notifications of injury and administer the insurance.

The General Secretary then explained that having all MNA players covered during all national play was not possible under the current IIHF insurance scheme as each country had extremely different national legislations which prevented the IIHF from concluding a comprehensive scheme for all nations. However, he confirmed that each MNA could individually approach the IIHF insurance broker for help concluding a comprehensive insurance scheme for their players during international breaks.

Gernot Tripcke (GER) expressed that the insurance was very good as the IIHF was finally doing the same things for all European players that the IIHF had done for several years for NHL players. He indicated, however, that because transfer regulations required the release of players the IIHF should cover all health issues anytime a player was called for international duty and, that if the IIHF could not provide such insurances, the release of players for international duty should not be mandatory.

Proposals for Changing the Regulations

IIHF Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that due to an observation at the Olympic Youth Games and other youth tournaments (specifically disrespectful behaviour in accepting silver medals); the IIHF had created a proposal to deal with the situation in the IIHF Championship Regulations.

The President added that sometimes teams were not acting appropriately when they were not winning the gold medal. He explained that this

was not good sportsmanship, and that such actions did not reflect the IIHF sport ideology. He requested that the four teams remaining in the 2012WM take this notion already into consideration for the upcoming finals. Congress unanimously approved the proposal in the IIHF Championship Regulations.

Commercial breaks

The main objective was to make the regulation more clear in terms of the commercial breaks. Christer Englund commented that he thought the proposal made it better for the broadcasters, but less advantageous for the fans in the arena. He asked the IIHF to be careful about making longer breaks. The President suggested taking the proposal back and considering the implications first. A new proposal would be brought to General Congress.

Transfer Regulations

The regulation amendment was deferred to the Semi-Annual Congress. Miklos Nemeth (HUN) requested that the IIHF consider implementing the Four-Man Officiating System at the IIHF World Championship Division I, Group A event. In a short discussion it was explained that this change had been considered given the increased competitiveness of the Division I tournaments with the recent re-structuring of the IIHF Championship Program. The Congress was informed that this item was on the Officiating Committee agenda for their upcoming meeting in August. It was also mentioned that participating nations in the Division I Championship should be currently using or planning to implement the Four-Man Officiating System in their own domestic leagues in order to monitor and supervise their game officials in this system. It was further explained that this initiative at the national level would become more important as there had to be a larger pool of qualified and licensed game officials for the Four-Man System assignment in IIHF competitions.

Kalervo Kummola requested that the transfer deadline in the Transfer Regulations be changed to 15 February of each year. The President indicated that the IIHF would discuss this issue at the Semi-Annual Congress and would potentially provide a trial period for the 15 February deadline date.

Congress unanimously approved the Sport Regulations with the exception of the TV breaks, which were deferred to the Semi-Annual Congress. IIHF Office to submit a new proposal regarding TV breaks at the Semi-Annual Congress.

IIHF Budget for the Year 2012/2013

The General Secretary presented the budget for the 2012-2013 seasons and explained the various items. During the presentation Horst Lichtner specifically noted the major tasks which would take place this year that contributed to the high budget. He requested that all MNAs not focus on the numbers, but rather acknowledge that the IIHF was spending less money than it had spent last year by CHF 100,000. Additionally, he explained that the Swiss tax authorities finally removed the threshold tax requirement of CHF 30 million after several years of discussions. Now rather than being taxed on all resources over that amount, the IIHF would not be taxed on any amount. The General Secretary concluded with a summary of the income versus the expenses, which while creating a projected difference today, with IIHF excellent management, the actual difference at the end of the year was significantly smaller.

Jeremy Steven (RSA) thanked Horst Lichtner for providing the budget, but requested information about the balance sheet. Horst Lichtner explained that the balance sheet was usually shown at Semi-Annual Congress.

Murray Costello thanked Horst Lichtner for a complete and good explanation of the budget. He also commended the President for not only earning money for ice hockey, but also for not being afraid to spend money for the improvement of the sport.

Congress unanimously approved the budget for the season 2012–2013 as presented by the General Secretary.

Other Business

Confirmation of formal adaption of the Brighton Declaration for Women in Sport

The General Secretary requested support from Congress for the approval of the Brighton Declaration. Fred Meredith explained that the idea behind the Brighton Declaration was to support equal opportunities in sport between men and women. Horst Lichtner specifically noted that there would be no impact to MNAs in the IIHF adopting the Declaration. Congress unanimously approved the Brighton Declaration.

Minimum Participation Standards

The President explained that due to the decision of Congress in 2010 to start enforcing minimum standards as of the 2013 season, certain members would not be able to participate if they did not become compliant with all IIHF minimum standard requirements.

The General Secretary pointed out that with the competition format changes, the IIHF had determined and Congress had approved in 2012 a deadline (15 April 2013) of which the MNAs had to meet all of the minimum standards found in IIHF Bylaw 202 and 203 to participate. The time period before the enforcement of minimum standards provided each MNA sufficient time to ensure its continued participation in IIHF Championships. He further went on to explain that the enforcement of minimum standards was to protect the game and not to penalise the Members. He concluded by pointing out that the discussion today, was merely a reminder.

Mohammed Asuraff (GBR) inquired into Council actions to create a landscape model for the implications of requiring MNAs to meet minimum standards.

Dave Fitzpatrick replied that the idea behind requiring minimum standards was to create transparency between the MNAs. He further explained that the IIHF was not a police system, but started the requirements of minimum standards to ensure accurate and fair policy between all Members. Lastly, he outlined that in 2010 about 50% of the MNAs had met minimum standards, whereas today about 68% of the MNAs were meeting minimum standards.

Murray Costello expressed a desire to ensure that MNAs understood that the requirement to meet minimum standards was not a punishment to the MNAs, but was more of a reward to the MNAs that were doing things right. The idea behind the minimum standards was development, and if the process was implemented, the end result would be to improve and develop the sport.

Mohammed Asuraff (GBR) explained that for planning purposes, and because the landscape could really change, each Member really needed to know what would be the effects of implementing the minimum standards. Specifically, where the IIHF was at now and where the IIHF would be at in the future as a result of requiring minimum standards.

The President focused on the fact that the minimum standards were not high and were necessary for the operation of ice hockey within a country before the country could begin to participate internationally.

Haris Muhic (BIH) explained that his MNA was well on the way to meeting minimum standards, but there were several reasons why it was stopped; specifically, he requested that there was some recognition of the regional league as it was difficult to meet all the requirements within a single country.

The President explained that the IIHF was here to help and, for example, the IIHF would utilise the Balkan Project for such.





The Moment: Seconds after Zibanejad's OT goal gave Sweden its first U20 gold medal in three decades, his team cleared the benches in celebration. The players returned to a hero's welcome in Stockholm and were treated to an audience with Sweden's Crown Prince and Princess. Photo: JC Pinheiro / HHOF - IIHF Images

IIHF Sport Development Report

YOG – A New Concept

At the IOC General Session in Guatemala on 5 July 2007, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge announced the creation of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), with the vision of this new event aimed at inspiring young people all around the world to take up sport and live by the Olympic Values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship.

Sport today plays an ever greater role in the growth and development of society, and the Youth Olympic Games were created to help set an example in this regard.

The key vision concepts of the YOG are:

- A Sporting event with culture and education at its core
- Encourage kids to play more sport and in the right way
- A clear message that this event isn't just competition, it's about learning and sharing as well

The IOC put forward a challenge to all International Federations to be more creative with their events to make the YOG more attractive to young athletes.



The Olympic torch of the YOG was lit alongside the torches from the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck. Photo: IOC

Objectives:

- To operate a worldwide campaign to promote the Olympic values and to focus attention on participation in sport by young people
- To include the YOG and a number of other IOC lead projects to promote the Olympic Values Education Project (OVEP)
- To have a dedicated website encouraging young people to share their experiences in and through sport
- To promote the integration of youth-relevant sports and disciplines into the Olympic Programme
- To increase interaction between athletes and young people during the Olympic Games
- Bring together and celebrate the world's best young athletes
- Propose a unique and powerful introduction to the Olympic Movement
- Innovate in educating and debating Olympic values and societal challenges
- Share and celebrate the cultures of the world in a festive atmosphere

- Reach youth communities throughout the world to promote Olympic values
- Raise sport awareness and participation among the youth
- Act as a platform for initiatives within the Olympic Movement
- Organise a sporting event of the highest international standard

Youth Olympic Winter Games

The 1st Youth Olympic Winter Games were hosted by Innsbruck, Austria from 13th to 22nd January 2012. Innsbruck had already acted as host city for the Winter Olympic Games in 1964 and 1976, so the regional capital of Tyrol became the first city to welcome the Olympic Family three times.

The 10-day event brought together 1,021 top athletes aged 14 to 19 from 63 nations to compete in several sports with 15 disciplines in 63 medal events. This included 14 innovative new events that were staged during these Games for the first time.

Apart from the sporting competitions the athletes had a chance to participate in a Culture & Education Programme (CEP) designed to raise the participants' awareness of the Olympic Values and address topics including Olympism, skills development, well-being, healthy living, social responsibility and expression through digital media. Youngsters from the local region also took part in the cultural initiative; the CEP set the platform for an intercultural exchange of opinions and experiences, transforming the 1st Youth Olympic Winter Games into a unique festival of sport and culture.



Sweden's ladies pose with their first-ever YOG gold medal. Photo: Christopher Kelemen / GEPA pictures

Ice Hockey

The Ice Hockey program consisted of two separate events in two gender categories. The first event was a 10 team tournament consisting of five men's and five Women's national teams, representing nine different nations. The second ice hockey event, developed and introduced for the first time as an Olympic medal event, was the Skills Challenge. It was an individual competition consisting of the top 16 male and 15 female athletes, representing 18 separate nations, from global qualification.

The male athletes participating in both the tournament and Skills Challenge competed in a new Under-16 category in which they had to be born in 1996 (15 or 16 years of age at the time of competition) to be eligible to participate. The female athletes competed in the Under-18 category in both the tournament and Skills Challenge and were born in 1994 (17 or 18 years of age at the time of competition).

Five teams competed in each of the men's and women's tournaments. Eight different nations, four in each tournament, were selected according to their combined men's and women's world ranking that was established after the 2011 IIHF World Championship in May. Each qualifying nation was given the option to select either the men's or women's team to compete in the tournaments. Austria as the host nation was awarded one male team and one female team to participate in each of the tournaments.

The participating teams were:

Men:

Canada,
Finland,
USA,
Russia,
Austria (host)

Women:

Sweden,
Slovakia,
Germany,
Kazakhstan,
Austria (host)

All competing teams played a four-game schedule with the top four teams in each tournament progressing to the semi-finals and then the medal games.

Competition was very close in the men's tournament where four teams were tied after playing three games with identical 2W-1L records. Eventually tournament champions Finland defeated Russia in a thrilling shootout to claim the gold medal.

The women's tournament turned into a two-team race for the gold, which Sweden won with a 3-0 victory over the surprising Austrian team.

The Skills Challenge

The Skills Challenge consisted of a series of individual skill tests designed by the IIHF that evaluates and tests technical skills that are needed to play ice hockey. The Challenge also aims to raise awareness of ice hockey and to encourage more youngsters to play the game.

During the 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games the Skills Challenge gave 30 athletes – from nations that did not have teams competing in either the men's or women's tournaments who had qualified from a 18 month long global qualification program, (plus 2 athletes from the host nation) – the opportunity to compete in the Games and take part in the Olympic experience.

■ **Operations:** During the 2010 IIHF Annual Congress in Cologne, Germany, the Congress agreed to ice hockey's involvement in the Youth Olympic Games. At the 2010 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress the member national associations were asked to make a formal commitment to participate in the Skills Challenge, and participating national associations were supplied with the tool kits to

assist them in the operations of the Skill Challenge.

■ **Qualification period** for the participant was organised and operated in 3 stages.

1. The first stage of the Skills Challenge Qualification System was carried out from October 2010 to May 2011 by the participating national associations in their own nations to determine their qualified participants, one male and one female, who were eligible to compete in the second stage. Qualification information was submitted from 27 member national associations.

2. The second stage of this process, the Global Qualification Competition, was held during the IIHF Hockey Development Camp, in Vierumäki Finland in July 2011. 43 qualified players from 27 member national associations competed in the Qualification Competition, and on completion the top 16 male and 15 female athletes were determined and qualified to participate in the 2012 Youth Olympic Games.

3. The third and final stage was held during the 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck. During this stage the 16 male and 15 female athletes competed in head-to-head competitions, for final rankings and medals.

■ **Skills Challenge Tests:** For the Youth Olympic Games the competition format and structure was adjusted to increase the skill level and competitiveness of the competition. The athletes competed in head-to-head heats that continued until a winner was declared. The tests used were based on the original skills used during the Skills Challenge Qualification System, but were adjusted to accommodate the new competition format.

1. Fastest Lap
2. Shooting Accuracy
3. Skating Agility
4. Fastest Shot
5. Passing Precision
6. Puck Control

To support the tests and the different competition formats of this program, the IIHF produced an Operation and Tests Protocols Manual, results management systems and a set of videos to explain the organisation, set-up and operations of each of these sets of tests. This has been done to help guide nations associations to organise the Skills Challenge in their country.

- The Skills Challenge took place on the 16th and 19th January 2012, during the 2012 Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck Austria
- 16 male and 15 female athletes representing 18 nation competed



Augusts Valdis Vasilonoks won the men's Skills Challenge, giving Latvia its first ever gold medal as a nation at an Olympic winter sports event. Photo: Raitis Purins / IOC

- The YOG Skills Challenge Competition was made up of two phases; Qualification and Grand Final
- The Men's and Women's competitions were operated during the same ice session for both the Qualification and Grand Final phases
- Both phases consisted of the six upgraded skill tests
- During the Qualification phase the tests were conducted in a one-round competition with two athletes competing, where the athletes were ranked according to their achieved results
- The Qualification phase selected the top eight female and eight male athletes who progressed to compete in the Grand Final
- During the Grand Final skill tests were conducted on a head-to-head, knockout basis, until a winner was declared

Each nation was able to send a coach with their athletes competing in the Skills Challenge during the Youth Olympic Winter Games. 13 nations sent coaches to Innsbruck to work with their athlete. From the beginning the coaches of the athletes worked as a group, they sat together in the dressing room and planned practice together, for every day of the event. Of course they were fighting for medals but they saw that they can succeed only as a group especially during the preparation.

On the ice the coaches ran the practices and shared their skills throughout the group. The coaches worked with all the athletes on the ice helping them prepare for the competition.

This cooperation spread to the whole group involved in the Skills Challenge, with everyone working together, both on and off the ice. Players supported each other, high fived on the bench and cheered each other on the whole duration of the event including during the final, the players had a lot of fun together as well. This was something that made the people who had been involved with this event from the beginning very proud to come from this sport.

In the Grand Final all the medals and final positions went down to the last heat of the 6th and Final test, held in the evening in front of a sellout crowd at the Tyrolean Ice Arena.

In what turned out to be a very close women's competition, Julie Zwarthoed of the Netherlands won the gold medal with 22 points followed by Fanni Gasparics from Hungary on 19 points. Bronze went to Sharnita Crompton of Australia, who was one of three participants tied on 17 points and was awarded third on countback.

The men's competition proved to be even closer with six of the

eight participants still having a chance at a medal entering into the 6th test. Finally Latvia's Augusts Vasilonoks won Gold with 22 points just edging Attila Kovacs of Hungary who finished on 21 points. Again Bronze was decided on countback with Japan's Seiya Furukawa winning the medal over Callum Burns from New Zealand when both finished on 19 points.

The Skills Challenge program is the legacy left behind from the 2012 YOG for ice hockey program. All aspects of this has been made available to all IIHF member national associations, their leagues, their clubs, and their ice hockey players

Final View of IIHF Program:

- First-ever IOC medalled Skills Challenge event
- Introduction of U16 category to IIHF competitions
- 45 minute games (3 x 15) for both tournaments minimized fatigue
- Joint pre-event meetings for TRIM & Medical
- Media reports on all games and Skills Challenge
- Video support provided on IIHF.com
- All statistics provided on IIHF.com
- IIHF Green Puck campaign operated
- Anti-doping brochures in 5 languages distributed
- 18,914 spectators attended ice hockey events
- Largest number of spectators for a Single Sport at Youth Olympic Games
- 13 NOC's sent ice hockey coaches to work on site with their Skills Challenge athlete
- 28 ice hockey games played
- 180 heats performed in the Skills Challenge competition
- 108 medals presented to ice hockey athletes
- 170 male and female team athletes from 9 nations competed in the tournament
- 17 IIHF member National Associations participated in the Skills Challenge
- 199 ice hockey athletes from 26 nations competed participated in the 2012 YOG
- Teamwork-based approach by all 31 Skill Challenge competitors and coaches in the preparation and operation of the Skills Challenge program

In the end 26 National Associations participated in the 2012 Youth Olympic Games with 11 different Nations winning the 12 medals that were available from the Ice Hockey events.



The YOG Skills Challenge took place in front of a sellout crowd and was the biggest draw of the Games. Photo: Oliver Lerch / GEPA pictures

*Under the Lights: Mikhail Grigorenko and his shadow take a wristshot against Latvia at the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship .
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images*





Board Ride: Finland's Otto Nieminen sets the physical tone in the preliminary round game against Russia at the inaugural 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games. When the two teams met again in the gold medal game, Russia held a 1-0 lead with just over a minute left in the third period. But Finland scored the tying goal with 1:02 remaining and beat the Russians in a shootout to claim the gold medal in Innsbruck.

Photo: Ben Mackey



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FINNISH YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES



Party Time: Canadian goaltender Shannon Szabados tosses her stick and joins the celebration following her team's overtime victory in the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship gold medal game.
Photo: Dave Sandford / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group

Four Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments were held for the first time in Asia with support from the IIHF Asian Office:

The 2012 IIHF Women's Challenge Cup of Asia was held in Qiqihar (CHN) in February 15-20, 2012. The tournament was a big boost for the development of Women's Hockey especially for the city of Qiqihar. Beside the tournament an Officiating Clinic was held for Chinese Game Officials and a special Hydra System Clinic for the Harbin Institute.

The 2012 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia tournament was the first ever IIHF event in India (Dehradun). It was also the biggest event this season, with seven teams participating. Beside the tournament a special training course for local On- and Off-Ice Officials was organised by the IIHF Referee Instructor and IIHF Result Manager. Tournament videos can be found on the IIHF YouTube Channel.

The 2012 IIHF U18 Challenge Cup of Asia from April 1-6, 2012 in Abu Dhabi (UAE) was the first ever U18 Challenge Cup tournament.

The 2012 IIHF U20 Challenge Cup of Asia took place in Seoul (KOR). A special co-operation with the Russian Ice Hockey Federation brought one Russian team to Seoul, signalling the official start for a very close co-operation effort between the IIHF Asian Office and the Russian Ice Hockey Federation.

■ Asia 2022

The IIHF Asian Office will implement the Long-term Development Project "Asia 2022" which focuses special on domestic and regional development activities. The implementation and start is planned for September 2012, all the details and special Management Assistance Programs will be discussed in the ASPG Meetings this season.

Shoichi Tomita, Chairman

Competition Committee

The 2011/2012 season brought forward a number of new challenges on which the Competition Committee was requested to provide guidance and recommendations to Council and Congress.

A number of those centered around preparations for the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, for which the President was preparing negotiations with the National Hockey League (NHL) in his attempts to confirm the participation of NHL players. The first item of concern was to present the best possible timing and scheduling of games that would fit within the same break period as Vancouver 2010. Along with the schedule, such items as number of players allowed to dress for the 2014 Games, assistance with jersey agreements for participating MNAs, transport options for player movement to and from Sochi, and arena capacity and configuration for teams, IOC, IIHF and Organizing Committee were discussed. Negotiations with the NHL, IOC and Organizing Committee are on-going.

The IIHF also presented its marquee World Championship competition in 2012 for the first time in a two country format. Awarding

of future two-country hosting applications will be delayed until the September Congress in order to provide time to learn from the experiences of this year's Championship.

Other items include:

- Discipline concerns around pre-Championship competition games in advance of the U20 World Championships. Analysis and expansion of Independent Disciplinary Panels at top Championships, and Withdrawal Consequences from IIHF Competitions.
- Building improvements to ensure safety of participants at IIHF Championships, such as dasher boards and glass panels; approval and acceptance of Bauer neck guard shirt; team roster sizes; Timelines for Registration of players and study of Training Compensation proposal by Ashley Ehler and the Legal Committee; Qualification schedules for Championships and Olympics; Electronic goal judge proposals and adjustments in Transfer Deadline Dates.
- Preparation for and follow-up after the Youth Olympic Games, detail for which was handled primarily by Sport Department staff Dave Fitzpatrick, Darryll Easson, Adam Sollitt and a number of other highly competent staff people; the all-new Skills Challenge was a particularly time-consuming exercise which was met with much approval by IOC and spectators.
- Study and analysis of Korean ranking and situation as to how it will be able to earn the right to compete at the 2018 Games. Korea will have to improve its Men's World Ranking from the current ranking of 31 to 18 and the Women's World Ranking from 28 to 12 for consideration of direct entry by Council in either category or, in the alternative, earn its way in through Qualification Tournaments.

Murray Costello, Chairman

Coordination Committee

The IIHF Coordination Committee held three meetings in the past season focused on improving the relationship between the IIHF, the national associations and the leagues. The following items were discussed:

■ Player Agent Label Guidelines

The player agent guidelines have a main object to protect players, to create more transparency in player agent transactions and to harmonize the standards of contracts that involve player representation. Currently the guidelines are finalized and the committee suggested to the IIHF Council that the IIHF Legal Department starts with the implementation.

■ Cooperation between IIHF, MNA's and Leagues

The Committee could advise the IIHF Council on the matters mentioned below taking into consideration the interest of the IIHF, the national associations, the leagues and clubs:

- Insurance and release of players
- Transfer Regulations
- International Breaks
- World Championships

- Referees
- Rules and Regulations
- European Club Competitions
- KHL and NHL matters

■ European Club Ice Hockey

It is the understanding of the Committee that in principle the IIHF, the national associations as well as the European leagues and clubs are striving to establish a premiere European club competition. It is the opinion of the committee that it could and should play a role as an advisory board to the IIHF Council to find common ground to establish a sustainable European club competition.

■ Training Compensation Regulations

In cooperation with the IIHF Competition Committee the Committee has discussed the International Training Compensation Regulations. These regulations arrange a cross subsidization program where a club receives money upon an international player transfer if that club invested money into the training/development of the respective player being transferred. It is the opinion of the committee that this is an important tool to protect player development.

Christer Englund, Chairman

Development Committee

■ National Association Development Program Assistance

Beginning with the 2010-11 season, the IIHF has approached National Associations, offered Development Plan and program assistance. To determine which nations should be approached with an offer of assistance a number of factors are taken into consideration including the Audit Report which is used as a guide focusing on the needs of the nation, the structure of their present development program, and their involvement in IIHF development programs in the past.

A National Association must complete all stages and procedures to apply for planning assistance in the operation of their development programs; this includes an overall Seasonal Plan and a detailed Individual project plan. This information is organized into a Development Project Plan which is submitted to the IIHF Council for approval. These plans include a practical and financial commitment from the nation.

During the 2011-12 season, 4 National Associations had their plans approved for development assistance: Australia, the Netherlands, Romania, and Hungary.

For nations willing to commit to operating development programs, the IIHF offer development assistance to all nations for single or short term projects (recruitment programs, LTP's, seminars, coaching courses, etc.). By way of assistance the IIHF will provide Instructors to support the National Association Instructors. The process is decided on an application basis with nations submitting applications to the IIHF Office.

For all assistance projects the Committee review all the principles of the program and the stages that are taken to offer assistance to the National Associations:

- Projects must be identified by the Audit as non-existent or in need of assistance
- Funds and assistance are only applicable for National Association domestic development programs
- The National Association is responsible for funding a specified percentage of the operation of all projects
- The nation must provide evidence of their percentage of the funding before the project is in place

■ Balkans Regional Program

The IIHF assisted in the initiation of a project to assist the development of ice hockey in the Balkan region. The goal is to help individual nations develop hockey in the region, using the same procedures that have been applied in other regional programs. A supplementary audit and overview of the project was undertaken to establish where each nation stood individually as well as regionally in terms of their needs, weaknesses and expectations along with their priority planning for development. All plans must be in line with the outcomes of each National Association audit and any program that is considered for regional operation must be an extension of programs operated nationally first.

The first project to be undertaken was a development camp in Bled, Slovenia in August 2011. The 44 participating players came from the 9 participating nations and were separated into 2 teams. 19 Games Officials also took part in a Referee Seminar as all as officiating the games. The IIHF supplied a Mentor Coach and a Goalkeeper Coach to operate the player, team and goalkeeper programs.

Plans for the upcoming year include a Goalkeeper Clinic, an Under 16 Festival and Coaching Course.

Frank Gonzalez, Chairman

Disciplinary Committee

For the first time since IIHF Bylaw 1408 had been implemented, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee had to review a sanction imposed on a player for a doping offence by a Member National Association. In the case at hand, the player concerned had been tested positive of the stimulant cocaine and metabolites, listed in section S 6 a) – Non Specified Stimulants – of the WADA Prohibited List as substances prohibited in competition. Instead of two years of ineligibility according to WADA Code Article 10.2, the National Disciplinary Committee imposed one year of ineligibility on the player, applying WADA Code Article 10.5.2.

As it took 16 months after the National Disciplinary Committee had come to its decision, and four months after the period of ineligibility, imposed by the National Disciplinary Committee, had ended, that the matter was submitted to the IIHF Disciplinary Committee, the Deciding Panel was of the opinion that it would not comply with a fair, orderly and timely procedure to challenge the decision after such a long time, after which the incriminated player certainly could trust to the validity of the decision of the National Disciplinary Committee.

A second case concerned a 17 years old player, who had been tested positive for the substance 'anastrozole', listed under S4, 'Hormone Antagonists and Modulators', on the WADA Prohibited List 2011. The player argued that he had been diagnosed with constitutional delay of growth and puberty and had taken the substance for medical reasons, prescribed by a doctor as part of the treatment to increase linear growth. No therapeutic use exemption (TUE) had been granted.

Though the presence of this substance in an athlete's sample constitutes an anti-doping rule violations, the Deciding Panel of the IIHF Disciplinary Committee came to the conclusion that under the special circumstances of the case the incriminated player should not be sanctioned. The Deciding Panel was of the opinion that WADA Code Article 10.4 should be applied, because the player had produced corroborating evidence, which established the absence of intent to enhance sport performance or mask the use of a performance-enhancing substance, as it had been administered for medical reasons and therapeutic purposes only. In addition, the Panel was convinced that the player did not bear fault or negligence.

The Panel was of the opinion that it would be extremely unfair and not appropriate to incriminate an athlete with a (first) doping violation only because the violation is too marginal to be sanctioned by a – even short – period of ineligibility. Accordingly the Panel decided that the player is not to be sanctioned. The decision has been appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) by WADA.

Gerhard Mösöslang, Chairman

Event Committee

In evaluating the pros and cons of two co-hosting organisations, the committee developed a 10-point paper which is proposed to Council as the mandatory pre-conditions for considering co-hosting in the future. It was found that the rules and regulations do not have to undergo major changes as long as one main condition is fulfilled: that is that only one MNA takes the whole responsibility as the host for the organisation. From that perspective the committee looked at these organisations rather as regular host “having the second venue outside its national territories” and tried to avoid the expression of co-hosting as it implies the wrong approach to the organisational structure.

Furthermore the Event Committee discussed various projects and initiated co-operations with outside companies to accelerate the development:

- Together with EKS (a Lausanne based office), the Bid regulations and the Bid project plan will be translated in a questionnaire type of document. That will enable an easier comparison of the submitted bids in highlighted areas. The bid process will be supported by a platform on iihf.com to facilitate the communication between the Applicant and the Event Committee
- ICSS will support the IIHF in developing a Crisis management and communication plan. This project will be started at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and adapted for other IIHF Championship. It will gradually be implemented in the Championship Regulation and services can be extended to the Organising Committees of the hosting member associations
- The options of a common ticket portal solution for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship have been discussed. It should enhance the services to international fans to order tickets to the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship through a ticket portal at iihf.com.

Ernest Aljancic, Chairman

Facilities and Environment Committee

■ Synthetic Ice

After an in-depth, full scale research of synthetic ice, the Committee sees this material as a useful alternative in many nations where the climate and costs of building and operating an artificially frozen surface are too great. Within other nations, for the time being, the Committee would only recommend the material as an addition to artificial ice surfaces, and not as a realistic alternative. The Committee believes that even with minimal investments on the development of synthetic materials for the specific purpose of ice hockey, we could see great advancements for the future. But until this is done, the material is still significantly different than artificial “real” ice.

■ Facility Supplier Pool

Together with the IIHF Marketing Department, the Facility Committee has discussed and developed the introduction of an IIHF Facility Supplier Pool, which now will be set up online and linked to the IIHF Arena Guide.

■ Arena Guide

Considering the great importance of the Arena Guide and the growing interest to visit and to learn more about it, the Facility Committee decided at their last meeting in March 2012, to translate the Arena Guide in several languages to make it available for a greater population. The languages offered will be: English, Russian, German and French.

■ Sochi 2014 - Facility Committee Report

Under the guidance of the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee members, the members of the Facility Committee visited the Olympic Park (Coastal Cluster) to get an idea of the preparation status regarding the two ice hockey rinks for the Olympic Games 2014.

The group was able to inspect the inside of the rink, overlooking the ice surface, the yet to become IIHF tribune and the IIHF hospitality area, as well as the part where the “house of hockey” has been planned to be constructed. There was no possibility to inspect any sport technical areas at this point.

To summarize these moments in the Olympic Parc, it was a very encouraging visit as the committee is very confident that not only will everything be ready for the Olympics, but the main hockey venue will be ready for hockey one year ahead of the Olympic tournament.

Kalervo Kummola, Chairman

Historical Committee

There is no doubt that the 2011 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Bratislava, Slovakia was the best that has been organised so far. The big reason for it was, that for the first time, the ceremony was broadcast live (by Slovak TV) which offered a setting which the honoured inductees and the guests haven't been used to before.

Karyn Bye (-Dietz), USA, Tord Lundström, SWE, Bohumil Modry, CZE, Ladislav Trojak, SVK, Doru Tureanu, ROU, Kalevi Numminen, FIN and Paul Loicq Award winner Yuri Korolev were all honoured and celebrated under these special circumstances. This brought the number of inductees up to 166 from 22 countries since the inception in 1997.

The Committee was very pleased with the quality of the event and it recommended at its annual meeting in Toronto on November 15, 2011 that the Bratislava event – including live broadcast – should be set the standard for future induction ceremonies.

The Toronto meeting selected the class for the 2012 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The following greats were selected: Pavel Bure, RUS, Raimo Helminen, FIN, Phil Housley, USA, Milan Novy, CZE (all in Player's Category) and Andy Murray, CAN (in Builder's Category). Kent Angus, the long-time IIHF associate and deliverer of jerseys to all IIHF top championships, was named Paul Loicq Award winner.

Toni Rossi, Chairman

Legal Committee

Following a 'risk assessment' exercise relating to all IIHF activities, a sub-committee chaired by Ron DeGregorio recommended that the IIHF extend its insurance cover. All recommendations were accepted by Council and have now been, or are in the process of being, implemented by the office.

The IIHF has insured the risk associated with its commitment to provide compensation to clubs should their players be unable to play following an injury incurred during the World Championships.

The IIHF has safeguarded its income from World Championships by insuring against any loss occurring as a result of cancellation, curtailment, etc.

The office has conducted a survey to establish to what extent and how MNAs were complying with the bylaw and host country contract condition to carry third party insurance naming the IIHF as co-insured. The objective of this exercise is to establish how best the IIHF and MNAs can protect themselves from the growing number of claims for damages arising from events occurring during championships.

■ Statutes and Bylaws

A sub-committee has completed work on a system for compensating clubs for the cost of educating players, payable when they sign their first professional contract. The object is not only to compensate clubs for the cost of developing players but also to give them an incentive to continue to do so. The proposal will be put to Congress.

Frederick Meredith, Chairman

Medical Committee

In addition to the regular duties of doping control and medical supervision at IIHF events, the all-consuming concern of head injuries and concussions at all levels of the game is a point of focus within our Committee. A fourth Concussion In Team Sports symposium is scheduled for the first weekend in November, 2012, in Zurich, with the IIHF Medical Committee playing a key role.

Ongoing educational projects will continue, as follows:

- The popular Green Puck Program for anti-doping education, with some refinements to make it more acceptable for use in warm-up activities before Championship play, will continue; the E-Learning educational opportunities for participating youngsters will continue to be offered.
- The IIHF Injury Report System will continue with revised and improved forms to make the reporting more accurate and complete; a review and assessment of Medical Supervisor needs and numbers was taken, with a total of 31 supervisors now available for assignment each season; Medical Supervisors will be asked to communicate with Referee Supervisors to arrange for use of IRS forms in reporting injuries to on-ice officials.
- Again this season, reports have been received that, at some IIHF Championships, ambulances have not been present at all times at the arenas. This is a point that has been emphasized at every Congress over the last several years, yet some Host Organisers are still taking the risk of calling for an ambulance only AFTER a serious injury has taken place during play, simply because there is often a charge for having ambulances on hand at all times. This is a matter of discussion in Council and will again

be brought to Congress and each meeting with Host Organizing Committees.

Murray Costello, Chairman

Women's Committee

As success is often shown in the numbers, consider the following as we claim the past year to be a tremendous success:

- 2 years of record setting attendance numbers at the IIHF World Women's Championship
- 2 different bronze medallists at the IIHF World Women's Championship
- 6 new projects created in 2011-12
- 8 ad-hoc members added to the IIHF Women's Committee
- 9 nations given access to learn from medal winning coaches and athletes
- 14 new IIHF licensed referees added to the list of assignments
- 26 nations involved in the first IIHF Women's Coaching Symposium
- 38 mentors and ambassadors assigned to the AMP initiative
- 60 women's hockey experts acted as camp mentors to team staff
- 149 national team staff provided with educational experiences
- 200+ sites for the first IIHF World Girls' Hockey Day
- 204 national team athletes directly involved with the new programs implemented
- 1000+ respondents to the first IIHF market research study on women's hockey
- 4000+ participants in the World Girls' Hockey Day

With just under two years to the Sochi Olympic Games, all efforts will continue to help prepare the teams that will qualify for that tournament. While we know the top two teams will very likely remain the same as in the past, the battle for Bronze is no longer an easy prediction, and by 2018 and 2022, the women's Olympic tournament will be a true fight for all medals.

As well as the elite programs, the Women's Committee is excited to join with the IIHF Development Committee on creating and/or expanding a number of programs that fall under their mandate to recruit and build the grassroots programming around the world. We are especially looking forward to the 2012 IIHF World Girls' Hockey Weekend on October 13-14, 2012 – because a single day simply wasn't enough last year to bring a smile to thousands of young girls around the world who are given the chance to try the great sport of ice hockey.

Only with the support of the national federations and the IIHF will women's hockey players continue to become better athletes which will lead to a faster, stronger and more exciting game on the ice.

With the creation of a new committee in the fall, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current full and ad-hoc members of the IIHF Women's Committee for their dedication and passion to the sport.

René Fasel, Chairman

Officiating Committee

The IIHF in co-operation with seven top European National Association and national Pro Leagues continue to operate IIHF/ National Association Referee Exchange Program (IIHF/NA REP). Started from 2004/2005 season this program is continually operated already 8th season in a row.

In a period September 2011 - February 2012, 84 games in seven top national pro leagues of national associations committed to participate in IIHF/NA REP, have been officiated in the frame of this program. All 84 games in 2011/2012 season belonging to the IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program were officiated using 4 Man Officiating System.

This season each national association committed to participate in this program managed to submit equal amount of games (12) to the program which fruitfully reflects on the operation of the program.

As it was agreed during Working Group Meeting # 8 on June 11, 2011 in Zurich, each NA was allowed to nominate 3 IIHF Referees belonging to the top national pool for IIHF/NA REP in 2011/2012 season in order to have additional flexibility in assignments. It was suggested where it will possible to bring for this program new IIHF referees qualified for officiating games of the seven top pro leagues. The criteria of selection of IIHF referees for this program were the same as in previous years.

The format of the assignments following the worked out proposal was one foreign IIHF Referee coming from abroad from the pool of the IIHF Referees belonging to IIHF/NA REP – one local national association Referee assigned by National association or National Pro League. In 2011/2012 season 44 referees have been assigned for 84 games belonging to IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program. Out of this amount 11 IIHF Referees has been assigned to WM, 7 – WM20 and 5 of them were assigned to 2012 WM18.

In the frame of the program IIHF/NA REP working group members visited Elitserien (Swedish Pro League) as a part of the working group development with the aim to acquaint themselves with the officiating structure in Elitserien, to see the organisation of officiating during the league games, to meet with the Elitserien officiating staff and management and to watch Elitserien games operated in the frame of IIHF/NA REP.

Working Group members were among the participants of 2011 IIHF/NHL officiating seminar in Zurich, Switzerland.

IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program Working Group together with IIHF Office is continuously working on operational development of this program for the benefit of the international officiating.

The results of operation of IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program in 2011/2012 season will be reviewed by the seven top NA committed to participate in this program during the annual meeting in June 2012 in order to work out recommendations of operation of this program for the next season.

Konstantin Komissarov, IIHF Manager Officiating

InLine Committee

This marks the final Report of the 2008-2012 term for InLine Hockey, a term that has seen the InLine game solidify itself as a viable global competition within the International Ice Hockey Federation framework.

Since our last report, organisers have been confirmed for Championship hosting over the next three years following this 2012 Championship in Ingolstadt, Germany. Having sent a team of observers to last year's very successful hosting effort in Pardubice, Czech Republic, the City of Dresden, Germany, have confirmed in writing and will be signing the contracts for hosting the Championship in 2013. No sooner had that arrangement

been concluded than the City of Pardubice in the Czech Republic, came back with a firm offer to repeat as hosts for the 2014 Championship, and their offer was immediately accepted based on the positive experience in that City one year ago. And now, only a few weeks ago, the City of Tampere, Finland, will be sending a delegation to Ingolstadt next month to learn as much as they can in hosting this mid-summer event, with the intention of committing to host the InLine World Championship in the summer of 2015. The InLine game is alive and thriving!

With such commitments some three years in advance, the prospects of a growing and viable InLine program under the IIHF banner are getting stronger with each passing season. The interest in so many parts of the world is growing so quickly that the InLine Committee applied to Council for additional funding to provide opportunity for another Qualification Tournament in South America to accommodate so many applications for entry. However, Council rejected the request, given that we are so close to the end of this term, as it was felt that the newly-elected Council should to an analysis of the InLine game, to determine on a long-term basis where it fits within future IIHF programming.

At the Championship last July in Pardubice, it was interesting to note that the Bauer Equipment Company spent the better part of the week following the Championship, and sitting in on most all of the meetings. Further cooperation with Bauer is being pursued, with the prospects of making Bauer a long time lead sponsor of the InLine Game.

Of particular interest is the situation in Brazil. Two organisations are vying to represent the Country in InLine competition, with the one strongest in InLine talent and experience having to gain the endorsement of the officially recognized Brazilian IIHF member. It is hoped it will all be worked out in time for Brazil to enter the Championship this year or next. In the meantime, two qualification tournaments, the Europe Qualifier and the Rest Of The World Qualifier are being readied for entry by having the registration procedures for each of the entries completed.

Perhaps the most interesting story this season with an InLine connection has to do with two teams in Argentina, one men's and one women's, which participated in a weekend ice hockey tournament in Mexico City during the course of the 2011/2012 season. The weekend competition was featured as the lead story on the IIHF website because it was the first time ever that Argentina has ever competed in an official ice hockey tournament. The Argentinian teams were, of course, competing against much more experienced Mexican teams, and although they did not win a game, they competed very well and the scores were not extreme. When asked how the Argentine teams could do so well in their first ever ice hockey tournament, the leaders of the teams responded by saying, "our organisation has been developing ice hockey players for some time through InLine hockey in our Country". So, not only does the InLine game supply cross-over opportunities to play ice hockey in parts of the world where no ice hockey exists, it gives the IIHF a distinct presence in parts of the world where it otherwise would never get a mention.

I would be remiss if I didn't extend a very special thank you to two staff members, Robert van Rijswijk and Luzia Baldauf, for their good sense and hard work in keeping InLine alive and thriving. Robert and Luzia, ably assisted and guided by Hans Dobida and Eckard Schindler, have done extraordinary work to achieve the success experienced so far, and because of their efforts, the IIHF will continue to support the growth and expansion of the InLine game as a very legitimate development source for ice hockey in the southern hemisphere countries.

Murray Costello, Chairman

40-year-old Rookie: At age 18, Petr Nedved defected from Czechoslovakia, competing in the 1994 Olympics as a Canadian citizen. After reclaiming his Czech citizenship and playing five years in the Extraliga, Nedved became eligible to play for his native country at an IIHF World Championship. At age 40 and playing in his first Worlds, Nedved helped guide the Czech Republic to a bronze medal in 2012. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images





Inside the Globe: *Team Sweden* has a skate under the pregame lights at the Globe Arena in Stockholm. While the country has won five silver medals at the nine World Championships it had previously hosted, the Swedes bowed out in the quarter-final in 2012. However Tre Kronor will get another chance to break the home-ice curse next year, when Stockholm becomes the main venue host.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2011/2012 season

World Championship

Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden 04 - 20.05.2012

Referees	Linesmen
Baluska, Vladimir (SVK)	Arm, Roger (SUI)
Boman, Antti (FIN)	Blumel, Petr (CZE)
Brueggemann, Lars (GER)	Dahmen, Jimmy (SWE)
Bulanov, Vyacheslav (RUS)	Dedioulia, Ivan (BLR)
Frano, Martin (CZE)	Dehaen, Pierre (FRA)
Jablukov, Georg (GER)	Dussureault, Francois (CAN)
Jerabek, Antonin (CZE)	Kilian, Jon (NOR)
Johansson, Morgan (SWE)	Morrison, Johnathan (USA)
Kaval, Keith (USA)	Puolakka, Masi (FIN)
Kurmann, Danny (SUI)	Schrader, Andre (GER)
Larking, Christer (SWE)	Schulz, Sirko (GER)
Levonen, Jari (FIN)	Semionov, Anton (EST)
Lewis, David (CAN)	Shelyanin, Sergei (RUS)
Olenin, Konstantin (RUS)	Suominen, Sakari (FIN)
Patafie, Steve (USA)	Valach, Miroslav (SVK)
Reiber, Brent (SUI)	Wilmot, Jesse (CAN)

World Championship Division I Group A

Ljubljana, Slovenia 15.04.12 - 21.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Kubus, Jozef (SVK)	Carnathan, Paul (USA)
Odins, Eduards (LAT)	Hribar, Matjaz (SLO)
Rantala, Aleksii (FIN)	Kaderli, Roman (SUI)
Ravodin, Alexey (RUS)	Leermakers, Joep (NED)
	Rakovic, Damir (SLO)
	Tosenovjan, Rudolf (CZE)
	Traub, Matt (CAN)

World Championship Division I Group B

Krynica, Poland 15.04.12 - 21.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Bauer, Stephan (GER)	Dalton, Andrew (GBR)
Hodek, Pavel (CZE)	Jucers, Raivis (LAT)
Kirk, Matt (CAN)	Kosaka, Kenji (JPN)
Stricker, Daniel (SUI)	Orolin, Tomas (SVK)
	Pesonen, Jani (FIN)
	Piragic, Trpimir (CRO)
	Smura, Mariusz (POL)

World Championship Division II Group A

Reykjavik, Iceland 12.04.12 - 18.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Bliek, Damien (FRA)	Govorun, Oleksander (UKR)
Deweerd, Chris (BEL)	Jian, Cao (CHN)
Hicks, Michael (GBR)	Korte, Jos (NED)
Lutthcke, Owe (NOR)	Pardatscher, Ulrich (ITA)
	Sigmarsson, Orri (ISL)
	Thomsen, Morten (DEN)
	Tscherrig, Michael (SUI)

World Championship Division II Group B

Sofia, Bulgaria 02.04.12 - 08.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
De Brabander, Jean Paul (NED)	Furnadziev, Mikulash (BUL)
Gastaldelli, Michele (ITA)	Krastev, Todor (BUL)
Proskurov, Vladimir (BLR)	Meyer Dainow, Rudy (ESP)
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey (ESP)	Nagy, Attila (HUN)
	Perduv, David (SRB)
	Plakunov, Evgeniy (KAZ)
	Widmann, Florian (AUT)

World Championship Division III

Erzurum, Turkey 15.04.12 - 21.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Iliescu, Marius (ROU)	Barbez, Matthieu (FRA)
Kravchenko, Dmitry (UKR)	Bulut, Erhan (TUR)
Krcelic, Vedran (CRO)	Kavanagh, James (GBR)
Marczuk, Włodzimierz (POL)	Kaya, Cemal Ersin (TUR)
	Krastev, Todor (BUL)
	Rudzinskas, Vladislavas (LTU)
	Sakovic, Marko (CRO)

U20 World Championship

Calgary & Edmonton, Canada 26.12.11 - 05.01.12

Referees	Linesmen
Bulanov, Vyacheslav (RUS)	Carlson, Chris (CAN)
Croft, Ian (USA)	Fluri, Nicolas (SUI)
Klein, Devin (CAN)	Gebauer, Jiri (CZE)
Laaksonen, Tom (FIN)	Kack, Johannes (SWE)
Nord, Mikael (SWE)	Murchison, Kiel (CAN)
Persson, Soeren (SWE)	Novak, Milan (SVK)
Piechaczek, Daniel (GER)	Schrader, Andre (GER)
Reiber, Brent (SUI)	Sivov, Dmitry (RUS)
Ronn, Jyri (FIN)	Sormunen, Hannu (FIN)
Sindler, Vladimir (CZE)	Woodworth, Christopher (USA)
Sterns, Thomas (USA)	
Zalaski, Derek (CAN)	

U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany 11.12.11 - 17.12.11

Referees	Linesmen
Bjork, Tobias (SWE)	Ashton, James (GBR)
Bourreau, Alexandre (FRA)	Buese, Markku (GER)
Mullner, Robert (SVK)	Jensen, Rene (DEN)
Urda, Maksym (UKR)	Muller, Joris (SUI)
	Rebeschin, Max (ITA)
	Schelewski, Robert (GER)
	Takizawa, Shinichi (JPN)

U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Tychy, Poland 12.12.11 - 18.12.11

Referees	Linesmen
Grumsen, Jacob (DEN)	Bakumenko, Andriy (UKR)
Romasko, Evgeniy (RUS)	Dlugi, Robert (POL)
Solem, Per Gustav (NOR)	Golyak, Dmitry (BLR)
Trilar, Viki (SLO)	Haster, Tobias (SWE)
	Hofer, Florian (AUT)
	Kolusz, Wojciech (POL)
	Waldejer, Alexander (NOR)

U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Donetsk, Ukraine 12.12.11 - 18.12.11

Referees	Linesmen
Brill, Marcus (GER)	Furet, Yann (FRA)
Gamper, Daniel (ITA)	Gladchenko, Anton (UKR)
Tzirtziganis, Tim (BEL)	Horinek, Martin (SVK)
Wiegand, Marc (SUI)	Ibatulin, Eduard (KAZ)
	Korepanov, Artem (UKR)
	Metalnikov, Eduard (RUS)
	Monnaie, Frederic (BEL)

U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Tallinn, Estonia 10.12.11 - 16.12.11

Referees	Linesmen
Darnell, Tom (GBR)	Adamsson, Ola (SWE)
Kepa, Przemyslaw (POL)	Caillot, Thomas (FRA)
Nalivaiko, Vladimir (BLR)	Eglitis, Ansis (LAT)
Zviedritis, Gints (LAT)	Parvei, Kristian-Viktor (EST)
	Saha, Joonas (FIN)
	Tilku, Toivo (EST)
	Zrnica, Milan (SLO)

U20 World Championship Division III

Dunedin, New Zealand 17.01.12 - 22.01.12

Referees	Linesmen
Bigum, Jan (DEN)	Cairns, Ryan (NZL)
Loksik, Peter (SVK)	Choi, Woo - Sik (KOR)
Miller, Jamie (AUS)	Loos, Mathieu (FRA)
	Penkivech, Dana (USA)
	Ross, Cory (AUS)

U18 World Championship

Brno, Znojmo, Breclav, Czech Republic 12.04.12 - 22.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Dremelj, Igor (SLO)	Dalgleish, Scott (GBR)
Dumas, Harry (USA)	George, Tommy (USA)
Gebei, Peter (HUN)	Hull, Justin (CAN)
Gofman, Roman (RUS)	Kohler, Andreas (SUI)
Hribik, Jan (CZE)	Lederer, Vit (CZE)
Koch, Andreas (SUI)	Pesek, Tomas (CZE)
Konc, Daniel (SVK)	Ponomarjow, Nikolaj (GER)
Salonen, Anssi (FIN)	Shikhanov, Roman (RUS)
Sidorenko, Maxim (BLR)	Vikman, Kristian (FIN)
Sjoqvist, Mikael (SWE)	Yletyinen, Emil (SWE)
St-Jacques, Pascal (CAN)	
Zehetleitner, Florian (GER)	

U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Piestany, Slovakia 11.04.12 - 17.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Berneker, Thomas (AUT)	Balodis, Juris (LAT)
Hanson, Trevor (CAN)	Kaliada, Vasili (BLR)
Meszynski, Pawel (POL)	Kaspar, Christian (AUT)
Sir, Robin (CZE)	McIntyre, Fraser (USA)
	Raming, Stanislav (RUS)
	Stano, Peter (SVK)
	Tvrdoň, Jozef (SVK)

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Szekesfehervar, Hungary 11.04.12 - 17.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Benvegna, Andrea (ITA)	Bedo, Peter (HUN)
Bergamelli, Jimmy (FRA)	Hlavaty, Marek (CZE)
Bokal, Scott (USA)	Lazzeri, Alex (ITA)
Hegle, Petter (NOR)	Nemeth, Marton (HUN)
	Riisom-Birker, Jacques (DEN)
	Tysland, Thomas (NOR)
	Yamaguchi, Sotaro (JPN)

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Heerenveen, The Netherlands 31.03.12 - 06.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Haxell, Peter Ronald (NZL)	Beelen, Louis (NED)
Sergeev, Alexander (RUS)	Feng, Lei (CHN)
Soestumoen, Tommy (NOR)	Kiilunen, Iikka (FIN)
Zhangyong, Wang (CHN)	Kowert, Andreas (GER)
	Sterkens, Ramon (NED)
	Van den Acker, Maarten (BEL)
	Wüst, Simon (SUI)

U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Novi Sad, Serbia 20.03.12 - 26.03.12

Referees	Linesmen
Andersen, Jan (DEN)	Bogdan, Davor (SRB)
Hallin, Robert (NOR)	Bogdanovs, Maksims (LAT)
Kincsés, Gergely (HUN)	Butucel, Alexandru (ROU)
Konc, Juraj (SVK)	Fazekas, Tibor (SRB)
	Hansen, Claus (DEN)
	Korba, Martin (SVK)
	Ramirez, Sem (MEX)

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Sofia, Bulgaria 12.03.12 - 18.03.12

Referees	Linesmen
Sachuk, Andrey (KAZ)	Biec Cebrian, Sergio (ESP)
Smith, Dean (GBR)	Cerne, Jan (SLO)
Wubin, Liu (CHN)	Kovacs, Balazs (HUN)
Yamauchi, Hideki (JPN)	Stoyanov, Luchezar (BUL)
	Tanev, Tzvetko (BUL)
	Tschirner, David (ITA)
	Zibret, Marko (CRO)

Women's World Championship

Burlington, USA 07.04.12 - 14.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Allen, Dina (USA)	Adler, Judith (GER)
Bordeleau, Melanie (CAN)	Arazimova, Zuzana (CZE)
Hertrich, Nicole (GER)	Bjorkman, Therese (SWE)
Hove, Aina (NOR)	Boniface, Anne Sophie (FRA)
Picavet, Marie (FRA)	Caughy, Denise (CAN)
Tottman, Joy (GBR)	Hanrahan, Alicia (USA)
	Johnson, Laura (USA)
	Kudelova, Michaela (SVK)
	Tauriainen, Johanna (FIN)

Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Ventspils, Latvia 25.03.12 - 31.03.12

Referees	Linesmen
Blair, Erin (USA)	Brusentseva, Darja (RUS)
Hengst, Debby (NED)	Eriksson, Evelina (SWE)
Hirvonen, Anu (FIN)	Girard, Charlotte (FRA)
Ustinova, Arina (RUS)	Kuonen, Anne-Ruth (SUI)
	Leet, Kaire (EST)
	Partanen, Jonna (FIN)
	Skovbakke, Malene (DEN)

Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Hull, United Kingdom 09.04.12 - 15.04.12

Referees	Linesmen
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle (CAN)	Hetherington, Leigh (GBR)
Bandlofsky, Katja (GER)	Igarashi, Hitomi (JPN)
Ruzickova, Radka (CZE)	Lack, Amy (GBR)
Utsumi, Mamiko (JPN)	Loretan, Evelynne (SUI)
	Novotna, Ilona (CZE)
	Weissman, Andrea (USA)
	Wielers, Haley (CAN)

Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Maribor, Slovenia 25.03.12 - 31.03.12

Referees	Linesmen
Ketonen, Kaisa (FIN)	Habanova, Jana (SVK)
Langley, Kristine (USA)	Hueffner, Lisa (GER)
Nakayama, Miyuki (JPN)	Ivanova, Elena (RUS)
Zueva, Yana (RUS)	Johansson, Veronica (SWE)
	Sandor, Zsuzsanna (HUN)
	Stratton, Vanessa (CAN)
	Winklmayr, Ulrike (AUT)

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Seoul, Republic of Korea 10.03.12 - 16.03.12

Referees	Linesmen
Eskola, Anna Maria (SUI)	Hwangbo, Young (KOR)
Kontturi, Maija (FIN)	Lee, Kyung Sun (KOR)
Mutsaers, Sylena (CAN)	Mollen, Senovva (NED)
Zemiakova, Maria (SVK)	Narusawa, Tomomi (JPN)
	Silhavikova, Viera (SVK)
	Torribio-Rousselin, Sueva (FRA)
	Zhennan, Fu (CHN)

U18 Women's World Championship

Zlín & Prerov, Czech Republic 31.12.11 - 07.01.12

Referees	Linesmen
Allen, Dina (USA)	Bednarova, Barbora (CZE)
Gage, Mary Anne (CAN)	Cerhitova, Magdalena (SVK)
Hirvonen, Anu (FIN)	Connolly, Kate (USA)
Nelibova, Ludmila (CZE)	Fuchsel, Maria Raabye (DEN)
Skotte, Malin (SWE)	Gagnon, Stephanie (CAN)
Ugajin, Kyoko (JPN)	Inoue, Chieko (JPN)
	Majapuro-Hirvonen, Anna (FIN)
	Schipper-Poeteray, Bianca (NED)
	Stefkova, Michaela (CZE)

U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Tromsø, Norway 19.12.11 - 04.01.12

Referees	Linesmen
Fialova, Drahomira (SUI)	Hansen, Marlen Vedvik (NOR)
Gran, Gabriella (SWE)	Jinping, Ma (CHN)
Guay, Katie (USA)	Kmonickova, Ivana (CZE)
Rovasova, Monika (CZE)	Larsen, Loise Lybak (DEN)
	Mauelshagen, Natalie (GER)
	Ström, Karolin (SWE)
	Visala, Jenni (FIN)



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Hockey in the Great White North: The 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship, held in Calgary and Edmonton (pictured), Alberta, Canada, will contribute a legacy worth over \$22 million in funding to various levels of grassroots hockey. The total economic impact of the event was estimated at over \$86 million.
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Hockey Forum

Improving the game in Europe



The IIHF organised for the first time a Hockey Forum dedicated to topics concerning European ice hockey and invited all stakeholders to openly discuss, listen and draw conclusions.

The event was seen as a vital success in terms of generating ideas that could have

a lasting effect on European ice hockey in the years to come if converted to action.

The Hockey Forum with more than 150 participants representing clubs, leagues, national associations, broadcasters and other stakeholders started with presentations from other major team sports from which ice hockey can learn. The Forum moved on to core topics of a pan-European club competition, reforming governance structures and finding the optimal solution and balance between national teams and leagues for an international calendar.

One lesson was that the competitors are not within ice hockey, but other sports around it. Sports that have been more successful in using synergies to create successful European club competitions. This was one of the main topics on the agenda.

The European Trophy, the Kontinental Hockey League and the IIHF presented their visions of what such a competition can look like and they mainly differed in two components:

- Whether it should be a permanent pan-European league that would affect the existing national leagues – such as the KHL's suggestion to expand to 64 teams – or whether it should be a Champions League style competition run parallel and in collaboration with the national leagues.
- Whether such a competition should be open and built on sporting qualification principles (Champions League model), or whether it should be closed and invitational (NHL, European Trophy).

While no formal decisions were taken, participants demonstrated an overwhelming tendency towards a European club competition played parallel to the national leagues. The same opinion was shared in an internet fan poll.

Some club representatives, however, suggest guaranteed long-time participation rather than having qualification principles based on the European credibility model of sport.

It was agreed that the various stakeholders name representatives to join together and work on a European club competition.

Another core topic was governance structures in international sport federations – an issue the IIHF wants to work on with the new Council that will be elected in September. The goal is to bring stakeholders closer together in decision-making processes and meet with demands to give leagues and clubs more voice.

“One of the main reasons to have this forum is to put the governance structure into question,” said IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner. “We have to discuss this and we have to come to different conclusions than what we have today. The critical question is whether the stakeholders are listening, whether they’re at the same table and whether they can have their say.”

Another important issue on the agenda was the international hockey calendar, how to optimize it and find the right balance between league and national team play. European and North American hockey calendars need to be taken into account same as important sport events to ensure large TV coverage.

Solutions need to be found for pinnacle events, but also for giving developing hockey nations a competition. However, one crucial topic for a calendar in four-year Olympic cycles needs to be discussed at a more global level: NHL participation at Olympics and other events.

“The players tell me that they want to play the best in the world,” said NHLPA Executive Director Donald Fehr. “Hopefully, after we get our CBA done, we will be in a position to have a discussion to see what we can figure out.”



Gathering over 150 stakeholders from around the hockey world, the Forum addressed core issues on the state of European hockey. Photos: Martin Merk

Forum Resolutions

Collected and put forward by the 2012 Hockey Forum Observer & Recommendations Group, discussed and accepted by a wide majority of the participants.

Hockey in Europe has reached a tipping point. In a fragmented landscape, clubs want more games; national teams want to protect their dates, and players are being asked to extend their abilities to the limit. We must consider quality over quantity, and we must consider taking a little bit away from all stakeholders to produce a stronger game at all levels and in all forms.

EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION

- Parallel structure is the favoured format. i.e., European Club competition is added to the existing national leagues program and played alongside the domestic league.
- Sportive quality ensures overall quality over quantity. Teams must qualify for events and are not merely invited (open system, not closed). This ensures the existence of strong national leagues, which are the backbone of national programs and development.
- European club competition has the greatest potential for growth.
- There is a need for a long-term schedule to (a) make sense of the various hockey events and (b) avoid conflict with important events in other sports (i.e. FIFA World Cup).
- Long-term commitment from all stakeholders to ensure stability in all ways (membership, marketing, etc.).
- Clubs must decide on their common goals and the IIHF will oversee governance of their ambitions.
- There can be only ONE unifying group that oversees international club competition.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKS

- National leagues and federations must cooperate to produce a meaningful and balanced program for both national leagues and national teams.
- Games must serve the best interests of all stakeholders – players, national federations, national leagues, fans, and media – but also take into account the players' well-being.
- Need to determine the players' limits (i.e. number of total games played per season).

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- Centralized governance is essential. Led by the IIHF, this group will consist of representatives from all stakeholders – clubs, leagues and federations.
- The members of this group will be named by the various entities, not the IIHF.
- The representatives must have the mandate to implement changes.
- It must be ensured that every voice is heard, so the successes and failures are shared and that all opinions are shared together. This group should then work directly with the IIHF to implement changes.
- Once ideas are formalized, this group could then become a permanent entity.
- This governance decides on the balance between club concerns and national team concerns.
- Action is needed sooner rather than later – the worldwide sports calendar is filling up quickly.





Making Strides: One of the stories of the year in women's hockey was the performance of the Swiss team in Burlington. Having never won a World Championship medal, Switzerland rallied twice in the first period and eventually overtook Finland 6-2 to win the bronze. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame 2012 Induction



PLAYERS' CATEGORY

PAVEL BURE (RUS)

Born March 31, 1971 in Moscow, Soviet Union (Russia)

Pavel Bure burst onto the world scene at the 1989 U20 Championship. In three U20 championships, he claimed two gold medals and one silver. He also played at the 1990 and '91 World Championship, winning gold and bronze. In the NHL, he recorded two straight 60-goal, 100-point seasons and reached the Stanley Cup Finals in 1994.

At the Nagano Olympics, Bure helped the Russians to the gold-medal game and also produced one of the most dazzling individual performances of the modern Olympics, scoring five goals in the semi-final against Finland. He won a bronze in 2002 in Salt Lake, his last international appearance.



MILAN NOVY (CZE)

Born September 23, 1951 in Kladno, Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic)

A star in the Czechoslovak league, Milan Novy shone brightest on the international stage, winning a medal eight out of nine times he played at the Olympics or World Championships. At the Lake Placid games, Novy led all scorers with 15 points in just six games.

He still ranks as the best scorer in the Czech and Czechoslovak hockey history, with 594 goals in Czechoslovak league play. Novy was one of international hockey's greatest stars between 1975 and 1980, leading Czechoslovakia to two IIHF World Championship gold medals in 1976 and 1977.



RAIMO HELMINEN (FIN)

Born March 11, 1964 in Tampere, Finland

Helminen has played in more Olympics (six) and represented his country at the senior level more times than anyone in the game's history – 331 games, including 11 World Championships. He first made a name for himself at the 1984 U20 Worlds, setting a scoring record with eleven goals and 22 points, leading Finland to a silver medal. A month later he was named to the country's Olympic team at 19 years old. Helminen also played at the 1988 Olympics, when Finland won a silver medal, its first ever Olympic medal in hockey. In all, he won one gold, four silvers, and a bronze in ten World Championships along with one silver and two bronze medals at the Olympics.



BUILDERS' CATEGORY

ANDY MURRAY (CAN)

Born March 3, 1951 in Gladstone, Manitoba, Canada

Since the World Championship became an annual event in 1930, only one coach not from the Soviet Union has won three gold medals at the Worlds – Andy Murray. He got his first chance to coach Team Canada at the 1997 Worlds in Finland. Canada won the best-of-three finals with a 2-1 win over Sweden in the decisive game. In 2003, he was again invited to coach Canada at the Worlds, winning the gold medal in overtime, again versus Sweden. In 2007, Canada blazed through the tournament, winning all nine games and outscoring the opposition 41-21. Murray had won his hat trick of gold medals – and a place in IIHF history.



PHIL HOUSLEY (USA)

Born March 9, 1964 in St. Paul, Minnesota, United States

Phil Housley played for some two decades, representing nine NHL teams and his country with a pride and skill that few could match. Always ready when USA Hockey called, Housley played for his country at the World Championships on six occasions. He played for Team USA at the 1984 and 1987 Canada Cup and the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, and helped his country to a silver medal at the 2002 Olympics at Salt Lake. Housley was one of the first Americans to be drafted straight out of high school, selected sixth overall in 1982 as an 18-year-old. In each of his first eleven NHL seasons he had at least 60 points, scoring a career-high 97 points in 1992-93 with Winnipeg.



PAUL LOICQ AWARD

KENT ANGUS (CAN)

Born July 31, 1952 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Kent Angus is credited for the IIHF being the major international sports federation with arguably the best organised and unified jersey and apparel program. Working for long-time IIHF partner Nike, Angus has been in charge of providing jerseys and off-ice apparel to all top division teams of the IIHF's World Championship program and the Olympics since 1995, including 49 IIHF World Championship events and four Olympic Winter Games. His enthusiasm and personal ambition have made the IIHF jersey program widely admired by fans, partners, broadcasters and suppliers alike.



Milestone Trophy

The IIHF introduced a new honour called the Milestone Trophy, to be given periodically to teams that have made a significant contribution to the development of international hockey. The inaugural recipients were Team Canada and the Soviet national team 1972 in honour of the eight-game Summit Series, a turning point in the game's history.

Representing Canada was IIHF Vice President Murray Costello and representing CCCP was the President of the Russian Ice Hockey Federation and the goalie from the series, Vladislav Tretiak (pictured, photo: Jeff Vinnick).

The timing of this first trophy is intended to help mark the 40-year anniversary of the eight-game series between the Soviet Union and Canada which, according to observers and hockey historians, was the genesis of modern ice hockey.



The series was played between September 2 and September 28, 1972, the first four games across Canada (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver), and the last four at the Luzhniki Ice Palace in Moscow. It wasn't decided until 34 seconds left to play in the last game in Moscow when Paul Henderson scored the game and series winner for Canada to complete a remarkable three-game rally.

"The IIHF has honoured individuals since 1997 with inductions to the IIHF Hall of Fame, but we felt we were missing an trophy which recognized great events, great teams, or defining moments which have shaped our game," said IIHF President René Fasel. "This is why we introduced this new award, and the Council felt it was appropriate that the historic 1972 Summit Series would receive the inaugural honour."



Left: The Milestone and Paul Loicq trophies on display in Helsinki. Photos: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2012 Inductions: (below, left to right) Andy Murray, Pavel Bure, Milan Novy, Raimo Helminen, Kent Angus, and Phil Housley formed the 2012 IIHF Hall of Fame draft class, the 16th class to be inducted. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images





IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List

AUSTRIA

Born	Inducted	Category
Hans Dobida	1929 2007	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947 1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919 1997	Builder

BELGIUM

Paul Loicq	1888 1997	Builder
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CANADA

Father David Bauer	1924 1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942 1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913 2004	Builder
Wayne Gretzky	1961 2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967 2008	Player
William Hewitt	1875 1998	Builder
Derek Holmes	1939 1999	Builder
Fran Huck	1945 1999	Player
Angela James	1964 2008	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941 1998	Player
Gordon Juckes	1914 1997	Builder
Dave King	1947 2001	Builder
Bob LeBel	1905 1997	Builder
Mario Lemieux	1965 2008	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908 1997	Player
Barry MacKenzie	1941 1999	Player
Seth Martin	1933 1997	Player
Jackie McLeod	1930 1999	Player
Andy Murray	1951 2012	Builder
Terry O'Malley	1946 1998	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935 2002	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932 1997	Player
Harry Watson	1898 1998	Player

CZECH REPUBLIC

Quido Adamec	1924 2005	Referee
Vladimir Bouzek	1920 2007	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931 1997	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935 2007	Builder
Josef Cerny	1939 2007	Player
Jaroslav Drobný	1921 1997	Player
Karel Gut	1927 1998	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950 2002	Player
Jiri Holecek	1944 1998	Player
Jiri Holik	1944 1999	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922 1997	Builder
Oldrich Machac	1944 1999	Player
Josef Malecek	1903 2003	Player
Vladimir Martinec	1949 2001	Player
Bohumil Modry	1916 2011	Player
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944 1997	Player
Milan Novy	1951 2012	Player
Frantisek Pospisil	1944 1999	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926 2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944 2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933 2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923 1997	Player

DENMARK

Jorgen Hviid	1916 2005	Builder
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FINLAND

Raimo Helminen	1964 2012	Player
Timo Jutila	1963 2003	Player
Matti Keinonen	1941 2002	Player
Jari Kurri	1960 2000	Player
Harry Lindblad	1912 1999	Builder
Pekka Marjamaki	1947 1998	Player
Riikka Nieminen-Väliä	1973 2010	Player
Kalevi Numminen	1940 2011	Builder
Lasse Oksanen	1942 1999	Player
Esa Peltonen	1947 2007	Player
Goran Stubb	1935 2000	Builder
Jorma Valtonen	1946 1999	Player
Juhani Wahlsten	1938 2006	Player
Unto Wiitala	1925 2003	Referee
Urpo Ylonen	1943 1997	Player

FRANCE

Philippe Bozon	1966 2008	Player
Jacques Laccariere	1906 1998	Player
Louis Magnus	1881 1997	Builder

GERMANY

Rudi Ball	1910 2004	Player
Dieter Hegen	1962 2010	Player
Heinz Henschel	1920 2003	Builder
Gustav Jaenecke	1908 1998	Player
Udo Kiessling	1955 2000	Player
Josef Kompalla	1925 2003	Referee
Erich Kuhnackl	1950 1997	Player
Hans Rampf	1931 2001	Player
Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915 1997	Builder
Alois Schloder	1947 2005	Player
Xaver Unsinn	1929 1998	Builder
Joachim Ziesche	1939 1999	Player

GREAT BRITAIN

Bunny Ahearne	1900 1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897 1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876 2002	Builder

HUNGARY

Gyorgy Pasztor	1923 2001	Builder
Laszlo Schell	1948 2009	Referee

ITALY

Enrico Calcaterra	1905 1999	Builder
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JAPAN

Shoichi Tomita	1936 2006	Builder
Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925 2004	Builder
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934 1999	Builder

LATVIA

Helmuts Balderis	1952 1998	Player
Arturs Irbe	1967 2010	Player

NORWAY

Tore Johannessen	1922 1999	Builder
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POLAND

Henryk Gruth	1957 2006	Player
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ROMANIA

Eduard Pana	1944 1998	Player
Doru Tureanu	1954 2011	Player

RUSSIA

Veniamin Alexandrov	1937 2007	Player
Vsevolod Bobrov	1922 1997	Player
Pavel Bure	1971 2012	Player
Arkady Chernyshev	1914 1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939 2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941 2007	Builder
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958 2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941 1998	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937 2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959 2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948 1998	Player
Viktor Konovalev	1938 2007	Player
Vladimir Krutov	1960 2010	Player
Viktor Kuzkin	1940 2005	Player
Igor Larionov	1960 2008	Player
Konstantin Loktev	1933 2007	Player
Sergei Makarov	1958 2001	Player
Alexander Maltsev	1949 1999	Player
Boris Mayorov	1938 1999	Player
Boris Mikhailov	1944 2000	Player
Vladimir Petrov	1947 2006	Player
Alexander Ragulin	1941 1997	Player
Nikolai Sologubov	1924 2004	Player
Andrei Starovoitov	1915 1997	Builder
Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940 2007	Player
Anatoli Tarasov	1918 1997	Builder
Viktor Tikhonov	1930 1998	Builder
Vladislav Tretyak	1952 1997	Player
Valeri Vasiliev	1949 1998	Player
Alexander Yakushev	1947 2003	Player
Vladimir Yurzinov	1940 2002	Builder

SLOVAKIA

Vladimir Dzurilla	1942 1998	Player
Josef Golonka	1938 1998	Player
Ladislav Horský	1927 2004	Builder
Jan Starsi	1933 1999	Builder
Peter Stastny	1956 2000	Player
Ladislav Trojak	1914 2011	Player

SLOVENIA

Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916 2002	Player
Rudi Hiti	1946 2009	Player

SWEDEN

Curt Berglund	1923 2003	Builder
Sven Bergkvist	1914 1999	Player
Lars Bjorn	1931 1998	Player
Ove Dahlberg	1931 2004	Referee
Rudolf Eklow	1904 1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937 2010	Builder
Arne Grunander	1918 1997	Builder
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958 2003	Player
Anders Hedberg	1951 1997	Player
Leif Holmqvist	1942 1999	Player
Tomas Jonsson	1960 2000	Player
Hakan Loob	1960 1998	Player
Tord Lundstrom	1945 2011	Player
Mats Naslund	1959 2005	Player
Kent Nilsson	1956 2006	Player
Nisse Nilsson	1936 2002	Player
Ronald Pettersson	1935 2004	Player
Thomas Rundqvist	1960 2007	Player
Borje Salming	1951 1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941 2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931 1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920 1998	Builder
Sven Tumba	1931 1997	Player

SWITZERLAND

Ferdinand Cattini	1916 1998	Player
Hans Cattini	1914 1998	Player
Jakob Kolliker	1953 2007	Player
Cesar Luthi	1930 1998	Builder
Bibi Torriani	1911 1997	Player

UKRAINE

Anatoli Khorozov	1925 2006	Builder
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UNITED STATES

Art Berglund	1940 2008	Builder
Herb Brooks	1937 1999	Builder
Walter Brown	1905 1997	Builder
Walter Bush Jr	1929 2009	Builder
Karyn Bye	1971 2011	Player
Bill Christian	1938 1998	Player
Bill Cleary	1934 1997	Player
Gerry Cosby	1909 1997	Player
Jim Craig	1957 1999	Player
Mike Curran	1944 1999	Player
Cammi Granato	1971 2008	Player
Phil Housley	1964 2012	Player
Mark Johnson	1957 1999	Player
Jack McCartan	1935 1998	Player
John Mayasich	1933 1997	Player
Lou Nanne	1941 2004	Player
Bob Ridder	1919 1998	Builder
Jack Riley	1920 1998	Builder
Hal Trumble	1926 1999	Builder
Thayer Tutt	1912 2002	Builder

PAUL LOICQ AWARD WINNERS

Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Vsevolod Kukushkin	RUS	2000
Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
George Nagobads	USA	2003
Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008
Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011
Kent Angus	CAN	2012

No Mistake: Unbalanced and with a defender's blade in the crook of his arm, forward Alexander Syomin still manages to beat Slovak goaltender Jan Laco on a breakaway in the 2012 IIHF World Championship gold medal game.
Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images



2012 IIHF World Championship



**2012
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FINLAND & SWEDEN**
Helsinki - Stockholm

Helsinki, Finland & Stockholm, Sweden

Preliminary Round

HELSINKI GROUP - HELSINKI, FINLAND

Date	Game	Score
04.05.12	USA - France	7 - 2 (1-1, 3-1, 3-1)
04.05.12	Canada - Slovakia	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-1)
04.05.12	Belarus - Finland	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
05.05.12	Switzerland - Kazakhstan	5 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 0-0)
05.05.12	Canada - USA	4 - 5 OT (1-1, 1-1, 2-2)
06.05.12	France - Kazakhstan	6 - 3 (3-1, 1-1, 2-1)
06.05.12	Finland - Slovakia	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
06.05.12	Switzerland - Belarus	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 1-0)
07.05.12	France - Canada	2 - 7 (1-4, 1-1, 0-2)
07.05.12	USA - Slovakia	2 - 4 (1-3, 1-0, 0-1)
08.05.12	Belarus - Kazakhstan	3 - 2 (0-1, 3-1, 0-0)
08.05.12	Finland - Switzerland	5 - 2 (1-0, 2-2, 2-0)
09.05.12	Slovakia - Kazakhstan	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
09.05.12	Canada - Switzerland	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
10.05.12	USA - Belarus	5 - 3 (2-1, 1-1, 2-1)
10.05.12	France - Finland	1 - 7 (0-1, 0-4, 1-2)
11.05.12	Kazakhstan - USA	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
11.05.12	Finland - Canada	3 - 5 (2-0, 1-3, 0-2)
12.05.12	Slovakia - Belarus	5 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 0-0)
12.05.12	Switzerland - France	2 - 4 (0-1, 2-1, 0-2)
12.05.12	Kazakhstan - Canada	0 - 8 (0-1, 0-2, 0-5)
13.05.12	Finland - USA	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 0-2)
13.05.12	Switzerland - Slovakia	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
14.05.12	Belarus - France	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
14.05.12	Kazakhstan - Finland	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 1-1)
15.05.12	Canada - Belarus	5 - 1 (1-1, 3-0, 1-0)
15.05.12	Slovakia - France	5 - 4 (2-2, 1-1, 2-1)
15.05.12	USA - Switzerland	5 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 3-1)

STOCKHOLM GROUP - STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Date	Game	Score
04.05.12	Germany - Italy	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
04.05.12	Czech Republic - Denmark	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
04.05.12	Sweden - Norway	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
05.05.12	Latvia - Russia	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 1-3)
05.05.12	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
06.05.12	Denmark - Italy	3 - 4 OT (0-2, 3-1, 0-0)
06.05.12	Russia - Norway	4 - 2 (0-0, 3-2, 1-0)
06.05.12	Germany - Latvia	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-1, 0-1)
07.05.12	Czech Republic - Norway	4 - 3 SO (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
07.05.12	Denmark - Sweden	4 - 6 (1-4, 1-2, 2-0)
08.05.12	Latvia - Italy	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
08.05.12	Russia - Germany	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
09.05.12	Norway - Italy	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 2-0)
09.05.12	Sweden - Germany	5 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 2-0)
10.05.12	Denmark - Russia	1 - 3 (1-2, 0-1, 0-0)
10.05.12	Czech Republic - Latvia	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
11.05.12	Italy - Czech Republic	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 0-1)
11.05.12	Russia - Sweden	7 - 3 (1-2, 2-1, 4-0)
12.05.12	Norway - Latvia	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
12.05.12	Germany - Denmark	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
12.05.12	Italy - Sweden	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1)
13.05.12	Russia - Czech Republic	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
13.05.12	Germany - Norway	4 - 12 (0-3, 1-6, 3-3)
14.05.12	Latvia - Denmark	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 0-0)
14.05.12	Italy - Russia	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
15.05.12	Norway - Denmark	6 - 2 (0-0, 5-0, 1-2)
15.05.12	Czech Republic - Germany	8 - 1 (3-1, 3-0, 2-0)
15.05.12	Sweden - Latvia	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	7	6	0	1	0	35 : 15	19
2	USA	7	4	2	0	1	32 : 17	16
3	Finland	7	5	0	0	2	21 : 14	15
4	Slovakia	7	5	0	0	2	21 : 13	15
5	France	7	3	0	0	4	21 : 32	9
6	Switzerland	7	2	0	0	5	16 : 21	6
7	Belarus	7	1	0	0	6	11 : 23	3
8	Kazakhstan	7	0	0	1	6	11 : 33	1

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	7	7	0	0	0	27 : 8	21
2	Sweden	7	6	0	0	1	29 : 15	18
3	Czech Republic	7	4	1	0	2	24 : 11	14
4	Norway	7	4	0	1	2	33 : 19	13
5	Latvia	7	2	0	0	5	11 : 19	6
6	Germany	7	2	0	0	5	14 : 31	6
7	Denmark	7	1	0	1	5	13 : 23	4
8	Italy	7	0	1	0	6	6 : 31	2



France's young forwards gave the team some offensive punch in the preliminary round. France's Stephane da Costa in joined by Alexandre Gaudreau Rouleau and Damien Fleury after scoring a third period goal en route to an upset win over Switzerland. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
17.05.12	Canada - Slovakia	3 - 4 (1-2, 2-0, 0-2)
17.05.12	Russia - Norway	5 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 3-0)
17.05.12	USA - Finland	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 1-2)
17.05.12	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
19.05.12	Russia - Finland	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 2-1)
19.05.12	Czech Republic - Slovakia	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.05.12	Finland - Czech Republic	2 - 3 (1-3, 0-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.05.12	Russia - Slovakia	6 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 2-1)

Final Placing

1	Russia	9	France
2	Slovakia	10	Latvia
3	Czech Republic	11	Switzerland
4	Finland	12	Germany
5	Canada	13	Denmark
6	Sweden	14	Belarus
7	United States	15	Italy
8	Norway	16	Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan and Italy are relegated to the 2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jan Laco	SVK
Best Defenceman:	Zdeno Chara	SVK
Best Forward & MVP:	Yevgeni Malkin	RUS

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Jan Laco	SVK
Defenceman:	Zdeno Chara	SVK
Defenceman:	Ilya Nikulin	RUS
Forward:	Yevgeni Malkin	RUS
Forward:	Patrick Thoresen	NOR
Forward:	Henrik Zetterberg	SWE



Russia allowed a tournament-low 14 goals.
Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images

All-Star Team by media. The last player before to Malkin to have this Grand Slam (Gold, Scoring title, MVP, Best Forward & All Star Team) was Dany Heatley in 2004.

For the first time since the IIHF began with the knock-out play-off format in 1992, the World Championship had happy gold medal game losers. The Slovaks, who failed so badly at home in 2011, were celebrated by thousands of fans upon coming home.

This was Russia's 26th Worlds gold, including 22 from the Soviet days.

In what was arguably the strongest outing by any senior-level Russian national team since the Soviet era, the team won its third world title in the last five years. Russia/Soviet Union have now combined for 26 World Championships. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images



A throwback to the Good Ol' times

You have to go back to back to the times when the red jerseys sported the Cyrillic letters CCCP to find a World Championship campaign as impressive as this. Russia outscored its opposition 44-14 overpowering Norway (5-2), Finland (6-2) and Slovakia (6-2) in the medal round.

The star of the 76th IIHF World Championship was Russian forward Yevgeni Malkin, who recorded a tournament-leading 19 points and was named Most Valuable Player, Best Forward by the Tournament Directorate and selected to the

2012 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A

Ljubljana, Slovenia



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Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.12	Japan - Hungary	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)
15.04.12	Ukraine - Austria	4 - 5 (1-1, 2-4, 1-0)
15.04.12	Great Britain - Slovenia	2 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 0-1)
16.04.12	Hungary - Ukraine	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1)
16.04.12	Austria - Great Britain	7 - 3 (3-0, 2-2, 2-1)
16.04.12	Slovenia - Japan	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 2-1)
18.04.12	Ukraine - Great Britain	3 - 4 OT (1-0, 2-3, 0-0)
18.04.12	Austria - Japan	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 1-2, 1-1)
18.04.12	Slovenia - Hungary	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 1-1)
19.04.12	Great Britain - Japan	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
19.04.12	Hungary - Austria	2 - 7 (2-1, 0-2, 0-4)
19.04.12	Slovenia - Ukraine	3 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 1-0)
21.04.12	Japan - Ukraine	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
21.04.12	Hungary - Great Britain	4 - 5 (2-2, 2-2, 0-1)
21.04.12	Austria - Slovenia	2 - 3 (0-0, 2-3, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	5	5	0	0	0	17 : 9	15
2	Austria	5	3	0	1	1	24 : 16	10
3	Hungary	5	2	0	0	3	15 : 18	6
4	Japan	5	1	1	1	2	13 : 14	6
5	Great Britain	5	1	1	0	3	14 : 22	5
6	Ukraine	5	0	1	1	3	12 : 16	3

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Robert Kristan	SLO
Best Defenceman:	Matthias Trattnig	AUT
Best Forward:	Manuel Latusa	AUT

Final Placing

1	Slovenia	6	Japan
2	Austria	7	Great Britain
3	Hungary	8	Ukraine

Slovenia and Austria are promoted to 2013 IIHF World Championship.
Ukraine is relegated to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.

Playing on home ice, Slovenia defeated tournament runners-up Austria 3-2 on the last day of the tournament, giving the team a perfect record and a ticket back to the top division in Stockholm and Helsinki next year. Photo: Samo Vidic



2012 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B

Krynica, Poland



2012
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.12	Australia - Korea	4 - 8 (3-3, 1-1, 0-4)
15.04.12	Romania - Netherlands	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 0-0)
15.04.12	Lithuania - Poland	0 - 9 (0-2, 0-4, 0-3)
16.04.12	Netherlands - Australia	6 - 2 (1-1, 3-1, 2-0)
16.04.12	Korea - Lithuania	3 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 0-0)
16.04.12	Poland - Romania	10 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 4-0)
18.04.12	Korea - Romania	6 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 2-1)
18.04.12	Australia - Lithuania	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-1, 0-0)
18.04.12	Poland - Netherlands	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 2-1)
19.04.12	Lithuania - Romania	5 - 6 (3-1, 1-2, 1-3)
19.04.12	Netherlands - Korea	3 - 4 OT (1-2, 0-1, 2-0)
19.04.12	Poland - Australia	5 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 1-1)
21.04.12	Netherlands - Lithuania	7 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 4-0)
21.04.12	Romania - Australia	5 - 3 (2-2, 1-0, 2-1)
21.04.12	Korea - Poland	3 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	4	1	0	0	24 : 10	14
2	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	31 : 7	12
3	Netherlands	5	3	0	1	1	21 : 13	10
4	Romania	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 28	6
5	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 27	3
6	Australia	5	0	0	0	5	14 : 27	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ian Meierdres	NED
Best Defenceman:	Adam Borzecki	POL
Best Forward:	Marcin Kolusz	POL

Final Placing

1	Korea	6	Romania
2	Poland	7	Lithuania
3	Netherlands	8	Australia

Korea is promoted to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Australia is relegated to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.

They may have a long way to go to qualify for the 2018 Olympics, but Korea's men's team took another step forward this year by gaining promotion to Division IA and moving up three spots to #28 on the World Ranking. Photo: Mirek Ring



2012 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A

Reykjavik, Iceland



2012
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ICELAND
Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.04.12	Croatia - Spain	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 1-2)
12.04.12	Estonia - Serbia	5 - 2 (1-2, 3-0, 1-0)
12.04.12	Iceland - New Zealand	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)
13.04.12	Estonia - Croatia	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
13.04.12	Spain - New Zealand	7 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 2-0)
13.04.12	Serbia - Iceland	3 - 5 (2-2, 0-3, 1-0)
15.04.12	Spain - Serbia	4 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 2-0)
15.04.12	Croatia - New Zealand	12 - 3 (3-0, 4-1, 5-2)
15.04.12	Estonia - Iceland	7 - 2 (2-1, 3-0, 2-1)
17.04.12	New Zealand - Estonia	2 - 19 (0-8, 2-6, 0-5)
17.04.12	Serbia - Croatia	3 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 2-2)
17.04.12	Iceland - Spain	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1)
18.04.12	New Zealand - Serbia	0 - 17 (0-7, 0-6, 0-4)
18.04.12	Spain - Estonia	3 - 5 (1-2, 2-2, 0-1)
18.04.12	Croatia - Iceland	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	5	0	0	0	39 : 11	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	21 : 9	12
3	Croatia	5	3	0	0	2	27 : 13	9
4	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 19	6
5	Serbia	5	1	0	0	4	27 : 20	3
6	New Zealand	5	0	0	0	5	5 : 59	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ander Alcaine	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Kenneth Macaulay	CRO
Best Forward:	Aleksandr Petrov	EST

Final Placing

1	Estonia	6	Iceland
2	Spain	7	Serbia
3	Croatia	8	New Zealand

Estonia is promoted to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.
New Zealand is relegated to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.



Led by tournament Best Forward Aleksandr Petrov (5+7=12 points), Estonia stormed through DIIA and won promotion.
Photo: Kristjan Maack

2012 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B

Sofia, Bulgaria



2012
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
02.04.12	Mexico - Belgium	2 - 9 (0-5, 1-1, 1-3)
02.04.12	China - Israel	9 - 5 (3-2, 2-1, 4-2)
02.04.12	South Africa - Bulgaria	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
03.04.12	China - Mexico	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 1-0)
03.04.12	Israel - South Africa	6 - 2 (3-0, 2-0, 1-2)
03.04.12	Belgium - Bulgaria	14 - 3 (2-0, 6-0, 6-3)
05.04.12	Belgium - Israel	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
05.04.12	China - South Africa	6 - 1 (2-0, 4-0, 0-1)
05.04.12	Mexico - Bulgaria	8 - 5 (5-0, 1-4, 2-1)
06.04.12	South Africa - Belgium	0 - 14 (0-2, 0-6, 0-6)
06.04.12	Israel - Mexico	5 - 4 OT (1-2, 2-1, 1-1)
06.04.12	Bulgaria - China	6 - 3 (0-1, 3-2, 3-0)
08.04.12	Mexico - South Africa	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
08.04.12	Bulgaria - Israel	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 1-0, 0-1)
08.04.12	Belgium - China	8 - 5 (5-2, 2-0, 1-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belgium	5	5	0	0	0	49 : 11	15
2	China	5	3	0	0	2	28 : 21	9
3	Bulgaria	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 28	8
4	Mexico	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 24	7
5	Israel	5	1	1	1	2	19 : 22	6
6	South Africa	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 32	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Bjorn Steijlen	BEL
Best Defenceman:	Niki de Herdt	BEL
Best Forward:	Stanislav Muhachev	BUL

Final Placing

1	Belgium	6	Mexico
2	China	7	Israel
3	Bulgaria	8	South Africa

Belgium is promoted to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.
South Africa is relegated to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division III.



Belgium outscored their opposition nearly 4-1 and rolled through Division IIB with an undefeated record.
Photo: Bonchuk Andonov

2012 IIHF World Championship Division III

Erzurum, Turkey



2012
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.12	Greece - Turkey	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 0-2)
15.04.12	Luxembourg - Ireland	7 - 2 (4-1, 2-0, 1-1)
15.04.12	Mongolia - DPR Korea	2 - 12 (1-2, 1-3, 0-7)
16.04.12	Ireland - Greece	5 - 3 (2-0, 2-1, 1-2)
16.04.12	DPR Korea - Luxembourg	4 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 1-0)
16.04.12	Turkey - Mongolia	10 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 4-0)
18.04.12	DPR Korea - Greece	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-1)
18.04.12	Ireland - Turkey	3 - 5 (1-4, 0-1, 0-0)
18.04.12	Mongolia - Luxembourg	1 - 5 (0-1, 3-2, 0-2)
19.04.12	Turkey - DPR Korea	4 - 2 (0-0, 3-2, 1-0)
19.04.12	Luxembourg - Greece	6 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 1-0)
19.04.12	Ireland - Mongolia	8 - 4 (2-0, 2-1, 4-3)
21.04.12	Greece - Mongolia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
21.04.12	Turkey - Luxembourg	8 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 3-1)
21.04.12	DPR Korea - Ireland	5 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Turkey	5	5	0	0	0	33 : 7	15
2	DPR Korea	5	4	0	0	1	27 : 8	12
3	Luxembourg	5	3	0	0	2	20 : 15	9
4	Ireland	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 24	6
5	Greece	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 22	3
6	Mongolia	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 39	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Philippe Lepage	LUX
Best Defenceman:	Pong Il Ri	PRK
Best Forward:	Gareth Roberts	IRL

Final Placing

1	Turkey	6	Ireland
2	DPR Korea	7	Greece
3	Luxembourg	8	Mongolia

Turkey is promoted to 2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.



Turkey managed to beat every opponent in the round robin, including holding off runners-up DPR Korea to win the Division III Championship. Photo: TIHF

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Playing with the poise of a veteran at age 21, Swedish defenceman Erik Karlsson won the Norris Trophy for the NHL's top defenceman, and concluded his stellar 2012 season with a solid performance at the World Championship. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

As Popular As Ever: The 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship highlighted yet again the growing interest in junior hockey. In Canada, the gold-medal game between Sweden and Russia drew an average audience of 1.4 million viewers, while the wildly entertaining Canada-Russia semi-finals game on January 3 was watched by over 3 million people.
Photo: Andy Devlin / HHOF-IIHF Images



2012 IIHF World Junior Championship

Calgary and Edmonton, Canada



2012
WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
CANADA
Alberta

Preliminary Round

Group A - Calgary, Canada

Date	Game	Score
26.12.11	Latvia - Sweden	4 - 9 (2-3, 1-3, 1-3)
26.12.11	Switzerland - Russia	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
27.12.11	Slovakia - Latvia	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
28.12.11	Sweden - Switzerland	4 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)
28.12.11	Russia - Slovakia	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
29.12.11	Latvia - Russia	0 - 14 (0-1, 0-6, 0-7)
30.12.11	Sweden - Slovakia	9 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 5-0)
30.12.11	Switzerland - Latvia	5 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 2-2)
31.12.11	Slovakia - Switzerland	6 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 4-1)
31.12.11	Russia - Sweden	3 - 4 OT (3-0, 0-0, 0-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	2	2	0	0	26 : 11	10
2	Russia	4	3	0	1	0	23 : 5	10
3	Slovakia	4	2	0	0	2	11 : 17	6
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	1	2	12 : 16	4
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	8 : 31	0

Group B - Edmonton, Canada

Date	Game	Score
26.12.11	Finland - Canada	1 - 8 (0-2, 1-3, 0-3)
26.12.11	Denmark - USA	3 - 11 (2-3, 0-6, 1-2)
27.12.11	Czech Republic - Denmark	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 4-0)
28.12.11	USA - Finland	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 1-3)
28.12.11	Canada - Czech Republic	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
29.12.11	Denmark - Canada	2 - 10 (0-4, 0-3, 2-3)
30.12.11	USA - Czech Republic	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-1, 0-3)
30.12.11	Finland - Denmark	10 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 5-0)
31.12.11	Czech Republic - Finland	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1)
31.12.11	Canada - USA	3 - 2 (3-0, 0-0, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	26 : 5	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	19 : 10	9
3	Czech Republic	4	2	0	0	2	12 : 11	6
4	USA	4	1	0	0	3	16 : 15	3
5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 38	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
26.12.11	Denmark - USA	3 - 11 (2-3, 0-6, 1-2)
30.12.11	Switzerland - Latvia	5 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 2-2)
02.01.12	Switzerland - Denmark	4 - 3 OT (2-2, 1-1, 0-0)
03.01.12	USA - Latvia	12 - 2 (4-0, 7-1, 1-1)
04.01.12	Latvia - Denmark	2 - 1 OT (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
04.01.12	Switzerland - USA	1 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 6	9
2	Switzerland	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 8	5
3	Latvia	3	0	1	0	2	7 : 18	2
4	Denmark	3	0	0	2	1	7 : 17	2

Denmark is relegated to 2013 U20 World Championship Division I Group A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
02.01.12	Finland - Slovakia	8 - 5 (2-2, 4-1, 2-2)
02.01.12	Russia - Czech Republic	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
03.01.12	Sweden - Finland	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-1, 2-0)
03.01.12	Canada - Russia	5 - 6 (0-2, 1-3, 4-1)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
04.01.12	Czech Republic - Slovakia	5 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 1-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.12	Canada - Finland	4 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.12	Sweden - Russia	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Final Placing

1	Sweden	6	Slovakia
2	Russia	7	USA
3	Canada	8	Switzerland
4	Finland	9	Latvia
5	Czech Republic	10	Denmark

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Petr Mrazek	CZE
Best Defenceman:	Brandon Gormley	CAN
Best Forward & MVP:	Yevgeni Kuznetsov	RUS

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Petr Mrazek	CZE
Defenceman:	Brandon Gormley	CAN
Defenceman:	Oscar Klefbom	SWE
Forward:	Yevgeni Kuznetsov	RUS
Forward:	Max Friberg	SWE
Forward:	Mikael Granlund	FIN



Since winning its first U20 gold in 1981, Sweden has had to settle for silver seven times. The 2012 win is a testament to the country's revamped youth program, which has led to Sweden becoming the top producer of European NHL talent.

Photo: Andy Devlin / HHOF-IIHF Images

Sweden waited 31 years for this

The strangest thing about the 36th IIHF World U20 Championship was not that Sweden won, but that it took the talent-producing country more than three decades to win gold after they did it the last time (1981).

And Sweden did it the hard way. In the gold medal game, they outshot Russia 58-17, but the game remained scoreless for 70 minutes and 8 seconds before Mika Zibanejad scored on a breakaway to give Sweden the well-deserved victory. Canada defeated Finland in the bronze medal game in a tournament which drew an overwhelming attendance of 444,718 for an average of 14,345 fans.

Although the final game was played in the middle of the night European time, 600,000 viewers watched the game on Swedish state television, SVT. The Canada vs. Russia semi-final drew a tournament high 3.1 million viewers on TSN, the Canadian rights-holder.

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GERMANY
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.12.11	Great Britain - Norway	2 - 5 (2-2, 0-1, 0-2)
11.12.11	Belarus - Germany	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
11.12.11	Austria - Slovenia	2 - 3 so (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
12.12.11	Slovenia - Great Britain	8 - 0 (6-0, 1-0, 1-0)
12.12.11	Germany - Austria	11 - 2 (3-0, 6-1, 2-1)
13.12.11	Norway - Belarus	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 1-2)
14.12.11	Great Britain - Belarus	2 - 10 (0-2, 0-6, 2-2)
14.12.11	Norway - Austria	5 - 2 (3-0, 0-2, 2-0)
14.12.11	Germany - Slovenia	5 - 2 (2-2, 0-0, 3-0)
15.12.11	Germany - Great Britain	11 - 1 (4-0, 3-0, 4-1)
16.12.11	Belarus - Austria	6 - 2 (3-1, 1-1, 2-0)
16.12.11	Slovenia - Norway	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 0-1)
17.12.11	Austria - Great Britain	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
17.12.11	Slovenia - Belarus	2 - 1 so (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
17.12.11	Norway - Germany	3 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 2-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	5	5	0	0	0	34 : 9	15
2	Belarus	5	3	0	1	1	21 : 10	10
3	Norway	5	3	0	0	2	19 : 13	9
4	Slovenia	5	1	2	0	2	16 : 12	7
5	Austria	5	1	0	1	3	11 : 26	4
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 37	0

Final Placing

1	Germany	4	Slovenia
2	Belarus	5	Austria
3	Norway	6	Great Britain

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mathias Niederberger	GER
Best Defenceman:	Konrad Abeltshauer	GER
Best Forward & MVP:	Sondre Olden	NOR

Germany is promoted to 2013 U20 World Championship Top Division.
Great Britain is relegated to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IB.



The German junior team will be returning to the top division after one year.
Photo: DEB

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Tychy, Poland



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.12.11	France - Italy	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
12.12.11	Japan - Kazakhstan	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 0-1)
12.12.11	Poland - Croatia	9 - 1 (3-0, 4-1, 2-0)
13.12.11	Italy - Japan	7 - 2 (3-1, 4-0, 0-1)
13.12.11	Croatia - France	1 - 8 (1-0, 0-4, 0-4)
13.12.11	Kazakhstan - Poland	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
15.12.11	France - Japan	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
15.12.11	Kazakhstan - Croatia	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 1-0)
15.12.11	Italy - Poland	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 1-1)
16.12.11	Kazakhstan - France	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
16.12.11	Croatia - Italy	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
16.12.11	Japan - Poland	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
18.12.11	Croatia - Japan	4 - 3 (0-0, 3-2, 1-1)
18.12.11	Italy - Kazakhstan	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
18.12.11	Poland - France	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	France	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 6	12
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	0	1	1	9 : 7	10
3	Italy	5	2	1	0	2	14 : 9	8
4	Poland	5	2	0	1	2	16 : 12	7
5	Croatia	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 25	6
6	Japan	5	0	1	0	4	9 : 20	2

Final Placing

1	France	4	Poland
2	Kazakhstan	5	Croatia
3	Italy	6	Japan

France is promoted to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IA.
Japan is relegated to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Pavel Poluektov	KAZ
Best Defenceman:	Aziz Baazzi	FRA
Best Forward:	Borna Rendulic	CRO



The French U20 team limited their opponents to only six goals in five games, winning promotion for the second year in a row.
Photo: Mirek Ring

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Donetsk, Ukraine

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.12.11	Spain - Netherlands	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
12.12.11	Hungary - Lithuania	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
12.12.11	Ukraine - Korea	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 2-1)
14.12.11	Lithuania - Netherlands	6 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 3-0)
14.12.11	Korea - Spain	3 - 4 (3-1, 0-1, 0-2)
14.12.11	Ukraine - Hungary	7 - 6 (3-2, 1-3, 3-1)
15.12.11	Lithuania - Korea	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
15.12.11	Hungary - Netherlands	3 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 3-1)
15.12.11	Ukraine - Spain	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)
17.12.11	Korea - Hungary	2 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 1-2)
17.12.11	Spain - Lithuania	4 - 8 (1-0, 2-5, 1-3)
17.12.11	Netherlands - Ukraine	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-2, 0-4)
18.12.11	Hungary - Spain	7 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 2-0)
18.12.11	Netherlands - Korea	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
18.12.11	Lithuania - Ukraine	2 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-1, 0-0)



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
UKRAINE
Division II - Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Ukraine	5	3	2	0	0	24 : 10	13
2	Lithuania	5	3	0	2	0	19 : 11	11
3	Hungary	5	2	1	0	2	24 : 15	8
4	Spain	5	2	0	0	3	14 : 22	6
5	Netherlands	5	1	1	0	3	9 : 23	5
6	Korea	5	0	0	2	3	9 : 18	2

Final Placing

1	Ukraine	4	Spain
2	Lithuania	5	Netherlands
3	Hungary	6	Korea

Ukraine is promoted to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IB.
Korea is relegated to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mantas Armalis	LTU
Best Defenceman:	Valentyn Sirchenko	UKR
Best Forward:	Viktor Zakharov	UKR

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
10.12.11	Belgium - Mexico	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 0-1, 1-0)
10.12.11	Serbia - Australia	4 - 2 (2-0, 2-0, 0-2)
10.12.11	Estonia - Romania	2 - 8 (1-1, 1-2, 0-5)
11.12.11	Mexico - Serbia	1 - 4 (0-0, 1-2, 0-2)
11.12.11	Romania - Australia	11 - 1 (2-1, 4-0, 5-0)
11.12.11	Belgium - Estonia	2 - 7 (1-3, 0-3, 1-1)
13.12.11	Romania - Mexico	10 - 1 (3-0, 6-0, 1-1)
13.12.11	Belgium - Serbia	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-2, 0-0)
13.12.11	Estonia - Australia	12 - 1 (4-0, 5-0, 3-1)
14.12.11	Serbia - Romania	3 - 9 (1-2, 1-3, 1-4)
14.12.11	Australia - Belgium	4 - 8 (1-1, 1-3, 2-4)
14.12.11	Mexico - Estonia	0 - 18 (0-6, 0-4, 0-8)
16.12.11	Australia - Mexico	4 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 3-0)
16.12.11	Romania - Belgium	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 2-0)
16.12.11	Estonia - Serbia	12 - 3 (4-0, 6-1, 2-2)



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIA
Division II - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	5	0	0	0	44 : 9	15
2	Estonia	5	4	0	0	1	51 : 14	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 26	9
4	Belgium	5	1	1	0	3	17 : 23	5
5	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	12 : 36	3
6	Mexico	5	0	0	1	4	5 : 39	1

Final Placing

1	Romania	4	Belgium
2	Estonia	5	Australia
3	Serbia	6	Mexico

Romania is promoted to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IIA.
Mexico is relegated to 2013 U20 World Championship Division III.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jovan Feher	SRB
Best Defenceman:	Ken Kuusk	EST
Best Forward:	Roberto Gliga	ROU

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Dunedin, New Zealand

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.12.11	Bulgaria - China	2 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 1-2)
17.12.11	Turkey - Iceland	0 - 8 (0-3, 0-1, 0-4)
18.12.11	New Zealand - Bulgaria	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
19.12.11	China - Turkey	14 - 0 (1-0, 6-0, 7-0)
19.12.11	Iceland - New Zealand	7 - 1 (3-0, 4-0, 0-1)
20.12.11	Bulgaria - Iceland	0 - 10 (0-4, 0-2, 0-4)
21.12.11	Turkey - Bulgaria	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
21.12.11	China - New Zealand	5 - 3 (1-3, 3-0, 1-0)
22.12.11	Iceland - China	5 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 2-0)
22.12.11	New Zealand - Turkey	12 - 1 (3-1, 8-0, 1-0)



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
NEW ZEALAND
Division III

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Iceland	4	4	0	0	0	30 - 2	12
2	China	4	3	0	0	1	26 - 10	9
3	New Zealand	4	2	0	0	2	19 - 14	6
4	Bulgaria	4	1	0	0	3	7 - 19	3
5	Turkey	4	0	0	0	4	1 - 38	0

Final Placing

1	Iceland	4	Bulgaria
2	China	5	Turkey
3	New Zealand		

Iceland is promoted to 2013 U20 World Championship Division IIB.
Turkey is relegated to the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Shengrong Xia	CHN
Best Defenceman:	Ingolfur Eliasson	ISL
Best Forward:	Cheng Zhang	CHN

Taking three days to travel to New Zealand, the Iceland team made the most of their trip, outscoring the field 30-2 and earning the right to move up to Division IIB.
Photo: Tim Clayton






Access to the ice is
Restricted to
Ice Maintenance
Personnel Only
3 Hours prior to
Official Warm-up





Game Time: Russian captain Yevgeni Kuznetsov and his troops wait to step onto the ice against Slovakia at the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship. After Kuznetsov added a silver medal to his 2011 U20 gold, the 19-year-old went on to win his second international gold medal with the senior team at the World Championship. Photo: Andy Devlin / HHOF-IIHF Images

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Brno, Znojmo & Breclav, Czech Republic



2012 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CZECH REPUBLIC

Brno - Znojmo - Břeclav

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
12.04.12	Denmark - Canada	1 - 6 (1-3, 0-2, 0-1)
12.04.12	Finland - USA	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-0, 0-4)
13.04.12	Czech Republic - Denmark	8 - 4 (1-1, 6-2, 1-1)
14.04.12	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 1-0)
14.04.12	Canada - Finland	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-3, 0-1)
15.04.12	Denmark - USA	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
16.04.12	Canada - Czech Republic	6 - 2 (4-1, 0-1, 2-0)
16.04.12	Finland - Denmark	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)
17.04.12	Czech Republic - Finland	2 - 6 (0-2, 1-1, 1-3)
17.04.12	USA - Canada	5 - 3 (0-0, 2-2, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	4	4	0	0	0	18 : 3	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	15 : 9	9
3	Canada	4	2	0	0	2	17 : 12	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	0	3	12 : 21	3
5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 23	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
12.04.12	Latvia - Russia	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-2, 1-2)
12.04.12	Germany - Sweden	1 - 8 (1-1, 0-2, 0-5)
13.04.12	Switzerland - Latvia	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-2, 0-0)
14.04.12	Russia - Germany	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 0-1)
14.04.12	Sweden - Switzerland	7 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 3-1)
15.04.12	Latvia - Sweden	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
16.04.12	Germany - Latvia	4 - 5 (1-1, 2-2, 1-2)
16.04.12	Russia - Switzerland	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)
17.04.12	Sweden - Russia	2 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 0-0)
17.04.12	Switzerland - Germany	2 - 6 (0-4, 0-1, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	20 : 4	12
2	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	14 : 7	6
3	Germany	4	2	0	0	2	15 : 17	6
4	Latvia	4	2	0	0	2	11 : 15	6
5	Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 23	0

Relegation Round

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
13.04.12	Czech Republic - Denmark	8 - 4 (1-1, 6-2, 1-1)
13.04.12	Switzerland - Latvia	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-2, 0-0)
19.04.12	Czech Republic - Switzerland	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
19.04.12	Latvia - Denmark	3 - 4 OT (0-1, 2-0, 1-2)
20.04.12	Czech Republic - Latvia	7 - 4 (2-1, 4-1, 1-2)
20.04.12	Switzerland - Denmark	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 7	6
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 12	6
3	Latvia	3	1	0	1	1	11 : 13	4
4	Denmark	3	0	1	0	2	9 : 13	2

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
19.04.12	Finland - Germany	8 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 2-0)
19.04.12	Russia - Canada	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
20.04.12	Sweden - Finland	7 - 3 (1-1, 2-2, 4-0)
20.04.12	USA - Canada	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
21.04.12	Russia - Germany	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.04.12	Finland - Canada	4 - 5 OT (0-2, 3-2, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.04.12	Sweden - USA	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-3, 0-3)

Final Placing

1	United States	6	Germany
2	Sweden	7	Switzerland
3	Canada	8	Czech Republic
4	Finland	9	Latvia
5	Russia	10	Denmark

Denmark is relegated to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Collin Olson	USA
Best Defenceman:	Matt Dumba	CAN
Best Forward:	Filip Forsberg	SWE

U18s are USA's domain

For the third consecutive year it was USA vs. Sweden in the IIHF U18 World Championship gold medal game and the outcome was the same; a U.S. win. As opposed to the thrilling OT-victory in 2011, the final in Brno, Czech Republic was a landslide, 7-0 for the Americans.

It was Team USA's fourth consecutive gold medal in the "World Juniors Light" category and seventh overall. In the bronze medal game, Canada gave up a 4-1 second period lead to Finland, but scored in OT to win its first U18 medal in four years.

Russia, usually a dominant team, finished fifth, while Denmark was relegated to Division I. Canada's Matt Dumba became the first defenceman in U18 history to lead the championship in scoring, notching five goals and seven assists for 12 points.



Germany equalled its 6th place finish in 2011, and even managed to claim its first ever win against Russia in the U18 category, thanks to a pair of key goals from Marcel Kurth (pictured). Photo: Phil MacCallum / HHOF -IIHF Images

2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Piestany, Slovakia



2012 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLOVAKIA

Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.04.12	Japan - Slovenia	2 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 2-2)
11.04.12	France - Norway	1 - 6 (0-3, 0-2, 1-1)
11.04.12	Italy - Slovakia	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-1, 0-3)
12.04.12	Slovenia - France	2 - 4 (2-2, 0-2, 0-0)
12.04.12	Norway - Italy	3 - 6 (1-1, 1-1, 1-4)
12.04.12	Slovakia - Japan	4 - 1 (0-0, 3-1, 1-0)
14.04.12	France - Italy	4 - 3 SO (1-1, 0-2, 2-0)
14.04.12	Norway - Japan	7 - 3 (5-0, 0-1, 2-2)
14.04.12	Slovakia - Slovenia	8 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 5-0)
15.04.12	Italy - Japan	5 - 4 OT (1-2, 2-0, 1-2)
15.04.12	Slovenia - Norway	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 0-2)
15.04.12	Slovakia - France	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
17.04.12	Japan - France	4 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 1-1)
17.04.12	Slovenia - Italy	4 - 3 SO (0-2, 0-1, 3-0)
17.04.12	Norway - Slovakia	2 - 9 (1-3, 1-2, 0-4)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovakia	5	5	0	0	0	30 : 6	15
2	Norway	5	3	0	0	2	22 : 20	9
3	Italy	5	1	1	2	1	17 : 20	7
4	France	5	1	1	0	3	12 : 19	5
5	Slovenia	5	1	1	0	3	12 : 21	5
6	Japan	5	1	0	1	3	14 : 21	4

Final Placing

1	Slovakia	4	France
2	Norway	5	Slovenia
3	Italy	6	Japan

Slovakia is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Japan is relegated to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Patrik Romancik	SVK
Best Defenceman:	Tomas Rusina	SVK
Best Forward:	Marko Dano	SVK



In their final game, Slovakia demolished 2nd-place Norway 9-2, paving the way for the country's return to the top division.

Photo: Jan Sukup

2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Szekesfehervar, Hungary



2012 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HUNGARY

Székesfehérvár
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.04.12	Poland - Belarus	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-4, 0-1)
11.04.12	Ukraine - Kazakhstan	4 - 5 OT (1-0, 1-3, 2-1)
11.04.12	Austria - Hungary	5 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-2, 2-1)
12.04.12	Kazakhstan - Poland	7 - 1 (4-1, 0-0, 3-0)
12.04.12	Belarus - Austria	5 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 0-1)
12.04.12	Hungary - Ukraine	3 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 2-1)
14.04.12	Kazakhstan - Austria	7 - 4 (2-0, 3-0, 2-4)
14.04.12	Ukraine - Poland	7 - 6 SO (3-2, 2-2, 1-2)
14.04.12	Belarus - Hungary	3 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 3-0)
15.04.12	Poland - Austria	2 - 6 (0-0, 2-1, 0-5)
15.04.12	Belarus - Ukraine	7 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 5-1)
15.04.12	Hungary - Kazakhstan	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)
17.04.12	Austria - Ukraine	5 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 5-1)
17.04.12	Kazakhstan - Belarus	5 - 6 (4-3, 0-3, 1-0)
17.04.12	Hungary - Poland	3 - 4 SO (1-2, 1-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belarus	5	5	0	0	0	28 : 9	15
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	1	0	1	27 : 16	11
3	Austria	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 21	8
4	Ukraine	5	1	1	1	2	20 : 26	6
5	Poland	5	0	1	1	3	13 : 30	3
6	Hungary	5	0	0	2	3	13 : 20	2

Final Placing

1	Belarus	4	Ukraine
2	Kazakhstan	5	Poland
3	Austria	6	Hungary

Belarus is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.
Hungary is relegated to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.



Belarus rebounded from a fourth-place finish in 2011, winning Division IB with a perfect record. Photo: David Victor Koppan

2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Heerenveen, Netherlands

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
31.03.12	Croatia - Romania	3 - 6 (1-1, 1-0, 1-5)
31.03.12	Lithuania - Great Britain	7 - 3 (2-2, 2-0, 3-1)
31.03.12	Netherlands - Korea	3 - 4 (2-4, 1-0, 0-0)
01.04.12	Romania - Lithuania	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1)
01.04.12	Great Britain - Netherlands	4 - 3 OT (1-2, 1-1, 1-0)
01.04.12	Korea - Croatia	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 2-1)
03.04.12	Korea - Lithuania	2 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
03.04.12	Romania - Great Britain	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-1)
03.04.12	Netherlands - Croatia	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-1, 1-0)
04.04.12	Korea - Romania	4 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 1-2)
04.04.12	Great Britain - Croatia	6 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)
04.04.12	Lithuania - Netherlands	5 - 3 (1-0, 1-3, 3-0)
06.04.12	Croatia - Lithuania	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-1, 0-2)
06.04.12	Great Britain - Korea	3 - 4 (0-3, 1-1, 2-0)
06.04.12	Romania - Netherlands	10 - 5 (3-0, 3-2, 4-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	3	1	1	0	17 : 14	12
2	Romania	5	4	0	0	1	25 : 15	12
3	Lithuania	5	3	1	0	1	22 : 11	11
4	Great Britain	5	1	1	0	3	18 : 17	5
5	Croatia	5	1	0	1	3	8 : 23	4
6	Netherlands	5	0	0	1	4	16 : 26	1

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Great Britain
2	Romania	5	Croatia
3	Lithuania	6	Netherlands

Korea is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.
Netherlands is relegated to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.

2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Novi Sad, Serbia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
20.03.12	Estonia - Australia	7 - 4 (0-1, 2-1, 5-2)
20.03.12	China - Spain	4 - 9 (0-3, 1-1, 3-5)
20.03.12	Iceland - Serbia	4 - 5 (1-0, 1-1, 2-4)
21.03.12	Estonia - China	7 - 6 OT (3-1, 1-2, 2-3)
21.03.12	Australia - Iceland	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-4, 0-1)
21.03.12	Spain - Serbia	4 - 3 (1-0, 2-0, 1-3)
23.03.12	Spain - Australia	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
23.03.12	Estonia - Iceland	7 - 3 (2-0, 4-2, 1-1)
23.03.12	China - Serbia	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-3, 0-1)
24.03.12	Iceland - Serbia	5 - 4 (1-1, 3-2, 1-1)
24.03.12	Australia - China	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
24.03.12	Serbia - Estonia	2 - 6 (1-1, 0-4, 1-1)
26.03.12	China - Iceland	7 - 6 OT (1-2, 2-2, 3-2)
26.03.12	Spain - Estonia	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-0, 1-5)
26.03.12	Serbia - Australia	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	4	1	0	0	32 : 17	14
2	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	22 : 16	9
3	Spain	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 18	8
4	Iceland	5	2	0	1	2	23 : 23	7
5	Australia	5	1	0	1	3	8 : 20	4
6	China	5	0	1	1	3	18 : 30	3

The top player of the tournament was 18-year-old Estonian Pavel Kulakov, who led the event in scoring (15), goals (9) and plus/minus (+12) through five games. Photo: Filip Bakic



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
THE NETHERLANDS
Heerenveen
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Zoltan Toke	ROU
Best Defenceman:	Geonwoo Kim	KOR
Best Forward:	Daniel Bogdziul	LTU



Relegated to Division IIA in 2011, the Koreans did not stay for long, earning promotion for next year. Photo: Nicolien Sijtsma



2012
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SERBIA
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Estonia	4	Iceland
2	Serbia	5	Australia
3	Spain	6	China

Estonia is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.
China is relegated to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Aleksei Arno	EST
Best Defenceman:	Ilija Uzelac	SRB
Best Forward:	Pavel Kulakov	EST



2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Sofia, Bulgaria



**2012
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA**
Division III - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.03.12	Mexico - Belgium	2 - 5 (1-1, 0-0, 1-4)
12.03.12	South Africa - Chinese Taipei	0 - 11 (0-6, 0-2, 0-3)
12.03.12	New Zealand - Bulgaria	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 3-1)
13.03.12	Belgium - Chinese Taipei	9 - 1 (1-0, 5-0, 3-1)
13.03.12	New Zealand - Mexico	3 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 1-0)
13.03.12	Bulgaria - South Africa	13 - 1 (6-0, 5-0, 2-1)
15.03.12	New Zealand - South Africa	18 - 0 (6-0, 6-0, 6-0)
15.03.12	Mexico - Chinese Taipei	7 - 2 (5-0, 0-1, 2-1)
15.03.12	Belgium - Bulgaria	9 - 5 (2-3, 3-2, 4-0)
16.03.12	Chinese Taipei - New Zealand	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 0-0)
16.03.12	South Africa - Belgium	1 - 17 (0-5, 1-4, 0-8)
16.03.12	Bulgaria - Mexico	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
18.03.12	Mexico - South Africa	9 - 4 (1-1, 5-1, 3-2)
18.03.12	Chinese Taipei - Bulgaria	4 - 6 (0-1, 2-3, 2-2)
18.03.12	Belgium - New Zealand	8 - 3 (2-1, 5-0, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belgium	5	5	0	0	0	48 : 12	15
2	New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	33 : 13	12
3	Mexico	5	3	0	0	2	24 : 15	9
4	Bulgaria	5	2	0	0	3	27 : 23	6
5	Chinese Taipei	5	1	0	0	4	19 : 26	3
6	South Africa	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 68	0

Final Placing

1	Belgium	4	Bulgaria
2	New Zealand	5	Chinese Taipei
3	Mexico	6	South Africa

Belgium is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.
South Africa is relegated.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Richard Albrecht	MEX
Best Defenceman:	Kahu Joyce	NZL
Best Forward:	Michael van Egdom	BEL



Yoren de Smet, Michael van Egdom, and Bryan Henry combined for 45 points in the tournament as Belgium got out of Sofia with an unblemished record. Photo: Bonchuk Andonov

The National Team Development Program, the United States' program aimed at identifying and developing elite hockey players within a centralized environment, continues to bear fruit at the U18 level. 21 of 22 of Team USA's 2012 gold medal-winning roster came from the NTDP. Photo by Jana Chytilova / HHOF-IIHF Images



2012 IIHF Women's World Championship

Burlington, Vermont, USA



2012
**ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
UNITED STATES
Burlington, VT

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
07.04.12	Finland - Russia	5 - 4 (0-2, 2-0, 3-2)
07.04.12	USA - Canada	9 - 2 (5-0, 1-2, 3-0)
08.04.12	Canada - Finland	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
08.04.12	USA - Russia	9 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 5-0)
10.04.12	Canada - Russia	14 - 1 (6-0, 5-0, 3-1)
10.04.12	Finland - USA	0 - 11 (0-2, 0-6, 0-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	29 : 2	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	19 : 12	6
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 18	3
4	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 28	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
07.04.12	Slovakia - Sweden	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 0-3)
07.04.12	Switzerland - Germany	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 0-0)
08.04.12	Sweden - Germany	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
08.04.12	Switzerland - Slovakia	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
10.04.12	Sweden - Switzerland	2 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 1-2)
10.04.12	Germany - Slovakia	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 6	6
2	Sweden	3	1	1	0	1	9 : 5	5
3	Germany	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 8	4
4	Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 9	3

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
11.04.12	Germany - Slovakia	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
13.04.12	Slovakia - Germany	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
11.04.12	Russia - Switzerland	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-3, 0-0)
11.04.12	Finland - Sweden	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
13.04.12	Canada - Finland	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 2-0)
13.04.12	USA - Switzerland	10 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 4-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
13.04.12	Russia - Sweden	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
14.04.12	Switzerland - Finland	6 - 2 (2-2, 1-0, 3-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
14.04.12	USA - Canada	4 - 5 OT (1-1, 2-2, 1-1)

Final Placing

1	Canada	5	Sweden
2	United States	6	Russia
3	Switzerland	7	Germany
4	Finland	8	Slovakia

Slovakia is relegated to 2013 Women's World Championship Division IA

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Florence Schelling	SUI
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Kelli Stack	USA

Canada best, not from the beginning, but till the end

The first day of the World Women's in Burlington, USA saw the home team hand its historic rival their worst loss in Canada's women's hockey history, a 9-2 thrashing. But one week later, Canada's Caroline Ouellette was the hero when she scored the gold medal game winner in OT, breaking a streak of three WW wins in a row for the U.S.

But perhaps the most stunning result was a 6-2 win by Switzerland over Finland for bronze. It was the first medal for the Swiss and was won almost singlehandedly by goalie Florence Schelling, who was named both Best Goaltender and selected to the All-Star Team.

Slovakia was relegated back to Division I after a two-game relegation series with Germany. The event set an attendance record for Women's Worlds held in the U.S. Total attendance was 26,205 for an average of 1,247 over the 21 games.



Swiss goaltender Florence Schelling's best performance came in the bronze medal game, when she stopped 52 shots in a 6-2 win.
Photo: Dave Sandford / HHOF-IIHF Images

A Living Legend: Widely considered to be the greatest female ice hockey player in the world, Hayley Wickenheiser added a seventh World Championship gold to her incredible hockey resume. With three Olympic gold medals and one silver, she now has a total of 15 medals (10G, 5S) in international competition.
Photo: Dave Sandford / HHOF-IIHF Images



2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Ventspils, Latvia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
25.03.12	Austria - Norway	2 - 7 (1-2, 0-4, 1-1)
25.03.12	Czech Republic - Japan	3 - 4 (1-4, 2-0, 0-0)
25.03.12	Latvia - Kazakhstan	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
26.03.12	Norway - Czech Republic	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
26.03.12	Kazakhstan - Austria	2 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 0-2)
26.03.12	Japan - Latvia	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
28.03.12	Japan - Austria	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
28.03.12	Kazakhstan - Norway	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
28.03.12	Czech Republic - Latvia	5 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
30.03.12	Kazakhstan - Czech Republic	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)
30.03.12	Norway - Japan	4 - 2 (2-2, 0-0, 2-0)
30.03.12	Latvia - Austria	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 0-3)
31.03.12	Japan - Kazakhstan	5 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 3-0)
31.03.12	Norway - Latvia	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
31.03.12	Austria - Czech Republic	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-2, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 8	12
2	Norway	5	3	1	0	1	20 : 7	11
3	Japan	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 10	9
4	Austria	5	2	0	0	3	16 : 18	6
5	Latvia	5	1	1	0	3	5 : 20	5
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	2	3	7 : 19	2



2012 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LATVIA

Division I - Group A

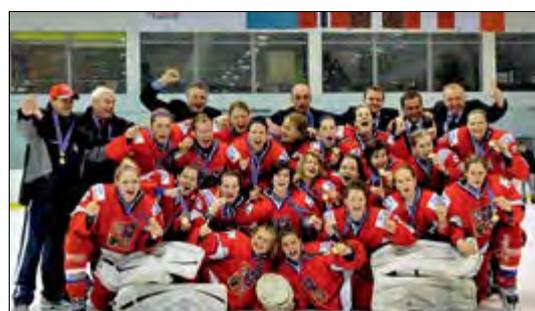
Final Placing

1	Czech Republic	4	Austria
2	Norway	5	Latvia
3	Japan	6	Kazakhstan

Czech Republic is promoted to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship. Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Radka Lhotska	CZE
Best Defenceman:	Trine Martens	NOR
Best Forward:	Denise Altmann	AUT



After losing to Japan in their opening match, the Czech women defeated runners-up Norway in a tight game, helping them win promotion for the second year in a row. Photo: Romualds Vambuts

2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Hull, Great Britain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.04.12	Italy - France	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1)
09.04.12	Netherlands - China	1 - 7 (0-3, 1-2, 0-2)
09.04.12	Great Britain - Denmark	2 - 5 (1-0, 1-0, 0-5)
10.04.12	Denmark - Netherlands	12 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 6-0)
10.04.12	China - Italy	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
10.04.12	France - Great Britain	5 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
12.04.12	Netherlands - Italy	5 - 0 (0-0, 5-0, 0-0)
12.04.12	France - Denmark	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-0, 0-4)
12.04.12	China - Great Britain	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
14.04.12	Denmark - China	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-2, 0-2)
14.04.12	France - Netherlands	9 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 4-0)
14.04.12	Italy - Great Britain	4 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 0-0)
15.04.12	China - France	3 - 4 (2-2, 0-0, 1-2)
15.04.12	Denmark - Italy	7 - 0 (1-0, 5-0, 1-0)
15.04.12	Great Britain - Netherlands	6 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	4	0	0	1	31 : 6	12
2	China	5	4	0	0	1	21 : 8	12
3	France	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 9	12
4	Great Britain	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 17	3
5	Netherlands	5	1	0	0	4	7 : 34	3
6	Italy	5	1	0	0	4	5 : 22	3

Denmark scored 31 goals against their opponents while only allowing six to win Division IB. Photo: Colin Lawson



2012 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GREAT BRITAIN

Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Great Britain
2	China	5	Netherlands
3	France	6	Italy

Denmark is promoted to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IA. Italy is relegated to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Yao Shi	CHN
Best Defenceman:	Charlotte Densing	DEN
Best Forward:	Rui Sun	CHN



2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Maribor, Slovenia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
25.03.12	Australia - Hungary	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
25.03.12	Croatia - New Zealand	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 0-0)
25.03.12	DPR Korea - Slovenia	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)
26.03.12	Australia - Croatia	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
26.03.12	Hungary - DPR Korea	4 - 5 (3-1, 1-2, 0-2)
26.03.12	New Zealand - Slovenia	4 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 1-2)
28.03.12	DPR Korea - Croatia	11 - 1 (3-1, 3-0, 5-0)
28.03.12	Australia - New Zealand	7 - 2 (3-2, 2-0, 2-0)
28.03.12	Hungary - Slovenia	8 - 0 (4-0, 1-0, 3-0)
29.03.12	New Zealand - DPR Korea	1 - 7 (0-2, 1-3, 0-2)
29.03.12	Croatia - Hungary	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-1, 0-2)
29.03.12	Slovenia - Australia	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
31.03.12	Hungary - New Zealand	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-1)
31.03.12	DPR Korea - Australia	7 - 0 (4-0, 0-0, 3-0)
31.03.12	Slovenia - Croatia	3 - 2 so (1-1, 0-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	DPR Korea	5	5	0	0	0	33 : 7	15
2	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	26 : 6	12
3	Australia	5	3	0	0	2	11 : 12	9
4	New Zealand	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 23	6
5	Slovenia	5	0	1	0	4	7 : 18	2
6	Croatia	5	0	0	1	4	4 : 27	1



2012 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLOVENIA

Division II - Group A

Final Placing

1	DPR Korea	4	New Zealand
2	Hungary	5	Slovenia
3	Australia	6	Croatia

DPR Korea is promoted to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IB. Croatia is relegated to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Kristy Bruske	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Un Ae Kim	PRK
Best Forward:	Alexandra Huszak	HUN



After forfeiting all their games in Division II last season, DPR Korea won promotion to Division IB with an undefeated record. Photo: Denis Zelnik

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2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Seoul, Korea

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
10.03.12	Iceland - Belgium	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
10.03.12	Spain - Poland	3 - 4 (0-2, 3-0, 0-2)
10.03.12	Korea - South Africa	10 - 2 (3-0, 4-1, 3-1)
11.03.12	Belgium - Poland	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-3, 0-2)
11.03.12	South Africa - Spain	0 - 12 (0-1, 0-4, 0-7)
11.03.12	Korea - Iceland	2 - 1 so (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
13.03.12	Belgium - South Africa	6 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 4-0)
13.03.12	Iceland - Poland	2 - 7 (0-1, 2-1, 0-5)
13.03.12	Korea - Spain	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
15.03.12	South Africa - Iceland	2 - 6 (1-2, 0-0, 1-4)
15.03.12	Spain - Belgium	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
15.03.12	Poland - Korea	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
16.03.12	Iceland - Spain	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
16.03.12	Poland - South Africa	18 - 0 (5-0, 7-0, 6-0)
16.03.12	Belgium - Korea	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Poland	5	4	1	0	0	38 : 6	14
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 5	12
3	Korea	5	2	1	1	1	16 : 8	9
4	Iceland	5	2	0	1	2	11 : 15	7
5	Belgium	5	1	0	0	4	7 : 12	3
6	South Africa	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 52	0



2012 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP KOREA

Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	Iceland
2	Spain	5	Belgium
3	Korea	6	South Africa

Poland is promoted to the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	So Jung Shin	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Anna Agustsdottir	ISL
Best Forward:	Karolina Pozniewska	POL



A relative newcomer at the senior level, Poland has now won promotion twice since entering the women's senior competition in 2011. Photo: KIHA

2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship

Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
31.12.11	Czech Republic - Sweden	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 0-1)
31.12.11	USA - Russia	8 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 4-0)
01.01.12	Czech Republic - Russia	2 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 2-0)
01.01.12	Sweden - USA	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-0, 0-4)
03.01.12	Russia - Sweden	2 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 1-2)
03.01.12	USA - Czech Republic	13 - 1 (3-0, 5-1, 5-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	28 : 1	9
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 10	6
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 17	3
4	Russia	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 16	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
31.12.11	Canada - Switzerland	13 - 1 (2-1, 5-0, 6-0)
31.12.11	Finland - Germany	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
01.01.12	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 5 (2-1, 1-4, 0-0)
01.01.12	Germany - Canada	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-1, 0-4)
03.01.12	Switzerland - Germany	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-1, 0-4)
03.01.12	Canada - Finland	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	26 : 1	9
2	Germany	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 10	3
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 12	3
4	Switzerland	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 22	3

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
04.01.12	Switzerland - Russia	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
06.01.12	Russia - Switzerland	5 - 3 (2-1, 1-1, 2-1)
07.01.12	Switzerland - Russia	2 - 3 OT (1-2, 1-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 9	5
2	Switzerland	3	1	0	1	1	9 : 10	4

Stellar defence wins Canada's second U18 gold

The United States' reign at the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship is temporarily over, after the U.S. had won three out of the first four championships in this category. After conceding a goal 5:12 into their first game, Canada shut out the opposition for the remaining 294 minutes and 48 seconds of the tournament – including a 3-0 blanking of the USA in the gold medal game.

This was Canada's second U18 gold in the IIHF's youngest championship category. The 3-0 win in the final in Zlin, Czech Republic also marked the first time a U.S. women's under-18 team lost a game in regulation time in IIHF competition.

Sweden grabbed their third women's U18 bronze with a 4-1 win over Germany in the game for 3rd place.



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ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CZECH REPUBLIC

Zlin - Prerov

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
04.01.12	Sweden - Finland	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
04.01.12	Germany - Czech Republic	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.01.12	USA - Germany	7 - 1 (3-1, 1-0, 3-0)
06.01.12	Canada - Sweden	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
06.01.12	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 3-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.01.12	Sweden - Germany	4 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 3-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.01.12	USA - Canada	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)

Final Placing

1	Canada	5	Finland
2	USA	6	Czech Republic
3	Sweden	7	Russia
4	Germany	8	Switzerland

Switzerland is relegated to 2013 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Franziska Albl	GER
Best Defenceman:	Erin Ambrose	CAN
Best Forward:	Alex Carpenter	USA



Backstopped by goaltenders Emerance Maschmeyer (pictured) and Elaine Chuli, Canada shut out four teams in a row, including the U.S. in the gold medal game. Photo: Phillip MacCallum / HHOF-IIHF Images

2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Tromsø, Norway



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CHAMPIONSHIP
NORWAY
Division I

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
29.12.11	Great Britain - Japan	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
29.12.11	Hungary - Austria	4 - 3 (1-0, 2-2, 1-1)
29.12.11	Norway - Slovakia	7 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 1-1)
31.12.11	Slovakia - Hungary	0 - 7 (0-4, 0-3, 0-0)
31.12.11	Austria - Great Britain	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)
31.12.11	Japan - Norway	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 0-0)
01.01.12	Slovakia - Austria	2 - 5 (1-0, 1-4, 0-1)
01.01.12	Japan - Hungary	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
01.01.12	Great Britain - Norway	1 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 0-0)
03.01.12	Austria - Japan	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
03.01.12	Slovakia - Great Britain	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
03.01.12	Norway - Hungary	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-0, 0-3)
04.01.12	Hungary - Great Britain	5 - 3 (0-1, 3-1, 2-1)
04.01.12	Japan - Slovakia	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)
04.01.12	Austria - Norway	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	4	1	0	0	24 : 10	14
2	Austria	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 9	11
3	Japan	5	3	0	2	0	14 : 7	11
4	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 13	6
5	Great Britain	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 14	3
6	Slovakia	5	0	0	0	5	5 : 29	0

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Norway
2	Austria	5	Great Britain
3	Japan	6	Slovakia

Hungary is promoted to the 2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Shizuka Takahashi	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Victoria Lovdal	NOR
Best Forward:	Alexandra Huszak	HUN



After qualifying for the Division I tournament, Hungary surprised everyone by winning every game and getting promoted to the top division.

Photo: Julian André Stavnesvik

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2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Asiago, Italy



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CHAMPIONSHIP
ITALY
Division I - Qualification

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
29.11.11	Great Britain - France	3 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 0-1)
29.11.11	China - Hungary	1 - 10 (0-1, 0-5, 1-4)
29.11.11	Kazakhstan - Italy	0 - 12 (0-6, 0-4, 0-2)
30.11.11	France - Hungary	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
30.11.11	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	0 - 8 (0-4, 0-1, 0-3)
30.11.11	Italy - China	4 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 0-0)
02.12.12	Kazakhstan - China	2 - 8 (0-2, 1-4, 1-2)
02.12.12	Great Britain - Hungary	1 - 8 (1-5, 0-1, 0-2)
02.12.12	France - Italy	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 0-1)
03.12.12	Hungary - Kazakhstan	10 - 2 (2-1, 5-1, 3-0)
03.12.12	China - France	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 1-1)
03.12.12	Italy - Great Britain	4 - 5 OT (1-0, 2-3, 1-1)
04.12.12	Great Britain - China	2 - 3 SO (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
04.12.12	France - Kazakhstan	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)
04.12.12	Hungary - Italy	6 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	37 : 4	15
2	Great Britain	5	2	1	1	1	19 : 16	9
3	China	5	2	1	0	2	15 : 19	8
4	Italy	5	2	0	1	2	21 : 14	7
5	France	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 9	6
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 44	0

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Italy
2	Great Britain	5	France
3	China	6	Kazakhstan

Hungary and Great Britain qualified for the 2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I



Great Britain's young women stepped up and earned entry into the Division I tournament along with Hungary.

Photo: Paolo Basso



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See you in PyeongChang?: Going into the final game against host Poland with promotion on the line, Korea silenced a partisan Polish home crowd in Krynica as they rallied back from two goals down to beat the hosts 3-2, with Hyung Joon Kim scoring the winner early on in the third period.
Photo: Mirek Ring



2012 IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship

Ingolstadt, Germany

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**INLINE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GERMANY**

Top Division

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
01.06.12	Canada - Finland	5 - 3 (1-3, 1-0, 1-0, 2-0)
01.06.12	Great Britain - Czech Republic	4 - 5 OT (0-2, 3-1, 0-0, 1-1)
02.06.12	Sweden - Great Britain	13 - 3 (3-2, 2-0, 5-1, 3-0)
02.06.12	Czech Republic - Finland	4 - 8 (0-1, 2-2, 0-1, 2-4)
03.06.12	Finland - Great Britain	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1, 0-0)
03.06.12	Czech Republic - Sweden	7 - 4 (1-0, 1-0, 3-2, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	22 : 13	6
2	Czech Republic	3	1	1	0	1	16 : 16	5
3	Great Britain	3	1	0	1	1	9 : 19	4
4	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 11	3

Group B

Date	Game	Score
01.06.12	Canada - Slovenia	4 - 5 OT (1-2, 0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
01.06.12	Germany - USA	4 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 1-1, 2-2)
02.06.12	USA - Slovenia	5 - 4 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1, 2-2)
02.06.12	Canada - Germany	4 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 2-2, 1-0)
03.06.12	USA - Canada	4 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 2-0)
03.06.12	Slovenia - Germany	5 - 7 (1-3, 0-1, 1-2, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 10	9
2	Canada	3	1	0	1	1	10 : 12	4
3	Germany	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 14	3
4	Slovenia	3	1	1	0	2	14 : 16	2

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
05.06.12	Canada - Great Britain	9 - 3 (3-1, 1-0, 1-1, 4-1)
05.06.12	Sweden - Slovenia	3 - 4 OT (1-2, 1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
05.06.12	USA - Finland	4 - 5 (1-0, 0-1, 1-4, 2-0)
05.06.12	Czech Republic - Germany	5 - 6 SO (1-2, 2-0, 1-2, 1-1)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
06.06.12	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 5 SO (0-1, 2-2, 2-1, 0-0)
06.06.12	USA - Great Britain	18 - 1 (5-0, 5-1, 5-0, 3-0)
07.06.12	Sweden - Great Britain	7 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 3-2, 1-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.12	Canada - Slovenia	5 - 3 (2-1, 0-1, 2-1, 1-0)
06.06.12	Germany - Finland	3 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.12	Finland - Slovenia	9 - 4 (2-1, 3-1, 2-0, 2-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.12	Canada - Germany	9 - 5 (3-1, 2-1, 3-3, 1-0)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jochen Vollmer	GER
Best Defenceman:	Sami Markkanen	FIN
Best Forward:	Martin Vozdecky	CZE

Division I

Preliminary Round

Group C

Date	Game	Score
01.06.12	Australia - Croatia	4 - 5 (2-3, 1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
01.06.12	Bulgaria - Slovakia	0 - 21 (0-7, 0-3, 0-9, 0-2)
02.06.12	Australia - Bulgaria	9 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 2-0, 5-0)
02.06.12	Slovakia - Croatia	7 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 2-0, 2-1)
03.06.12	Croatia - Bulgaria	16 - 2 (5-1, 2-0, 3-0, 6-1)
03.06.12	Slovakia - Australia	14 - 4 (5-1, 5-0, 1-3, 3-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovakia	3	3	0	0	0	42 : 6	9
2	Croatia	3	2	0	0	1	23 : 13	6
3	Australia	3	1	0	0	2	17 : 20	3
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 46	0

Group D

Date	Game	Score
01.06.12	Austria - Japan	14 - 2 (3-1, 4-0, 3-1, 4-1)
01.06.12	New Zealand - Hungary	3 - 7 (1-2, 0-2, 0-0, 2-3)
02.06.12	Austria - New Zealand	9 - 6 (4-1, 2-0, 2-2, 1-3)
02.06.12	Hungary - Japan	9 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 0-0, 4-0)
03.06.12	Japan - New Zealand	2 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1, 0-0)
03.06.12	Hungary - Austria	6 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 2-0, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 7	9
2	Austria	3	2	0	0	1	27 : 14	6
3	New Zealand	3	0	1	0	2	12 : 18	2
4	Japan	3	0	0	1	2	4 : 26	1

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
05.06.12	Croatia - New Zealand	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
05.06.12	Austria - Australia	7 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-1, 3-0)
05.06.12	Slovakia - Japan	14 - 0 (0-0, 5-0, 5-0, 4-0)
05.06.12	Hungary - Bulgaria	12 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 5-0, 3-1)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
06.06.12	New Zealand - Japan	2 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
06.06.12	Australia - Bulgaria	16 - 4 (4-2, 2-0, 6-2, 4-0)
07.06.12	Australia - Japan	7 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 2-1, 2-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.12	Hungary - Austria	5 - 2 (0-1, 3-0, 0-1, 2-0)
06.06.12	Slovakia - Croatia	5 - 3 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1, 2-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.12	Austria - Croatia	7 - 6 OT (1-3, 3-1, 1-1, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.12	Slovakia - Hungary	5 - 4 (1-1, 4-1, 0-2, 0-0)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Tamas Kiss	HUN
Best Defenceman:	Gerd Gruber	AUT
Best Forward:	Roman Simunek	SVK

Top Division Champions Canada (left), and Division I winners Slovakia (right) claimed the gold medals in InLine in 2012.

Photos: Jürgen Meyer



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CONTINENTAL CUP

First Round

Group A - Ankara, Turkey

Date	Game	Score
30.09.11	Baskent Y. - White Caps Turnhout	1 - 16 (0-6, 0-5, 1-5)
01.09.11	Tartu - Baskent Y.	11 - 2 (5-0, 3-2, 3-0)
02.09.11	White Caps Turnhout - Tartu	5 - 2 (5-0, 0-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	White Caps Turnhout (BEL)	2	2	0	0	0	21 - 3	6
2	Tartu Kalev-Välk (EST)	2	1	0	0	1	13 - 7	3
3	Baskent Yıldızları Ankara (TUR)	2	0	0	0	2	3 - 27	0

Second Round

Group B - Dunaujvaros, Hungary

Date	Game	Score
21.10.11	CH Jaca - White Caps Turnhout	3 - 7 (1-1, 1-5, 1-1)
21.10.11	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - HYS The Hague	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
22.10.11	White Caps Turnhout - HYS The Hague	5 - 3 (1-0, 3-3, 1-0)
22.10.11	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - CH Jaca	7 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 2-0)
23.10.11	HYS The Hague - CH Jaca	11 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 7-1)
23.10.11	White Caps Turnhout - Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	4 - 9 (1-1, 0-5, 3-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak (HUN)	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 8	6
2	HYS The Hague (NED)	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 7	6
3	White Caps Turnhout (BEL)	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 15	6
4	CH Jaca (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 25	0

Group C - Miercurea Ciuc, Romania

Date	Game	Score
21.10.11	Liepajas Metalurgs - Beibarys Atyrau	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
21.10.11	Olimpija Ljubljana - HSC Csíkszereda	3 - 8 (0-2, 2-2, 1-4)
22.10.11	Liepajas Metalurgs - Olimpija Ljubljana	11 - 1 (4-0, 4-0, 3-1)
22.10.11	HSC Csíkszereda - Beibarys Atyrau	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-3, 0-0)
23.10.11	Beibarys Atyrau - Olimpija Ljubljana	13 - 3 (1-1, 6-0, 6-2)
23.10.11	HSC Csíkszereda - Liepajas Metalurgs	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-0, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Liepajas Metalurgs (LAT)	3	2	1	0	0	20 : 3	8
2	Beibarys Atyrau (KAZ)	3	2	0	1	0	20 : 7	7
3	HSC Csíkszereda (ROU)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 14	3
4	Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 32	0

Third Round

Group D - Herning, Denmark

Date	Game	Score
25.11.11	Sheffield Steelers - HC Asiago	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 2-2, 0-1)
25.11.11	Dunaujvaros Acélbikak - Herning Blue Fox	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
26.11.11	HC Asiago - Dunaujvaros Acélbikak	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 2-0)
26.11.11	Herning Blue Fox - Sheffield Steelers	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
27.11.11	Dunaujvaros Acélbikak - Sheffield Steelers	6 - 3 (2-0, 4-1, 0-2)
27.11.11	Herning Blue Fox - HC Asiago	3 - 2 OT (2-1, 0-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	HC Asiago (ITA)	3	1	1	1	0	9 : 8	6
2	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak (HUN)	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 7	6
3	Herning Blue Fox (DEN)	3	1	1	0	1	7 : 5	5
4	Sheffield Steelers (GBR)	3	0	0	1	2	6 : 13	1

Group E - Donetsk, Ukraine

Date	Game	Score
25.11.11	Cracovia Krakow - Rubin Tyumen	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 0-2)
25.11.11	Liepajas Metalurgs - Donbass Donetsk	2 - 6 (0-3, 1-0, 1-3)
26.11.11	Rubin Tyumen - Liepajas Metalurgs	4 - 3 (0-1, 3-2, 1-0)
26.11.11	Donbass Donetsk - Cracovia Krakow	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
27.11.11	Cracovia Krakow - Liepajas Metalurgs	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)
27.11.11	Donbass Donetsk - Rubin Tyumen	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Donbass Donetsk (UKR)	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 4	9
2	Rubin Tyumen (RUS)	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 7	6
3	Cracovia Krakow (POL)	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 10	3
4	Liepajas Metalurgs (LAT)	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 13	0

Super Final

Group F - Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
13.01.12	Donbass Donetsk - Yunost Minsk	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 0-1)
13.01.12	Rouen Dragons - HC Asiago	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)
14.01.12	HC Asiago - Donbass Donetsk	2 - 6 (0-2, 2-2, 0-2)
14.01.12	Yunost Minsk - Rouen Dragons	4 - 2 (0-0, 3-1, 1-1)
15.01.12	HC Asiago - Yunost Minsk	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
15.01.12	Rouen Dragons - Donbass Donetsk	5 - 2 (0-0, 3-1, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Rouen Dragons	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 6	6
2	Yunost Minsk	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 5	6
3	Donbass Donetsk	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 8	6
4	HC Asiago	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 16	0



In a final-worthy game full of drama the Rouen Dragons claimed the first-ever Continental Cup title for France, winning out a three-team tie after downing favourite Donbass Donetsk 5-2. It was exactly the goal margin needed for the French to break the tie and win the trophy. Photo: Stéphanie Ouvry

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EUROPEAN WOMEN CHAMPIONS CUP

First Round

Group A - Bytom, Poland

Date	Game	Score
28.10.11	ESC Planegg - Bolzano Eagles	6 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)
28.10.11	Polonia Bytom - Valladolid Panteras	10 - 2 (1-1, 5-1, 4-0)
29.10.11	ESC Planegg - Valladolid Panteras	22 - 0 (3-0, 8-0, 11-0)
29.10.11	Polonia Bytom - Bolzano Eagles	3 - 6 (0-2, 3-1, 0-3)
30.10.11	Bolzano Eagles - Valladolid Panteras	9 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 4-0)
30.10.11	ESC Planegg - Polonia Bytom	19 - 0 (5-0, 6-0, 8-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	3	0	0	0	47 : 0	9
2	Bolzano Eagles (ITA)	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 9	6
3	Polonia Bytom (POL)	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 27	3
4	Valladolid Panteras (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 41	0

Group B - Miercurea Ciuc, Romania

Date	Game	Score
28.10.11	Pantera Minsk - Milenyum Ankara	8 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 4-0)
28.10.11	Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups - HSC Csikszereda	18 - 0 (6-0, 6-0, 6-0)
29.10.11	Pantera Minsk - Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
29.10.11	HSC Csikszereda - Milenyum Ankara	5 - 2 (2-0, 3-2, 0-0)
30.10.11	Milenyum Ankara - Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups	0 - 14 (0-7, 0-4, 0-3)
30.10.11	HSC Csikszereda - Pantera Minsk	0 - 14 (0-6, 0-5, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups (FRA)	3	3	0	0	0	35 : 0	9
2	Pantera Minsk (BLR)	3	2	0	0	1	22 : 3	6
3	HSC Csikszereda (ROU)	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 34	3
4	Milenyum Ankara (TUR)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 27	0

Group C - Riga, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
28.10.11	Herlev Hornets - Sparta Sarpsborg	5 - 3 (2-2, 1-0, 2-1)
28.10.11	Laima Riga - Sheffield Shadows	4 - 3 SO (2-2, 1-1, 0-0)
29.10.11	Sparta Sarpsborg - Sheffield Shadows	4 - 5 SO (2-0, 2-2, 0-2)
29.10.11	Laima Riga - Herlev Hornets	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
30.10.11	Sheffield Shadows - Herlev Hornets	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 0-1)
30.10.11	Sparta Sarpsborg - Laima Riga	3 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Herlev Hornets (DEN)	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 4	9
2	Sparta Sarpsborg (NOR)	3	1	0	1	1	10 : 12	4
3	Sheffield Shadows (GBR)	3	0	1	1	1	9 : 12	3
4	Laima Riga (FIN)	3	0	1	0	2	6 : 8	2

Group D - Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia

Date	Game	Score
28.10.11	Slavia Prague - Sabres Vienna	2 - 6 (1-1, 1-3, 0-2)
28.10.11	Spisska Nova Ves - Budapest Stars	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
29.10.11	Spisska Nova Ves - Sabres Vienna	3 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 2-1)
29.10.11	Budapest Stars - Slavia Prague	4 - 7 (3-3, 1-2, 0-2)
30.10.11	Slavia Prague - Spisska Nova Ves	5 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 3-0)
30.10.11	Sabres Vienna - Budapest Stars	5 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 4-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	3	0	0	0	16 : 8	9
2	Slavia Prague (CZE)	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 13	6
3	HC Spisska Nova Ves (SVK)	3	0	1	0	2	6 : 12	2
4	Budapest Stars (HUN)	3	0	0	1	2	12 : 12	1

Second Round

Group E - Hämeenlinna, Finland

Date	Game	Score
02.12.11	Aisulu Almaty - Vienna Sabres	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
02.12.11	HPK Hämeenlinna - ESC Planegg	6 - 3 (1-1, 3-1, 2-1)
02.12.11	Vienna Sabres - HPK Hämeenlinna	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 1-1)
03.12.11	Aisulu Almaty - ESC Planegg	2 - 3 (2-1, 0-1, 0-1)
04.12.11	HPK Hämeenlinna - Aisulu Almaty	4 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 3-1)
04.12.11	ESC Planegg - Vienna Sabres	5 - 3 (2-0, 0-2, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	HPK Hämeenlinna (FIN)	3	3	0	0	0	15 : 7	9
2	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 11	6
3	Aisulu Almaty (KAZ)	3	0	1	0	2	7 : 9	2
4	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	0	0	1	2	7 : 13	1

Group F - Dornbirn, Austria

Date	Game	Score
02.12.11	Tornado Moscow - Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
02.12.11	ZSC Lions - Herlev Hornets	10 - 2 (3-1, 2-0, 5-1)
03.12.11	Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups - Herlev Hornets	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
03.12.11	Tornado Moscow - ZSC Lions	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
04.12.11	Herlev Hornets - Tornado Moscow	1 - 11 (1-3, 0-4, 0-4)
04.12.11	ZSC Lions - Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow Region (RUS)	3	3	0	0	0	18 : 3	9
2	ZSC Lions Zurich (SUI)	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 5	6
3	Grenoble Brûleurs de Loups (FRA)	3	1	0	0	2	3 : 6	3
4	Herlev Hornets (DEN)	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 23	0

Final Round - Hämeenlinna, Finland

Date	Game	Score
24.02.12	ESC Planegg - HPK Hämeenlinna	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-1, 0-2)
24.02.12	ZSC Zurich - Tornado Moscow	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 0-1)
25.02.12	Tornado Moscow - ESC Planegg	9 - 1 (3-0, 5-0, 1-1)
25.02.12	HPK Hämeenlinna - ZSC Zurich	2 - 6 (1-3, 1-2, 0-1)
26.02.12	ZSC Zurich - ESC Planegg	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
26.02.12	HPK Hämeenlinna - Tornado Moscow	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-2, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow	3	3	0	0	0	16 : 3	9
2	ZSC Lions Zurich	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 6	6
3	HPK Hämeenlinna	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 13	3
4	ESC Planegg	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 15	0



Tornado Moscow Region stormed through the competition in Dornbirn and Hämeenlinna to claim the 2012 European Women's Champions Cup. Photo: Veli-Matti A. Pitkänen

2012 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia

Dehradun, India



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Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
18.03.12	UA Emirates - Thailand	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 2-1)
18.03.12	India - Macau	3 - 5 (1-0, 2-2, 0-3)
19.03.12	Chinese Taipei - Kuwait	2 - 12 (2-5, 0-4, 0-3)
19.03.12	Macau - Malaysia	1 - 8 (0-1, 1-5, 0-2)
20.03.12	Kuwait - UA Emirates	0 - 6 (0-4, 0-0, 0-2)
20.03.12	Malaysia - India	13 - 2 (6-2, 3-0, 4-0)
20.03.12	Thailand - Chinese Taipei	14 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 6-0)
21.03.12	Macau - India	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-2, 0-3)
21.03.12	India - Malaysia	2 - 18 (1-5, 0-6, 1-7)
22.03.12	Thailand - Kuwait	8 - 2 (2-1, 4-0, 2-1)
22.03.12	UA Emirates - Chinese Taipei	14 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 6-0)
22.03.12	Malaysia - Macau	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 1-1)

Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	United Arab Emirates	3	3	0	0	0	24 : 3	9
2	Thailand	3	2	0	0	1	25 : 6	6
3	Kuwait	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 16	3
4	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 40	0

Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Malaysia	4	4	0	0	0	44 : 7	12
2	India	4	1	0	0	3	12 : 37	3
3	Macau	4	1	0	0	3	9 : 21	3

Qualification Play-off

Date	Game	Score
23.03.12	Chinese Taipei - Malaysia	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
23.03.12	Kuwait - India	13 - 2 (4-1, 4-1, 5-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
24.03.12	UA Emirates - Malaysia	15 - 0 (6-0, 7-0, 2-0)
24.03.12	Thailand - Kuwait	5 - 4 (0-1, 2-2, 3-1)

Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
25.03.12	Malaysia - Kuwait	5 - 3 (2-1, 1-1, 2-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
25.03.12	UA Emirates - Thailand	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)

Final Placing

1	United Arab Emirates	4	Chinese Taipei
2	Thailand	5	India
3	Malaysia	6	Macau
4	Kuwait		



Captain Juma Al Dhaheri lifts the Challenge Cup of Asia, the United Arab Emirates' second. Not the first place that comes to mind when one thinks of ice hockey, the UAE has come along well with player and facility development. Photo: IHAI



2012 Women's Challenge Cup of Asia

Qiqihar, China

Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
15.02.12	China 1 - China 2	12 - 0 (5-0, 5-0, 2-0)
15.02.12	Japan - Korea	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-1, 2-0)
16.02.12	China 1 - Korea	3 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 0-0)
16.02.12	China 2 - Japan	0 - 12 (0-4, 0-6, 0-2)
18.02.12	China 1 - Japan	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 1-1)
18.02.12	Korea - China 2	3 - 4 SO (0-0, 2-0, 1-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China 1	3	3	0	0	0	19 : 2	9
2	Japan	3	2	0	0	1	20 : 5	6
3	China 2	3	0	1	0	2	4 : 27	2
4	Korea	3	0	0	1	2	4 : 13	1

Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
19.02.12	China 2 - Korea	2 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
19.02.12	China 1 - Japan	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	China 2
2	China 1	5	Korea



IIHF Asian Sport Development Manager Harald Springfeld performs the ceremonial puck drop before the first game of the 2012 Women's Challenge Cup of Asia. Photo: Yan Qi Kui

2012 U20 Challenge Cup of Asia

Seoul, Korea

2012



**U20 CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA**
KOREA
Seoul

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
27.05.12	China - Chinese Taipei	5 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 4-0)
27.05.12	Korea - Russia	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 0-2)
28.05.12	Japan - Chinese Taipei	26 - 0 (11-0, 8-0, 7-0)
28.05.12	Korea - China	7 - 1 (4-0, 0-1, 3-0)
29.05.12	Russia - Japan	7 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 2-0)
30.05.12	Russia - China	15 - 0 (6-0, 5-0, 4-0)
30.05.12	Korea - Chinese Taipei	10 - 1 (4-0, 3-1, 3-0)
31.05.12	Japan - China	11 - 1 (2-0, 5-1, 4-0)
01.06.12	Chinese Taipei - Russia	0 - 29 (0-10, 0-8, 0-11)
01.06.12	Japan - Korea	8 - 7 OT (2-0, 3-4, 2-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Russia (MHL Red Stars)	4	4	0	0	0	57 : 0	12
2	Japan	4	2	1	0	1	45 : 15	8
3	Korea	4	2	0	1	1	24 : 16	7
4	China	4	1	0	0	3	7 : 35	3
5	Chinese Taipei	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 70	0

The U20 Challenge Cup of Asia invited a Russian selection, the MHL's Red Stars, to Seoul to participate as part of a co-operation effort between the IIHF Asian Office and the Russian junior league.

Photo: Soo-han Kim / Photo Bank

Final Placing

1	Russia (MHL Red Stars)	4	China
2	Japan	5	Chinese Taipei
3	Korea		



2012 U18 Challenge Cup of Asia

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2012



**U18 CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA**
ABU DHABI

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.04.12	Thailand - Malaysia	19 - 1 (3-1, 9-0, 7-0)
01.04.12	India - UA Emirates	1 - 31 (1-9, 0-9, 0-13)
02.04.12	India - Hong Kong	5 - 0 (Forfeit)
03.04.12	UA Emirates - Thailand	2 - 5 (1-3, 1-2, 0-0)
03.04.12	Hong Kong - Malaysia	0 - 5 (Forfeit)
04.04.12	Thailand - India	23 - 1 (6-0, 9-0, 8-1)
05.04.12	UA Emirates - Hong Kong	5 - 0 (Forfeit)
05.04.12	Malaysia - India	8 - 4 (5-2, 2-1, 1-1)
06.04.12	Hong Kong - Thailand	0 - 5 (Forfeit)
06.04.12	Malaysia - UA Emirates	3 - 8 (1-2, 1-4, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Thailand	4	4	0	0	0	52 : 4	12
2	UA Emirates	4	3	0	0	1	46 : 9	9
3	Malaysia	4	2	0	0	2	17 : 31	6
4	India	4	1	0	0	3	11 : 62	3
5	Hong Kong	4	0	0	0	4	0 : 20	0

Thailand outpaced the United Arab Emirates 5-2 and dominated the rest of the competition to win the inaugural U18 Challenge Cup of Asia.

Photo: United Arab Emirates Ice Hockey Association

Final Placing

1	Thailand	4	India
2	UA Emirates	5	Hong Kong
3	Malaysia		



IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF Tournaments

IIHF World Championship		
2013	SWEDEN, Stockholm & FINLAND, Helsinki	03 - 19.05.2013
2014	BELARUS, Minsk	09 - 25.05.2014
2015	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague & Ostrava	09 - 17.05.2015
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow & St. Petersburg	29.04 - 15.05.2016
IIHF World Championship Division I Group A		
2013	HUNGARY, Budapest	14 - 20.04.13
IIHF World Championship Division I Group B		
2013	UKRAINE, Donetsk	15 - 21.04.13
IIHF World Championship Division II Group A		
2013	CROATIA, Zagreb	07 - 13.04.13
IIHF World Championship Division II Group B		
2013	TURKEY, Istanbul & Izmit	21 - 27.04.13
IIHF World Championship Division III		
2013	SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town	15 - 21.04.13
IIHF World Championship Division III, Qualification		
2013	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, Abu Dhabi	14 - 17.10.12
IIHF World Junior Championship		
2013	RUSSIA, Ufa	26.12.2012 - 05.01.2013
2014	SWEDEN, Malmö	26.12.2013 - 05.01.2014
2015	CANADA, TBA	
2016	FINLAND, TBA	
IIHF U20 World Championship Division I, Group A		
2013	FRANCE, Amiens	09 - 15.12.12
IIHF U20 World Championship Division I, Group B		
2013	UKRAINE, Donetsk	10 - 16.12.12
IIHF U20 World Championship Division II, Group A		
2013	ROMANIA, Brasov	09 - 15.12.12
IIHF U20 World Championship Division II, Group B		
2013	SERBIA, Novi Sad	12 - 18.01.13
IIHF U20 World Championship Division III		
2013	BULGARIA, Sofia	14 - 20.01.13
IIHF U18 World Championship		
2013	RUSSIA, Sochi	18 - 28.04.13
2014	FIN, TBA	
2015	SUI, TBA	
2016	USA, TBA	
IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2013	ITALY, Asiago	07 - 13.04.13
IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2013	POLAND, Tychy	14 - 20.04.13
IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2013	ESTONIA, Tallinn	31.03 - 06.04.13
IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2013	SERBIA, Novi Sad	09 - 15.03.13
IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2013	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	11 - 17.03.13
IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2013	TURKEY, Izmit	02 - 09.02.13
IIHF Women's World Championship		
2013	CANADA, Ottawa	02 - 09.04.13
2014	SWEDEN, TBA	
2015	CANADA, TBA	
2016	USA, TBA	
IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2013	NORWAY, Stavanger	07 - 13.04.13
IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2013	FRANCE, Strasbourg or Rouen	08 - 14.04.13
IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2013	NEW ZEALAND, Auckland	08 - 14.04.13
IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2013	SPAIN, Logrono or Jaca	TBA
IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification		
2013	TURKEY, Izmir	01 - 08.12.12

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship		
2013	FINLAND, Vierumäki	29.12.12 - 05.01.13

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I		
2013	SWITZERLAND, Romanshorn	02 - 08.01.13

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Qualification		
2013	GREAT BRITAIN, Dumfries	27.10 - 01.11.12

Men's Olympic Qualification

Final Olympic Qualification		
2013	Group D, GERMANY, Bietigheim-Bissingen	07 - 10.02.13
	Group E, LATVIA, Riga	
	Group F, DENMARK, TBA	

Olympic Pre-Qualification		
2013	Group G, HUNGARY, Budapest	08 - 11.11.12
	Group H, UKRAINE, Kyiv	
	Group J, JAPAN, Nikko	

Pre-Qualification		
2013	CROATIA	17 - 19.09.12

Women's Olympic Qualification

Final Olympic Qualification		
2013	Group C, SLOVAKIA, Bratislava	07 - 10.02.13
	Group D, GERMANY, Weiden	

Olympic Pre-Qualification		
2013	Group E, CHINA, Shanghai	08 - 11.11.12
	Group F, LATVIA, Liepaja	

Pre-Qualification		
2013	Group G, SPAIN, Barcelona	12 - 12.10.12
	Group H, POLAND, Jastrzebie-Zdroj	27 - 30.09.12

IIHF Club Championships

2012/2013 IIHF Continental Cup	
First Round	28 - 30.09.2012
Second Round	19 - 21.10.2012
Third Round	23 - 25.11.2012
Super Final	11 - 13.01.2013

2012/2013 IIHF European Women's Champions Cup	
First Round	19 - 21.10.2012
Second Round	07 - 09.12.2012
Final Round	22 - 24.02.2013

National Team Breaks

2012/2013 Season	
1st International Break	27.08 - 02.09.2012
2nd International Break	05 - 11.11.2012
3rd International Break	10 - 16.12.2012
4th International Break	04 - 10.02.2013

InLine

IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2013	GERMANY, Dresden	02 - 14.10.12

Olympic Winter Games

Olympic Winter Games		
2014	RUSSIA, Sochi	07 - 23.02.14
2018	KOREA, PyeongChang	09 - 25.02.18

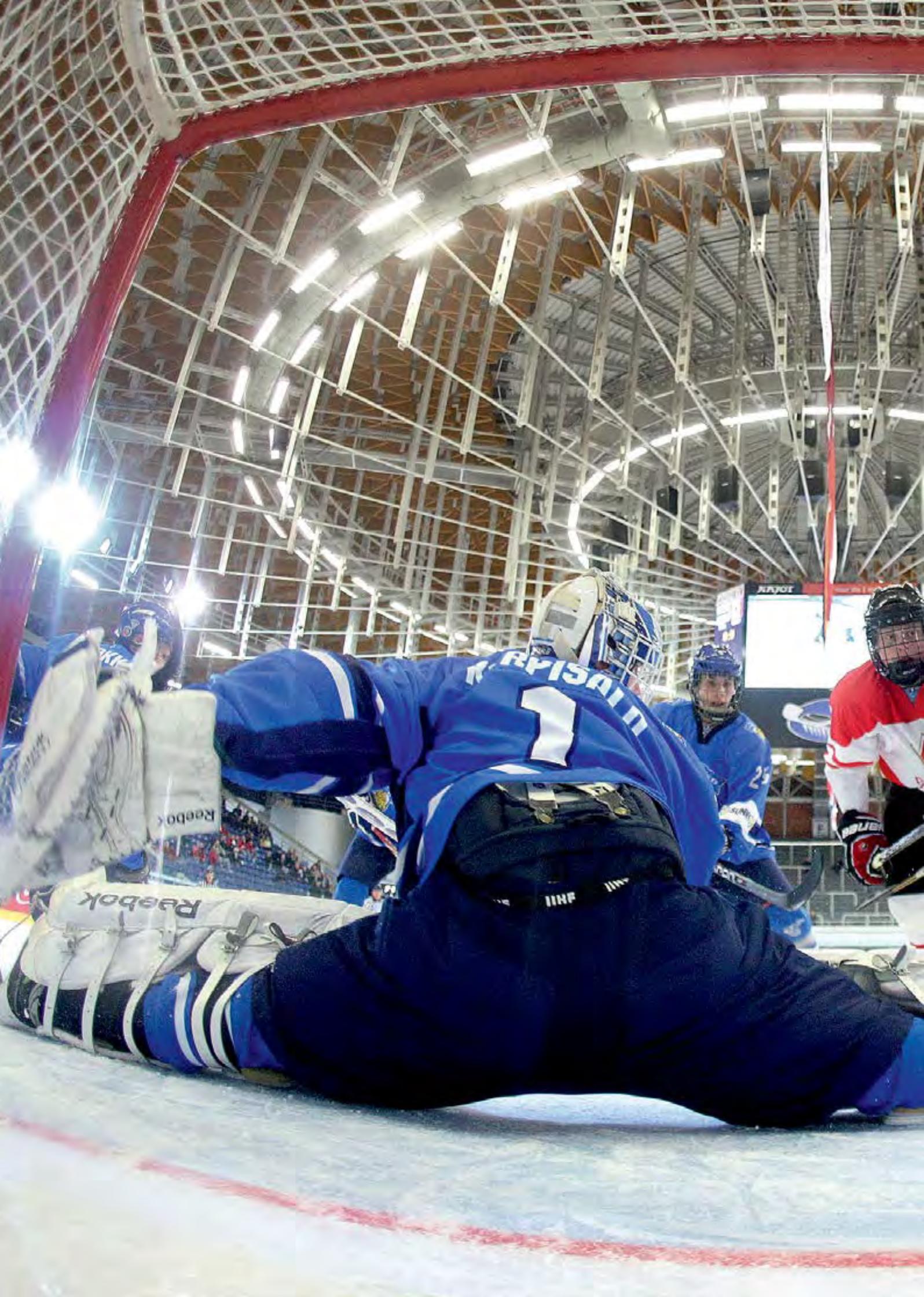
Youth Olympic Winter Games		
2016	NORWAY, Lillehammer	26.02 - 06.03.16

IIHF Congresses

IIHF General Congress		
2012	JAPAN, Tokyo	24 - 30.09.12

IIHF Annual Congress		
2013	SWEDEN, Stockholm	16 - 19.05.13

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress		
2013	PORTUGAL, Cascais	19 - 21.09.13





Ouch: Despite goaltender Joonas Korpisalo's best splits, Canada's Hunter Shinkaruk scored Canada's opening goal at the IIHF U18 World Championship bronze medal game. Shinkaruk would later become the overtime hero, potting the winning goal in extra time. Photo: Jana Chytilova / HHOF-IIHF Images

2012/2013 IIHF Championship Program

Men's Senior Championships

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Stockholm	Helsinki
Czech Republic	Russia
Sweden	Finland
Canada	Slovakia
Norway	USA
Switzerland	Germany
Denmark	Latvia
Belarus	France
Slovenia	Austria

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Italy	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Poland
Hungary	Netherlands
Japan	Romania
Great Britain	Lithuania
Korea	Estonia

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Australia	New Zealand
Spain	China
Croatia	Bulgaria
Iceland	Mexico
Serbia	Israel
Belgium	Turkey

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Group	Qualification
South Africa	Greece
DPR Korea	Mongolia
Luxembourg	United Arab Emirates
Ireland	Georgia
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U20 World Championships

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship

Group A	Group B
Sweden	Russia
Finland	Canada
Czech Republic	Slovakia
Switzerland	USA
Latvia	Germany

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Denmark	Great Britain
Belarus	Kazakhstan
Norway	Italy
Slovenia	Poland
Austria	Croatia
France	Ukraine

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Japan	Korea
Lithuania	Estonia
Hungary	Serbia
Spain	Belgium
Netherlands	Australia
Romania	Iceland

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group
Mexico
China
New Zealand
Bulgaria
Turkey
United Arab Emirates



Although they weren't able to get past the Americans in the semi-final, Canada's U18 team came back in thrilling fashion from a 4-1 second period deficit against Finland to win the bronze medal in overtime. Captain Matt Dumba became the first defenceman to lead the U18 World Championship in scoring with 12 points in seven games.

Photo: Jana Chytilova / HHOF-IIHF Images

U18 World Championships

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Sweden
Finland	Canada
Russia	Germany
Czech Republic	Switzerland
Latvia	Slovakia

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Denmark	Japan
Norway	Kazakhstan
Italy	Austria
France	Ukraine
Slovenia	Poland
Belarus	Korea

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Hungary	Netherlands
Romania	Serbia
Lithuania	Spain
Great Britain	Iceland
Croatia	Australia
Estonia	Belgium

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group A	Group B
China	Turkey
New Zealand	South Africa
Mexico	Israel
Bulgaria	Ireland
Chinese Taipei	

Women's World Championships

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
Canada	Sweden
USA	Russia
Switzerland	Germany
Finland	Czech Republic

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Norway	China
Japan	France
Austria	Great Britain
Latvia	Netherlands
Denmark	DPR Korea

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Italy	Croatia
Hungary	Spain
Australia	Korea
New Zealand	Iceland
Slovenia	Belgium
Poland	South Africa

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Group
Bulgaria
Ireland
Turkey

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
Canada	USA
Germany	Sweden
Finland	Czech Republic
Hungary	Russia

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Group	Qualification
Switzerland	Great Britain
Austria	Slovakia
Japan	China
Norway	Italy
QUALIFIER	France
QUALIFIER	Kazakhstan



USA forward Demi Crossman breaks away from the Russian defence at the 2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. The championship set a new attendance record for this category. 17,480 fans attended the 22 games in Zlin and Prerov, Czech Republic, for an average of 794 per game.
Photo: Phillip MacCallum / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Supplier Pool

Giving around the globe

The IIHF Equipment Supplier Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together the IIHF and equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

In the intervening years it has changed as required so that it is now well established and continues to benefit the sport. This program, striving to support the other IIHF sport development initiatives - enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost.

The IIHF Supplier Pool Members; Bauer, Busch, Easton Sports, Graf, Fischer, Frontier, Rebellion, Reebok/CCM, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, Torspo, and Warrior, have all made valuable contributions to qualifying National Associations. Gufex is the exclusive game puck supplier of the IIHF.



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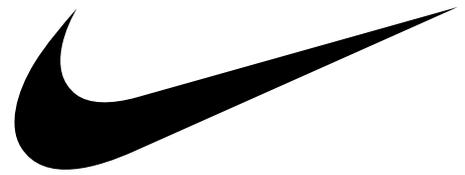


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Making things official

NIKE - OFFICIAL APPAREL SUPPLIER OF THE IIHF

Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at Olympic Winter Games as well as for IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championships and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championships. In 2012 Nikes' contribution to the sport was further emphasized by the IIHF when Kent Angus received the Paul Loicq Award for outstanding contributions to the IIHF and international hockey.



Tissot was visible on the boards while Nike provided the jerseys at the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship in Canada. Photo: Andy Devlin / HHOF-IIHF Images



TISSOT - OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

When the world turns white in winter, people's hearts and minds turn to hockey. To take advantage of the passion of these fans, Tissot has been involved with the Ice Hockey World Championships since 1998 and a partner of the IIHF for the same period. Indeed, currently Tissot is the award the players strive for at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey Championships for both men and women as well as at the IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship. As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and Tissot presents a special edition T-Tracx Ice Hockey watch to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honor these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.



Staying together: *Team Slovakia celebrates a goal against Switzerland in the preliminary round of the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship.*
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF.com

Website and social media set records

The steady growth of IIHF.com during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship continued in 2012. IIHF.com averaged 387,532 visits per day during the event in Helsinki and Stockholm. That's more than a 50 per-cent growth compared to last year in Slovakia (258,147) and almost four times more since the redesign in 2007.

The numbers peaked on 17th May when the quarter-finals were played. More than 600,000 visits were registered on that day. All these numbers are records for IIHF.com.

During the World Championship period IIHF.com had 6,588,046 visits compared to 4,584,990 in Slovakia 2011 and 4,065,490 in Germany 2010.

The countries with the most visitors were Finland, Russia, Canada and the U.S. IIHF.com is followed in more than 200 countries each year during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship page is run in partnership with Infront, and since 2009, jointly with the organizing committees. Apart from the live ticker, the video stream that was made available free of charge for the first time and the extensive photo gallery, IIHF.com published an average of nine stories per day with information from the arenas, complemented with side stories and congress coverage. As well, an app for

the iPhone, iPad, and newly made available for Android and Blackberry, was in operation.

The IIHF.com crew at the 2012 World Championship was for the first time extended by a video reporter to offer features, behind-the-scene videos and post-game comments that were published on IIHF.com and the World Championship YouTube Channel. Videos were also provided from other events ranging from the IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia in India to the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I.

The continuous growth also continued with the second-most followed event, the IIHF World Junior Championship. 102,485 visits per day were registered during the event in Calgary and Edmonton, 11 per cent more than the year before in Buffalo. The U20 page did not only offer game information, news, featured stories and photos, but also video highlights in partnership with TSN.

The IIHF's popularity also grew in the social media area. By July, the IIHF had 78,500 fans (+63%) on Facebook. In its second year, the IIHF's Twitter news feed's number of followers tripled to 23,000, and an additional feed with live scores was launched on Twitter. The IIHF and World Championship YouTube channels combine for more than three million video views.

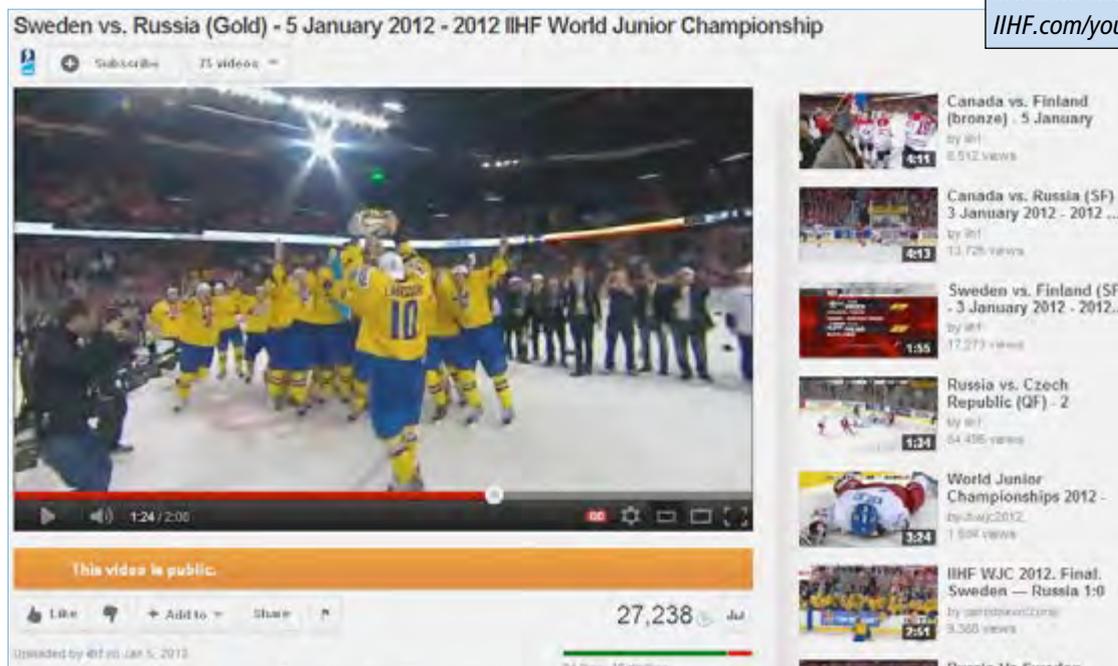
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Pictured: The IIHF Youtube page

Looking out for hockey's history

Hockey Hall of Fame

Mike Babcock, the only coach currently in the IIHF Triple Gold club, outside of Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, where the 2012 IIHF World Championship was played.
 Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images



Four Players Join Elite Group – 2011 HHOF Induction

In late June of 2011, four ice hockey players received a phone call that previously fewer than 250 others had received: that call came from Jim Gregory and Pat Quinn, Co-Chairmen of Hockey Hall of Fame's Selection Committee alongside HHOF's Chairman and CEO Bill Hay. The much deserved and decorated recipients of the aforementioned call were Ed Belfour, Doug Gilmour, Mark Howe and Joe Nieuwendyk, the newest members to join the elite HHOF Honoured Members club.

Our premier event has become much larger than the formal Induction ceremony. In fact, HHOF has created an all encompassing weekend experience which allows all levels of participants to experience the Induction celebration.

The 2011 rendition of our Induction weekend was no different: Guests on the Saturday were treated to a free autograph signing with Swedish ice hockey legend and HHOF Honoured Member Borje Salming. Later that same day, a well-known face to the IIHF family, Phil Pritchard, entertained and educated visitors with exclusive, behind-the-scenes stories and photographs of the Stanley Cup's continuing voyage around the world.

Another international star, Bryan Trottier shared his experiences, which were numerous, as a six-time Stanley Cup champion to the delight of all. Fans fortunate enough to attend the Hall of Fame Game were not only treated to a great match

between the Ottawa Senators and the Toronto Maple Leafs, but also witnessed HHOF Legends of the past personally congratulate all four incoming Inductees as they were introduced during a memorable pre-game on-ice ceremony.



One of the best two-way defencemen of the 1980s, HOF inductee Mark Howe shares a moment with his father, NHL legend Gordie Howe. Photo: Matthew Manor/ HHOF Images

One day later, HHOF guests received more giveaways and were able to participate in the Inductee Fan Forum, situated in the marquee area known as the NHLPA Be A Player Zone. This event allows our guests to interact directly with our Inductees. Shortly thereafter, thousands of fans were entertained both on and off the ice during the Haggart Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic.

After a full schedule of events during the weekend, the anticipation finally ended for our four Inductees, with the formal Induction ceremony. One by one, each Inductees' career was highlighted before being called to centre stage, and personally presented with our prestigious plaques by HHOF Chairman & CEO Bill Hay. Touching speeches from all of the new Honoured Members followed, including Mark Howe thanking and acknowledging his father, ice hockey legend Gordie Howe. "Mr. Hockey's" appearance to the gala truly added to this unique experience for all guests in attendance.

Business as Usual - Always Something New @ HHOF

Ice Hockey has a proud history and tradition, much of which is celebrated right here in Toronto at Hockey Hall of Fame. Part of this tradition, annually since 2007 has been acquiring and showcasing the spectacular Stanley Cup rings from the winning NHL clubs! Last fall, HHOF received and showcased the newest of the collection: the impressive champion ring donated by former Bruin and HHOF Honoured Member Cam Neely from the 2011 Cup champion Boston Bruins. Accepting the ring on behalf of HHOF was our Vice President, Curator Phil Pritchard along with our Chairman & CEO Bill Hay, whose own ring is prominently featured as a key member of the 1961 Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks.

HHOF Selection Committee Co-Chairman Jim Gregory announcing the Hall of Fame class of 2011.
 Photo: Steve Poirier / HHOF-IIHF Images



Another unique themed display was also unveiled this past year, this time with a decidedly international slant. Seen within our Tissot World of Hockey Zone, we feature numerous artifacts from the 2010 Winter Olympics. With a major assist going to the IIHF, Hockey Hall of Fame guests can relive the dramatic victory by host country Canada, as on display are overtime hero Sidney Crosby's stick, gloves, game-winning goal puck AND the "Golden Net". An already timeless graphic of Crosby scoring that goal rekindles memories from one of the most significant moments in Canadian ice hockey provides the perfect backdrop for these unique artifacts.

More recently, our executive staff, led by President and COO Jeff Denomme completed an ambitious project as we refurbished our marquee real estate with our facility. This revitalization of the Esso Great Hall was completed this past March and ensures that past and future Honoured Members are prominently recognized within HHOF's "cathedral for icons of ice hockey" for decades to come. Along with improved sight lines and visitor traffic flow, the Esso Great Hall now boasts significant enhancement to the multimedia content, all within the backdrop of every major NHL trophy, including its most coveted, the Stanley Cup trophy itself.

Together with the IIHF and its Partners and Sponsors

Since the 2007 IIHF season, HHOF have provided IIHF and related stakeholders with the management of photographic services for all of IIHF's top tier events. Since the inception of Images on Ice, we have provided unparalleled, comprehensive coverage of every period of every game. Our photography team is of the highest quality in the industry, shooting with strobe lighting to provide the IIHF and our clients with the absolute best quality images from each match. We wish to thank all of our photographers and editors for their great effort this past year, as well as the ongoing support of the various Local Organizing Committees and of course the numerous IIHF staff, both onsite during the events as well as the ongoing support from the Zurich office.

More recently over the last few seasons, HHOF have been assigned the task of archiving the IIHF's video collection. The process involves identifying, storing and depending on the content of the material and format, digitizing the assets for long term storage. This relatively recent proactive decision to preserve its collection, allows the IIHF the ability to monitor and maintain these valuable historical and future assets, thereby creating a lasting legacy for future generations.



Top: Sidney Crosby's stick and gloves, along with the game-winning puck and the net it went into to win the 2010 Olympic gold medal for Canada are all displayed at Hockey Hall of Fame.

Bottom: (from left) Joe Nieuwendyk, Mark Howe, Ed Belfour, and Doug Gilmour were the 2011 HOF inductees.
Photos: AJ Messier

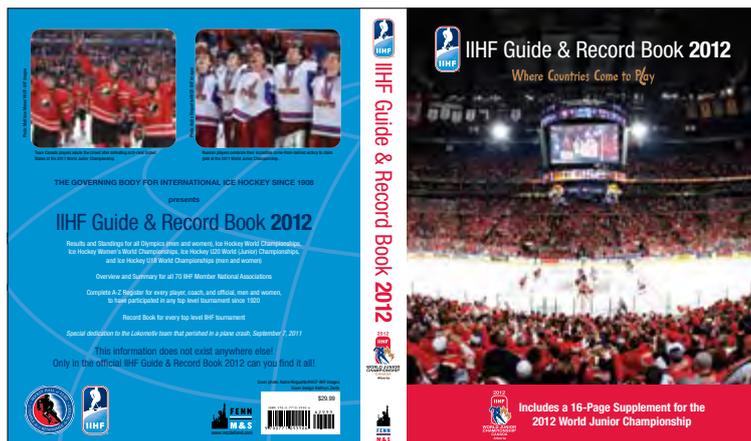


International Awareness Increases

Each year, HHOF opens its doors for guests from all over the world. Statistics have shown that the numbers of international visitors has increased over recent years. In addition, this past year we were pleased to host two separate IIHF Committee meetings within our facility, the IIHF Medical Committee in August and fittingly the IIHF Historical Committee last November. Aside from these committee members, we were pleased to welcome a number of IIHF delegates as well as a few IIHF staff on hand to dialogue regarding ongoing the aforementioned joint venture projects.

We welcome you all to the Hall!

For more detailed information about HHOF visit:
<http://www.hhof.com/>



The IIHF Media Guide and Record Book has been updated and made available on DVD.

Bigger and better than last year, the new 2012 IIHF Guide & Record Book is now available as a hardcopy and DVD and includes a 16-page supplement on the upcoming World Junior Championship.

Both versions can be ordered on IIHF.com from all over the world. The colossal 620-page book costs CHF 29 (€23, \$31) and the DVD CHF 15 (€12, \$16), excluding shipping cost.

Parting Shot

Goalie Talk



Finland goaltender Kari Lehtonen and Canadian netminder Devan Dubnyk have a chat prior to their match at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
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