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Back photo: Finland's World Junior hero Kasper Kapanen celebrating in
Hartwall Arena in Helsinki after scoring the golden goal against Russia.
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Let it rain: Team Canada celebrating its second straight World Championship gold.
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Joy and heartache: Finland's World Junior team empties the bench moments after Kasper Kapanen's golden goal in Helsinki.
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Happy crew: Hilary Knight gets Team USA together for a shot after winning the country's third straight Women's World Championship.
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Golden girl: USA's Natalie Snodgrass scores the gold medal-winning goal in front of a record crowd at the U18 Women's Worlds in Canada.
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*Finland's juniors capped a great season as the U18 national team won its first gold since 2000.
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Report of the President

We reached a great milestone this year, as Russia played host to the 80th IIHF World Championship.

80 World Championships...a number to be proud of. As IIHF President I have been fortunate to witness the growth of this tournament into the largest annual winter sports event on the planet. We have had so many great memories and tremendous achievements at the IIHF Worlds, and with the skill of the players increasing each year, there will be many more to come.

Congratulations to Team Canada for a successful title defence at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. There were some memorable moments in Moscow and St. Petersburg, including the return of Hungary to the top division which saw the country earn its first-ever victory at the World Championship. Moments like this are among the reasons why we hold the IIHF Worlds every year: to give an opportunity for growing ice hockey nations to show that they can compete and win at the elite level.

Prior to the World Championship we had an action-packed season at all levels of the international game. We kicked things off in Helsinki at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship. As usual, the World Juniors provided many thrills, ending with a storybook finish for the home team. Finland and Russia's U20s played a wild finale, ending on the stick of Kasper Kapanen and in joy for the host country as Finland collected its second gold medal in three years.

Finland's junior program again bore fruit three months later. This time it was the U18 men's team breaking the North American streak of eight consecutive U18 gold medals, defeating the United States in the semi-finals and then Sweden in the gold medal game to win the U18 Worlds for the first time since 2000.

On the women's side however, it was all Team USA. The U18 women's team defeated Canada in a wild overtime game that many observers called the best in tournament history. This was fortunate, as it was witnessed by over 5,500 fans in St. Catharines, Canada.

While it may not seem like a huge number, the turnout for the gold medal game was the third time – in the

same tournament no less – that the attendance streak for a IIHF U18 Women's Ice Hockey World Championship was broken. Congratulations also to the United States' women's senior team, which earned its third Women's World Championship gold in a row by defeating Team Canada on their home ice in Kamloops, again in overtime.

On the organizational side, this season marked the end of the IIHF Council's four-year cycle. I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing IIHF Council members for their hard work this past term. Thanks also to the Member National Associations for participating in the new Council elections, which took place during the Annual Congress in Moscow.

There are some challenges ahead for the new Council. We have acknowledged the need for the IIHF to take a bigger role in improving player safety, an issue that has been at the forefront of the hockey world and which is now being addressed by all of its major stakeholders. We must ensure that the communication lines are kept open amongst all of our MNAs, so that growing hockey nations can benefit from the research and development efforts of other countries that have brought new insight into player safety.

We must also remember that the goal of preserving a player's health both during and after their careers can be achieved without sacrificing the key elements of our sport that make it so great. This is why the work of our IIHF committees, comprised of not only medical professionals but also former athletes and game officials, is so important.

Expanding the sport of ice hockey is another goal. For this reason we will work harder than ever through the next four years to establish a strong foundation for the rapid development of ice hockey in Asia. With the next two Winter Olympics taking place in Korea and China, we have the chance to use our resources and partnerships to create a foothold for the sport in two key Asian nations. We are in talks with Infront and its parent company Wanda Group to assist with the development of a Chinese ice hockey league, and with our continued efforts to assist the Korean men's and women's national teams in improving their programs ahead of PyeongChang 2018, we can leave a lasting legacy for the sport that can continue and gain even more momentum into the future.



Our next challenge is to conduct a full review of the IIHF's governance structure and identify the areas where it needs to be modernised. As part of the Olympic Agenda 2020, we have a responsibility to improve our transparency and put into place new controls to strengthen the principles of good governance and ethics within the IIHF. While we hold ourselves to a high standard in both good governance and ethical practice, we can always do more.

In the spirit of cooperation and good faith, it is also necessary for the IIHF to reach out to all of ice hockey's different stakeholders, particularly all the European clubs, in an effort to develop a sustainable and mutually beneficial international calendar. Achieving a long-lasting unity within the ice hockey family is essential towards achieving growth and preserving the health of the international game.

I firmly believe that we have the experience and drive from the new IIHF Council to do the job. This is a dynamic mix of former top ice hockey players and of-

ficials with experience at all facets of the game, from officiating to the executive level.

Beyond our four main objectives, we want to continue to promote and enrich the delivery of our top division tournaments to ice hockey fans all over the world through our digital media and IT initiatives. Our partnership with Infront Sports & Media, which has reached new heights this year with our continued digital media initiatives and the introduction of the Growing the Game Fund, will play a key role in this.

It will be a busy four years as we prepare to tackle these challenges and prepare for the next World Championship and Olympics, but we look forward to working with all of the ice hockey family to ensure the health of our sport for many years to come.

René Fasel
IIHF President



The 2016-2020 IIHF Council

Top Row (from left): Petr Briza, Sergej Gontcharov, Franz Reindl, Vladislav Tretiak, Ron DeGregorio, Henrik Bach Nielsen

Bottom Row (from left): Luc Tardif, Kalervo Kummola, Marta Zawadzka, René Fasel, Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, Bob Nicholson, Thomas Wu



History: Hungary delivered some of the most memorable moments of 2016, including its first-ever IIHF World Championship victory, a 5-2 defeat of Belarus in St. Petersburg.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



Report of the General Secretary

The end of the four-year IIHF Council cycle brings with it new challenges, but also new opportunities.

This year saw some turnover amongst IIHF staff at our Zurich office. Elena Bernardo has moved on from her IT and New Media Coordinator position and has been replaced by Kevin Mark, who will assume the same responsibilities.

We also bid farewell to Marketing Coordinator Olesya Mueller and Finance Manager Adrian Oggier, both of whom will be leaving the IIHF by the end of the summer. Olesya's position will be taken over by former IIHF Receptionist Victoria Metzger. Both Metzger's and Oggier's positions will be filled at a later date.

The IIHF will soon be hiring a new women's program manager within the Sport Department. This position is designed to oversee the running of all the IIHF's women's-specific development programs, and to support women's development initiatives such as the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend and the Yearly Training Plan.

We are also in the middle of a restructuring effort in our Asian office, as the IIHF prepares to pool more resources into ice hockey development in this region.

With the new Council comes also the need to create new IIHF committees. The chairmen for each of the new committees were chosen at the first meeting of the new Council in July.

The IIHF is now awaiting submissions from its Member National Associations for IIHF committee member positions. The IIHF will also select the next group of committee secretaries to ensure a smooth and secure implementation of the new initiatives and projects that will come out of the committee discussions in this next Council term.

In order to maintain a successful preparation and delivery of the next Olympic men's and women's ice hockey tournaments, the IIHF's Transfer of Knowledge program has become a key component for the PyeongChang 2018 organizing committee (POCOG).

We are past the halfway point to the next Olympic Games, with still much to be done before the puck drops in Korea. Through attending the last three IIHF World Championships – including a comprehensive program during the most recent tournament in Moscow and St. Petersburg – representatives from POCOG have developed a solid working knowledge of what to expect when Korea hosts the men's and women's Olympic ice hockey tournaments.

2016 was the first time such a detailed TOK program had been set up for an Olympic host. POCOG reps had direct contact with all IIHF departments, who in turn collected and supplied guidelines, regulations, and examples for the 2018 hosts in all areas: event management, information technology, media operations, medical support, sport organization, and television production.

An integrated knowledge resource centre that can be transferred from Championship to Championship has been the main goal of the TOK program since Day One. The TOK process puts past and future hosts in touch with each other to share ideas and provide guidance if needed. This program will continue to develop and improve as the IIHF moves to future World Championship and Olympic tournaments.

Held in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was the perfect location to celebrate 80 years of this wonderful tournament. I would like to thank all the IIHF staff and the local organizing committee for their hard work and dedication in bringing the World Championship back to Russia with such great success.

Prior to Russia 2016, we witnessed by far the most successful World Junior Championship ever hosted in Europe. Helsinki, Finland claimed by far the best attendance figures in Europe for a World Junior Championship, with 215,225 fans coming to the games with an average of 7,174 per game.

Congratulations to the host nation, who not only won gold but delivered on all of its promises as an organizer, putting together a great tournament and in the process demonstrating the potential that the World Juniors has to be a premier IIHF event in Europe.



We also saw some good numbers at the two top division Women's World Championships. In St. Catharines, Canada – host to the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship – we saw the single game attendance record broken not once but three times, culminating in an all-time high set during the gold medal game.

The senior women's tournament, also held in Canada, saw a sold-out finale between Canada and USA in the gold medal game, held in the Sandman Centre in Kamloops.

Moving back to the World Championship, we wrapped up another very strong digital media venture in partnership with Infront Sports & Media, giving fans unprecedented access to the tournament with behind-the-scenes content along with highlights and live-streamed games throughout. Many thanks to the digital media staff for finding new ways to reach ice hockey fans worldwide.

On another point related to digital media, the IIHF established a new cooperation with the IOC's Olympic Channel in a contract to support the Olympic Qualification tournaments with video content.

It is my hope that this new partnership with the IOC will give ice hockey a larger platform to draw new fans to the game.

In order to track staff performance and improve awareness of staffing responsibilities at the IIHF, a new company reporting system was installed, allowing staff to report on their responsibilities through the year and provide updates on the individual tournament organization and committee projects that each staff member is working on.

In closing, the IIHF office and Council will be hard at work providing support to all MNAs, committees, and tournament organizers for this year and throughout the next four-year cycle, and it is my hope that our new initiatives will help us to deliver better service to all of international ice hockey's stakeholders.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



The IIHF Council elections took place during the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress held in Moscow, Russia during the IIHF World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

Beauty goal: Danish forward Nicklas Jensen channels Kent Nilsson and Peter Forsberg with this beautiful shootout goal at the IIHF Worlds.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





IIHF Council 2016-2020

Biographies

René Fasel (SUI)

President

Born on 6 February, 1950 in Fribourg, Switzerland. Graduated from the University of Berne. As a referee officiated 37 international games including the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki. In 1985 became the president of the Swiss Association and in 1986 was elected to IIHF Council. Former chairman of both the IIHF Referee and the IIHF Marketing Committees. 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. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011.



received several awards recognising good corporate governance practices. Served in different government advisory roles in Hong Kong and China. Localised ice hockey by co-founding the Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club in 2001, now a cornerstone for hockey development in Hong Kong, and establishing the Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey in 2007.

Luc Tardif (FRA)

Treasurer

Born on 29 March, 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age 3 to university level. He came to Europe in 1975 where he played in Brussels (Belgium) before moving to France in 1978 to play for Chamonix and later Rouen. After his player career, the dual Canadian-French citizenship holder was in charge of Rouen's youth ice hockey program for several years. In 2000, he was appointed head of the ice hockey department at the French Ice Sports Federation. In 2006, he was elected as first President of the newly created French Ice Hockey Federation, a position he was re-elected for in 2010 and 2014. He was named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



Kalervo Kummola (FIN)

Vice President-Europe & Africa

Born on 21 November, 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 in 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Chaired the IIHF Championship Structure, Championship Bid, Disciplinary, and Coordination Committees.



Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (HUN)

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



Bob Nicholson (CAN)

Vice President-Americas

Born on 27 May, 1953 in Vancouver, Canada. Became Chief Executive Officer and Vice-Chairman of the Oilers Entertainment Group in Edmonton in 2014. Served as president and CEO of Hockey Canada between 1998 and 2014. Senior vice-president of the Canadian Hockey Association from 1992 to 1998 and vice-president of programs with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1990 to 1991. Inducted into the B.C. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004.



Marta Zawadzka (POL)

Born on 11 June 1982 in Katowice, Poland. Graduated at the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice in Sport Management and at the Silesian University in Marketing and Management. Worked as an ice hockey referee with an international licence from 2010 to 2014. Became a member of the women's hockey committee of the Polish Ice Hockey Federation in 2008. In 2012 became a Polish Ice Hockey Federation council member responsible for women's hockey and of the referee committee (2015/2016). General Manager of senior and junior U18 women's national team.



Thomas Wu (HKG)

Vice President-Asia & Oceania

Born on 3 September 1972 in Hong Kong, Wu serves as Managing Director of Hopewell Holdings Limited. He was selected "Young Global Leader" in 2006 by the World Economic Forum and



LOC member for Eurobasket 2009, Women's Eurobasket 2011, World Men's Volleyball Championships 2014, European Handball Championships EHF Euro 2016, international football games and cycling tours.

Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN)

Born on 12 July, 1966, in Herning, Denmark. Bach Nielsen served as a board member of Danish club AaB Aalborg for five years until 2005 when he was elected to the Board of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. In 2007, he was elected President of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. Bach Nielsen was a member of the Danish Sport Confederation's Media Committee 2006-2010. He is educated in Political Science and has held executive positions in a major Danish broadcaster company. Currently, he is the owner and president of a real estate development company.



Petr Briza (CZE)

Born on 9 December 1964 in Prague, then Czechoslovakia. Graduated from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at Charles University in Prague. Played 23 years in three top elite European hockey leagues and in seven IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships and three Olympic Winter Games. After retiring in 2006, started to work at the hockey club Sparta Prague as General Manager and later Chairman of the Board. Helped established the league association Hockey Europe and the European Trophy club competition, succeeded by the Champions Hockey League where he acts as a board member. In 2008 became a member of the Executive Committee of the Czech Ice Hockey Association and its Vice President. Chairman of the Prague Organizing Committee for the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.



Sergej Gontcharov (BLR)

Born in Chemnitz, Germany, on 30 September 1983. Studied international sports management at the ISW Business School in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, and graduated with an international sports manager diploma. Assistant to the general manager for the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia from 2004 to 2007, staff member at three World Championships and three World Junior Championships. General Secretary of the Belarusian Ice Hockey Association from 2007 and 2011. Team leader at several World Championships and the 2010 Olympics. Elected as Vice President of the BIHA board in 2016. Member of the IIHF Event Committee since 2008.



Ron DeGregorio (USA)

Born in Boston, USA, on 3 September 1946. Received a BA from Middlebury College in 1969. He also has a Master Degree in Financial Services (MSFS) from the American College. Involved in ice hockey as a player, coach, owner, and adminis-



trator since 1971. From 2003 through June 2015 he has been President of USA Hockey and its Foundation, currently serving as co-chairman of both organizations. Selected in 2003 a recipient of the prestigious "Lester Patrick Award" presented by the NHL for service to hockey in the USA. He was inducted in the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in December 2015. Currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada.

Franz Reindl (GER)

Born in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on 24 November 1954. Represented Germany in nine IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, three Olympic Winter Games and one Canada Cup. Won the Olympic bronze medal in Innsbruck 1976. Joined the German Ice Hockey Association in 1991 as an assistant to the technical director and national team assistant coach. Worked as Sport Director, General Secretary and since 2014 as President. Former CEO of the DEL. General Secretary of the Organizing Committees for the 2001 and 2010 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships in Germany and CEO of the Organizing Committee for the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Germany and France. President of Team Europe for the 2016 World Cup of Hockey by the NHL and NHLPA.



Vladislav Tretiak (RUS)

Born on 25 April, 1952 in Orudievo, Russia. As a goalkeeper Tretiak won three Olympic gold medals (1972, 1976, 1984) and ten World Championships (1970-1971, 1973-1975, 1978-1979, 1981-1983) with the Soviet national team, and nine European Cups and 13 Soviet championships with CSKA Moscow. He was acknowledged best goalkeeper of the century during the IIHF's 100-year anniversary. Tretiak was in the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission between 1981 and 1991 and worked as a goalie consultant for the Chicago Blackhawks between 1991 and 2003. He was an assistant coach of the Russian national team at several occasions including the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Tretiak has been a member of the Russian State Duma (parliament) since 2003. In 2006 he was elected President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia, a position he has held since.



Lichtner, Horst (GER)

General Secretary

Born on 31 August, 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. He was also involved in the organization of the 1993, 1996 and 1997 IIHF World Championships.



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Sweden's Linus Soderstrom stops Finland's Mikko Rantanen in the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship semis.
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Financial Report

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	Season 13/14	Season 14/15	Season 15/16 Provisional Result	Season 16/17 Budget
<i>all figures in 1'000 CHF</i>				
INCOME				
Marketing Contracts	20'500	20'750	23'250	22'500
Sponsors and Suppliers	2'752	1'134	1'148	1'148
Olympic Contribution	39'480	12'113	697	385
Championship Income	4'069	4'540	4'611	3'315
Other Income	3'867	4'915	3'003	2'839
Total Income	70'668	43'452	32'709	30'187

	Season 13/14	Season 14/15	Season 15/16 Provisional Result	Season 16/17 Budget
<i>all figures in 1'000 CHF</i>				
EXPENSES				
Championship Costs	-20'297	-20'379	-21'397	-21'809
Club Competition Costs	-965	-902	-568	-621
Inline Hockey Competition Costs	-450	-256	-94	-288
Olympic Competition Costs	-28'259	0	-580	-309
Committees and Projects Costs	-3'120	-2'759	-2'364	-2'532
IIHF Congress Costs	-721	-688	-517	-906
IIHF Council Costs	-981	-646	-840	-800
Operational Costs	-10'212	-9'222	-10'329	-10'305
Total Operating Costs	-65'005	-34'852	-36'689	-37'570
Operating Result	5'663	8'600	-3'980	-7'383
Non Operating Costs	0	0	290	39
Net Result (Gain/(Loss))	5'663	8'600	-3'690	-7'344

IIHF Survey of Players

2015/2016 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS			REFEREES			RINKS		PARTICIPATION	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	52	17	24	11	0	0	1	0		85,580
Argentina	972	600	120	252	13	13	1	5		43,431,886
Armenia	323	66	257	0	6	0	3	2		3,056,382
Australia	3,918	2,381	1,069	468	332	47	19	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 III, WW II, WW18 IQ	22,751,014
Austria	9,493	3,938	4,884	671	254	11	38	35	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 IQ	8,665,550
Belarus	4,968	1,589	3,375	4	137	2	38	3	WM, WM20, WM18 I	9,589,689
Belgium	2,180	834	1,210	136	39	3	16	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II	11,323,973
Bosnia & Herzegovina	187	39	112	36	6	0	1	3	WM III	3,867,055
Brazil	27	23	4	0	10	0	4	0		204,259,812
Bulgaria	760	120	575	65	28	6	3	5	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	7,186,893
Canada	639,500	97,000	455,000	87,500	29,907	2,326	3,250	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	35,099,836
Chile	493	128	242	123	0	0	2	0		17,508,260
China	1,101	222	585	294	61	34	154	206	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW I, WW18 IQ	1,367,485,388
Chinese Taipei	960	85	696	179	72	19	7	0	WM18 III	23,415,126
Croatia	562	128	380	54	16	0	8	2	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	4,464,844
Czech Republic	109,103	79,838	26,551	2,714	4700	201	21	148	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,644,842
Denmark	4,716	1,743	2,545	428	115	5	27	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18 I	5,581,503
DPR Korea	2,320	170	1,230	920	32	6	3	13	WM II, WW II	24,983,205
Estonia	1,393	798	574	21	60	8	6	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	1,265,420
Finland	74,150	29,593	38,607	5,950	1,814	62	33	263	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,476,922
France	21,451	8,615	10,630	2,206	106	7	135	9	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18	66,553,766
FYR Macedonia	119	45	59	15	4	0	1	6		2,096,015
Georgia	492	64	386	42	4	0	4	1	WM III	4,931,226
Germany	25,430	7,240	15,774	2,416	243	41	209	45	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	80,854,408
Great Britain	12,462	6,636	4,693	1,133	282	19	63	0	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	64,088,222
Greece	296	85	171	40	3	0	3	0		10,775,643
Hong Kong	1,785	530	1,006	249	33	1	5	0	WM III, WM18 III, WW IQ	7,141,106
Hungary	4,776	601	3,637	538	127	4	41	15	WM, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	9,897,541
Iceland	566	64	395	107	15	2	3	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 II, WW II	331,918
India	1,276	363	608	305	10	2	5	13		1,251,695,584
Indonesia	94	45	45	4	8	2	3	0		255,993,674
Ireland	308	74	165	69	5	2	5	0		4,892,305
Israel	901	345	513	43	29	0	4	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III	8,049,314
Italy	5,896	1,374	4,081	441	127	5	46	24	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 IQ	61,855,120
Japan	18,988	9,505	6,897	2,586	805	61	34	123	WM I, WM18 I, WW, WW18 I	126,919,659
Kazakhstan	5,041	655	4,191	195	52	7	30	315	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 IQ	18,157,122
Korea	2,591	233	2,099	259	74	7	43	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW II	49,115,196
Kuwait	723	109	370	244	1	1	3	0		2,788,534
Kyrgyzstan	565	266	299	0	11	0	4	4		5,664,939
Latvia	6,699	4,710	1,888	101	158	27	19	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18, WW I	1,986,705
Liechtenstein	86	65	21	0	0	0	0	0		37,624
Lithuania	1,585	552	992	41	33	2	8	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	2,884,433
Luxembourg	399	140	246	13	23	19	3	1	WM III	570,252
Macau	101	25	57	19	6	2	1	0		592,731
Malaysia	367	122	170	75	17	2	2	0		30,513,848
Mexico	1,964	670	1,114	180	16	3	19	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	121,736,809
Mongolia	730	280	446	4	8	0	2	19		2,992,908
Morocco	151	110	27	14	2	0	2	0		33,322,699
Namibia	416	86	225	105	31	4	1	5		2,212,307
Netherlands	5600	3685	1209	706	41	5	26	2	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW I	16,947,904
New Zealand	1,255	415	685	155	35	5	6	5	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	4,438,393
Norway	6,629	1,818	4,179	632	255	15	45	1	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	5,207,689
Oman	73	38	35	0	2	0	2	0		3,286,936
Philippines	131	41	57	33	11	0	4	0		100,998,376
Poland	3,586	978	2,248	360	86	3	35	6	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	38,562,189
Qatar	106	10	91	5	4	0	3	0		2,194,817
Romania	1,206	158	943	105	59	5	16	10	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW IIQ, WW18 IQ	21,666,350
Russia	102,179	12,485	87,730	1,964	1,231	51	550	2,533	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	142,423,773
Serbia	786	232	490	64	25	0	3	1	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II	7,176,794
Singapore	533	333	149	51	20	4	2	0		5,674,472
Slovakia	12,380	3,180	8,457	743	392	20	61	17	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18 I	5,445,027
Slovenia	1,017	141	805	71	37	1	7	0	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	1,983,412
South Africa	751	243	359	149	35	3	7	1	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	53,675,563
Spain	904	187	532	185	29	1	17	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	48,146,134
Sweden	60,408	13,954	41,440	5,014	4,628	104	358	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,801,616
Switzerland	26,898	11,129	14,539	1,230	1,207	55	159	30	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	8,121,830
Thailand	359	116	207	36	5	0	13	0		67,976,405
Turkey	1,092	180	576	336	125	62	24	5	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	79,414,269
Turkmenistan	328	82	246	0	12	0	4	0		5,231,422
Ukraine	6,278	2,182	4,045	51	54	1	25	5	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I	44,429,471
United Arab Emirates	802	386	334	82	31	2	9	0	WM III	5,779,760
United States	543,239	160,415	309,748	7,3076	22,500	1,235	1,800	1,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	321,368,864

Legend:

(all tournaments from the 2015/2016 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
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WM18 III IIHF U18 World Championship Division III
WW IIHF Women's World Championship
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WW V IIHF Women's World Championship Division V
WW18 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship
WW18 I IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I
WW18 IQ IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Source of population numbers: 2015 CIA World Factbook

IIHF National Team 2015/2016 Jersey Program



Australia AUS
Member since 1950



Austria AUT
Member since 1912



Belarus BLR
Member since 1992



Belgium BEL
Member since 1908



Bosnia and Herzegovina BIH
Member since 2001



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



Georgia GEO
Member since 2009



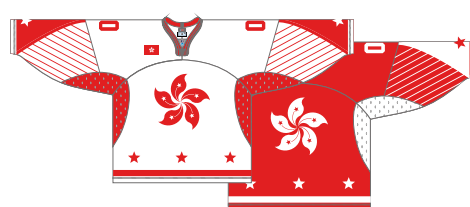
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Member since 1909



Greece GRE
Member since 1987



Great Britain GBR
Member since 1908



Hong Kong HKG
Member since 1983



Hungary HUN
Member since 1927



Iceland ISL
Member since 1992



India IND
Member since 1989



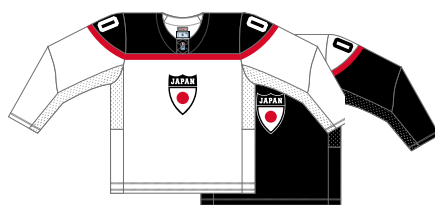
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Member since 1997



Israel ISR
Member since 1991



Italy ITA
Member since 1924



Japan JPN
Member since 1930



Kazakhstan KAZ
Member since 1992



Korea KOR
Member since 1963



Latvia LAT
Member since 1992
also a member from 1931-1946



Lithuania LTU
Member since 1992
also a member from 1938-1946



Luxembourg LUX
Member since 1912



Mexico MEX
Member since 1985



Mongolia MON
Member since 1999



Netherlands NED
Member since 1935



New Zealand NZL
Member since 1977



Norway NOR
Member since 1935



Poland POL
Member since 1926



Romania ROU
Member since 1924



Russia RUS
Member since 1911/1992
as Soviet Union 1952-1992



Serbia SRB
Member since 2003
as Yugoslavia 1939-2003



Slovakia SVK
Member since 1993



Slovenia SLO
Member since 1992



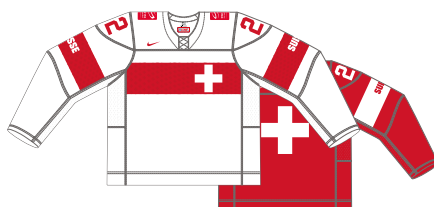
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Member since 1937



Spain ESP
Member since 1923



Sweden SWE
Member since 1912



Switzerland SUI
Member since 1908



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Member since 1991



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Member since 1992



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Vsevolod Kukushkin	RUS
Kirovs Lipmans	LAT
Shoichi Tomita	JPN

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Ruth Künzle	Secretary

Reagan Carey	USA
Mel Davidson	CAN
Christine Duchamp	FRA
Martin Kogler	AUT
Arto Sieppi	FIN

NOTE: The IIHF committees and committee members for the 2016-2020 cycle will be announced during the 2016 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress

USA's Joey Anderson with a scoring chance
against Canada's Evan Fitzpatrick at the 2016
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



The IIHF and Infront

Driving engagement and growth

From setting world records to challenging the status quo, the 35-year partnership is transforming ice hockey.

At Infront, we aren't just passionate about ice hockey; it's in our DNA – long ingrained in our history and an integral part of our business. The IIHF partnership has stood the test of time and made exceptional strides for the sport of ice hockey – demonstrating what a truly successful and enduring collaboration should look like.

Together, we are transforming the sport and helping to keep the IIHF at the forefront of the industry through continual innovations and developments. From Škoda's world record sponsorship celebration in 2007 and the introduction of HD production in 2009, to spectacular event sceneries in 2010, +1 billion TV viewers in 2015 and enhanced digital strategy in 2016, Infront is honoured to have been a part of the globalisation and expansion of the sport.

At the forefront of digital development

For the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, a key focus was the digital convergence of the tournament. A full range of social and digital content helped elevate exposure across a full contingent of social and digital channels – raising the bar for the industry. Building on the success of 2015, the enhanced digital strategy focussed on 1) increased visibility for the sport beyond traditional media coverage; 2) engagement and high identification of an ever-growing fan audience, and 3) access into new regions where ice hockey is not yet among the top sports.

To increase visibility, the social channels utilised were expanded from YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to also include the Russian online social networking service VK.com. Likewise, an extensive collection of 260 videos were produced before, during and after the Championship, including the popular "Olga on the Ice". Behind-the-scenes insight and event excitement was captured by partner GoPro, in a series of short 1-2 minute episodes. In total, the videos were viewed over 19 million times across all the digital platforms.

A fantasy game, fan guide app, contests and ballots all helped to raise engagement across ice hockey fans online. Official Main Sponsor Škoda, once again presented the Official IIHF App, which attracted over 300,000 new users, while Heineken brand Krusovice presented various digital content features on social media. The IIHF social platforms themselves generated

impressive follows, likes and subscribers, with a total of 1.8 million fans engaged during the Championship period.

To help introduce ice hockey to new regions and make it more understandable, informative animations illustrating the fun-

damentals of ice hockey were rolled out across different platforms and pushed into new geographical areas.

Improving ice hockey as a TV product

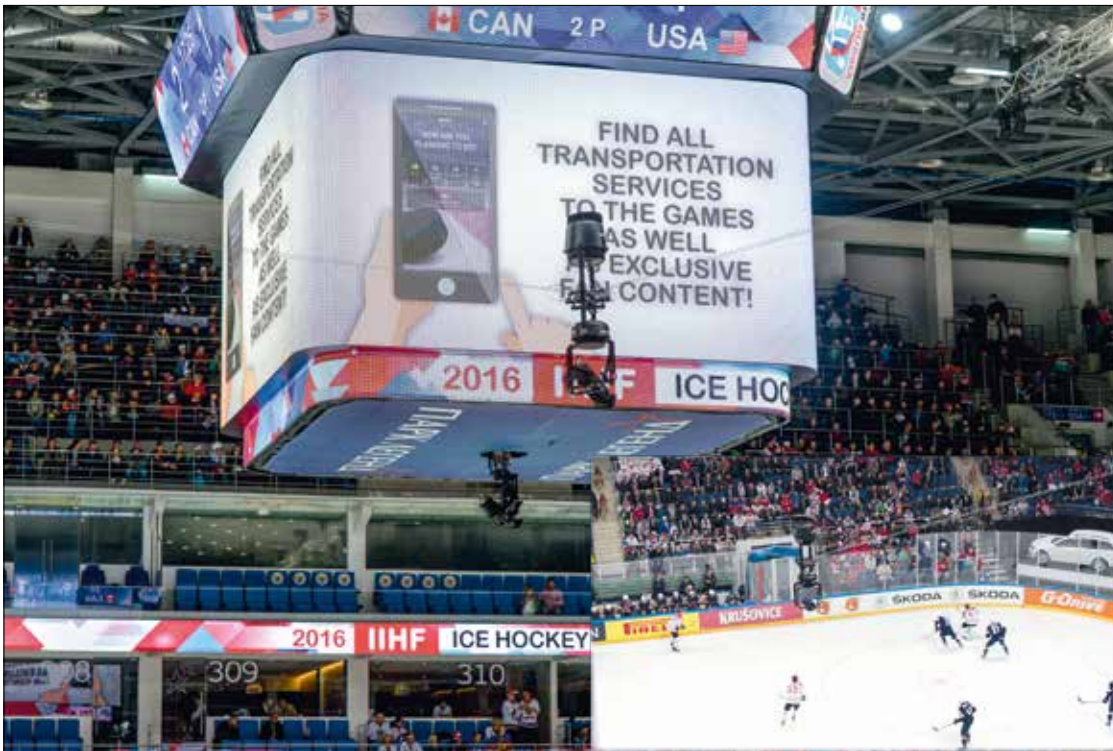
Overall, alongside the outstanding digital engagement of the event, the media reach, media production and sponsor delivery also continues to soar.

As the biggest event in Russia ahead of the 2018 FIFA World Cup™, the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship once again reached a massive audience in close to 170 territories, including non-traditional ice hockey markets such as Singapore and Philippines for the first time. For the Final weekend, Infront introduced the Bowcam, a cable-suspended aerial camera provided by Spidercam, to capture even more impressive angles and action. Furthermore, Infront introduced for the first time new animated player profiles to present all players to the audience in a memorable way. Finally, a strong contingent of 13 sponsor brands included many blue-chip companies who appreciate the platform's continual development and have remained loyal for many years.

Steady growth of the Champions Hockey League

On the club ice hockey side, the Champions Hockey League (CHL) continues to place its trust in Infront, recently confirming a new six year partnership. Infront fully believes in the high-potential of this property and anticipates that the new establishment of a purely sportive qualifying system and a reduction of the number of teams will even further increase the appeal of the platform. For Infront, the CHL is a great opportunity to deliver fully comprehensive services – contributing to everything from centralised media production and distribution, sponsorship and merchandise, to venue management and digital services. At every game, an on-site Infront staff member ensures smooth operations and high-





Above: The introduction of the innovative Bowcam brought a whole new level of immersion for fans watching the 2016 IIHF Worlds.

quality implementation with the support of Infront headquarters' Master Control Room.

Compared to the previous year, the 2015/16 CHL season saw a 42.8% increase in territories covered and the cumulative TV audience grew by 64% to reach over 150m viewers. The production also successfully utilised the Bowcam camera system and enhancements were made to the digital contingent. Social media campaigns included a platform for fans to engage with CHL video content by voting for their favourite goals of the season. In addition, full streaming of all games was provided both live (depending on territory) and on demand on the league's website.

Boosting ice hockey in new and established markets

Along with parent company, Wanda Group, Infront has ambitious plans for ice hockey and has already made progress building ice hockey's prominence in countries like China as the nation prepares to host the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

But Infront not only supports the IIHF in its new markets. It will continue to enhance the various IIHF products through strong digital, production and sponsorship services, all while spreading our vision and passion for the sport.



The second season of the Champions Hockey League concluded with Swedish club Frölunda Gothenburg raising the trophy.



Scramble: Chaos in front of the Hungarian net during the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Dubrovnik, Croatia

24 - 26 September, 2015

***All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet*

The President opened the 2015 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Cavtat, Dubrovnik, Croatia. The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

Osamu "Herb" Wakabayashi

Greg Parks

Paul Ambros

Mikhail Galinovski

Sergi Pous

Robert B. Cleary

John Garrity

Report of the President

The President opened his report congratulating the various 2015 IIHF Championship hosts; specifically, the IIHF World Junior Championship in Canada and the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in the Czech Republic. He indicated that the latter was one of the best organized World Championships that he has ever seen. Further, he commented on IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A indicating that there was an amazing amount of spectator interest.

After commenting on the winners of the 2015 IIHF Championships, he went on to comment on the 2016 Championships; specifically, the upcoming IIHF Ice Hockey World Junior Championship in Finland and the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Russia next May 2016. Further, he excitedly reminded all Federations about the World Cup of Hockey taking place in 2016 and provided some background information about the World Cup indicating that initially USA and Canada did not participate in the IIHF World Championship, but rather played the World Cup which has always been organized by the NHL. Therefore, he explained that the World Cup is not a new idea, but rather the NHL is just re-initiating a previously existing tournament. He explained that the competition will be an eight team format including Team Europe and a third North American team comprised of younger players from both USA and Canada.

With respect to the NHL, the President went on to explain that the IIHF is still working with the NHL to ensure the attendance of the NHL players at the 2018 Olympics. He detailed all relevant stakeholders of the NHL participation in the 2018 Olympics and provided a brief explanation of the involvements each stakeholder played in the negotiations to ensure that the NHL players participate in the 2018 Olympics.

The President concluded his speech with the IIHF Finances, explaining to Congress that the IIHF did extremely well last season. He indicated that Luc Tardif will provide a detailed explanation of the finances later in Congress, but that overall he was extremely happy with the work the IIHF did with respect to the finances last season.

Report of the IIHF Activities

Report of the IIHF Committees

RFA then pointed out that in the IIHF Annual Report there would be individual reports of the various committees about their activities.

IIHF Manual for Sustainable Events & Workshop

Council Member Beate Grupp approached Congress informing them about the initiative of the Committee. The Social and Environment Committee over the last few months has produced a manual for sustainable events. Such will be distributed to the interested Members at the workshop taking place this Thursday before Congress at 9.00 hrs.

Such a manual is designed to suggest to the tournament organizers ways in which they have a sustainable impact on the society and the environment. They would yet be only recommendations, however in the interest of helping to preserve the environment the Committee would hope that many tournament organisers will be able to implement some of the suggestions within their organisation of an IIHF Championship.

Along with numerous checklists, the manual also shares examples of some of the sustainability success stories that have been achieved in past events. A positive example on integrating sustainability subjects in an IIHF Event, Urs Scholl, Head of Logistics of the recent 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Men's U18 Championship in Lucerne and Zug would present to the Congress what the Organizing Committee had done in that respect.

IIHF Maintenance Seminar

Frank Gonzalez indicated that the committee has been working extremely hard to get the Ice Maintenance Seminars off the ground. He indicated that two seminars have already occurred and all have been successful. He indicated that the seminars have moved on from just how to maintain an arena to how to build an arena. He indicated that the Committee is available to all MNAs to assist in maintaining and building arenas in each of their respective countries.

Competition and Inline Committee

Vice President Bob Nicholson added that there had been a successful inline tournament in Finland this year. Second, he indicated that many persons involved in the tournament had discussed different ways to run the tournament in the future and, based on such discussion, he proposed that the new Council should look at the various options for the inline tournament's future.

Development / Coaching Committee

Vice President Bob Nicholson marked that it would be the fourth year already working the IIHF Development Program with Vierumäki. With respect to such program, there will be a report at the next Annual Congress detailing the positive effect of the camps and the effect of each MNAs development plans created in conjunction with the IIHF.

Event Committee

Council Member Igor Nemecek commented on the success of the 2015 IIHF Marketing Workshop in Budapest; specifically that the Workshop was organized wonderfully and was attended by many MNAs.

Officiating Committee

Council Member Christer Englund reminded Congress that it would be important that the Referees and Linesmen assigned to IIHF Championships each carry a hard copy of the IIHF Rule Book along when attending an IIHF event. He explained that Member National Associations can order Rule Books from the IIHF Office or print out a hard copy from the Internet.

Player Safety Consulting Group

Rene Fasel indicated that, with respect to the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Prague, no concussions or serious injuries had occurred. He explained that he thinks the success of the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship with respect to injuries was the result of the new rules geared to player safety, i.e. icing, making the neutral zone smaller etc. He lastly concluded that a report will be given at the 2016 Annual Congress regarding how the rule changes have positively affected the game with respect to injuries.

Vice President, Bob Nicholson, commented on a few rule changes which he also believed has positively affected the game with respect to injuries. He also thanked the referees who have implemented these rules and who have helped speed up the game. He indicated that the IIHF needs to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that everybody knows and understands the rules.

Tom Renney (CAN) asked if during the World Cup the IIHF can co-operate with the NHL and NHLPA to do some studies to determine what is the best way to go about presenting the game; i.e. small versus big ice surface size.

Report of the General Secretary

Horst Lichtner gave a brief report about the IIHF Activities during the last months. He first thanked everybody in the office for the hard work during the last year.

With respect to office staff changes, he indicated that Eric Trinkler, Event Coordinator, has left the IIHF and is currently on a world trip and has been replaced by Piet Heer, a former cross country skier. Also Patrick Bieler, IT Coordinator, decided to support his family with the family business and therefore left the IIHF by end of August 2015. Elena Bernardo joined the IIHF as IIHF New Media Coordinator end of July 2015.

When commenting on the employment of Elena, General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, indicated that the IIHF and Infront, in signing the new IIHF/Infront Contract, created a "new media" element that had to be initiated. The IIHF and Infront are working on exploiting modern technology to provide the game to spectators in a modern and novel way. General Secretary Horst Lichtner indicated that the new group will focus on providing that game in all new media platforms.

He concluded commenting on the IIHF Transfer of Knowledge Program which was now to be implemented in the organisation of the Olympic Games and that the IIHF in co-operation with the IOC would introduce such to the Korean Organising Committee this autumn. The program has generally been a success and the IIHF could be proud that the IOC had taken over that initiative. The IIHF program would service the other Winter Sports Federations as a benchmark.

Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council

IIHF Vice President Bob Nicholson informed Congress that Council decided that for the 2016 WM only, the 8th ranked team from Group A would be relegated at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round in the unlikely case that both Germany and France finish 7th and 8th respectfully at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round in Group B. Consequently, only the winner of the 2016 WM Division I Group A would be promoted.

---Congress approved Council's decision

However, the second ranked team from 2016 WM Division I Group A would be given the first right of refusal to host the 2017 WM Division I Group A.

So consequently: if in Group B either Germany or France would finish 8th and the other co-host would finish 6th, 5th, 4th or better, then the 8th ranked team from Group A would be relegated and the "worse" 7th ranked team from either Group A or Group B would also be relegated (as per existing Bylaw 701 III). In this case two teams would be promoted from WMIA because two teams would be relegated from the IIHF World Championship.

The President at this time pointed out that for the IIHF there should never be a possibility that the tournament operates without the host, and for this reason a solution had to be found.

After a short discussion, Congress ratified such proposal of Council. The discussion can be summarized as following:

Christian Hartl (AUT) questioned the proposal, which would not follow the Bylaw. From his point of view, another solution should be found. BNI added that a number of different options had been looked into, but in every way, it would not please everyone but the proposed solution would be the best one. Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) indicated that there is no fair solution to the situation and with hindsight indicated that the IIHF Congress should probably not have granted co-hosting rights to France and Germany, the IIHF cannot go back and change the situation at this time. He supports the decision to only promote one team from WMIA if Germany and France finish in position 7 and 8 of Group B after the preliminary round.

Matjaz Racovec (SLO) indicated that he was really shocked with the proposal, but that he understands such. However, he indicated that the decision required a Statute and Bylaw amendment which could only occur at Annual Congress with giving four weeks' notice of the respective proposal and such could not happen at the current Congress. The IIHF would already have had dual hosting in the past and such situation would had to be taken care of at the moment when granting co-hosting rights and it would not be fair to discuss such at this moment.

Council Member Tony Rossi added that this was a question of urgency and the Legal Committee would support the decision to only relegate one team from the 2016 WM if Germany and France finish 7th and 8th in Group B. When allocating the tournament to two countries, such situation was not expected and such had not been taken into account at that time.

Yaraslau Zauhodni (BLR) commented on the competitive nature of the WMIA and he therefore would favour such proposal.

Andy French (GBR) would prefer to have France and Germany not being in the same group and then if one of the two ended last place, the second lowest team would move down and lowest, if Germany or France, would stay in WM.

The President indicated that everyone can interpret the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws differently and that the IIHF does not want to go to CAS for a violation of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. However, he stressed the importance of keeping both France and Germany in the 2017 WM for the sake of the organization of the championship.

The representative from Ukraine noted that this year they would not be competing for the WMIA which would make it rather difficult to speak on this problem. However, he would agree that both Germany and France would have to be protected. The WM would be the most important tournament for the IIHF to make the game more popular and therefore there would not be a better solution than that which was presented and he therefore would support the Council's proposal.

Christian Hartl (AUT) would want to come back to the solution by having Germany and France in two different groups.

Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) added that it would be put too much attention of the unlikely case that both Germany and France would result at the end of the ranking, which he believes would not happen anyway.

Kalervo Kummola noted that he still would favour the proposal of Council. However, for the sake of future Tournaments, the IIHF Regulations would have to be adapted accordingly to prevent from such situations when having a co-hosting arrangement.

Kim Pedersen (DEN) inquired into the situation and asked if the team that is losing out on the situation in WMIA, i.e. the team that should have been promoted, is receiving some compensation. The President, Rene Fasel, indicated that the team that is not promoted due to France and Germany ending up in position 7 and 8 of Group B will earn the right of first refusal to host the 2017 WMIA in their country.

Csaba Kovacs (HUN) inquired into whether the decision the IIHF Council was asking the Congress to support was just for this specific situation, i.e. 2016 WM, or whether the IIHF is essentially creating a new rule that will be applicable if this situation occurs again in the future. Horst Lichtner replied that this proposal is only applicable for 2016 WM and with the single organisers known until 2020, a similar situation will not occur in these years.

The General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, then specifically explained the proposal which went to a vote:

If at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Germany and France end up in place 7 and 8 after the preliminary round in Group B, then rather than relegating number 7 in Group A, only one team is relegated (8th in Group A) and only one team from 2016 WMIA will be promoted.

101 votes in the room. Proposal Council to be decided:

- 8 votes against
- 3 votes abstention
- 90 votes for the proposal

Allocation of 2016 IIHF Championships

The General Secretary remarked that there was one Championship which had not yet been allocated:

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IQ

Austria is the only applicant to host this Qualification tournament. The eight eligible and duly entered nations in the Women's Under 18 Qualification tournament are proposed to

operate an 8 team qualification tournament in order that the all 8 teams can participate in a single qualification tournament for promotion to the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Women Championship Division I.

---Congress unanimously approved Austria as host, Steindorf and Velden, 07.-11.01.2016

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship D. I Gr.A

Marta Zawadzka (POL) – explained that, while Congress approved Poland to host the WMIA based on the Championship being held in Krakow, due to receiving a great offer from the Spodek Arena in Katowice, it is requesting Congress to approve the hosting city to change from Krakow to Katowice. Marta Zawadzka showed a short presentation on Katowice and the respective arena prior to voting to change the host city from Krakow to Katowice.

---No one rejected the change to move the Division I, Group A tournament in Poland from Krakow to Katowice.

IIHF Calendar and 2016 IIHF Championship Program

The 2015/2016 IIHF Calendar of Events recording the dates and venues of future IIHF Championships (Enclosure 6.1 a) along with the 2016 IIHF Championship Program listing the participation summary of all teams entitled to participate in the different championship divisions (Enclosure 6.1 b and c) are attached to the minutes and will be permanently available at www.iihf.com in their most updated version.

Directorate Chairmen for IIHF Championships Allocated by Council

The General Secretary informed Congress about the appointed Chairmen for the 2015/2016 IIHF Championships which is attached to the Minutes (Enclosure 7).

---Congress unanimously approved the Directorate Chairmen as allocated by Council.

Request of BLR about National Team Break September 2016 / KHL

Belarus together with Latvia had approached the IIHF about the national team break in September 2016. Specifically, Belarus explained that the qualification for the Olympic Winter Games would be very important and that it wants to have their athletes participating in the KHL in such a tournament.

Therefore, it has been requested that the national team break should be one week later to allow the KHL players to participate as well.

Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) – indicated that the Olympic Qualification tournament is very important for LAT and therefore he is very nervous about playing dates. He applauded BLR for foreseeing the problem and truly believes that the clubs will not release the players for the national team break. He wants to ask the KHL to not start the season until after 6 September. He indicated that LAT does not have so many candidates for the national team and therefore, needs all players to be released from their KHL clubs.

The President, Rene Fasel, indicated that the IIHF already spoke with the KHL regarding the release of players for the Olympic Qualification. Roman Rotenberg indicated that it is clear for the KHL that the best solution is that the KHL starts later.

Andy French (GBR) inquired into whether the change in dates affects the CHL. Vice President, Kalervo Kummola, indicated that the Coordination Committee will meet to discuss a solu-

tion to the CHL playing schedule beginning of October. The IIHF already spoke with the NHL and NHLPA that the players will be released during that period to play in the Olympic Qualification Tournament.

---Congress approved to move the National Team Break to start from 28 August until 4 September 2016.

IIHF Championships 2015 / 2016

Chairmen's Report from the Championship Meetings

All participants had received the relevant information from the Hosts on the organisational and administrative matters plus all details regarding the preparation of the IIHF competitions in the 2015/2016 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 24 September 2015 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B in Mexico City, Mexico

Henrik Bach Nielsen indicated that the date will be 9 -15 rather than 10-16 and, due to the fact that North Korea did not take part in the meeting due to visa issues, ask the IIHF office to help confirm that North Korea is coming to the Championship before 15 October 2015. In addition the IIHF Office should help them receive a visa for future occasions.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III in Istanbul, Turkey

Kalervo Kummola requested that because UAE is not at the Semi-Annual Congress that the IIHF Office ensures that it receives the correct information.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division II Group B in Novi Sad, Serbia

Jan-Ake Edvinsson explained that the game schedule was not signed by the Chinese Federation due to the fact that the Chinese did not send delegates that have the authority to sign the game sheet due to a date collision for their team. However, he indicated that he believes that matter will be resolved shortly. Vice President, Thomas Wu, indicated that he would speak with the Chinese Federation to ensure that the game schedule is signed. Due to the difficulty with the dates, the General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, noted that it is extremely important for all countries to object to the date before a championship will be allocated by voting if the dates pose a problem for their respective team.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division III Group B in Cape Town, South Africa

Jan-Ake Edvinsson indicated that only three teams are planned to play in the tournament, and therefore, requested that rather than playing a schedule with two games each, that the tournament be a double round robin format so that each team could play four games each. He explained that, if the IIHF approved the round robin format, the tournament would be an actual championship.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I O, Steindorf and Velden, Austria

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer noted that the game sheet cannot be signed off by China as no one from the federation attended that has the authority to sign.

2016 IIHF Men's Olympic Qualification Game

Ernest Aljancic commented that initially there had been a proposal to postpone the game for one week but finally the Bulgarian Federation has been able to solve the issue and it would remain as proposed.

2016 Men's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 Group J in Sapporo, Japan

Thomas Wu: indicated that there was a small issue with practice times/schedule, but such should be resolved shortly.

Approval of the Game Schedules

At the individual championship meetings held on 24 September 2015, the game schedules for all the 2015/2016 IIHF competitions were approved and signed by the participants in attendance, with the remarks given. For those nations not in attendance, the game schedules would be as agreed by the national associations attending the Congress.

---Congress ratified the Game Schedules.

Confirmation of Nominated Referees and Linesmen

The game officials for the 2015/2016 IIHF Championship Program had been nominated by the Officiating Committee and approved by the participants in the respective competitions. The relevant list is attached to the minutes (Enclosure 9.3).

---Congress confirmed the referee and linesmen assignments for the 2015/2016 IIHF Championships as proposed.

Report of the Hosts of Upcoming Championships

2016 WM, RUS

Alexey Vorobev from the Russian Ice Hockey Federation provided the Congress with a presentation detailing the status of the upcoming World Championship in Moscow and St. Petersburg (Enclosure 11.1).

He concluded naming some key points regarding ice hockey venues, passport and visa issues, training venues and accommodation as well as the transport between the two host cities.

2017 WM, GER / FRA

Franz Reindl, President of the German Ice Hockey Association and Luc Tardif, IIHF Council Member and President of the French Ice Hockey Association together with members of the OC then approached Congress, providing brief information about the WM 2017 being held in Cologne and Paris. Specifically, they provided some information regarding logistics, venues, accommodation and the co-hosting organizing structure (Enclosure 11.2)

Council Election Procedure at 2016 IIHF Annual Congress

Horst Lichtner provided a brief presentation on the 2016 IIHF Council and Auditor Elections. Specifically, he explained the pre-election procedures, nomination procedures and the election procedures (Enclosures 12 a) – e).

He concluded the presentation explaining the relevant documents – (1) Memo on Pre-Election and Election Procedures, (2) Council Nomination Form and Auditor Nomination Form, (3) Election Conduct Guidelines, and (4) Council Code of Conduct – and detailing the important dates – deadline for Council and Auditor Nomination Form (recommended) 1 March 2016 and (final) 8 April 2016.

Yearly Accounts 2014 / 2015 and Auditors' Report

The IIHF Treasurer, Luc Tardif provided a financial presentation (Enclosure 13.1) and the Financial Report (Enclosure 13.2) containing the overview of the IIHF accounts, as well as the impact of the activities that had taken place over the past season.

He detailed that the presentation would go over the past financial situation, the current financial situation and then concluded with an overview of the financial forecast. In concluding, he thanked the IIHF General Secretary and the Finance Department for their good work as well as the internal Auditors and the Audit Advisory Group.

Yearly Accounts

In addition to the information provided in the above presentation, Luc Tardif indicated that the financial situation was CHF 3.118 million better than expected in May 2015. The IIHF Treasurer explained all relevant points on the documents regarding the Yearly Accounts which were distributed to Congress. The financial report covering the period 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 was completed by the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 was also presented.

Auditors Report 2014/2015

Fabio Oetterli, IIHF Internal Auditor, presented the report of the Internal Auditors (Enclosure 11.3). The audit group spent the necessary time at the IIHF Office in Zurich to analyse the documents, balance sheets, budget papers, minutes of the Council and Executive Committee, profit and loss statements and income statements as well as the accounts and meetings/discussions with the IIHF Treasurer, General Secretary and the Finance Director. Any differences were duly justified against invoices, expense reports and duly submitted documents.

After the Internal Audit, the Internal Auditors met with the External Auditors indicating that the External Audit was conducted according to Swiss Standards and the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. Fabio Oetterli indicated that all financial reports covering the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 were analysed and completed by the external auditors. 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 2014/2015 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

---Congress unanimously approved the Auditors Report 2014/2015 as presented.

Other Business

Olympic Qualification Women's Tournament

Dave Fitzpatrick provided a brief presentation on the Olympic Qualification Women's Tournament; documents were distributed to each MNA at the beginning of the Semi-Annual Congress. The documents detailed the structure of the women's tournament including the tournament rounds, application deadlines, allocation dates.

With respect to one very important issue, Dave Fitzpatrick drew Congress' attention to the number of players participating in the Women's tournament; specifically, he pointed out that the IIHF bylaw allows for each team to name more players than the IOC allow each team to bring to the Olympics. Therefore, at this time, the IIHF has requested the IOC to increase each team player allotment. The IIHF is waiting on a response from the IOC.

Repeat Player Study Report

IIHF Council Member Bob Nicholson addressed Congress and informed them about very positive two-day meeting in Zurich in mid-August on the Repeat Player Study that was presented at the 2015 Annual Congress.

The number one conclusion that they have come out of this meeting with was that the repeat player was not the issue for having a World Championship each year or every two years. The repeated player was a symptom of some of the following issues that need to be addressed:

- Need for better recruitment of players;
- Need to have more games within the country and with countries nearby;
- Better coaching;
- A much better mentorship program for all of these countries, operating development in a different way;
- Could the IIHF build a better database to help promote the Championships and also help send data to help recruitment and player development?
- When hosting a tournament, one should bring young players on the ice and promote the game at a very young level;
- Can Infront put a Public Service Announcement together that the IIHF can use in all of our broadcasts to promote young boys and girls getting involved in the game of hockey?
- When hosting championships, it really helps the growth of registration within that country. One can really see the spikes in registration the year after a country hosts an IIHF Championship event.

Following their discussion during the meeting, it was recommended that the IIHF should operate a stand-alone workshop for recruitment and retention of players for all member national associations. This initiative would be recommended to the new Council for their consideration once elected and the new Council could then possibly use this initiative to launch their term.

Tom Renney (CAN) indicated that it would be great for the IIHF to take the initiative on a pilot project to create three partitions cross ice with corresponding ice markings that allow the rinks to more accurately meet the size of small children. Dividing an ice rink into three equal parts, essentially, allows children to come into contact with the puck more often and actually play the game.

Council Member, Frank Gonzalez, responded by indicating that it is a great project idea and that the IIHF Facilities Committee will definitely look into such. He indicated that the cross ice idea would very advantageous to utilize at not only large but also are small championships to promote the game.

Ron DeGregorio (USA) explained that the Boston Bruins (NHL) will start the cross ice game initiate this season during the intermissions.

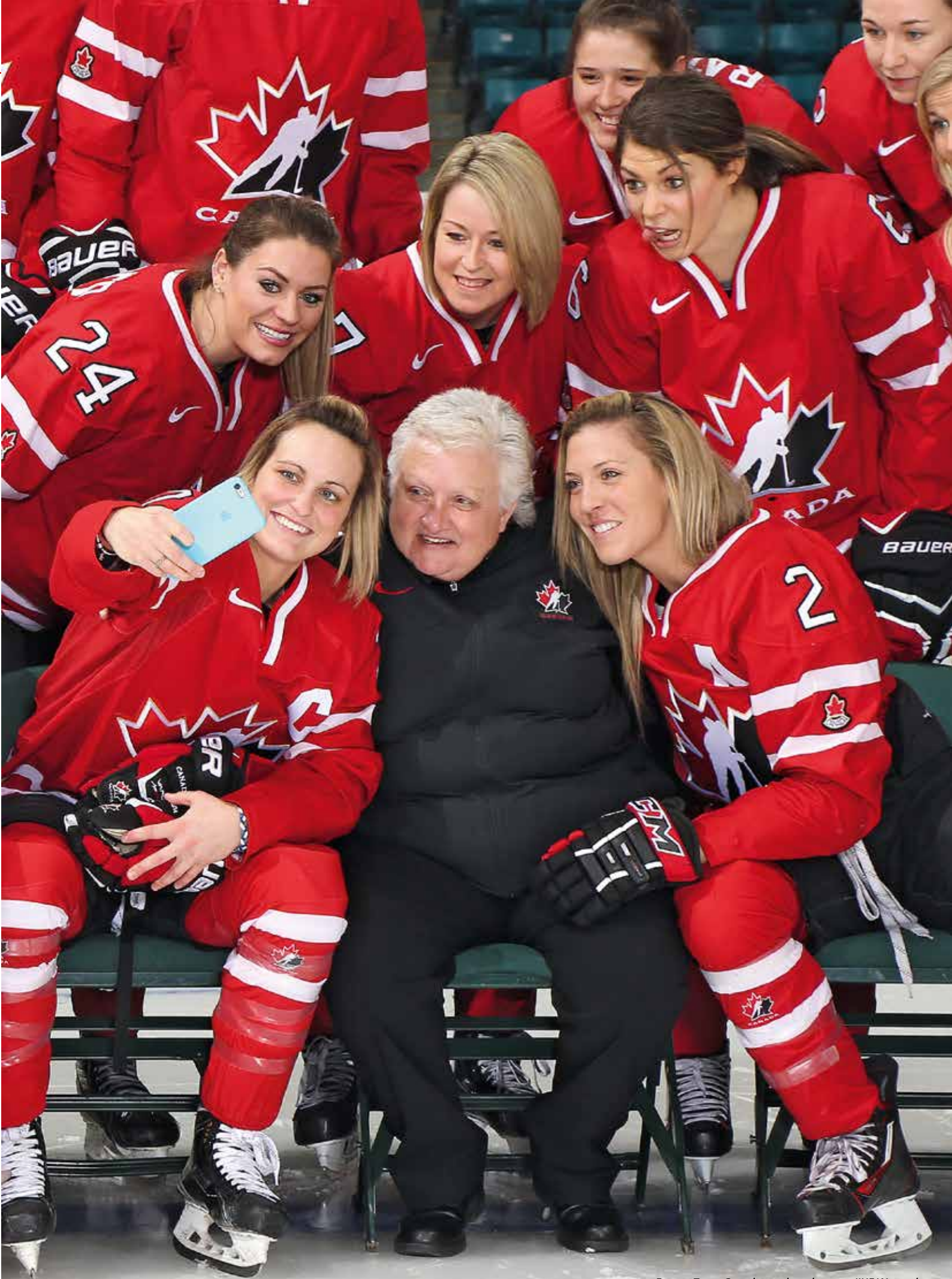
Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) indicated that he was surprised that MNAs are just now requesting that the IIHF look into the cross ice idea as LAT has been doing cross ice games for children for many years.

Russian Ice Hockey Federation Renovation

Roman Rotenberg from the Russian Ice Hockey Federation explained that due to global hockey changing, in order for Russia to respond to the changes, the Federation is changing its internal structure/organization. After indicating the reasons for the restructuring, Roman Rotenberg provided specific details of the new Federation structure (See Enclosure 17 for more details).

Suspension of Armenia

After careful review the Council decide that the Armenia suspension should be lifted. Based on such, the Council requested the Congress to supports its judgement and lift the Armenia suspension.



Former Team Canada coach and current IIHF Women's Committee member Mel Davidson gets a pic with Marie-Phillip Poulin and the rest of the crew in Kamloops.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Annual Congress

Moscow, Russia

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The President opened the Congress welcoming all Congress members. 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:

- Mr Martin Jones (AUS), General Secretary;
- Mr Alain Schneider LUX), President,
- Mr Konrad Gylfason (ICL), General Secretary,
- Mr Günther Birgel (NZL), President,
- Mr Ruud Vreeman (NDL) President,
- Mr Marko Milvanovic, (SRB) President
- Mr Harri Numela, (FIN) President.

Lastly he welcomed the delegates who are attending the IIHF Congress for the first time: Mr Aleix Manosas Rodriguez (AND), Mrs Irene Lorite Rodriguez (ANDO), Mr Emilio Strapasson (BRA), Mrs Chunlu Wang (CHN), Mr Rauno Parras (EST), Mr Richard Grievson (GBR), Mr Smarth Sharma (IND), Mr William Fitzgerald (IRL), Mr Ilya Kursenko (KGZ), Mr Keng Meng Chan (MAC), Mr Saad Taqfiq (MAR) and Mr Junhao Zhu (SIN).

Report of the President

The President, René Fasel, provided a report of activities which have occurred over the last year and provided some information with respect to the concerns and issues that the Ice Hockey Family will have to confront in the 2017 Championship season and forward.

He commented that it has been a blessing to serve as IIHF President over the last decades and especially thanked the outgoing Council for their excellent and hard work over the last four years. He continued indicating that the IIHF needs to continue to focus on player safety, good governance, and budgetary concerns especially those originating from the Olympic funds and on sport development in Asia.

See Enclosure 5 for complete speech.

Elections

The President initiated the election for the 2016 – 2020 Council term requesting Congress to vote utilizing the current voting procedures and structure, exercising their full right to vote on the President, three Vice-Presidents, two female candidates and seven remaining Council candidates.

Next the General Secretary explained that all Statute and Bylaw procedural requirements have been met, specifically the IIHF provided notice to all MNAs regarding their right to elect candidates on 30 September 2015 and provided all MNAs until 8 April 2016 to submit the candidate nomination forms. He further explained that all candidates currently running for election meet all IIHF Council member requirements included within Statute 40.

Before beginning the election, he explained that the new council mandate will not start until 24 May 2016 with the current council

finishing the remainder of Congress and the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The General Secretary began the election by confirming that the Congress had quorum to hold the elections; specifically, the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress had all full members with the right to vote present representing 100% of the voting members (96 votes of a total of 96 votes possible for Full Members). After confirming that quorum was present and prior to each specific election, he individually indicated the specific number of votes for each Full Member National Association:

Lastly, he explained that the scrutineers will count the votes in the room for complete transparency and no ballot will leave the room during the election.

President

Rene Fasel was the only candidate nominated for this position. The Congress unanimously confirmed his re-election.

The re-elected President thanked Congress for their confidence. He promised that he would continue his work by using all his strength and passion for the sport. He further indicates some of the main topics of which he intends to focus on over the next four years including the continued cooperation with the NHL, the improvement of good governance within the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws and the improvement of ice hockey in Asia.

Vice-Presidents

Vice President for Europe:

Kalervo Kummola (FIN) was the only candidate nominated for this position. Congress unanimously confirmed his re-election.

Kalervo Kummola gladly accepted the nomination and thanked Congress for the nomination and the confidence in him. He explained that he would do his best to continue to grow ice hockey including facing all current ice hockey challenges the best way possible. Being no longer President of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association, he will have much more time to dedicate to international ice hockey in general.

Vice President for the Americas:

Bob Nicholson (CAN) was the only candidate nominated for this position. Congress unanimously confirmed his re-election.

Bob Nicholson gladly accepted the nomination and thanked Congress for its support. Additionally, he thanked Hockey Canada for allowing him to run for the vice president position. He indicated that one of his main goals is to ensure that all young players participate in ice hockey in a fun and safe the environment. Lastly, he implored the Congress to vote on the candidates that they feel will do the best for ice hockey.

Vice President for Asia:

Thomas Wu (HKG) was the only candidate nominated for this position. Congress unanimously confirmed his re-election.

Thomas Wu thanked the Hong Kong federation for its nomination. He indicated that he hoped to continue the role of bridging be-

tween Asian and the rest of the world in the area of ice hockey.

Female Council Members

After concluding the election of the vice presidents, the General Secretary moved on to the elections of the female candidates as required in Statute 42.

The General Secretary first listed the names of the three female candidates and their corresponding country. He further informed them that each will have up to five minutes to present herself to Congress.

The Female candidates drew the order of presentations as follows:

- 1) Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (Hungary)
- 2) Monique Scheier-Schneider (Luxembourg)
- 3) Marta Zawadzka (Poland)

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer addressed Congress and talked about the past four years in Council and that she was proud to be a member of the Ice hockey family. She has given a possibility to join the greatest ice hockey family in the world and she had enjoyed every minute she could spend with the IIHF. She thanked for the support she received during that term, from the Hungarian Federation, the IIHF, the Committee Members and her colleagues from the IIHF Council.

Monique Scheier -Schneider also addressed Congress, stressing that the election to Council does not mean voting for or against one or another country, and does not mean voting for or against a big or small country. She indicated that it is voting for someone who can do the best for international ice hockey, concluding saying that her main goal is to build ice hockey around the world.

Marta Zawadzka addressed Congress explaining that she has been a member of the ice hockey family for years and has been a delegate for Poland for four years. Ice Hockey has been a part of her life from a very young age and she indicated that this is a great moment for her to help build hockey, not just in women's hockey or referees, but in all areas of ice hockey. She concluded indicating that she believes it is her moment to help build international ice hockey.

After the address of each of the female candidates, the General Secretary explained that since there are three candidates for two positions, the Congress will use ballots to vote. He explained that each MNA has the right to vote for one or maximum two candidates. However, he further noted that if a ballot has three votes, the ballot will not count. He explained that the names are listed on the ballot according to the order in which the female candidates spoke.

After tallying all votes the IIHF President announces the two female Council members:

- 1) Mrs. Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer with 77 votes; and
- 2) Mrs Marta Zawadzka with 63 votes.

Both thanked the Congress for its support and indicated that they would work very hard to live up to Congresses expectations.

Auditors

Three candidates have been proposed for election as auditors

- 1) Christer Englund (Sweden);
- 2) Fabio Oetterli (Switzerland); and
- 3) Andrea Gios (Italy).

After electing the Female Council Member, the General Secretary moved on to the Auditor election. He once again allowed each Auditor to speak briefly and not more than five minutes and indicated to Congress the number of votes for each Full Member.

Fabio Oetterli explained that four years ago the Congress gave him the trust and honour to be an the IIHF Auditor due to his skills and knowledge of Swiss Law and that he hoped Congress would once again bestow him with that trust.

Andrea Gios addressed Congress indicating that with the passion he currently has for ice hockey and the skills and knowledge he has in the finance/accounting area, he would now have the opportunity to combine his skills and knowledge to help benefit the IIHF and international ice hockey.

Christer Englund first thanked the Congress for the trust in being appointed as IIHF Council Member for the last eight years and for the support during that time. Then he went on to comment on his experience with working in the banking industry, his experience working in a Federation as the president of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation and as an IIHF Council Member. He concluded noting that his aforementioned experience has prepared him well for this next roll as an IIHF Auditor.

The secret vote was conducted with the assistance of the scrutineers and the result was announced as follows:

- 1) Fabio Oetterli with 68 votes; and
- 2) Christer Englund with 78 votes.

Remaining Council Members

The General Secretary explained that the IIHF has seven remaining seats to fill on the 2016 – 2020 IIHF Council. He indicated that the names of all remaining candidates, including the remaining female candidate, would now be listed on one ballot for the second round of elections. He explained that the IIHF office could not prepare the ballots in advance as there was no way for the IIHF Office to know the name of the respective female candidate not so elected in the first round of elections. Next the General Secretary explained that a maximum of seven votes could be casted and that each MNA has the right to vote for one or up to a maximum of seven candidates, but that a ballot would not count if it contained more than seven votes.

He encouraged all MNAs to exercise their right to vote and cast all seven votes. Lastly, he explained that a simple majority of votes will determine who is elected as a Council member, but that if there is a tie for the last position, another voting round would take place, just between those candidates that tied for the seventh position.

The Candidates drew the order of presentations as follows:

- 1) Joaquin De La Garma (Mexico)
- 2) Vladislav Tretiak (Russia)
- 3) Matjaz Rakovec (Slovenia)
- 4) Petr Briza (Czech Republic)
- 5) Peter Forsberg (Sweden)
- 6) Robert van Rijswijk (Netherlands)
- 7) Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN)
- 8) Luc Tardif (France)
- 9) Franz Reindl (Germany)
- 10) Ronald DeGregorio (United States of America)
- 11) Igor Nemecek (Slovakia)
- 12) Vidar Gardarsson (Iceland)
- 13) Sergey Gontcharov (Belarus)
- 14) Frank Gonzalez (Spain)

Joaquin de la Garma addressed Congress by commenting on the success and development of ice hockey around the world. He explained that much of this success is due to the hockey development created by the IIHF. He indicated that key to this development is to continue to build ice hockey in the countries where is

does not currently exist. He indicated that his goal, if elected as a Council Member is to continue to make hockey in existing hockey countries stronger and create ice hockey in the small countries where it currently does not exist. He indicated that it would take small steps, but if elected as a Council Member he would ensure that the aforementioned development was met.

Vladislav Tretiak addressed Congress by first thanking the Council and all members of the Congress for allowing Russia to organize the WM in Russia during Russia's 70 years of ice hockey anniversary. He explained some of his accomplishments over the last 4 years on the IIHF Council, including the great work of the athletes committee. He concluded indicating that he would do his best to continue the work that he had done up to this point as a Council Member.

Matjaz Rakovec addressed Congress by first indicating that he is very proud that Slovenia nominated him for a Council position. He indicated that Slovenia only has 7 ice hockey rinks but was able to get to the last Olympics. He explained that this is an example of what he can do if he is put into the IIHF Council.

Petr Briza addressed Congress by first thanking the Czech Republic Olympic Committee and Czech Republic Federation for their support in nominating him for this Council position. He then went on to explain his experience including playing at 7 IIHF World Championships, managing a Czech ice hockey club, and being a board member of the Czech ice hockey federation. He recognized that a real difference exists from playing ice hockey and developing ice hockey at not only the national level but also at the international level. He further explained his experience included being part of the organizing committee of the 2015 WM. He concluded indicating that the IIHF should stop looking at the difference between small and big countries but rather look at all countries together and focus on building ice hockey in all countries. He indicated that the IIHF needs to look at the ice hockey family as "we" versus defining the individual countries.

Peter Forsberg addressed Congress by explaining his ice hockey experience and then continued that he wants to continue the Swedish tradition of Sweden helping other countries to help build ice hockey. He indicated that development and education is the key to ice hockey success. He explained that he will be there to assist and help all hockey countries.

Robert van Rijswijk provided a bit of ice hockey history as it illustrates his ice hockey values and what he stands for with respect to ice hockey. He indicated that his experience is exemplified in both national and international ice hockey. He explained that one of the most important factors in building ice hockey is sharing knowledge, skills and development. He further stated that transparency is a key to building ice hockey. However, he noted that to achieve this key everybody needs to be involved from the small countries to the large countries. He concluded that we own the greatest sport in the world and that he has ice hockey in his DNA and wants to spread this knowledge to all members.

Henrik Bach Nielsen indicated that four years ago he had the vision of transparency and good governance of the IIHF mission and that some of the keys of his mission have been achieved, but that the IIHF should never stop striving to achieve higher goals including getting ice hockey in new countries and on new continents. He indicated that he is from one of the small countries, but a country that knows how to play with the big boys. He indicated that with the support of the Congress, he intends to help build ice hockey across the globe and he would want to make the effort to build and develop ice hockey.

Luc Tardif addressed Congress by stating that rather than standing in front of Congress explaining numbers, he wants to present

himself including providing important personal details. He indicated that he retired from playing ice hockey in 1990 and since then has been dedicated to building ice hockey not only in France but around the world. He explained that he was elected as the president of the French Federation when it separated from the French Ice Sports Federation. He explained that since 2012 he has been a council member, on the IIHF Executive Committee and the IIHF treasurer. He indicated some of the achievements he has obtained during the last four years as a council member including keeping the current championship structure. He indicated that his goals include financial transparency and good negotiations with the IOC for contributions. He concluded thanking everybody for their support that they have provided to him for the last four years and welcomed all to the semi-annual congress in September and the 2017 WM in May.

Franz Reindl opened his speech indicating that it is with great pride that he is standing in front of Congress hoping to become a member of the IIHF Council. He indicated that his 3 leading credentials are experience, affiliation and teamwork. He further went on to explain his vision and objectives: (1) player development including recruitment; (2) positioning of ice hockey in the international marketing particularly in non-ice sports countries; (3) integrity; and (4) coordinate the international calendar. He concluded that he would be honoured to provide his experience and expertise to the IIHF family.

Ron DeGregorio introduced himself to the Ice Hockey Family and explained a bit of history about himself. He indicated that he is a former USA hockey player, coach, and administrator; with his most recent experience being USA Hockey president. He indicated that his largest achievements within ice hockey are USA Hockey Development Program and explained that USA Hockey's achievements are largely part of USA Hockey being part of the hockey family. He explained that he hopes his experience in both insurance and finances will help move the goals of the IIHF forward.

Igor Nemecek addressed Congress by first indicating his reasons for wanting to continue his role as a Council Member. He explained that his experience both within his national federation as president and WM organizer in 2011 and also within the IIHF both via working with Committees and the IIHF the Council has prepared him well to continue to help build ice hockey around the world. He explained that wants to get to know each hockey country better and help each individual country build their hockey program through cooperation with the IIHF. He concluded thanking everyone for their support and indicating that he wants to support both the small countries and the big countries, specifically including dialect not only between the small and big countries but also between the small countries and the IIHF.

Vidar Gardarsson opened his speech providing a few key facts about his background including stating that he wants to be part of Council specifically to help the small countries within the IIHF. He indicated that there is not currently enough representation of the small countries on the IIHF Council. However, he did not dismiss the large countries. He indicated that he wants to focus on three points: (1) development – strongly support athlete development (2) recruitment and retention of players – recruitment is a huge problem that can be helped by working together; (3) transfer of knowledge program – use such in the lower division as well.

Sergej Goncharov opened his speech recognizing that he is young but explained that such is a good thing as he can related to the youth of the ice hockey world. He indicated that while he is young he has made a lot of accomplishments in his few years including working with the Olympics as a delegate. He explained that he has experience working with varying federations and that his vision for the IIHF is to bring ice hockey into new markets to help realize his dream that ice hockey really is the second most

popular sport in the world. He concluded that we currently have a huge potential in the Asian Market and that the IIHF cannot miss the opportunity to capture the market both in way of player participation, but also in sponsorship and viewership. He lastly noted that being elected as a Council member means the work starts.

Frank Gonzalez opened his speech by indicating that he will continue to build ice hockey as he has done over the last 13 years. He explains that he is very privileged and honoured to continue his work with the IIHF Council. He indicated that he does not believe that the hockey family can be divided into small and large countries, but that all countries must be treated fairly and with respect. He indicated that all resources from the IIHF needs to be used evenly among all of the countries. He hopes and wishes that we can find new ways for the members to help Council to help the IIHF, who can in return help the federations. He wants to focus on male and female development and focus on the huge potential in Asia. He further thanked all those involved with world ice hockey including the IIHF staff, Infront, media outlets, players and officials. He wished all candidates good luck in this very difficult election.

After providing time for all MNAs to vote and time for the scrutineers to tally the votes, the General Secretary announced that all ballots cast were valid. The secret vote was conducted with the assistance of the scrutineers and the result for was announced as follows:

- 1) Franz Reindl with 81 votes
- 2) Vladislav Tretiak with 78 votes;
- 3) Luc Tardif with 72 votes;
- 4) Henrik Bach Nielsen with 70 votes;
- 5) Sergey Gontcharov with 52 votes;
- 6) Ron De Gregorio with 46 votes; and
- 7) Petr Briza and Peter Forsberg, each with 44 votes.

As a result of Peter Forsberg and Petr Briza being tied for the 7th Council position, the General Secretary explained that a final decisive ballot will be held among only the candidates ending in a tie. He once again handed out the ballots and indicated how many votes of each Country.

The final decisive ballot was conducted with the assistance of the scrutineers and the result was announced as follows in favour of:

- 1) Petr Briza with 57 votes.

All Council Members accepted their nomination. The President congratulated everybody who had been elected. He wished the new IIHF Council and the new Auditors the best of success for the working period ahead.

Report of the IIHF Championship Season 2015 / 2016

IIHF Championship Reports

The President asked the Chairmen to report if there were any special remarks regarding the individual championships. No special remarks were made for any Championship Division.

The General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, provided a bit of facts and figures about the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships; specifically, he was talking about the various attacks and the consequences of such changed environment in some Member Countries. A tournament from Turkey had to be moved to Spain and he thanked everyone involved for their cooperation and support. It surely can be understood, that for underage players the parents might have concerns to send their children to certain areas with political unrest, especially when there is a high media coverage.

Further there had been some issues when teams arrived too late or did withdraw too late and such would not be easy for everybody involved. All those points have to be considered when applying for hosting an IIHF tournament and that there always might be a possibility to postpone, or move a tournament if there are serious problems in that area.

No further report on IIHF activities was given besides information provided during the President's Report.

Admission of New Member National Associations, Expulsion and Change of Membership Status

Indonesia has requested associate membership status. Council received a report regarding membership and recommends the IIHF approve the associate membership of Indonesia.

Nepal has requested associate membership status. Council received all necessary information regarding membership and recommends the IIHF approve the associate membership of Philippines. Council further recommends sending Mr. Lacarriere, together with a member of the facilities committee to Nepal to support Nepal with the building of an ice hockey arena.

The Philippines has requested associate membership status. Council received a report regarding membership. With that said, a second group has approached the IIHF indicating that the original group that applied is not supporting ice hockey. However, the Philippines NOC supports the original group and based on this support, the IIHF Council recommends approving the application of the Philippines.

Qatar has requested to become a full member. Based on a Council report regarding membership, the IIHF Council recommends approving the application of Qatar as a full member.

---All members approved the associate membership of Indonesia, Nepal and Philippines as well as the change from associate to full member of Qatar.

Allocation of 2017 IIHF Championships

The participation summary was reviewed at the Calendar Meeting held on 20 May 2016 preceding the Annual Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to file an application for hosting a championship that were currently without an Organiser.

2017 WMIA: Austria and Ukraine applied to host this Championship. The result of the voting was as follows:

- 12 votes for Austria, and
- 13 votes for Ukraine.

---Congress appointed Ukraine as host, Kyiv, 22 – 28 April 2017.

2017 WMIB: Estonia and Great Britain applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

- 7 votes for Estonia, and
- 18 votes for Great Britain

---Congress appointed Great Britain as host, Belfast, 23, – 29 April 2017

2017 WMIIA: Iceland, Serbia and Romania applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

- 6 votes for Iceland,
- 6 votes for Serbia, and
- 13 votes for Romania.

---Congress appointed Romania as host. Galati, 03 - 09 April 2016.

2017 WMIIB: New Zealand is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed New Zealand as host. Auckland, 04 - 10 April 2017.

2017 WMIII: Bulgaria and South Africa applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

14 votes for Bulgaria, and

10 votes for South Africa.

---Congress appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 10 – 16 April 2017.

2017 WMIII Qualification: Chinese Taipei is the applicant and registered team for this Championship Division.

---Congress appointed Chinese Taipei as host. Taipei City, April 2017.

2017 WM20IA: Kazakhstan and Germany applied to host this championship division. The result of the voting was as follows:

6 votes for Kazakhstan, and

19 votes for Germany.

---Congress appointed Germany as host. Bremerhaven, 11 - 17 December 2016.

2017 WM20IB: Hungary and Italy applied to host this Championship.

The result of the voting was as follows:

14 votes for Hungary, and

11 votes for Italy.

---Congress appointed Hungary as host. Budapest, 11 – 17 December 2016.

2017 WM20IIA: Estonia and Romania applied to host this Championship. The result of the voting was as follows:

20 votes for Estonia, and

5 votes for Romania.

---Congress appointed Estonia as host. Tallinn, 11 - 17 December 2016.

2017 WM20IIB: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship

---Congress appointed Spain as host. Logrono /Jaca/Valdemora, 07 - 13 January 2017.

2017 WM20III: Iceland, New Zealand, Turkey and Bulgaria applied to host this Championship division. The result of the voting was as follows:

5 votes for Iceland,

10 votes for New Zealand,

4 votes for Turkey, and

6 votes for Bulgaria.

---Congress appointed New Zealand as host. Dunedin, 16 - 22 January 2017.

2017 WM20III Qualification: Chinese Taipei and Turkey have applied to host this Championship division. The result of the vote is as follows:

10 votes for Turkey, and

14 votes for Chinese Taipei

---Congress appointed Chinese Taipei as host. Taipei City, January 2017.

2017 WM18: Slovakia is the only applicant for this Championship.

---Congress appointed Slovakia as host. Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, 13 - 23 April 2017.

2017 WM18IA: There had been no application and therefore the allocation would be postponed to the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2016. Decision to be postponed.

2017 WM18IB: Slovenia is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Slovenia. Bled, 15 - 21 April 2017.

2017 WM18IIA: Korea, Lithuania, Estonia, Great Britain and Croatia applied to host this Championship Division. It was proposed to defer that vote to the Semi-Annual Congress in September, 2016. This was confirmed by the participating countries. Decision to be postponed.

2017 WM18IIB: Serbia is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade/Novi Sad, 13 – 19 March 2017

2017 WM18IIIA: Chinese Taipei and Turkey applied to host this Championship. The voting results are as follows:

14 votes for Chinese Taipei, 10 votes for Turkey.

---Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Chinese Taipei as host. Taipei City, 13-19 March 2017.

2017 WM18IIB: Mexico is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Mexico as host. Queretaro, 15 – 21 March 2017.

2017 WWIA: Austria is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Austria as host. Graz/Linz, 15 – 21 April 2017.

2017 WWIB: Poland is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Poland as host. tbd, 08-14 April 2017

2017 WWIIA: Korea and Netherlands applied to host this Championship Division. Due to some open questions connected to the Olympic test event, it was proposed to defer that vote to the Semi-Annual Congress in September, 2016. This was confirmed by the participating countries.

---Decision to be postponed.

2017 WWIIB: Mexico and New Zealand applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

8 votes for Mexico, 17 votes for Turkey

---Congress appointed Turkey as host. Izmir, 20 – 26 March 2017.

2017 WWIIB Qualification: Chinese Taipei is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Chinese Taipei, as host. Taipei City, 12 - 18 December 2016.

2017 WW18: Czech Republic is the only applicant to host this Championship.

---Congress appointed Czech Republic as host. Prerov and Zlin, 07-14 January 2017.

2017 WW18IA: Hungary is the only applicant to host this Championship. ---Congress appointed Hungary as host. Budapest, 08 – 14 January 2017.

2017 WW18IB: Poland is the only applicant to host this Championship. ---Congress appointed Poland as host. Jastrzebie, 07 – 14 January 2017.

2017 WW18IB Qualification: Mexico and Spain applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

3 votes for Mexico, 17 votes Spain.

---Congress appointed Spain as host. Logrono/San Sebastian, 26 - 29 January 2017

Women's Olympic Qualification Round 1 Qualification Group J: Turkey has the first right of refusal to host this qualification tournament. ---*Congress approved Turkey as host. October, TBA.*

Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Group G: Kazakhstan has the right of first refusal to host this qualification tournament. ---*Congress approved Kazakhstan as host. Tbd, 03 – 06 November 2016.*

Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3, Group H: Italy has the right of first refusal to host this qualification tournament but after being awarded to host the tournament, has withdrawn its application. ---*Decision to be postponed.*

Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3, Group E: France has the right of first refusal to host this Qualification tournament. ---*Congress approved France as host. Tbd, 15 – 18 December 2016.*

Women's Final Olympic Qualification, Group F: Norway has the right of first refusal to host this Qualification tournament. ---*Congress approved Norway as host. Tbd, 15 – 18 December 2016.*

Women's Final Olympic Qualification, Group C: Switzerland has the right of first refusal to host this qualification tournament. *Congress approved Switzerland as host. Tbd, 09 – 12 February 2017.*

Women's Final Olympic Qualification, Group D: Japan has the right of first refusal to host this qualification tournament. ---*Congress approved Japan as host. Tbd, 09 – 12 February 2017.*

2019 WM18: Sweden is the only applicant to host this Championship. ---*Congress appointed Sweden as host the championship at a venue to be defined at a later stage.*

Report of 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Dave Fitzpatrick provided a brief presentation on the facts and figures of the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games. *See enclosure 11 for full presentation.*

Yaraslau Zauharodni (BLR) indicated that he wished to have a disciplinary panel and video goal judge for the next youth Olympic games due to issues that arose during the YOG this season. He also expressed a wish to have the event broadcasted.

Dmitry Kurbatov (RUS), agreed with Belarus, in that we should have a disciplinary panel and that there should be broadcasters due to the popularity of the event.

Jorge Fortunato Haiek (ARG) indicated that that it was a great event especially the Skills Challenge as it allows players from more countries to participate.

The President noted that even though he had a doubt at the beginning about the Skill Challenge, he now totally supports such and it should also be done in the future Youth Olympic Games and potentially also could be considered at the Men's World Championship.

Information about the World Cup 2016

NHLPA Representative, Mathieu Schneider, provided a brief presentation on the upcoming World Cup. He started the presentation by thanking all of the teams involved including Franz Reindl who

represents the European team. He then continued with the presentation providing a bit more information about the World Cup and telling how excited they would be to have the World Cup coming to Toronto in the autumn 2016.

Report of the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Franz Reindl, President of the German Ice Hockey Association together with his General Secretary Henner Ziegfeld, and Luc Tardif, President of the French Ice Hockey Association together with his General Secretary Eric Ropert, provided a brief presentation on the status of the organization of the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Specifically, they went over a few key points with respect to the dual host championship; including, information about the host cities, transportation (trains and airports), security measures, hotels and arenas.

They concluded the presentation by introducing the mascots for the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships; Asterix and Obelix. *See enclosure 13 for full presentation.*

Report of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, Korea

Horst Lichtner provided a brief presentation on the status of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in Korea.

Specifically, he explained that the IIHF has been in contact with POCOG and while they could not be present for the Congress, he provided some key details of the 2018 Olympic Games; specifically, information about the arenas, Olympic Village, transfer of knowledge to the OC, test events, site visits, training of the national technical officials, competition schedule and latest indicated the official slogan.

Honours and Awards

The President René Fasel commented on the four members who will leave the IIHF Council; specifically, Tony Rossi, Frank Gonzales, Beate Grupp, and Christer Englund and as a result invited all exiting Council members to the Semi-Annual Congress in Paris where each will be properly honoured.

Proposals for Changing the Regulations / Codes

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The General Secretary explained that all Regulations have been denoted as a Housekeeping, Minor or Major change and that all Housekeeping and Minor Changes will be passed in one motion unless a MNA indicates, at this time, that it wishes to vote on a specific Housekeeping and/or Minor Change individually.

As no MNA spoke to a Housekeeping or Minor Change of any of the Regulations Proposals, the General Secretary asked Congress to approval all Housekeeping Changes of all Regulations in one motion.

After approving all Housekeeping changing of all Regulations in one Motion, the General Secretary asked Congress to approval all Minor Changes of all Regulations in one motion.

After approving all Minor Changes of all Regulations, the General Secretary moved on the individual major changes of each set of Regulations.

Medical Regulations

The General Secretary passed the floor to Mark Aubry who then explained the major changes to the Medical Regulations which include:

- (1) Reg. 4.1.1 – the ECMO cannot be a physician of one of the participating teams;
- (2) Reg. 4.1.1 - during WM and WM20 a dentist needs to be present;
- (3) Reg. 5.1 – the medical clinic at the arena must have at least two treatment tables;
- (4) Reg. 5.2 – The following medical equipment requirements apply for all IIHF Championships where an ambulance is not present outside the competition time: (i) defibrillator; (ii) resuscitative equipment; and (iii) spinal board/vacuum bed (or mattress);
- (5) Reg. 5.5 – Participating Member National Associations are responsible for ensuring that players under the age of consent have a written permission for treatment signed by parents or legal guardians of the player;
- (6) Reg. 5.1 – The Organizing Committee must provide emergency medications as well as those medications that are difficult to transport; and
- (7) IIHF Concussion Protocol – designated team medical provider is removed from the protocol with respect to making the final decision on return to play, i.e. it must be either team physician or the ECMO.

The IIHF Council has discussed those proposals and safety and health remain top priority for the IIHF and those changes in the Regulations will help strengthen our commitment for safety and health.

Beate Grupp (GER) then suggested adapting the wording to indicate that the respective change regarding mouth guard would only influence the men's top event as the women would already have the mouth guard.

---Congress approved the major change to the Medical Regulations.

Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that major change to the Championship Regulation is found in Regulation 5.5.8 and represents a new format for the closing ceremony; specifically to shorten the closing ceremony and ensure proper order of the closing ceremony.

---Congress approved the major change to the Championship Regulations.

Continental Cup Regulations

The General Secretary explained that Continental Cup Regulation had five major changes; specifically:

- (1) Reg. 4.3 and 4.4 – changes to take into consideration the new online Hydra registration system;
- (2) Reg. 5.2 and 18.2 – changes to clarify sanctions to hosting and participating teams that withdrawal from CC;
- (3) Reg. 2 – changes require host to provide a project plan and a budget with the bid application; and
- (4) Reg. 11.3 deletion of the uniform and helmet advertising restrictions.

---Congress approved the change made to the Continental Cup Regulations.

Code of Conduct

The General Secretary explained that the changes to the Code of Conduct only affect the Integrity rules and are required by the IOC.

---Congress approved all of the changes made to the Code of

Conduct.

Sport Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the changes to the Sport Regulations are to (1) take into consideration the new online Hydra registration system; (2) new 3 on 3 overtime procedure; (3) minimum requirements for use of an existing Video Goal Judge System in an IIHF Championship; (4) Congress approval to play a championship in North America is automatically approving the obligation to play with North America ice markings; and (5) when two ice arenas or more are used in an IIHF Championship, the ice surfaces must be of the same dimension.

Regarding the 3 on 3 overtime regulations, the IIHF Council had additionally discussed such change of regulations had proposed that for playoff games and especially the gold medal game that the Penalty Shot Shootout be with 5 players from each team and not 3 as in the Preliminary Round. He further added that for the Quarter Finals, the Semi-Finals and the Bronze Medal Game that the 10 minute overtime period being played 4 on 4 and the Gold Medal Game be played 5 on 5.

Scott Smith (CAN) stated that the President's points are very good with respect to preliminary round verses playoff games. Therefore, supports 3 on 3 for preliminary round and then 4 on 4 for playoff games with 5 on 5 for gold medal game.

Andy French (GBR) inquired into whether the new overtime procedure would be applicable to all competitions. Dave Fitzpatrick indicated that as we only have gold medal games scheduled in top division, we would play 3 on 3 throughout all divisional championships and qualifications.

Martin Urban (CZE) stated that he did not think that it was a good idea do to the long change. Rene Fasel indicated that it is exactly the long change which why Council currently supports the 3 on 3 overtime.

Beate Grupp (GER) indicated that we should also think about the women's side or if we are going to postpone this decision until the Semi-Annual Congress.

Yaraslau Zauharodni (BLR) indicated that it would be good have the decision made before the Olympic Qualifications in September as the Qualifications will have the NHL players who are experienced with the system and can help transition.

Eric Ropert (FRA) wanted to decide today in order to implant the same operational changes in the leagues games at the beginning of the 2016/17 season.

Jeremy Stevens (RSA) asked the Council to consider, in the future, holding the penalty shootout at the beginning of every game which will have the following effects:

1. The length of a game will be more predictable for TV and broadcasting time slots – a penalty shootout and 3 periods.
 2. There will never be a tied game as the winner will be decided up front in the event of a draw.
 3. The players and especially the goal tenders will be fresh and uninjured and will not suffer from exhaustion and cramp from playing an overtime period and then a penalty shootout.
 4. The spectators will be encouraged to arrive early making more opportunity to sell merchandise.
 5. The game will start with an exciting spectacle
 6. Penalty shoot outs will become a regular occurrence and every player and goal tender will be able to train for same.
- After a short break, BNI summarized to Congress the adapted proposal based on the feedback received which was as follows:

During the Preliminary Round or Round Robin, there would be

a 3 on 3 sudden death overtime for 5 minutes with a 3 player Penalty-Shot Shootout if the game was still tied. During play-off games (QF, SF and Bronze Medal Game), the 10 minute sudden death overtime period would be played 4 on 4, with a 5 player Penalty-Shot Shootout if the game was still tied. During the Gold Medal Game, the sudden death overtime period would last 20 minutes and played 5 on 5 with a 5 player Penalty-Shot Shootout if the game was still tied at the conclusion of the sudden death overtime period.

Congress accepted this proposal. All other changes have been accepted unanimously without any comment.

Finances

IIHF Growing the Game Fund

Bruno Marty from Infront provided a brief presentation on how the IIHF and Infront was utilizing the IIHF Growing the Game Fund.

Upon the respective question of Valery Laryukov from Azerbaijan, Horst Lichtner answered that the fund is not being used as replacement for work within the IIHF as for example by certain programs in a committee. The fund solely will be used for projects going beyond of the work of the IIHF and its Committee projects and programs. ---*Congress unanimously approved the Auditors Report 2014/2015 as presented.*

Rene Fasel indicated that he wants all MNAs to bring ideas and that he will do all that he can to ensure that good projects receive the money.

Krasimir Krastev (BUL) indicated that the country needs ice and equipment, but is unsure what projects Bulgaria can propose to obtain the money for the items it really needs. Rene Fasel indicated that it is not always easy to find an appropriate way to help, but he is open to unique ideas that are special but still allow the MNAs to obtain the money. Rene Fasel indicated medical research as an example.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) indicated that there is a lot of research going on right now for youth in hockey and a lot of manufacturers are looking at youth in sport. Therefore, maybe we can look at external specialist coming in and providing presentations.

See Enclosure 17.1 for the Growing the Game Fund presentation.

Budget for the Upcoming Year

17.2 The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2016-2017 season and explained the various items. All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget in their Congress Binders.

See Enclosure 17.2 for the 2016-2017 Season Budget.

Before beginning the presentation Luc Tardif briefly thanked Gion Veraguth IIHF Finance Director, Horst Lichtner and the internal auditors. Luc Tardif indicated that the IIHF is in a good, financially stable position. He further went on to explain different aspects of the 2016-2017 Season Budget including the difference between the 2015-2016 budget, the additional expenses of the Championships, new media projects, contribution to MNAs, etc.

---*Congress unanimously approved the budget for the 2016-2017 season as presented by the IIHF Treasurer.*

See Enclosure 17.3 for presentation.

Other Business

Report on GER / TUR Cooperation

A representative from the Turkish Ice Hockey Association approached the Congress informing them about the partnership between the German Ice Hockey Association and the Turkish ice Hockey Association.

Specifically, he provided key figures on the ice hockey development in Turkey due to the cooperation between Germany and Turkey and explained a few of the projects that Turkey is currently engaging with the assistance of Germany.

After his presentation Franz Reindl thanked Turkey for the excellent cooperation and also expressed extremely pleasure with the turnout of the event between Turkey and Germany. Turkey's President followed Franz Reindl first thanking Germany for its excellent cooperation and then explained some of the key infrastructure improvements within ice hockey in Turkey.

See Enclosure 19.1 for presentation.

Ice Rink Guide

Horst Lichtner approached Congress about the distributed Ice Rink Guide. He especially thanked Frank Gonzalez as chair of the Facilities Committee and their members for their great work and informed Congress that the IIHF has received an email from the IOC indicating that the ice rink guide is a perfect example of how IFs should work with their federations to build arena/stadiums.

Closing

The President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked the delegates for their contributions. He specifically congratulated the new IIHF Council and indicated that he looked forward to working with them over the next four years to continue to build and improve ice hockey around the world.

Before closing the 2016 IIHF General Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the organizer and its staff for the excellent preparations. He thanked the members of the Council for their support and the IIHF General Secretary and staff for the devoted work and thanked the delegates for the good cooperation in the discussions.

Further, the President thanked all of the volunteers and Infront their contribution to the Annual Congress. With particular appreciation of the work by the interpreters Viktor Gusin, Vsevolod Kukushkin, and Heide Moesslang, the President declared the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress closed.

Party on the Neva: Competing in the top division for only the third time in history, Hungary brought thousands of fans to St. Petersburg.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



NIVEA







High standard: Often overshadowed by the success of the men, Russia's women's team has now won bronze in two of the last three Women's Worlds.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



Focused: USA forward Hilary Knight was a force at the 2016 Women's Worlds, putting up nine points in five games and earning Best Forward, All-Star, and MVP honours.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Sport Development Report

The 2016 Youth Olympic Games held in Lillehammer, Norway was a big success, bringing athletes from all over the world and featuring four ice hockey events.



Photos: Fredrik Olafsson

Skills Challenger Sebastian Cederle of Slovakia in competition.

A total of 27 nations participated in ice hockey events during the Games, which altogether drew in over 26,000 spectators, making ice hockey the most popular YOG event by a wide margin.

Skills Challenge makes its mark

36 countries entered athletes to compete in the Skills Challenge Global Summit held in Vierumäki in July 2015. 67 athletes were entered including 36 male and 31 female. Out of those athletes 16 males and 16 females qualified from the Global Summit to participate in the 2016 Youth Olympic Games, including one male player and one female player from the host nation of Norway.

The YOG Skills Challenge event featured 6 advanced skill tests:

- 1 stickhandling skill test
- 1 passing skill test
- 2 skating skill tests
- 2 shooting skill tests

Each skill test was operated in a head-to-head, knockout format. The competition operated in two phases: a Qualification Phase operated over the first 3 days, followed by the Men's and Women's Grand Final.

Eduard Casaneanu of Romania won gold at the 2016 Youth Olympic Men's Skills Challenge, claiming his country's first Olympic ice hockey medal in the process.

"It's amazing. I didn't think I had a chance when I came here, I didn't dream of winning, but I got the opportunity and it went well," he said.

Sebastian Cederle of Slovakia won silver and Eric Betzold of Germany took bronze along with Finland's Aleks Hautanen, who was also awarded a bronze medal due to an incorrect scoring decision.

"It's an outstanding feeling to get a medal after this thrilling final," said Betzold. "I was third in the qualification and first in the summit last summer so I had high expectations."

Japan's Sena Takenaka has won gold in the 2016 Youth Olympic Women's Skills Challenge event, beating out the seven other finalists in a tight Grand Final event that wasn't decided until the last skill.

"I'm very happy," said Takenaka. "As soon as I started to hear the national anthem play I felt the medal getting heavier and heavier."

Anita Muraro of Italy won the silver medal, and the bronze went to Austria's Theresa Schafzahl.

"I thought that to win a medal would be a dream and tonight my dream was realized," said Muraro, who plays in the Italian hockey town of Asiago.

"It's unbelievable, I didn't expect that," said Schafzahl. "I hope one day we will make it to the real Olympics but if not it makes it extra special for me. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

After the conclusion of the men's and women's Skills Challenge, the contestants stayed in Lillehammer and put together a 'We are the World Winter Classic Game' organized by the athletes and the coaches of the Skills Challenge competition. All 32 male and female Skills Challenge athletes played a game together on the outdoor rink in Lillehammer.



A surprise event of the 2016 YOG was a huge hockey game organized by all the Skills Challenge athletes.



The IOC organized a Try the Sport event with sledge hockey.



Team USA (left) and Team Sweden (right) took home the gold in the men's and women's Youth Olympic tournaments respectively.

The participating countries agreed to play such a game for the first time on the outdoor rink next to the Youth Olympic Village where people can try hockey most of the time.

The skaters were there while the goaltenders came from Norway. The teams were built according to their national team jersey colours and at the end boys and girls from 21 countries were playing a mixed 60-minute special game.

"It was very unique to have so many countries in a game involved and everybody was looking forward to it," Tabea Botthoff from Germany said. "Especially after the Skills Challenge it was a lot of fun to play such a game."

"It was simply amazing. To have so many countries come together to play a friendly game of hockey on an outdoor rink would have made the pioneers of the sport proud," said Justin Daigle from New Zealand, one of the coaches involved in organizing the game.

"We wanted to provide the skills competition athletes with an opportunity to play a game and I can't think of a more unique experience for them to take part in."

USA, Sweden win tournaments

The 2016 Youth Olympic Ice Hockey tournaments were played over 10 days. Participating teams registered 15 players and 2 goal-keepers each. A single round robin preliminary round of 10 games (4 games per team) followed by 2 semi-finals and 2 final games for medals was the format for both categories.

All games operated with three 15 minute stop-time periods with full intermissions followed by Penalty Shot Shootout if necessary. 90 second minor penalties replaced 2 minute minors.

The United States are 2016 Youth Olympic men's ice hockey gold medalists. Team USA defeated Canada 5-2 to earn the country's first-ever medal in this event. The players were thankful for the entire Youth Olympic experience as well.

"It's crazy everything they've done for us: the Learn and Share program, the Athlete's Village, the cafeteria always having food for us, it's amazing and made me feel like a pro," said USA forward Jack DeBoer. "When I get home it'll be back to reality, it's definitely going to be different but it's honestly amazing what they set up for us."

The winner of the Youth Olympic women's ice hockey tournament in Lillehammer 2016 was the same like in Innsbruck 2012, as Sweden defeated the Czech Republic 3-1 in the final to win the gold medals.

It was the Swedes' fifth consecutive win in the tournament after having started the Youth Olympics with a 2-1 shootout loss to eventual bronze medallist Switzerland.

"It's really amazing to take home a gold medal, it's really big," said Sofie Lundin, Sweden's star forward who scored two goals in



the game. "We played really good hockey and got better and better after each match. It was an unforgettable experience."

"I can't describe it, it was amazing, best time of my life," said goaltender Anna Amholt. "It has been a great tournament, we learned a lot and it was really fun."

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 1 outdoor natural ice rink for 'Try the Sport' sessions
- 2 indoor artificial ice sheets for practices and games
- 4 medal events
- 27 nations participated in ice hockey events
- 28 ice hockey games were played
- 36 Gold, 36 Silver, and 36 Bronze medals presented
- 74 countries participated in the 2016 YOG event
- 1,108 athletes participated in the 2016 YOG
- 26,000 plus spectators attended ice hockey games



Several nations were represented among the medal winners of the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Skills Challenge.





New generation: All of the participants from the Youth Olympic Skills Challenge following the "We Are the World Game" in Lillehammer.
Photo: Fredrik Olastuen



IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

2015/2016 was a year marked by exciting news for Asian ice hockey, most notably the award of the hosting right of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games to Beijing, China. For the first time ever, two successive Winter Olympic Games will take place in Asia. As Korea and China actively proceed with preparations for hosting the 2018 and 2022 Winter Olympics respectively, Asia becomes the focal point of winter sports. This will greatly enhance the profile of ice hockey in Asia and present unprecedented opportunities for the growth of our sport both in terms of reaching out to new spectators in Asia as well as for our Asian members to step up domestic development programs.

On the World Championship Program front, Chinese Taipei will be playing in the Men's and Women's categories for the first time in 2017, having met the Minimum Participation Standards required. Chinese Taipei's entry into both senior categories highlights the success of our development approach which emphasizes domestic development programs complemented by participation in international competitions.

Challenge Cup of Asia ("CCOA") Tournaments

The CCOA tournaments enable Asian members not participating in the Men's and Women's categories of the IIHF World Championship Program, or newcomers to the IIHF, to compete internationally at the national team level in accordance with IIHF Sport Regulations. The CCOA also provides additional opportunities for Asian game officials to practise and elevate their skills. Through participation in these tournaments, Asian members receive recognition, publicity and support from their respective governments and sport communities. The CCOA is therefore an instrumental development platform which both encourages and showcases Asian members' domestic development, and act as a stepping stone to the World Championship Program.

The promotion/relegation mechanism, implemented in 2014, raised the competitiveness of the CCOA tournaments while the concept of "graduation" is actively promoted. Long-time CCOA participants are encouraged to meet the requirements to play in the IIHF World Championship Program instead of CCOA.

Three CCOA tournaments were held during the 2015-2016 season. We are grateful to all tournament hosts for working tirelessly to make the tournaments successful. At the Men's Top Division and Men's Division I tournaments, all game officials came exclusively from Asia.

2016 IIHF CCOA

Hosted by the United Arab Emirates, Chinese Taipei won this top-division tournament four years in a row without conceding a single game.

2016 IIHF CCOA Division I

Host of the event and undefeated during the round-robin, Kyrgyzstan won the tournament and will be promoted to the top division in 2017.

2016 IIHF Women's CCOA Division I

Chinese Taipei was both the host and winner of this tournament for two consecutive years, conceding a total of only two goals during the entire tournament.

New IIHF members

In 2016 we welcomed three new Asian members – Nepal, Indonesia and the Philippines – to the IIHF family as associate members, raising the number of Asian Strategic Planning Group members to 24. Nepal (population: over 31 million) has been actively preparing for its membership application since 2014 while Indonesia (population: 256 million) and the Philippines (population: over 100 million) sought membership with enthusiasm in anticipation of ice hockey being included in the 2017 Southeast Asian Games.

Going Forward

As Asian members with different developmental needs grow in numbers and against a series of high-profile winter sport events coming up in the region, special attention will be required to best capture the opportunities presented as well as address the corresponding challenges. In particular, the development of Chinese ice hockey will be paramount to Asia's growth strategy. Identifying the strategic needs of each Asian member in the short and long run will be crucial. The IIHF is in the process of redesigning the structure of the Asian Office with a view to streamlining operations and better supporting Asian members, and will continue to work in partnership with each Asian member for the successful development of our sport at the domestic level.

Thomas J. Wu
Chairman

Athletes Committee Report

After the decision to work closely together with Medical Committee and Players Safety Group at the Joint Committee Meeting in March 2015, the three Committees decided to work on a joint project called the Player Safety Hub (working title). Part of each of the Committee budgets have been assigned to this project.

A Players Safety strategic document was in development from September until Mid-October and distributed for discussion and validation to the members of the three Committees.

The Athletes Committee discussed this paper during its meeting in Toronto on November 8-9.

The Chairman of the Athletes Committee strongly advised to use the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer (February 12-22 2016) to present part of this Players Safety activities at the Learn & Share Focus Day in Lillehammer.

As part of the Learn and Share program, former ice hockey players Angela Ruggiero & Sean Burke were present in Lillehammer and shared their experience as Olympians with the young athletes. They also showed video clips with dangerous plays and how to avoid them.

The athletes were then given a survey with questions related to player safety, in order to get feedback from young ice hockey players about what are their primary concerns regarding player safety and how the Player Safety Hub could be structured to better them. The Secretary of the Committee ran a survey with a total of 150 athletes in regards of content & branding of the planned Players Safety Hub to find out about the needs and expectations of such a project in order to make our sport safer.

The Player Safety hub is continuing along with development, with the aim of launching the Hub on September 2016.

The Athletes Committee is also exploring options for the creation of a tutorial video in regards of dangerous plays and active use of the Committee Members to present this video during preparation camps of National Teams to IIHF tournaments

Vladislav Tretiak
Chairman

Competition and Inline Committee Report

The IIHF Competition/Inline Committee continued its work as mandated by the IIHF Council over the 2015/16 season focusing on a number sport and competition issues. The committee held one formal meeting in early March along with a Committee Conference call early in the year along with a special preparation meeting held in advance in late December.

The Committee once again structured and seeded our IIHF Championship Program with 28 individual championships tournaments with 189 entered teams in our 5 categories as follows:

Men's Senior:	47
Men's Under 20:	41
Men's Under 18:	43
Women's Senior:	36
Women's Under 18:	22

Special attention was needed by the Committee, the IIHF Council and Congress with the relegation operations for the 2016 Men's Ice Hockey World Championship due to the co-hosting by Germany and France in 2017.

The Committee also structured and coordinated the men's qualification system for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games which began during the 2015/16 season, operating 6 of the qualification events between October 2015 and February 2016. The three Men's Final Olympic Qualification tournaments will operate from September 1 to 4 in Minsk, Belarus, Riga, Latvia and Oslo, Norway to identify the final 3 men's teams to compete in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The qualification program for the Women's Tournament to be held in PyeongChang was also structured by the Committee and seeded with 28 eligible and qualified Member National Associations for next season. The qualification tournaments will begin in October 2016 and finish with the two Final Qualification tournaments in February 2017. Applying the 2016 IIHF Women's World Ranking, a total seven qualification tournaments are scheduled for operation during the 2016/17 season with the top two teams qualifying for the remaining positions for participation in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

This autumn the NHL/NHLPA World Cup will once again be hosted in North America, operating from September 17 to October 1 in Toronto, Canada. The Committee were involved in providing the IIHF with proposals for its integrated operation with the athletes competing in the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments to be held in early September throughout Europe.

The preparations and operation for the 2016 Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer was another major event organized and operated during the season. In total 200 athletes from 27 Member National Associations comprised of 100 male and 100 female participated in the 2nd edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway this past February. The statistics and final results of all competitions from our 4 separate events can be found on the IIHF web site at the following address: <http://www.iihf.com/channels1516/yog/home/>

The Committee reviewed our current operations and following some needed research have successfully brought about a variety of Sport Regulation changes and new operational rule proposals for the following items:

- 3 on 3 Overtime
- Player Entry Procedures and Deadlines
- Use of Existing Video Goal Judge Systems in Divisional Championships
- Ice Surface Sizes in Multiple Arena Championships
- Existing Surface Lines in North American Arenas Hosting an IIHF Championship
- Jersey Appearance Issues

Following our Coordination Committee's Meetings in December and January a small work group was formed with representation from the Competition Committee and charged with the goal of developing a single proposal for the operation of meaningful National Team competitions to be held during the International Breaks each season.

At this time, a program of National Team tournaments leading to the World Championship annually has been designed and proposed to operate as a European Championship (the current proposal is with 24 teams). Each team is proposed to participate in 3 tournaments with 3 games each, totaling 9 games each season. The three tournaments for each team are proposed to be held in the November, December and the February International Breaks. The proposal suggests that the competition start in the 2018/19 season in order to provide the necessary time to properly organize the event.

Discussions continued on the competition demands placed on players by clubs, leagues national team activities and the World Championship Program. Again, more and more national league games were held during the International Breaks causing difficulties with the release of players for National Team participation. Discussions continue to find workable solutions for all parties.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Coordination Committee Report

While other matters included in the Mandate were discussed and worked on, the last season of the IIHF Coordination Committee term was mainly focused on the coordination of the international calendar. The Committee, represented by the International Ice Hockey Federation, Member National Associations, National Leagues and their Clubs and also the Champions Hockey League, acknowledged the challenges ahead with a number of leagues and events to be run throughout the upcoming seasons. These included the National Leagues, the Champions Hockey League, the IIHF Championships, the World Cup, the Olympic Qualifications as well as the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. The main objective was to minimize overlap and thus ensure the availability of the players and that the workload is not too high for them.

The Committee first met in Helsinki, Finland in October 2015. Despite the challenging situation with so much to cover per season, the Meeting was very productive and resulted in numerous recommendations to enhance the timings and operations of all competitions. As the CHL format and the National Team competitions played a key role, it was also acknowledged that it would be beneficial to include more National Association representatives to the discussion. Thus, it was agreed that a larger Meeting shall take place in December.

The December Meeting, solely focusing on the international calendars, featured the Coordination Committee Members plus other representatives of the IIHF, IIHF Member National Associations

and National Leagues. A fruitful discussion was held in which every attendee was given the opportunity to express views, concerns and proposals on how to proceed in the future. A consensus was reached and changes to the 2017-18 international calendar were made and put forward for the approval of the IIHF Council and Congress.

On the 2018-19 calendar, the group agreed to wait as there were still decisions to be made concerning the CHL format and number of teams plus the international competitions during the break. To ensure that the National Team competitions planning would continue on the right path, it was agreed that a separate and independent work group should meet in order to create on single proposal.

The National Team competition work group met in January 2016 and many proposals about the future European National Team Competitions were presented. All proposals were duly noted and discussed and the group narrowed the proposals to just two. It was agreed that the proposals would be merged into one to be presented to the IIHF Council by the end of the term.

Altogether, the Committee term 2012-16 was a very successful one for the Coordination Committee. The CHL was launched and National Associations were able to make many individual transfer agreements with the National Hockey League. The challenge with the calendars were addressed and fixed for the all of the seasons and the discussion between all of the parties was continuous, making the work a true team effort. As the Chairman of the Committee, I wish to thank everyone who has been involved in contributing to our cause!

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Development and Coaching Committee Report

The 2012-2016 IIHF Committee cycle drew to a close with this being the final season for the current Development and Coaching Committee membership. The continued collaboration between the Coach and Development Committees again demonstrated programming success throughout the 2015/16 season.

During the March meeting of this joint committee, the membership focused on a workshop to build a strategic In an effort to outline the Strategic Framework for future IIHF Coach/Development Committee activities, the committee members engaged in a process to develop direction for the committee charged with leading Coaching and Development programs for the IIHF and the Member National Associations over the next 4 years.

The vision of the Coaching/Development Committee: Be a source of knowledge, inspiration, and support for the development of ice hockey for all member nations.

The committee identified five key components of strategic focus which include:

- Support the on-going development of MNA infrastructure
- Provide strategies to grow membership
- Education and training in the area of leadership development
- Sustaining and increasing resources and support materials
- Provide opportunities for building MNA capacity in all program areas

Keeping the key strategic priorities in mind, the activities, initiatives, and events should directly impact on the areas of leadership development, resource development, player safety, and research and development. Working in collaboration with other IIHF committees through a wide variety of activities, the committee designed programming to address these strategic priorities.

As Chairman, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Committee co-chairmen Paul Carson (Development) and Tommy Boustedt (Coaching) who have served the IIHF with very high standards and attention to detail in all committee activities and I would like to thank them for their on-going leadership. I wish to recognize and thank all the members of the two committees for their continued commitment to support the IIHF mandates in coaching education along with player and coach development. The committee is working diligently on the IIHF development model designed to grow the game within all federations. I also want to offer my gratitude to Dave Fitzpatrick and Aku Nieminen for all their great work with these committees along with Frauke Kubischta for her efforts to support the many Coach and Development Committee initiatives.

2016 IIHF Coaching Symposium - Russia

The Coaching Committee, in cooperation with the IIHF Office and the Russian Ice Hockey Federation, hosted the annual Coaching Symposium in Moscow, Russia. The Coaching Symposium continues to be a successful enhancement to the tournament ensuring that delegates in attendance at the conference are treated to world-class presenters in the lecture hall and world-class competition on the ice. Once again the Conference Organizing Committee should be recognized for their efforts to create a learning excellent environment that was very supportive of the ongoing development of coaches at all levels.

An event survey was conducted at the conclusion of the Conference and the feedback will be forthcoming. The survey feedback provides a measurement of success in addition to suggested improvements for the next program that will be offered at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship event.

Coaching Symposium Details:

- The Conference Theme: The Head Coach's Role as a Team Leader
- Total conference registration was 211 delegates
- The conference agenda included 13 lectures
- Speakers included: Mark Crawford, Mike Keenan, Erkki Westlund, Roger Ronnberg, John Jansson, Vladimir Yursinov, Darius Kasparaitis and Alexei Yashin
- The registration fee included three World Championship games, conference facilities and operations, participant's kit, coffee and lunch breaks
- Delegates were provided with simultaneous translation in English and Russian
- Fifteen event staff supported program execution

2016 IIHF Women's High Performance Camp

At the time of writing this report, it is important to provide details on the Development Programming being offered at the Women's High Performance Camp. While the Women's Committee remains responsible for the High Performance Program, the Coaching and Development Committee will continue to provide programming opportunities for targeted federations.

Camp details include:

Location: Sport Institute of Finland in Vierumäki, Finland
Dates: 9-16 July 2016

Even though the primary purpose of the High Performance Camp is to operate a player program to educate the participants in the skills and training required to compete at the top level of international women's hockey, the camp serves as an excellent backdrop to the education programs that are offered to support the development of member national association personnel responsible for the ongoing development of female hockey in their federations. Through these development programs, the objective of the IIHF is to ensure efficient, purposeful and consistent leadership development of the game globally.

The goals of the camp can be summarized this way:

- Enhanced partnership between the IIHF and Member National Associations
- Educate the MNA leaders of women's ice hockey
- Opportunities to develop networks
- Personal growth and leadership development
- Promote international friendship, cooperation and enhanced relationships

In addition to the Female High Performance Camp, the IIHF will operate the following Leadership Development Programs:

- Yearly Training Plan Program
- World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend Program
- MNA Long-Term Planning Program

2016 Youth Olympic Games Skills Competition Qualification Event

In the summer of 2015, the IIHF hosted the 2016 Youth Olympic Games Global Skills Challenge Qualification Event during the 2015 Men's Hockey Development Camp. 68 athletes competed in the qualification event with a chance to represent their country at the 2016 Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway. In total, 30 athletes qualified along with 2 Norwegian athletes to make up the field of 32 competitors (16 female and 16 male athletes) for the Global Skills Challenge Event at the Games.

In the Women's Competition, Japan captured the Gold medal and in the Men's competition, Romania captured the Gold medal. The Global Skills Challenge provides all MNAs with the opportunity to send athletes to the Youth Olympic Games while demonstrating that athletes from every part of the IIHF membership can be very competitive.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Event Committee Report

The IIHF Event Committee met once in Zürich, on 10 and 11 March 2016.

At the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress in Prague, in May 2015, two IIHF World Championships were allocated and the usual evaluation of bids by the committee subsequently paused. The 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was allocated to Slovakia immediately followed by the allocation of the 2020 event to Switzerland which would have been due for allocation at the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress in Moscow. As both applications were thoroughly evaluated before the allocation, the general committee consensus was that there would be no benefit in reopening the 2020 Bid for further evaluation at this stage of the organisation.

2015 IIHF Marketing Workshop

On 9 and 10 September 2015, the IIHF organised and hosted the 4th IIHF Marketing Workshop. Initiated by the Event Committee, the program content was created in close co-operation with the IIHF Marketing Department designed with the following goals in mind:

- Alert MNAs to new trends and opportunities
- Exchange of experience/best practices
- Identify marketing issues and needs, particularly for smaller nations and developing hockey markets
- Development of solutions to identified issues

The focal points of the agenda were:

- Sponsorship Management
- Stakeholder and PR Management
- New Media Management

35 participants representing 19 IIHF Member National Associations attended the workshop. 3 breakout sessions by the 4 working

groups were run during the two days, guided and inspired by 12 speakers, all specialists in their respective fields.

Bidding Process and Transfer of Knowledge

The IIHF/EKS co-operation continued and culminated in the integration of the IIHF Bidding Regulations in the IIHF Transfer of Knowledge Program. Both programs share the goal of finding ways to effectively communicate, to (future) Hosts, what the actual IIHF expectations are in regards to the organisation of IIHF Events. The cooperation will be continued in an endeavour to develop an in-depth user friendly method for the communication of the transfer of knowledge required for this specific group to be in a position to perform their hosting responsibilities highly effectively, thereby upholding and maintaining the highest standards for IIHF events.

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to all Event Committee members and the Secretary for their commitment during the past term of the IIHF Event Committee and their valuable contributions to the committee mandates set by the IIHF Council.

Igor Nemecek
Chairman

Facilities Committee Report

The IIHF Facilities Committee has, during the season 2015-2016, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, fulfilled the realisation of its long term goals in response to the IIHF Council's mandate.

IIHF Facilities Management and Maintenance Seminars

The inaugural IIHF Ice Making and Maintenance Seminar was held in Jaca, Spain from 27 to 30 November 2014. The seminar content included both theory and on-ice practical (hands on) exercises, where the participants were taught how to produce an ice sheet using the correct techniques. They were taught how to optimize the different factors affecting ice quality, such as, preparing refrigerated flooring and building up the ice, and the correct techniques for ice resurfacing and maintenance.

The second IIHF Ice Making and Maintenance Seminar took place in St. Sebastian, on the Spanish/French border, from 27 to 30 August 2015 and the third seminar was a joint venture between the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation and the IIHF and was held in Budapest from 18 to 20 November 2015.

Jeff Theiler, the Chief Operating Officer of Serving The American Rinks (STAR) lead the courses and was assisted by Manu Varho, Director of the Finnish Sports Facility Maintenance Institute and the other members of the Committee. Ice Masters from Hungary, Switzerland, Spain and Turkey attended the seminars and the aim, for the future is to integrate more countries in the seminars.

The Turkish Ice Hockey Federation, the Royal Belgian Ice Hockey Federation and the Asian MNAs are amongst the parties interested in organizing future Ice Master Seminars.

IIHF Blueprints for functional operational & low cost arenas

The Blueprint project for low cost arenas is a great success and the work undertaken, by committee member Patxi Lagarda, has been frequently requested by our Member National Associations. The work with the blue prints has continued and a "simple business plan" and a "two-arena-pad system" was developed and completed, as a second step. The blue prints have been integrated in the new IIHF Ice Rink Guide and are accessible on the IIHF website under <http://www.iihf.com/iihf-home/sport/ice-rink-guide/>

IIHF Ice Rink Guide

The new IIHF Ice Rink Guide was launched during the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress and offers extensive information about building

and maintaining an ice rink, business plans and dimensions needed for ice hockey and ice sports in general. It includes financial and technical facts and offers advice on how to integrate the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs. The Ice Rink Guide has been produced for utilization in the majority of locations in almost every country in the world. In addition to the guide, downloads of, for example, schedules, business plans and how to tailor make your budgets are available. The editor of the guide, Harry Bogomoloff, and the committee members have worked tirelessly to create a truly comprehensive guide to suit any budget.

Development and assistance plan for new countries

In my capacity of Chairman of the Facilities Committee I am involved in the development and assistance plans, when building sport arenas in new countries. We have held meetings and exchanged ideas and knowledge with International Winter Sport Federations, the World Curling Federation and the International Skating Union. These meetings will be continued.

In closing I would like to thank my committee members and my secretary for the considerable amount of time they dedicated to their work for the IIHF Facilities Committee, during the past four years. It was a pleasure for me to work with this group and I am extremely proud of our accomplishments and contributions to the development of international ice hockey.

Frank Gonzalez
Chairman

Historical Committee Report

During the National Hockey League Hall of Fame celebrations, the IIHF Hall of Fame made its selections for the 2016 induction class.. The International Ice Hockey Federation has announced its newest additions to the IIHF Hall of Fame.

Former players Peter Bondra, Sergei Fyodorov (Fedorov), Valeri Kamenski, Ville Pelttonen, and builders Pat Quinn and Ben Smith form the 2016 induction class.

Hungarian forward Gabor Ocskay was selected as the recipient for the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award, and broadcaster Nikolai Ozerov was given the Paul Loicq Award.

Ocskay is the second recipient of the the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award, given to outstanding careers by players from non-top hockey nations.

The 2016 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place in Moscow on 22 May, the final day of the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

René Fasel
Chairman

Medical Committee Report

The 2015-16 season focused on the continuation of medical and anti-doping programs and on updating current publications as well as creating new ones.

The season featured 27 IIHF Medical Supervisor assignments in 19 Championships and Olympic Qualifiers. The operations of the Medical Supervisor Program have continued with pre-event assistance and monitoring, supervision and guidance during the Championship as well as the post-event reporting. The Medical Supervisors continue to oversee the doping control in the Championships and to collect injury-related data for research-based recommendations to the IIHF Membership. We have recruited more

Medical Supervisors from the Member National Associations to accomplish this work and made sure that continuous education is provided to keep the standard at a high level. Also, the education of National Association Chief Medical Officers continues to be a priority to the Committee.

The Committee has published its findings from the Injury Reporting System in the scientific journal British Journal of Sports Medicine. With the IIHF Concussion Protocol applied through the inclusion of it in the Medical Regulations, the work continued on addressing other areas of medicine in ice hockey. Firstly, the Committee revised the Medical Regulations so that the document is much shorter, serving more as an outline of what is mandatory in IIHF Championships. The content which was removed will be moved to the Medical Care Guide. The Committee also finalized a guideline on infection control which will also be included in the Care Guide.

In addition to the doping control in Championships, the Committee has continued work on several anti-doping related areas, including the necessary modifications to meet the requirements of the new World Anti-Doping Code. There were a number of in-competition tests conducted in the IIHF Championships and the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) has continued to serve as the basis of the out-of-competition testing program.

Also relating to anti-doping, the Medical Committee, in co-operation with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), created a doping risk assessment document which serves as a strategy for intelligent testing programs. The IIHF also joined WADA's "Partnership to Quality" Program to further enhance all anti-doping related activities and programs.

The Medical Committee continued work with the IIHF Athletes' Committee and the Player Safety Work Group in creating a Player Safety Program. Many vital and concrete steps were taken forward and a launch of a player safety hub plus supportive material is foreseen to take place by the end of the next season.

Also the preparations of the 5th International Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport have been taking place throughout the past season. The IIHF is the lead organizer for the scientific Conference along with the International Olympic Committee, FIFA, World Rugby and the International Equestrian Federation. The Conference will be taking place October 27-28, 2016 in Berlin, Germany.

I truly wish to thank the Committee for the great work during this term! The passion and the commitment within the group truly contributes to the most important area which is the safety of hockey players all around the world.

Henrik Bach Nielsen
Chairman

Officiating Committee Report

As we come to the end of the 2012-2016 mandate of the current IIHF Officiating Committee, we look back to four years with a wealth of completed tasks and feel comfortable passing the reins of future development to the new committee seated after the 2016 elections. In 2012 a 5 point strategy was formulated and our work can be categorized in these 5 major points:

1) Cooperation with Professional Leagues on Officiating Issues

- In our work with the professional leagues of Europe focus has been to maintain and build on the already existing relationship and cooperation. We keep building on the exchange program and have – together with the CHL management – successfully imple-

mented exchange of officials just on the verge of stepping into our top group of officials.

- The committee secretary maintains a good working relationship with the top professional leagues in regards to ongoing evaluation of our top officials on their performance during the season as needed for WM selection of the long list
- Work continues towards securing uniform rule application through-out the leagues and the IIHF events

2) Cooperation with NHL on Officiating Development

- The cooperation with the NHL continues to grow
- Added Terry Gregson as a consultant on top events, transferring valuable knowledge to our top supervisor group.
- Worked with the NHL to include NHL officials in our top event
- We continue to exchange officials and supervisors for top NHL training camps
- NHL participated in the NA OM seminar in Frankfurt with good feedback and results

3) Development of International Prospect Top Game Officials

- The continuation of the GO camp in Magglingen has been an important element of our preparation of both the top group of officials and the level just below
- We have broadened the cooperation with the CHL organization in order to utilize preliminary round games for development of the group of officials just below the top level; this has been done with great success giving this group valuable experience.
- A focus area for the committee have been to make sure that the environment at our top events were corresponding to what we offer our athletes; this goal has been reached with the introduction of video coaches, physios, meal money, single rooms, etc. These things enable us to set the bar higher when setting the goals for our officials.
- Developed a Physical Profile of Top On-Ice Officials resource based on three years of data collected at the top officials camps and in conjunction with BASPO (Magglingen)

4) Female Development

- In regards to the development of female officials the main focus has been on implementing the 4-official system at the female top event. This has been done in close cooperation with the NAs of the involved female officials who has assisted with offering development opportunities during their NA seasons
- The female top officials were invited to their first Top Officials Camp in Magglingen which were conducted with good success both on the testing part but also on the mental part where good class room session about the development the female game is experiencing.
- Also with the female program we have had the goal of making sure that the surrounding environment has been at the level that we give the athletes; we have taken good strides but still have some way to go
- The operation of the games in the 4-official system has raised the quality of officiating and it is our firm belief that it will continue to do so as our group of top female officials' gains further experience.
- As we offer more opportunities for female officials it is our belief that the base of officials will grow and in turn make the program profit even better; we recommend the continuation of the initiatives started.

5) NA Officiating Management

- Another of the committee focus areas has been the development of the NA Officiating Manager staff in order to recruit new and younger blood to both carry the message and provide new ideas. The first NA OM seminar was staged in Frankfurt with great results. The entire OC and 60 new OM's participated during 4 days of experience exchanges and education; with these 60 persons the IIHF has gained new ambassadors to carry the torch forward
- Re-initiated the IIHF RST program and recommend that going forward the search for new and modern leaders is continued in

order to renew and replenish the IIHF RS program

Other tasks outlined in the committee mandate for 2012-2016:

- Completed and implemented a number of proposals for Council in regards to increasing the efficiency of the management by IIHF Officiating Managers of game officials at the IIHF Top Division Events
- Implemented better working conditions for game officials at the IIHF Top Division Events in order to created better possibilities for success
- Assigned and oversaw the IIHF officiating program
- Participated in the creation of the new rule book
- Developed a new IIHF RS Event Management Handbook
- Further developed the IIHF Video Library with resources available for both IIHF officials and NAs
- Assigning and overseeing the complete exchange and seminar program of the IIHF and its member NAs
- Development of IIHF Officiating Development Program Resources for NA's including:
 - Certification of National Association Game Officials
 - National Association Game Official Supervision Program
 - Planning National Association Officiating Seminars
- Looking towards the next committee mandate the current committee recommend that the following initiatives be either continued, expanded or initiated:
 - Continued development of the female officiating pool to service not only the top events but have a deep enough pool to foster competition and development
 - Continue to explore the need to expand the 4 referee system into Women's Under 18 Championship as the feeder system to the WWW
 - Identification and training of supervisors with the need for younger generation
 - Continued assistance of NA programming with special attention on NA Officiating Management Staff
 - Continued focus of building rapport with NA RIC in order to stimulate the recruitment of young generation of upcoming game officials.
 - Continued partnership with Sport, Coaching and Player Development groups in operation of officiating component in conjunction with the Hockey Development Camps.
 - Implementation of an Annual Referee Supervisor Meeting in an effort to provide additional resources and better prepare our officiating management team for success at IIHF events.

The members of the 2012-2016 IIHF Officiating Committee would like to express their thanks to the IIHF Office and Staff for their hard work and continued support through-out our mandate.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Player Safety Consulting Group Report

The IIHF Player Safety Consulting Group is in the process of developing a campaign that can raise awareness about safety in ice hockey and help to protect youth and senior ice hockey players from injury. The group is happy to report that this project has taken a significant step forward in the past season.

The group held meetings with the NHLPA in November 2014 to get information on the league's upcoming player safety initiatives and explore ways where the IIHF can develop its own player safety campaign. Following the meeting the Player Safety group met in February 2015 with the IIHF Medical and Athletes' committees. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not it would be feasible to put together a comprehensive player safety campaign that can take advantage of each committees' different resources and skill sets.

Following the February meeting, the three groups have been working on the strategic development for the player safety campaign. This includes determining who would be the target audience, analysing the player safety initiatives already put in place by MNAs and health organizations, and deciding on the timeline for implementation. The focus has been to develop a campaign that would take advantage of technology to reach younger audiences, and strategies such as gamification and social media campaigns are being considered. The player safety campaign would also revolve around an online platform or "player safety hub" that would contain all the necessary information and resources that players, coaches, and parents would like to access to get more information about safety in ice hockey.

The goal is to have resources available that would come from both original and sourced content from leading sports medicine organizations, and to ensure that the IIHF's safety campaign has a very broad public profile and would be visible both online and in arenas around the world.

Going into the next season, the design of the player safety hub is currently in development, and the Player Safety Group is collecting resources on medical issues like concussion awareness and injury prevention techniques to include into the hub.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Social and Environment Committee Report

After the presentation of the newly created IIHF Manual on sustainability and the environment during the Semi-Annual Congress in Dubrovnik, Croatia, the Social & Environment Committee has intensified the efforts and initiatives in those areas.

In the beginning of the year 2016, the IIHF has been approached by the IOC, Corporate Development, Brand and Sustainability Department, informing the IIHF about the IOC's work with the different IFs in relation to their sustainability. To date they have – besides the meeting with the IIHF in April - met with 24 International Federations. Synergies and shared challenges amongst the IFs are starting to clearly emerge and some first results of the project will be presented at the November IF Forum 2016.

The IIHF initiative the IOC specifically would like to profile and subsequently make available to the other IFs, are the recycling and repurposing of "look" banners, and the distribution of water savers (as a simple initiative that makes sense and is aligned with ice hockey). Those initiatives should provide interesting feedback on how to re-use event materials and how to raise awareness on the environment. In addition, the IIHF hopes to encourage IFs to consider similar initiatives, start an internal sustainability discussion and / or be inspired to take action in other areas.

Further the IIHF has continued its cooperation with IPC being implemented two years ago and during a meeting at the IIHF World Championship in Moscow, the results of first months of cooperation have been discussed as well in what areas such could be intensified. The IPC has continued to participate in few IIHF events and workshops such as the IIHF Marketing Workshop and the Coaching symposium with the goal to maintain regular contact and exchange knowledge and resources.

In addition the Committee is continuing its various projects in regards of sustainability, raising of awareness, charity and creating an IIHF CSR Report in the closer future would be one of the top priorities of the agenda, this together with the IOC Cooperation.

The Committee is very pleased to work in this growing and important area and is motivated to work on the matters listed above and any project that IIHF deems relevant to the Committee.

Beate Grupp
Chairwoman

Women's Committee Report

The last season of the 2012-16 term was another very productive season for the Women's Committee. It consisted of the usual Program operations plus launches of two new projects.

The High Performance Camp remains to be a high priority to the Committee. To continue facilitating training opportunities for young female players and support personnel from Olympic-potential countries, the Committee decided to approach the operation of the High Performance Camp a little differently. Two mixed teams, consisting players and team staff from 14 countries, were sent to North America to join the High Performance Camps of Hockey Canada and USA Hockey. Eight countries travelled to Calgary, Canada while six others visited Lake Placid, USA. Both teams featured 21 players and seven team staff who experienced the on and off-ice sessions and other activities organized by the hosts.

The World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend (WGIHW), held in October, again proved to be a success. Thousands of girls in 34 countries experienced the basics of ice hockey in a total of 352 girls' recruitment events. The WGIHW toolbox, featured in the Hockey Centre, was very well received and it provided many of the organizers with useful information for them to utilize free of charge.

To celebrate the female game, a new feature called Global Girls' Game (GGG) was launched. The purpose was to first pilot the initiative and therefore it was agreed that the WGIHW would be a good timing to hold it. The objective was to bring countries together to take part in one single game which consisted of a number of games, each held in the respective countries. The pilot turned out to be a huge success with 29 countries taking part. In these 29 games, Team Blue and Team White competed against each other with the final result being 106-83. The plan for the future is to have the GGG as a separate event, taking place in February each season.

The Yearly Training Plan Program (YTP) had its second season. Nine qualified countries continued their work based on the long-term plans and strategies which served as the basis for the consequent seasonal implementation projects. The IIHF continued its financial and human resource assistance to offer support in these operations.

Lastly, to increase the exposure of the women's game, the Committee had a promotional video produced. The 45-second clip, which was filmed during the Women's World Championship in Kamloops, Canada, is a result of a specific request received during the Women's Hockey Summit. It features numerous elite female players and the message "this is who I am" comes well across. The objective is to have this video shown in many Championship jumbotrons as it was in the men's World Championship in Russia.

I would like to thank the Committee Members Reagan Carey, Christine Duchamp, Arto Sieppi, Martin Kogler and especially Melody Davidson, the IIHF staff, Ruth Künzle, Aku Nieminen and Christian Hofstetter (video project) for the great work during this Committee term! The work is not done but we took important steps forward!

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer
Chairwoman

Switzerland's Philip Wuthrich makes the save against the U.S. at the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis/HHOF-IIHF Images



Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2015/2016 season

World Championship
Moscow & St. Petersburg, Russia 6.5.2016 - 22.5.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Bjork, Tobias SWE	Chartrand - Piche, Nicolas CAN
Fonselius, Stefan FIN	Fluri, Nicolas SUI
Frano, Martin CZE	Kaderli, Roman SUI
Gebei, Péter HUN	Kilian, Jon NOR
Gofman, Roman RUS	Lazarev, Gleb RUS
Iverson, Brett CAN	Lederer, Vit CZE
Jerabek, Antonin CZE	Lhotsky, Miroslav CZE
Kubus, Jozef SVK	Malmqvist, Andreas SWE
Mayer, Timothy USA	McIntyre, Fraser USA
Ohlund, Linus SWE	Nieminen, Pasi FIN
Olenin, Konstantin RUS	Otmakhov, Alexander RUS
Piechaczek, Daniel GER	Pihlblad, Henrik SWE
Rantala, Aleksii FIN	Ponomarev, Nikolaj GER
Sidorenko, Maxim BLR	Ritter, Judson USA
Wehrli, Tobias SUI	Sefcik, Peter SVK
Wiegand, Marc SUI	Suominen, Sakari FIN

World Championship Division I Group A
Katowice, Poland 23.4.2016 - 29.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Alarie, Jonathan CAN	Haurum, Henrik DEN
Kaukokari, Mikko FIN	Hylinski, Artur POL
Kulev, Artur RUS	Korba, Martin SVK
Piragic, Trpimir CRO	Kupcus, Kriss LAT
Reneau, Stephen USA	Leermakers, Joep NED
Rohatsch, Marian GER	Paley, Yakov RUS
Sir, Robin CZE	Semjonov, Anton EST

World Championship Division I Group B
Zagreb, Croatia 17.4.2016 - 29.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Bergamelli, Jimmy FRA	Belic, Vanja CRO
Gamper, Daniel ITA	Espinoza, Franco SUI
Holm, Mikael SWE	Grozaj, Tomislav CRO
Nikolic, Manuel AUT	Hagerstrom, Markus FIN
	Ichikawa, Shunsuke JPN
	Park, Jun Soo KOR
	Rakovic, Damir SLO

World Championship Division II Group A
Jaca, Spain 9.4.2016 - 15.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Ibatulin, Eduard KAZ	Biec Cebrian, Sergio ESP
Kepa, Przemyslaw POL	Hynek, Daniel CZE
Oskirkko, Iurii RUS	Kacej, Lukas SVK
Toppel, Rasmus DEN	Meyer Dainow, Rudy ESP
	Nagy, Attila HUN
	Yletyinen, Emil SWE
	Zinchenko, Viktor BLR

World Championship Division II Group B
Mexico, Mexico City 9.4.2016 - 15.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
De Wilde, Martin NED	Guevara, Vladimir MEX
Haszonits, Miklos HUN	Hancock II, William USA
Maillet, Mario CAN	Harrington, Michael CAN
Thomson, Stephen USA	Kavanagh, James GBR
	Korte, Jos NED
	Ramirez, Sem MEX
	Van den Acker, Maarten BEL

World Championship Division III
Turkey, Istanbul 31.3.2016 - 9.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Hogarth, Stefan GBR	Akyurek, Yasin TUR
Holm, Christoffer SWE	Aygun, Murat TUR
Kova, Joonas FIN	Braten, Knut Einar NOR
Lascar, Valentin ROU	Heinonen, Timo FIN
	O Connor, Charlie USA
	Spur, Josef CZE
	Stepankevicius, Laurynas LTU

World Junior Championship
Finland, Helsinki 26.12.2015 - 5.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Anisimov, Alexey RUS	Chartrand - Piche, Nicolas CAN
Ansons, Andris LAT	Hribar, Matjaz SLO
Fonselius, Stefan FIN	Jensen, Rene DEN
Iverson, Brett CAN	Kaderli, Roman SUI
Konc, Daniel SVK	Nieminen, Pasi FIN
Nord, Mikael SWE	Oliver, Brian USA
Pesina, Vladimir CZE	Otmakhov, Alexander RUS
Piechaczek, Daniel GER	Pihlblad, Henrik SWE
Pitoscia, Christopher USA	Sormunen, Hannu FIN
Rantala, Aleksii FIN	Waldejer, Alexander NOR
Sylvain, Jean-Philippe CAN	
Wiegand, Marc SUI	

U20 World Championship Division I Group A
Austria, Vienna, 13.12.2015 - 19.12.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Meszynski, Pawel POL	Flockhart, Ally GBR
Mullner, Robert SVK	Johnstone, Michael AUT
Sewell, Liam GBR	Kaliada, Vasilii BLR
Wilk, Andrew USA	Szachniewicz, Slawomir POL
	Vyleta, Roman SVK
	Yamaguchi, Sotaro JPN
	Zgonc, Gasper Jaka SLO

U20 World Championship Division I Group B
France, Megeve, 12.12.2015 - 18.12.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Balodis, Juris LAT	Caillot, Thomas FRA
Hallin, Robert NOR	Efremov, Vladimir KAZ
Nikolic, Kristijan AUT	Furet, Yann FRA
Sterkens, Ramon NED	Hoefer, Marcus GER
	Levalds, Viesturs LAT
	Ondracek, Jiri CZE
	Tscherrig, Michael SUI

U20 World Championship Division II Group A
Lithuania, Elektrenai 13.12.2015 - 19.12.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Deweerd, Chris BEL	Jaksys, Benas LTU
Shrubok, Andrei BLR	Kuneikis, Deividas LTU
Takizawa, Shinichi JPN	Liu, Ren CHN
Zmic, Milan SLO	Lundgren, Ludvig SWE
	Monnaie, Frederic BEL
	Toparceanu, Adrian Cosmin ROU
	Voronin, Roman KAZ

U20 World Championship Division II Group B
Serbia, Novi Sad 17.1.2016 - 23.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Barcelo, Geoffrey FRA	Beelen, Lodewyk NED
Benvegna, Andrea ITA	Chae, Youngjin KOR
Krcelic, Vedran CRO	Fazekas, Tibor SRB
Sobolev, Sergey KAZ	Hladchenko, Anton UKR
	Perdub, David SRB
	Sakovic, Marko CRO
	Vaczi, David HUN

U20 World Championship Division III
Mexico, Mexico City 15.1.2016 - 24.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Campbell, Michael CAN	Campillo, David MEX
Gregersen, Jens Christian DEN	Chaput, Maxime CAN
Stefik, Miroslav SVK	Mischianti, Simone ITA
Tufts, Jeremy USA	Muller, Jan-Christian GER
	Oosterling, Stef NED
	Ramirez, Jafet MEX
	Scarpace, James USA

U18 World Championship

USA, Grand Forks

14.4.2016 - 24.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Baluska, Vladimir SVK	Dalton, Andrew GBR
Grummen, Jacob DEN	Davis, Jake USA
Hansen, Roy Stian NOR	Golyak, Dmitry BLR
Hribik, Jan CZE	Kack, Johannes SWE
Hunnius, Sirko GER	Nothegger, David AUT
Ingram, Jeff CAN	Rovensky, Tibor SVK
Linde, Marcus SWE	Saha, Joonas FIN
Pajula, Jari-Pekka FIN	Suchanek, Libor CZE
Sheva, Brett USA	Sysuev, Alexander RUS
Trilar, Viki SLO	Vanoosten, Nathan CAN
Voss, Cameron USA	
Warschaw, Shane AUT	

U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Belarus, Minsk

9.4.2016 - 15.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Hejduk, Oldrich CZE	Badyl, Pavel BLR
Mollard, Ken SUI	Bogdanovs, Maksims LAT
Suorsa, Jari FIN	Daisy, Ryan USA
Zviedritis, Gints LAT	Hlavaty, Marek CZE
	Kanazawa, Kensuke JPN
	Progin, Marc-Henri SUI
	Raming, Stanislav RUS

U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Italy, Asiago

18.4.2016 - 24.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Marczuk, Włodzimierz POL	Cristeli, Christian ITA
Nalivaiko, Vladimir BLR	Dahl, Havar NOR
Novak, Milan SVK	Kohlmüller, Lukas GER
Siegel, Stefan AUT	Pardatscher, Ulrich ITA
	Pointel, Gabriel FRA
	Schauer, Jakob AUT
	Stupak, Mihail KAZ

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Romania, Brasov

4.4.2016 - 10.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Bulovec, Miha SLO	Gunnarsson, Sindri ISL
Persson, Christian NOR	Kroyer, Andreas Weise DEN
Tsernyshev, Igor EST	Mathe, Istvan ROU
Tzirtziganis, Tim BEL	Németh, Márton HUN
	Smura, Mariusz POL
	Trandafir, Mihai - Ariel ROU
	Tschimer, David GER

U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Spain, Valdemoro

26.3.2016 - 1.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Andersen, Thomas B. DEN	García Banos, Alejandro ESP
Darnell, Tom GBR	Lukosevicius, Vytautas IRL
Kincses, Gergely HUN	Park, Jae Hyung KOR
Simankov, Andrej LTU	Persson, Daniel SWE
	Suslov, Vladimir KAZ
	Tichon, Gil Haim ISR
	Trobajo Navarro, Carlos ESP

U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Bulgaria, Sofia

14.3.2016 - 20.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Govorun, Oleksandr UKR	Al Jneibi, Yahya UAE
Kosaka, Kenji JPN	Liu, Tiange CHN
Lazzeri, Alex ITA	Nedeljkovic, Ivan SRB
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey ESP	Sabada, Oleksiy UKR
	Stoyanov, Luchezar BUL
	Tanev, Tzvetko BUL
	Van Grinsven, Chris BEL

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

South Africa, Cape Town

14.2.2016 - 19.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Garbay, Laurent FRA	Burger, Jonathan RSA
Rencz, Daniel HUN	Douchy, Jeremie FRA
	Kis-Kiraly, Barna HUN

Women's World Championship

Canada, Kamloops

28.3.2016 - 4.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle CAN	Angerer, Bettina AUT
Bordeleau, Melanie CAN	Frattarelli, Michaela USA
Eskola, Anna Maria SUI	Girard, Charlotte FRA
Fialova, Drahomira SUI	Heikkinen, Jenni FIN
Gran, Gabriella SWE	Johansson, Veronica SWE
Hertrich, Nicole GER	Novotna, Ilona CZE
Hove, Aina NOR	Pagon, Natasa SLO
Huntley, Jamie USA	Stratton, Vanessa CAN
Mattson, Jerilyn USA	Tauriainen, Johanna FIN
Nakayama, Miyuki JPN	

Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Denmark, Aalborg

25.3.2016 - 31.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Aberg, Henna FIN	Andersson, Liv SWE
Cuglietta, Deana GBR	Anex, Magali SUI
Guay, Katie USA	Dinant, Marine BEL
Zueva, Yana RUS	Fenstermacher, Jamie USA
	Lack, Amy GBR
	Phillipsen, Trine Viskum DEN
	Stefkova, Michaela CZE

Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Italy, Asiago

4.4.2016 - 10.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Celarova, Nikoleta SVK	Egli, Anina SUI
Kontturi, Maija FIN	Gruber, Mirjam ITA
Senuk, Lacey CAN	Kudelova, Michaela SVK
Weiss, Ramona GER	Kuonen, Anne-Ruth SUI
	Pobozniak, Joanna POL
	Price, Jodi USA
	Strohmer, Svenja GER

Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Slovenia, Bled

2.4.2016 - 8.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Allen, Dina USA	Cerhitova, Magdalena SVK
Gardner, Ainslie AUS	Fu, Zhennan CHN
Haack, Tijana GER	Lundgren, Jessica SWE
Hengst, Debby NED	Sainio, Linnea FIN
	Stastna, Gabriela CZE
	Steinberg, Olga RUS
	Tochigi, Yuka JPN

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain

29.2.2016 - 6.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Greiere, Sintija LAT	Kasasova, Tatiana SVK
Huizeling, Natascha NED	Lee, Kyung Sun KOR
Rimbalova, Zuzana SVK	Owren, Bente NOR
Wada, Etsuko JPN	Ozdemir, Ilksen Sermin TUR
	Streitova, Tereza CZE
	Tschimer, Julia GER
	Yalcindag, Sinem TUR

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Qualification

Jaca, Spain

29.2.2016 - 6.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Harbitz-Rasmussen, Elise NOR	Gerkena, Jana IRL
Maleckiene, Ramune LTU	Hjartardottir, Ingibjorg ISL
Zygmunt, Katarzyna POL	Kolchina, Elizaveta RUS
	Shestakova, Oksana KAZ
	Svobodova, Zuzana CZE

U18 Women's World Championship

Canada, St. Catharines

8.1.2016 - 15.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Dewar, Brandy CAN	Angerer, Bettina AUT
Grisson, Lisa CAN	Kiefer, Daniela GER
Ketonen, Kaisa FIN	Leclerc, Jessica USA
Kiefer, Michaela GER	Linnek, Lisa GER
Picavet, Marie FRA	McGurry, Danielle CAN
Szkola, Melissa USA	Nilsson, Stina SWE
	Nygard, Anna NOR
	Todd, Justine CAN
	Torribio / Rousselin, Sueva FRA

U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Hungary, Miskolc 10.1.2016 - 16.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Ivanova, Elena RUS	Cadonau, Tanja SUI
Ruzickova, Radka CZE	Gebora, Zita HUN
Williams, Mackenzie USA	Hetherington, Leigh GBR
Winklmayr, Ulrike AUT	Jaatinen, Jenni FIN
	Lee, Tae - Ri KOR
	Sándor, Zsuzsanna HUN
	Weegh, Harriet AUT

U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Qualification

Austria, Spittal/Drau and Radenthein 7.1.2016 - 11.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Gérrnyi, Katalin HUN	Al Ali, Fatima UAE
Koivuluoma, Henna-Maria FIN	Dopitova, Veronika CZE
Kuroda, Anna JPN	Forsberg, Linn SWE
Ma, Sang Hee KOR	Hoshi, Aiko JPN
Mala, Gabriela CZE	Kainberger, Julia AUT
Rygh, Rita NOR	Larsen, Loise Lybak DEN
	Mokhova, Diana RUS
	Peer, Sandra AUT
	Piccoli, Maruska SUI

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Men Group G

Italy, Cortina D'Ampezzo 11.2.2016 - 14.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Brill, Marcus GER	Cristeli, Matthias ITA
Harnebring, Andreas SWE	Markizeti, Grega SLO
Lindqvist, Petri FIN	Metalnikov, Eduard RUS
Smetana, Ladislav AUT	Moszczynski, Wojciech POL
	Wuest, Simon SUI

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Men Group F

Hungary, Budapest 11.2.2016 - 14.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Hicks, Michael DEN	Aasum, Remi NOR
Hodek, Pavel CZE	Hofstaetter, Michael AUT
Ohlund, Linus SWE	Jucers, Raivis LAT
Stricker, Daniel SUI	Palkovi, Botond HUN
	Ponomarjow, Nikolaj GER

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Men Group J

Japan, Sapporo 11.2.2016 - 14.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Gebei, Péter HUN	Borga, Cedric SUI
Ravodin, Alexey RUS	Kawai, Shinobu JPN
Reneau, Stephen USA	Martineau, Benoit CAN
Schukies, Gordon GER	Penkivech, Dana USA
	Pesonen, Jani FIN

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Men Group K

Tallinn, Estonia 5.11.2015 - 8.11.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Halm, Stian NOR	Bergant, Anze SLO
Heikkinen, Lassi FIN	Gunnarsson, Oli Thor ISL
Smith, Dean GBR	Locans, Maris LAT
	Riisom-Birker, Jacques DEN
	Tilku, Toivo EST

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Men Group L

Valdemoro, Spain 6.11.2015 - 8.11.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Blik, Damien FRA	Brejcha, Tomas CZE
Kamsek, Luka SLO	Kowert, Andreas GER
Moschen, Andrea ITA	Margry, Gwilherm FRA
	Smeibidlo, Martin AUT
	Stefenelli, Federico ITA

Continental Cup Pool A

Serbia, Belgrade 2.10.2015 - 4.10.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Iliescu, Marius ROU	Aleksic, Uros SRB
Reimer, Jonas DEN	Bogdan, Davor SRB
Van Grinsven Jnr, Hub BEL	Nikolic, Nemanja SRB
	Popovic, Darko SRB

Continental Cup Pool B

Hungary, Miskolc 23.10.2015 - 25.10.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Garbay, Laurent FRA	Ozsvath, Adam HUN
Liptrott, Jonathan GBR	Soltesz, Aron HUN
Pachucki, Maciej POL	Somos, Balazs HUN
	Soós, Daniel HUN

Continental Cup Pool C

Poland, Tychy 23.10.2015 - 25.10.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Babic, Vladimir HUN	Kasprzyk, Patryk POL
Bajt, Miha SLO	Mlynarski, Marcin POL
Krawinkel, Markus GER	Polak, Marcin POL
	Zien, Wiktor POL

Continental Cup Pool D

Poland, Tychy 23.10.2015 - 25.10.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Bjalkander, Patric SWE	Basso, Nicola ITA
Hejduk, Oldrich CZE	Giacomozzi, Federico ITA
Kulev, Artur RUS	Pace, Federico ITA
Piragic, Trpimir CRO	Wiest, Alexander ITA

Continental Cup Pool E

France, Rouen 20.11.2015 - 22.11.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Gamper, Daniel ITA	Barbez, Matthieu FRA
Grumsen, Jacob DEN	Caillot, Thomas FRA
Hansen, Roy Stian NOR	Goncalves, Clement FRA
Hunnius, Sirko GER	Peuriere, Frederic FRA

Continental Cup

France, Rouen 8.1.2016 - 10.1.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Hradil, Rene CZE	Altberg, Fredrik SWE
Nikolic, Manuel AUT	Gurtner, Sandro SUI
Orolin, Tomas SVK	Hancharou, Yauheni BLR
Salonen, Anssi FIN	Lederer, Vít CZE
Solem, Per Gustav NOR	Madsen, Ryan USA
	Neva, Henri FIN

Winter Youth Olympic Games Men's Ice Hockey

Norway, Lillehammer 12.2.2016 - 21.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Dipietro, Alex SUI	Beresford, Danny GBR
Gossas, Johan SWE	Goncalves, Clement FRA
Iwert, Marc GER	Kliashcheunikau, Aleh BLR
Prazak, Daniel CZE	Lundsgaard, Niclas DEN
	Nordberg Pettersen, Thomas NOR
	Nordlander, Tobias SWE

Winter Youth Olympic Games Women's Ice Hockey

Norway, Lillehammer 12.2.2016 - 21.2.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Abrosimova, Darja RUS	Brambilla, Jessica ITA
Fuchsel, Maria Raabye DEN	Mollen, Senovwa NED
Hiller, Samantha USA	Puhakka, Jenna FIN
Ley, Vanessa CAN	Sauer, Jacqueline GER
	Strand, Marion NOR
	Tscherrig, Leticia SUI

Olympic Games Pre-Qualification

Bulgaria, Sofia 10.10.2015 - 10.10.2015

Referees	Linesmen
Orolin, Tomas SVK	Jobbagy, Martin SVK
	Stanzel, Matus SVK

Challenge Cup of Asia

United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi 12.3.2016 - 18.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Chang, Sung-Kuk KOR	Borni Byouk, Ibrahim UAE
Riou, Yoann HKG	Chan, Hon To Otto HKG
Trofimov, Dmitry KAZ	Charoenrak, Arnupap THA
Yin, An-Chung (Andrew) TPE	Efremov, Vladimir KAZ
	Lau, Gabriel Jia Xing SIN
	Ubolluck, Aomsin THA

Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan 9.4.2016 - 14.4.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Haddad, Marc QAT	Choi, Seok Bae KOR
Lim, Yong Chun MAS	Namgail, Tundup IND
Subbotin, Arkadiy KAZ	Suslov, Vladimir KAZ
Yu, Shao-Yang TPE	Tam, Weng Leong MAC
	Voronin, Roman KAZ
	Yusoff, Mohamad Faris Hakimin MAS

Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei 22.3.2016 - 26.3.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Bowshall, Bethany AUS	Beresford, Lorna GBR
Gernyi, Katalin Klaudia HUN	Gebora, Zita HUN
Nurmi, Anniina FIN	Huang, Yu Li TPE
Winklmayr, Ulrike AUT	Lee, Kyungsun KOR
	Liao, Yi Hsuang TPE
	Wong, Tsui Yi HKG



The last two #1 picks in the NHL Draft, Auston Matthews (left) and Connor McDavid shake hands after the 2016 IIHF Worlds semi-final.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2016 IIHF World Ranking

Men

Rank	Country	Points	2015	Move
1	Canada	3495	1	0
2	Russia	3380	2	0
3	Finland	3355	4	1
4	USA	3290	5	1
5	Sweden	3275	3	-2
6	Czech Republic	3210	6	0
7	Switzerland	2910	7	0
8	Slovakia	2870	8	0
9	Belarus	2820	9	0
10	Germany	2815	13	3
11	Norway	2765	11	0
12	Latvia	2730	10	-2
13	Denmark	2700	15	2
14	France	2655	12	-2
15	Slovenia	2530	14	-1
16	Kazakhstan	2470	17	1
17	Austria	2440	16	-1
18	Italy	2345	18	0
19	Hungary	2325	19	0
20	Poland	2175	22	2
21	Japan	2140	20	-1
22	Ukraine	2105	21	-1
23	Korea	2090	23	0
24	Great Britain	2020	24	0
25	Lithuania	1900	26	1
26	Croatia	1825	27	1
27	Netherlands	1825	25	-2
28	Estonia	1755	29	1
29	Romania	1735	28	-1
30	Spain	1550	31	1
31	Serbia	1520	30	-1
32	Belgium	1300	34	2
33	Mexico	1290	32	-1
34	Israel	1250	33	-1
35	Iceland	1240	35	0
36	Australia	1160	36	0
37	China	1075	38	1
38	New Zealand	1000	37	-1
39	Bulgaria	870	39	0
40	DPR Korea	825	42	2
41	South Africa	815	40	-1
42	Turkey	805	41	-1
43	Luxembourg	700	43	0
44	Hong Kong	565	46	2
45	Bosnia and Herzegovina	410	47	2
46	United Arab Emirates	340	44	-2
47	Georgia	335	45	-2
48	Ireland	65	48	0
49	Greece	60	49	0
50	Mongolia	50	50	0

Women

Rank	Country	Points	2015	Move
1	USA	3560	2	1
2	Canada	3520	1	-1
3	Finland	3275	3	0
4	Russia	3265	6	2
5	Sweden	3210	5	0
6	Switzerland	3180	4	-2
7	Japan	3005	8	1
8	Germany	2995	7	-1
9	Czech Republic	2970	9	0
10	Denmark	2740	10	0
11	Austria	2710	12	1
12	France	2700	14	2
13	Norway	2690	11	-2
14	Slovakia	2590	13	-1
15	Latvia	2470	15	0
16	China	2415	16	0
17	Hungary	2365	19	2
18	Kazakhstan	2330	18	0
19	Netherlands	2330	17	-2
20	Italy	2285	20	0
21	Great Britain	2130	21	0
22	Poland	2055	22	0
23	Korea	2020	23	0
24	Slovenia	1875	24	0
25	Croatia	1850	25	0
26	DPR Korea	1795	27	1
27	Spain	1755	26	-1
28	Australia	1470	29	1
29	New Zealand	1470	28	-1
30	Iceland	1370	30	0
31	Turkey	1230	33	2
32	Mexico	1215	35	3
33	South Africa	1125	32	-1
34	Bulgaria	1070	34	0
35	Hong Kong	1015	36	1
36	Belgium	765	31	-5
37	Romania	480	NEW	
38	Ireland	110	37	-1

USA tops Canada in women's rank

Canada's men's team solidified its hold on the top position in the men's IIHF World Ranking thanks to its second straight gold medal victory at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

On the women's side the USA passed their North American rivals Canada for the No.1 spot in the women's World Ranking.

In the men's ranking Germany saw the best improvement out of all the nations, moving up three spots and breaking into the Top 10. Russia's women's national team passed Sweden and Switzerland to move into the fourth spot in the Ranking.



Denmark goalie Sebastian Dahm is saved by the crossbar on a shootout attempt by Michal Repik at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Eyes on the prize: *United States' Presley Norby* takes a shot on *Russia's Valeria Taranokova* at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship.
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IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame 2016 Induction



The IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony welcomed the 2016 class of legends in Moscow.

Hosted by TSN's Gord Miller, the ceremony honoured international hockey's legendary contributors on the ice, behind the bench and in the broadcast booth.

The latest class of International Ice Hockey Federation inductees in the Players category included Peter Bondra, Sergei Fyodorov, Valeri Kamenski, and Ville Peltonen. Gabor Ocskay was presented with the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award. Pat Quinn and Ben Smith were honoured in the Builders category and Nikolai Ozerov given the Paul Loicq Award.

Ocskay, Quinn and Ozerov were inducted posthumously.

The program began with Nikolai Ozerov being given the Paul Loicq award. Ozerov was a tennis champion, actor and the voice of the Russian nation.

With a broadcast career that began in 1950, Ozerov covered some 30 World Championships and all Super Series in the seventies and eighties.

"With his voice he became every much as popular as the players he talked in all those games he covered, including Kharlamov and Tretiak," Journalist Sergei Gusev said in talking about Ozerov.

The first member of the class of 2016 honoured was Valeri Kamenski. A member of the elite Triple Gold Club, Kamenski was grateful for the honour.

"I thought it would be easier [to give a speech]. But when they called my name, when they said a few words about me, I was overwhelmed by a lot of emotion," Kamenski said later. "Suddenly I got nervous - it's easier to go out on the ice than to say a few words in front of a crowd of people."

Current Finnish assistant coach Ville Peltonen was inducted but was with his team at their final morning practice before the gold medal game against Canada, to be played later that day. His wife Hanna gratefully accepted the award before her husband made it to the induction room later. Peltonen represented Finland 19 times and won 13 medals, an unprecedented number among Finnish players.

Pat Quinn left a great hockey legacy and reputation in the NHL and internationally. Miller remarked what the Great One thought of Quinn.

"Wayne Gretzky said of Pat Quinn, 'Of all the people I've known in the game of hockey, I never met anyone who worked at it harder or loved it more than Pat Quinn.'"

His daughter Kalli delivered a moving tribute to her father.

"My father always said they don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. He cared but he also wanted to know as much as he could about the game of hockey."

Another coach joining Quinn in the IIHF Hall of Fame was Ben Smith who led Team USA women to Olympic gold in 1998 and a Women's World Championship in 2005.

"Someone once told me that the key to being a good coach is getting off the bus with the best players," Smith said. "I took that early advice."

Peter Bondra is a legend in Slovakia not only for his outstanding NHL career but scoring the biggest goal in the country's international history.

With 100 seconds remaining in the 2002 World Championship gold medal game between Slovakia and Russia, Bondra scored to lift his team to a 4-3 win and its first gold medal.



From left: 2016 inductees Valeri Kamenski, Ben Smith, Peter Bondra, and Sergei Fyodorov

"I'd like to thank Slovakian hockey. I was always proud to play for my country, Olympics or World Championships. My dream was to always play for the national team and score the game-winning goal for a gold medal. My dream came true."

Another moving tribute came when Gabor Ocskay's sister, Zsuzsanna, spoke of the influence her brother still has in Hungary. Ocskay made his debut for Hungary as a 17-year-old and represented the team 16 times. He helped elevate the team to the top division of the World Championship in 2008. Sadly, a few weeks before he could get the chance to play in the 2009 tournament in Switzerland – the country's first top-division appearance in 70 years – he died of a heart attack.

"The family and the whole Hungarian community, which is like family, have never forgotten him," she said. "The rink in his hometown of Szekesfeharvar bears his name since 2009 and

the ice hockey academy is named after him. Some of the players who trained there were members of this national team that competed in St. Petersburg."

Finally, Sergei Fyodorov was saluted for a career that included winning the NHL's Hart trophy as most valuable player and as a three time Stanley Cup champion. Legendary coach Scotty Bowman said of Fyodorov he was one of his favorite players to coach and the only one who could play both forward and defence.

"I am so honoured and so pleased that this life of hockey that has given me so much joy has brought me to this place and this special recognition," Fyodorov said. "I had a lot of fun during my career but it's not always that easy. There were a lot of tears and a lot of negative things. But all that is overcome when you achieve an honour like today's induction into the HoF."



Fyodorov. Ville Peltonen's wife was on hand to accept his induction award, while Pat Quinn, Gabor Ocskay Jr., and Nikolai Ozerov were inducted posthumously.



The player's coach: Former NHLer and German national team forward Marco Sturm guided the men's team to the quarter-finals of the 2016 IIHF Worlds.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List



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	Born	Inducted	Category
AUSTRIA			
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947	1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder
BELARUS			
Ruslan Salei	1974	2014	Player
BELGIUM			
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder
CANADA			
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder
Murray Costello	1934	2014	Builder
Danielle Goyette	1966	2013	Player
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player
Paul Henderson	1943	2013	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
Scott Niedermayer	1973	2015	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player
Pat Quinn	1943	2016	Builder
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder
Fran Rider	1951	2015	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965	2014	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
Dominik Hasek	1965	2015	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player
Jiri Holeccek	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
Robert Reichel	1971	2015	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
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 Marjamäki	1947	1998	Player
Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	1973	2010	Player
Kalevi Numminen	1940	2011	Builder
Teppo Numminen	1968	2013	Player
Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player
Esa Peltonen	1947	2007	Player
Ville Peltonen	1973	2016	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 Lacarrière	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	1936	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 Ahearn	1900	1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder
HUNGARY			
Gyorgy Pasztor	1923	2001	Builder
Laszlo Schell	1948	2009	Referee
Gabor Ocskay	1975	2016	Player (T)
ITALY			
Enrico Calcaterra	1905	1999	Builder
Lucio Topatigh	1965	2015	Player (T)
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
POLAND			
Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player
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
Vyacheslav Bykov	1960	2014	Player
Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Sergei Fyodorov	1969	2016	Player
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Valeri Kamenski	1966	2016	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Andrei Khomutov	1961	2014	Player
Viktor Konovalenko	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			
Peter Bondra	1968	2016	Player
Vladimir Dzurilla	1942	1998	Player
Josef Golonka	1938	1998	Player
Ladislav Horsky	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
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941	2013	Builder
Rudolf Eklow	1904	1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder
Peter Forsberg	1973	2013	Player
Arne Grunander	1918	1997	Builder
Bengt-Åke Gustafsson	1958	2003	Player
Anders Hedberg	1951	1997	Player
Leif Holmqvist	1942	1999	Player
Tomas Jonsson	1960	2000	Player
Nicklas Lidström	1970	2014	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
Maria Rooth	1979	2015	Player
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder
Mats Sundin	1971	2013	Player
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 Khorozyov	1925	2006	Builder
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
Ben Smith	1946	2016	Builder
Hal Trumble	1926	1999	Builder
Thayer Tutt	1912	2002	Builder
PAUL LOICQ AWARD			
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	
Gord Miller	CAN	2013	
Mark Aubry	CAN	2014	
Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015	
Nikolai Ozerov	RUS	2016	
RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)			
Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015	
Gabor Ocskay	HUN	2016	
MILESTONE AWARD			
1972 Canada/USSR SS national teams		2012	
1954 USSR WM national team		2013	



*The IIHF World Championship trophy on display ahead of the final in Moscow, Russia.
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He's got skills: On top of scoring the game winner in the final against Finland, Team Canada's Connor McDavid became the youngest player in history to win gold at the U18 (2013), World Junior (2015), and World Championship (2016).
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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Moscow & St. Petersburg, Russia



ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
RUSSIA

Moscow - St. Petersburg

Preliminary Round

Group A - Ice Palace - Moscow

Date	Game	Score
6.5.2016	Sweden - Latvia	2 - 1 OT (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
6.5.2016	Czech Republic - Russia	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
7.5.2016	Switzerland - Kazakhstan	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
7.5.2016	Norway - Denmark	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
7.5.2016	Latvia - Czech Republic	3 - 4 SO (0-2, 1-0, 2-1)
8.5.2016	Kazakhstan - Russia	4 - 6 (3-3, 0-1, 0-2)
8.5.2016	Norway - Switzerland	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 2-0, 0-2)
8.5.2016	Sweden - Denmark	5 - 2 (0-1, 4-0, 1-1)
9.5.2016	Latvia - Russia	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 0-2)
9.5.2016	Sweden - Czech Republic	2 - 4 (2-0, 0-3, 0-1)
10.5.2016	Switzerland - Denmark	3 - 2 OT (0-2, 0-0, 2-0)
10.5.2016	Kazakhstan - Norway	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
11.5.2016	Switzerland - Latvia	5 - 4 (0-0, 3-3, 2-1)
11.5.2016	Sweden - Kazakhstan	7 - 3 (3-1, 3-0, 1-2)
12.5.2016	Czech Republic - Norway	7 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 0-0)
12.5.2016	Russia - Denmark	10 - 1 (3-0, 4-1, 3-0)
13.5.2016	Czech Republic - Kazakhstan	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 2-1)
13.5.2016	Denmark - Latvia	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
14.5.2016	Norway - Sweden	2 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 2-2)
14.5.2016	Russia - Switzerland	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
14.5.2016	Kazakhstan - Latvia	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
15.5.2016	Denmark - Czech Republic	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
15.5.2016	Switzerland - Sweden	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
16.5.2016	Russia - Norway	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
16.5.2016	Denmark - Kazakhstan	4 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 0-0)
17.5.2016	Czech Republic - Switzerland	5 - 4 (1-1, 1-0, 3-3)
17.5.2016	Latvia - Norway	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-2, 0-0)
17.5.2016	Russia - Sweden	4 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	7	5	1	1	0	27:12	18
2	Russia	7	6	0	0	1	32:10	18
3	Sweden	7	3	2	0	2	23:18	13
4	Denmark	7	2	2	1	2	17:22	11
5	Norway	7	2	1	0	4	13:22	8
6	Switzerland	7	1	1	3	2	20:26	8
7	Latvia	7	1	0	3	3	13:22	6
8	Kazakhstan	7	0	1	0	6	15:28	2

Group B - Yubileiny Arena - St. Petersburg

Date	Game	Score
6.5.2016	USA - Canada	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-1, 0-2)
6.5.2016	Finland - Belarus	6 - 2 (0-0, 4-1, 2-1)
7.5.2016	Slovakia - Hungary	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
7.5.2016	France - Germany	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
7.5.2016	Belarus - USA	3 - 6 (0-2, 2-3, 1-1)
8.5.2016	Hungary - Canada	1 - 7 (1-2, 0-4, 0-1)
8.5.2016	Finland - Germany	5 - 1 (2-0, 2-1, 1-0)
8.5.2016	France - Slovakia	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
9.5.2016	Belarus - Canada	0 - 8 (0-1, 0-4, 0-3)
9.5.2016	Finland - USA	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-0, 1-1)
10.5.2016	Slovakia - Germany	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-3, 0-2)
10.5.2016	Hungary - France	2 - 6 (1-3, 0-1, 1-2)
11.5.2016	Slovakia - Belarus	2 - 4 (0-0, 2-0, 0-4)
11.5.2016	Finland - Hungary	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
12.5.2016	USA - France	4 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 1-0)
12.5.2016	Canada - Germany	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 3-0)
13.5.2016	USA - Hungary	5 - 1 (0-0, 3-0, 2-1)
13.5.2016	Germany - Belarus	5 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 1-1)
14.5.2016	France - Finland	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 1-0)
14.5.2016	Hungary - Belarus	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 1-0)
14.5.2016	Canada - Slovakia	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
15.5.2016	Germany - USA	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 1-0)
15.5.2016	Slovakia - Finland	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-2, 0-3)
16.5.2016	Canada - France	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)
16.5.2016	Germany - Hungary	4 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 3-1)
17.5.2016	USA - Slovakia	2 - 3 OT (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
17.5.2016	Belarus - France	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
17.5.2016	Canada - Finland	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Finland	7	7	0	0	0	29:6	21
2	Canada	7	6	0	0	1	34:8	18
3	Germany	7	4	0	1	2	22:20	13
4	USA	7	3	0	1	3	22:18	10
5	Slovakia	7	2	1	0	4	15:23	8
6	Belarus	7	2	0	0	5	16:32	6
7	France	7	1	1	0	5	11:23	5
8	Hungary	7	1	0	0	6	12:31	3

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
19.5.2016	Czech Republic - USA	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
19.5.2016	Finland - Denmark	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)
19.5.2016	Russia - Germany	4 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 1-0)
19.5.2016	Canada - Sweden	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
21.5.2016	Finland - Russia	3 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 0-0)
21.5.2016	Canada - USA	4 - 3 (2-0, 1-3, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.5.2016	Russia - USA	7 - 2 (2-0, 3-1, 2-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.5.2016	Finland - Canada	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)

Final Placing

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

Hungary and Kazakhstan are relegated to the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mikko Koskinen	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Michael Matheson	CAN
Best Forward:	Patrik Laine	FIN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Mikko Koskinen	FIN
Defenceman:	Nikita Zaitsev	RUS
Defenceman:	Michael Matheson	CAN
Forward:	Patrik Laine	FIN
Forward:	Vadim Shipachyov	RUS
Forward:	Mikael Granlund	FIN
MVP:	Patrik Laine	FIN

Two in a row for Team Canada

It wasn't as smooth a ride as last year, but Canada still finished on top for the second time in a row, raising the 2016 IIHF Ice hockey World Championship trophy after a 2-0 shutout win over Finland in the final.

Led by captain Corey Perry, who became the 27th member of the Triple Gold Club, Team Canada rebounded from a 4-0 defeat to Finland in the preliminary round to shut down tournament MVP Patrik Laine and the rest of the Finns in the gold medal game rematch.

Russia won the bronze medal, closing out the 80th edition of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship on a high note for the 2016 tournament hosts.

2016 also saw the return of Hungary to the top division for only the third time in history. The Hungarians brought with them a huge fanbase that took over the Yubileiny arena in St. Petersburg and serenaded the team after each game with the national anthem. Although Hungary was relegated, the team rewarded its fans with the country's first-ever victory at a World Championship, a 5-2 win over Belarus.

A seventh-place finish for Germany, its best since 2011, sets things up well for 2017, as the Germans along with France will co-host the next World Championship.



IIHF President René Fasel presented Team Canada captain Corey Perry with his commemorative Triple Gold Club pin. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



With gold in Moscow, Team Canada has now won its second IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in a row, having dropped just one game in that span. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A

Katowice, Poland



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WORLD
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POLAND
Katowice
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
23.04.16	Japan - Slovenia	1 - 7 (0-1, 0-4, 1-2)
23.04.16	Italy - Poland	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
23.04.16	Korea - Austria	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-0, 0-2)
24.04.16	Slovenia - Italy	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)
24.04.16	Poland - Korea	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 1-2)
24.04.16	Austria - Japan	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 2-0)
26.04.16	Korea - Japan	3 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 0-0)
26.04.16	Austria - Italy	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 1-2)
26.04.16	Slovenia - Poland	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-3, 0-0)
27.04.16	Japan - Italy	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-2, 0-0)
27.04.16	Slovenia - Korea	5 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
27.04.16	Poland - Austria	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
29.04.16	Italy - Korea	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
29.04.16	Austria - Slovenia	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
29.04.16	Poland - Japan	10 - 4 (6-1, 1-1, 3-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	18:8	12
2	Italy	5	3	0	0	2	11:10	9
3	Poland	5	3	0	0	2	17:12	9
4	Austria	5	2	1	0	2	11:8	8
5	Korea	5	2	0	1	2	11:11	7
6	Japan	5	0	0	0	5	7:26	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Bernhard Starkbaum	AUT
Best Defenceman:	Thomas Larkin	ITA
Best Forward:	Patryk Wronka	POL

Final Placing

1	Slovenia	4	Austria
2	Italy	5	Korea
3	Poland	6	Japan

Slovenia and Italy promoted to the 2017 IIHF World Championship.
Japan relegated to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.



Italy edged Austria on the final day to earn promotion.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring



Slovenia will compete in Paris, France next year at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship after winning Division I Group A.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B

Zagreb, Croatia



2016
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CROATIA
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.04.16	Estonia - Lithuania	2 - 7 (1-2, 1-4, 0-1)
17.04.16	Romania - Ukraine	1 - 6 (1-2, 0-1, 0-3)
17.04.16	Croatia - Great Britain	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 0-1)
18.04.16	Lithuania - Romania	5 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 2-0)
18.04.16	Great Britain - Estonia	4 - 3 OT (2-1, 1-1, 0-1)
18.04.16	Ukraine - Croatia	4 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 0-0)
20.04.16	Ukraine - Estonia	7 - 1 (2-0, 2-1, 3-0)
20.04.16	Great Britain - Lithuania	8 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 0-0)
20.04.16	Romania - Croatia	5 - 12 (1-3, 2-4, 2-5)
22.04.16	Great Britain - Romania	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)
22.04.16	Lithuania - Ukraine	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)
22.04.16	Croatia - Estonia	5 - 3 (1-2, 3-1, 1-0)
23.04.16	Ukraine - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)
23.04.16	Estonia - Romania	3 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 0-0)
23.04.16	Lithuania - Croatia	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Ukraine	5	4	0	0	1	20:6	12
2	Great Britain	5	3	1	0	1	23:7	11
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	1	1	15:14	10
4	Croatia	5	2	1	0	2	21:17	8
5	Estonia	5	1	0	1	3	12:23	4
6	Romania	5	0	0	0	5	8:32	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Eduard Zakharchenko	UKR
Best Defenceman:	Ben O'Connor	GBR
Best Forward:	Borna Rendulic	CRO

Final Placing

1	Ukraine	4	Croatia
2	Great Britain	5	Estonia
3	Lithuania	6	Romania

Ukraine is promoted to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Romania is relegated to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.



Ukraine's men's national team recovered from being relegated last year to earn promotion right away back up to Group A.

Photo: Igor Soban

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A

Jaca, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.04.16	Belgium - Iceland	5 - 4 SO (2-2, 2-1, 0-1)
09.04.16	Serbia - Netherlands	2 - 3 (0-0, 2-3, 0-0)
09.04.16	China - Spain	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
10.04.16	Belgium - Serbia	4 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 2-0)
10.04.16	Iceland - China	7 - 4 (3-2, 2-2, 2-0)
10.04.16	Netherlands - Spain	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-2, 2-0)
12.04.16	Netherlands - Iceland	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)
12.04.16	Belgium - China	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
12.04.16	Serbia - Spain	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)
14.04.16	China - Netherlands	0 - 9 (0-3, 0-2, 0-4)
14.04.16	Iceland - Serbia	3 - 6 (3-0, 0-4, 0-2)
14.04.16	Spain - Belgium	4 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 0-0)
15.04.16	Serbia - China	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
15.04.16	Netherlands - Belgium	6 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 2-1)
15.04.16	Spain - Iceland	5 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Netherlands	5	4	1	0	0	24 : 6	14
2	Spain	5	3	1	1	0	17 : 9	12
3	Belgium	5	1	2	0	2	15 : 18	7
4	Serbia	5	2	0	1	2	16 : 14	7
5	Iceland	5	1	0	1	3	16 : 23	4
6	China	5	0	0	1	4	6 : 24	1

Dutch defenceman Erik Tummers won the tournament's top scorer title with a goal and eight assists.

Photo: FEDH



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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
Jaca
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ander Alcaine	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Erik Tummers	NED
Best Forward:	Ben van den Bogaert	BEL

Final Placing

1	Netherlands	4	Serbia
2	Spain	5	Iceland
3	Belgium	6	China

Netherlands is promoted to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division I B.
China is relegated to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division II B.



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B

Mexico City, Mexico

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.04.16	New Zealand - Israel	6 - 3 (3-0, 1-2, 2-1)
09.04.16	DPR Korea - Bulgaria	9 - 3 (4-1, 2-1, 3-1)
09.04.16	Mexico - Australia	4 - 5 OT (1-0, 1-4, 2-0)
10.04.16	Israel - DPR Korea	8 - 4 (5-1, 2-1, 1-2)
10.04.16	Australia - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 6-0)
10.04.16	New Zealand - Mexico	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
12.04.16	Australia - Israel	11 - 3 (6-2, 3-0, 2-1)
12.04.16	New Zealand - DPR Korea	4 - 7 (0-0, 2-3, 2-4)
12.04.16	Mexico - Bulgaria	10 - 1 (4-0, 4-1, 2-0)
14.04.16	Bulgaria - New Zealand	1 - 14 (0-6, 1-6, 0-2)
14.04.16	DPR Korea - Australia	1 - 22 (1-5, 0-9, 0-8)
14.04.16	Israel - Mexico	3 - 9 (2-2, 0-4, 1-3)
15.04.16	Australia - New Zealand	6 - 2 (2-0, 4-0, 0-2)
15.04.16	Bulgaria - Israel	3 - 5 (1-1, 2-2, 0-2)
15.04.16	Mexico - DPR Korea	5 - 3 (0-1, 3-0, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	5	4	1	0	0	58 : 10	14
2	Mexico	5	4	0	1	0	30 : 13	13
3	Israel	5	2	0	0	3	22 : 33	6
4	New Zealand	5	2	0	0	3	27 : 19	6
5	DPR Korea	5	2	0	0	3	24 : 42	6
6	Bulgaria	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 52	0

The Mighty Roos re-join Division II A after scoring a combined 58 goals in the tournament, with top scoring forward Wehebe Darge accounting for 11 goals and 13 assists.

Photo: German Garcia



2016
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
MEXICO
Division II - Group B

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Anthony Kimlin	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Paul Baranzelli	AUS
Best Forward:	Hector Majul	MEX

Final Placing

1	Australia	4	New Zealand
2	Mexico	5	DPR Korea
3	Israel	6	Bulgaria

Australia is promoted to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division II A.
Bulgaria is relegated to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division III.



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Istanbul, Turkey



**2016
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CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY**
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
31.03.16	Luxembourg - South Africa	2 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 1-1)
31.03.16	Bosnia & Herzegovina - Hong Kong	5 - 4 (1-2, 3-1, 1-1)
31.03.16	Turkey - Georgia	5 - 0*
01.04.16	South Africa - Hong Kong	9 - 1 (0-0, 4-1, 5-0)
01.04.16	Georgia - Bosnia & Herzegovina	0 - 5*
01.04.16	Turkey - Luxembourg	10 - 2 (3-0, 4-2, 3-0)
03.04.16	Luxembourg - Hong Kong	7 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 1-0)
03.04.16	Turkey - Bosnia & Herzegovina	8 - 2 (4-0, 3-2, 1-0)
03.04.16	South Africa - Georgia	5 - 0*
04.04.16	Hong Kong - Turkey	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
04.04.16	Georgia - Luxembourg	0 - 5*
04.04.16	Bosnia & Herzegovina - South Africa	0 - 10 (0-2, 0-7, 0-1)
06.04.16	South Africa - Turkey	2 - 7 (1-3, 0-2, 1-2)
06.04.16	Hong Kong - Georgia	5 - 0*
06.04.16	Luxembourg - Bosnia & Herzegovina	13 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 6-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Turkey	5	5	0	0	0	35:7	15
2	South Africa	5	4	0	0	1	29:10	12
3	Luxembourg	5	3	0	0	2	29:14	9
4	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	2	0	0	3	12:35	6
5	Hong Kong	5	1	0	0	4	12:26	3
6	Georgia	5	0	0	0	5	0:25	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Erol Kahraman	TUR
Best Defenceman:	Andre Marais	RSA
Best Forward:	Boris Kochkin	GEO

Final Placing

1	Turkey	4	Bosnia & Herzegovina
2	South Africa	5	Hong Kong
3	Luxembourg	6	Georgia

Turkey is promoted to the 2017 IIHF World Championship Division II B.

*Due to eligibility violations all Georgia games are forfeitures; recorded as 5-0 wins for the opposing team



Turkey went undefeated on home ice after just missing out on promotion last year. The tournament also saw Bosnia-Herzegovina earn its first-ever World Championship victory.
Photo: Cihan Kahraman



History repeats: Canada replicated its win the last time the World Championship was held in Moscow in 2007 when the nation also defeated Finland to win gold.
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2016 IIHF World Junior Championship

Helsinki, Finland



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FINLAND
Helsinki

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.15	Switzerland - Sweden	3 - 8 (1-3, 1-3, 1-2)
26.12.15	USA - Canada	4 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 3-1)
27.12.15	Denmark - Switzerland	2 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 2-0)
28.12.15	Sweden - USA	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
28.12.15	Canada - Denmark	6 - 1 (1-1, 4-0, 1-0)
29.12.15	Switzerland - Canada	2 - 3 SO (2-1, 0-1, 0-0)
30.12.15	Sweden - Denmark	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
30.12.15	USA - Switzerland	10 - 1 (6-0, 4-1, 0-0)
31.12.15	Denmark - USA	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 0-2)
31.12.15	Canada - Sweden	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-1, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	19 : 5	12
2	USA	4	3	0	0	1	18 : 5	9
3	Canada	4	1	1	0	2	13 : 12	5
4	Denmark	4	1	0	0	3	4 : 16	3
5	Switzerland	4	0	0	1	3	7 : 23	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.15	Czech Republic - Russia	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
26.12.15	Finland - Belarus	6 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 5-0)
27.12.15	Belarus - Slovakia	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2)
28.12.15	Slovakia - Czech Republic	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
28.12.15	Russia - Finland	6 - 4 (1-2, 4-1, 1-1)
29.12.15	Belarus - Russia	1 - 4 (0-3, 0-0, 1-1)
30.12.15	Czech Republic - Belarus	5 - 3 (1-0 1-3, 3-0)
30.12.15	Slovakia - Finland	3 - 8 (2-1, 0-2, 1-5)
31.12.15	Russia - Slovakia	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)
31.12.15	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 4 (0-0, 3-3, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	4	3	1	0	0	14 : 7	11
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	23 : 13	9
3	Czech Republic	4	2	0	1	1	12 : 10	7
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	8 : 14	3
5	Belarus	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 19	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
02.01.16	Switzerland - Belarus	5 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 2-0)
03.01.16	Belarus - Switzerland	2 - 6 (2-3, 0-3, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	2	2	0	0	0	11 : 3	6
2	Belarus	2	0	0	0	2	3 : 11	0

Belarus is relegated to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division I A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
02.01.16	Russia - Denmark	4 - 3 OT (1-0, 0-2, 2-1)
02.01.16	Sweden - Slovakia	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
02.01.16	Finland - Canada	6 - 5 (1-2, 3-1, 2-2)
02.01.16	USA - Czech Republic	7 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 2-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
04.01.16	Sweden - Finland	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-2, 0-0)
04.01.16	Russia - USA	2 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.16	Sweden - USA	3 - 8 (2-2, 0-4, 1-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.16	Russia - Finland	3 - 4 OT (1-0, 0-0, 2-3)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Linus Soderstrom	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Zach Werenski	USA
Best Forward	Jesse Puljujarvi	FIN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Linus Soderstrom	SWE
Defenceman:	Olli Juolevi	FIN
Defenceman:	Zach Werenski	USA
Forward:	Jesse Puljujarvi	FIN
Forward:	Patrik Laine	FIN
Forward:	Auston Matthews	USA
MVP:	Jesse Puljujarvi	FIN

Hollywood finish in Helsinki

In a tense and thrilling climax to the 2016 World Juniors, Kasper Kapanen's overtime winner at 1:33 gave host Finland a 4-3 gold medal victory over Russia.

In the Russian zone, Aleks Saarela found Kapanen, who eluded defenceman Sergei Boikov and circled the net to score on a wraparound.

This is Finland's fourth World Junior gold medal of all time. They also won in 1987, 1998, and 2014. They have now earned gold at two out of the last three tournaments, marking what is the greatest era in Finnish U20 history.

It was a euphoric moment of redemption for Kapanen, who had faced some criticism for scoring just once in last year's World Juniors. His OT winner will live forever in Finnish hockey lore.

En route to the title, the Finns scored 35 goals. It equals their offensive output in 1998, when they also defeated Russia in overtime for gold in Helsinki. Puljujarvi (17 points), Aho (14 points) and Laine (13 points) finished 1-2-3 in tournament scoring.

Despite the disappointment of settling for silver, the Russians can take pride in their consistency. They medaled for the sixth straight year, a current streak unmatched by any other nation. USA demolished Sweden 8-3 in the bronze medal game, its first World Junior medal since 2013.



Finland's World junior team watches its flag being raised up to the rafters after winning gold on home ice in Helsinki.

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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Vienna, Austria

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score						
13.12.15	Kazakhstan - Germany	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 1-1)						
13.12.15	Italy - Norway	1 - 10 (1-3, 0-2, 0-5)						
13.12.15	Austria - Latvia	2 - 6 (0-3, 1-3, 1-0)						
14.12.15	Germany - Italy	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)						
14.12.15	Latvia - Kazakhstan	5 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 4-1)						
14.12.15	Norway - Austria	3 - 4 (3-2, 0-0, 0-2)						
16.12.15	Norway - Latvia	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)						
16.12.15	Kazakhstan - Italy	7 - 0 (1-0, 5-0, 1-0)						
16.12.15	Germany - Austria	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)						
17.12.15	Norway - Kazakhstan	3 - 4 SO (2-0, 1-2, 0-1)						
17.12.15	Latvia - Germany	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 1-0)						
17.12.15	Italy - Austria	3 - 7 (0-1, 0-4, 3-2)						
19.12.15	Latvia - Italy	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)						
19.12.15	Germany - Norway	3 - 4 SO (0-0, 3-0, 0-3)						
19.12.15	Austria - Kazakhstan	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 1-1)						
Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	5	4	1	0	0	20 : 7	14
2	Austria	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 18	9
3	Kazakhstan	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 13	8
4	Norway	5	1	1	2	1	21 : 14	7
5	Germany	5	2	0	1	2	10 : 14	7
6	Italy	5	0	0	0	5	5 : 29	0

Latvia will have 12 members from the promoted 2016 team for the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto. Photo: Andreas Robanser



2016 ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AUSTRIA
Vienna
Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Latvia	4	Norway
2	Austria	5	Germany
3	Kazakhstan	6	Italy

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Matiss Kivlenieks	LAT
Best Defenceman:	Karlis Cukste	LAT
Best Forward:	Florian Baltram	AUT

Latvia is promoted to the 2017 World Junior Championship.
Italy is relegated to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division I B.



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Megeve, France

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.12.15	Great Britain - Slovenia	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)
12.12.15	France - Ukraine	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
13.12.15	Poland - Great Britain	9 - 3 (3-0, 3-1, 3-2)
13.12.15	Slovenia - France	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
15.12.15	Ukraine - Poland	0 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
15.12.15	Great Britain - France	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 2-0)
16.12.15	Ukraine - Great Britain	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-1, 1-2)
16.12.15	Poland - Slovenia	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
18.12.15	Slovenia - Ukraine	3 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 2-1)
18.12.15	Poland - France	2 - 7 (0-1, 1-3, 1-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	France	4	2	1	0	1	17 : 9	8
2	Poland	4	2	1	0	1	15 : 10	8
3	Great Britain	4	2	1	0	1	13 : 16	8
4	Ukraine	4	1	0	2	1	9 : 10	5
5	Slovenia	4	0	0	1	3	6 : 15	1

Final Placing

1	France	4	Ukraine
2	Poland	5	Slovenia
3	Great Britain		

France is promoted to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division I A.
Japan is relegated to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division II A following a late withdrawal from the tournament.



2016 ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FRANCE
Megeve
Division I - Group B

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Bogdan Dyachenko	UKR
Best Defenceman:	Marcin Horzelski	POL
Best Forward:	Guillaume Leclerc	FRA



Needing to score at least three goals more than the Poles to advance, the French blasted Poland in a 7-2 win to gain promotion on the final day.
Photo: Daniel Durand - Fresh Influence

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Elektrenai, Lithuania



Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.12.15	Croatia - Netherlands	5 - 2 (1-0, 3-0, 1-2)
13.12.15	Korea - Hungary	2 - 8 (0-2, 1-2, 1-4)
13.12.15	Lithuania - Estonia	6 - 5 (2-1, 2-1, 2-3)
14.12.15	Hungary - Netherlands	7 - 5 (1-2, 4-3, 2-0)
14.12.15	Estonia - Croatia	6 - 3 (0-0, 4-1, 2-2)
14.12.15	Lithuania - Korea	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
16.12.15	Hungary - Estonia	6 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 2-0)
16.12.15	Korea - Netherlands	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
16.12.15	Lithuania - Croatia	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 2-0)
18.12.15	Estonia - Korea	11 - 8 (5-3, 3-4, 3-1)
18.12.15	Croatia - Hungary	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-2, 0-2)
18.12.15	Netherlands - Lithuania	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
19.12.15	Korea - Croatia	2 - 4 (1-3, 1-0, 0-1)
19.12.15	Netherlands - Estonia	3 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 1-2)
19.12.15	Hungary - Lithuania	8 - 2 (1-1, 4-0, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	36 : 9	15
2	Lithuania	5	3	1	0	1	18 : 16	11
3	Estonia	5	3	0	0	2	27 : 26	9
4	Croatia	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 21	6
5	Netherlands	5	0	1	0	4	14 : 23	2
6	Korea	5	0	0	2	3	15 : 28	2

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Croatia
2	Lithuania	5	Netherlands
3	Estonia	6	Korea

Hungary is promoted to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division I B.
Korea is relegated to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Artur Pavliukov	LTU
Best Defenceman:	Domantas Cypas	LTU
Best Forward:	Vilmos Gallo	HUN

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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Novi Sad, Serbia



Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.01.16	Australia - Romania	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-4, 0-2)
17.01.16	China - Belgium	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
17.01.16	Spain - Serbia	4 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 3-1)
18.01.16	Romania - Belgium	6 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 3-2)
18.01.16	Spain - Australia	9 - 3 (4-1, 4-1, 1-1)
18.01.16	Serbia - China	10 - 0 (3-0, 5-0, 2-0)
20.01.16	Spain - China	10 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 4-0)
20.01.16	Australia - Belgium	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 0-2)
20.01.16	Romania - Serbia	5 - 4 OT (2-1, 0-1, 2-2)
21.01.16	Belgium - Spain	1 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 0-2)
21.01.16	China - Romania	3 - 12 (1-3, 0-8, 2-1)
21.01.16	Serbia - Australia	10 - 0 (6-0, 3-0, 1-0)
23.01.16	Australia - China	8 - 2 (3-0, 1-2, 4-0)
23.01.16	Romania - Spain	6 - 5 (2-1, 1-1, 3-3)
23.01.16	Belgium - Serbia	0 - 9 (0-2, 0-3, 0-4)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	4	1	0	0	37 : 14	14
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	34 : 12	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	1	1	34 : 9	10
4	Belgium	5	2	0	0	3	14 : 21	6
5	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	11 : 35	3
6	China	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 45	0

Final Placing

1	Romania	4	Belgium
2	Spain	5	Australia
3	Serbia	6	China

Romania is promoted to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division I A.
China is relegated to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division III.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ignacio Garcia	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Stefan Boskovic	SRB
Best Forward:	Pablo Pantoja	ESP

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Mexico City, Mexico



Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.01.16	New Zealand - Bulgaria	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 0-2)
15.01.16	South Africa - Turkey	0 - 10 (0-5, 0-3, 0-2)
15.01.16	Mexico - Israel	6 - 5 (1-2, 4-2, 1-1)
16.01.16	Iceland - Bulgaria	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 0-1)
16.01.16	Israel - New Zealand	2 - 6 (0-1, 2-2, 0-3)
17.01.16	Turkey - Mexico	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-0, 0-3)
18.01.16	Iceland - Israel	6 - 5 SO (2-1, 1-1, 2-3)
18.01.16	South Africa - Bulgaria	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 1-1)
18.01.16	New Zealand - Turkey	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-0, 1-2)
19.01.16	Israel - South Africa	17 - 0 (5-0, 5-0, 7-0)
19.01.16	Turkey - Iceland	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
19.01.16	Bulgaria - Mexico	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)
21.01.16	Israel - Bulgaria	4 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 1-1)
21.01.16	Iceland - South Africa	7 - 2 (3-0, 2-1, 2-1)
21.01.16	New Zealand - Mexico	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
22.01.16	Bulgaria - Turkey	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
22.01.16	South Africa - New Zealand	1 - 12 (1-2, 0-6, 0-4)
22.01.16	Mexico - Iceland	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-0, 0-3)
24.01.16	Turkey - Israel	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-0, 1-5)
24.01.16	Iceland - New Zealand	5 - 6 (0-2, 4-2, 1-2)
24.01.16	Mexico - South Africa	9 - 2 (4-0, 2-1, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Mexico	6	5	0	0	1	24 : 14	15
2	Bulgaria	6	4	0	0	2	18 : 13	12
3	New Zealand	6	4	0	0	2	29 : 16	12
4	Israel	6	3	0	1	2	39 : 23	10
5	Iceland	6	2	1	0	3	24 : 21	8
6	Turkey	6	2	0	0	4	20 : 15	6
7	South Africa	6	0	0	0	6	7 : 59	0

Final Placing

1	Mexico	4	Israel
2	Bulgaria	5	Iceland
3	New Zealand	6	Turkey
		7	South Africa

Mexico is promoted to the 2017 U20 World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jaime Perez	MEX
Best Defenceman:	Fatih Faner	TUR
Best Forward:	Oliver Hay	NZL



Friendly fire: Belarus' Stepan Falkovsky gets a stick to the face from teammate Vladislav Goncharov at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Grand Forks, USA



2016

ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
UNITED STATES
Grand Forks, ND

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
14.04.16	Latvia - Switzerland	4 - 5 OT (1-0, 1-3, 2-1)
14.04.16	Russia - USA	2 - 8 (1-2, 1-2, 0-4)
15.04.16	Sweden - Latvia	4 - 3 OT (2-0, 0-1, 1-2)
16.04.16	Switzerland - Russia	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
16.04.16	USA - Sweden	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 2-1)
17.04.16	Latvia - USA	1 - 12 (0-2, 1-6, 0-4)
18.04.16	Russia - Latvia	7 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 1-0)
18.04.16	Switzerland - Sweden	1 - 8 (1-1, 0-3, 0-4)
19.04.16	Sweden - Russia	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-1)
19.04.16	USA - Switzerland	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	4	4	0	0	0	30 : 4	12
2	Sweden	4	2	1	0	1	18 : 11	8
3	Russia	4	1	1	0	2	12 : 14	5
4	Switzerland	4	0	1	1	2	7 : 18	3
5	Latvia	4	0	0	2	2	8 : 28	2

Group B

Date	Game	Score
14.04.16	Slovakia - Denmark	5 - 4 (4-3, 0-1, 1-0)
14.04.16	Czech Republic - USA	3 - 4 SO (1-3, 0-0, 2-0)
15.04.16	Denmark - Canada	2 - 10 (2-2, 0-5, 0-3)
16.04.16	Finland - Slovakia	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-2, 1-0)
16.04.16	Canada - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)
17.04.16	Denmark - Finland	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 0-1)
18.04.16	Czech Republic - Denmark	9 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 6-1)
18.04.16	Canada - Slovakia	3 - 1 (0-0, 3-0, 0-1)
19.04.16	Finland - Canada	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 1-1)
19.04.16	Slovakia - Czech Republic	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	19 : 5	12
2	Finland	4	2	1	0	1	13 : 9	8
3	Slovakia	4	2	0	0	2	12 : 14	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	1	2	16 : 13	4
5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	9 : 28	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
21.04.16	Latvia - Denmark	5 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 3-0)
22.04.16	Denmark - Latvia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
24.04.16	Latvia - Denmark	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 0-1, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 8	5
2	Denmark	3	1	0	1	1	8 : 10	4

Denmark is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.

Finns break U18 streak

After winning gold at both the 2014 and 2016 World Junior Championships, the Finns have now added U18 supremacy to their resume.

Jesse Puljujarvi shone with a hat trick as Finland beat Sweden 6-1 to win the gold medal at the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship in Grand Forks, USA.

It is Finland's first U18 gold since the first two tournaments back in 1999 and 2000. Finland settled for silver last year in a 2-1 overtime loss to the United States. Pursuing its third consecutive IIHF U18 World Championship title and seventh in the last eight years, the U.S. fell short in the 2016 rematch against the Finns in the semi-final round. Finland's gold in Grand Forks broke a nine-year stretch of U18 dominance by the two North American teams. The States nevertheless managed to rebound and dominate Canada in the bronze medal game, extending its U18 medal streak to an incredible 13 years.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
21.04.16	Finland - Russia	4 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 0-1)
21.04.16	Canada - Switzerland	9 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 4-0)
21.04.16	Sweden - Slovakia	7 - 2 (3-1, 3-0, 1-1)
21.04.16	USA - Czech Republic	8 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 5-0)

Semi-Finals

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

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.04.16	USA - Canada	10 - 3 (6-1, 1-0, 3-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.04.16	Sweden - Finland	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-1, 0-2)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Filip Gustavsson	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Adam Fox	USA
Best Forward:	Tyson Jost	CAN

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	FIN
Defenceman:	Adam Fox	USA
Defenceman:	David Quenneville	CAN
Forward:	Tyson Jost	CAN
Forward:	Jesse Puljujarvi	FIN
Forward:	Clayton Keller	USA
MVP:	Clayton Keller	USA



Finland's U18s added to the country's impressive medal haul. Photo: Matt Zamboni / HHOF-IIHF Images

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Minsk, Belarus



2016 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BELARUS

Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.04.16	France - Austria	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 3-0)
09.04.16	Germany - Norway	6 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 3-0)
09.04.16	Belarus - Kazakhstan	5 - 2 (0-0, 2-2, 3-0)
10.04.16	Austria - Germany	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
10.04.16	Kazakhstan - France	4 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 3-1)
10.04.16	Norway - Belarus	3 - 6 (3-3, 0-3, 0-0)
12.04.16	Germany - Kazakhstan	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
12.04.16	Austria - Norway	2 - 4 (1-3, 0-1, 1-0)
12.04.16	Belarus - France	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 1-1)
13.04.16	Norway - Kazakhstan	2 - 3 SO (2-0, 0-2, 0-0)
13.04.16	France - Germany	3 - 5 (0-1, 2-2, 1-2)
13.04.16	Belarus - Austria	4 - 5 (2-2, 1-3, 1-0)
15.04.16	France - Norway	5 - 4 (1-2, 3-2, 1-0)
15.04.16	Kazakhstan - Austria	5 - 2 (1-0, 4-1, 0-1)
15.04.16	Germany - Belarus	3 - 5 (1-2, 2-1, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belarus	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 15	12
2	Germany	5	3	1	0	1	20 : 14	11
3	Kazakhstan	5	2	1	1	1	17 : 16	9
4	France	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 18	6
5	Norway	5	1	0	1	3	16 : 22	4
6	Austria	5	1	0	0	4	11 : 20	3

Final Placing

1	Belarus	4	France
2	Germany	5	Norway
3	Kazakhstan	6	Austria

Belarus is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Austria is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mirko Pantkowski	GER
Best Defenceman:	Vladislav Martynyuk	BLR
Best Forward:	Sayan Daniyar	KAZ



A 5-3 victory against eventual silver-medallist Germany sent Belarus back to the top division. Photo: Yevgenia Zhutchenko

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Asiago, Italy



2016 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ITALY

Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
18.04.16	Korea - Hungary	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-1, 1-4)
18.04.16	Ukraine - Slovenia	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
18.04.16	Italy - Japan	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-2, 0-1)
19.04.16	Hungary - Ukraine	6 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 4-0)
19.04.16	Japan - Korea	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
19.04.16	Slovenia - Italy	4 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 3-0)
21.04.16	Slovenia - Japan	1 - 4 (0-3, 1-0, 0-1)
21.04.16	Korea - Ukraine	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 1-2)
21.04.16	Hungary - Italy	7 - 1 (3-1, 1-0, 3-0)
22.04.16	Slovenia - Korea	9 - 3 (3-1, 3-1, 3-1)
22.04.16	Japan - Hungary	2 - 4 (0-0, 2-2, 0-2)
22.04.16	Ukraine - Italy	4 - 2 (2-2, 1-0, 1-0)
24.04.16	Japan - Ukraine	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 0-0)
24.04.16	Hungary - Slovenia	5 - 4 (2-2, 1-1, 2-1)
24.04.16	Italy - Korea	5 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	28 : 11	15
2	Japan	5	4	0	0	1	13 : 9	12
3	Ukraine	5	3	0	0	2	17 : 15	9
4	Slovenia	5	2	0	0	3	19 : 17	6
5	Italy	5	1	0	0	4	12 : 20	3
6	Korea	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 27	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	David Mark Kovacs	HUN
Best Defenceman:	Junki Shinoda	JPN
Best Forward:	Jan Drozg	SLO

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Slovenia
2	Japan	5	Italy
3	Ukraine	6	Korea

Hungary is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.
Korea is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.



The Hungarian U18 national team took the gold medal in Asiago with one game left to earn promotion to the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A for next year.

Photo: Roberta Strazzabosco

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Brasov, Romania

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
04.04.16	Poland - Croatia	7 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 3-1)
04.04.16	Great Britain - Lithuania	2 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 1-1)
04.04.16	Romania - Netherlands	8 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 3-1)
05.04.16	Croatia - Great Britain	1 - 7 (1-3, 0-2, 0-2)
05.04.16	Netherlands - Poland	1 - 10 (0-5, 0-5, 1-0)
05.04.16	Romania - Lithuania	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)
07.04.16	Great Britain - Netherlands	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 3-1)
07.04.16	Lithuania - Croatia	6 - 3 (2-0, 4-1, 0-2)
07.04.16	Poland - Romania	10 - 3 (2-1, 5-0, 3-2)
08.04.16	Lithuania - Netherlands	4 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 0-1)
08.04.16	Poland - Great Britain	9 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 5-0)
08.04.16	Croatia - Romania	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 0-2)
10.04.16	Lithuania - Poland	1 - 7 (0-4, 0-0, 1-3)
10.04.16	Netherlands - Croatia	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
10.04.16	Great Britain - Romania	3 - 6 (0-1, 2-4, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Poland	5	5	0	0	0	43 : 8	15
2	Romania	5	4	0	0	1	27 : 15	12
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	17 : 19	9
4	Great Britain	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 23	6
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 25	3
6	Netherlands	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 29	0

Final Placing

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

Poland is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.
Netherlands is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.



2016
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ROMANIA
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Ors Adorjan	ROU
Best Defenceman:	Jakub Michalowski	POL
Best Forward:	Dominik Bogdziul	LTU



Poland potted an impressive 43 goals in five games, while giving up just eight overall. Photo: Daniel-Maximilian Milata

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Valdemoro, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
26.03.16	Iceland - Belgium	4 - 5 (2-1, 1-1, 1-3)
26.03.16	Serbia - Estonia	3 - 5 (0-1, 3-2, 0-2)
26.03.16	Spain - China	7 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 3-0)
27.03.16	Estonia - Belgium	10 - 0 (2-0, 7-0, 1-0)
27.03.16	China - Iceland	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-0, 1-3)
27.03.16	Spain - Serbia	4 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 0-1)
29.03.16	Estonia - China	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
29.03.16	Serbia - Belgium	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
29.03.16	Spain - Iceland	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
31.03.16	China - Serbia	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
31.03.16	Iceland - Estonia	2 - 15 (1-4, 1-4, 0-7)
31.03.16	Belgium - Spain	5 - 8 (1-3, 2-2, 2-3)
01.04.16	Serbia - Iceland	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)
01.04.16	Belgium - China	4 - 5 (2-0, 2-1, 0-4)
01.04.16	Estonia - Spain	5 - 4 (1-2, 2-0, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	5	0	0	0	38 : 11	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	26 : 14	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	12 : 10	9
4	Iceland	5	1	0	0	4	11 : 30	3
5	Belgium	5	1	0	0	4	15 : 29	3
6	China	5	1	0	0	4	12 : 20	3



2016
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
Valdemoro
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

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

Estonia is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.
China is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Mingwei Ren	CHN
Best Defenceman:	Bruno Baldris	ESP
Best Forward:	Vladimir Nestertsuk	EST



Captain Vladimir Nestertsuk had seven goals and 13 points as Estonia went undefeated in five games.

Photo: Jose Antonio Gallego

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Sofia, Bulgaria



2016
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division III - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.03.16	Mexico - Israel	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 0-1)
14.03.16	Turkey - Chinese Taipei	5 - 4 OT (4-1, 0-1, 0-2)
14.03.16	Bulgaria - Australia	3 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 1-1)
15.03.16	Israel - Turkey	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 1-1)
15.03.16	Australia - Chinese Taipei	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 4-0)
15.03.16	Mexico - Bulgaria	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-0, 1-3)
17.03.16	Mexico - Turkey	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 1-2)
17.03.16	Australia - Israel	4 - 3 (2-1, 0-0, 2-2)
17.03.16	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	9 - 3 (4-0, 3-2, 2-1)
18.03.16	Turkey - Australia	9 - 6 (4-0, 2-4, 3-2)
18.03.16	Chinese Taipei - Mexico	4 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 2-0)
18.03.16	Israel - Bulgaria	4 - 3 (3-3, 1-0, 0-0)
20.03.16	Chinese Taipei - Israel	3 - 4 SO (0-0, 1-2, 2-1)
20.03.16	Bulgaria - Turkey	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
20.03.16	Australia - Mexico	5 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 4-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	5	4	0	0	1	25 : 22	12
2	Turkey	5	3	1	0	1	22 : 13	11
3	Bulgaria	5	3	0	0	2	20 : 13	9
4	Israel	5	2	1	0	2	15 : 15	8
5	Chinese Taipei	5	1	0	2	2	17 : 26	5
6	Mexico	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 20	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Raz Werner	ISR
Best Defenceman:	Atanas Genkov	BUL
Best Forward:	Ferhat Bakal	TUR

Final Placing

1	Australia	4	Israel
2	Turkey	5	Chinese Taipei
3	Bulgaria	6	Mexico

Australia is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.
Mexico relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III B.



Ellesse Carini scored the game winner against Mexico in the final minute, capping a thriller four-goal comeback win for Australia.
Photo: Kostadin Andonov

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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Cape Town, South Africa



2016
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTH AFRICA
Division III - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.02.16	Hong Kong - South Africa	3 - 6 (1-4, 2-1, 0-1)
15.02.16	New Zealand - Hong Kong	8 - 4 (5-1, 0-1, 3-2)
16.02.16	South Africa - New Zealand	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-3, 0-0)
17.02.16	Hong Kong - South Africa	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
18.02.16	New Zealand - Hong Kong	9 - 2 (3-0, 5-0, 1-2)
19.02.16	South Africa - New Zealand	2 - 7 (0-3, 0-1, 2-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	New Zealand	4	4	0	0	0	30 : 9	12
2	South Africa	4	1	0	0	3	11 : 19	3
3	Hong Kong	4	1	0	0	3	12 : 25	3

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	James Moore	NZL
Best Defenceman:	Thomas Pugh	NZL
Best Forward:	Benjamin Harford	NZL

Final Placing

1	New Zealand
2	South Africa
3	Hong Kong

New Zealand is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.



The New Zealanders had a 4-0 record in the three-team double round robin tournament in Cape Town. Photo: Luigi Bennett



New wave: A big part of Finland's gold medal wins at the World Junior and U18 tournaments, Jesse Puljujarvi was a force to be reckoned with in 2016.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Kamloops, Canada



2016

ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP

CANADA

Kamloops

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
28.03.16	Russia - Finland	3 - 5 (0-1, 2-1, 1-3)
28.03.16	USA - Canada	3 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 3-1)
29.03.16	Finland - USA	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
29.03.16	Canada - Russia	8 - 1 (0-1, 6-0, 2-0)
31.03.16	USA - Russia	8 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 5-0)
31.03.16	Canada - Finland	6 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 2	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 5	6
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 11	3
4	Russia	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 21	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
28.03.16	Switzerland - Japan	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
28.03.16	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 2-1)
29.03.16	Switzerland - Czech Republic	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 0-1)
29.03.16	Japan - Sweden	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 0-2)
31.03.16	Czech Republic - Japan	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
31.03.16	Sweden - Switzerland	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)

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

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
01.04.16	Switzerland - Japan	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
03.04.16	Japan - Switzerland	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	2	2	0	0	0	7 : 1	6
2	Japan	2	0	0	0	2	1 : 7	0

Japan is relegated to the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
01.04.16	Russia - Sweden	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
01.04.16	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 2-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
03.04.16	USA - Russia	9 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 1-0)
03.04.16	Canada - Finland	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-0, 3-2)

Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
04.04.16	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 2 (0-2, 0-0, 4-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
04.04.16	Finland - Russia	0 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
04.04.16	USA - Canada	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Final Placing

1	United States	5	Sweden
2	Canada	6	Czech Republic
3	Russia	7	Switzerland
4	Finland	8	Japan

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Emerance Maschmeyer	CAN
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Meeri Raisanen	FIN
Defenceman:	Monique Lamoureux	USA
Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA
Forward:	Rebecca Johnston	CAN
Forward:	Christine Hueni	SUI
MVP:	Hilary Knight	USA

Team USA gets the three-peat

In a wild climax to a tense final, Alex Carpenter scored at 12:30 of overtime as the U.S. beat Canada 1-0 to win gold at the 2016 IIHF World Women's Championship.

Carpenter popped the puck behind Canadian goalie Emerance Maschmeyer in a wild goalmouth scramble. The goal came just after a 4-on-3 U.S. power play had expired. The Americans killed off two Canadian 4-on-3's in overtime before Carpenter's golden goal.

It was the 17th straight final between the North American superpowers, dating back to the first Women's Worlds in Ottawa in 1990. Contested in front of 5,850 fans at a sold-out Sandman Centre in Kamloops, Canada, it was also another thrilling showcase for women's hockey: speed, finesse, playmaking, guts, and excitement. In all, the U.S. has now won seven out of the last nine tournaments.

Team USA is rolling at the Women's Worlds, after picking up a third straight gold medal in Kamloops. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Aalborg, Denmark

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
25.03.16	Norway - France	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-3, 1-0)
25.03.16	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
25.03.16	Denmark - Austria	3 - 4 (1-2, 1-0, 1-2)
26.03.16	France - Slovakia	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
26.03.16	Germany - Denmark	3 - 2 (3-2, 0-0, 0-0)
26.03.16	Austria - Norway	4 - 3 SO (0-3, 1-0, 2-0)
28.03.16	Slovakia - Denmark	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-2, 0-0)
28.03.16	Austria - France	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
28.03.16	Germany - Norway	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
29.03.16	Austria - Slovakia	4 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 3-0)
29.03.16	France - Germany	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-0, 0-4)
29.03.16	Denmark - Norway	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 0-1)
31.03.16	Germany - Austria	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 1-1)
31.03.16	Norway - Slovakia	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-1, 1-1)
31.03.16	France - Denmark	4 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	5	4	0	0	1	16 : 7	12
2	France	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 9	12
3	Austria	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 10	11
4	Denmark	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 14	6
5	Norway	5	0	1	1	3	10 : 17	3
6	Slovakia	5	0	0	1	4	7 : 20	1



2016 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DENMARK

Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Germany	4	Denmark
2	France	5	Norway
3	Austria	6	Slovakia

Germany is promoted to the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. Slovakia is relegated to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Caroline Baldin	FRA
Best Defenceman:	Josefine Hansen	DEN
Best Forward:	Laura Kluge	GER



19-year-old Laura Kluge helped lead Germany back to the top division with six goals and nine points in five games.

Photo: Jan Korsgaard

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Asiago, Italy

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
04.04.16	Kazakhstan - Latvia	2 - 5 (2-1, 0-2, 0-2)
04.04.16	Hungary - Netherlands	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
04.04.16	Italy - China	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
05.04.16	Latvia - Hungary	2 - 5 (0-2, 1-1, 1-2)
05.04.16	China - Kazakhstan	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
05.04.16	Netherlands - Italy	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
07.04.16	Netherlands - China	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-1)
07.04.16	Kazakhstan - Hungary	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 0-1)
07.04.16	Latvia - Italy	4 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 2-1)
08.04.16	Netherlands - Kazakhstan	3 - 6 (1-1, 1-1, 1-4)
08.04.16	China - Latvia	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)
08.04.16	Hungary - Italy	4 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 0-1)
10.04.16	China - Hungary	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
10.04.16	Latvia - Netherlands	2 - 4 (1-3, 1-0, 0-1)
10.04.16	Italy - Kazakhstan	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 10	12
2	Latvia	5	3	0	0	2	16 : 15	9
3	Kazakhstan	5	2	0	1	2	13 : 14	7
4	Italy	5	1	1	1	2	11 : 13	6
5	China	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 10	6
6	Netherlands	5	1	1	0	3	11 : 14	5



2016 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ITALY

Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Italy
2	Latvia	5	China
3	Kazakhstan	6	Netherlands

Hungary is promoted to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I A. Netherlands is relegated to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Aniko Nemeth	HUN
Best Defenceman:	Bernadett Nemeth	HUN
Best Forward:	Alyona Fux	KAZ



The Hungarian women's national team posted its best result in history, advancing to Division I Group A for the first time ever.

Photo: Roberta Strazzabosco

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Bled, Slovenia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
02.04.16	Korea - DPR Korea	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
02.04.16	Great Britain - Croatia	19 - 1 (7-1, 4-0, 8-0)
02.04.16	Slovenia - Poland	2 - 9 (0-4, 2-5, 0-0)
03.04.16	Great Britain - Korea	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
03.04.16	Croatia - Slovenia	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 0-2)
03.04.16	DPR Korea - Poland	4 - 9 (2-3, 1-2, 1-4)
05.04.16	DPR Korea - Croatia	8 - 2 (2-2, 2-0, 4-0)
05.04.16	Korea - Poland	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 1-2)
05.04.16	Great Britain - Slovenia	6 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 1-0)
07.04.16	Poland - Great Britain	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-2, 0-0)
07.04.16	Croatia - Korea	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 0-1)
07.04.16	Slovenia - DPR Korea	1 - 8 (0-2, 1-3, 0-3)
08.04.16	Poland - Croatia	16 - 0 (6-0, 6-0, 4-0)
08.04.16	DPR Korea - Great Britain	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-2, 0-3)
08.04.16	Korea - Slovenia	3 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 0-0)



2016 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLOVENIA

Division II - Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	37 : 9	12
2	Korea	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 3	12
3	Great Britain	5	4	0	0	1	34 : 3	12
4	DPR Korea	5	2	0	0	3	21 : 23	6
5	Slovenia	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 27	3
6	Croatia	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 55	0

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	DPR Korea
2	Korea	5	Slovenia
3	Great Britain	6	Croatia

Poland is promoted to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B.
Croatia is relegated to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Nicole Jackson	GBR
Best Defenceman:	Kyou Sun Lee	KOR
Best Forward:	Katarzyna Frackowiak	POL

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
29.02.16	Turkey - Iceland	2 - 7 (0-2, 2-2, 0-3)
29.02.16	Mexico - Australia	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
29.02.16	Spain - New Zealand	11 - 1 (6-0, 4-0, 1-1)
01.03.16	Australia - Turkey	12 - 0 (4-0, 6-0, 2-0)
01.03.16	New Zealand - Iceland	2 - 8 (1-5, 1-2, 0-1)
01.03.16	Mexico - Spain	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
03.03.16	New Zealand - Australia	1 - 12 (0-2, 1-5, 0-5)
03.03.16	Mexico - Turkey	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 2-1)
03.03.16	Spain - Iceland	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
05.03.16	Iceland - Mexico	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
05.03.16	Turkey - New Zealand	4 - 7 (0-1, 1-1, 3-5)
05.03.16	Australia - Spain	4 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0)
06.03.16	New Zealand - Mexico	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 0-1)
06.03.16	Iceland - Australia	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)
06.03.16	Spain - Turkey	8 - 1 (2-0, 4-0, 2-1)



2016 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPAIN

Jaca
Division II - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	5	4	0	1	0	32 : 6	13
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	26 : 8	12
3	Iceland	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 10	9
4	Mexico	5	2	1	0	2	13 : 9	8
5	New Zealand	5	1	0	0	4	13 : 40	3
6	Turkey	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 40	0

Final Placing

1	Australia	4	Mexico
2	Spain	5	New Zealand
3	Iceland	6	Turkey

Australia is promoted to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II A.
Turkey is relegated to the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Alba Gonzalo	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Vanessa Abrisqueta	ESP
Best Forward:	Alivia del Basso	AUS

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Sofia, Bulgaria

Date	Game	Score
07.12.15	South Africa - Romania	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 2-1, 0-0)
07.12.15	Bulgaria - Hong Kong	2 - 9 (1-2, 1-3, 0-4)
08.12.15	Hong Kong - Romania	3 - 5 (2-1, 1-2, 0-2)
08.12.15	South Africa - Bulgaria	7 - 3 (2-1, 3-2, 2-0)
10.12.15	Hong Kong - South Africa	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
10.12.15	Romania - Bulgaria	8 - 3 (3-1, 2-1, 3-1)



2016 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BULGARIA

Division II - Group B
Qualification

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	3	2	0	1	0	15 : 9	7
2	Hong Kong	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 9	6
3	South Africa	3	1	1	0	1	12 : 8	5
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 24	0

Final Placing

1	Romania	3	South Africa
2	Hong Kong	4	Bulgaria

Romania qualifies for the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II B.





Game in hand: Since losing out on gold to Canada in Sochi, the United States have held their North American rivals in check, racking up a 4-0 record against them at the 2015 and 2016 Women's Worlds.
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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

St. Catharines, Canada

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
08.01.16	USA - Czech Republic	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
08.01.16	Canada - Russia	5 - 2 (2-0, 3-2, 0-0)
09.01.16	Russia - USA	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-4, 0-2)
09.01.16	Canada - Czech Republic	11 - 0 (3-0, 7-0, 1-0)
11.01.16	Czech Republic - Russia	2 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 2-0)
11.01.16	USA - Canada	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	16 : 1	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 6	6
3	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 13	3
4	Czech Republic	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 20	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
08.01.16	Finland - France	11 - 1 (2-0, 5-0, 4-1)
08.01.16	Sweden - Switzerland	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 1-1)
09.01.16	Switzerland - Finland	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
09.01.16	Sweden - France	7 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 2-0)
11.01.16	Finland - Sweden	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
11.01.16	Switzerland - France	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 4	6
2	Finland	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 4	6
3	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 5	6
4	France	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 24	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
12.01.16	Switzerland - France	5 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 3-0)
14.01.16	France - Switzerland	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	2	2	0	0	0	7 : 1	6
2	France	2	0	0	0	2	1 : 7	0

USA girls defeat arch-rivals

Team USA's U18s women successfully defended its U18 World Championship title in another thrilling gold medal finale against Canada.

For the second year in a row, the fiercest rivalry in women's hockey went to sudden death to decide the champion. This year it was Natalie Snodgrass who was the hero, backhanding a loose puck into the net from the top of the crease at 1:47 of overtime.

The States have now won five of the nine WW18 events played. This year's gold medal game drew 5,516 spectators, the biggest crowd ever to watch an IIHF U18 women's game.

Sweden won bronze for the fifth time in the nine years of the event, defeating Russia, last year's third-place finishers, by a score of 2-1 in what was another thrilling finale.



Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
12.01.16	Czech Republic - Sweden	2 - 3 (0-0, 2-1, 0-2)
12.01.16	Russia - Finland	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
14.04.16	USA - Sweden	4 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 1-0)
14.04.16	Canada - Russia	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)

5th Place Game

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

Bronze Medal Game

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

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

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

France is relegated to the 2017 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Emma Soderberg	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Cayla Barnes	USA
Best Forward:	Alina Muller	SUI

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Emma Soderberg	SWE
Defenceman:	Cayla Barnes	USA
Defenceman:	Jessica Adolfsson	SWE
Forward:	Ashton Bell	CAN
Forward:	Alina Muller	SUI
Forward:	Fanuzza Kadirova	RUS
MVP:	Valeria Tarakanova	RUS



Team USA gets cozy with the U18 Women's Worlds trophy.
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2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Miskolc, Hungary

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
10.01.16	Denmark - Japan	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
10.01.16	Germany - Norway	5 - 1 (0-1, 4-0, 1-0)
10.01.16	Hungary - Slovakia	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-0, 0-2)
11.01.16	Japan - Germany	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
11.01.16	Slovakia - Denmark	5 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 0-0)
11.01.16	Norway - Hungary	5 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
13.01.16	Norway - Slovakia	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 1-3)
13.01.16	Denmark - Germany	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
13.01.16	Japan - Hungary	7 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 1-0)
14.01.16	Norway - Denmark	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)
14.01.16	Slovakia - Japan	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 0-2)
14.01.16	Germany - Hungary	7 - 1 (2-0, 4-0, 1-1)
16.01.16	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
16.01.16	Japan - Norway	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
16.01.16	Hungary - Denmark	3 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 0-0)



2016 ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HUNGARY Miskolc Division I

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	5	5	0	0	0	18 : 2	15
2	Germany	5	3	1	0	1	19 : 8	11
3	Slovakia	5	3	0	1	1	18 : 9	10
4	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	14 : 12	6
5	Hungary	5	1	0	0	4	4 : 24	3
6	Denmark	5	0	0	0	5	2 : 20	0

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	Norway
2	Germany	5	Hungary
3	Slovakia	6	Denmark

Japan is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

Denmark is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ayu Tonosaki	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Tatiana Istocycova	SVK
Best Forward:	Emily Nix	GER

Unbeaten in Division I, Japan will replace France in the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship.

Photo: Oliver Ban

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Spittal an der Drau & Radenthein

Round Robin

Group A

Date	Game	Score
07.01.16	Kazakhstan - China	5 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 3-0)
07.01.16	Austria - Romania	12 - 0 (3-0, 5-0, 4-0)
08.01.16	Kazakhstan - Romania	15 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 7-0)
08.01.16	China - Austria	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)
10.01.16	Romania - China	3 - 9 (0-0, 1-6, 2-3)
10.01.16	Austria - Kazakhstan	5 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 1	9
2	Kazakhstan	3	2	0	0	1	20 : 7	6
3	China	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 11	3
4	Romania	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 36	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
07.01.16	Poland - Australia	11 - 0 (6-0, 2-0, 3-0)
07.01.16	Italy - Great Britain	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 1-0)
08.01.16	Poland - Great Britain	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
08.01.16	Australia - Italy	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-3, 0-3)
10.01.16	Great Britain - Australia	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-0, 2-2)
10.01.16	Italy - Poland	4 - 2 (0-0, 2-0, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Italy	3	3	0	0	0	15 : 3	9
2	Great Britain	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 6	6
3	Poland	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 7	3
4	Australia	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 22	0



2016 ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AUSTRIA Division I - Qualification

Playoff Round

7th-8th Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
11.01.16	Romania - Australia	6 - 7 SO (3-1, 2-2, 1-3)

5th-6th Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
11.01.16	China - Poland	5 - 2 (1-0, 4-0, 0-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
11.01.16	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
11.01.16	Austria - Italy	3 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 1-0)

Final Placing

1	Austria	5	China
2	Italy	6	Poland
3	Kazakhstan	7	Australia
4	Great Britain	8	Romania

Austria qualified for the 2017 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Siye He	CHN
Best Defenceman:	Nadia Mattivi	ITA
Best Forward:	Theresa Schafzahl	AUT





Growing up: The women's U18s twice broke the single-game attendance record in the preliminary round. In the final between Canada and USA a total of 5,516 fans broke the record a third time.
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2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Lillehammer, Norway

Men's Tournament Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
12.02.16	Finland - Norway	11 - 0 (5-0, 2-0, 4-0)
13.02.16	Canada - Russia	3 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 2-2)
13.02.16	USA - Finland	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
14.02.16	Norway - USA	0 - 8 (0-3, 0-4, 0-1)
15.02.16	Canada - Finland	5 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 2-0)
15.02.16	Russia - Norway	13 - 1 (4-0, 3-0, 6-1)
16.02.16	USA - Canada	2 - 4 (2-1, 0-2, 0-1)
16.02.16	Finland - Russia	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
18.02.16	Norway - Canada	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 0-2)
18.02.16	Russia - USA	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	18 : 7	9
2	USA	4	3	0	0	1	18 : 7	9
3	Russia	4	2	1	0	1	21 : 9	8
4	Finland	4	1	0	1	2	14 : 11	4
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	1 : 38	0

Playoff Round

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
19.02.16	Canada - Finland	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-1, 1-1)
19.02.16	USA - Russia	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.02.16	Russia - Finland	6 - 2 (1-1, 3-1, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
21.02.16	Canada - USA	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-2, 1-2)

Final Placing

1	USA	4	Finland
2	Canada	5	Norway
3	Russia		

Women's Tournament Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
12.02.16	Slovakia - Norway	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
13.02.16	Czech Republic - Slovakia	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
13.02.16	Sweden - Switzerland	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
14.02.16	Norway - Czech Republic	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 0-0)
15.02.16	Sweden - Slovakia	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
15.02.16	Switzerland - Norway	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 2-1)
16.02.16	Czech Republic - Sweden	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
16.02.16	Slovakia - Switzerland	2 - 4 (0-0, 1-3, 1-1)
18.02.16	Norway - Sweden	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 0-2)
18.02.16	Switzerland - Czech Republic	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	2	1	1	0	10 : 3	9
2	Czech Republic	4	3	0	0	1	7 : 4	9
3	Switzerland	4	2	1	0	1	10 : 6	8
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	1	2	6 : 9	4
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	2 : 13	0

Playoff Round

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
19.02.16	Sweden - Slovakia	5 - 0 (4-0, 0-0, 1-0)
19.02.16	Czech Republic - Switzerland	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.02.16	Switzerland - Slovakia	5 - 2 (0-1, 3-0, 2-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
21.02.16	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Final Placing

1	Sweden	4	Slovakia
2	Czech Republic	5	Norway
3	Switzerland		



Above: 16 male and 16 female athletes participated in the 2016 Youth Olympic Skills Challenge.

Facing Page: Team USA won the men's tournament while Sweden took home gold in the women's tournament.

Photos: Fredrik Olastuen



2015/2016 IIHF Continental Cup


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First Round

Group A - Belgrade, Serbia

Date	Game	Score
02.10.15	Rishon Devils - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	4 - 14 (1-6, 3-4, 0-4)
02.10.15	CSKA Sofia - Partizan Belgrade	12 - 4 (7-0, 4-1, 1-3)
03.10.15	Rishon Devils - CSKA Sofia	1 - 7 (0-4, 0-2, 1-1)
03.10.15	Partizan Belgrade - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 1-1)
04.10.15	Zeytinburnu Istanbul - CSKA Sofia	5 - 9 (2-1, 3-3, 0-5)
04.10.15	Partizan Belgrade - Rishon Devils	9 - 1 (2-0, 5-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	CSKA Sofia (BUL)	3	3	0	0	0	28 : 10	9
2	Zeytinburnu Istanbul (TUR)	3	2	0	0	1	23 : 14	6
3	Partizan Belgrade (SRB)	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 17	3
4	Rishon Devils (ISR)	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 30	0

CSKA Sofia advances to Second Round Group B. Note: team withdrew from tournament.

Second Round

Group B - Miskolc, Hungary

Date	Game	Score
23.10.15	Acroni Jesenice - CH Jaca	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 0-0)
23.10.15	Miskolci Jegesmedvek - Mogo Riga	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
24.10.15	Mogo Riga - CH Jaca	6 - 3 (0-2, 4-1, 2-0)
24.10.15	Acroni Jesenice - Miskolci Jegesmedvek	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 2-2)
25.10.15	Mogo Riga - Acroni Jesenice	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
25.10.15	CH Jaca - Miskolci Jegesmedvek	2 - 10 (1-1, 0-5, 1-4)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Mogo Riga (LAT)	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 5	9
2	Miskolci Jegesmedvek (HUN)	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 7	6
3	Acroni Jesenice (SLO)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 9	3
4	CH Jaca (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 19	0

Mogo Riga advances for next round GROUP D

Group C - Tychy, Poland

Date	Game	Score
23.10.15	Dunarea Galati - Coventry Blaze	2 - 7 (0-2, 0-3, 2-2)
23.10.15	GKS Tychy - Partizan Belgrade	26 - 0 (8-0, 5-0, 13-0)
24.10.15	Coventry Blaze - Partizan Belgrade	12 - 1 (2-1, 5-0, 5-0)
24.10.15	GKS Tychy - Dunarea Galati	8 - 3 (4-0, 1-2, 3-1)
25.10.15	Partizan Belgrade - Dunarea Galati	1 - 10 (0-1, 1-4, 0-5)
25.10.15	Coventry Blaze - GKS Tychy	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-0, 1-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	GKS Tychy (POL)	3	3	0	0	0	37 : 5	9
2	Coventry Blaze (GBR)	3	2	0	0	1	21 : 6	6
3	Dunarea Galati (ROU)	3	1	0	0	2	15 : 16	3
4	Partizan Belgrade (SRB)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 48	0

GKS Tychy advances to Third Round Group E.

Third Round

Group D - Asiago, Italy

Date	Game	Score
20.11.15	Yertis Pavlodar - Mogo Riga	11 - 2 (3-1, 3-0, 5-1)
20.11.15	Asiago Hockey - Herning Blue Fox	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
21.11.15	Herning Blue Fox - Mogo Riga	5 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 2-1)
21.11.15	Yertis Pavlodar - Asiago Hockey	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-1, 0-1)
22.11.15	Herning Blue Fox - Yertis Pavlodar	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
22.11.15	Mogo Riga - Asiago Hockey	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Herning Blue Fox (DEN)	3	2	1	0	0	10 : 3	8
2	Asiago Hockey (ITA)	3	2	0	1	0	8 : 4	7
3	Yertis Pavlodar (KAZ)	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 8	3
4	Mogo Riga (LAT)	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 20	0

Herning Blue Fox and Asiago Hockey advance to 2016 IIHF Continental Cup Final.

Group E - Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
20.11.15	HK Kremenchuk - Shakhtyor Soligorsk	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 0-1)
20.11.15	Rouen Dragons - GKS Tychy	5 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 3-1)
21.11.15	Shakhtyor Soligorsk - GKS Tychy	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
21.11.15	Rouen Dragons - HK Kremenchuk	7 - 3 (4-1, 2-0, 1-2)
22.11.15	GKS Tychy - HK Kremenchuk	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
22.11.15	Shakhtyor Soligorsk - Rouen Dragons	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Rouen Dragons (FRA)	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 6	9
2	GKS Tychy (POL)	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 7	6
3	Shakhtyor Soligorsk (BLR)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 3	3
4	HK Kremenchuk (UKR)	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 16	0

Rouen Dragons and GKS Tychy advances to 2016 IIHF Continental Cup Final.

Final

Group F - Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
08.01.16	Herning Blue Fox - GKS Tychy	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
08.01.16	Asiago Hockey - Rouen Dragons	2 - 4 (1-2, 0-2, 1-0)
09.01.16	Herning Blue Fox - Asiago Hockey	4 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 3-0)
09.01.16	Rouen Dragons - GKS Tychy	6 - 5 (4-2, 2-2, 0-1)
10.01.16	GKS Tychy - Asiago Hockey	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
10.01.16	Rouen Dragons - Herning Blue Fox	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Rouen Dragons (FRA)	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 7	9
2	Herning Blue Fox (DEN)	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 6	3
3	GKS Tychy (POL)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 11	3
4	Asiago Hockey (ITA)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 10	3

Rouen Dragons win the 2016 IIHF Continental Cup.



It was a remarkable season for the Rouen Dragons. The French club from Normandy won the 2016 French Cup, and then followed it up by taking home the 2016 IIHF Continental Cup (pictured) before closing out the year with its 14th French championship. Photo: Christophe Delaville



2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



**2016
ICE HOCKEY
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA**
**UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES**
Abu Dhabi

Top Division - Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.03.16	Singapore - Mongolia	0 - 11 (0-2, 0-6, 0-3)
12.03.16	Thailand - United Arab Emirates	1 - 6 (1-0, 0-4, 0-2)
13.03.16	Chinese Taipei - Thailand	8 - 1 (3-1, 1-0, 4-0)
13.03.16	United Arab Emirates - Singapore	5 - 2 (0-0, 3-1, 2-1)
15.03.16	Singapore - Chinese Taipei	2 - 14 (1-7, 0-5, 1-2)
15.03.16	United Arab Emirates - Mongolia	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
16.03.16	Thailand - Singapore	7 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 3-1)
16.03.16	Mongolia - Chinese Taipei	2 - 18 (0-8, 1-4, 1-6)
18.03.16	Mongolia - Thailand	7 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 4-0)
18.03.16	Chinese Taipei - United Arab Emirates	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	46 : 6	12
2	United Arab Emirates	4	3	0	0	1	17 : 10	9
3	Mongolia	4	2	0	0	2	21 : 26	6
4	Thailand	4	1	0	0	3	12 : 22	3
5	Singapore	4	0	0	0	4	5 : 37	0

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	4	Thailand
2	United Arab Emirates	5	Singapore
3	Mongolia		



Chinese Taipei captain Yen-Chin Shen accepts the winners' trophy after defeating hosts United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi.
Photo: Nidal Ahmed Jubran

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



**2016
ICE HOCKEY
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA**
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
Bishkek
Division I

Division I - Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
09.04.16	Qatar - Malaysia	1 - 3 (1-2, 0-1, 0-0)
09.04.16	India - Kyrgyzstan	1 - 11 (0-5, 0-1, 1-5)
10.04.16	Macau - India	7 - 6 SO (2-0, 1-3, 3-3)
10.04.16	Kyrgyzstan - Qatar	9 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 4-0)
11.04.16	Macau - Qatar	4 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 0-1)
11.04.16	Kyrgyzstan - Malaysia	9 - 5 (3-1, 1-0, 5-4)
13.04.16	Malaysia - Macau	6 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 1-1)
13.04.16	India - Qatar	2 - 5 (0-1, 0-1, 2-3)
14.04.16	Malaysia - India	11 - 5 (6-0, 2-2, 3-3)
14.04.16	Macau - Kyrgyzstan	1 - 8 (0-3, 1-4, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kyrgyzstan	4	4	0	0	0	37 : 7	12
2	Malaysia	4	3	0	0	1	25 : 16	9
3	Macau	4	1	1	0	2	13 : 21	5
4	Qatar	4	1	0	0	3	7 : 18	3
5	India	4	0	0	1	3	14 : 34	1

Final Placing

1	Kyrgyzstan	4	Qatar
2	Malaysia	5	India
3	Macau		

Macau is promoted to 2016 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei



2016
ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA
CHINESE TAIPEI
Taipei City
Division I

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
22.03.16	India - Singapore	1 - 8 (0-2, 0-4, 1-2)
22.03.16	Malaysia - Thailand	2 - 14 (0-4, 1-3, 1-7)
23.03.16	Chinese Taipei - Malaysia	21 - 0 (9-0, 4-0, 8-0)
23.03.16	Thailand - India	12 - 1 (3-0, 3-0, 6-1)
24.03.16	Thailand - Singapore	9 - 3 (3-0, 3-2, 3-1)
24.03.16	India - Chinese Taipei	0 - 13 (0-2, 0-7, 0-4)
25.03.16	Malaysia - India	6 - 3 (3-0, 2-3, 1-0)
25.03.16	Singapore - Chinese Taipei	1 - 15 (0-8, 1-4, 0-3)
26.03.16	Singapore - Malaysia	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 2-0)
26.03.16	Chinese Taipei - Thailand	8 - 1 (3-1, 3-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	57:2	12
2	Thailand	4	3	0	0	1	36:14	9
3	Singapore	4	2	0	0	2	16:26	6
4	Malaysia	4	1	0	0	3	9:42	3
5	India	4	0	0	0	4	5:39	0

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	4	Malaysia
2	Thailand	5	India
3	Singapore		



Top: Chinese Taipei's women's national team successfully defended its CCOA title on home ice at Taipei Arena Ice Land in Taipei City.

Bottom: The 2016 Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I saw the debut of India's and Malaysia's women's national teams.

Photos: Andy Chen

IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF TOURNAMENTS

Men's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship		
2017	GERMANY, Cologne & FRANCE, Paris	05 - 21.05.17
2018	DENMARK, Copenhagen & Herning	04 - 20.05.18
2019	SLOVAKIA, Bratislava & Kosice	03 - 19.05.19
2020	SWITZERLAND, Zurich & Lausanne	01 - 17.05.20

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A		
2017	UKRAINE, Kyiv	22 - 28.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B		
2017	GREAT BRITAIN, Belfast	23 - 29.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A		
2017	ROMANIA, Galati	03 - 09.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B		
2017	NEW ZEALAND, Auckland	04 - 10.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III		
2017	BULGARIA, Sofia	10 - 6.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Qualification		
2017	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	28.04.2017

U20 World Championships

IIHF World Junior Championship		
2017	CANADA, Montreal & Toronto	26.12.2016 – 05.01.2017
2018	USA, Buffalo	
2019	CANADA, TBA	
2020	CZECH REPUBLIC, TBA	
2021	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2017	GERMANY, Bremerhaven	11 - 17.12.2016

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2017	HUNGARY, Budapest	11 - 17.12.2016

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2017	ESTONIA, Tallinn	11 - 17.12.2016

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2017	SPAIN, Granada	07 - 13.01.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III		
2017	NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin	16 - 22.01.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III Qualification		
2017	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	06.01.2017

U18 World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship		
2017	SLOVAKIA, Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves	13 - 23.04.17
2018	RUSSIA, Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	19 - 29.04.18
2019	SWEDEN, TBA	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2017	SLOVENIA, Bled	07 - 13.04.17

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2017	SLOVENIA, Bled	15 - 21.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2017	Applicants: KOREA, Gangneung	02 - 08.04.2017
	LITHUANIA, Elektrenai	09 - 15.04.2017
	CROATIA, Zagreb	23 - 29.03.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2017	SERBIA, Belgrade or Novi Sad	13 - 19.03.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2017	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	21 - 27.03.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2017	MEXICO, Queretaro	18 - 21.03.2017

Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship		
2017	USA, Plymouth	01 - 08.04.2017
2019	FINLAND, TBA	
2020	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2017	AUSTRIA, Graz or Linz	15 - 21.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2017	POLAND, tba	08 - 14.04.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2017	Applicants: KOREA, Gangneung	02 - 08.04.2017
	NETHERLANDS, tba	

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2017	TBA	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Div. II Gr. B Qualification		
2017	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	12 - 18.12.17

U18 Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship		
2017	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prerov & Zlin	07 - 14.01.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group A		
2017	HUNGARY, Budapest	08 - 14.01.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group B		
2017	POLAND, Jastrzebie	08 - 14.01.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Gr. B Qualification		
2017	SPAIN, San Sebastian	26 - 29.01.2017

Inline World Championship

IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2017	SLOVAKIA, Bratislava	24.06 - 02.07.2017
2019	CANADA, TBA	

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Men's Final Olympic Qualification		
2016	Group D - BELARUS, Minsk	01 - 04.09.2016
	Group E - LATVIA, Riga	
	Group F - NORWAY, Oslo	

Women's Olympic Qualification Round 1		
2016	Mexico, Mexico City	07 - 09.10.2016

Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2		
2016	Group G: KAZAKHSTAN, Astana	03 - 06.11.2016
	Group H: SPAIN, San Sebastian	03 - 06.11.2016

Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3		
2016	Group E: FRANCE, Cergy Pontoise	15 - 18.12.16
	Group F: NORWAY, TBA	

Women's Final Olympic Qualification		
2016	Group C - SWITZERLAND, Arosa	09 - 12.02.2017
	Group D - JAPAN, TOMAKOMAI	09 - 12.02.2017

Olympic Winter Games		
2018	KOREA, PyeongChang	09 - 25.02.18
2022	CHINA, Beijing	04 - 22.02.22

YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Youth Olympic Winter Games		
2020	SWITZERLAND, Lausanne	10 - 19.01.20

IIHF CONGRESSES

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress		
2017	FRANCE, Paris	07 - 10.09.2016

IIHF Annual Congress		
2017	GERMANY, Cologne	18 - 20.05.2017

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2016/2017 Season		
1st International Break		28.08 - 04.09.2016
2nd International Break		31.10 - 06.11.2016
3rd International Break		12 - 18.12.2016
4th International Break		06 - 12.02.2017



Canada added a beautiful medal to its collection after winning gold at the 2016 IIHF Worlds in Russia.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





All smiles: Chinese Taipei goalie Yun-Tzu Wang manages to get all the 2016 IIHF Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I participants together for a picture.
Photo: Andy Chen

2016/2017 IIHF Championship Program

Men's World Championships

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
Russia	Canada
USA	Finland
Sweden	Czech Republic
Slovakia	Switzerland
Germany	Belarus
Latvia	Norway
Denmark	France
Italy	Slovenia

Germany & France, Cologne & Paris: 05-21.05.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Hungary	Japan
Kazakhstan	Great Britain
Poland	Lithuania
Austria	Croatia
Korea	Estonia
Ukraine	Netherlands

Ukraine, Kyiv: 22 - 28.04.2017

Great Britain, Belfast: 23 - 29.04.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Romania	China
Spain	Mexico
Belgium	Israel
Serbia	New Zealand
Iceland	DPR Korea
Australia	Turkey

Romania, Galati: 03 - 09.04.2017

New Zealand, Auckland: 04 - 10.04.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

GROUP
Bulgaria
South Africa
Luxembourg
Bosnia Herzegovina
Hong Kong
UAE

Bulgaria, Sofia: 10 - 16.04.2017

U20 World Championships

2017 IIHF World Junior Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
Finland	Russia
Sweden	USA
Czech Republic	Canada
Denmark	Slovakia
Switzerland	Latvia

Canada, Montreal & Toronto: 26.12.2016 - 05.01.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Belarus	Italy
Austria	Poland
Kazakhstan	Great Britain
Norway	Ukraine
Germany	Slovenia
France	Hungary

Germany, Bremerhaven: 11 - 17.12.2016 Hungary, Budapest: 11 - 17.12.2016

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Hungary	Romania
Lithuania	Spain
Korea	Australia
Netherlands	Belgium
Estonia	Serbia
Croatia	China

Estonia, Tallinn: 11 - 17.12.2016

Spain, Granada 07 - 13.01.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

GROUP
Iceland
New Zealand
Mexico
South Africa
Turkey
Israel
Bulgaria

New Zealand, Dunedin: 16 - 22.01.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III Qualification

GROUP
South Africa
Chinese Taipei

Chinese Taipei, Taipei City: 06.01.2017

U18 World Championships

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
Finland	Sweden
Canada	USA
Slovakia	Russia
Switzerland	Czech Republic
Latvia	Belarus

Slovakia, Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves: 13- 23.04.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Germany	Hungary
Belarus	Slovenia
France	Japan
Norway	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Italy
Austria	Korea

Slovenia, Bled: 07 - 13.04.2017

Slovenia, Bled: 15 - 21.04.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Lithuania	Estonia
Poland	Spain
Great Britain	Serbia
Netherlands	Belgium
Croatia	China
Romania	Iceland

TBA

Serbia, Belgrade/Novi Sad: 13 - 19.03.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Australia	South Africa
Mexico	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Hong Kong
Chinese Taipei	
Israel	
Turkey	

Chinese Taipei, Taipei City:
21 - 27.03.2017

Mexico, Queretaro: 18 - 21.03.2017

Women's World Championships

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Sweden
Canada	Czech Republic
Russia	Switzerland
Finland	Germany

USA, Plymouth: 01.04 - 08.04.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Japan	Slovakia
France	Latvia
Austria	Kazakhstan
Denmark	Italy
Norway	China
Hungary	Poland

Germany, Bremerhaven: 11 - 17.12.2016

Hungary, Budapest: 11 - 17.12.2016

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Spain
Korea	Iceland
Great Britain	Mexico
DPR Korea	New Zealand
Slovenia	Romania
Australia	Turkey

Host TBA

Host TBA

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

GROUP
Hong Kong
South Africa
Bulgaria
Belgium
Chinese Taipei

Chinese Taipei, Taipei City: January 2017

U18 Women's World Championships

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Finland
Canada	Sweden
Russia	Switzerland
Czech Republic	France

Czech Republic, Prerov & Zlin: 07 - 14.01.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP	GROUP
Japan	Japan
Norway	Norway
Slovakia	Slovakia
Germany	Germany
Hungary	Hungary
Denmark	Denmark

Hungary, Budapest: 08 - 14.01.2017

Poland, Jastrzebie: 07 - 14.01.2017

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B Qualification

GROUP
Australia
Romania
Spain
Mexico

Spain, San Sebastian: 26 - 29.01.2017





Tap-in: Finland's Mika Pyorala beats Canadian goalie Cam Talbot to the puck at the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Supplier Pool

Giving around the globe

The IIHF Equipment Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

The program is now a well-established asset for international ice hockey development. It enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost. Some of our newest federations such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia, Morocco, and Oman were able to bolster their development programs last season with on-ice training after receiving equipment through the IIHF Equipment Support Program.

The IIHF Supplier Pool Members; Bauer, Busch, Easton Sports, Graf, Fischer, Frontier, Oakley, Reebok/CCM, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, True, STX, 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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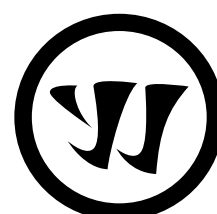
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Tissot board ads were visible in all IIHF World Championship events. Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images

TISSOT - OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

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.

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IIHF.com

Setting new milestones

After a record-breaking year in 2015 the IIHF's digital platforms continued to grow in 2016 with the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship as the highlight.

During the event in Russia IIHF.com was accessed during 8,595,931 sessions – 25.7 per cent more than the previous year – and had over 57 million page views to set a new record. The numbers were growing both on computers and even more so on mobile devices.

The bilingual website was accessed from all over the world with Russia, Canada, Finland, the United States and Latvia being the top-five countries. It became the virtual entry point to the IIHF's digital world with a live ticker, stream, game stories and highlights, news, interviews, photos and stories and videos behind the scene.

The 2016 IIHF mobile app available in several languages and on three platforms was downloaded for Android and iOS over 385,000 times during the event and created almost 13.6 million user sessions during the event. This handy tool accompanied many fans during the Worlds and other IIHF events who were able to follow the events of the World Championship program live on their smartphones and other devices.

For the #IIHFWorlds two new tools were introduced. One was the Fan Guide to the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship with local information, transportation information and a travel community to improve the game experience for visiting fans.

For the first time the IIHF ran a Fantasy Game during the Worlds where fans were able to virtually compete with their own teams and win great prizes.

The strong collaboration with the IIHF's exclusive marketing partner for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Infront Sports & Media, on the digital media platforms entered its second season and saw even more moving images become available on computers and mobile devices for hockey fans around the world supplementary to the broad TV coverage.

260 videos were produced and published before, during and after the event and viewed 19 million times on the various platforms – 37 per cent more than the year before – with anything from highlights to animations explaining the

game, players testing their Russian language skills or following a team with a GoPro.

Many fans in countries with no exclusive TV rightholders made use of the live stream to watch games not shown on TV in their territories while they were able to see the most recent stats and news on their computers or mobile devices.

The IIHF reached several milestones in social media during the World Championship month and by July was followed by 245,000 people on Facebook, by 101,000 on Twitter and by over 55,000 on Instagram.

With the World Championship taking place in Russia, the IIHF did not only provide plenty of content in Russia from the two venues in Moscow and St. Petersburg but also joined the social network VK.com (also known as VKontakte), which is the most popular social network in the Russian-speaking area.

Despite the short time the account, named "iihfhockey" like on the other networks, reached the milestone of 100,000 followers and was entirely filled with content in the Russian language.

In total over two million people were engaged on the IIHF's social media platforms during the World Championship and tens of millions of impressions from the World Championship created on the various platforms.

During the 2015/2016 season the IIHF communities on Facebook (+29.3%) and Twitter (+22.2%) continued to grow while the number of followers on the multimedia app Instagram more than tripled during the year.

Other popular events in the IIHF's digital world were the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship for which the website www.worldjunior2016.com was run in English and Finnish, the busy spring time with popular events such as the U18 World Championship, the Women's World Championship and the Division I tournaments for the men's national teams, the Youth Olympic Winter Games, the Olympic Qualification but also campaigns such as the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend that reached hundreds of thousands of people in October.

With the co-operation with several organizing committees, several event pages were available in other languages such as Finnish, French, Polish and Russian and a record number of IIHF events had video and streaming content in the 2015/2016 season.

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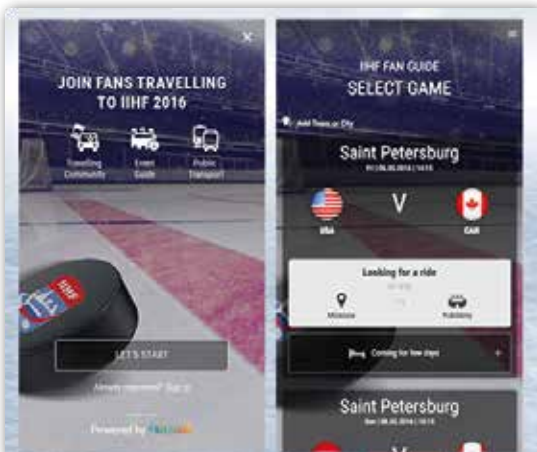
A series of four animations created as part of the 2016 IIHF digital media coverage profiled ice hockey and the World Championship.



A digital media cooperative effort with GoPro and IIHF Video gave fans a first-person perspective of players practicing on the ice.



Fun videos with players and features from presenter Olga Khmylev added variety to the 2016 IIHF World Championship video content.



New features like IIHF Fanzone, coupled with the IIHF Fantasy Game, offered fans innovative ways to interact at the World Championship

Hockey Hall of Fame

Truly International

For the second consecutive year, the Hall of Fame Induction Class was a truly international blend, with representation from four of the top hockey-playing nations in the world

Canada, Russia, Sweden, and the United States. Each was represented by a Player Inductee, along with two North American Builder Inductees to round out the class of 2015.

Leading the way were three defencemen – Swede Nicklas Lidstrom, Canadian Chris Pronger, and American Phil Housley – along with Russian forward Sergei Fyodorov and, in the women's category, another blueliner, American defenceman Angela Ruggiero. As well, Bill Hay and Peter Karmanos, Jr. were inducted as Builders.

WORLD OF HOCKEY

As hockey grows worldwide, so too does the appeal of the international game.

While Toronto played host to the 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games, significant plans to celebrate the global game of hockey within the city were in the works, including at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The burgeoning international hockey scene has long been at the forefront at the Hall of Fame. In 1998, the Hall completed its first major expansion at its current location by opening the World of Hockey Zone, a 3,500-square-foot area dedicated to hockey on the global stage thanks to the endorsement and financial support of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF).

Since the initial launch, the zone has undertaken a further expansion in 2010, increasing to 6,000-square-feet while becom-



Above: The 2015 Hockey Hall of Fame Inductees. Photo: Dave Sandford



Above/below: The Hall's newly-refurbished International Zone.



ing the largest dedicated exhibition theme within the museum premises. To kick off the upcoming Induction Weekend/Celebration, on Friday, November 6, 2015, the Hall will unveil its latest \$1.8 million revitalization of the Tissot World of Hockey Zone featuring an immersive multimedia experience entitled "The Global Game Flight Deck" created to showcase the game of hockey in 75 countries throughout the World.

This new capital investment comes as part of an eight-year extension of the HHOF-IIHF Cooperation Agreement (2015-2022) which includes the continuation of the Hall's role as the official photographic services provider for the IIHF's top-tier events.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Lanny McDonald, Chairman of the Board of the Hockey Hall of Fame, announced today the appointment of three new members to the Selection Committee to take effect in 2016. The appointments were approved at the Board of Directors meeting held November 10, 2015 and subsequently confirmed by the enrolment of the new members.

Ron Francis (Honoured Member/Class of 2007), Jari Kurri (Honoured Member/Class of 2001) and Bob McKenzie (2015 Elmer Ferguson Memorial Award Recipient) will join the Selection Committee replacing McDonald (who stepped down on July 1, 2015 to serve as Chairman of the Board), Mike Emrick (2008 Foster Hewitt Memorial Award Recipient) and Peter Stastny (Honoured Member/Class of 1998), the latter two whose terms will expire concurrent with the new appointments.

At present, Francis is the Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Carolina Hurricanes, Kurri is the General Manager of the Finnish club Jokerit of the KHL and McKenzie is a hockey analyst and writer for TSN.

PARTNERSHIP BRIEFS

National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), the union representing the professional hockey players under contract to the 30 member clubs of the National Hockey League, and Hockey Hall of Fame "Premier Sponsor" through 2021, assisted in procuring the involvement of two current NHL stars, Corey Perry and Jonathan Bernier, in support of the Hall's advertising and promotional programming.

Perry is featured in the latest HHOF commercial promoting the Shut Out and Shoot Out interactive games and social media sharing components of the Hall's NHLPA Game Time model rink attraction while Bernier participated via Skype in a summer Q&A fan forum with guests.

Tissot, the internationally renowned maker of luxury watches and timepieces, has renewed and expanded its Hockey Hall of Fame sponsorship through September 30, 2017. As the "Official Watch of the Hockey Hall of Fame," Tissot maintains title to and increases branding throughout the 6,000-square-foot Tissot World of Hockey Zone, the largest dedicated exhibit theme within the Hall of Fame, retains exclusive presenting sponsorship to the Silverware section of HHOF.com, and serves again as a co-presenting sponsor to the annual Hagggar Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic.

Oilers Entertainment Group, the parent company of the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, has engaged the curatorial and content development services of the Hockey Hall of Fame via the Hall's exhibit consultant, Terry Heard Designers, with respect to the design and build out of certain facilities within the new \$600-million "Edmonton Arena Project" presently under construction in downtown Edmonton and scheduled for completion in time for the home opener of the 2016-17 NHL season.



Parting Shot Smile!



Kelli Stack and Team USA are surprisingly relaxed before facing off against Canada in the gold medal game of the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.
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