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IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B
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IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Sweden
Austria
Great Britain
Romania
China
Luxembourg

IIHF World Junior Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

USA
Belarus
Hungary
Lithuania
Korea
Turkey

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

USA
France
Slovenia
Romania
Australia
China
Mexico

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Gr. A
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Gr. B
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Gr. A
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Gr. B

USA
Japan
Slovakia
Korea
Mexico

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Gr. A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Gr. B

USA
Germany
Italy

IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship
IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I

USA
Slovenia

IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia
IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia Division I
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

United Arab Emirates
Kuwait
New Zealand (U18)

Champions Hockey League
IIHF Continental Cup

Frolunda Gothenburg (SWE)
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Back photo: *Team USA players celebrate after a 3-2 OT win over Canada in the gold medal game at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.*

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Tre Kronor is golden: Swedish forward William Nylander tackles goalie Henrik Lundqvist after winning gold at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

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Shut the door: USA's Tyler Parsons makes the shoot-out gold-medal-winning save against Canada's Nicolas Roy at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.

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The winning shot: *Team USA gets together for another winning selfie after earning a fourth straight Women's World Championship gold.*
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Back on top: *The United States national team reclaimed top spot at the U18s, winning a third gold in the last four tournaments.*

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USA's Cayla Barnes lifts the championship trophy at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship.
Photo: Andrea Cardin / HHOF-IIHF Images

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Report of the President

The 2016/2017 season saw new champions, new partnerships and new initiatives in the sport of ice hockey.

I would like to congratulate Team Sweden for capturing the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in a thrilling shootout victory over Canada. This was Tre Kronor's tenth gold medal, putting this great ice hockey nation among an elite group with double digit World Championship gold medals.

Congratulations also to USA Hockey for pulling out not just one top division victory but five, including two in extra time. Starting with a shootout win over Canada at the 2017 World Junior Championship, the States went on to win the women's U18, the Women's World Championship, the men's U18, and the Inline World Championship, nearly sweeping all the top division tournaments!

Watching the 2017 World Juniors, it was pleasing to see the development of countries like Denmark and Switzerland. The Danes will also play host to the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, and with the improvements to their junior program are setting a strong example for other developing nations that there can be a place for them to compete with the world's best.

The same goes for Team Germany, which finished a historical-best 4th place at the Women's Worlds. A special congratulations also goes out to the Korean men's national team, who not only will compete on home ice at the Olympic Games but also qualified for the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship for the first time in the nation's history.

It is important that we explore all opportunities to aid developing nations and encourage competitive parity in men's and women's ice hockey at all levels. Our member national associations have done great work at the grassroots level, with the IIHF taking a supportive role by ensuring that coaching and referee education is of high quality and readily accessible.

Through the work of the IIHF and our committees, we are getting a clearer idea of the immediate needs of our MNAs and are working hard to make progress on our various projects designed to aid development.

In addition to our usual World Championship program, the IIHF has taken an active role in expanding the sport to new frontiers by bringing a men's and women's tournament to the 2017 Asian Winter Games and working with our marketing partner Infront Sports & Media to find ways to bring the sport to China.

The international season began with the NHL and NHLPA's revival of the World Cup of Hockey tournament. The event brought together the world's top players for a September competition that resulted in a victory for Team Canada over Team Europe - a collection of players from outside the top-four European hockey nations that came together and played some great hockey.

Fast forwarding to the end of the season, we closed out the year with a fantastic IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. The co-hosting effort between Cologne, Germany, and Paris, France faced big challenges, and the effort displayed by the organizers to deliver a top-quality event was phenomenal.

In either venue, the numbers were strong. France hosted 30 of the 64 games at the 2017 Worlds and attracted a total of 223,956 fans. This worked out to an average of 7,465 per game. Only twice in the last two decades has the second venue attracted more spectators.

There were great highlights for the fans in the arena as well, including France's first-ever defeat of Finland at a World Championship. *Félicitations Paris!*

Cologne as the main venue registered 462,435 visitors. This represents an average of 13,601 spectators for each of the 34 games, which included ten sellouts. On Saturday, 13 May 2017, 55,239 spectators saw the three games in Cologne. This has — apart from special events like the 2010 IIHF Worlds opening game at the Schalke football stadium — not been seen yet on one single game day at IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships in the modern era.

Cologne also registered the most visited noon game in the modern history of the IIHF Worlds with 17,936 spectators watching the game Latvia vs. USA. In closing, the final official attendance number of the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship lies much higher than the 600,000 originally targeted by the organizing committee. A total of 686,391 spectators came to watch



the 64 games in Cologne's LANXESS arena and the AccorHotels Arena in Paris, definitely a positive to close out the year.

It wasn't all great news however. For the first time since 1994, I regret to say that we will head to the Olympic Games men's ice hockey tournament without the participation of the National Hockey League.

Since Nagano 1998 we have had a best-on-best competition with NHL participation, and despite our efforts to find common ground between the IIHF, NHL, NHLPA, and the IOC, sadly we were not able to achieve this for a sixth time.

It is very regrettable that we will not have best-on-best, but nevertheless we will forge ahead and work hard to make the men's and women's ice hockey tournaments the best they can be, in order to showcase our sport to the world in PyeongChang.

Looking towards the IIHF's internal structure, our evaluation of the existing IIHF governance structure has begun in earnest with the first meeting of the Governance Reform Group. With the International Olympic Committee's Agenda 2020 placing an emphasis on transparency and good governance, it is important that the IIHF takes a leading role in updating its practices to set an example for the future.

We will begin with proposals for amendments to the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws, which will be presented at the 2018 Annual Congress.

In the meantime, I look forward to some great hockey this year at the Olympics and the World Championship program, as well as further discussions with our committees, MNAs, and various other stakeholders as we work to bring international ice hockey to the next level.

René Fasel
IIHF President



Sweden captain Joel Lundqvist receives the World Championship Trophy from IIHF President René Fasel and IOC President Thomas Bach.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



La vie en bleue: *Playing on home ice in Paris, France defeated Finland for the first time ever at an IIHF World Championship.*
Photo: Matt Zamboni/ HHOF-IIHF Images



Report of the General Secretary

Necessity, as they say, is the father of invention, and for the IIHF to forge new markets, it is important to always be looking forward.

We had a strong showing at the ticket counter during the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, but even with the IIHF's flagship tournament drawing fans worldwide, more can be done to increase this tournament's global reach. With this in mind, the IIHF is making efforts to access new markets and bring more fans to the sport.

We are competing with flagship events in other sports for money, media presence, and fan attention. Therefore we must work hard to promote our sport on a global scale. Future success hinges on our ability to evolve and integrate innovative sports presentation, without giving up the basic principles that make ice hockey so entertaining.

As part of this renewed push towards a modernization of our technology, we initiated new digital media tools designed to collect fan data, with the eventual vision of developing an integrated fan database, allowing people that are passionate for ice hockey to be able to easily connect to various IIHF events.

We also recognized the need to create new forums for discussion on how to promote international ice hockey in the future, and so decided to create the Television/Marketing/New Media Committee for this purpose. The committee, in cooperation with the IIHF Technology Department, will also be tasked with reviewing and analyzing opportunities for big data collection of sport information and advanced statistics at the IIHF World Championship.

Following on some of the initiatives put forward by other sports, we must also look for new and exciting ways to deliver the game to people's homes and in the arena.

Game presentation is a huge part of the fan experience, and a live ice hockey game is one of the best sports experiences that anyone can have. Using new technologies, we have to find the right ways to bring the thrill, speed, and action of ice hockey to more

people around the world, and share our passion for the game with them.

As we move forward into an Olympic year, the IIHF also took a big step towards achieving the objectives set out in the Olympic Agenda 2020. We established two new committees dedicated to continuing the IIHF's record of positive work and responsible government: the Ethics and Integrity Committee headed by IIHF Life Member Beate Grupp, and the IIHF Governance Reform Group chaired by IIHF Council Member Ron DeGregorio.

We want the IIHF to lead the way towards transparent and responsible governance in the future, and it starts here with the work of these committees. The principles of good governance, accountability, and transparency have to be taken seriously but also be executed in a proactive way, so that we aren't confronted by a crisis unprepared and can face down issues like anti-doping and match fixing responsibly, with strong authority and a clear conscience.

In order to take into account any input or concerns from our membership on the future governance structure of the IIHF, the 2017 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress will hold a workshop to inform, assess, and discuss any proposed changes to this structure. From the workshop, we intend to continue the dialogue with our membership through the year leading into the 2018 Annual Congress. It is our goal that throughout this process the Statutes and Bylaws review will be as inclusive as possible, and so we request the full cooperation and involvement of our membership as we work to create amendment proposals that will be mutually beneficial to all.

Our work in improving the sport on other ends continues through the efforts of our committees, which saw some changes this year following the election for the new IIHF Council. Prior to setting out committee mandates, we took a long look at our structure and decided to shift around some committee responsibilities and also create new committees to address the new challenges facing our sport.

The legacy and growth potential of the World Championship will be measured by the Event and Evaluation Committee. A new Youth and Junior Development



Committee will focus the IIHF efforts to address the development process at the club level with kids between ages 6 to 15 to ensure the sport's continued growth.

We have also listened to the concerns brought up by European leagues and clubs, who have asked for more stakeholder representation within the IIHF structure. We've been making a sincere effort to listen to their concerns and to integrate members of the European Hockey Alliance within our committee structure, as well as hold regular meetings with representatives of the EHA. One of our main tasks in the next few seasons also revolves around creating an international ice hockey calendar that can be signed off on and supported by all of ice hockey's main stakeholders. Worldwide player movement is also an issue that must be addressed going forward.

Turning to Asian Development, the IIHF will continue to evaluate its approach to ice hockey development in China and other Asian countries, as we seek to capitalize on back-to-back Olympic ice hockey tournaments which will be held in PyeongChang, Korea, and Beijing, China in 2018 and 2022 respectively.

These and other points will be tabled next during the IIHF Council's Strategic Discussion, to be held during the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2017.

We also saw some turnover at the IIHF offices. Assistant to the General Secretary Iris Haenni was replaced by Enid Gyorke, Stefanie Horat and Michaela Albrecht joined the IIHF's Administration Department as Finance Coordinator and Receptionist respectively, and Isabella Scinta joined the Sport Department as Sport Coordinator. The IIHF also filled in the position of Women's Program Manager by bringing in Blanka Elekes Szentagotai, who will also function as secretary for the IIHF Women's Committee. Blanka will act as the primary point of contact for the IIHF on all women's hockey matters.

In closing, I would like to thank the IIHF Council for their trust, the IIHF Committees for their constructive and creative input, and the IIHF Staff for their hard work and dedication to delivering another successful season.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



New technologies and a redefined approach to fan engagement are key to bringing the experience of a packed arena to fans worldwide.
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Live from Cologne: *Germany co-hosted the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and made it to the quarter-final round.*
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 from 1997 to 2016. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Former chairman of the IIHF Championship Structure, Championship Bid, and Disciplinary 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. Former member of the IIHF Event Committee.



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 ad-



ministrator since 1971. From 2003 thru 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 Oudievo, 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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Switzerland's Damien Riat faces-off against Denmark's Alexander True at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
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Financial Report

2015–2018

	Season 14/15	Season 15/16	Season 16/17 Provisional Result	Season 17/18 Budget
<i>all figures in 1'000 CHF</i>				
INCOME				
Marketing Contracts	20'750	23'250	22'250	24'550
Sponsors and Suppliers	1'134	1'148	1'153	2'384
Olympic Contribution	12'113	697	136	315
Championship Income	4'540	4'611	3'682	2'826
Other Income	4'915	3'003	2'977	2'619
Total Income	43'452	32'709	30'198	32'694

	Season 14/15	Season 15/16	Season 16/17 Provisional Result	Season 17/18 Budget
<i>all figures in 1'000 CHF</i>				
EXPENSES				
Championship Costs	-20'297	-21'397	-22'338	-21'896
Club Competition Costs	-965	-568	-578	-628
Inline Hockey Competition Costs	-450	-94	-245	-178
Olympic Competition Costs	-28'259	-580	-326	0
Committees and Projects Costs	-3'120	-2'364	-2'678	-3'000
IIHF Congress Costs	-721	-517	-713	-788
IIHF Council Costs	-981	-840	-992	-860
Operational Costs	-10'212	-10'215	-10'035	-11'327
Total Operating Costs	-65'005	-36'575	-37'905	-38'677
Operating Result	-21'553	-3'866	-7'707	-5'983
Non Operating Costs	0	633	1'058	35
Net Result (Gain/(Loss))	-21'553	-3'233	-6'649	-5'948

IIHF Survey of Players

2016/2017 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS			REFEREES			RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2017 IIHF Championships/Olympic Games	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	52	17	24	11	0	0	1	0		85,660
Argentina	1,023	600	133	290	24	6	4	1		43,886,748
Armenia	297	94	203	0	8	0	2	2		3,051,250
Australia	4,111	2,596	1,069	446	295	25	19	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW I, WW18 IQ	22,992,654
Austria	9,483	4,193	4,458	832	259	13	40	35	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	8,711,770
Belarus	5,180	1,607	3,567	6	142	3	38	3	WM, WM20 I, WM18	9,570,376
Belgium	2,316	963	1,171	182	124	7	16	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW IIQ	11,409,077
Bosnia & Herzegovina	187	39	112	36	6	0	1	3		3,861,912
Brazil	330	259	52	19	10	0	7	0		205,823,665
Bulgaria	912	163	698	51	16	2	6	2	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	7,144,653
Canada	631,295	102,207	442,163	86,925	29,907	2,326	3,300	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	35,362,905
Chile	493	128	242	123	0	0	2	0		17,650,114
China	1,101	222	585	294	61	34	154	206	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW I, WW18 I	1,373,541,278
Chinese Taipei	1,015	88	811	116	28	5	4	0	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	23,464,787
Croatia	543	115	360	68	11	0	3	3	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	4,313,707
Czech Republic	113,425	82,465	26,999	3,961	4,705	236	198	8	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,644,842
Denmark	4,647	1,694	2,449	504	107	3	26	0	WM, WM20, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	5,593,785
DPR Korea	2,320	170	1,230	920	32	6	3	13	WM II, WW II	25,115,311
Estonia	1,502	843	605	54	74	2	12	10	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	1,258,545
Finland	76,387	30,644	39,216	6,527	1,759	79	268	38	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,498,211
France	21,682	8,623	10,651	2,408	100	7	117	8	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	66,836,154
FYR Macedonia	119	45	59	15	4	0	1	6		2,100,025
Georgia	536	81	407	48	4	0	4	1	WM III	4,928,052
Germany	20,646	5,381	13,114	2,151	274	42	216	45	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW, WW18 I	80,722,792
Great Britain	10,325	5,930	3,857	538	286	29	58	0	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 I	64,430,428
Greece	185	80	90	15	3	0	3	0		10,773,253
Hong Kong	1,785	530	1,006	249	33	1	5	0	WM III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	7,167,403
Hungary	5,291	627	4,054	610	110	8	41	16	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	9,874,784
Iceland	566	64	395	107	15	2	3	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 II, WW II	335,878
India	1,293	617	365	311	10	2	5	13		1,266,883,598
Indonesia	104	50	50	4	8	1	3	0		258,316,051
Ireland	284	114	113	57	5	2	0	0		4,952,473
Israel	901	345	513	43	29	0	4	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III	8,174,527
Italy	5,726	1,343	3,951	432	120	6	58	12	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	62,007,540
Jamaica	28	2	26	0	0	0	0	0		2,970,340
Japan	18,995	7,870	8,538	2,587	785	74	117	50	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW I, WW18	126,702,133
Kazakhstan	6,202	424	5,583	195	47	3	38	327	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	18,360,353
Korea	2,675	171	2,185	319	53	6	30	0	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	50,924,172
Kuwait	443	94	103	246	3	1	1	1		2,832,776
Kyrgyzstan	915	220	665	30	6	0	3	14		5,727,553
Latvia	7,145	5,132	1,921	92	137	20	16	2	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I	1,965,686
Liechtenstein	40	22	18	0	0	0	0	0		37,937
Lithuania	1,620	570	995	55	35	1	8	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	2,854,235
Luxembourg	378	135	228	15	24	4	3	0	WM III	582,291
Macau	86	32	42	12	6	2	1	0		597,425
Malaysia	367	122	170	75	17	2	2	0		30,949,962
Mexico	2,577	885	1,400	292	24	4	22	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 III, WW II, WW18 IQ	123,166,749
Mongolia	730	280	446	4	8	0	2	19		3,031,330
Morocco	225	129	74	22	3	0	2	0		33,655,786
Netherlands	2,970	1,518	1,173	279	68	9	19	0	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	17,016,967
New Zealand	1,405	550	692	163	28	7	6	5	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	4,474,549
Norway	9,073	2,397	5,740	936	259	15	47	1	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	5,265,158
Oman	73	38	35	0	2	0	2	0		3,355,262
Philippines	131	41	57	33	11	0	4	0		102,624,209
Poland	3,633	1,020	2,263	350	155	5	42	15	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	38,523,261
Qatar	106	10	91	5	4	0	3	0		2,258,283
Romania	1,282	220	953	109	24	0	6	3	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	21,599,736
Russia	105,059	14,241	88,442	2,376	1,294	50	560	2,583	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	142,355,415
Serbia	785	179	543	63	26	2	3	1	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II	7,143,921
Singapore	533	333	149	51	20	4	2	0		5,781,728
Slovakia	11,502	2,317	8,554	631	251	10	61	17	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18 I	5,445,802
Slovenia	1,024	136	822	66	45	3	7	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	1,978,029
South Africa	766	260	363	143	48	6	7	0	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	54,300,704
Spain	1,054	230	612	212	25	3	10	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	48,563,476
Sweden	63,901	16,315	42,081	5,505	5,321	117	356	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,880,604
Switzerland	26,840	11,109	14,382	1,349	1,031	46	111	193	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	8,179,294
Thailand	359	116	207	36	5	0	13	0		68,200,824
Turkey	1,041	171	570	300	75	37	25	2	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	80,274,604
Turkmenistan	328	82	246	0	12	0	4	0		5,291,317
Ukraine	5,860	1,921	3,817	122	57	0	25	3	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I	44,209,733
United Arab Emirates	802	374	346	82	31	2	4	0	WM III	5,927,482
United States	555,935	158,100	322,003	75,832	23,371	1,399	1,535	1,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	323,995,528

Legend:

(all tournaments from the 2016/2017 season)

WM -- World Championship
 WM I -- World Championship Division I
 WM II -- World Championship Division II
 WM III -- World Championship Division III
 WM20 -- World Junior Championship
 WM20 I -- U20 World Championship Division I
 WM20 II -- U20 World Championship Division II
 WM20 III -- U20 World Championship Division III

WM18 -- U18 World Championship
 WM18 I -- U18 World Championship Division I
 WM18 II -- U18 World Championship Division II
 WM18 III -- U18 World Championship Division III

WW -- Women's World Championship
 WW I -- Women's World Championship Division I
 WW II -- Women's World Championship Division II
 WW18 -- U18 Women's World Championship
 WW18 I -- U18 Women's World Championship Division I
 WW18 IQ -- U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Source of population numbers: 2016 CIA World Factbook

IIHF National Team 2016/2017 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



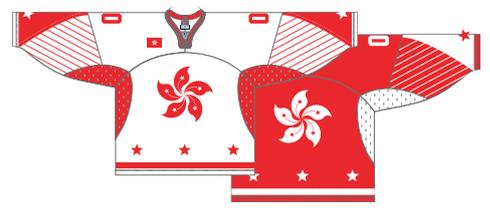
Germany GER
Member since 1909



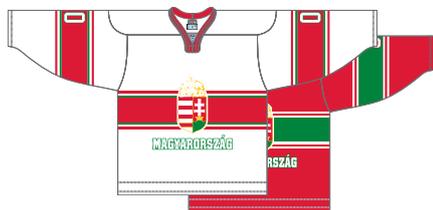
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Member since 1987



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



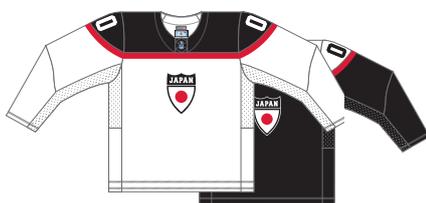
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Member since 1997



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



South Africa RSA
Member since 1937



Spain ESP
Member since 1923



Sweden SWE
Member since 1912



Switzerland SUI
Member since 1908



Turkey TUR
Member since 1991



Ukraine UKR
Member since 1992



United Arab Emirates UAE
Member since 2001



United States of America USA
Member since 1920

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Sweden's Joel Eriksson Ek scores against Denmark's Lasse Petersen at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
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Team Canada waits in the tunnel prior to a game against Slovakia at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.

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The IIHF and Infront

Long-term focus for sustained success

Since 1981, Infront and the IIHF have proven the benefits of a long and committed partnership, continually enhancing ice hockey

A good partnership requires true understanding of each other's needs and goals and adapts to the changing times to not only evolve but to also thrive. At Infront, we have a genuine commitment to sport and acknowledge that long-term relationships are fundamental to the business – some of Infront's contractual relationships are amongst the longest in the industry. Having partnered with the IIHF for over 35 years is a true source of pride for us and sets the standard for all other partnerships.

Only through mutual passion and a desire to create the best ice hockey experiences, have we been able to attract such strong engagement with fans, players, media and sponsors.

ŠKODA and Infront add another chapter to a historic partnership

Infront was proud to play a role in sealing long-term IIHF partner ŠKODA's extended sponsorship of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship by another four years from 2018 until 2021. In 2012, ŠKODA was first recognised as the longest main sponsor of a world championship. This year, the Guinness World Record was renewed for the 25-year commitment with the IIHF. Since 1992, first as Official Car Sponsor and since 1993 as Official Main Sponsor, ŠKODA has remained a committed partner. For over a quarter of a century, ŠKODA's activation has evolved from primarily a media-targeted strategy to sponsorship activation at its most advanced.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship: strong media, marketing and digital showcase

This year's IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship registered an overall attendance of 686,391, which is the second-highest spectator figure recorded after 741,690 at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Prague and Ostrava in the Czech Republic. Managed and co-ordinated by Infront's production team, 24 cameras around the ice rink ensured the full host broadcast production

of the HDTV signal. This year, drone camera footage was introduced alongside one additional super-slow-motion camera per arena. In addition, a Spidercam camera, which was introduced last year, was again used during the final weekend. Also, for the first time, a Host Broadcast reporter in each arena led pre- & post-game interviews for the international feed.



Led by ŠKODA, Infront helped secure 14 Official Sponsors, who benefited from the valuable exposure of 2,500 meters of advertising boards and backdrops. Media rights agreements were secured in over 165 territories – helping

the tournament reach a cumulative TV audience of over 1 billion.

Digital activation and strategy continues to soar

The digital arm of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship continues to grow – offering digital fans more engagement options than ever before. A three-part approach helped increase the reach of the games, deepen knowledge of the online audience and identify further engagements with fans across Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Vk.com and YouTube.

Using the IIHF official website as a hub for the digital campaigns, Infront and the IIHF introduced a number of innovations to allow viewers more control of footage and increased engagement. On the production side, EVS C-Cast technology was integrated into the website and allowed fans to access complementary, multi-camera angle footage and clips of all major moments from each game. Furthermore, up to 10 Infront digital specialists onsite handled social media activities throughout the tournament. The results were impressive: video views across YouTube, Twitter and Facebook exceeded 24 million while the IIHF social media engagement topped at 3.9 million people. In addition, the fantasy and prediction games attracted 21,000 unique users and 4,000 fans used the IIHF FanGuide.

Growing competitive profile of the Champions Hockey League

The results achieved over the years speak to the enduring strength and popularity of Europe's premier club ice hockey competition – Champions Hockey League (CHL). In particular, last season's games were broadcast into 52 territories – a 79 per cent increase, generating a cumulated broadcast time of 3,085 hours – a 34 per cent increase compared to the initial season. TV viewership also continues to soar, with last season reaching a cumulative TV audi-



The record-breaking Skoda partnership extension was signed by IIHF President Dr. René Fasel, ŠKODA CEO Bernhard Maier, Chairman Wanda Sports Holding Lincoln Zhang and President and CEO of Infront Sports & Media Philippe Blatter in Cologne, Germany.

ence of 188 million viewers – an impressive 101 per cent increase compared to season one.

For the upcoming season, played between August 2017 and February 2018, the CHL will feature an adapted qualification system - based purely on sporting merit to grant entry to 32 professionally ranked teams. With the changes to the entry criteria and competition format, we expect an increase in the appeal of the platform. Specifically, Infront will focus efforts in digital production and co-operation with media and marketing partners bringing the CHL to even more fans.

Building on a strong foundation

Over the course of the partnership, Infront and IIHF have built an incredibly strong and highly-successful foundation, upon which Infront is continually enhancing – through production, exposure and

digital engagement. The future will see Infront's wholly-owned subsidiary HBS taking over production for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, increasing the quality and taking it to higher levels, including e.g. a new on-screen graphics package. In 2018, with a strong line-up of established broadcast partners in Finland (MTV), public broadcasters Czech and Slovak TV in the Czech Republic and Slovakia respectively, and Sport1 in Germany, Infront will broaden coverage e.g. through SVT and Viasat in Sweden, the NHL Network in the USA, Lattelecom and LTV in Latvia and RTV Slovenija in Slovenia. To keep fans engaged with relevant and customised digital content, Infront plans to build up strong social content, while bringing to life completely new IIHF digital platforms, including website and mobile applications.

By remaining focused on a mutual, long-term vision, Infront and the IIHF ensure that this iconic event and the sport of ice hockey will continue to grow even stronger.



For the first time at the World Championship, a Host Broadcast reporter in each arena led pre- & post-game interviews for the international feed.



NIVEA ME



Fan favourite: Slovakia's Libor Hudacek celebrates a goal at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Paris, France

8 - 9 September, 2016

***All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet*

The President opened the 2016 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Paris, France. He welcomed the IIHF Life Members, the new Presidents and General Secretaries of Member National Associations (MNAs), who had been elected since the last IIHF Congress, as well as Delegates attending the Congress for the first time. The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress in Moscow, Russia

Tom Lysiak
Gordie Howe
Paul Johnson
Alexei Marin
Lennart Haggroth

Allocation of 2017 Championships

Before allocating the open tournaments, the IIHF General Secretary first informed Congress about the withdrawal of the tournament in Turkey due to the recent incidents in Turkey and the following concerns of the participating teams. The tournament will be allocated to a new host at a later stage. Bulent Akay from the Turkish Ice Hockey Federation then approached Congress informing them about the recent situation in Turkey and that democracy would be essential for Turkey and the carried out task from the IIHF had always been successful. No tournament should be cancelled because of political reasons, and the sporting activities should be supported the most possible. All events would be taking place under the guarantee of the government and he would know that it is a difficult decision to take away one tournament from a member. He then expressed the thanks of the Turkish Ice Hockey Federation to Congress for its support and wished all participating countries good luck.

The General Secretary further informed Congress that in case the tournament in Ukraine cannot be held due to the politician situation within the country, Austria has announced the willingness to step in if needed.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Upon a respective request and based on the implications of two eligibility issues of Georgia and UAE, it was accepted to exceptionally play Division 3 with 8 teams in two groups of four and Bulgaria would be ready to host this event even with eight teams. Such proposal already had been accepted by Council some days before and Congress confirmed such decision.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division Qualification

As there would only be two teams playing the Qualification Tournament, it was proposed to integrate the two teams South Africa and Chinese Taipei in Division III. Upon the respective question New Zealand would be principally ready to host eight teams in

two arenas but before deciding on such definitively, they would need to have all the information necessary and they would come back to the IIHF with a final decision.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 WMII, Group A

As previously experienced before the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, a test event in Korea would be needed for both the Men's and the Women's tournament. The General Secretary then confirmed that Jerry Ling from POCOG has approached the IIHF applying to host those two tournaments and to additionally decline the Organiser Support from the IIHF for these two Championships. Such could be used to support the participating teams.

Following such offer by POCOG, Croatia and Lithuania withdrew their application leaving Korea as the only applicant to host this tournament.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, Division I, Group A

As the same conditions as described above also apply to this event, the Netherlands withdrew its application, why Korea is the only applicant to host this tournament.

Andy French (GBR) inquired the percentage the IIHF would support the travelling teams and the General Secretary answered that the needs surely will be accommodated.

2017 IIHF Hockey World WMII, Group B

Romania, Mexico, Spain and Iceland applied to host this championship division. However, as Iceland has not been awarded the hosting of an IIHF tournament in the upcoming season, it has been proposed to allocate the tournament to Iceland. The other MNA's then withdraw their application to host the tournament making Iceland the only applicant to host this tournament.

The 2016/2017 IIHF Calendar of Events recording the dates and venues of future IIHF Championships (Enclosure 5.1) along with the 2017 IIHF Championship Program listing the participation summary of all teams entitled to participate in the different championship divisions (Enclosure 5.2 a) and b) are attached to the minutes and will be permanently available at www.iihf.com in their most updated version.

Workshop with the new IIHF Council

The President informed Congress about the Council Workshop and that the aim of such workshop would be to allow the MNA's to ask questions about the IIHF's idea for the future, the planned Committee work and projects. The President would be the moderator of the workshop, open for all questions and ideas.

Before starting the dialogue with the Council Members, the President showed an overview about the IIHF Office.

Horst Lichtner then shortly explained the procedure of such workshop and then the MNA's were invited to ask questions. During

the discussion the Chairmen of the Committees mainly summarized their ideas for the new committee period and an enhanced an open dialogue between the committees.

If Congress would like to receive the insurance document Ron DeGregorio was referring to, they could contact the IIHF Office to receive such.

IIHF Championships

Horst Lichtner informed Congress that there are five host country contracts missing and the respective countries were reminded to hand it over during the Congress or send such to the Event Department at the earliest convenience.

Organiser's Report

All hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on the organisational and administrative matters, plus all details regarding the preparation of the IIHF competitions in the 2016/2017 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 8 September 2016 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

2017 IIHF World Championship WM 2017, in Cologne, Germany and Paris, France

-René Fasel, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Kyiv, Ukraine

-Sergey Gontcharov noted that there had been some questions in regards of the political situation within the Ukraine but the organiser could resolve such concerns.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B in Belfast, Great Britain

-Henrik Bach Nielsen, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A in Galati, Romania

-Ernest Aljancic, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B in Auckland, New Zealand

-Kalervo Kummola informed that DPR Korea had not taken part in the meeting but besides that he had no remark.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III in Sofia, Bulgaria

-Kimmo Leinonen thanked Luxembourg for the flexibility to accept the changed game schedule.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada

-Luc Tardif and Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division I Group A in Bremerhaven, Germany

-Hans Dobida, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division I Group B in Budapest, Hungary

-Igor Nemecek, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A in Tallinn, Estonia

-Kalervo Kummola, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division

II Group B Granada, Spain

-Christer Englund, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division III in Dunedin, New Zealand

-Frank Gonzalez noted that there were two small issues, one about the hotel as there would not be individual washrooms in the rooms. Secondly the international airport in Dunedin is very small and there are only one a few planes per day arriving and it would be very far away from the venues. Everything else would be going well. Those issues would be discussed and New Zealand would come back to the IIHF office, especially in regard of the airport to be used.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship in Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia

-Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division I Group A in Bled, Slovenia

-Sergey Gontcharov thanked the host Slovenia which would host the event without even participating.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division I Group B in Bled, Slovenia

-Monique Scheier-Schneider, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division II Group A, in Gangneung, Korea

-Dave Fitzpatrick pointed out that there would be small issues like accommodation but such would be addressed within the next weeks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division II Group B in Novi Sad, Serbia

-Hans Dobida, no remarks.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division III Group A in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

-Christer Englund noted that there are some small issues like security and equipment in the arenas as well as the meal offer but such would be solved before the tournament.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division III Group B in Mexico City, Mexico

-Ron DeGregorio informed that the dates now would be 17-19 March 2017 and that the event had been moved to Mexico City.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World's Women's Championship in Plymouth, USA

-Marta Zawadzka, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division I Group A in Graz, Austria

-Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division I Group B in Katowice, Poland

-Ron DeGregorio, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division II Group A in Gangneung, Korea

-Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division II Group B in Reykjavik, Iceland

-Beate Grupp informed that there will be a change of date now being from 27 of February to the 5 of March 2017.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's' Championship Division II Group B in Chinese Taipei, Taipei City

-Frank Gonzalez replacing Harry Springfield informed that the teams would be aware that they have to shower in the hotel as there are no showers available in the rink. Besides that he had no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Under 18 Women's Championship in Prerov & Zlin, Czech Republic

-Marta Zawadzka, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Under 18 Women's Championship Division I, Group A, in Budapest, Hungary

-Igor Nemecek, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Under 18 Women's Championship Division I, Group B, in Katowice, Poland

-Ernest Aljancic, no remarks.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Under 18 Women's Championship Division I, Group B, in San Sebastian, Spain

-Sergey Gontcharov noted that being with Mexico and Australia there are two teams travelling from abroad it has been discussed that they arrive earlier for training camps but that would be discussed between the teams.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Final Olympic Qualification, Group C, in Arosa, Switzerland

-Petr Briza, no remarks.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Final Olympic Qualification, Group D, in Tomakomai, Japan

-Marta Zawadzka, no remarks.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3, Group E, in Cergy-Pointoise, France

-Bob Nicholson, no remarks.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3, Group F, in Stavanger, Norway

-Zsuzanna Kolbenheyer noted that Norway had requested to play a three day tournament instead of a four day tournament. If such was confirmed by the affected teams, such can be granted. Upon the respective questions, the affected teams confirmed the three day tournament.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Group G, in Astana, Kazakhstan

-Bob Nicholson, no remarks.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2, Group H, in San Sebastian, Spain

-Christer Englund, no remarks.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1, Group J, in Mexico City, Mexico

-Ernest Aljancic, no remarks.

In addition to the above Organizer's Report, there had been the following, supplementary information presented to Congress:

WM 2017, Germany and France

-Mr Franz Reindl and Mr Luc Tardif, joined by members of their OC, provided the Congress with a presentation detailing the status of the upcoming World Championship in Cologne and Paris and showed a short video presentation. They concluded naming some key points regarding the schedule, game tickets, ice hockey venues, training venues, transport between the two venues and accommodation.

b) Approval of Game Schedules

At the individual championship meetings held on 8 September

2016, the game schedules for all the 2016/2017 IIHF competitions were approved and signed by the participants in attendance. For those nations not in attendance, the game schedules would be as agreed by the national associations attending the Congress.

c) Confirmation of Nominated Referees and Linesmen

The game officials for the 2016/2017 IIHF Championships 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 8).

Congress ratified the Game Schedules.

Congress confirmed the referee and linesmen assignments for the 2016/2017 IIHF Championships as proposed.

Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report

The IIHF Treasurer, Luc Tardif provided a financial presentation (Enclosure 9.1) and the Financial Report (Enclosure 9.2) 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.

The President then approached Congress explaining the current situation with the NHL and the NHLPA about the NHL Player Participation at the Olympic Winter Games. After a short summary about the first Olympic Games with NHL Participation, he enlightened the current discussions with the IOC, the NHL and the NHL PA about the transportation cost to bring the players from North America to Korea and the contract insurance cost for all the NHL players. Those costs have been calculated with around 10 million CHF. With the current situation at the IOC, such cost would no longer be covered in full by the IOC and a solution has to be found. The idea was to work with Korean Air regarding transportation which is flying 16 times per day from Korea to North America. With regular business flights, the transportation cost could be significantly reduced compared to the Sochi Olympic Winter Games.

However, the IIHF would not be in the position to cover all those cost alone. Shortly the President then summarized the cost situation depending on the IOC contribution and what implications such decision of the IOC would have on the IIHF.

The IOC would make 1,3 billion out of TV Contracts and such would be significantly based on the main sports like ice hockey. The smaller International Winter Sports Federations (WCF, IBU, FIL, IBSF) would get 20 million each while the IIHF and the other bigger Winter Federations (FIS, ISU) would get 40 million each. However, in Sochi, there had been IIHF cost for e.g. the NHL Green Room for Friends and Family and free tickets per player. That cost would sum up to 8,8 million for the IIHF. 12 million USD have been distributed from the Sochi income to the MNA's. Now for the Winter Games in Korea, there would be the additional request from the IOC that the IIHF covers the 10 million USD for NHL Player Participation (travel and insurance cost). That would mean the IIHF would only get USD 10 million net out of the IOC money contribution. As the IIHF uses the net result (in the past around USD 20 million) for the Korea Games, the result would only be 10 million USD net. Instead of USD 5 million per year, only USD 2,5 million could be used to cover the budget overspending like in the past four years. That again would mean that the budget has to be cut every

year around USD 2,5 million which would be a challenge for the IIHF and the organisation and support of the IIHF tournaments.

The reason the IOC would not be willing to pay such cost was, that then the other International Federations with a professional sports / leagues organisation in North America (e.g. NBA, PGA, ATP, Baseball etc.) would request the same treatment and contribution. The deadline would be January 15 to announce if the NHL Player Participation can be organised, as until then the NHLPA would need a definitive answer. Hence during the next months, the IIHF would enter into negotiations with the IOC with the aim to have such extra cost covered by the IOC or another stakeholder. However, the Congress and the IIHF MNA's have to support the mandate of the Council to enter into those negotiations and finalise them around January 2017.

Vidar Gardasson (ISL) asked how harmful would it be for the IOC if NHL Players would not show up and if it would be helpful for Council if the MNA's would contact the national Olympic Committees in each country asking them for support. The President then answered that NBC would certainly not like the idea playing without NHL Players but as to his understanding, the legal contractual consequences would be zero. In practice though the TV Channels would not support the IOC decision and the IOC product would be hurt but such might not be financially measurable.

Marc Furrer (SUI) believes that it was necessary to fight for the NHL Player Participation and such would influence the IOC product significantly. The Congress should unanimously support the Council in its efforts. The National Olympic Committees could also directly write the IOC to support the IIHF. Normally the NOC's have to cover the transport cost of the athletes, however, after discussing such with some NOC's it was clear that such coverage of cost was not possible for them at all.

Krasimir Krastev (BUL) noted that it would be one of the most important steps in developing ice hockey to bring the top player on the national TV's. Not having them would lead to negative responses in the media and for the ice hockey in general.

Tom Renney (CAN) pointed out that the NHL Participation should supersede all the negotiations and the best on best competition has to take place in the Olympic Games with no doubt and the Participation would be vital for the development of Sport. The IOC would have to understand such and it would be their responsibility to allow the best on best competition.

Congress unanimously decided to give the Council the mandate to enter into negotiations and finalise them with the IOC. The IIHF Office would inform the MNA's later that month if they should get in contact with their own NOC to jointly support the IIHF, this was dependant on the negotiation between the IIHF and the IOC later in September.

Yearly Accounts

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 2015 to 30 June 2016 was completed by the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 was also presented.

9.3 Auditors Report 2015/2016

Fabio Oetterli, IIHF Internal Auditor, presented the report of the Internal Auditors (Enclosure 9.3 a and b for internal and external Auditors Report). 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 2015 to 30 June 2016 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 2015/2016 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

Congress unanimously approved the Auditors Report 2015-2016 as presented.

Other Business

Report World Hockey Forum 2016 (RUS)

The Russian Ice Hockey Federation together with a group of experts approached the Congress and Dmitry Kurbatov showed them a presentation (see Enclosure 13.1) about the World Hockey Forum taking place in Moscow in December 2016. The aim would be to create a new place for open discussion and he would hope to welcome many IIHF delegates in Moscow.

Women's Committee

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer showed a video on behalf of the Women's Committee and would like to ask the MNA's to show the video during their tournaments or camps. The video can be obtained from Christian Hofstetter (Hofstetter@iihf.com).

WM 20 in year 2023 (RUS/USA)

Dmitry Kurbatov together with two representatives from Novosibirsk approached the Congress informing that they would apply to host the WM20 in 2023 in Novosibirsk, Russia. He then showed a small presentation about the area of Novosibirsk including the venues, facilities and corresponding information.

Gavin Regan (USA) then approached Congress also inquiring to host the WM20 in 2023 in USA. A formal presentation will be done if required to do so. According the current agreement, every second year, the World Junior Championship would be hosted in Canada and due to the organising schedule, a decision will be taken in advance. In general it would be appreciated if an early decision on that tournament can be taken in connection with the potential prolongation of the existing agreement which expires with the 2021 season.

Closing

The President first thanked the former IIHF Council Members for their devoted work in the last years, talking about the great time they have spent together and handed them a present, while Beate Grupp and Frank Gonzalez in addition were named as Life Members.

Congress approved the nomination of Beate Grupp and Frank Gonzalez as Life Members of the IIHF.

Before closing the 2016 Semi-Annual Congress, the President thanked everybody who had contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the organisers from Germany and France for their special Welcome Party and the France Federation for their co-operation and their volunteers. He thanked the General Secretary and the members of the Council for their support as well as the IIHF staff for the devoted work.



Clash for gold: Canada's Mathieu Joseph and USA's Jack Ahcan battle in front of Tyler Parsons' net during the final of the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



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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, as well as the delegates who are attending the IIHF Congress for the first time.

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2016 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Paris, France.

Gustav Bubnik
Bob Wilkinson
Vladimir Petrov
Josef Augusta
Jeff Sauer
Rafael Kadyrov
Frans van Erp
Matti Hagman
Jack Kirrane
Walter Bush

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 2018 championship season and forward.

Specifically, the President opened explaining that it was the first world championship in Paris in a long time; expanding upon the events of the World Championship in Paris. He commented on the attendance for the 2017 World Championship noting that Paris passed its 200,000-spectator goal with 250,000 game visitors. He indicated that during the noon hour game, the IIHF had set a record attendance in Cologne and further commented that the total for the championship is expected to reach over 650,000.

He next explained that the IIHF is headed into an Olympic year with all of the teams confirmed and ready for an exciting competition. He indicated that the chances of the NHL participating in the Olympics is small, but the IIHF will not give up trying to get the NHL players to the Olympics. However, irrespective of NHL participation, it will be two fantastic tournaments.

After referencing the Olympics, he provided some details about the Olympic test event in Korea, specifically noting the unique game between Korea and DPR Korea which brought cultures together.

He explained that Korea was promoted to the World Championship in Denmark next season and indicated that the IIHF has signed a new contract with NIKE for two further Olympic cycles. The President concluded indicating that the IIHF is in the process of an extensive good governance review and applauded the Good Governance Working Group on its excellent work.

Report of the IIHF Championship season 2016/2017

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 except, Olympic Q Round 2, Group G. Bob Nicholson indicated that it was excellent preparation.

WM 18 II B

Sergej Gontcharov indicated that there was a malfunction in the arena which required the Organizer to move the whole tournament from Novi Sad to Belgrade in one day. He explained that the organizer did amazing considering the circumstances.

WW II A

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer indicated that it was a great test event and that it was a great experience to have Korea and DPR Korea playing together.

WM II B

Kalervo Kummola indicated that DPR Korea did not have health insurance.

WM U18 I A

Sergej Gontcharov reported as the organizer was not playing in the championship, it was a unique experience in that the organizer wanted everyone to promote.

WM III

Kimmo Leinonen explained that there was a last minute hiccup with one team withdrawing.

Asian Winter Games

Dave Fitzpatrick explained how the tournament was developed specifically that it is an initiative of the Asian Committee. He clarified that it was actually four different tournaments in one event – one women's tournament and three men's tournaments. In total there were 19 Asian countries participating with 25 teams over eight competition days with almost 600 athletes. He concluded that it was extremely well organized and operated.

The IIHF President thanked the Asian family and Shoichi Tomita.

World Cup

Franz Reindl explained that the World Cup is not an IIHF activity but is a promotional tournament for ice hockey. He explained that it was extremely well organized. The tournament contained the top 6 nations and a European team comprised of players from 8 European countries plus an under-23 team from North America comprised of players from both the USA and Canada. He expressed a special thanks to all nations and Ralph Krueger as Head Coach and Miroslav Satan as General Manager.

Presentation attached as exhibit 6.

The President provided a bit of information with respect to the cooperation between the NHLPA and the IIHF with respect to the

player participation in the World Cup. He explained that the IIHF agrees to the federation participation as a compensation for the NHL allowing the players to participate in the World Championship.

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

Ratification of Urgent Decisions of season 2016/2017

The IIHF General Secretary indicated that Council made the proposal to increase the number of teams in the World Women's Championship from an eight-team tournament to a ten-team tournament. The General Secretary noted that such ratification would be a change of a Bylaw.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer explained that while there is a huge gap between USA/CAN and the rest of the countries participating in the Women's World Championship, there is not such a huge gap between the rest of the Women's Worlds teams and the Women's Worlds IA, therefore an increase of the Women's World Championship from eight to ten teams would allow more women's teams to compete on a bigger, more competitive stage.

Matti Nurminen (FIN) specifically indicated that, in the face of the additional costs associated with hosting the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship due to the increased number of teams, it still planned to host the Event and waived any right it has under the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Host City Contract to negotiate with the IIHF for additional costs associated with hosting the Event with additional teams (for clarity purposes only, Clause 7 of the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Host City Contract).

Congress unanimously ratified the increase of the Women's World Championship from eight to ten teams.

Admission of New Member National Associations, Expulsion and change of membership status

Horst Lichtner explained that the IIHF has received several letters from Associate Members requesting a change in membership class (Kuwait, Turkmenistan, etc.), but none of the Associate Members currently meet the full membership requirements.

So as to allow Congress to understand why the IIHF Congress cannot grant full membership to the respective Association Member federations at this time, Horst Lichtner explained the status of full membership and associate membership.

He further explained that the IIHF accidentally awarded Qatar full membership status without Qatar meeting the full membership requirements. As a result and based on such, many associate members requested full membership. However, the IIHF had to deny such at this time because the members simply do not meet the requirements. However, as the members have applied to the 2018 championship season, Horst Lichtner indicated that the IIHF will have several full member applicants in the 2018 Annual Congress.

Report of the Hosts of 2018 IIHF Championship, Denmark

Henrik Bach Nielsen provided a brief presentation on the upcoming 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. He initially explained the difficulty of obtaining the World Championship and then delved into the details of the 2018 World Championship. He provided stats and figures regarding: (a) players; (b) cities; (c) venues; (d) tourist attractions; (e) hotels; (f) transportation; and (f) congress in Copenhagen.

He concluded hoping to see everybody in Spain in September for the Semi-Annual Congress. The President expressed a desire to create a break between the Semi-Final day and Final day and also address some of the player concerns such as private rooms.

Furthermore the Congress participants were reminded to register within the deadline and keep discipline regarding the details that are registered.

See enclosure 9 for full Presentation.

Report of the Upcoming 2018 Olympic Winter Games

Jisuk Chae provided some general information about the preparation of the men's and the women's tournaments to be held at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games including: (1) dates; (2) participating teams; (3) transportation; (4) Olympic village; (5) venues including information about dressing rooms, uniform office, medical/doping control; (6) services offered; and (7) test events.

Further, in providing some statistics and information concerning the venues, he also addressed some of the issues/problems that they have detected during the test events; specifically, issues with the toilets (1 toilet in each dressing room), ice, lighting (glare on the ice due to placement of the arena lights), and doors to player bench. However, he explained that the Organizer is working with the IIHF and the IOC to resolve all of the issues.

Tom Renney (CAN) inquired into when the dressing room facilities will be complete. The Organizing Committee indicated that such information will be provided to the IIHF in a couple of days.

The President indicated that this is a very interesting place to have the Olympics with special culture and special food. He explained that there have been issues, but it seems that we are moving into a good direction.

See enclosure 10 for full presentation.

Presentation of 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship (RUS, USA, FIN)

The General Secretary explained that the WM20/WW Contract with Hockey Canada expires in 2021. The current Hockey Canada Contract provides Hockey Canada the U20s every 2nd year and in the alternating years the WW. However, after running the championships for so many years the IIHF may have to step back and determine whether holding a Championship in Canada every year is too much for the Canadian market. Further, the IIHF has realized that holding WM20 in Europe is a huge success. The IIHF and Canada have decided to take some time over the summer to think about the contract going forward, and will come back to Congress in September.

Horst Lichtner went on to explain that there are currently three countries: Russia, USA and Finland, that are interested in hosting the U20s. As such, the IIHF has to think about its mandate, thereby allowing Russia and the USA to present, keeping in mind the importance of Hockey Canada contract, the Congress will not award the 2023 WMU20s at this time.

RUS Presentation

Vladislav Tretiak (RUS) first thanked everybody for allowing Russia to present its bid for the 2023 WM20. Then he introduced the Mayor of the candidate City Anatoly Lokot. The Mayor indicated that he came to the IIHF Annual Congress so as to show to the IIHF how important it is to have the 2023 WM20 in Russia, not only for the growth of the game, but also for realizing a new arena project and political interests. He further went on to provide some details regarding the hotels, arenas, transportation, airports and security. He concluded explaining that when you come to Siberia, you will feel the hospitality.

See enclosure 11.1 for the full presentation.

USA Presentation

Dave Ogrea spoke briefly about USA's bid for the 2023 WM20 as well. He explained that that all countries (RUS, FIN, SWE, etc.) would do a fantastic job hosting, but stressed to the Congress not to forget that USA Hockey would also do a fantastic job. Further, he noted that, as the World Championship does not come to the USA, it is important to allow an IIHF championship to be held in North America. He explained that USA Hockey will partner with an NHL arena for the 2023 WM20. Lastly, he indicated that USA Hockey will come to the 2017 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress with more definite details.

Tom Renney (CAN) first congratulated all Federations for their success in being awarded a Championship for the upcoming season. He wanted to note that CAN is more than ready and wants to continue to take on hosting of WM20 and the WW. He believes that Canada has created a successful format of the World Junior Championship and wants to continue its success and build on such.

Allocation of IIHF Championships

The 2018 IIHF Championship Program structure and participation summary was reviewed and concluded at the Calendar Meeting held on 18 May 2017 preceding the IIHF Annual Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to file an application for hosting a championship that was currently without an Organiser.

Horst Lichtner began the voting specifically noting the number of votes that each Council member received, the number of votes each Full member received and the actually voting procedures.

2021 IIHF Ice Hockey WM

Latvia and Belarus as joint hosts and Finland applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

54 votes for Latvia/Belarus, and
53 votes for Finland.

Prior to the reading of the second vote results, Ron DeGregorio, Chairman of the Legal Committee, quoted the IIHF statutes with respect to voting procedures. He specifically indicated that for the allocation of a Championship, the winner must obtain a majority of votes cast; meaning the first vote was correct.

2nd vote:

55 votes for Latvia/Belarus and
52 votes for Finland.

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Belarus/Latvia as host for 2021

2022 IIHF Ice Hockey WM

Finland is the only applicant for this championship division.

Harri Nummela (FIN) first congratulated Belarus/Latvia for winning 2021 and then thanked Congress for its confidence with respect to organizing the 2022 World Championship. IIHF Vice President, Kalervo Kummola, also thanked everybody for awarding FIN the championship.

Congress unanimously appointed Finland as host for 2022.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIA

Hungary is the only applicant for this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host. Budapest, 22 - 28 April 2018.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIB

Lithuania is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Congress unanimously appointed Lithuania as host. Kaunas, 22 - 28 April 2018.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIA

Serbia and the Netherlands applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

9 votes for Serbia, and
15 votes for the Netherlands.

Congress appointed Netherland as host. Tilburg, 23 - 29 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIIB

Spain, Israel and Mexico applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

12 votes for Spain,
5 votes for Israel, and
7 votes for Mexico.

Before the vote, ISR indicated that they may have to withdraw after being awarded the championship due to arena scheduling and that the tournament will have to be one day longer as there cannot be any activity on Saturday (conditional awarding to ISR). Spain and Mexico have agreed to host if ISR is awarded and withdraws for the aforementioned reasons.

Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host. Madrid, 16 - 22 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIIC

South Africa, Chinese Taipei and Turkey applied to host this Championship Division.

10 votes for South Africa,
3 votes for Chinese Taipei, and
10 votes for Turkey.
2nd vote for majority:
13 South Africa, and
11 Turkey.

Congress appointed South Africa as host. Cape Town, 16 - 22 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIIQ

UAE and Turkmenistan applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:
8 votes for UAE and
7 votes for Turkmenistan.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed UEA as host. Dates TBA.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IA

France is the only applicant to host this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed France as host. Courchevel and Meribel, 10 – 16 December 2017.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IB

Slovenia is the only applicant to host this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Slovenia to host. Bled, 09 – 15 December 2017

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIA

Romania and Great Britain applied to host this Championship Division.

8 votes for Romania, and
17 votes for Great Britain.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Great Britain as host. Dumfries, 10 – 16 December 2017

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIB

Serbia, Mexico, and Turkey applied to host this championship division.

16 votes for Serbia,
5 votes for Mexico, and
4 votes for Turkey.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade 15 - 21 January 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20III

Bulgaria and Iceland applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:

13 votes for Bulgaria, and
10 votes for Iceland

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 22 - 28 January 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIIQ

South Africa is the only applicant for this Championship Division.

Congress unanimously appointed South Africa as host. Cape Town, 26 - 28 January 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IA

Latvia is the only applicant for this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Latvia at host. Riga, 2 - 8 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IB

Austria, Ukraine and Italy applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:

4 votes for Austria,
14 votes for Ukraine, and
6 votes for Italy.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Ukraine as host. Odessa, 14 – 20 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIA

Estonia and Poland applied to host this championship division.

18 votes for Estonia, and
7 votes for Poland.

Congress appointed Estonia, Tallinn 1 - 7 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIB

Iceland, Spain and Croatia applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:

9 votes for Iceland,
5 votes for Spain, and
10 votes for Croatia.

2nd vote for majority:
10 votes for Iceland, and
15 votes for Croatia.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Croatia as host. Zagreb, 24- 30 March 2018.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIIA

Turkey is the only applicant for this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Erzurum, 26 March – 01 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIIB

New Zealand is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. New Zealand is only allowed to host if there is no other applicant.

Congress unanimously appointed New Zealand as host. Queenstown, TBD 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIA

France is the only applicant to host this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed France as the host. Strasbourg, 8 - 14 April 2018.

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIB

Italy is the only applicant to host this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Italy as host. Asiago, 8 - 14 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIA

Slovenia and Mexico applied to host this championship division. The result of the voting was as follows:

17 votes for Slovenia, and
5 votes for Mexico.

Congress appointed Slovenia as host. Bled, 7 - 13 April 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIB

Spain and Turkey applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:

- 15 votes for Spain, and
- 10 votes for Turkey

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Spain as host. Valdemoro, 17 - 23 March 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIBQ

Bulgaria is the only applicant for this championship division.

Bulgaria unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, TBD

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IA

Italy is the only applicant to host this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Italy as host. Asiago, 08 – 14 January 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IB

Poland is the only applicant for this championship division.

Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Krynica, 06 – 12 January 2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IBQ

Korea, Mexico and Turkey applied to host this championship division. The voting result was as follows:

- 6 votes for Korea,
- 10 votes for Mexico, and
- 9 votes for Turkey.

2nd vote for majority:
13 votes for Mexico, and
12 votes for Turkey.

Based on the voting results, Congress appointed Mexico as host. Mexico City, 28 January – 03 February 2018.

Governance Presentation and Proposals for Changing the Regulations / Codes

IIHF Governance Reform Working Group

Ron DeGregorio provided a brief presentation on the good governance review of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws and the major good governance points established by the Governance Reform Working Group:

- 1) Separation of strategic & executive management functions;
- 2) Integrity requirements and transparency;
- 3) Age limits;
- 4) Limitation on mandates;
- 5) Membership classes and number of votes;
- 6) Voting procedures;
- 7) Elections / Nominations;
- 8) Budget process and timelines;
- 9) Establishment of a compliance function; and
- 10) Participation of stakeholders.

Further review will be done in September with a workshop suggested during the Semi Annual Congress. MNA's are asked to submit feedback, comments and suggestions by the end of June.

See enclosure 13.1 for the full presentation.

After the governance presentation, the General Secretary explained that all Regulations have been denoted as a Housekeeping, Minor or Major changes 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 and Minor Changes of all Regulations in one motion.

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

Congress unanimously accepted the housekeeping and minor changes of all Regulations.

Transfer Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the transfer regulations have been changed to take into consideration the new online transfer system and for organizational purposes.

Congress unanimously approved the major change to the Transfer Regulations

Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that major change to the Championship Regulation found in Regulation 5.5.8 (Victory and Closing Ceremony) is to standardize the closing ceremony procedures through all championship divisions.

Congress unanimously approved all major changes made to the Championship Regulations.

Continental Cup Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Continental Cup Regulation had a few major changes; specifically, Clause 2.3 – overtime format played as current IIHF Championship, 3.2.4 – playing dates of the 2017/2018 season and 4.4 – player transfer restrictions.

Congress unanimously approved the change made to the Continental Cup Regulations

Disciplinary Code

The General Secretary explained that the Disciplinary Code has a few major changes; specifically, Clause 10.5.5 to clarify that a player has to be named on the Team Roster to serve a suspension in a game prior to the suspension required in accordance with the Disciplinary Code and Clause 12.1.2 to align the Disciplinary Code with the Official Rule book.

Congress unanimously approved the changes made the Disciplinary Code.

Medical Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Medical Regulation has one major change; specifically 3.1 to indicate that the Medical Supervisor will request a demonstration of the removal of an injured player from the ice surface.

Congress unanimously approved the Medical Regulations.

Doping Control Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Doping Regulations has two major changes; specifically Regulation 7 which create the possibility to have a team whereabouts and Regulation 6.11 which requires a NADO or third party to conduct the doping control at IIHF Events with the Medical Supervisor overseeing the process.

Congress unanimously approved the Doping Regulations.v

Sport Regulations

The General Secretary, together with IIHF Council Member Franz Reindl, explained that the Sport Regulations have six major changes; specifically

- (a) Regulation, overtime – operations for the Gold Medal Game; reduce the players from 5 to 4 in the twenty minute overtime so as to increase the likelihood of a goal being scored.
- (b) Regulation, overtime – operations for a Playoff Game or for a Bronze Medal Game; the teams will not change end for the overtime.
- (c) Regulation, overtime – operations for a Round Robin or for a Preliminary Round Game; the teams will not change ends for the overtime.
- (d) Regulation, Regulations for Practice Schedules and Dressing Room Allotment; change ensures that each team has their final preparation on the ice where the tournament will take place.
- (e) Regulation, Pre-event meetings; mandatory for head coach to attend the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting with the possibility of a 5,000 CHF fine if the head coach does not attend.
- (f) Regulation, Penalty-shot Shootout Procedures (Art. 2); increase from three to five shootout players so as to ensure that more successful attempts are required for a team to be successful.

Congress unanimously approved the Sport Regulations.

Budget for the Upcoming Year

The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2017-2018 season and explained the various items. All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget.

Before beginning the presentation, Luc Tardif briefly thanked IIHF Finance Director Gion Veraguth, Horst Lichtner and the internal auditors. Luc Tardif indicated that it is difficult to determine the budget as we do not know whether the NHL players will come to the Olympics and we also do not know the Olympic participation money. While the IIHF has prepared two budgets, as such is extremely difficult to understand, the presentation does not take into consideration the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The IIHF will come back to the Semi-Annual congress with more information about the budget if the NHL players participate

Congress unanimously approved the budget for the presented budget without the Olympic related income and expenses season 2017–2018 as presented by the IIHF Treasurer.

Congress unanimously approved the Council, together with the IIHF Office, to generate a final Olympic budget.

See Enclosure 14.1 for the budget.

Proposals for changing the Official Playing Rules as Semi-Annual Congress 2017

IIHF Vice President Bob Nicholson provided a brief explanation on the Official Rule Book changes, specifically that the committee has been working very hard on all proposed rule changes with the intention to put forward the amendments at the Semi-Annual Congress.

The General Secretary requested Congress to approve moving the Official Playing Rules changes to Semi-Annual Congress to allow all Committees and Council proper time to review the rule changes.

As the IIHF Statutes require the Official Rule changes to take place at the 2017 Annual Congress, the General Secretary requested Congress to approve moving the Official Playing Rules changes to Semi-Annual Congress.

Congress unanimously approved moving the Official Rule Changes to Semi-Annual Congress.

Other Business

World Hockey Forum, Russia

Dmitry Kurbatov briefly explained the World Hockey Forum indicating that Russia's goal is to make the Forum an annual event due to the success of the 2016 World Hockey Forum. He explained that the forum is a dialog where the world hockey experts come together to discuss the current situation of ice hockey and to discuss the future of ice hockey. He concluded welcoming all parties to the 2017 World Hockey Forum in Moscow.

Sledge Hockey

Bob Nicholson explained that IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will present at the Semi-Annual congress as they would like to be a part of the IIHF. However, all members should know that the IIHF has indicated that no IIHF money will be available to Ice Sledge Hockey.

Iceland

Vidar Gardarsson explained that he was recently elected to the Icelandic NOC, and as a result of the Icelandic Law he cannot simultaneously hold two top leadership sport positions within Iceland. Therefore, he explained that this would be his last Congress. He thanked everybody for the 14 years of cooperation.

Date and Place of Next Congress

The next Congress is scheduled as IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Marbella, Spain from 27 – 30 September 2017. The IIHF General Secretary provided some general information about the Semi-Annual Congress which will be held in Marbella, Spain, concluding that the IIHF contact person is Eslie Dall'Oglio.

Closing

The President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked the delegates for their contributions. Before closing the 2017 IIHF Annual Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the organizer and their 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 co-operation in the discussions. Further, the President thanked all of the volunteers, and Infront. With particular appreciation of the work by the interpreters Viktor Gusin, Vsevolod Kukushkin, Irmgard Lloyd Schilcher and Heide Mösslang, the President declared the 2017 IIHF Annual Congress closed.



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Keep away: Canada's Laura Fortino skates with the puck against Russia at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.
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Diving score: USA's Clayton Keller finds the back of the net with a diving shot at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



Big step forward: Moving up from Division I in 2017, Germany came out roaring and finished a historical best-fourth place at the Women's Worlds.
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IIHF Sport Development Report

With the next two Olympic Winter Games going to Asia, the continent has been much in the focus last season.

The 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A and the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A served as test events for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at the two new venues in Gangneung, the coastal city that will host the ice sport events of PyeongChang 2018.

Korea celebrated not only the tournament win and promotion of the women's team but also the arrival of the women's hockey team from DPR Korea, making it a rare occasion in sports where teams from the north and south of the Korean peninsula competed with each other on home soil.

For three periods, ice hockey helped to cross one of the biggest political divides in the world. After the game the two teams, along with delegates from both countries, the IIHF and the organizer came together for a joint team photo in front of thousands of fans. The game took place on 6th April, which is fittingly the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. The Korean men's national team wrote history a few weeks later by earning promotion to the top division for the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Denmark.

A record number of 28 teams from eight countries from the Asian continent have been involved in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program and six tournaments were hosted in Asia and Oceania. What kept Asia even busier were the regional tournaments.

The IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia included three competitions and will grow to five in the upcoming season. 17 teams competed in the events in Kuwait and Thailand last season.

The biggest meeting of Asian ice hockey took place in February 2017 during the 8th Asian Winter Games in Sapporo that included 18 countries in the three men's competitions and six women's teams with the involvement of technical delegates and officials from the IIHF. In the top competitions Kazakhstan defended its top place in the men's competition ahead of Korea, while host Japan remained number one in the women's competition before China.

Behind the big Asian hockey countries, Thailand won the Division I competition in overtime against Chinese Taipei. The Division II competition gave the newest IIHF members Indonesia, the Philippines and Turkmenistan the first chance to play games with their national teams. Turkmenistan impressed in its international debut with four wins in four games and first place in the tournament.

The Philippines were third behind Kyrgyzstan and also had their debut with the women's team in the Challenge Cup of Asia. One non-member country was present as well. A team from the Iranian NOC didn't have enough eligible players to participate but had its first ice hockey exhibition games with other Division II teams during the event.

Ice hockey is getting a bigger focus in China. The country has the ambition of bringing millions of people into winter sports and build 1,500 ice rinks ahead of the 2022 Olympics in Beijing. With the help of the IIHF Office and experts from different areas, the Chinese Ice Hockey Association hosted several summer camps to educate coaches, goaltending coaches, off-ice instructors and officials in men's, women's and youth hockey sessions.

China is not only focusing on grassroots hockey but also invests big in top-level hockey in the country. Last season Kunlun Red



Korea and DPR Korea's women's national teams posed together for a photo as part of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
Photo: Young-Chul Song

Star joined the Kontinental Hockey League and in the upcoming season China will even have four teams in the Russian system with two more teams playing in the second-tier league VHL and a junior team in the MHL. In addition, Kunlun Red Star created a women's team that will compete even further away in the Canadian Women's Hockey League and a girls' team that will be based in the United States.

Other initiatives include one from the Japanese Ice Hockey Federation and IIHF Life Member Shoichi Tomita designed to support the newer Asian members with manpower. In addition, the Danish Ice Hockey Association presented in August its path from a small organization to a World Championship host. The Asian Strategic Planning Group meeting before the congress was held in Malaysia during the first-ever ice hockey tournament of the Southeast Asian Games. For this, even the first international-size ice rink of the country was built and it can be hoped that future host countries of the bi-annual event will follow the path to make ice sports more popular and accessible in the region. In the upcoming season the Philippines will for the first time host an IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia event at their full-size rink and an Officiating Development Program is planned there during the event.

Women's hockey

The 2016/2017 season started with the IIHF Women's High-Performance Camp in Vierumaki. It combined programs for top junior players and staff from 33 countries with development programs for other countries. For the first time it included a program on the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend where based on the Learn-to-Play Program the participants also learned about other aspects of recruitment, organizing an event and making it known.

Good goaltending is an important factor in winning games. The IIHF Women's Committee therefore initiated an IIHF Women's Goaltending Camp that was held recently in Granada and aimed at educating young goaltenders and goaltending coaches behind the two top nations from North America. 40 goalies and 12 goaltending coaches from 16 countries in Europe and Asia took part.

Officiating

49 delegates – referee-in-chiefs and directors of officiating – representing 42 different countries took place at the 2016 IIHF / National Association Referee-in-chief Summit in Frankfurt that was operated by the IIHF Office and the IIHF Officiating Committee to conclude the committee's four-year cycle.

Under the slogan "Together For Future" the summit program included the IIHF Office's vision on officiating development and co-operation with its member national associations regarding officiating development, licensing process, career path of the on-ice officials and the promotion of the on-ice officials within the national associations and the IIHF. Last June the Annual Meeting took place in Zurich with IIHF referee supervisors, IIHF Officiating Committee chairman Sergej Gontcharov and the IIHF Office. It was followed by a working group meeting of the IIHF, representatives from member national association, the top-seven European leagues and the Champions Hockey League to discuss the Referee Exchange Program.



Turkmenistan made its international debut at the Asian Winter Games.



Kazakhstan won the men's Asian Winter Games tournament.



Japan won the women's Asian Winter Games hockey tournament.



The 2016 IIHF High Performance Camp took place in Finland.
Photos: Reiji Nagayama



Crash the net: USA's Clayton Keller collides with Slovakia's Matej Tomek at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
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IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

2016-2017 was an eventful season marked by considerable progress in the development of Asian ice hockey on various fronts. At the strategic level, a new Asian Committee was established under the IIHF Council to assist IIHF leadership in advancing the development of ice hockey in Asia. The season also saw Japan successfully hosting the 2017 Asian Winter Games, which attracted the most number of teams in terms of participation in ice hockey events in the history of the Games.

In the World Championship Program, following a successful performance at the 2017 championship games, Korea's Men's team has been promoted and will play amongst top-tiered teams in the Top Division of the 2018 World Championship. In other divisions, Chinese Taipei played its first Senior Men's and Women's championships in 2017 upon graduation from the Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments. Next season we will see Kuwait and Turkmenistan competing for the first time in the Senior Men's category, having met the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards required. In this connection, we are encouraged to see that the Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments have been able to serve their intended function as an important development platform complementing the domestic efforts of Asian members.

Asian Committee

The establishment of the Asian Committee confirms the importance and dynamic circumstances of the Asian agenda and represents a more well-rounded approach on the part of the IIHF towards addressing the strategic needs of Asian members by involving MNA representatives from the region who should be able to shed light on regional relationships and concerns. The Committee will also act as an interface facilitating contact and dialog on Asia within the IIHF family. Chaired by the Vice President (Asia/Oceania) Mr. Thomas Wu, the inaugural Asian Committee comprises MNA representatives from China (Ms. Chunlu Wang), Chinese Taipei (Mr. Ching-Wu Sun), Malaysia (Ms. Susan Loh) and United Arab Emirates (Mr. Mohamed Aref). The Committee will continue to work in partnership with all Asian members on sustainable domestic development programs to elevate the visibility and standard of our sport in Asia. It will also consider conducting audits in selected countries to assist our understanding of local circumstances and the shaping of development programs.

Asian Winter Games

The ice hockey events of the 2017 Asian Winter Games ("AWG") were held in Sapporo in Japan from 18-26 February 2017. As technical advisor of the ice hockey tournaments, the IIHF witnessed the consistent growth of the game in the AWG over the years, with a record number of teams and players competing in this year's AWG – 18 Men's teams and six Women's teams.

The Men's games were played in three divisions with teams grouped according to 2016 IIHF World Ranking and results of the Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments. The Top Division was won by Kazakhstan, with Korea and Japan coming in second and third place respectively. In Division I, Thailand won gold while Chinese Taipei took silver and United Arab Emirates bronze. In Division II, Turkmenistan topped the division, followed by Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines.

Six teams participated in the Women's tournament in a single

round-robin format with Japan winning gold, China garnering silver and Kazakhstan taking bronze.

Challenge Cup of Asia Tournaments

The Challenge Cup of Asia ("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. Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei and Kuwait have since graduated from CCOA to the World Championship Program.

Three CCOA tournaments were held during the 2016-17 season. We are grateful to all tournament hosts for working tirelessly to make the tournaments successful.

2017 IIHF CCOA

Hosted in Bangkok, the United Arab Emirates took the trophy, beating Mongolia in the shootout in a closely contested game between the first- and second-ranked teams of the tournament.

2017 IIHF CCOA Division I

Undefeated against India, Oman and Macau, Kuwait – also host of the games – won the tournament.

2017 IIHF Women's CCOA

New Zealand U18 team was undefeated in Bangkok and won the tournament, beating host Thailand by one goal in a tightly contested game.

Going Forward

Exciting times lie ahead for Asian ice hockey as the region continues to ramp up its development efforts to take advantage of the high visibility and opportunities brought about by upcoming major ice hockey events. In August 2017, the Southeast Asian Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will, for the first time in the history of the event, feature ice hockey as a competitive sport. As Korea enters the final phases of preparation for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, China announced comprehensive development initiatives for domestic ice hockey at the same time as it undergoes an ambitious scheme for the recruitment and training of its national teams in preparation for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. These developments have attracted immense interest in Asia among the international ice hockey community – a welcome move which we anticipate will help spur the growth of our sport in Asia in the near future.

Thomas J. Wu
Chairman

Athletes Committee Report

During the past year the Committee had one meeting, which took place during the Central Committee Meeting in Zurich in December 2016.

While the close collaboration with the Players Safety Committee, the Medical Committee and the Coaching Committee continues in regards of the so-called IIHF Forecheck Player Safety and Performance Centre (a central hub containing information resources for parents, coaches and players), the members of the committee Angela Ruggerio, Sean Burke, Saku Koivu and Milan Hnilicka around the Committee Chairman and Council Member Vladislav Tretiak also talked about the rule changes process.

In that respect, the Committee came up with several rule change or new rules proposals for the IIHF Rule Book that have been forwarded to the Players Safety Committee for further evaluation.

The Committee also discussed the possibilities on how to collect better and more efficient feedback from active players on topics like playing format of the IIHF events, playing rules, equipment, doping and others to increase their involvement of how the game should look like in the future.

Players' behaviour plays a main role within the discussion about players safety; for this a culture of respect needs to be re-introduced in the players' education and the development of our sport – and this at an early stage of the players development.

In the upcoming meetings, the Chairman also would like to further discuss the after career planning of athletes and how make sure, the players receive the best possible support in that respect during their career and make sure that everybody finds its place back in the "real" world!

The Committee members look forward to a close collaboration with the Player Safety Committee or any other Committee in order to make the game more exciting and safer.

Vladislav Tretiak
Chairman

Competition and Coordination Committee Report

The IIHF Competition and Coordination Committee was newly built after the Council election in Russia. The former Competition & Inline Committee has been rebuilt to the Competition and Coordination Committee.

The new Committee, with experienced members and ad-hoc members from different shareholder groups focused on the following points throughout the season:

- Facilitate the cooperation and discussion amongst National Associations, leagues and clubs.
- Securing the dates of International Breaks through 2023
- Specifying dates for the operation of the IIHF Championship Program events
- Establishing the dates for the operation of the World Championship through 2023
- Setting the operational dates for the Men's Division I tournaments through 2023
- Establishing the dates of the World Junior Championship through 2023
- Setting the operational dates for the Men's Under 18 Championship through 2023
- Addressing insurance for players participating in National Teams Breaks

- Designing and developing a meaningful National Team competition to operate during National Team Breaks
- Coordination 2018 OWG Men's Qualification Tournaments and NHL/NHLPA WCH 2016
- Discussions and analysis for an additional day in the IIHF World Championship between the Semi-Finals and the Finals

A very full 2016/17 season ended with the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Paris, France and Cologne, Germany. The 2016/17 season was by far the busiest on record with the operation of the following competitions around the world under the IIHF banner:

• 2017 IIHF Championships & Qualifications:	29
• 2018 OWG Men's Qualification Tournaments:	3
• 2018 OWG Women's Qualification Tournaments:	7
• 2017 Asian Winter Games Tournaments:	4
• 2017 IIHF Continental Cup Tournaments:	6
Total:	49

The Committee 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 operated 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; Germany, Norway and Slovenia.

Immediately following the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments, the NHL/NHLPA World Cup operated from September 17 to October 1 in Toronto, Canada with the integrated operation for NHL contracted athletes to compete in both. Team Canada won the final vs. Team Europe with players from 7 European Countries/Associations (outside the top 4: Slovakia, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Norway and Slovenia).

The qualification program for the Women's Tournament to be held in PyeongChang was seeded with 28 Member National Associations and operated from October 2016 through to the two Final Qualification tournaments in February 2017. In total, seven qualification tournaments were operated with Japan and Switzerland promoting to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games for the 8-team women's tournament.

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:

- Overtime operations
- Penalty-Shot Shootout Procedures
- Pre-Event Meetings

A drafted program of meaningful National Team tournaments to be held during International Breaks leading to the World Championship annually was designed and 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 starts in the 2018/19 season in order to provide the necessary time to properly organize the event. However, the initiative has not found acceptance by the involved shareholders.

The discussion of the 10 Year International Calendar has surfaced with the Committee, with the goal of producing a long-range planning document for efficiently planning and scheduling the playing days each year for national leagues, National Teams, World Championships, Olympic Winter Games, Champions Ho-

key League and invitational tournaments.

For the upcoming season, the Committee has structured and seeded the 2018 IIHF Championship Program with 31 individual championships tournaments with 199 entered teams in our 5 categories as follows:

Men's Senior:	49
Men's Under 20:	43
Men's Under 18:	43
Women's Senior:	38
Women's Under 18:	26

The Committee also reviewed the future 2018 Women's World Ranking Processing & Competitions, future Cooperation/Expectations by MNA's, Clubs and Leagues, the 2018-2022 IIHF Statutes & Bylaw Proposals (Sport Issues) and IIHF Rule Change proposals in coordination with the player safety committee.

Franz Reindl
Chairman

Coaching Committee Report

The Coaching Committee met twice during the 2016-17 season. These Meetings were used to agree on strategic priorities for the term plus to discuss the methods and projects to determine how to be successful in reaching those priorities. The priorities of the Committee are:

1. Coach Education and Coach Developer Education
2. Virtual Academy
3. World-wide Coach Certification
4. Coach Mentor Pool
5. Platform promotion (Hockey Centre, tools)

It made sense to the Committee, that in order to start the work on these priorities, the Committee agreed to form a Workgroup to design and build a long-term player development model.

The Workgroup met twice during the season and, instead of producing a very detailed model, decided to create a Player Development Guide for the use of the IIHF Member National Associations. The use of the term guide, instead of a model, would ensure that MNAs can focus on the basic development of various skills so as to make it a living document that all them can embrace.

The contents and the model of the Player Development Guide will influence all of the strategic priorities. It will especially serve as the basis for the IIHF Coach and Coach Developer Education Programs. Once the work of the Player Development Guide Workgroup is done, the work will continue further on the education of coaches.

In addition, the IIHF Coaching Committee again successfully held the International Coaching Symposium in co-operation with the German Ice Hockey Association. The Symposium brought together 275 participants from 39 countries.

While I had the opportunity to address the coaches in the beginning, the balance of the Symposium focused on three main themes. Dr. Stephen Norris, Don Granato and Paul Carson spoke about long-term athlete development, John Whitesides and Jussi-Pekka Kurtti about off-ice training and Mel Davidson, Tommy Boustedt, Alpo Suhonen, Dr. Stephen Norris and Uwe Krupp about leadership.

Thanks to excellent organization, and Speakers to match, the participants were very satisfied. As per the feedback collected from the participants, 99 per cent of them would recommend the

Symposium to others, feeling the content delivered by world class experts exceeded their expectations.

I believe the Coaching Committee, by the nature of the individuals who populate its positions, will prove to be most important to the success of coaching development world-wide and we are grateful for this opportunity moving forward. Also, it is very important to recognize the value of the co-operation our Committee has with the Youth and Junior Development Committee.

Tom Renney
Chairman

Ethics and Integrity Committee Report

The new Ethics and Integrity Committee is reviewing our Regulations and our Statutes and Bylaws in regard of ethical basic requirements. After the review the Committee will provide recommendations to adjust the Statutes and Bylaws and the Regulations accordingly. Furthermore, the Committee will, with the involvement of an external student, work on an IIHF Code of Ethics.

Beate Grupp
Chairwoman

Event Committee Report

The IIHF Event Committee met twice during the past season, namely in December in the framework of the IIHF Committee Day 2016 and then in March 2017.

The committee focus was on the preparation and finalization of the bid process for the 2021 IIHF World Championship which culminated in the presentation to the 2017 Annual Congress who allocated the event, by vote.

2021 WM Belarus/Latvia and Finland

The national associations of Belarus, co-hosting with Latvia, and Finland submitted, to the IIHF, a letter of intent to host the 2021 WM.

The evaluation team consisting of Peter Forsberg and Igor Nemecek successfully completed their site inspections, visiting the two candidates in three cities, in February 2017, to have a first-hand impression of the facilities presented and evaluate the bidding plans presented.

Both applications to host the World Championship were approved and after an exciting and very close voting session the 2021 World Championship was allocated to Belarus and Latvia. The same congress also approved hosting rights for the 2022 WM to Finland as an exception as no competitor submitted a letter of intent for the 2022 WM.

This bid was the first time where the Bid Documentation could be evaluated and compared electronically using the online platform.

2018 WMI

The Committee decided to extend the evaluation program to include WMIs, as this championship is part of the Infront contract and must be organised at the highest level. The application rules for this championship have been enforced which created the opportunity for Nemecek and Forsberg to conduct site visits to the respective applicants. Furthermore, relevant documents were reviewed and updated by the committee to reflect IIHF expectations of tournament organisers.

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to all Event Committee members and the Secretary for their valuable contributions to the work of the committee.

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Finance Committee Report

The new Finance Committee is reviewing the IIHF Financial Regulations and Guidelines as well as the finance related Statutes and Bylaws. After the review the Finance Committee will provide recommendations to adjust the respective documents. Furthermore, the Finance Committee is supporting and consulting the Treasurer on financial issues.

Luc Tardif
Chairman

Facilities Committee Report

The IIHF Facilities Working Group has, during the season 2016-2017, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, worked with the realisation of its long-term goals in response to the IIHF Council's mandate.

IIHF Facilities Management- and Maintenance Seminars

After Jaca, San Sebastian and Budapest, the IIHF together with the Royal Belgian Ice Hockey Federation organized its 4th Ice Making and Maintenance Seminar. The seminar was held for 4 days, 17 to 20 June 2017, in the Leuven Ice Rink in Haasrode, close to Brussels. The seminar format was 2 days class room levels and 2 days painting demonstrations on top of existing ice (paint over) and ice maintenance demonstrations with ice edger, Zamboni, laser level, etc.

Jeff Theiler, the Chief Operating Officer of the United States Ice Rink Association lead the course in Leuven and was assisted by Manu Varho, Director of the Finnish Sports Facility Maintenance Institute and Antoine Descloux, CEO of the Swiss company "LaPati", all members of the Facilities Working Group.

12 Ice Master students from Belgium and 2 from Switzerland received the IIHF certificate for participating in the seminar.

Next Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminar is foreseen to be organized in Asia.

IIHF Blueprints for functional operational & low cost Arenas

During the past term, several MNAs and their affiliates contacted the Facilities Working Group and applied for the IIHF Blueprint. Many times, the intention was not to see what the ideal ice rink should look like, but to make a presentation to political authorities to get their involvement in the project.

The developer and project leader of the Blue Prints, Patxi Lagarda, explained this phenomenon by stating that sometimes it is difficult to understand a blueprint in 2D and if the objective is to make a good presentation, in order to have more ice rinks, the most effective and enlightening way is to do it using 3D animation. This virtual reality animation will easily stimulate possible interest in building new ice rinks, which is why the Working Group have decided to go ahead with the work on Blue Prints and to create them for arenas, both electronically and on paper in 3D.

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 translated into Spanish and is currently being translated into Russian. It is foreseen to make it available in French and German as well.

IIHF Ice Rink Index

One of the Facilities Working Group mandates for the period 2016 – 2020 is to setup a world-wide ice rink index and to catalogue (sizes, infrastructure, energy consumption, etc.) the world-wide numbers of arenas / ice rinks. Facilities Working Group member Zoltan Kovacs is the project leader of this work and the goal is to complete the IIHF Ice Rink Index by the end of the mandate period.

In closing I would like to thank my Working Group members and my secretary for the considerable amount of time they dedicated to their work for the IIHF Facilities Working Group, during past years. It is always a pleasure for me to work with our group and we will continue to develop new strategy's in order to help our MNA's towards the future of our game of ice hockey.

Frank Gonzalez
Chairman

Governance Reform Working Group Report

The main focus of the IIHF Governance Reform Working Group was to review the current governance structures of the IIHF both internally and externally. The internal review was conducted by the various Group Members beginning at the first meeting in Zürich, Switzerland in December 2016. The Swiss law firm Eversheds Ltd additionally reviewed the IIHF governance structures with regard to compliance with Swiss laws, the Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance and the IOC Good Governance Principles. The overlapping results of both reviews have been presented to 2017 IIHF Annual Congress.

Until the end of June 2017 both the IIHF Council and all Member Associations have been given the chance to express views, concerns or proposals on the presented results to include the complete IIHF Family to the governance process.

The Working Group will host a governance workshop at the 2018 IIHF Semi Annual Congress in Marbella with all Member Associations present. Thereafter, proposals concerning governance topics will be put forward for the approval of the IIHF Council and IIHF Annual Congress in May 2018.

Ron DeGregorio
Chairman

Historical Committee Report

During the IIHF Central Committee meeting, the IIHF Hall of Fame made its selections for the 2017 induction class.

Former players Saku Koivu, Uwe Krupp, Angela Ruggiero, Joe Sakic, Teemu Selanne, and builder Dieter Kalt became the 20th class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Great Britain forward Tony Hand became the third recipient of the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award, given to outstanding careers by

players from non-top hockey nations. French ice hockey official and former player/coach Patrick Francheterre was recognized with the Paul Loicq Award.

The 2017 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place at the German Sport and Olympic Museum on 21 May, the final day of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The Historical Committee is also working on the completion of the IIHF Historical Database, which will be merged with the current IIHF Hydra statistical system to create a master statistical database with information on all international ice hockey players.

René Fasel
Chairman

Legal Committee Report

The Legal Committee is currently amending the 2018 – 2022 Statutes and Bylaws focusing on a detailed good governance review and a detailed revision for clarity.

Further, the Legal Committee has assisted the IIHF Office on establishing an online transfer system whereby Member National Federations will no longer use International Transfer Cards or Letter of Approval but will rather process all transfers online. In addition to transfers, the online system will also process all eligibility applications.

Lastly, the Legal Committee is currently reviewing and analyzing potential policies and pro-grams of which it can create to help all Member National Associations deal with the abuse in sport.

Ron DeGrerorio
Chairman

Medical Committee Report

During the 2016-17 season, the IIHF focused on Player Safety and assigned 39 Medical Supervisors to 36 IIHF World Championships and Olympic Qualifiers. All IIHF World Championships except the two 3-days tournament were covered by a Medical Supervisor. In addition to on-site supervision and guidance during the Championships IIHF Medical Supervisors have been involved with pre-event assistance and monitoring as well as post-event reporting. National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) or third parties specialized for conducting doping control have conducted 282 in-competition tests.

As usual, the Injury Reporting System (IRS) data has been used for further studies for research-based recommendations to the IIHF Membership. Following the election of the new IIHF Council, also new IIHF Committees were formed. The IIHF Medical Committee, in its new composition (actually same composition except one member down), met in December 2016 in the joint Committee Meetings in Zürich, Switzerland. The purpose of the Meeting was to produce a two-year plan, outlining approximately five main areas to be addressed. The Committee agreed to focus and invest in the following matters:

- Safety Program and Analysis and Prevention of Injuries (IRS)
- Concussion – Consensus, SCAT5, CRT Publication, Protocol, Transfer of Knowledge
- Education of Medical Supervisors and CMOs
- Medical Care during Championships – Medical Supervisor Role
- Doping Control - Education of Players and their environment, In/ Out of Competition testing

In October the 5th International Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport had taken place in Berlin, Germany. The IIHF was the lead organizer for the scientific Conference along with

the International Olympic Committee, FIFA, World Rugby and the International Equestrian Federation. More than 400 participants discussed the newest scientific findings in the area of concussion and 202 abstracts were presented. The consensus has been published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine and a new version of the SCAT and Child SCAT (Sport Concussion Assessment Tool) has been composed.

In accordance to the 5th ICCCS the IIHF expanded the role of the Medical Supervisor which now also serve at concussion spotters during the event. The new approach is documented in the IIHF Concussion Protocol.

All signatories to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) had to undergo a Compliance Review and provide information and documentation about their anti-doping programs. The IIHF has successfully submitted all necessary information and documentation and is awaiting WADA's feedback.

The IIHF conducted a number of in- and out-of-competition tests according to WADA's requirement and successfully implemented blood testing in their testing program. The IIHF's Registered Testing Pool (RTP) still serves as the main out-of-competition testing pool. The RTP was increased to 33 players overall. The IIHF will implement testing pools which will require team whereabouts for the next seasons out-of-competition testing program.

IIHF Medical Committee continued the Green Puck anti-doping awareness program. This included the on-site presence at World Men's, Women's, U20 and U18 Championships. Also, the Green Puck was sent to several tournaments organized by our Federations to raise the awareness of anti-doping.

The Medical Committee continued work with the IIHF Athletes' Committee and the Player Safety Committee in creating a Player Safety Program. Many vital and concrete steps were taken forward and a launch of a player safety hub called FORECHECK which will be launched early in the upcoming season.

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

The 2016/2017 season was a transition period during which some projects were planned and budgeting by the 2012-2016 IIHF Officiating Committee and were operated by the 2012-2016 and 2016-2020 IIHF Officiating Committees (IIHF OC) during the transition period between the end of the duties of the old committee and overtaking by the new one.

The IIHF Officiating Committee (IIHF OC) worked on officiating assignments of IIHF licensed game officials and IIHF Referee Supervisors for 29 different IIHF Championships, 10 Olympic Winter Games Qualification Tournaments (Men and Women), Continental Cup Tournament (CC), 8th Asian Winter Games Hockey Tournaments (Men and Women) plus officiating development programs.

The committee focused on preparations of the national association officiating management staff, development of the upcoming prospect generation of the IIHF on ice officials for top IIHF Championships and Competitions, on further development of IIHF Referee Supervisors and Referee Supervisors-in-Trainee (RST) and assistance in operation national association's officiating development programs.

Based on the 2012-2016 IIHF Officiating Committee goals and plans the following officiating programs were organised and operated during the 2016/2017 season:

- Operation of the 2016 NA RIC Summit with the goals to establish closer relations between IIHF Office and NA RIC, Directors of Officiating, to introduce the result of the 4 years IIHF OC strategy and concerns of the national association officiating development program and its reflection on the number and qualities of license IIHF Game Officials, to answer questions MNA regarding officiating, to exchange information regarding needs of MNA regarding improving their NA officiating development programs, to collect information from NA RIC what kind of assist and support they need from IIHF regarding improving their NA officiating development programs, to obtain information from the national pro leagues regarding their collaboration with the NA regarding development on ice officials. One of the main focuses of the discussion was recruitment of the female on ice officials. 47 delegates' representing 40 MNAs took part in this Summit.
- 2016 IIHF Officiating/Training Seminar for top prospect IIHF on ice officials as a part of the preparation for top IIHF Championships and Competitions with participation of NHL Officiating staff, IIHF Officiating Committee (IIHF OC) members and 17 prospect IIHF Referees and 17 prospect IIHF linesmen
- 14th year of practical implementation of IIHF/National Association Referee Exchange Program (IIHF/NA REP) with the assignments by the IIHF Office 14 IIHF Referees for 56 games in a 4 Man Officiating System in seven top national leagues and its integration with CHL Operations regarding officiating 56 CHL games in the frame of the IIHF/NA REP as apart of fine tuning officiating skills IIHF Referees.
- Assistance in running regional officiating programs in Asia
- Assistance MNA in the development top female IIHF on ice officials in a 4-Official System
- With IIHF IT department continue development of the platform www.iihffofficiating.com for officiating education of IIHF RS and top IIHF on ice officials and on line evaluation of respective IIHF RS assigned to the respective IIHF Championship by assigned respective IIHF game officials to collect information for future IIHF RS development programs
- Co-operation with NHL Officiating staff regarding participation of top IIHF referees and linesmen and National Association Directors Officiating in 2016 NHL Exposure Combine (Officiating) as a part of the development top prospect IIHF on ice officials with the co-operation of the NHL officiating staff
- Operation Referee Supervisor-in-Trainee Program (RST) with the goals to prepare the new generation of IIHF RS
- Operating Annual IIHF Referee Supervisor's (IIHF RS) and Referee Supervisor-in-Trainee (RST) meeting with participation of 24 IIHF RS and 8 RST with the goals to provide feedback on their work at IIHF Championships and Events, to educate them with the new methods of supervision, to receive their feedback on their management by IIHF Office, upgrading their supervision's skills and improving evaluation consistency between different IIHF RS and RST

The committee is continually working in the collaboration of other IIHF Committees, National Associations, National Leagues and organisations for the benefit of international ice hockey, improving officiating, quality of the game, safety of the players, for growing the image of ice hockey around the world.

Christer Englund / Sergej Gontcharov / Marta Zawadzka
Chairmen / Co-Chairwoman

Player Safety Committee

The IIHF Player Safety Committee initiative developed from the earlier Player Safety Working Group in order to address more issues surrounding player safety in ice hockey.

At the IIHF Central Committee held in December 2016 the new Player Safety Committee members gathered together, discussed and outlined the committee mandate, which included – among other tasks assigned by Council – addressing immediate needs within player safety and long-term goals for improving the sport and ensuring the health of its players.

As part of its mandate, the primary task assigned to the committee for the 2016/17 season was the review of the IIHF Official Playing Rules.

Recognizing within the list of mandates the need to cooperate with the National Hockey League on issues related to player safety, the committee held a meeting with members of the NHL's Department of Player Safety. In addition to discussing common issues concerning player safety in ice hockey, the two groups reviewed and debated the IIHF rule change proposals that were submitted by the various IIHF member national association and committees.

These proposals have since been organized into Major and Minor/Housekeeping Rule Proposals. Some of these proposals were forwarded to other IIHF committees in order to solicit as many expert opinions as possible.

A final review of the proposals was completed in August in cooperation with the IIHF Competition and Coordination Committee. Following this review all rule change proposals were sent out to the membership for review, and a Major Rule Change Proposal Workshop is planned to take place during the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. Following the conclusion of the workshop, all rule proposals will also be voted on during the SAC.

In addition to reviewing the IIHF rule proposals, the player safety committee mandate has also guided the development of a set of strategic goals designed to target young players, parents and coaches.

During the Central Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed the progress of the online player safety information and resource hub, called IIHF Forecheck. The Forecheck Hub was presented also to the Athletes and Medical Committees, both of whom are acting partners in the project. This hub is meant to support the committees mandate to develop an educational concept and program for better understanding of players, coaches and officials on safety issues.

The IIHF Forecheck Player Performance and Safety Centre will be presented during the 2017 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. It is the committee's goal to integrate as much player safety material as possible, especially resources produced by the MNAs around the world, so that players coming from all different levels would be able to access both local and international-sourced content according to their needs.

Moving forward, the Forecheck center will be shared with all the MNAs and a promotion plan developed to raise awareness of the IIHF's latest initiative to promote player safety.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Social and Environment Committee Report

In the beginning of the year 2017, the IIHF Social and Environmental Committee had the chance to support the Local Organizing Committee of the 2017 IIHF WM and the German Ice Hockey Association (DEB) with a sustainability project during the World Championship in Germany and France. In collaboration with the University of Nürtingen-Geislingen (HfWU) the IIHF wanted to explore the sustainable implementation of the 2017 IIHF WM and to come up with recommendations and ideas for future actions. With the final document the IIHF was able to create a survey for fans attending the 2017 WM in Cologne and Paris. The goal of these questionnaires was to find out the general interest of international ice hockey fans in regards of a sustainable World Championship and to check the acceptance of various realized projects on site.

The IIHF had the chance to interview more than 190 Fans on site in both venues and the evaluation of the results will have a great impact on future sustainability projects. The Social and Environment Committee will revise and improve the questionnaires for the upcoming 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Denmark and will try to adapt the survey to be able to use it at various U20, U18 and Women's World Championships in the future.

The 2017 WM surveys will also serve as a basic document for a bachelor thesis with the objective to explore an action plan for future Local Organizing Committees of the World Championships to include various tools into their preparation to make the event more sustainable in regards of society, economy and environment. On top of that, the IIHF will work on an implementation plan on how to include a minimum standard of sustainability into the organization of lower division tournaments organized by small federations with a limited budget.

Furthermore, the IIHF could enter a cooperation with the LAN-XESS arena Cologne during the 2017 IIHF WM and handed out more than 200 water flow reducer bits for all sinks of the public washrooms of the arena. In addition, the Social and Environment Committee created a leaflet to inform the fans about the project and to explain the function of the water flow reducer. This raised awareness for the project and educated the fans for a responsible handling of drinking water.

In the beginning of the year 2016, the IIHF was 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. A Sustainable Sourcing Working Group was founded and representatives of the Social and Environmental Committee will be involved in future discussions and meetings to develop guidelines.

Further, the IIHF has continued its cooperation with IPC and will discuss various projects and collaborations for the future. A working group was formed to guarantee a good communication process and exchange of ideas.

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

TV/New Media/Marketing Committee Report

Under the guidance of Committee Chairman and IIHF Vice-President Kalervo Kummola, the newly formed committee started its work by evaluating and prioritizing the areas on which its members with the help of additional experts will focus on during this first term:

- Collecting & using big data including Player and Puck Tracking and share with MNAs (IIHF ownership)
- Better promote IIHF Website building a new mobile version and integrate more social media content
- More coordinated plan of use of statistics (standardized content e.g. time on ice)
- Yearly coordinated Marketing & Communication plan (e.g. Goals/saves of the week, month, year competition)
- Making our sport more global (News Highlights for news agencies, press releases), promotion & raise awareness
«Highlights whenever, wherever I want»

Collection of fan data is driven using an online user engagement platform. Through the use of social media and custom created campaigns, the IIHF collects various information about their fans. Name, age, gender, location, email address, interests, team preferences, social networks, and more. The possibility of integrating ticket sales exists to further expand this database and give more insight on the correlation of marketing efforts & ticket sales. All of this fan information is stored in a cloud-based FanCRM. Using Facebook remarketing techniques, ads can reach a larger demographic and thus give more exposure to events and the game.

The new media strategy and activities have been discussed in relation of the usability within our MNAs. What elements could MNA benefit from to help them promote ice hockey in their own market? How can we share best practices in marketing matters with our MNAs and make sure that the developing ice hockey markets can profit from the knowhow of the established ones?

The challenges and pressure for organizers of a world championship are growing, so the Committee offered the LOC of the upcoming 2018 IIHF WM in Denmark the opportunity to present the status of the preparation with its challenges, which then have been discussed in the group. The committee will also consider ways to support the LOC's better in the future and make sure that a smooth planning and organization is possible with the right framework for such an event.

During the first meeting in December 2016, the Committee also has been consulted on the referee helmet camera that has then been used for the first time during the past 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. The members and experts have been able to address some important details before the camera has been finalized by the IIHF Technology Department with a third-party provider.

This is one example of how the work of this Committee can largely contribute to make our sport more understandable for our fans around the world

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Women's Committee Report

The 2016-2017 season was a transition period for the IIHF Women's Committee as a new term (2016-2020) started. A new, ambitious committee has been set up with expertise coming from long-term members such as Melody Davidson, Reagan Carey, Martin Kogler and new ideas and ambitions from newly elected Olga Votolovskaya from Russia and Emma Terho from Finland. IIHF council member Marta Zawadzka acts as the co-chairwoman of the committee while IIHF staff member, women's program manager Blanka Elekes Szentágotai is the committee's secretary.

The season was, despite the transition, very busy with events and women's hockey programs and initiatives. The High Performance Camp in Vierumäki, Finland kicked off the year with the participation of 123 female U18 players from 16 of the top hockey countries in July 2016. Besides the player development, programs were also offered for coaches, goalkeeper coaches, video coaches, team managers, equipment managers, strength and conditioning coaches and athletic trainers.

The Camp also facilitated a Yearly Training Plan program where participants could learn about ways to develop their women's hockey programs as well as programs for the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend project and for MNA long-term planning.

The Yearly Training Plan (YTP) program meanwhile had its third season with the continued financial support of the IIHF Women's Committee. Seven countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland) have submitted successful applications with plans and strategies for their women's programs which were consequently implemented with the YTP support.

The sixth edition of the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend (WGIHW) initiative took place on October 8-9, 2016 and proved to be a global success. The aim of the program is to offer girls an opportunity to try out ice hockey. 42 countries participated in 2016 with a total of 470 events worldwide. This is a 33.5% increase in events compared to 2015 and a 23.5% increase in participating countries. The IIHF continues to offer resources for WGIHW on the online platform Hockey Centre which include videos, manuals, logos and posters, designs and templates.

The Global Girls' Game (GGG) initiative which was launched by the IIHF Women's Committee in 2016, had another successful edition on February 18-19, 2017. The weekend-long game between Teams White and Blue kicked off in New Zealand and finished 48 hours later in Canada. A total of 38 games took place over the weekend which eventually saw Team Blue emerge victorious with the aggregated score of 135-128.

The IIHF Women's Committee is very dedicated to promoting the female game and the recruitment of girls to the sport of hockey and support the WGIHW and GGG as great platforms for those purposes. Both events are also planned to take place in the upcoming years.

The women's hockey video produced for the IIHF Women's Committee in 2016 also continued its run in the promotion of women's hockey. Mainly social media based campaigns took place during the final Olympic qualification tournaments in Japan and Switzerland as well as during the Women's World Championship top division in Plymouth, USA. The video has also been shown, like in the previous year, at the Men's World Championship top division in France and Germany. Further campaign actions are also planned involving the video as well as new materials in the run-up to the Winter Olympic Games in 2018.

The IIHF Women's Committee continues to support all initiatives that can help the female game move forward and is also looking at new platforms and opportunities for further development in the 2016-2020 committee term.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer
Chairwoman

Youth and Junior Development Committee Report

The newly established, and named, Youth and Junior Development Committee met twice during the 2016-17 season. The Committee was structured so that the all regions and levels would be heard. On top of the Committee Members, four experts from some of the biggest MNAs were named to support the work.

The Committee, as the others, met for the first time in December in Zurich. The main objective of the Meeting was to determine the strategic priorities for the new term. The goal was achieved and the Committee agreed on the following priorities for the 2016-2020 term (in no particular order):

- Launch of a recruitment program
- Launch of a development program with MNA assessments, long-term and seasonal plans
- Interactive virtual academy
- Vierumaki co-operation
- Support and facilitate regional co-operation between National Associations and Clubs

Following the decisions on the priorities, the work began immediately. During the spring, the MNAs of Balkan Region were met twice and the MNAs of the Eastern Region once. These meetings, with the main objectives of listening to the needs of these MNAs and of establishing co-operation between them, led to very useful and meaningful projects which related to other strategic priorities as well.

The Balkan Region was piloted for the MNA assessments. The majority of the MNAs responded to a questionnaire, providing data relating to their organizations, general operations and programming. In the second Meeting with the Balkan countries, all of the findings were summarized as a whole but also discussed individually with each of the MNAs. This also led to a creation of a Balkan Development plan; a long-term plan based on the priorities established through the analysis of the assessment data.

As a result of the above-mentioned pilot, all of the IIHF MNAs have now been sent a link to an online questionnaire so that the IIHF will be able to make all future decisions based on analyzed data and thus to meet the needs of the Membership in a most efficient and relevant way.

The recruitment program is being built through a joint project with the Coaching Committee. A Workgroup has been formed to create an IIHF Player Development Guide. Such will serve as the basis for everything and will feed the contents to the Recruitment Program, given that it truly focuses to the development of the young players.

I wish to thank all the Committee Members for the valuable information, insight and advices we have received about their Regions as well as the Experts for their help and guidance on our initiatives. The contributions of the group have set a good plan for the next three years.

Petr Briza
Chairman

Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2016/2017 season

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
Germany, Cologne and Paris, France 5.5.2017 - 21.5.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Fonselius, Stefan	FIN Dedioulia, Ivan BLR
Gofman, Roman	RUS Jensen, Rene DEN
Gouin, Oliver	CAN Kaderli, Roman SUI
Hribik, Jan	CZE Kohlmuller, Lukas GER
Iverson, Brett	CAN Lazarev, Gleb RUS
Jerabek, Antonin	CZE Leermakers, Joep NED
Kubus, Jozef	SVK Lhotsky, Miroslav CZE
Lemelin, Mark	AUT Malmqvist, Andreas SWE
Linde, Marcus	SWE Oliver, Brian USA
Odins, Eduards	LAT Otmakhov, Alexander RUS
Ohlund, Linus	SWE Ritter, Judson USA
Piechaczek, Daniel	GER Sefcik, Peter SVK
Reneau, Stephen	USA Sormunen, Hannu FIN
Salonen, Anssi	FIN Suchanek, Libor CZE
Stricker, Daniel	SUI Suominen, Sakari FIN
Wehrli, Tobias	SUI Vanoosten, Nathan CAN

World Championship Division I Group A
Ukraine, Kyiv, 22.4.2017 - 28.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Ansons, Andris	LAT Bowles, Riley USA
Gamper, Daniel	ITA Castelli, Franco SUI
Grumsen, Jacob	DEN Chaput, Maxime CAN
Hansen, Roy Stian	NOR Hynes, Daniel CZE
Harnebring, Andreas	SWE Korepanov, Artem UKR
Pesina, Vladimir	CZE Pardatscher, Ulrich ITA
Tufts, Jeremy	USA Persson, Daniel SWE

World Championship Division I Group B
United Kingdom, Belfast, 23.4.2017 - 29.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Barcelo, Geoffrey	FRA Flockhart, Ally GBR
Kincses, Gergely	HUN Kavanagh, James GBR
Nikolic, Kristijan	AUT Németh, Márton HUN
Zrnica, Milan	SLO Nothegger, David AUT
	Smura, Mariusz POL
	Suslov, Vladimir KAZ
	Sysuev, Alexander RUS

World Championship Division II Group A
Romania, Galati, 3.4.2017 - 9.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Brannare, Aaro	FIN Beelen, Lodewyk NED
Moschen, Andrea	ITA Eberl, Markus GER
Shrubok, Andrei	BLR Efremov, Vladimir KAZ
Sterkens, Ramon	NED Jaksys, Benas LTU
	Losneslokken, Stian NOR
	Mathe, Istvan ROU
	Siko, Levente-Szilad ROU

World Championship Division II Group B
New Zealand, Auckland, 4.4.2017 - 10.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Deweerd, Chris	BEL Chae, Youn JIn KOR
Ferguson, Scott	CAN Cornell, Justin USA
Kosaka, Kenji	JPN Haslemore, Tyler NZL
Zviedritis, Gints	LAT Howard, Edward (TED) NZL
	Lee, Nicholas AUS
	Monnaie, Frederic BEL
	Yamaguchi, Sotaro JPN

World Championship Division III
Bulgaria, Sofia, 10.4.2017 - 16.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Baca, Michal	POL Aygun, Ferhat Dogus TUR
Bajt, Miha	SLO Cristeli, Christian ITA
Fateev, Ivan	RUS Khohlov, Ilya UKR
Kaya, Cemal Ersin	TUR Kliashcheunikau, Aleh BLR
Kim, No - Su	KOR Merten, Jonas GER
	Schauer, Jakob AUT
	Stoyanov, Luchezar BUL
	Tichon, Gil Haim ISR
	Zien, Wiktor POL

World Junior Championship
Canada, Montreal and Toronto, 26.12.2016 - 5.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Bjork, Tobias	SWE Dahmen, Jimmy SWE
Burchell, Darcy	CAN Davis, Jake USA
Hribik, Jan	CZE Fluri, Nicolas SUI
Kubus, Jozef	SVK Golyak, Dmitry BLR
Lemelin, Mark	AUT Haurum, Henrik DEN
Linde, Marcus	SWE Kohlmuller, Lukas GER
Rohatsch, Marian	GER Paley, Yakov RUS
Salonen, Anssi	FIN Suchanek, Libor CZE
Sheva, Brett	USA Suominen, Sakari FIN
Sidorenko, Maxim	BLR Vanoosten, Nathan CAN
Sir, Robin	CZE
Stricker, Daniel	SUI

U20 World Championship Division I Group A
Germany, Bremerhaven, 11.12.2016 - 17.12.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Gouin, Oliver	CAN Basso, Nicola ITA
Kepa, Przemyslaw	POL Lajoie, Thorsten GER
Prazak, Daniel	CZE Moszczynski, Wojciech POL
Toppel, Rasmus	DEN Muller, Jan-Christian GER
	Nordlander, Tobias SWE
	Oosterling, Stef NED
	Progin, Marc-Henri SUI

U20 World Championship Division I Group B
Hungary, Budapest, 11.12.2016 - 17.12.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Garbay, Laurent	FRA Dahl, Havar NOR
Orolin, Tomas	SVK Furet, Yann FRA
Oskirkko, Iurii	RUS Locans, Maris LAT
Solem, Per Gustav	NOR Muzsik, Norbert HUN
	Nedeljkovic, Ivan SRB
	Seewald, Elias AUT
	Vaczi, David HUN

U20 World Championship Division II Group A
Estonia, Tallinn, 11.12.2016 - 17.12.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Bulovec, Miha	SLO Gunnarsson, Sindri ISL
Lazzeri, Alex	ITA Heinonen, Timo FIN
Smith, Dean	GBR Semjonov, Anton EST
Tzirtzigianis, Tim	BEL Spur, Josef CZE
	Stanzel, Matus SVK
	Tilku, Toivo EST
	Van Grinsven, Chris BEL

U20 World Championship Division II Group B
Spain, Logrono, 7.1.2017 - 13.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Govorun, Oleksandr	UKR Biec Cebrían, Sergio ESP
Kottstorfer, Georg-Rainer	GER Grozaj, Tomislav CRO
Kudrjasovs, Andrejs	LAT Kanazawa, Kensuke JPN
Muller, Joris	SUI Lukosevicius, Vytautas IRL
	Nielsen, Kenneth DEN
	Redai, Botond ROU
	Trobajo Navarro, Carlos ESP

U20 World Championship Division III
New Zealand, Dunedin, 16.1.2017 - 22.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Haxell, Peter	NZL Beresford, Daniel GBR
Ikegami, Shingo	JPN Chiba, Jinya JPN
Morozov, Sergey	RUS Clough, Aaron NZL
Tamaris, Peter	USA Finch, Oliver NZL
Weber, Michael	SUI Nikulainen, Lauri FIN
	Ohlson, Fraser AUS
	Park, Jae Hyung KOR
	Peuriere, Frederic FRA
	Sawayama, Naoki JPN

U18 World Championship

Slovakia, Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, 13.4.2017 - 23.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Dipietro, Alex SUI	Caillot, Thomas FRA
Garon, Alexandre CAN	Hagerstrom, Markus FIN
Hallin, Robert NOR	Hancock II, William USA
Heikkinen, Lassi FIN	Harrington, Michael CAN
Heikkinen, Lassi FIN	Kacej, Lukas SVK
Hejduk, Oldrich CZE	Kupcus, Kriss LAT
Holm, Mikael SWE	Ondracek, Jiri CZE
Iwert, Marc GER	Park, Jun Soo KOR
Kulev, Artur RUS	Vyleta, Roman SVK
Nikolic, Manuel AUT	Yletyinen, Emil SWE
Piragic, Trpimir CRO	
Sewell, Liam GBR	
Thomson, Stephen USA	

U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Slovenia, Bled, 7.4.2017 - 13.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Benvegna, Andrea ITA	Bergant, Anze SLO
Holm, Christoffer SWE	Hribar, Matjaz SLO
Meszynski, Pawel POL	Jucers, Raivis LAT
Trilar, Viki SLO	Lundgren, Ludvig SWE
	Morgan, Shaun USA
	Niittyla, Tommi FIN
	Zinchenko, Viktor BLR

U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Slovenia, Bled, 15.4.2017 - 21.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Bliek, Damien FRA	Braten, Knut Einar NOR
Halm, Stian NOR	Kroyer, Andreas Weise DEN
Haszonits, Miklos HUN	Milkic, Gregor SLO
Sobolev, Sergey KAZ	Rakovic, Damir SLO
	Sakovic, Marko CRO
	Shishlo, Dmitry RUS
	Soltész, Aron HUN

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Republic of Korea, Gangneung, 2.4.2017 - 8.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Bojle, Daniel DEN	Goncalves, Clement FRA
Fazekas, Djordje SRB	Kosidlo, Pawel POL
Kova, Joonas FIN	Liu, Tiange CHN
Takizawa, Shinichi JPN	Obwegeser, David SUI
	Paliakou, Mikita BLR
	Schwenk, Tobias GER
	Verworner, Maximilian AUT

U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Serbia, Novi Sad, 13.3.2017 - 19.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Gergely, Lehel ROU	Aygun, Murat TUR
Novak, Milan SVK	Fazekas, Tibor SRB
Simankov, Andrej LTU	Jobbagy, Martin SVK
Stoic, Miroslav AUT	Labzov, Artsiom BLR
	Nordberg Pettersen, Thomas NOR
	Perduv, David SRB
	Peretyatko, Anton UKR

U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Chinese Taipei, Taipei City, 21.3.2017 - 27.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen
den Ridder, Jeronimus NED	Burger, Jonathan RSA
Griskevics, Jevgenijs LAT	Ichikawa, Shunsuke JPN
Hogarth, Stefan GBR	McCrank, Dustin CAN
Kaczmarek, Bartosz POL	Mischianti, Simone ITA
	Stepankevicius, Laurynas LTU
	Van den Acker, Maarten BEL
	Verbruggen, Nick NED

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Mexico, Mexico City, 17.3.2017 - 19.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Fernandez, Sean USA	Madsen, Ryan USA
Lawrence, Fraser CAN	Mahoney, Kelsey CAN
	Ramirez, Sem MEX

Women's World Championship

USA, Plymouth, 31.3.2017 - 7.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Allen, Dina USA	Angerer, Bettina AUT
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle CAN	Johansson, Veronica SWE
Celarova, Nikoleta SVK	Kudelova, Michaela SVK
Eskola, Anna Maria SUI	Leclerc, Jessica USA
Fialova, Drahomira SUI	Linnek, Lisa GER
Gran, Gabriella SWE	Novotna, Ilona CZE
Hertrich, Nicole GER	Pagon, Natasa SLO
Hove, Aina NOR	Tauriainen, Johanna FIN
Nakayama, Miyuki JPN	Todd, Justine CAN
Szkola, Melissa USA	

Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Austria, Graz, 15.4.2017 - 21.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Haack, Tijana GER	Gruber, Mirjam ITA
Hengst, Debby NED	Kainberger, Julia AUT
Kontturi, Maija FIN	Kuonen, Anne-Ruth SUI
Morrison, Kristine USA	Price, Jodi USA
	Stefkova, Michaela CZE
	Stratton, Vanessa CAN
	Strohmeier, Svenja GER

Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Poland, Katowice, 8.4.2017 - 14.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Fuchsel, Maria Raabye DEN	Dinant, Marine BEL
Gardner, Ainslie AUS	Kiefer, Daniela GER
Mallette, Meghan CAN	Mokhova, Diana RUS
Winklmayr, Ulrike AUT	Phillipsen, Trine Viskum DEN
	Pobozniak, Joanna POL
	Puhakka, Jenna FIN
	Torribio / Rousselin, Sueva FRA

Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Republic of Korea, Gangneung, 2.4.2017 - 8.4.2017

Referees	Linesmen
C. Morin, Vanessa CAN	Cadonau, Tanja SUI
Kuroda, Anna JPN	Hoshi, Aiko JPN
Rapin, Chelsea USA	Jaatinen, Jenni FIN
Rygh, Rita Helene NOR	Lee, Kyung Sun KOR
	Lee, Tae Ri KOR
	Owren, Bente NOR
	Stewart, Brienne USA

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Iceland, Akureyri, 27.2.2017 - 5.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen
Gémyi, Katalin HUN	Dopitova, Veronika CZE
Ivanova, Elena RUS	Forsberg, Linn SWE
Koivuluoma, Henna-Maria FIN	Hetherington, Leigh GBR
Mala, Gabriela CZE	Mollen, Senovva NED
	Shestakova, Oksana KAZ
	Tschirmer, Julia GER
	Weegh, Harriet AUT

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Qualification Chinese Taipei, Taipei City, 12.12.2016 - 17.12.2016

Referees	Linesmen
Ma, Sang Hee KOR	Akama, Sayaka JPN
Wada, Etsuko JPN	Davidson, Ashleigh NZL
White, Laura USA	Mantha, Elizabeth CAN
	Streitu, Theodore CZE
	Tochigi, Yuka JPN

U18 Women's World Championship
 Czech Republic, Prerov and Zlín, 7.1.2017 - 14.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Aberg, Henna	FIN	Andersson, Liv	SWE
Hiller, Samantha	USA	Anex, Magali	SUI
Ruzickova, Radka	CZE	Arola, Jamie	USA
Senuk, Lacey	CAN	Cerhitova, Magdalena	SVK
Timglas, Katarina	SWE	Gagnon, Stephanie	CAN
Zueva, Yana	RUS	Girard, Charlotte	FRA
		Heikkinen, Jenni	FIN
		Lundgren, Jessica	SWE
		Svobodova, Zuzana	CZE

U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group A
 Hungary, Budapest, 8.1.2017 - 14.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Liu, Chunhua	CHN	Al Ali, Fatima	UAE
Matejova, Michaela	SUI	Dzene, Baiba	LAT
Nurmi, Anniina	FIN	Gebora, Zita	HUN
Stapleton, Michelle	CAN	Lack, Amy	GBR
		Larsen, Loise Lybak	DEN
		Sándor, Zsuzsanna	HUN
		Tscherrig, Leticia	SUI

U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group B
 Poland, Katowice, 8.1.2017 - 14.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Abrosimova, Darja	RUS	Brambilla, Jessica	ITA
Camane, Sintija	LAT	Hammar, Anna	SWE
Harbitz-Rasmussen, Elise	NOR	Karklina, Agnese	LAT
Willert, Taylor	USA	Kasasova, Tatiana	SVK
		Piccoli, Maruska	SUI
		Sauer, Jacqueline	GER
		Yalcindag, Sinem	TUR

U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group B
 Qualification
 Spain, San Sebastian, 26.1.2017 - 29.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Huizeling, Natascha	NED	Calero Scanlan, Alba Louise	ESP
Mogilnikova, Irina	KAZ	Grascher, Yvonne	AUT
Zygmunt, Katarzyna	POL	Ozdemir, Ilsen Sermin	TUR
		Ronkainen, Milla	FIN
		Smirnova, Ekaterina	RUS

Asian Winter Games Men
 Japan, Sapporo, 22.2.2017 - 26.2.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Iverson, Brett	CAN	Name	NA
Sir, Robin	CZE	Dedioulia, Ivan	BLR
Sjoqvist, Mikael	SWE	Kawai, Shinobu	JPN
Wiegand, Marc	SUI	Nagy, Attila	HUN
		Oliver, Brian	USA
		Onozaki, Yutaka	JPN

Asian Winter Games Men's Division I
 Japan, Sapporo, 18.2.2017 - 25.2.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Chang, Sung Kuk	KOR	Altmann, Dominik	SUI
Hokkanen, Kimmo Olavi	JPN	Barcelo, Joris	FRA
Hoppe, Benjamin	GER	Era, Manabu	JPN
Stano, Peter	SVK	Gatol, Maximilian	AUT
		Janusauskas, Karolis	LTU
		Park, Jun Soo	KOR
		Sawayama, Naoki	JPN

Asian Winter Games Men's Division II
 Japan, Sapporo, 18.2.2017 - 26.2.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Kozlowski, Krzysztof	POL	Chae, Youn Jln	KOR
Lee, Joo Hyun	KOR	Ng, Eng Kuan Edmond	MAS
Lim, Yong Chun	MAS	Noworyta, Rafal	POL
Magnusson, Richard	SWE	Shiyya, Kenichi	JPN
Yamauchi, Hideki	JPN	Terakado, Goro	JPN
		Thomann, Jussi	FIN

Asian Winter Games Women
 Japan, Sapporo, 18.2.2017 - 25.2.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Cuglietta, Deana	GBR	Anselm, Vanessa	GER
Haack, Tijana	GER	Fjeldstad, Anette	NOR
Ketonen, Kaisa	FIN	Kainberger, Julia	AUT
Kuroda, Anna	JPN	Lee, Kyung Sun	KOR
		Lee, Tae Ri	KOR
		Mizuhori, Mai	JPN
		Naef, Cindy	SUI

Continental Cup Pool A
 Bulgaria, Sofia, 30.9.2016 - 2.10.2016

Referees	Linesmen		
Hebeisen, Micha	SUI	Belic, Vanja	CRO
Iarets, Miroslov	BLR	Psychinov, Kiril	BUL
Simankov, Andrej	LTU	Stoyanov, Luchezar	BUL
		Tanev, Tzvetko	BUL

Continental Cup Pool B
 Spain, Jaca, 21.10.2016 - 23.10.2016

Referees	Linesmen		
Krcelic, Vedran	CRO	Arbina Astulez, Urko	ESP
Iarets, Daniel	HUN	Biec Cebrian, Sergio	ESP
Snasel, Vladimir	SVK	Garcia Banos, Alejandro	ESP
Sternat, Christoph	AUT	Trobajo Navarro, Carlos	ESP

Continental Cup Pool C
 Poland, Tychy, 21.10.2016 - 23.10.2016

Referees	Linesmen		
Kislov, Anton	RUS	Bucki, Mateusz	POL
Persson, Christian	NOR	Hylinski, Artur	POL
Staudenmann, Julien	SUI	Noworyta, Rafal	POL
Vikman, Kristian	FIN	Polak, Marcin	POL

Continental Cup Pool D
 Denmark, Odense, 18.11.2016 - 20.11.2016

Referees	Linesmen		
Berg, Robin	NOR	Blach, Oliver	DEN
Marczuk, Włodzimierz	POL	Dahlerup, Lasse	DEN
Naumov, Denis	RUS	Hansen, Claus	DEN
Sheva, Brett	USA	Molgaard, Simon	DEN

Continental Cup Pool E
 Italy, Ritten, 18.11.2016 - 20.11.2016

Referees	Linesmen		
Bergamelli, Jimmy	FRA	Cristeli, Matthias	ITA
Hoppe, Benjamin	GER	Giacomozzi, Piero	ITA
Mollard, Ken	SUI	Rigoni, Daniel	ITA
Stefik, Miroslov	SVK	Stefenelli, Federico	ITA

Continental Cup Final
 Italy, Ritten, 13.1.2017 - 15.1.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Baluska, Vladimir	SVK	Aasum, Remi	NOR
Buturlin, Mikhail	RUS	Furet, Yann	FRA
Gouin, Oliver	CAN	Leermakers, Joep	NED
Pajula, Jari-Pekka	FIN	Pardatscher, Ulrich	ITA
Smetana, Ladislav	AUT	Schwenk, Tobias	GER
		Soós, Daniel	HUN

Challenge Cup of Asia
 Thailand, Bangkok, 17.3.2017 - 23.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Chubenko, Konstantin	KAZ	Borni Byouk, Ibrahim	UAE
Juhasz, Gabor	HUN	Chang, Kai - Hsiang	TPE
Lau, Gabriel Jia Xing	SIN	Huang, Qiwei Benjamin	SIN
Leung, Hoi Kei	HKG	Ng, Eng Kuan Edmond	MAS
		Rezek, Gregor	SLO
		Stupak, Mihail	KAZ
		Yusoff, Mohamad Faris	MAS
		Hakimin	

Women's Challenge Cup of Asia
 Thailand, Bangkok, 7.3.2017 - 15.3.2017

Referees	Linesmen		
Hanley, Kendall	USA	Baglar, Elif Munire	TUR
Maleckiene, Ramune	LTU	Butt, Caroline	GER
Mogilnikova, Irina	KAZ	Danilova, Polina	RUS
Ruohonen, Iida	FIN	Davidson, Ashleigh	NZL
		Goutama, Catherine	IDN
		Stastna, Gabriela	CZE
		Yuen, Wing Hin	HKG

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2,
Women Group J
Mexico, Mexico City, 7.10.2016 - 9.10.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Rapin, Chelsea	USA	Jalbert, Marie - Pierre	CAN
Vichorek, Jestina	USA	Lieffers, Cianna	CAN
		Wilson, Amanda	USA

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2,
Women Group H
Spain, San Sebastian, 4.11.2016 - 6.11.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Kontturi, Maija	FIN	Egli, Anina	SUI
Picavet, Marie	FRA	Johansson, Julia	SWE
Weiss, Ramona	GER	Klaffki, Alexandra	GER
		Pobozniak, Joanna	POL
		Svobodova, Lucie	CZE

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2,
Women Group G
Kazakhstan, Astana, 3.11.2016 - 6.11.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Aberg, Henna	FIN	Besedicova, Ivana	SVK
Hengst, Debby	NED	Mokhova, Diana	RUS
Zueva, Yana	RUS	Pagon, Natasa	SLO
		Sainio, Linnea	FIN
		Strohmeier, Svenja	GER

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2,
Women Group F
Norway, Stavanger, 16.12.2016 - 18.12.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Cuglietta, Deana	GBR	Andersson, Liv	SWE
Gran, Gabriella	SWE	Lundgren, Jessica	SWE
Guay, Katie	USA	Owren, Bente	NOR
Ketonen, Kaisa	FIN	Spresser, Jacqueline	USA
		Tauriainen, Johanna	FIN

Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2,
Women Group E
France, Cergy Pontoise, 15.12.2016 - 18.12.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Celarova, Nikoleta	SVK	Angerer, Bettina	AUT
Hove, Aina	NOR	Cerhitova, Magdalena	SVK
Szkola, Melissa	USA	Girard, Charlotte	FRA
Timglas, Katarina	SWE	Kudelova, Michaela	SVK
		Svobodova, Zuzana	CZE

Olympic Qualification Final Round
Women Group C
Switzerland, Arosa, 9.2.2017 - 12.2.2017

Referees		Linesmen	
Allen, Dina	USA	Anex, Magali	SUI
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle	CAN	Johansson, Veronica	SWE
Hertrich, Nicole	GER	Linnek, Lisa	GER
Nakayama, Miyuki	JPN	Pagon, Natasa	SLO
		Todd, Justine	CAN

Olympic Qualification Final Round,
Woman Group D
Japan, Tomakomai, 9.2.2017 - 12.2.2017

Referees		Linesmen	
Bordeleau, Melanie	CAN	Frattarelli, Michaela	USA
Eskola, Anna Maria	SUI	Gagnon, Stephanie	CAN
Fialova, Drahomira	SUI	Heikkinen, Jenni	FIN
Huntley-Park, Jamie	USA	Leclerc, Jessica	USA
		Novotna, Ilona	CZE

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

Olympic Games Qualification Final Round,
Men Group D
Belarus, Minsk, 1.9.2016 - 4.9.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Fonselius, Stefan	FIN	Golyak, Dmitry	BLR
Konc, Daniel	SVK	Ivanov, Yury	RUS
Piechaczek, Daniel	GER	Kohlmuller, Lukas	GER
Vinnerborg, Marcus	SUI	Korba, Martin	SVK
		Semjonov, Anton	EST

Olympic Games Qualification Final Round,
Men Group E
Latvia, Riga, 1.9.2016 - 4.9.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Frano, Martin	CZE	Bogdanovs, Maksims	LAT
Gebei, Péter	HUN	Dalton, Andrew	GBR
Nord, Mikael	SWE	Jensen, Rene	DEN
Rantala, Alekski	FIN	Tosenovjan, Rudolf	CZE
		Zgonc, Gasper Jaka	SLO

Olympic Games Qualification Final Round,
Men Group F
Norway, Oslo, 1.9.2016 - 4.9.2016

Referees		Linesmen	
Kubus, Jozef	SVK	Kovacs, Balazs	SUI
Reneau, Stephen	USA	Leermakers, Joep	NED
Schukies, Gordon	GER	Puolakka, Masi	FIN
Sidorenko, Maxim	BLR	Raming, Stanislav	RUS
		Waldejer, Alexander	NOR

2017 IIHF World Ranking

Men

Rank	Country	Points	2016	Move
1	Canada	3225	1	0
2	Russia	3105	2	0
3	Sweden	3080	5	2
4	Finland	3060	3	-1
5	USA	2980	4	-1
6	Czech Republic	2900	6	0
7	Switzerland	2705	7	0
8	Germany	2660	10	2
9	Norway	2535	11	2
10	Belarus	2535	9	-1
11	Slovakia	2530	8	-3
12	Latvia	2520	12	0
13	France	2505	14	1
14	Denmark	2495	13	-1
15	Slovenia	2305	15	0
16	Austria	2205	17	1
17	Kazakhstan	2200	16	-1
18	Italy	2180	18	0
19	Hungary	2095	19	0
20	Poland	2030	20	0
21	Korea	2000	23	2
22	Ukraine	1925	22	0
23	Japan	1905	21	-2
24	Great Britain	1850	24	0
25	Lithuania	1755	25	0
26	Croatia	1675	26	0
27	Estonia	1650	28	1
28	Netherlands	1625	27	-1
29	Romania	1565	29	0
30	Serbia	1410	31	1
31	Spain	1375	30	-1
32	Belgium	1280	32	0
33	Australia	1225	36	3
34	Iceland	1215	35	1
35	Israel	1115	34	-1
36	Mexico	1110	33	-3
37	China	1100	37	0
38	New Zealand	1015	38	0
39	DPR Korea	885	40	1
40	Bulgaria	825	39	-1
41	Turkey	815	42	1
42	Luxembourg	740	43	1
43	South Africa	725	41	-2
44	Hong Kong	635	44	0
45	Georgia	455	47	2
46	United Arab Emirates	370	46	0
47	Bosnia & Herzegovina	295	45	-2
48	Chinese Taipei	220	-	NEW

Women

Rank	Country	Points	2016	Move
1	USA	3280	1	0
2	Canada	3210	2	0
3	Finland	3035	3	0
4	Russia	2970	4	0
5	Sweden	2915	5	0
6	Switzerland	2865	6	0
7	Germany	2830	8	1
8	Czech Republic	2740	9	1
9	Japan	2720	7	-2
10	Austria	2530	11	1
11	Denmark	2490	10	-1
12	Norway	2485	13	1
13	France	2455	12	-1
14	Slovakia	2340	14	0
15	Hungary	2280	17	2
16	Latvia	2240	15	-1
17	Kazakhstan	2180	18	1
18	China	2180	16	-2
19	Italy	2105	20	1
20	Netherlands	2050	19	-1
21	Poland	1950	22	1
22	Korea	1915	23	1
23	Great Britain	1910	21	-2
24	Slovenia	1735	24	0
25	DPR Korea	1715	26	1
26	Spain	1600	27	1
27	Australia	1485	28	1
28	New Zealand	1420	29	1
29	Mexico	1415	32	3
30	Iceland	1365	30	0
31	Turkey	1260	31	0
32	South Africa	1105	33	1
33	Croatia	1090	25	-8
34	Hong Kong	1080	35	1
35	Bulgaria	1055	34	-1
36	Romania	860	37	1
37	Belgium	840	36	-1
38	Chinese Taipei	480	-	NEW

North Americans top World Ranking

Despite losing the final to Sweden, Canada remains first in the 2017 IIHF Men's World Ranking thanks to the country's strong performance the past three seasons. New world champion Sweden moved up from fifth to third place at the expense of Finland and the United States, who both dropped down one place.

The United States remain on top of the ranking after winning the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, followed by Canada. After a great showing in Plymouth, Germany moved up one position and is now seventh. Austria made the top-10 for the first time in women's hockey history.



Denmark's 2017 World Junior team gets ready to hit the ice at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Canada.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Robbed: USA's Tyler Parsons makes a save on Switzerland's Matteo Ritz at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame 2017 Induction



The International Ice Hockey Federation inducted its 20th Hall of Fame class in a ceremony held at the German Sport and Olympic Museum in Cologne.

The event, hosted by international hockey broadcaster Gord Miller, inducted eight members whose contributions to the sport have helped transform the game as they have served as hockey ambassadors for their respective countries. The IIHF Hall of Fame opened in 1997 to celebrate a century of the game being played. Inductees have included some of the biggest names and international contributors to the sport.

Saku Koivu won eight medals on the international stage, including leading Finland to its first ever World Championship gold in 1995. Koivu would play for the Montreal Canadiens and, later, the Anaheim Ducks. He would become the first European captain of the Canadiens. Koivu is also known for his courage off the ice. He battled Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that kept him out for almost an entire season, including the 2002 Olympics.

"It seems like I've come full circle coming back to Germany and being honoured for my career," Koivu said, reflecting that he made his senior men's debut with the Finnish national team at the 1993 World Championship in Germany.

Angela Ruggiero was a world-class defenceman and competitor for Team USA. Her contributions in hockey continue to this day as she continues to break down barriers. She earned four Women's World Championship gold medals and gold at the 1998 Olympics. In 2015, Ruggiero was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Ruggiero could not make the event when her father Bill passed away suddenly but her brother Billy was on hand to accept the honour and pay tribute to his sister.

Dieter Kalt was a star player in the 1960s in the Austrian league and has been the face of Austrian hockey for half a century. He represented Austria at the 1962 World Championships in Colorado Springs and in every major IIHF event from 1962-1972.

After retirement, Kalt was a referee and coach and then President of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation from 1996-2016.

"This is an honor and I accept this for all that we have done for the development of our federation. We organized world championships and Olympic qualification games. We did this because we had big support from the IIHF, president, council, and delegates."

Joe Sakic had an illustrious career with the Quebec Nordiques and then the Colorado Avalanche when the team moved to the United States. He captained the Avalanche for 17 years making him one of the longest serving captains in NHL history. Sakic is also the NHL's all-time leader in playoff overtime goals. Winning World Championship and Olympic gold, along with the Stanley Cup, Sakic is a member of the prestigious triple gold club.

"It was always very humbling playing for your country," Sakic said. "To be able to play in the World Championships, Olympics, World Cup, there is nothing like it. I am very fortunate for my

teammates. I've had the good fortune to play with some of the best to play the game and learn from them."

The Richard "Bibi" Torriani award was presented to Tony Hand, the greatest player in Great Britain's modern hockey history. The Edmonton Oilers selected Hand 252nd overall in the 1986 draft, the first British player ever taken. When Hand attended training camp, Edmonton general manager Glen Sather announced that the Scottish Wayne Gretzky would try out for the team, which some might have led to think that a player who trained and played in Great Britain would be a curiosity.

"Turns out he was more than just a curiosity; he was a terrific player there and everywhere he played," Miller said. "It is fair to say that very few players were better longer than Tony Hand."

Hailing from Edinburgh, Scotland, Hand played professional hockey in the BHL as a 14-year-old and finally in the English Premier Ice Hockey League at the age of 47.



From left: The IIHF Hall of Fame class of 2017 Tony Hand, Joe Sakic, Uwe Krupp, Teemu Selanen

The Paul Loicq award was presented Patrick Francheterre. Francheterre has been involved with French hockey for the better part of half a century. As a pivotal builder of French hockey, Francheterre has overseen the development of the sport and his country's ascension into the top division of the World Championships.

Teemu Selanne said today's honour means so much because as a boy, his hope was to play in the top league in Finland and, maybe if things went well, the national team. The NHL was not a thought at the time. Selanne, known as the Finnish Flash, scored 684 goals in 21 NHL seasons and won the Stanley Cup in 2007 and silver medals at the World Championships in 1999 and Olympics in 2006.

"It has been an honour to put this jersey on," Selanne said pointing to the legendary Finland blue. "You can't describe this feeling of what it means to put this jersey on and play for your own country. I am so very thankful."

Finally, Cologne's own Uwe Krupp gave an emotional presentation about receiving this honour in his hometown. First noticed by Scotty Bowman, Krupp was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres and would go on to an NHL career that spanned 14 seasons with honours that included being the first German to score a Cup-winning goal and the first German player to win the Stanley Cup.

"I am privileged and fortunate to know so many people who were able to take this awkward kid from Cologne, Germany, the first German to come to North America to help him on his way and help him learn to play hockey in the best league in the world."

He spoke fondly of Franz Reindl and how he was an important person in his career and the next step in his career that has included coaching the German junior and senior teams.



...ne, Patrick Francheterre, Dieter Kalt, Saku Koivu and Angela Ruggiero (not pictured) were welcomed to the Hall at a ceremony at the Olympic Sport Museum in Cologne.





Open net: Sweden's Oliver Kylington with a scoring chance against the Czech Republic's Daniel Vlach at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List



	Born	Inducted	Category
AUSTRIA			
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Dieter Kalt	1941	2017	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
Joe Sakic	1969	2017	Player
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 Holecck	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
Saku Koivu	1974	2017	Player
Jari Kurri	1960	2000	Player
Harry Lindblad	1912	1999	Builder
Pekka Marjamaki	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
Teemu Selanne	1970	2017	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 Lacarriere	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
Uwe Krupp	1965	2017	Player
Erich Kuhnackl	1950	1997	Player
Hans Rampf	1931	2001	Player
Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915	1997	Builder
Alois Schloder	1947	2005	Player
Xaver Unsinn	1929	1998	Builder
Joachim Ziesche	1939	1999	Player
GREAT BRITAIN			
Bunny Ahearne	1900	1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder
Tony Hand	1967	2017	Player (T)
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			
Helmut 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 Horský	1927	2004	Builder
Jan Starsi	1933	1999	Builder
Peter Stastny	1956	2000	Player
Ladislav Trojak	1914	2011	Player
SLOVENIA			
Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916	2002	Player
Rudi Hiti	1946	2009	Player

SWEDEN			
Curt Berglund	1923	2003	Builder
Sven Bergkvist	1914	1999	Player
Lars Bjorn	1931	1998	Player
Ove Dahlberg	1931	2004	Referee
Jan-Ake 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-Ake 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 Khorozov	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
Angela Ruggiero	1980	2017	Player
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
Patrick Franchetierre		FRA	2017
RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)			
Lucio Topatigh		ITA	2015
Gabor Ocskay		HUN	2016
Tony Hand		GBR	2017
MILESTONE AWARD			
1972 Canada/USSR SS national teams			2012
1954 USSR WM national team			2013



New IIHF Hall of Famer Teemu Selanne at the 2017 induction ceremony.
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Yellow gold: Sweden hoists the World Championship trophy after a 2-1 shootout win over Team Canada at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

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WM CHAMPION

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Cologne, Germany & Paris, France

Preliminary Round

Group A - LANXESS arena - Cologne

Date	Game	Score
5.5.2017	Sweden - Russia	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
5.5.2017	USA - Germany	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
6.5.2017	Latvia - Denmark	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
6.5.2017	Slovakia - Italy	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
6.5.2017	Germany - Sweden	2 - 7 (1-1, 1-3, 0-3)
7.5.2017	Italy - Russia	1 - 10 (0-2, 1-3, 0-5)
7.5.2017	USA - Denmark	7 - 2 (3-1, 3-1, 1-0)
7.5.2017	Latvia - Slovakia	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
8.5.2017	Germany - Russia	3 - 6 (0-3, 0-2, 3-1)
8.5.2017	USA - Sweden	4 - 3 (2-3, 1-0, 1-0)
9.5.2017	Italy - Latvia	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 0-1)
9.5.2017	Slovakia - Denmark	3 - 4 SO (0-1, 0-2, 3-0)
10.5.2017	USA - Italy	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
10.5.2017	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
11.5.2017	Russia - Denmark	3 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 0-0)
11.5.2017	Sweden - Latvia	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
12.5.2017	Sweden - Italy	8 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 5-0)
12.5.2017	Denmark - Germany	3 - 2 OT (2-2, 0-0, 0-0)
13.5.2017	Latvia - USA	3 - 5 (1-0, 2-3, 0-2)
13.5.2017	Russia - Slovakia	6 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 1-0)
13.5.2017	Italy - Germany	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-2, 0-0)
14.5.2017	Slovakia - USA	1 - 6 (0-1, 1-3, 0-2)
14.5.2017	Denmark - Sweden	2 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 2-1)
15.5.2017	Denmark - Italy	2 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 2-0)
15.5.2017	Russia - Latvia	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
16.5.2017	Sweden - Slovakia	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 1-1)
16.5.2017	Russia - USA	3 - 5 (1-0, 2-3, 0-2)
16.5.2017	Germany - Latvia	4 - 3 SO (0-0, 2-1, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	7	6	0	0	1	31 : 14	18
2	Russia	7	5	1	0	1	35 : 10	17
3	Sweden	7	5	0	1	1	29 : 13	16
4	Germany	7	2	2	1	2	20 : 23	11
5	Latvia	7	3	0	1	3	14 : 18	10
6	Denmark	7	1	2	0	4	13 : 22	7
7	Slovakia	7	0	1	2	4	12 : 28	4
8	Italy	7	0	0	1	6	6 : 32	1

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
18.5.2017	USA - Finland	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
18.5.2017	Russia - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)
18.5.2017	Canada - Germany	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
18.5.2017	Switzerland - Sweden	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
20.5.2016	Canada - Russia	4 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 4-0)
20.5.2016	Sweden - Finland	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
21.5.2016	Russia - Finland	5 - 3 (1-0, 3-1, 1-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
21.5.2016	Canada - Sweden	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)

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GERMANY - FRANCE
Cologne - Paris

Group B - AccorHotels Arena - Paris

Date	Game	Score
5.5.2017	Finland - Belarus	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
5.5.2017	Czech Republic - Canada	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
6.5.2017	Switzerland - Slovenia	5 - 4 SO (4-0, 0-1, 0-3)
6.5.2017	Belarus - Czech Republic	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-1, 0-3)
6.5.2017	Norway - France	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
7.5.2017	Slovenia - Canada	2 - 7 (0-3, 1-3, 1-1)
7.5.2017	Finland - France	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-2, 0-2)
7.5.2017	Norway - Switzerland	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
8.5.2017	Belarus - Canada	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 0-3)
8.5.2017	Finland - Czech Republic	3 - 4 SO (3-0, 0-0, 0-3)
9.5.2017	Slovenia - Norway	1 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 0-1)
9.5.2017	Switzerland - France	3 - 4 SO (0-1, 2-0, 1-2)
10.5.2017	Switzerland - Belarus	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
10.5.2017	Finland - Slovenia	5 - 2 (0-1, 2-0, 3-1)
11.5.2017	Czech Republic - Norway	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
11.5.2017	Canada - France	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
12.5.2017	Czech Republic - Slovenia	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 1-1)
12.5.2017	France - Belarus	4 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-2, 1-1)
13.5.2017	Norway - Finland	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 0-2, 1-0)
13.5.2017	Slovenia - Belarus	2 - 5 (2-1, 0-4, 0-0)
13.5.2017	Canada - Switzerland	2 - 3 OT (2-0, 0-0, 0-2)
14.5.2017	France - Czech Republic	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-2, 1-2)
14.5.2017	Switzerland - Finland	2 - 3 OT (2-1, 0-0, 0-1)
15.5.2017	Canada - Norway	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
15.5.2017	France - Slovenia	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-1)
16.5.2017	Belarus - Norway	4 - 3 (0-0, 2-1, 2-2)
16.5.2017	Czech Republic - Switzerland	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)
16.5.2017	Canada - Finland	5 - 2 (3-1, 1-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	7	6	0	1	0	32 : 10	19
2	Switzerland	7	3	2	2	0	22 : 14	15
3	Czech Republic	7	3	2	0	2	23 : 14	13
4	Finland	7	2	2	1	2	20 : 22	11
5	France	7	2	2	0	3	23 : 19	10
6	Norway	7	2	0	2	3	13 : 19	8
7	Belarus	7	2	0	1	4	15 : 27	7
8	Slovenia	7	0	0	1	6	13 : 36	1

Final Placing

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

Slovenia and Italy are relegated to the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Andrei Vasilevski	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Dennis Seidenberg	GER
Best Forward:	Artemi Panarin	RUS

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Andrei Vasilevski	RUS
Defenceman:	Colton Parayko	CAN
Defenceman:	Dennis Seidenberg	GER
Forward:	William Nylander	SWE
Forward:	Artemi Panarin	RUS
Forward:	Nathan MacKinnon	CAN
MVP:	William Nylander	SWE

A Triumph for Tre Kronor

Nicklas Backstrom and Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored shootout goals and goalie Henrik Lundqvist stopped all four shots he faced, giving Sweden its first World Championship gold medal since 2013.

It also marked the first time in four gold-medal games between the two nations that Sweden beat Canada (having lost in the finals of 1997, 2003, and 2004).

Canada, trying to win a third straight gold, has to settle for silver.

The only other World Championship gold-medal game to go to a shootout was in 1994, when Canada beat Finland.

Sweden's captain, Joel Lundqvist, now joins Sven «Tumba» Johansson, Mats Sundin, and Jonas Bergqvist as the only members of Tre Kronor to win three World Championship gold medals.

Russia defeated Finland 5-3 in the bronze medal game, earning the country its fourth straight World Championship medal. Under head coach Oleg Znarok, Russia also won gold in 2014, silver in 2015, and bronze last year in Moscow.



21-year-old Swedish forward William Nylander was named tournament MVP with seven goals and seven assists in 10 games. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Sweden has joined a select group of countries whose Worlds gold medals count in double-digit, winning its tenth IIHF World Championship title. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A

Kyiv, Ukraine



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UKRAINE
Kyiv
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
22.04.17	Ukraine - Hungary	3 - 5 (1-1, 2-1, 0-3)
22.04.17	Korea - Poland	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 2-1)
22.04.17	Austria - Kazakhstan	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-0, 0-1)
23.04.17	Kazakhstan - Korea	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-0, 0-4)
23.04.17	Poland - Ukraine	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
24.04.17	Hungary - Austria	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 0-2)
25.04.17	Kazakhstan - Poland	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
25.04.17	Hungary - Korea	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 0-2)
25.04.17	Ukraine - Austria	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
26.04.17	Kazakhstan - Ukraine	4 - 2 (2-0, 0-2, 2-0)
27.04.17	Poland - Hungary	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
27.04.17	Austria - Korea	5 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 1-0)
28.04.17	Hungary - Kazakhstan	1 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 0-1)
28.04.17	Poland - Austria	0 - 11 (0-3, 0-4, 0-4)
28.04.17	Korea - Ukraine	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 4	12
2	Korea	5	3	1	0	1	14 : 11	11
3	Kazakhstan	5	3	1	0	1	13 : 10	11
4	Poland	5	2	0	1	2	6 : 17	7
5	Hungary	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 14	3
6	Ukraine	5	0	0	1	4	7 : 14	1

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Bernhard Starkbaum	AUT
Best Defenceman:	Dominique Heinrich	AUT
Best Forward:	Nigel Dawes	KAZ

Final Placing

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

Austria and Korea promoted to the 2018 IIHF World Championship.
Ukraine relegated to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.



Experts: This is Austria's 7th promotion in the past 12 years.
Photo: Andri Basevych



Accomplishing one of the biggest surprises in recent history, Korea will participate in the top division for the first time ever.
Photo: Andri Basevych

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B

Belfast, Great Britain



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ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GREAT BRITAIN
Belfast - N.Ireland
Division I - Group B**

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
23.04.17	Netherlands - Japan	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 0-2)
23.04.17	Croatia - Great Britain	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-0, 1-3)
23.04.17	Estonia - Lithuania	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
24.04.17	Japan - Croatia	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-0, 1-2)
24.04.17	Lithuania - Netherlands	8 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 2-0)
24.04.17	Great Britain - Estonia	5 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 3-0)
26.04.17	Japan - Estonia	6 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 2-1)
26.04.17	Netherlands - Croatia	2 - 6 (0-4, 1-1, 1-1)
26.04.17	Great Britain - Lithuania	5 - 2 (4-1, 0-0, 1-1)
28.04.17	Lithuania - Japan	2 - 6 (0-1, 2-2, 0-3)
28.04.17	Croatia - Estonia	3 - 4 (0-1, 3-2, 0-1)
28.04.17	Great Britain - Netherlands	14 - 0 (3-0, 5-0, 6-0)
29.04.17	Lithuania - Croatia	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
29.04.17	Estonia - Netherlands	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 2-0)
29.04.17	Japan - Great Britain	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-3, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Great Britain	5	5	0	0	0	32 : 5	15
2	Japan	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 11	12
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 12	9
4	Estonia	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 20	6
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	14 : 17	3
6	Netherlands	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 38	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Yutaka Fukufuji	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Ben O'Connor	GBR
Best Forward:	Colin Shields	GBR

Final Placing

1	Great Britain	4	Estonia
2	Japan	5	Croatia
3	Lithuania	6	Netherlands

Great Britain is promoted to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Netherlands is relegated to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.



Third time's the charm for Great Britain who after missing out by just one point in the past two years made the jump to Division I A.
Photo: Alan McNiece

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A

Galati, Romania

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
03.04.17	Australia - Serbia	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 0-1, 2-1)
03.04.17	Spain - Iceland	2 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 0-0)
03.04.17	Belgium - Romania	1 - 9 (1-2, 0-3, 0-4)
04.04.17	Iceland - Australia	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-1, 0-1)
04.04.17	Spain - Belgium	3 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 3-2)
04.04.17	Romania - Serbia	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 2-0)
06.04.17	Belgium - Serbia	2 - 9 (1-2, 0-2, 1-5)
06.04.17	Spain - Australia	3 - 5 (1-2, 0-1, 2-2)
06.04.17	Romania - Iceland	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
07.04.17	Serbia - Spain	4 - 5 OT (0-3, 2-1, 2-0)
07.04.17	Iceland - Belgium	3 - 9 (1-3, 2-4, 0-2)
07.04.17	Australia - Romania	1 - 5 (1-1, 0-2, 0-2)
09.04.17	Belgium - Australia	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
09.04.17	Serbia - Iceland	6 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 1-0)
09.04.17	Romania - Spain	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	4	0	0	1	24 : 5	12
2	Australia	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 13	11
3	Serbia	5	2	0	2	1	23 : 15	8
4	Belgium	5	2	0	0	3	17 : 27	6
5	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 20	6
6	Spain	5	0	1	0	4	13 : 23	2

Romanian forward Ede Mihaly found the back of the net 8 times in 5 games, thus accounting for 33% of his team's goals.

Photo: Rasvan Pasarica



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Division II - Group A

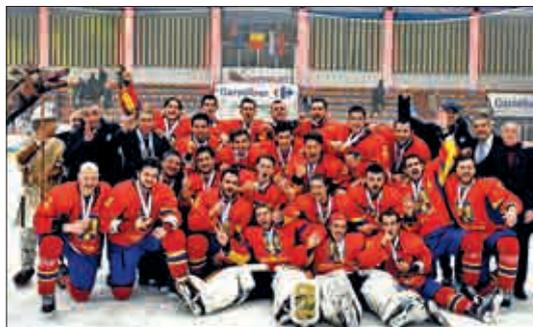
IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Anthony Kimlin	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Dominik Crnogorac	SRB
Best Forward:	Csanad Fodor	ROU

Final Placing

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

Romania is promoted to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division I B.
Spain is relegated to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division II B.



2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B

Auckland, New Zealand

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
04.04.17	Mexico - DPR Korea	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 1-0)
04.04.17	Israel - China	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-0, 0-3)
04.04.17	Turkey - New Zealand	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 1-1)
05.04.17	Mexico - Israel	2 - 6 (0-0, 0-4, 2-2)
05.04.17	DPR Korea - Turkey	11 - 3 (6-0, 4-2, 1-1)
05.04.17	China - New Zealand	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 3-0)
07.04.17	China - DPR Korea	8 - 3 (6-1, 1-1, 1-1)
07.04.17	Mexico - Turkey	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
07.04.17	Israel - New Zealand	2 - 5 (1-3, 0-2, 1-0)
09.04.17	Turkey - China	2 - 7 (1-2, 0-2, 1-3)
09.04.17	DPR Korea - Israel	2 - 9 (0-1, 1-6, 1-2)
09.04.17	New Zealand - Mexico	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 1-0)
10.04.17	Israel - Turkey	5 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
10.04.17	China - Mexico	4 - 3 (2-0, 2-3, 0-0)
10.04.17	New Zealand - DPR Korea	8 - 1 (2-1, 4-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	5	5	0	0	0	29 : 12	15
2	New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 11	12
3	Israel	5	3	0	0	2	24 : 14	9
4	DPR Korea	5	1	0	0	4	18 : 33	3
5	Mexico	5	1	0	0	4	12 : 16	3
6	Turkey	5	1	0	0	4	7 : 27	3

Steady improvement: China is developing its national ice hockey program in preparation for the 2022 Olympics on home soil.

Photo: NZIHF



2017
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
NEW ZEALAND
Division II - Group B

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Richard Parry	NZL
Best Defenceman:	Michael Kozevnikov	ISR
Best Forward:	Hao Zhang	CHN

Final Placing

1	China	4	DPR Korea
2	New Zealand	5	Mexico
3	Israel	6	Turkey

China is promoted to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division II A.
Turkey is relegated to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division III.



2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Sofia, Bulgaria



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ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division III

Round Robin

Group A

Date	Game	Score
10.04.17	Bosnia & Herzegovina - Hong Kong	0 - 5*
10.04.17	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
11.04.17	Bosnia & Herzegovina - Chinese Taipei	0 - 5*
11.04.17	Hong Kong - Bulgaria	3 - 10 (2-4, 1-2, 0-4)
13.04.17	Bulgaria - Bosnia & Herzegovina	5 - 0*
13.04.17	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	2 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Bulgaria	3	3	0	0	0	18 : 3	9
2	Hong Kong	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 12	6
3	Chinese Taipei	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 8	3
4	Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	0	0	0	3	0 : 15	0

Placement Games

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
15.04.17	South Africa - Bosnia & Herzegovina	5 - 0*
15.04.17	Chinese Taipei - United Arab Emirates	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)

7th-Place Game

Date	Game	Score
16.04.17	Bosnia & Herzegovina - United Arab Emirates	0 - 5*

5th-Place Game

Date	Game	Score
16.04.17	South Africa - Chinese Taipei	7 - 3 (3-2, 3-, 1-1)

Final Placing

1	Luxembourg	5	South Africa
2	Bulgaria	6	Chinese Taipei
3	Georgia	7	United Arab Emirates
4	Hong Kong		

Luxembourg is promoted to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division II B. Bosnia & Herzegovina is relegated to the 2018 IIHF World Championship Division III Qualification following a late withdrawal from the tournament. All Bosnia & Herzegovina games are forfeitures; recorded as 5-0 wins for the opposing team.

Group B

Date	Game	Score
10.04.17	Luxembourg - United Arab Emirates	17 - 0 (4-0, 6-0, 7-0)
10.04.17	South Africa - Georgia	5 - 6 (1-1, 1-2, 3-3)
11.04.17	Luxembourg - Georgia	6 - 4 (1-1, 3-1, 2-2)
11.04.17	United Arab Emirates - South Africa	0 - 8 (0-1, 0-4, 0-3)
13.04.17	Georgia - United Arab Emirates	19 - 0 (9-0, 2-0, 8-0)
13.04.17	South Africa - Luxembourg	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Luxembourg	3	3	0	0	0	26 : 5	9
2	Georgia	3	2	0	0	1	29 : 11	6
3	South Africa	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 9	3
4	United Arab Emirates	3	0	0	0	3	0 : 44	0

Playoff Round

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
15.04.17	Luxembourg - Hong Kong	8 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 3-0)
15.04.17	Bulgaria - Georgia	9 - 3 (4-0, 2-1, 3-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
16.04.17	Hong Kong - Georgia	3 - 14 (1-6, 1-3, 1-5)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
16.04.17	Luxembourg - Bulgaria	10 - 4 (3-3, 4-1, 3-0)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Yu-Cheng Liao	TPE
Best Defenceman:	Artem Kurbatov	GEO
Best Forward:	Robert Beran	LUX



Little country comes up big: Luxembourg celebrates its first gold medal ever at an IIHF event.

Photo: Rusi Karaivanov



Premiere for Chinese Taipei: The six-time Challenge Cup of Asia winners enjoyed their first participation and victory at a World Championship.

Photo: Rusi Karaivanov



A winning program: *In a wild finish that will go down in history as one of the greatest junior games ever played, Team USA triumphed against Canada at the World Juniors.*
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IHF Images



2017 IIHF World Junior Championship

Montreal & Toronto, Canada



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**WORLD JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP**
CANADA
Montreal - Toronto

Preliminary Round

Group A - Centre Bell - Montreal

Date	Game	Score
26.12.16	Sweden - Denmark	6 - 1 (2-0, 4-0, 0-1)
26.12.16	Czech Republic - Finland	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
27.12.16	Czech Republic - Switzerland	3 - 4 OT (0-0, 0-2, 3-1)
27.12.16	Denmark - Finland	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-0, 0-2)
28.12.16	Switzerland - Sweden	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-0, 0-2)
29.12.16	Denmark - Czech Republic	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
29.12.16	Finland - Sweden	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-1, 0-2)
30.12.16	Switzerland - Denmark	5 - 4 SO (1-3, 2-1, 1-0)
31.12.16	Sweden - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 1-2)
31.12.16	Finland - Switzerland	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	18	6	12
2	Denmark	4	1	1	1	1	11	15	6
3	Czech Republic	4	1	0	2	1	9	13	5
4	Switzerland	4	0	2	0	2	11	13	4
5	Finland	4	1	0	0	3	6	8	3

Group B - Air Canada Centre - Toronto

Date	Game	Score
26.12.16	USA - Latvia	6 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 3-0)
26.12.16	Canada - Russia	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-2)
27.12.16	Latvia - Russia	1 - 9 (0-3, 1-3, 0-3)
27.12.16	Canada - Slovakia	5 - 0 (0-0, 4-0, 1-0)
28.12.16	Slovakia - USA	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-3, 1-0)
29.12.16	Russia - USA	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 0-0)
29.12.16	Latvia - Canada	2 - 10 (0-3, 1-5, 1-2)
30.12.16	Slovakia - Latvia	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
31.12.16	USA - Canada	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 0-0)
31.12.16	Russia - Slovakia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	USA	4	4	0	0	0	17	6	12
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	21	8	9
3	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	16	9	6
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	6	14	3
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	6	29	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
02.01.17	Finland - Latvia	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
03.01.17	Latvia - Finland	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-0, 0-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	Finland	2	2	0	0	0	6	2	6
2	Latvia	2	0	0	0	2	2	6	0

Latvia is relegated to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division I A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
02.01.17	Denmark - Russia	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 0-2)
02.01.17	Sweden - Slovakia	8 - 3 (3-0, 2-2, 3-1)
02.01.17	USA - Switzerland	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
02.01.17	Canada - Czech Republic	5 - 3 (0-1, 3-1, 2-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
04.01.17	USA - Russia	4 - 3 SO (1-1, 2-1, 0-1)
04.01.17	Sweden - Canada	2 - 5 (2-2, 0-1, 0-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.17	Sweden - Russia	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.17	USA - Canada	5 - 4 SO (0-2, 2-0, 2-2)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Felix Sandstrom	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Thomas Chabot	CAN
Best Forward	Kirill Kaprizov	RUS

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Ilya Samsonov	RUS
Defenceman:	Thomas Chabot	CAN
Defenceman:	Charlie McAvoy	USA
Forward:	Kirill Kaprizov	RUS
Forward:	Alexander Nylander	SWE
Forward:	Clayton Keller	USA
MVP:	Thomas Chabot	CAN

USA beats Canada in thriller

Another World Junior tournament, another wild finale that needed extra time and a shootout to crown Team USA as the 2017 IIHF World Junior Champions.

After scoring three goals in a shootout to defeat Russia and advance to the championship game, forward Troy Terry was again the hero for the States. He was the only scorer of ten shootout shooters, giving the USA the gold medal in an incredible 5-4 win over Canada.

Canada had an early lead of 2-0--and let it slip away--as well as a more critical 4-2 lead early in the third, but the Americans simply refused to give up or be intimidated by the pro-Canadian crowd at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Canada.

There were countless scoring chances and giveaways forced by puck pressure, end-to-end action, and blinding speed. Canada outshot the U.S., 50-36, but in the end it was another nifty move by Terry that proved the difference.

The game was played before a crowd of 20,173, just shy of the single-game mark set in Ottawa in 2009 between Canada and Sweden (20,380).

In the bronze medal matchup, which also went to overtime, Russia edged Sweden 2-1 in the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship bronze medal game on Thursday. Denis Guryanov scored the overtime winner at 0:33.

USA's Luke Kunin hoists the championship trophy after a 5-4 shoot-out win over Canada in the gold medal game.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Bremerhaven, Germany

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.12.16	France - Belarus	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-3, 1-1)
11.12.16	Germany - Kazakhstan	5 - 3 (2-0, 2-2, 1-1)
11.12.16	Norway - Austria	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 1-2)
12.12.16	Kazakhstan - France	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 0-2)
12.12.16	Belarus - Norway	4 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 3-0)
12.12.16	Austria - Germany	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
14.12.16	Austria - Kazakhstan	3 - 6 (2-2, 1-1, 0-3)
14.12.16	France - Norway	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 1-1)
14.12.16	Belarus - Germany	3 - 4 SO (2-2, 0-0, 1-1)
15.12.16	Austria - France	3 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 3-1)
15.12.16	Kazakhstan - Belarus	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
15.12.16	Norway - Germany	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 0-2)
17.12.16	Kazakhstan - Norway	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-0, 1-2)
17.12.16	Belarus - Austria	4 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 1-0)
17.12.16	Germany - France	6 - 4 (2-0, 2-2, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belarus	5	4	0	1	0	20 : 10	13
2	Germany	5	3	1	0	1	17 : 13	11
3	France	5	2	0	0	3	16 : 19	6
4	Kazakhstan	5	2	0	0	3	14 : 16	6
5	Austria	5	2	0	0	3	15 : 17	6
6	Norway	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 17	3

Belarus coach Yuri Faikov celebrates another promotion after having led the U18 to the top division the year before.
Photo: Sven Peter



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ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GERMANY
Division I - Group A

Final Placing

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

Belarus is promoted to the 2018 World Junior Championship.
Norway is relegated to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mirko Pantkowski	GER
Best Defenceman:	Pavel Vorobei	BLR
Best Forward:	Andrei Belevich	BLR



2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Budapest, Hungary

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.12.16	Ukraine - Poland	2 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 2-2)
11.12.16	Hungary - Italy	5 - 2 (1-0, 4-1, 0-1)
11.12.16	Slovenia - Great Britain	4 - 3 OT (0-0, 2-1, 1-2)
12.12.16	Italy - Ukraine	1 - 2 OT (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
12.12.16	Great Britain - Hungary	1 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 0-1)
12.12.16	Poland - Slovenia	5 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 2-2)
14.12.16	Italy - Slovenia	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-1, 0-4)
14.12.16	Hungary - Ukraine	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 2-0)
14.12.16	Poland - Great Britain	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
15.12.16	Ukraine - Slovenia	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-2, 0-0)
15.12.16	Poland - Hungary	5 - 4 (4-0, 1-0, 0-4)
15.12.16	Great Britain - Italy	1 - 4 (0-3, 1-1, 0-0)
17.12.16	Italy - Poland	5 - 4 (3-1, 1-1, 1-2)
17.12.16	Slovenia - Hungary	3 - 4 (0-1, 3-0, 0-3)
17.12.16	Great Britain - Ukraine	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	21 : 12	12
2	Poland	5	3	1	0	1	21 : 16	11
3	Slovenia	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 13	8
4	Italy	5	2	0	1	2	12 : 19	7
5	Ukraine	5	1	1	0	3	9 : 13	5
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	2	3	8 : 19	2

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mark Vlahovic	SLO
Best Defenceman:	Bence Stipsicz	HUN
Best Forward:	Alan Lyszczarczyk	POL



2017
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Italy
2	Poland	5	Ukraine
3	Slovenia	6	Great Britain

Hungary is promoted to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division IA.
Great Britain is relegated to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division II A.



Italy's victory over Poland and a third-period comeback against Slovenia vaulted the hosts past Poland to secure a second straight promotion.
Photo: Laszlo Mudra

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.12.16	Romania - Croatia	3 - 4 SO (0-1, 3-0, 0-2)
11.12.16	Estonia - Japan	2 - 6 (1-2, 0-0, 1-4)
11.12.16	Lithuania - Netherlands	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
12.12.16	Japan - Croatia	11 - 2 (5-1, 3-0, 3-1)
12.12.16	Netherlands - Romania	2 - 6 (1-1, 0-2, 1-3)
12.12.16	Lithuania - Estonia	7 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 4-0)
14.12.16	Japan - Netherlands	7 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 5-2)
14.12.16	Lithuania - Romania	11 - 5 (3-1, 6-2, 2-2)
14.12.16	Estonia - Croatia	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-0, 4-2)
16.12.16	Croatia - Lithuania	0 - 13 (0-7, 0-4, 0-2)
16.12.16	Romania - Japan	1 - 7 (1-2, 0-2, 0-3)
16.12.16	Netherlands - Estonia	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 1-0)
17.12.16	Japan - Lithuania	4 - 6 (2-2, 1-2, 1-2)
17.12.16	Croatia - Netherlands	2 - 3 (2-1, 0-2, 0-0)
17.12.16	Estonia - Romania	5 - 6 (1-2, 4-1, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Lithuania	5	5	0	0	0	42 : 10	15
2	Japan	5	4	0	0	1	35 : 13	12
3	Romania	5	2	0	1	2	21 : 29	7
4	Estonia	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 24	6
5	Netherlands	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 24	3
6	Croatia	5	0	1	0	4	11 : 36	2

A hat trick by Emilijus Krakauskas against Japan earned Lithuania promotion after a three-year silver medal streak.

Photo: Hendrik Soots

Final Placing

1	Lithuania	4	Estonia
2	Japan	5	Netherlands
3	Romania	6	Croatia

Lithuania is promoted to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division I B.
Croatia is relegated to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Artur Pavliukov	LTU
Best Defenceman:	Yusuke Kon	JPN
Best Forward:	Emilijus Krakauskas	LTU



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2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Logrono, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.01.17	Mexico - Belgium	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-1, 1-2)
07.01.17	Serbia - Korea	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
07.01.17	Spain - Australia	15 - 2 (4-1, 8-1, 3-0)
08.01.17	Korea - Belgium	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
08.01.17	Australia - Mexico	5 - 6 OT (1-0, 3-3, 1-2)
08.01.17	Spain - Serbia	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 1-0)
10.01.17	Korea - Australia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
10.01.17	Serbia - Belgium	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 1-0)
10.01.17	Spain - Mexico	10 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 3-0)
11.01.17	Australia - Serbia	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-1, 0-3)
11.01.17	Mexico - Korea	0 - 12 (0-3, 0-6, 0-3)
11.01.17	Belgium - Spain	3 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 3-1)
13.01.17	Serbia - Mexico	7 - 4 (3-0, 1-2, 3-2)
13.01.17	Belgium - Australia	5 - 1 (2-0, 2-1, 1-0)
13.01.17	Korea - Spain	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-0, 3-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	4	1	0	0	27 : 7	14
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	38 : 12	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	1	1	23 : 12	10
4	Belgium	5	2	0	0	3	15 : 19	6
5	Mexico	5	0	1	0	4	13 : 39	2
6	Australia	5	0	0	1	4	9 : 36	1

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jug Mitic	SRB
Best Defenceman:	Bruno Baldris	ESP
Best Forward:	Oriol Rubio	ESP



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ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
Logroño
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Belgium
2	Spain	5	Mexico
3	Serbia	6	Australia

Korea is promoted to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division II A.
Australia is relegated to the 2018 U20 World Championship Division III.



Korea and Spain combined for 5 goals in the final six minutes, but in the end, the Koreans edged out the hosts for promotion.

Photo: RTR Show Fotografia

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Dunedin, New Zealand



Round Robin

Group A

Date	Game	Score
16.01.17	Israel - Iceland	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
16.01.17	China - Chinese Taipei	9 - 3 (5-2, 3-0, 1-1)
17.01.17	Israel - Chinese Taipei	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)
17.01.17	Iceland - China	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-0, 0-3)
19.01.17	Chinese Taipei - Iceland	2 - 7 (0-2, 1-5, 1-0)
19.01.17	China - Israel	6 - 4 (3-1, 1-1, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	3	3	0	0	0	19 : 8	9
2	Iceland	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 6	6
3	Israel	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 9	3
4	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 19	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
16.01.17	Bulgaria - South Africa	5 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 2-0)
16.01.17	New Zealand - Turkey	4 - 6 (1-3, 1-2, 2-1)
17.01.17	Turkey - Bulgaria	8 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 4-1)
17.01.17	New Zealand - South Africa	3 - 2 (2-2, 0-0, 1-0)
19.01.17	South Africa - Turkey	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 0-3)
19.01.17	Bulgaria - New Zealand	4 - 5 (0-3, 3-0, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Turkey	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 5	9
2	New Zealand	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 12	6
3	Bulgaria	3	1	0	0	2	10 : 15	3
4	South Africa	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 14	0

Placement Round

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
21.01.17	Israel - South Africa	9 - 0 (0-0, 5-0, 4-0)
21.01.17	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	6 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 1-1)

7th-Place Game

Date	Game	Score
22.01.17	South Africa - Chinese Taipei	1 - 7 (0-2, 1-2, 0-3)

5th-Place Game

Date	Game	Score
22.01.17	Israel - Bulgaria	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-0, 1-2)

Final Placing

1	Turkey	5	Israel
2	China	6	Bulgaria
3	Iceland	7	Chinese Taipei
4	New Zealand	8	South Africa

Turkey is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U20 World Championship Division II B.

Playoff Round

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
21.01.17	Turkey - Iceland	3 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 3-0)
21.01.17	China - New Zealand	11 - 2 (4-0, 1-2, 6-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.01.17	Iceland - New Zealand	10 - 0 (0-0, 5-0, 5-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.01.17	Turkey - China	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Raz Werner	ISR
Best Defenceman:	Yusuf Kars	TUR
Best Forward:	Rudi Ying	CHN



Division III underdog Turkey willed its way past favoured China 2-1 to conquer its first U20 gold medal.

Photo: Brian Treanor



Canada's Dante Fabbro stops the puck from crossing over the goal line during the semi-final of the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



Drop the puck: USA's Sean Dhooghe faces off against Finland's Aarne Talvitie during gold medal game action at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.
Photo: Steve Kingsman / HHOF-IIHF Images



2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Poprad & Spišská Nová Ves, Slovakia



2017
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CHAMPIONSHIP
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Poprad & Spišská Nová Ves

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
13.04.17	Latvia - Canada	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 0-1)
13.04.17	Slovakia - Finland	4 - 5 (0-1, 4-3, 0-1)
14.04.17	Switzerland - Latvia	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)
15.04.17	Finland - Switzerland	5 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 1-1)
15.04.17	Canada - Slovakia	4 - 3 OT (3-1, 0-1, 0-1)
16.04.17	Latvia - Finland	2 - 7 (1-2, 1-3, 0-2)
17.04.17	Canada - Switzerland	7 - 3 (2-0, 1-2, 4-1)
17.04.17	Slovakia - Latvia	4 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 1-0)
18.04.17	Finland - Canada	6 - 3 (1-1, 3-1, 2-1)
18.04.17	Switzerland - Slovakia	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	4	4	0	0	0	23 : 10	12
2	Canada	4	2	1	0	1	18 : 13	8
3	Slovakia	4	2	0	1	1	13 : 10	7
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	0	3	9 : 14	3
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 19	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
13.04.17	Belarus - USA	0 - 7 (0-0, 0-5, 0-2)
13.04.17	Russia - Sweden	3 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 3-0)
14.04.17	Czech Republic - Belarus	7 - 4 (2-1, 4-1, 1-2)
15.04.17	USA - Russia	5 - 4 (0-1, 3-0, 2-3)
15.04.17	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
16.04.17	Belarus - Sweden	2 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 0-1)
17.04.17	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 1-0)
17.04.17	Russia - Belarus	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 2-0)
18.04.17	Sweden - USA	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-1, 0-2)
18.04.17	Czech Republic - Russia	4 - 5 OT (1-1, 1-1, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	4	4	0	0	0	22 : 7	12
2	Russia	4	2	1	0	1	16 : 11	8
3	Sweden	4	2	0	0	2	8 : 12	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	1	2	15 : 17	4
5	Belarus	4	0	0	0	4	7 : 21	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
20.04.17	Belarus - Latvia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
21.04.17	Latvia - Belarus	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
23.04.17	Belarus - Latvia	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belarus	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 4	6
2	Latvia	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 7	3

Latvia is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.

Americans reclaim gold

The U.S. National Team Development Program produced another emphatic victory in Poprad, Slovakia, knocking off last year's gold medallists, 4-2.

The U.S. won their third gold in the last four U18s and seventh in the last nine, running the table with seven straight wins. Special teams were decisive.

The Americans scored one goal with the extra man and one goal short-handed while Finland was 0-for-6 with the extra man. More impressive, with the victory the Americans won almost every top-level gold medal this year in IIHF competition--World Juniors, World Women's, Women's U18, men's U18.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

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

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
22.04.17	Finland - Russia	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
22.04.17	USA - Sweden	4 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
23.04.17	Russia - Sweden	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
23.04.17	USA - Finland	4 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 0-1)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Maxim Zhukov	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Miro Heiskanen	FIN
Best Forward:	Kristian Vesalainen	FIN

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Dylan St. Cyr	USA
Defenceman:	Miro Heiskanen	FIN
Defenceman:	Max Gildon	USA
Forward:	Kristian Vesalainen	FIN
Forward:	Sean Dhooqhe	USA
Forward:	Ivan Chekhovich	RUS
MVP:	Kristian Vesalainen	FIN



Team USA is riding high on a very successful 2016/17 season. Photo: Steve Kingsman / HHOF-IIHF Images

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Bled, Slovenia



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SLOVENIA
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.04.17	France - Germany	4 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 2-0)
07.04.17	Norway - Kazakhstan	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
07.04.17	Hungary - Denmark	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
08.04.17	Germany - Norway	5 - 6 OT (2-2, 1-2, 2-1)
08.04.17	Kazakhstan - Hungary	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
08.04.17	Denmark - France	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-0, 0-2)
10.04.17	Hungary - France	3 - 6 (2-3, 1-2, 0-1)
10.04.17	Denmark - Norway	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)
10.04.17	Germany - Kazakhstan	2 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 2-2)
11.04.17	Kazakhstan - Denmark	4 - 3 OT (1-2, 2-1, 0-0)
11.04.17	Germany - Hungary	10 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 2-0)
11.04.17	France - Norway	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
13.04.17	Norway - Hungary	10 - 1 (3-0, 4-1, 3-0)
13.04.17	Kazakhstan - France	5 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
13.04.17	Denmark - Germany	5 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 4-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	France	5	4	0	0	1	17 : 14	12
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	1	0	1	18 : 8	11
3	Denmark	5	3	0	1	1	17 : 15	10
4	Norway	5	2	1	0	2	22 : 13	8
5	Germany	5	1	0	1	3	23 : 21	4
6	Hungary	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 32	0

Final Placing

1	France	4	Norway
2	Kazakhstan	5	Germany
3	Denmark	6	Hungary

France is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Hungary is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Demid Yermeyev	KAZ
Best Defenceman:	Daniel Andersen	DEN
Best Forward:	Alexandre Texier	FRA



In a tournament with no home team, France celebrated its first ever promotion to the U18 top division.

Photo: Gregor Podrekar

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Bled, Slovenia



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ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SLOVENIA
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.17	Italy - Ukraine	2 - 4 (0-1, 2-0, 0-3)
15.04.17	Slovenia - Japan	10 - 0 (6-0, 1-0, 3-0)
15.04.17	Poland - Austria	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 2-2, 0-0)
16.04.17	Ukraine - Poland	3 - 2 OT (0-2, 2-0, 0-0)
16.04.17	Austria - Slovenia	4 - 3 (2-1, 0-2, 2-0)
16.04.17	Japan - Italy	5 - 4 SO (2-2, 0-0, 2-2)
18.04.17	Japan - Ukraine	5 - 4 OT (0-2, 2-1, 2-1)
18.04.17	Poland - Slovenia	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
18.04.17	Austria - Italy	2 - 5 (2-3, 0-2, 0-0)
19.04.17	Japan - Poland	3 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 2-1)
19.04.17	Slovenia - Italy	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 2-0)
19.04.17	Ukraine - Austria	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
21.04.17	Italy - Poland	5 - 3 (2-0, 3-1, 0-2)
21.04.17	Ukraine - Slovenia	3 - 4 (0-2, 3-1, 0-1)
21.04.17	Austria - Japan	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 1-0, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 8	12
2	Austria	5	2	2	0	1	14 : 13	10
3	Japan	5	1	2	1	1	15 : 23	8
4	Italy	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 17	7
5	Ukraine	5	1	1	1	2	15 : 15	6
6	Poland	5	0	0	2	3	9 : 16	2

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ziga Kogovsek	SLO
Best Defenceman:	Daiki Miura	JPN
Best Forward:	Jan Drozg	SLO

Final Placing

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

Slovenia is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.
Poland is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.



Forward Jan Drozg torched Japan with an 8-point game and was named best forward of the tournament for the second year in a row.

Photo: Gregor Podrekar

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Gangneung, Korea

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
02.04.17	Lithuania - Korea	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 1-1)
02.04.17	Romania - Croatia	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 2-0)
02.04.17	Estonia - Great Britain	6 - 5 SO (2-3, 3-0, 0-2)
04.04.17	Croatia - Estonia	3 - 4 OT (2-1, 1-1, 0-1)
04.04.17	Romania - Lithuania	3 - 4 OT (2-2, 0-0, 1-1)
04.04.17	Korea - Great Britain	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 1-1)
05.04.17	Romania - Estonia	4 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 1-0)
05.04.17	Lithuania - Great Britain	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
05.04.17	Korea - Croatia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
07.04.17	Great Britain - Romania	2 - 4 (0-3, 1-0, 1-1)
07.04.17	Croatia - Lithuania	1 - 5 (0-5, 1-0, 0-0)
07.04.17	Estonia - Korea	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-0, 1-2)
08.04.17	Great Britain - Croatia	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 4-1)
08.04.17	Lithuania - Estonia	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)
08.04.17	Korea - Romania	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	4	0	1	0	20 : 8	13
2	Estonia	5	1	3	0	1	17 : 16	9
3	Lithuania	5	2	1	0	2	15 : 12	8
4	Korea	5	2	0	1	2	13 : 13	7
5	Great Britain	5	2	0	1	2	18 : 17	7
6	Croatia	5	0	0	1	4	9 : 26	1

Final Placing

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

Romania is promoted to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.
Croatia is relegated to the 2017 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Belgrade, Serbia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.03.17	Australia - Iceland	5 - 2 (3-1, 2-1, 0-0)
13.03.17	Spain - Belgium	7 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 5-0)
13.03.17	Serbia - Netherlands	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-0, 1-2)
14.03.17	Belgium - Australia	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-3, 0-0)
14.03.17	Netherlands - Iceland	5 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 3-1)
14.03.17	Spain - Serbia	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 1-0)
16.03.17	Netherlands - Belgium	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 3-2)
16.03.17	Spain - Australia	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
16.03.17	Serbia - Iceland	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
18.03.17	Iceland - Spain	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-4, 0-2)
18.03.17	Australia - Netherlands	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
18.03.17	Belgium - Serbia	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
19.03.17	Netherlands - Spain	2 - 5 (1-1, 0-0, 1-4)
19.03.17	Iceland - Belgium	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)
19.03.17	Serbia - Australia	1 - 4 (1-0, 0-4, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 7	12
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	24 : 10	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	14 : 13	9
4	Netherlands	5	3	0	0	2	16 : 12	9
5	Iceland	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 23	3
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	7 : 23	0



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CHAMPIONSHIP
KOREA
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Ors Adorjan	ROU
Best Defenceman:	Beomjun Park	KOR
Best Forward:	Andrei Vasile	ROU



Romania celebrates in the host arena of the 2018 Winter Games.
Photo: Young-Chul Song



2017
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SERBIA
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

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

Australia is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.
Belgium is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	James Downie	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Aron Sarmiento	ESP
Best Forward:	Mirko Djumic	SRB



A victorious head-to-head matchup with Spain earned the "Mighty Roos" a second straight promotion.
Photo: Vera Dimov

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei



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ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CHINESE TAIPEI
Division III - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
21.03.17	Bulgaria - China	0 - 6 (0-6, 0-0, 0-0)
21.03.17	New Zealand - Israel	2 - 8 (0-2, 0-3, 2-3)
21.03.17	Turkey - Chinese Taipei	1 - 8 (0-3, 0-0, 1-5)
22.03.17	Turkey - Bulgaria	3 - 9 (1-2, 2-3, 0-4)
22.03.17	China - Israel	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
22.03.17	Chinese Taipei - New Zealand	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 2-1, 0-1)
24.03.17	Turkey - New Zealand	12 - 5 (3-1, 5-2, 4-2)
24.03.17	Bulgaria - Israel	0 - 3 (0-3, 0-0, 0-0)
24.03.17	China - Chinese Taipei	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)
25.03.17	New Zealand - China	0 - 12 (0-4, 0-3, 0-5)
25.03.17	Israel - Turkey	6 - 2 (3-0, 2-1, 1-1)
25.03.17	Chinese Taipei - Bulgaria	4 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 3-0)
27.03.17	China - Turkey	11 - 1 (4-1, 2-0, 5-0)
27.03.17	Bulgaria - New Zealand	7 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 4-0)
27.03.17	Israel - Chinese Taipei	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	5	5	0	0	0	36 : 1	15
2	Israel	5	4	0	0	1	21 : 8	12
3	Chinese Taipei	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 13	8
4	Bulgaria	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 18	6
5	Turkey	5	1	0	0	4	19 : 39	3
6	New Zealand	5	0	0	1	4	11 : 42	1

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Yehonatan Reisinger	ISR
Best Defenceman:	Ege Ulas	TUR
Best Forward:	Qianyi Huang	CHN

Final Placing

1	China	4	Bulgaria
2	Israel	5	Turkey
3	Chinese Taipei	6	New Zealand

China is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.
New Zealand is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III B.



With four shutouts and a stunning goal differential of 36-1, China cruised to a quick return to Division II B.

Photo: Igotshot

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2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Mexico City, Mexico



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ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
MEXICO
Division III - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.03.17	Hong Kong - Mexico	1 - 11 (0-3, 1-3, 0-5)
18.03.17	South Africa - Hong Kong	2 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 1-2)
19.03.17	Mexico - South Africa	7 - 2 (3-0, 2-2, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	18 : 3	6
2	Hong Kong	2	1	0	0	1	4 : 13	3
3	South Africa	2	0	0	0	2	4 : 10	0

Final Placing

1	Mexico
2	Hong Kong
3	South Africa

Mexico is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.



The hosts won the right to move back up to Division IIIA.

Overtime hero: USA's Hilary Knight celebrates after scoring the 3-2 OT gold-medal-winning goal at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.

Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images





2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Plymouth, United States



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UNITED STATES
Plymouth, MI

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
31.03.17	Finland - Russia	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
31.03.17	USA - Canada	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
01.04.17	Russia - USA	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-3, 0-3)
01.04.17	Canada - Finland	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 1-1)
03.04.17	Canada - Russia	8 - 0 (4-0, 1-0, 3-0)
03.04.17	USA - Finland	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 3	9
2	Canada	3	1	0	0	2	11 : 6	3
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	8 : 10	3
4	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	2 : 16	3

Group B

Date	Game	Score
31.03.17	Czech Republic - Switzerland	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
31.03.17	Sweden - Germany	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-3, 0-0)
01.04.17	Czech Republic - Germany	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
01.04.17	Switzerland - Sweden	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 0-1)
03.04.17	Germany - Switzerland	2 - 4 (0-3, 0-0, 2-1)
03.04.17	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)

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

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
04.04.17	Switzerland - Czech Republic	2 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 2-1)
06.04.17	Czech Republic - Switzerland	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 1-2, 1-0)
07.04.17	Switzerland - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)

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

As the next edition of the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship will be expanded to ten teams, the Czech Republic remains in the top division.

USA women come out on top

Hilary Knight blocked a shot inside her blue line, moved the puck up to Kendall Coyne, and converted Coyne's drop shot to give the U.S. a 3-2 win over Canada.

The goal came midway through an exhilarating overtime. It's the eighth gold for the Americans in the last ten Women's Worlds but the first ever on home ice. Canada has not won gold now since 2012 in Burlington, Vermont.

For the U.S. national team, the goal was the perfect ending to a tournament that at first was going to possibly be played without the hosts, as the team had been threatening a boycott of the Women's World Championship due to a dispute with USA Hockey. In the bronze medal game, Finland dominated Germany 8-0 to claim its 12 bronze medal. Despite the score, the Germans had a memorable tournament, finishing a historic-best 4th place.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
04.04.17	Finland - Sweden	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)
04.04.17	Russia - Germany	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
06.04.17	Canada - Finland	4 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 1-0)
06.04.17	USA - Germany	11 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 4-0)

Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
06.04.17	Russia - Sweden	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 0-1, 3-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.04.17	Finland - Germany	8 - 0 (3-0, 5-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Noora Raty	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Brianna Decker	USA

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Noora Raty	FIN
Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Defenceman:	Monique Lamoureux-Morando	USA
Forward:	Marie-Philip Poulin	CAN
Forward:	Brianna Decker	USA
Forward:	Kendall Coyne	USA
MVP:	Brianna Decker	USA



USA celebrates winning gold on home ice at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.

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2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Graz, Austria

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.17	Denmark - France	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
15.04.17	Hungary - Japan	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
15.04.17	Norway - Austria	4 - 6 (2-2, 0-2, 2-2)
16.04.17	Japan - Denmark	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
16.04.17	France - Norway	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
16.04.17	Austria - Hungary	4 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 1-0)
18.04.17	Japan - Norway	5 - 3 (2-2, 2-0, 1-1)
18.04.17	Hungary - Denmark	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
18.04.17	France - Austria	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 0-1)
20.04.17	France - Hungary	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
20.04.17	Denmark - Norway	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)
20.04.17	Austria - Japan	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-2, 0-0)
21.04.17	Norway - Hungary	6 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 3-0)
21.04.17	Japan - France	4 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 0-0)
21.04.17	Austria - Denmark	6 - 1 (0-1, 4-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	5	5	0	0	0	17 : 4	15
2	Austria	5	4	0	0	1	20 : 12	12
3	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	17 : 14	6
4	Denmark	5	2	0	0	3	5 : 12	6
5	Hungary	5	2	0	0	3	5 : 11	6
6	France	5	0	0	0	5	1 : 12	0



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CHAMPIONSHIP
AUSTRIA
Graz
Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	Denmark
2	Austria	5	Hungary
3	Norway	6	France

Japan is promoted to the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship (the top division is not played during Olympic seasons).

France remains in Division I A due to the expansion of the top division to ten teams.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Aniko Nemeth	HUN
Best Defenceman:	Ayaka Toko	JPN
Best Forward:	Denise Altmann	AUT



Japan's women's team is set for an exciting 2018 with an upcoming Olympic appearance. Photo: NZ Photo

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Katowice, Poland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
08.04.17	Italy - Latvia	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 0-1)
08.04.17	China - Kazakhstan	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
08.04.17	Poland - Slovakia	2 - 7 (0-1, 2-4, 0-2)
09.04.17	Latvia - China	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 1-0)
09.04.17	Slovakia - Italy	3 - 2 (3-1, 0-0, 0-1)
09.04.17	Kazakhstan - Poland	3 - 4 SO (2-1, 0-2, 1-0)
11.04.17	Slovakia - China	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-2, 0-1)
11.04.17	Latvia - Kazakhstan	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
11.04.17	Poland - Italy	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
12.04.17	Kazakhstan - Slovakia	4 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 3-1)
12.04.17	Italy - China	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
12.04.17	Latvia - Poland	5 - 4 (3-1, 1-2, 1-1)
14.04.17	Kazakhstan - Italy	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)
14.04.17	Slovakia - Latvia	8 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 3-0)
14.04.17	China - Poland	6 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovakia	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 9	12
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	0	1	1	11 : 10	10
3	Latvia	5	3	0	0	2	13 : 17	9
4	China	5	2	1	0	2	13 : 6	8
5	Italy	5	1	0	1	3	8 : 12	4
6	Poland	5	0	1	0	4	11 : 24	2



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ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND
Katowice
Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Slovakia	4	China
2	Kazakhstan	5	Italy
3	Latvia	6	Poland

Slovakia is promoted to the 2018 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I A. Poland remains in Division I B due to the expansion of the top division to ten teams.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Daria Dmitrieva	KAZ
Best Defenceman:	Iveta Klimasova	SVK
Best Forward:	Liga Miljone	LAT



Slovakia stormed past Latvia with an 8-0 dominant victory in a winner-take-all game. Photo: Michal Chwieduk

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Gangneung, Korea

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
02.04.17	Australia - DPR Korea	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
02.04.17	Great Britain - Netherlands	4 - 5 (0-1, 3-3, 1-1)
02.04.17	Korea - Slovenia	5 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 2-0)
03.04.17	Netherlands - DPR Korea	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-2, 1-0)
03.04.17	Slovenia - Australia	3 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 0-0)
03.04.17	Korea - Great Britain	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
05.04.17	Netherlands - Slovenia	5 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 1-0)
05.04.17	Great Britain - DPR Korea	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)
05.04.17	Korea - Australia	8 - 1 (2-0, 5-0, 1-1)
06.04.17	Slovenia - Great Britain	2 - 8 (0-4, 0-3, 2-1)
06.04.17	Australia - Netherlands	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-1, 0-0)
06.04.17	DPR Korea - Korea	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 0-0)
08.04.17	DPR Korea - Slovenia	4 - 2 (0-2, 2-0, 2-0)
08.04.17	Netherlands - Korea	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
08.04.17	Great Britain - Australia	5 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 2-0)



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KOREA

Division II - Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	5	0	0	0	21 : 3	15
2	Netherlands	5	4	0	0	1	17 : 10	12
3	Great Britain	5	2	0	1	2	20 : 16	7
4	DPR Korea	5	1	1	0	3	10 : 13	5
5	Slovenia	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 22	3
6	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	7 : 20	3

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	DPR Korea
2	Netherlands	5	Slovenia
3	Great Britain	6	Australia

Korea is promoted to the 2018 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B.
Australia remains in Division II A due to the expansion of the top division to ten teams.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Do Hee Han	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Kayleigh Hamers	NED
Best Forward:	Pia Pren	SLO

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Akureyri, Iceland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
27.02.17	Turkey - New Zealand	3 - 5 (1-3, 1-2, 1-0)
27.02.17	Mexico - Spain	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
27.02.17	Iceland - Romania	7 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 3-2)
28.02.17	Spain - New Zealand	3 - 2 OT (2-2, 0-0, 0-0)
28.02.17	Romania - Turkey	4 - 6 (2-3, 1-2, 1-1)
28.02.17	Iceland - Mexico	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2)
02.03.17	Spain - Romania	8 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 6-0)
02.03.17	Mexico - New Zealand	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
02.03.17	Iceland - Turkey	6 - 0 (4-0, 0-0, 2-0)
03.03.17	Romania - Mexico	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-1, 0-2)
03.03.17	Turkey - Spain	0 - 11 (0-2, 0-5, 0-4)
03.03.17	New Zealand - Iceland	4 - 3 (1-0, 1-3, 2-0)
05.03.17	Mexico - Turkey	5 - 6 (2-0, 3-4, 0-2)
05.03.17	New Zealand - Romania	9 - 3 (1-0, 4-3, 4-0)
05.03.17	Spain - Iceland	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)



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ISLAND

Division II - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Mexico	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 9	12
2	Spain	5	3	1	0	1	26 : 7	11
3	New Zealand	5	3	0	1	1	20 : 13	10
4	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	19 : 13	6
5	Turkey	5	2	0	0	3	15 : 31	6
6	Romania	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 36	0

Final Placing

1	Mexico	4	Iceland
2	Spain	5	Turkey
3	New Zealand	6	Romania

Mexico is promoted to the 2018 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II A.
Romania remains in Division II B due to the expansion of the top division to ten teams.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Monica Renteria	MEX
Best Defenceman:	Eva Karvelsdottir	ISL
Best Forward:	Anjali Thakker	NZL

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

Date	Game	Score
12.12.16	Belgium - South Africa	8 - 1 (3-0, 3-0, 2-1)
12.12.16	Chinese Taipei - Bulgaria	13 - 0 (4-0, 5-0, 4-0)
13.12.16	Hong Kong - Belgium	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-4, 0-2)
13.12.16	South Africa - Chinese Taipei	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-4, 1-1)
15.12.16	South Africa - Bulgaria	11 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 5-0)
15.12.16	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	10 - 1 (3-1, 4-0, 3-0)
16.12.16	Bulgaria - Belgium	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-3, 0-3)
16.12.16	Hong Kong - South Africa	0 - 9 (0-4, 0-3, 0-2)
17.12.16	Bulgaria - Hong Kong	6 - 2 (0-1, 4-1, 2-0)
17.12.16	Belgium - Chinese Taipei	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)



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CHINESE TAIPEI

Division II - Group B
Qualification

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	32 : 3	12
2	Belgium	4	3	0	0	1	22 : 3	9
3	South Africa	4	2	0	0	2	22 : 15	6
4	Bulgaria	4	1	0	0	3	6 : 32	3
5	Hong Kong	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 32	0

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	4	Bulgaria
2	Belgium	5	Hong Kong
3	South Africa		

Chinese Taipei qualifies for the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II B.



Threepeat: Team USA poses with their trophy at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship.

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2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
07.01.17	USA - Russia	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)
07.01.17	Canada - Sweden	5 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 2-0)
08.01.17	Canada - Russia	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 2-0)
08.01.17	Sweden - USA	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-3, 0-0)
10.01.17	USA - Canada	0 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
10.01.17	Russia - Sweden	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	10 : 3	8
2	USA	3	2	0	1	0	10 : 2	7
3	Russia	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 11	2
4	Sweden	3	0	0	1	2	2 : 11	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
07.01.17	Czech Republic - Japan	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-2, 2-0)
07.01.17	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 0-0)
08.01.17	Switzerland - Czech Republic	3 - 2 SO (2-0, 0-1, 0-1)
08.01.17	Finland - Japan	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
10.01.17	Czech Republic - Finland	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 1-0, 1-2)
10.01.17	Japan - Switzerland	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)

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

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
11.01.17	Switzerland - Japan	5 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 2-1)
13.01.17	Japan - Switzerland	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	2	1	1	0	0	7 : 3	5
2	Japan	2	0	0	1	1	3 : 7	1

USA program flying high

Grace Zumwinkle converted a two-on-one late in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and lead the United States to a 3-1 win over Canada to claim gold at the WW18.

Canada came back in the third to tie the game 1-1, but Grace Zumwinkle scored on a two-on-one with just 2:32 remaining. An empty netter made the final 3-1.

For the Americans, it's their third straight gold, and for Canada a third year of heartbreak. In all, the Americans move ahead 6-4 in gold medals at the U18 championship for women, an event that has matured and developed immensely in its ten years of existence.

Team USA captain Cayla Barnes concluded her U18 career with a record-setting third gold medal. In the bronze medal game, Valeria Merkusheva made 32 saves to record her second shutout in three games, and help Russia win the bronze medal with a 2-0 win over Sweden.



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Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
11.01.17	Russia - Czech Republic	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
11.01.17	Sweden - Finland	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
13.01.17	Canada - Sweden	6 - 2 (1-0, 2-2, 3-0)
13.01.17	USA - Russia	6 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 0-0)

5th Place Game

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

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
14.01.17	Russia - Sweden	2 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

1	United States	5	Finland
2	Canada	6	Czech Republic
3	Russia	7	Switzerland
4	Sweden	8	Japan

Japan is relegated to the 2018 U18 Women's World Championship Division I A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Valeria Merkusheva	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Cayla Barnes	USA
Best Forward:	Sophie Shirley	CAN



Incredibly, seven of the ten WW18 gold-medal games between the North Americans have been decided by two goals or less.
Photo: Andrea Cardin / HHOF-IIHF Images

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Budapest, Hungary

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
08.01.17	Austria - France	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
08.01.17	Norway - Germany	3 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 2-0)
08.01.17	Hungary - Slovakia	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 0-1)
09.01.17	France - Norway	2 - 3 OT (1-1, 0-0, 1-1)
09.01.17	Slovakia - Austria	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 1-2)
09.01.17	Germany - Hungary	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
11.01.17	Germany - Slovakia	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)
11.01.17	Austria - Norway	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
11.01.17	France - Hungary	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-0, 0-3)
12.01.17	Germany - Austria	7 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 3-0)
12.01.17	Slovakia - France	6 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 3-1)
12.01.17	Norway - Hungary	5 - 3 (0-2, 2-0, 3-1)
14.01.17	Slovakia - Norway	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
14.01.17	France - Germany	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 1-1)
14.01.17	Hungary - Austria	3 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0)



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U18 WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Division I - Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	5	4	0	0	1	18 : 5	12
2	Slovakia	5	4	0	0	1	17 : 6	12
3	Norway	5	2	1	0	2	14 : 14	8
4	Hungary	5	2	0	0	3	9 : 13	6
5	Austria	5	2	0	0	3	7 : 16	6
6	France	5	0	0	1	4	7 : 18	1

Final Placing

1	Germany	4	Hungary
2	Slovakia	5	Austria
3	Norway	6	France

Germany is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.
France is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Johanna May	GER
Best Defenceman:	Lene Tendenes	NOR
Best Forward:	Millie Sirum	NOR

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Katowice, Poland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
08.01.17	Great Britain - Italy	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)
08.01.17	China - Kazakhstan	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)
08.01.17	Poland - Denmark	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
09.01.17	Italy - China	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 1-0)
09.01.17	Denmark - Great Britain	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 2-1)
09.01.17	Kazakhstan - Poland	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 1-2)
11.01.17	Denmark - China	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
11.01.17	Italy - Kazakhstan	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
11.01.17	Poland - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
12.01.17	Kazakhstan - Denmark	1 - 6 (0-0, 0-2, 1-4)
12.01.17	Great Britain - China	2 - 1 OT (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
12.01.17	Italy - Poland	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
14.01.17	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	2 - 4 (1-3, 1-0, 0-1)
14.01.17	Denmark - Italy	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 0-1)
14.01.17	China - Poland	0 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)



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U18 WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND
Katowice
Division I - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Italy	5	5	0	0	0	17 : 3	15
2	Denmark	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 6	12
3	Poland	5	2	1	0	2	7 : 6	8
4	Great Britain	5	1	1	0	3	8 : 13	5
5	China	5	1	0	2	2	7 : 9	5
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 23	0

Final Placing

1	Italy	4	Great Britain
2	Denmark	5	China
3	Poland	6	Kazakhstan

Italy is promoted to the 2018 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I A.
Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2018 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I B Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Martyna Sass	POL
Best Defenceman:	Nadia Mattivi	ITA
Best Forward:	Lilli Friis-Hansen	DEN

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B Qualification

San Sebastian, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
26.01.17	Romania - Mexico	1 - 8 (1-3, 0-3, 0-2)
26.01.17	Spain - Australia	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-2, 0-0)
28.01.17	Australia - Mexico	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
28.01.17	Romania - Spain	4 - 9 (1-2, 0-4, 3-3)
29.01.17	Australia - Romania	10 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 3-0)
29.01.17	Mexico - Spain	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-2, 0-0)



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U18 WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
San Sebastian
Division I - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	3	3	0	0	0	18 : 1	9
2	Spain	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 9	6
3	Mexico	3	1	0	0	2	10 : 9	3
4	Romania	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 27	0

Final Placing

1	Australia	3	Mexico
2	Spain	4	Romania

Australia qualified for the 2018 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I B.



Seeing double: Twin brothers Henrik (left) and Joel Lundqvist pose with the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship trophy.
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First Round

Group A - Sofia, Bulgaria

Date	Game	Score
30.09.16	Partizan Belgrade - HC Bat Yam	5 - 4 (2-2, 0-1, 3-1)
30.09.16	Zeytinburnu Istanbul - Irbis-Skate Sofia	5 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 4-0)
01.10.16	Partizan Belgrade - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	3 - 8 (1-3, 2-0, 0-5)
01.10.16	Irbis-Skate Sofia - HC Bat Yam	6 - 4 (2-0, 1-2, 3-2)
02.10.16	HC Bat Yam - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	2 - 19 (0-5, 1-6, 1-8)
02.10.16	Irbis-Skate Sofia - Partizan Belgrade	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Zeytinburnu Istanbul (TUR)	3	3	0	0	0	32 : 6	9
2	Partizan Belgrade (SRB)	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 14	6
3	Irbis-Skate Sofia (BUL)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 13	3
4	HC Bat Yam (ISR)	3	0	0	0	3	10 : 30	0

Zeytinburnu Istanbul advances to Second Round Group B.

Second Round

Group B - Jaca, Spain

Date	Game	Score
21.10.16	HK Liepaja - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	8 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 3-0)
21.10.16	CH Jaca - Nottingham Panthers	2 - 13 (2-6, 0-5, 0-2)
22.10.16	Nottingham Panthers - Zeytinburnu Istanbul	12 - 1 (3-0, 5-0, 4-1)
22.10.16	HK Liepaja - CH Jaca	10 - 2 (2-1, 4-0, 4-1)
23.10.16	Nottingham Panthers - HK Liepaja	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
23.10.16	Zeytinburnu Istanbul - CH Jaca	7 - 3 (1-1, 3-2, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Nottingham Panthers (GBR)	3	3	0	0	0	28 : 4	9
2	HK Liepaja (LAT)	3	2	0	0	1	19 : 6	6
3	Zeytinburnu Istanbul (TUR)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 23	3
4	CH Jaca (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 30	0

Nottingham Panthers advance to Third Round Group D.

Group C - Tychy, Poland

Date	Game	Score
21.10.16	Jegesmedvek Miskolc - Acroni Jesenice	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)
21.10.16	Dunarea Galati - GKS Tychy	0 - 12 (0-3, 0-2, 0-7)
22.10.16	Jegesmedvek Miskolc - Dunarea Galati	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
22.10.16	GKS Tychy - Acroni Jesenice	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
23.10.16	Acroni Jesenice - Dunarea Galati	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
23.10.16	GKS Tychy - Jegesmedvek Miskolc	5 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	GKS Tychy (POL)	3	2	0	1	0	18 : 4	7
2	Jegesmedvek Miskolc (HUN)	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 7	6
3	Acroni Jesenice (SLO)	3	0	2	0	1	6 : 7	4
4	Dunarea Galati (ROU)	3	0	0	1	2	3 : 20	1

GKS Tychy advances to Third Round Group E.

Third Round

Group D - Odense, Denmark

Date	Game	Score
18.11.16	HC Donbass - Angers Ducs	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
18.11.16	Odense Bulldogs - Nottingham Panthers	4 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 2-1)
19.11.16	Angers Ducs - Nottingham Panthers	3 - 4 (2-1, 0-2, 1-1)
19.11.16	Odense Bulldogs - HC Donbass	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
20.11.16	Nottingham Panthers - HC Donbass	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
20.11.16	Angers Ducs - Odense Bulldogs	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Nottingham Panthers (GBR)	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 10	6
2	Odense Bulldogs (DEN)	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 8	6
3	Angers Ducs (FRA)	3	1	0	0	2	8 : 9	3
4	HC Donbass (UKR)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 6	3

Nottingham Panthers and Odense Bulldogs advance to 2017 IIHF Continental Cup Final.

Group E - Ritten, Italy

Date	Game	Score
18.11.16	Beibarys Atyrau - Shakhtyor Soligorsk	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
18.11.16	Ritten Sport - GKS Tychy	4 - 3 (0-0, 1-0, 3-3)
19.11.16	Shakhtyor Soligorsk - GKS Tychy	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
19.11.16	Ritten Sport - Beibarys Atyrau	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 2-1)
20.11.16	GKS Tychy - Beibarys Atyrau	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
20.11.16	Shakhtyor Soligorsk - Ritten Sport	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Ritten Sport (ITA)	3	3	0	0	0	10 : 6	9
2	Beibarys Atyrau (KAZ)	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 6	6
3	Shakhtyor Soligorsk (BLR)	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 7	3
4	GKS Tychy (POL)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 10	0

Ritten Sport and Beibarys Atyrau advance to 2017 IIHF Continental Cup Final.

Final

Group F - Ritten, Italy

Date	Game	Score
13.01.17	Nottingham Panthers - Odense Bulldogs	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
13.01.17	Beibarys Atyrau - Ritten Sport	2 - 3 SO (1-2, 0-0, 1-0)
14.01.17	Nottingham Panthers - Beibarys Atyrau	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 0-0, 1-1)
14.01.17	Ritten Sport - Odense Bulldogs	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
15.01.17	Odense Bulldogs - Beibarys Atyrau	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
15.01.17	Ritten Sport - Nottingham Panthers	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Nottingham Panthers (GBR)	3	2	1	0	0	9 : 3	8
2	Beibarys Atyrau (KAZ)	3	0	1	2	0	7 : 8	4
3	Odense Bulldogs (DEN)	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 6	4
4	Ritten Sport (ITA)	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 10	2

Nottingham Panthers win the 2017 IIHF Continental Cup.



The Nottingham Panthers winning the 20th IIHF Continental Cup competition marks the biggest-ever international success for the team. Photo: Max Pattis



Nottingham captain Brad Moran raises the IIHF Continental Cup plate.
Photo: Max Pattis

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2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia

Bangkok, Thailand

Top Division - Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.03.17	Singapore - Mongolia	0 - 13 (0-2, 0-5, 0-6)
17.03.17	Malaysia - United Arab Emirates	3 - 10 (1-2, 1-2, 1-6)
18.03.17	United Arab Emirates - Singapore	10 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 2-0)
18.03.17	Thailand - Malaysia	14 - 1 (3-0, 8-1, 3-0)
20.03.17	Malaysia - Singapore	4 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 2-2)
20.03.17	Mongolia - Thailand	5 - 4 (3-1, 0-2, 2-1)
21.03.17	Mongolia - Malaysia	10 - 5 (4-2, 4-1, 2-2)
21.03.17	Thailand - United Arab Emirates	3 - 4 (0-2, 3-1, 0-1)
23.03.17	United Arab Emirates - Mongolia	5 - 4 SO (1-2, 2-2, 1-0)
23.03.17	Thailand - Singapore	12 - 0 (4-0, 6-0, 2-0)



Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	United Arab Emirates	4	3	1	0	0	29	10	11
2	Mongolia	4	3	0	1	0	32	14	10
3	Thailand	4	2	0	0	2	33	10	6
4	Singapore	4	1	0	0	3	5	39	3
5	Malaysia	4	0	0	0	4	13	39	0

Final Placing

1	United Arab Emirates	4	Singapore
2	Mongolia	5	Malaysia
3	Thailand		



Runners-up for the past three years, the United Arab Emirates finally claimed their third IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia trophy.

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Kuwait City, Kuwait

Division I - Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
22.04.17	India - Oman	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-2, 2-0)
22.04.17	Kuwait - Macau	8 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 3-0)
23.04.17	Macau - Oman	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 1-0)
23.04.17	India - Kuwait	5 - 8 (3-4, 0-0, 2-4)
25.04.17	Macau - India	3 - 7 (3-3, 0-1, 0-3)
25.04.17	Oman - Kuwait	0 - 13 (0-5, 0-5, 0-3)

Final Placing

1	Kuwait	2	Oman
2	India	4	Macau



Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	Kuwait	3	3	0	0	0	29	5	9
2	India	3	2	0	0	1	15	13	6
3	Oman	3	1	0	0	2	4	17	3
4	Macau	3	0	0	0	3	4	17	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Nawang Dorje	IND
Best Defenceman:	Jasem Alawadhi	KUW
Best Forward:	Chamba Tsetan	IND

2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia

Bangkok, Thailand

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THAILAND
Bangkok

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.03.17	New Zealand U18 - Singapore	6 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 2-1)
07.03.17	United Arab Emirates - Malaysia	4 - 5 OT (2-1, 1-1, 1-2)
07.03.17	Thailand - Philippines	21 - 1 (4-0, 8-0, 9-1)
08.03.17	India - United Arab Emirates	4 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 2-2)
08.03.17	Singapore - Philippines	6 - 2 (4-0, 1-1, 1-1)
08.03.17	Malaysia - New Zealand U18	2 - 13 (1-4, 0-5, 1-4)
09.03.17	India - Philippines	4 - 3 (0-0, 1-0, 3-3)
09.03.17	Singapore - United Arab Emirates	16 - 2 (4-1, 6-0, 6-1)
09.03.17	Thailand - New Zealand U18	3 - 4 (1-0, 1-2, 1-2)
11.03.17	Philippines - Malaysia	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)
11.03.17	New Zealand U18 - India	10 - 1 (3-0, 6-0, 1-1)
11.03.17	United Arab Emirates - Thailand	1 - 17 (0-6, 0-4, 1-7)
12.03.17	New Zealand U18 - Philippines	8 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 4-0)
12.03.17	Singapore - Malaysia	4 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 1-1)
12.03.17	Thailand - India	20 - 1 (5-0, 10-0, 5-1)
14.03.17	Philippines - United Arab Emirates	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 0-0)
14.03.17	India - Singapore	1 - 9 (1-3, 0-4, 0-2)
14.03.17	Malaysia - Thailand	1 - 16 (0-3, 0-6, 1-7)
15.03.17	United Arab Emirates - New Zealand U18	1 - 16 (0-5, 1-6, 0-5)
15.03.17	Malaysia - India	4 - 5 (2-3, 1-1, 1-1)
15.03.17	Thailand - Singapore	6 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	New Zealand U18	6	6	0	0	0	57:9	18
2	Thailand	6	5	0	0	1	83:9	15
3	Singapore	6	4	0	0	2	38:18	12
4	India	6	2	0	0	4	16:52	6
5	Philippines	6	2	0	0	4	12:42	6
6	United Arab Emirates	6	1	0	1	4	16:61	4
7	Malaysia	6	0	1	0	5	14:45	2

Final Placing

1	New Zealand U18	5	Philippines
2	Thailand	6	United Arab Emirates
3	Singapore	7	Malaysia
4	India		

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ma Jessica Cabili	PHI
Best Defenceman:	Mei Wah Wan	MAS
Best Forward:	Wen Lin Lim	SGP



The New Zealand U18 women's national team, which competed internationally for the first time, won the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia. The tournament also included senior national teams from six Asian countries that are not involved in the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship program.

2018 Olympic Winter Games

Final Men's Qualification



GROUP D - MINSK, BELARUS

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.09.16	Slovenia - Poland	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)
01.09.16	Denmark - Belarus	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-0, 1-3)
02.09.16	Slovenia - Denmark	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
02.09.16	Belarus - Poland	5 - 3 (4-2, 1-0, 0-1)
04.09.16	Poland - Denmark	2 - 5 (1-1, 0-2, 1-2)
04.09.16	Poland - Slovenia	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 1-2, 1-0)

Placement

GROUP D							
1	Slovenia	3	2	1	0	0	12:3 8
2	Belarus	3	2	0	1	0	12:8 7
3	Denmark	3	1	0	0	2	7:10 3
4	Poland	3	0	0	0	3	6:16 0

Slovenia qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games men's ice hockey tournament



Slovenia impressively qualified for its second straight Olympics.
Photo: Andrei Pokumeiko

GROUP F - OSLO, NORWAY

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.09.16	France - Italy	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
01.09.16	Kazakhstan - Norway	4 - 3 OT (0-0, 3-1, 0-2)
02.09.16	France - Kazakhstan	4 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0)
02.09.16	Norway - Italy	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 2-0)
04.09.16	Italy - Kazakhstan	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 0-1)
04.09.16	Norway - France	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)

Placement

GROUP F							
1	Norway	3	2	0	1	0	9:6 7
2	France	3	1	1	0	1	7:4 5
3	Kazakhstan	3	1	1	0	1	8:9 5
4	Italy	3	0	0	1	2	4:9 1

Norway qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games men's ice hockey tournament



Norway scored with minutes left in the deciding game to qualify.
Photo: Foto Norden AS / Arve Bjeraasholmen

GROUP E - RIGA, LATVIA

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.09.16	Germany - Japan	5 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 0-0)
01.09.16	Austria - Latvia	1 - 8 (1-2, 0-3, 0-3)
02.09.16	Germany - Austria	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)
02.09.16	Latvia - Japan	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 2-1)
04.09.16	Japan - Austria	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
04.09.16	Latvia - Germany	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)

Placement

GROUP E							
1	Germany	3	3	0	0	0	14:2 9
2	Latvia	3	2	0	0	1	13:5 6
3	Austria	3	1	0	0	2	4:14 3
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	1:11 0

Germany qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games men's ice hockey tournament



Germany defeated Latvia on the road to return to the Games.
Photo: Jelena Levsina

2018 Olympic Winter Games Final Women's Qualification



GROUP C - AROSA, SWITZERLAND

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.02.17	Denmark - Switzerland	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 1-1)
09.02.17	Czech Republic - Norway	5 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 0-0)
11.02.17	Switzerland - Norway	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
11.02.17	Czech Republic - Denmark	4 - 3 (1-1, 3-1, 0-1)
12.02.17	Switzerland - Czech Republic	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)
12.02.17	Norway - Denmark	5 - 1 (0-1 4-0, 1-0)

Placement

GROUP C								
1	Switzerland	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 3	9
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 7	6
3	Norway	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 10	3
4	Denmark	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 15	0

Switzerland qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games women's ice hockey tournament



The Swiss will compete in Group B alongside Sweden, Korea, and fellow Final Olympic Qualification Group D winners Japan.

Photo: PPR / Manuel Lopez

GROUP D - TOMAKOMAI, JAPAN

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.02.17	Germany - France	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
09.02.17	Austria - Japan	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-2, 0-3)
11.02.17	Germany - Austria	4 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0)
11.02.17	Japan - France	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
12.02.17	France - Austria	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
12.02.17	Japan - Germany	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 1-0)

Placement

GROUP D								
1	Japan	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 3	9
2	Germany	3	1	1	0	1	8 : 6	5
3	France	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 8	4
4	Austria	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 13	0

Japan qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games women's ice hockey tournament



With an impressive display on home ice, Japan's women's national team has now qualified for its second-straight Olympic Games.

Photo: Seinosuke Uchigasaki

IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF TOURNAMENTS

Men's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship		
2018	DENMARK, Copenhagen & Herning	04 - 20.05.18
2019	SLOVAKIA, Bratislava & Kosice	03 - 19.05.19
2020	SWITZERLAND, Zurich & Lausanne	01 - 17.05.20
2021	BELARUS, Minsk & LATVIA, Riga	07 - 23.05.21
2022	FINLAND, Tampere & Helsinki	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A		
2018	HUNGARY, Budapest	22 - 28.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B		
2018	LITHUANIA, Kaunas	22 - 28.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A		
2018	NETHERLANDS, Tilburg	23 - 29.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B		
2018	SPAIN, Granada	14 - 20.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III		
2018	SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town	16 - 22.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Qualification		
2018	TBA	TBA

U20 World Championships

IIHF World Junior Championship		
2018	USA, Buffalo	26.12.2017 – 05.01.2018
2019	CANADA, Vancouver & Victoria	
2020	CZECH REPUBLIC, TBA	
2021	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2018	FRANCE, Courchevel & Meribel	10 - 16.12.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2018	SLOVENIA, Bled	09 - 15.12.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2018	GREAT BRITAIN, Dumfries	10 - 16.12.2017

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2018	SERBIA, Belgrade	10 - 16.01.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III		
2018	BULGARIA, Sofia	22 - 28.01.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III Qualification		
2018	SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town	05 - 07.02.2018

U18 World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship		
2018	RUSSIA, Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	19 - 29.04.18
2019	SWEDEN, TBA	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2018	LATVIA, Riga	02 - 08.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2018	UKRAINE, Odessa	14 - 20.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2018	ESTONIA, Tallinn	01 - 07.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2018	CROATIA, Zagreb	24 - 30.03.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2018	TURKEY, Erzurum	26.03 - 01.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2018	NEW ZEALAND, Queenstown	26 - 28.04.2018

Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship		
2019	FINLAND, TBA	
2020	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2018	FRANCE, Strasbourg	08 - 14.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2018	ITALY, Asiago	08 - 14.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2018	SLOVENIA, Maribor	31.03 - 06.04.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2018	SPAIN, Valdemoro	17 - 23.03.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Div. II Gr. B Qualification		
2018	BULGARIA, Sofia	December 2017

U18 Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship		
2018	RUSSIA, Dmitrov	06 - 13.01.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group A		
2018	ITALY, Asiago	08 - 14.01.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Group B		
2018	POLAND, Krynica	06 - 12.01.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I, Gr. B Qualification		
2018	MEXICO, Mexico City	30.01 - 04.02.2018

Inline World Championship

IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2019	CANADA, TBA	

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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	SPAIN, Marbella	27 - 30.09.2017

IIHF Annual Congress		
2018	DENMARK, Copenhagen	17 - 19.05.2018

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2017/2018 Season		
1st International Break		21 - 27.08.2017
2nd International Break		06 - 12.11.2017
3rd International Break		11 - 17.12.2017
4th International Break		12 - 18.02.2018



The 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship gold medal hanging off of the neck of a Swedish player.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



Close call: Russia's Yevgeni Kalabushkin stops the puck from crossing the goal line at the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship quarter-final.

Photo: Andrea Cardin / HHOF-IIHF Images



2017/2018 IIHF Championship Program

Men's World Championships

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
Russia	Canada
Sweden	Finland
Czech Republic	USA
Switzerland	Germany
Belarus	Norway
Slovakia	Latvia
France	Denmark
Austria	Korea

DEN, Copenhagen & Herning; 04-20.05.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Slovenia	Ukraine
Italy	Japan
Kazakhstan	Lithuania
Poland	Estonia
Hungary	Croatia
Great Britain	Romania

HUN, Budapest; 22-28.04.2018

LTU, Kaunas; 22-28.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Spain
Australia	New Zealand
Serbia	Israel
Belgium	DPR Korea
Iceland	Mexico
China	Luxemburg

NED, Tilburg; 23-29.04.2018

ESP, Granada; 14-20.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

GROUP
Turkey
Bulgaria
Georgia
Hong Kong
South Africa
Chinese Taipei

RSA, Cape Town; 16 - 22.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Qualification

GROUP
United Arab Emirates
Kuwait
Turkmenistan

TBA

U20 World Championships

2018 IIHF World Junior Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Russia
Canada	Sweden
Denmark	Czech Republic
Slovakia	Switzerland
Finland	Belarus

USA, Buffalo; 26.12.2017-05.01.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Norway
Germany	Poland
France	Slovenia
Kazakhstan	Italy
Austria	Ukraine
Hungary	Lithuania

FRA, Courchevel & Meribel; 10-16.12.2017 SLO, Bled; 09-15.12.2017

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Croatia
Japan	Spain
Romania	Serbia
Estonia	Belgium
Netherlands	Mexico
Korea	Turkey

GBR, Dumfries; 10-16.12.2017

SRB, Belgrade; 15-21.01.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

GROUP
Australia
China
Iceland
New Zealand
Israel
Bulgaria

BUL, Sofia; 22 - 28.01.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III Qualification

GROUP
Chinese Taipei
South Africa
Turkmenistan

RSA, Cape Town; 05-07.02.2018

U18 World Championships

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Finland
Sweden	Russia
Canada	Slovakia
Switzerland	Czech Republic
Belarus	France

RUS, Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk; 19-29.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Hungary
Kazakhstan	Austria
Denmark	Japan
Norway	Italy
Germany	Ukraine
Slovenia	Romania

LAT, Riga; 02-08.04.2018

UKR, Odessa; 14-20.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Poland	Croatia
Estonia	Spain
Lithuania	Serbia
Korea	Netherlands
Great Britain	Iceland
Australia	China

EST, Tallinn; 01-07.04.2018 CRO, Zagreb; 24-30.03.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Belgium	New Zealand
Israel	Hong Kong
Chinese Taipei	South Africa
Bulgaria	
Turkey	
Mexico	

NZL, Queenstown; 23-25.04.2018
TUR, Erzurum; 26.03-01.04.2018

Women's World Championships

2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Sweden
Canada	Switzerland
Finland	Czech Republic
Germany	Japan
Russia	TBA

FIN, TBA

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Austria	Kazakhstan
Norway	Latvia
Denmark	China
Hungary	Italy
France	Poland
Slovakia	Korea

FRA, Strasbourg; 08-14.04.2018 ITA, Asiago; 08-14.04.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Spain
Great Britain	New Zealand
DPR Korea	Iceland
Slovenia	Turkey
Australia	Romania
Mexico	Chinese Taipei

SLO, Maribor; 31.03-06.04.2018 ESP, Valdemoro; 17-23.03.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

GROUP
Belgium
South Africa
Bulgaria
Hong Kong
Croatia

BUL, Sofia; 04-09.12.2017

U18 Women's World Championships

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Finland
Canada	Czech Republic
Russia	Switzerland
Sweden	Germany

RUS, Dmitrov; 06-13.01.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP	GROUP
Japan	France
Slovakia	Denmark
Norway	Poland
Hungary	Great Britain
Austria	China
Italy	Australia

ITA, Asiago; 08-14.01.2018 POL, Krynica; 06-12.01.2018

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B Qualification

GROUP
Kazakhstan
Spain
Mexico
Turkey
Netherlands

MEX, Mexico City; 30.01-04.02.2018

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.

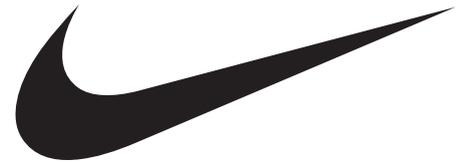


IIHF Partners

Making things official

NIKE - THE OFFICIAL APPAREL SUPPLIER OF THE IIHF

Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



Tissot board ads were visible in all IIHF World Championship events. Photo: Minas Panagiotakis / HHOF-IIHF Images

TISSOT - THE 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.

As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and this year presented a special edition Quickster Ice Hockey watch to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honor these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.

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Clutch score: Canada's Ryan O'Reilly scores a late third period goal against Russia's Andrei Vasilevski during the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship semi-final.

Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF.com

Expanding the horizons

The IIHF continues to grow its digital media platforms, with the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship hitting a new watermark for fan engagement.

During the event in Germany and France, IIHF.com was accessed during 6,545,969 sessions and had 48 million page views. Fans were able to visit the website not only through their computers but also through the mobile-friendly version. Mobile devices accounted for the biggest percentage of sessions (48.7%) before computers (42.1%) and tablets (9.1%).

The IIHF's first trilingual website was accessed from all over the world with Canada, Latvia, Germany, Finland and Switzerland being the top-five countries. The website was the virtual entry point to the IIHF's digital world with various offerings such as the live ticker, game stories and highlights, news, interviews, photos and videos behind the scene. Fans from countries without TV coverage were still able to watch the games on our live stream.

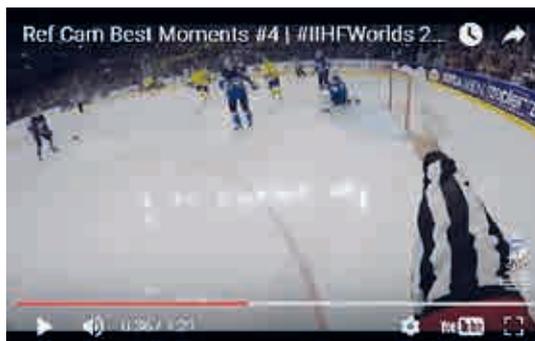
For the first time a game cast was offered where fans were able to see highlight-worthy sequences from up to eight different camera angles on the website from all 64 games, while at the arena fans saw the speed of each shot. The interactive section with the popular fantasy game grew with a prediction game, voting and the Fanzone ride share app.

The 2017 IIHF mobile app available in several languages and on three platforms was downloaded for Android and iOS more than last year, over 406,000 times and created almost 14.8 million

user sessions during the event. This handy tool with live updates accompanied over 400,000 fans during the Worlds and other IIHF events who were able to follow not only games from the big events live on their device, but from the whole World Championship program.

During the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship the strong collaboration on the digital media platforms with the IIHF's exclusive marketing partner for the event, Infront Sports & Media, continued with an optimized structure following the first two years, new angles including a 360° camera from places behind the scenes like a dressing room (pictured below) or the fan zone and the extension of the video highlights and the stream to also include the Division I tournaments held in Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

The #IIHFWorlds campaign created 21.6 million video views across the different platforms with 245 videos created before, during, and after the World Championship.



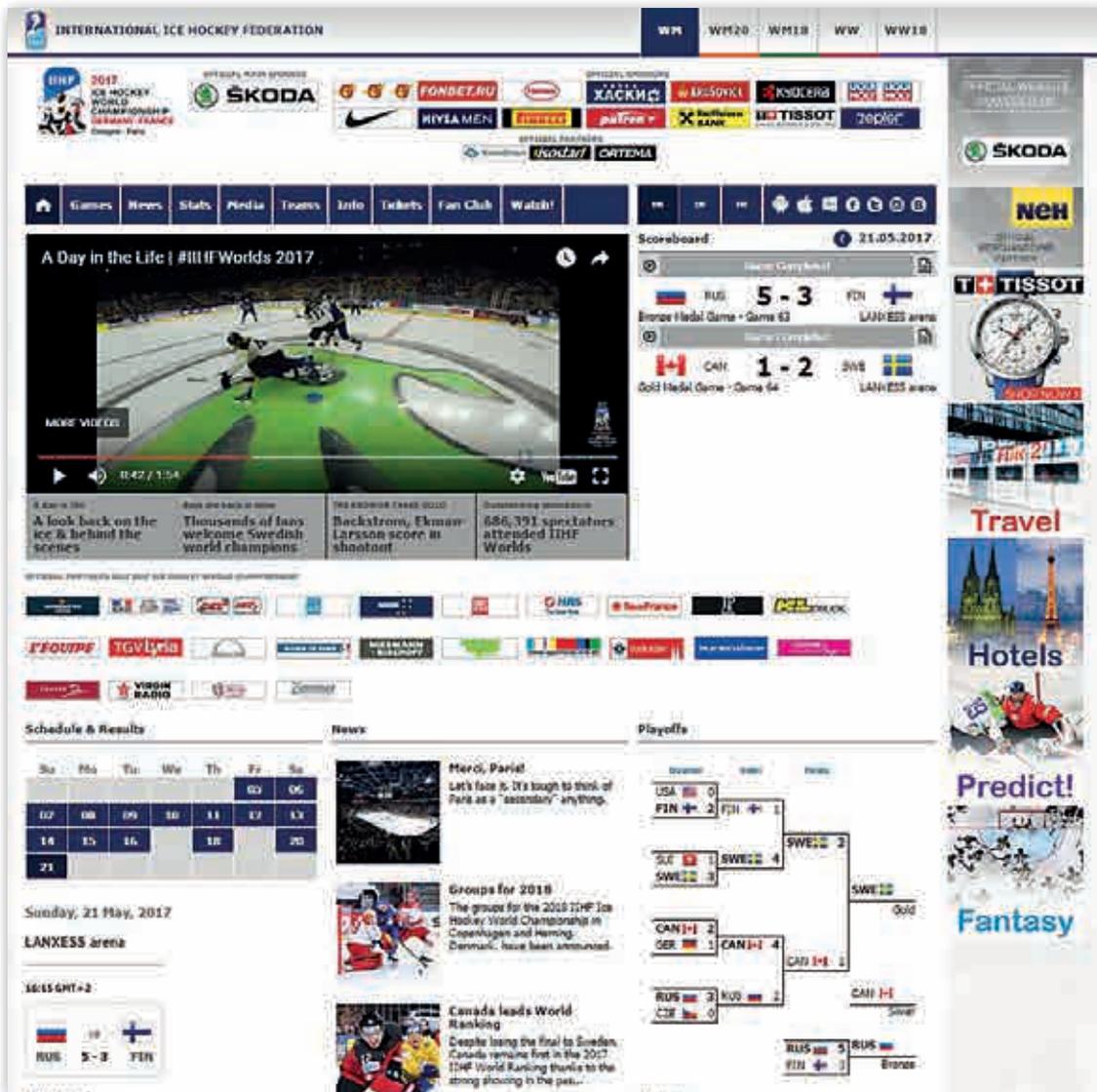
The IIHF Referee Cam brought fans closer to the game than ever.

Fans were able to consume additional material through social media with exclusive content and up-to-the-minute tournament news, creating around 60 million impressions and over 4 million engagements during the World Championship alone. The highlight was the referee cam, which provided unique on-ice perspective never before seen at an IIHF tournament.

The IIHF reached several milestones in social media during the last season with growth on all platforms and by August was followed by 277,000 people on Facebook, by 126,000 on Twitter and by almost 90,000 on Instagram. The IIHF started an account on Snapchat while on VK.com the IIHF continued to provide Russian-language coverage from its events after the launch for the 2016 Worlds in Moscow and St. Petersburg, with the audience growing to 104,000 fans, mainly from Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe.



The IIHF integrated 360° video footage into its programming for the first time, bringing fans directly into team dressing rooms.



The 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship website offered rich and varied multimedia access at the click of a button.



Fan engagement applications like IIHF Prediction and IIHF Fantasy gave fans a chance to get more involved in the games.

Truly International Hockey Hall of Fame

The Hockey Hall of Fame forged new and exciting partnerships while paying homage to the past in the 2016/2017 season.

On November 26, 1917, following several meetings of the National Hockey Association owners throughout that month, the National Hockey League was created at the Windsor Hotel in Montreal. The new league would consist of five teams, two based in Montreal, and one each in Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec City, who incidentally decided to hold off for two years before icing a team.

Ten decades of glorious memories, performances and stories would follow. On March 10, 2017, in tribute to 100 years of NHL hockey, the Hockey Hall of Fame unveiled its limited-time NHL Centennial Exhibit. Central to the exhibit is an area dedicated to the "100 Greatest NHL Players", as selected by a "blue chip" NHL appointed panel. Available throughout the exhibit are eB-

ook stations that provide individual profiles and video vignettes for each of the "100," as well as timelines and histories for each of the 37 (soon to be 38) franchises that have existed through the league's existence.

Items on display include:

- The stick used by Wayne Gretzky to score his NHL single-season record 92nd goal in 1982,
- Gordie Howe's 700th goal puck from 1968 to become the first player to reach that milestone,
- Jacques Plante's iconic goalie mask, Georges Vezina's final-game stick from 1925,
- Bobby Orr's infamous knee brace,
- The jersey worn by Mario Lemieux in the 1992 Stanley Cup Final, the puck used to score Bobby Hull's record-setting 58th goal of the season in 1968,
- The stick used by Jean Beliveau in 1971 to record the final goal of his career,
- The gloves worn by Sidney Crosby to capture the 2009 Stanley Cup.



Above/Below: The Hockey Hall of Fame's Great Hall and International Zone.



Above: Eric Lindros joined the Hall of Fame this past season. Photos: Dave Sandford / Hockey Hall of Fame



BRANCHING OUT

In July 2015, Oilers Entertainment Group (OEG) engaged the services of the Hockey Hall of Fame (HHOF) and HHOF's long-time attractions design consultant, Terry Heard Designers, with respect to the design and content procurement for certain facilities within the Oilers' fabulous new state-of-the-art arena that opened on schedule for the 2016-17 NHL season.

Specifically, HHOF's role primarily focused on exhibition components for a multi-purpose "Media Interview Room" located at the Southeast corner of the arena at grade and fronting onto downtown Edmonton's busiest vehicular corridor.

In addition to featuring "HHOF Oilers Legends" and historical displays, the streetscape façade of the arena celebrates the Oilers' five Stanley Cup championships during their dynasty years (1983-84 to 1989-90) by showcasing custom built display fixtures comprised of full-sized half Stanley Cup replicas (abutted against a front surface mirror creating the illusion of a complete full-sized replica).

Each display fixture includes engraving of the names of the respective Oilers' championship team members and is permanently affixed to a semi-circular base (featuring the Oilers' logo, championship season and corresponding play-off record) and triangular glass artifact display case on the reverse side.

HHOF and OEG recently entered into a long-term cooperation and licensing agreement which covers on-going curatorial/content support along with various joint event production and marketing opportunities.

As the custodian of the game of hockey's rich history, HHOF is proud to complement OEG's all-encompassing "best in class" vision for the "Edmonton Ice District" development.

UNVEILING OF AN ICON

Throughout his legendary career, Gordie Howe looked out for his teammates. It is only fitting that a smiling statue of the man known as "Mr. Hockey" now watches over visitors to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Hockey's hallowed shrine celebrated Howe's career with a permanent statue at its entrance. Howe's sons, Mark and Marty, participated in the unveiling of the 2.4-metre-sculpture.

The Hall of Fame also opened the NHL Centennial Exhibition, which pays tribute to the league's top players and moments from 1917 to 2017. "I know Gordie is standing guard and welcoming in these players to this exhibit," Mark Howe said. "Gordie Howe was a far better person and individual than he ever was as a hockey player.

"I watched him, thousands if not millions of times, greet people from all walks of life and especially kids. I think it's so fitting that he'll be at the entrance to the Hockey Hall of Fame welcoming people with open arms like he did his whole life."

Mark Howe, who assisted on his father's final NHL goal, attended the event minus his Hall of Fame jacket and ring.

"Today is about Gordie Howe and the respect we have for our father, it has nothing to do with me," he said. "I think that's the way we were brought up by our parents, to be humble, to be grateful."



Parting Shot

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