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FLYING WITH  
FINNAIR







*Gold falls on Finland  
in Bratislava*

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*Team USA all smiles  
after Women's World  
Championship win*

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*A star is born as  
Kaapo Kakko leads  
Finland to World  
Junior gold*

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Coyne Schofield celebrate following a 2-1 shootout win against Finland in the gold medal game of the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images

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# SUMMARY



# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

**In our efforts to deliver international ice hockey around the world, the IIHF has been hard at work creating new opportunities for the game to flourish.**

The ice hockey landscape is so varied between regions, and each requires different degrees of support in order to accelerate development.

Consider for a moment that there are currently 76 fully-fledged member national associations that comprise our federation. We at the IIHF are committed to offering the kind of expertise needed for our growing ice hockey nations to improve. To help make this possible, we run a World Championship program in which the majority of our members participate, along with a series of Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments for some of our Asian and Middle Eastern members.

But aside from playing hockey, we do our best to try and connect experts and professionals from top ice hockey nations with our new members, in order to provide them with the chance to share knowledge and gain real experience in developing and running an ice hockey program. This can take many forms, whether it is our annual Hockey Development Camp, meetings and programs run by our IIHF Committees, or the various projects and initiatives set out by the IIHF Departments.

Keeping us connected to our membership is an office of 30 staff, who have the monumental task of pushing the IIHF's multiple projects forward while preparing and executing over 35 international tournaments annually, including our flagship IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. I commend this group for another successful season, and their strong commitment to the game's growth.

Before we turn the page to a new season, we must acknowledge the latest champions from our top division tournaments. One of our big winners this year was Finland, who reclaimed the gold medal once again in Slovakia to follow up their previous gold from 2011, both of which were won on the ice at Ondrej Nepela Arena in Bratislava. The Finns also took home gold at the World Juniors, and nearly pulled off a miracle victory on home ice in Espoo at the Women's World Championship. At the men's U18s, Sweden claimed its first-ever U18 World Championship.

Congratulations to the United States on their gold medal victory at the Women's Worlds. This team demonstrated once again the level of quality that all women's teams should aspire to. Congratulations also to our U18 women's champions Canada, which defeated the United States in overtime to win gold in the U18 Women's Worlds.

But the most impressive achievement to me was a silver medal, not gold, that the Finns earned by becoming the first European women's ice hockey team to reach the final of an IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. It was an exceptional achievement, and especially poignant in a growing tournament that saw a new ten-team format introduced for the first time.

The final result of the women's world championship, where an apparent winning goal was called back after a video review, showed that we must make a better effort to our efforts to integrate technology and fair play successfully. We will continue to evaluate the Video Goal Judge system closely, to ensure that we do not lose the spirit of our game.

In this respect, I would like to commend the IIHF Sport Department for their successful integration of the new IIHF Rule Book, along with the addition of the 3-on-3 overtime format which was a great success at the 2019 World Championship. Other addi-

*"We have the collective drive, the passion, and the right tools to improve together..."*





tions to the international rules, including the faceoff regulation and the new semi-final pairing format, were also integrated quickly and successfully.

Moving forward, we begin the next Olympic cycle in earnest this season, with the first Olympic Qualification tournaments set to begin in the fall of 2019. It is our aspiration to bring back the NHL players to Beijing 2022, and we will work hard with all the major stakeholders to make this happen.

I also look forward to the upcoming Youth Olympic Games, taking place in Lausanne in January 2020. We will debut a new 3-on-3 competition that I hope will showcase the skills of our developing ice hockey nations.

With 76 members, we are truly a big ice hockey family. We have the collective drive, the passion, and the right tools to improve together, so we wish you all the best in your endeavors as we move to a new season.



**RENÉ FASEL**  
IIHF President

From left: Kalervo Kummola, René Fasel, and Finland captain Marko Anttila at the 2019 World Championship trophy presentation ceremony. Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images



# REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Following a very successful Olympic year, the 2018/2019 IIHF season saw steady growth on its digital platforms and enhanced strategic investment into sport development.

Ingenuity and dedication helped us realize some major objectives this season. The IIHF continued to build on its strong relationship with our marketing partner Infront Sports&Media by developing new and exciting methods of reaching fans across the digital landscape during the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Following the complete redesign and relaunch of the IIHF.com website and its dedicated tournament pages, I am happy to report that we set new records in the number of users for IIHF platforms, including both for IIHF.com and the 2019 World Championship website. We also saw significant growth across all our social media channels and the IIHF App.

Following the successful launch of the IIHF Growing the Game Fund pilot projects back in 2016/2017, I am very pleased to announce that last season the IIHF/Infront joint development fund approved six development projects submitted by our member-

ship for funding, along with one from the IIHF Youth and Junior Development Committee.

It is great to see that the awareness of this fund is now growing among our membership. We received a total of 11 applications for funds for this program last year, a new high. 18 projects have been granted funding over three seasons. These projects have been allocated a total of CHF 1,006,000.

This is a novel concept, conceived by the IIHF and initiated together with Infront to secure a transparent and effective funding pipeline for our members development projects. By offering this kind of incentivization, we want to encourage our MNAs to come up with innovative but also realistic solutions to help build up their ice hockey programs. As we collect more and more proposals, in the long run we can evaluate all the programs, identify the ones that worked best and are sustainable, and promote these to other MNAs as best-practice projects.



*I am happy to report that we set new records in the number of users for IIHF platforms!*

Ultimately, it is on the MNAs to understand best their personal needs and goals and communicate them to us, but the IIHF remains at your disposal with advice and support. And with the Growing the Game Fund, together with Infront we are able to provide financial backing that will help MNAs realize their development goals.

Turning to the IIHF Office, there were a pair of staff changes in the Administration and Finance Department. Stefanie Horat left the Finance Department and was replaced by Manuel Rufer, who assumed the duties of Finance Coordinator. Leana Meier also joined the IIHF as Administration Coordinator.

Christian Hofstetter assumed the Sport Director position while retaining his position of Marketing Director ad-interim. Executive Assistant to the President Irina Ebner will assume the additional post of HR

plan of action that can allow the IIHF to be ahead of the curve in the digital age.

This is a constantly evolving field, but the IIHF is building a comprehensive strategy to leverage data across different groups, in order to benefit fans attending the WM, teams evaluating their players on the ice, and other international ice hockey stakeholders. We will also continue with our digital media partnership with Infront aimed at growing our fan base and drawing more people from around the world to this great game.

Finally, with the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship taking place in Switzerland, we would like



The 2019 IIHF Annual Congress in Bratislava, Slovakia. Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images

Officer, with Assistant to the General Secretary Enid Gyorke also serving as Legal and HR Contract Coordinator.

Looking towards the new year, the IIHF Office is supporting the Council negotiation group, chaired by IIHF Vice-President Bob Nicholson, in its ongoing negotiations with Infront on a new contract extension. We will provide an update on these negotiations during the 2019 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

Moving forward, it is important that we maintain our focus and set new goals with an eye towards the coming Olympic cycle. We are on the cusp of exciting developments in many technological fields, beginning with sport and fan data. We have made a concerted effort to take the proper consultation and

to cordially invite the IIHF membership to visit our offices in Zurich. We welcome you all to view the recent renovations that were made to the office, to tour the grounds, and visit the IIHF Staff during your stay.



**HORST LICHTNER**  
IIHF General Secretary



# 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.

## KALERO KUMMOLA (FIN) VICE PRESIDENT- EUROPE & AFRICA



Born on 21 November, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President in 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Former Chairman of the IIHF Championship Structure, Championship Bid and Disciplinary Committees. Current Chairman of TV/New Media/Marketing Committee and Event & Evaluation Committee.

## 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. Former Chairman of Competition & Inline Committee and Development & Coaching Committee. Current Chairman of IIHF Player Safety Committee.

## THOMAS WU (HKG) VICE PRESIDENT- ASIA & OCEANIA



Born on 3 September 1972 in Hong Kong, Wu serves as Deputy Chief Executive (Hotel Operations) of Hopewell Holdings Limited. He was selected "Young Global Leader" in 2006 by the World Economic Forum and 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. Chairman of Asian Strategic Planning Group since 2013.

## 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, 2014, and 2018. Named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 and 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Former member of IIHF Competition Committee and current Chairman of IIHF Finance Committee.

## 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. Chairwoman of IIHF Women's Committee since 2013. She is married and has three children.

## 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. 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. Co-chair of IIHF Officiating Committee and Women's Committee.

## 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. Former member (of) IIHF Facilities & Environment Committee. Chairman of IIHF Medical Committee since 2013.

**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. Former member of IIHF Coordination Committee. Chairman of Youth & Junior Development Committee.

**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 IIHF Event Committee. Chairman of IIHF Officiating 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 administrator since 1971. Former President of USA Hockey and its Foundation, currently serving as 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. Former member of IIHF Insurance Committee and IIHF Legal Committee. Chairman of IIHF Governance Reform Group.

**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. Former member of IIHF Sport Committee, IIHF Competition Committee and IIHF Coordination Committee. Former Co-Chair of Competition & Inline Committee. Current Chair of IIHF Competition & Coordination Committee.

**VLADISLAV TRETIAK  
(RUS)**



Born on 25 April, 1952 in Orudievo, Russia. As a goaltender 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 goaltender 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.

**HORST LICHTNER (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.







# IIHF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## 2016-2020

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# IIHF SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS

## VALLETTA, MALTA

### 27-28 SEPTEMBER 2018

All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet

The President opened the 2018 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Valletta, Malta.

He started by welcoming the IIHF Life Members Dr. Beate Grupp, Frank Gonzalez, Alexander Steblin and Philippe Lacarriere, IIHF Auditors Fabio Oetterli and Christer Englund as well as Infront representatives Philippe Blatter and Bruno Marty along with their staff. He furthermore welcomed the Chairman of the Board Lanny McDonald and Phil Pritchard from the Hockey Hall of Fame. Lastly, he welcomed Sandra Monteiro, Chief of Global Business Strategies for the NHLPA, Marc Lüthi, President of the Alliance of European Hockey Clubs, Jorgen Lindgren, CEO of the Swedish Hockey League and George Kobylanski, Vice President of the KHL and Alexey Morozov, Vice President Youth Development of the KHL.

Warmly welcomed were also the new Presidents and General Secretaries of Member National Associations (MNAs), who had been elected since the last IIHF Congress:

- \_ **Bhuwan Pathak**  
President of the Nepal Ice Hockey Association
- \_ **Gennadi Savilov**  
President of the Belarusian Ice Hockey Association
- \_ **Pavel Mikhed**  
General Secretary of the Belarusian Ice Hockey Association
- \_ **Carl McIntyre**  
General Secretary of the New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation
- \_ **Dainius Zubrus**  
President of the Lithuanian Ice Hockey Association
- \_ **Alexandru Halauca**  
President of the Romanian Ice Hockey Federation
- \_ **Tage Pettersen**  
President of the Norwegian Ice Hockey Association
- \_ **Chun-Huang Hsie (Steve Hsieh)**  
President of the Chinese Taipei Ice Hockey Federation
- \_ **Ronald Situmeang**  
President of the Indonesian Ice Hockey Federation

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2018 IIHF Annual Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Russian forward Sergei Ogorodnikov passed away at the age of 32 years in a water scooter accident. He won U18 gold and U20 silver with Yevgeni Malkin. He spent most of his career in Russia, Belarus and most recently in Poland.

Viktor Tyumenev won Olympic gold in 1984 and three World Championship gold medals in four attempts with the Soviet Union. After ending his career, he was working as a scout for the Los Angeles Kings.

Yuri Shundrov was a longtime national team goalie for Ukraine. With the Soviet Union, he won gold at the then unofficial 1976 World Juniors. Most recently he was a goalie coach for the national team and in the KHL.

Lauri Mononen was one of the first Finns to play professional hockey in North America. Already in his young years, he was a great goal scorer and was second in points at the 1972 Olympics only behind Valeri Kharlamov. His Finnish record for most points in a World Championship remained until 1999.

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

## Report of IIHF Activities

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President opened discussing the Winter Olympic Games specifically focusing the peace project of uniting the North and South Korean team.

The Present continued with the 2018 WM in Denmark expressing that Denmark made a good profit and ultimately made a risky but great decision.

The President also expressed his excitement with the IIHF World Juniors going back to Canada in Vancouver and Victoria. He indicated that the Canadian Cities are amazing with large arenas which can meet the growing attendance needs of the IIHF World Juniors.

The President continued to by explaining that the IIHF top event will return to Slovakia where is has also made the decision for the home team to reside in the second venue.

The President also expressed gratitude to the Finnish Ice Hockey Association for its agreement to the increase number of team in the World Women from eight to ten teams.

He also reported on the 2022 Olympic Games in China, specifically that it will be a challenge, but not impossible. He said that the women's team will be ready, but that the men's team will have to work very hard to be competitive.

With respect to the Leagues and Clubs, the IIHF had a meeting with the Leagues and Clubs and will now work on a framework where the IIHF will work closer and increase a dialog between the IIHF and the relevant stakeholders.

Lastly, the President concluded by expressing how important that the IIHF continues the cooperation with its Members and its relevant organs.



## REPORT OF THE IIHF COMMITTEES

### Asian Committee

Vice President Thomas Wu added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Athletes Committee

Council Member Vladislav Tretiak added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Competition and Coordination Committee

Council Member Franz Reindl pointed out that there are very experienced people from relevant stakeholders (MNAs, Leagues, Clubs, Champions Hockey League, etc.) There is a great atmosphere and is working extremely constructively on all problems.

### Coaching Committee

Coaching Committee Chairman, Tom Renney (CAN), added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Event and Evaluation Committee

Vice President, Kalervo Kummola, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Ethics and Integrity Committee

Life Member, Beate Grupp, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Finance Committee

Council Member, Luc Tardif, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Historical Committee

President, Rene Fasel, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Governance Reform Working Group

Council Member, Ron DeGregorio, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Legal Committee

Council Member, Ron DeGregorio, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

### Medical Committee

Council Member Henrik Bach Nielsen added that in August the committee had all of the supervisors together for an education seminar. He explained that the supervisors now feel like they are part of the IIHF team when they have a tournament. He also implored the MNAs to send doctors to the Tournament, this is particularly relevant for concussions.

### Officiating Committee

Council Member Sergej Gontcharov added no additional comment to the Season Summary. However, Marta indicated that the Committee is launching a very intensive program for the female referees.

### Player Safety Committee

Vice President Bob Nicholson added commented on the new rule book, and he explained that more videos are available for explanation purposes. He indicated that there is a discussion to have a separate youth rule book, but said, that at this point it is only an open discussion.

### TV/New Media/Marketing Committee

Kalervo Kummola indicated that in addition to the Season Summary that they are planning to organize a big marketing and media Congress for next year in August, where top speakers from all over the world will be invited, and workshops will be held. More information will follow on the location and speakers list.

### Youth and Junior Development Committee

Petr Briza provided a short presentation on the work completed over the summer; specifically, with respect to the Partner for Progress Project [See Enclosure 6-Presentation Partnership for Progress Program].

### Women's Committee

Council Member Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer just thanked everyone for the support in increasing the number of women's team in the Olympic Games.

### Facilities Working Group

Life Member, Frank Gonzalez, pointed out that the Facilities Working Group is working very strongly for its members including 5 seminars with the last one in China. Further, he explained that the committee is working on how to lower the costs of rinks and on blue prints for arenas. The Committee is also working on translating the arena guide into further languages.

### Environment and Social Activities

Life Member, Beate Grupp expressed her thankfulness for launching the paperless Congress and announced that a sustainability corner was created during the SAC to inform delegates about.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The IIHF General Secretary provided a brief presentation about the restructuring of the IIHF Office. After the presentation on the restructuring of the IIHF the President honoured Eslie Dall'Oglio for her 23 years of dedicated service to the IIHF.

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**Ratification of Urgent Decisions by the Council**

No urgent decisions were taken by the Council.

**Directorate Chairmen for IIHF Championships Allocated by Council**

The General Secretary Informed Congress about the appointed Chairmen for the 2018/2019 IIHF Championships and referred to the Championship Meetings in the afternoon.

**Presentation of 2022 Winter Olympic Games**

Duan Jufang provided a brief presentation on the status of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games including details about the ice hockey teams, logistics, arenas, hotels, etc. The presentation concluded providing an impression about ice hockey within the 2022 Winter Olympic Games [Enclosure 9 – Olympic Presentation].

Rene Fasel commented that China will do its best to ensure that it will have the best games possible. China's goal is to have the most intelligent games, including highspeed trains, etc. It is not easy, but when China does something it does it right.

**Olympic Qualifications Men's and Women's Tournaments**

Franz Reindl provided a brief update on the 2022 Men's and Women's Olympic Qualifications; specifically, he indicated that the competition committee made a qualification proposal and the IIHF Council approved. The plan provides specific dates on the men's and women's qualification tournaments and the corresponding application deadline [see Enclosure 9.1 for applicable dates]. Essentially, for the men's tournament, due to the Congress decision that China will automatically qualify, there are three places available to men's ice hockey teams via qualifications. He explained that the 2019 World Ranking will determine the one to eight qualified teams and the 2020 World Ranking will determine the seeding of the Olympic games. [See Enclosure 9.1]

Rene Fasel indicated that the Women's Committee must do some work to determine the qualification format and other aspects of the Olympic Games. Further, Rene Fasel explained that a meeting was held to discuss challenging the participation of ice hockey within the Olympics specifically with respect to the NHL participating in the Olympic games. He explained that the NHL cost of participation could be over 30 million and that the 40 million received from the IIHF which is not contractually secured, does not allow for the IIHF to function. He compared the IIHF situation to other winter sports, which receives 20 million and indicated that the IIHF is the highest content provider to the Olympics, and the money it receives for participation should reflect such.

**IIHF Championships****Organizer's Report**

All hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on the organizational and administrative matters plus all details regarding the preparation of the IIHF competitions in the 2018/2019 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 27 September 2018 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

2019 IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WM 2018,  
IN BRATISLAVA & KOSICE, SLOVAKIA  
René Fasel, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN ASTANA KAZAKHSTAN  
Luc Tardif, no remarks. Schedule signed, and booklet was full so no questions.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN TALLINN, ESTONIA  
Frank Gonzales on behalf of Chairman Hans Dobida mentioned, that the schedule was signed off, but that the four men officiating system could be applied in this Championship due to the game getting much faster at this level.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A IN BELGRADE, SERBIA  
Ernest Aljancic, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B IN QUERETARO, MEXICO  
Petr Briza, no remarks. Missing DPRK, so the game schedule has to be signed according to the procedures.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, IN SOFIA, BULGARIA  
Christer Englund, Turkey and Chinese Taipei did not attend, so the Game Schedule was not signed by these countries.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, QUALIFICATION, IN ABU DHABI, UAE  
Kalervo Kummola, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN VANCOUVER & VICTORIA, CANADA  
Luc Tardif and Franz Reindl indicated, that the booklet of information is in place, and the schedule was signed.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN FÜSSEN, GERMANY  
Marta Zawadzka on behalf of Hans Dobida commented, that the timings of the Games were adjusted, and all parties have signed the Game Schedule.



2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN TYCHY, POLAND  
Igor Nemecek, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A IN TALLINN, ESTONIA  
Frank, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN ZAGREB, CROATIA  
Bob Nicholson, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND  
Kalervo Kummola added, that Turkey and Chinese Taipei did not attend.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN ORNSKOLDSVIK & UMEA, SWEDEN  
Frank Gonzalez remarked, that all participants were present.  
The schedule was not signed by all participants.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN GRENOBLE, FRANCE  
Henrik Bach Nielsen, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN SZEKESFAHERVAR, HUNGARY  
Sergej Gontcharov, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN ELEKTRENAI, LITHUANIA  
Philip Lacarriere had some concerns about the distance between the rink and the hotels, but every team has a dedicated bus and a host. The Lithuanian Federation raised an option to having another hotel closer to the rink, but they felt all teams in one rink was more important.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN BELGRADE, SERBIA  
Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, GROUP A, IN SOFIA, BULGARIA  
Christer Englund, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, GROUP B, IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA  
Franz Reindl, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN ESPOO, FINLAND  
Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
Ron DeGregorio, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN BEIJING, CHINA  
Thomas Wu, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN DUMFRIES, GREAT BRITAIN  
Sergej Gontcharov remarked, that DPR Korea was missing and the organizer has been trying to get into touch with DPR Korea but is asking the IIHF for assistance. Horst Lichtner stated, that they confirmed their participation verbally 2 weeks prior to the SAC.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN BRASOV, ROMANIA  
Ernest Aljancic remarked, that the two mentioned teams did not participate in the meeting (Chinese Taipei and Turkey), and as such the Game Schedule not signed.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, QUALIFICATION IN CAPE TOWN,  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Marta, no remarks. Frank Gonzalez will chair this event instead of Susanna Kolbenheyer due to her conflicting schedules.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD UNDER 18 WOMEN'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP IN OBIHIRO, JAPAN  
Marta Zawadzka mentioned two issues, the first was to find a solution for showers and SUI requested that in the future find an arena closer to the airports so as to reduce the costs.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD UNDER 18 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A IN RADENTHEIN, AUSTRIA  
Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD UNDER 18 WOMEN'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP B IN DUMFRIES,  
GREAT BRITAIN  
Ron DeGregorio, no remarks.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD UNDER 18 WOMEN'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B Q IN JACA, SPAIN  
Christer Englund remarked that Turkey and Chinese Taipei were missing.

### **Approval of Game Schedules**

At the individual championship meetings held on 27 September 2018 and prior to the end of Congress, the game schedules for all the 2018/2019 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.

### **Confirmation of Nominated Referees and Linesmen**

The game officials for the 2018/2019 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.

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**Separation of Powers Status Report**

Rene Fasel provided a short presentation on the status of the IIHF mandate from Annual Congress to analyse the current and potential future structure of the IIHF with respect to the division of responsibilities of the IIHF Office and the IIHF Council/President; specifically, he explained that in moving forward the IIHF must look internally and determine the best roles and responsibilities for the IIHF Office (General Secretary) and the IIHF Council, particularly the President.

He explained that over time, the IIHF has developed into a commercial entity with significant revenue. He reiterated that the Congress should not look at the roles and responsibilities in isolation with respect to individual persons, either he as President or Horst Lichtner as General Secretary, because while he and Horst Lichtner work extremely well together and have created great success for the IIHF, in order to ensure the continued longterm successes of the IIHF ten or twenty years into the future, we must develop a structure, we to have create a written structure that will actually allow the continued success outside the specific individuals.

He specifically explained that redefining the roles and responsibilities within the IIHF does not take any power away from the Congress or the Council, but really a lines the appropriate and current working structure with the IIHF statutes and bylaws. Tom Renney (CAN) power has a connection that is misconstrued and requests that we use the terminology separation of responsibilities.

Rene Fasel indicated that our goal is to have a good balance. He indicated that the IIHF is doing well, and we have the best game in the world. He wants to ensure that we do and have the right structure.

Ron De Gregorio indicated that one of the concerns was whether our Statutes and bylaws are in compliance with Swiss Law, which he confirmed. The other issue is that our current Statutes create an overlap between the duties and responsibilities of the IIHF Office and the Council. Council is happy with how we are operating in a good form but explained that it is working because of the people involved. The outside counsel indicated that we need to adjust the statues and bylaws to reflect how we are actually operating. [See Enclosure 12]

**Regulation Proposals**

Horst Lichtner explained that at Annual Congress the IIHF received the approval to move the 2019 Regulation Proposals to the Semi-Annual Congress.

Horst Lichtner started by explaining the new process with respect to the paperless Congress and instead of referring to the binder he will refer to the website.

As such, Horst Lichtner first requested Congress to approve all housekeeping changes of the (a) Doping Control Regulations, (b) Sport Regulations, (c) Medical Regulations and the (d) Championship Regulations.

Horst indicated that the Doping Control Regulations are house-keeping changes.

**Sport Regulations**

Proposal 1 Coaches Challenge – the implementation of the Coach's Challenge procedure and the Video Goal Judge System Guidelines.

Proposal 2 Game Supervisors – the responsibility of the Game Supervisors to report issues to the Directorate and not to fulfil an operational role.

Proposal 3 Graphic Placement and Application of Patches on Jerseys – Rule with respect to the inclusion of the following patches on the team's jersey as a "secondary mark"; (a) MNA anniversary; (b) country anniversary; (c) NOC logo; and (d) country flag.

Proposal 4 Passport Control Meeting – Team Leaders from all teams are required to attend this meeting in which each team must present their player's passports, passport copies, signed Player Entry Forms and underage waivers.

Proposal 5 Penalty Shot Shootout Dry-Scrape Procedure – Procedure regarding the way in which the area of the ice surface between the face-off spots will be dry-scraped prior to the start of a shootout.

Frank Gonzalez indicated that the Facilities committee has provided a video to implement Proposal 5.

Proposal 6 Head Coaches' Rule Information Meeting – Requirement for Head Coaches to participate in the Head Coaches' Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM) for all IIHF Competitions where such meeting is held.

Horst Lichtner indicated that the actual language included in the Regulation will include the team consequence for not attending.

Frank Gonzales indicated that the game schedule should include information about the practice to ensure that the HCRIM is not at the same time as the team is practicing.

Bob Nicholson brought up the discussion about rather than not having a shootout, we should continue playing a four on four format and then a three on three format. Continue until a team wins without shootout.

Rene Fasel indicated that a discussion will ensure with Council making a decision in the December Council Meeting.



Florian Kohler (SUI) indicated, that the sport regulations have been adjusted to avoid a shootout and any further adjustment to accomplish this task will be appreciated.

Franz Reindl indicated that the competition committee will take over and provide proposals.

Tom Renney (CAN) indicated that a shootout may discourage younger kids from wanted to be a goalie.

Rene Fasel indicated that the IIHF will find the most appropriate solution and will come back Congress.

### **Medical Regulations**

Proposal 7 The Medical Team and Medical Policies – For the Olympic Games, a fully functional dental chair must be installed in both hockey arenas.

### **Championship Regulations**

Proposal 8 Fan Data – The Host shall provide the IIHF all fan data available to the Host and the ticketing provider for marketing purposes.

Florian Kohler (SUI) requested a sentence on data protection laws.

Proposal 9 IIHF Disciplinary Operators – Two IIHF Disciplinary Operators shall be provided with on single room from one day before the Championship starts until one day after the Championship ends.

### **Disciplinary Code**

Proposal 10 IIHF Disciplinary Board Competency – With respect to Match Penalties and Game Misconduct, the Chairman, or a member designated by the Chairman, may make an initial determination as to whether supplementary discipline is necessary before turning the case over to the Disciplinary Panel.

Bob Nicholson indicated that there has been some discussion about the idea that only game misconducts would be called by a referee, but match penalties can only be called by the disciplinary board.

### **Infront**

Bruno Marty provided a brief presentation on the partnership between the IIHF and the cooperation between Infront and the Hosts. Amikam Kranz followed up with a presentation on the key statistics on broadcasting and the new media opportunities for the IIHF. He explained that Infront has realized that while Infront has worked with the IIHF for decades, many MNAs do not understand what exactly Infront does for the IIHF.

Next Amikam Kranz moved into the digital realm, specifically that in 2015 Infront started working closely with the IIHF in

moving the content provided to fans during the WM into the future. Infront first looked at what the IIHF stands for via a survey that concluded there is no entity that knows more about ice hockey than the IIHF. Therefore, it decided to integrate digital stories into its current offerings which it hoped would drive fan engagement and interest. Infront wants the IIHF to become an enabler by being closer to the fans. Infront focused on understanding who are the ice hockey fans and audience. Infront's goal is to reach 10 million unique fans which is different from merely a person who watches a video but is rather a person that we have daily contact with so that we can customize the content to their interests. The future is to "Dream Digitally".

Rene Fasel explained that the new technology is difficult, but it is the future.

Horst Lichtner expressed thanks to the negotiation group who facilitated the Infront Contract and led to these new digital developments. He explained that the result of WM 2018 was a direct result the new digital developments. He indicated that the IIHF initiatives are for the benefit of the MNAs. He explained that it will not be easy due to data privacy, etc., but believes that if we work together we can accomplish a new digital future.

### **Presentation of the IIHF Website**

Horst Lichtner started the presentation by showing a short video detailing the new IIHF website and followed by indicating that, as the world is going digital, the IIHF had to adjust its website into the new world. He further showed the exact website and explained how to navigate the relevant pages.

### **E-Sport Ice Hockey World Championship Status**

Horst Lichtner indicated that sadly we are not in a position to report on this topic as the NHL and NHLPA has requested more time in analysing the situation before providing a final cooperation concept.

### **Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report**

The IIHF Treasurer, Luc Tardif provided a financial presentation [Enclosure 17.1] and the Financial Report [Enclosure 17.2] 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.

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**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 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 was completed by the external auditors.

**IIHF Parking AG**

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 was also presented.

Rene Fasel explained that the IIHF needs to have a detailed discussion with the IOC as the discrepancy between the value the IIHF brings to the games and the cost of the IIHF to come to the games compared to other sports federation and the money provided to the IIHF compared to the other sports federation cannot continue.

**Auditors Report 2017/2018**

Fabio Oetterli, IIHF Internal Auditor, presented the report of the Internal Auditors [Enclosure 17.3 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, risk assessments and income statements as well as the accounts and meetings/discussions with the IIHF Treasurer, General Secretary, Finance Director and External Auditors. 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 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 2017/2018 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

Luc Tardif thanked the Finance Committee for the good collaboration.

**Discharge of the Responsibilities of the President, the Treasurer and the Council**

Based on the audit report presented under item 17.3 and following the recommendation of the Auditors, the Congress was requested to discharge the President, Internal Auditors, and Council of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2017 through 30 June 2018.

The Parking AG Chairman and Board were unanimously discharged by Congress.

**Approval of Appointed External Auditors**

Following the recommendation of the Internal Auditors, the IIHF Council proposed to Congress to extend the cooperation with the external auditing firm Curator Revision in Zurich until the next Semi-Annual Congress in September 2019.

**Cyber Risks and Data Protection**

Horst Lichtner explained the new GDPR. He specifically explained why the new law applies to the IIHF and to the IIHF MNAs. He provided some key elements that are created via the new law and detailed the key principles that the IIHF must meet to comply with the new law. Going on from the three key principles, he explained the IIHF work on Cyber Security, particular a detailed risk assessment and the corresponding insurance to protect the IIHF in areas where the risk cannot be removed.

**HHOF Presentation**

Lanny McDonald opened the presentation by congratulations to the entire IIHF group due to its professionalism and dedication to ice hockey. Then he moved on to explain the 75 years anniversary (75 years from being in existence and 25 years from being at its current location).

The event raised over 1 million dollars for the endowment fund to ensure that the HHOF is there forever. Additionally, he indicated that he wants to make sure that the Congress members understand how grateful the HHOF is to the membership for their contribution to the HHOF.

Phil Pritchard explained that the short video was just a bit of an update on the status of the HHOF. He explained that international plays a huge part in the HHOF as more than 30% of the HHOF reflects international hockey and the global nature of the hockey. He went on to explain some of the international locations where the HHOF is having exhibits. He concluded by honoring Kent Angus for his amazing contributions to the HHOF.

**Other Business****World Hockey Forum**

Dmitry Kurbatov thanked the whole hockey family for supporting the World Hockey Forum endeavour stating that such project is very important. In addition to showing a short video he clarified that the World Hockey Forum is a new platform where all ice hockey stakeholders can exchange ideas.

Lastly, he explained that the next World Hockey Forum would take place in December 2018 and introduced Evgenij Romaskevych as the person spearheading the project.



Bob Nicholson provided a brief overview of the Hockey Forum in Edmonton. He explained that he really believes these Hockey Forums are extremely important for the development of ice hockey. The forum brings together experts who improve the game.

#### **IIHF Sustainability Award**

Beate Grupp provided a brief presentation on sustainability within IIHF Events. She specifically answered questions which commonly arise with respect to implementing sustainable activities within IIHF Events. Further, she provided examples as to the level of waste being produced every day in IIHF Events and examples of ways to solve the excess waste in IIHF Events. She concluded by introducing the IIHF Sustainability Award indicating that date to apply for the award is 15 December 2018. [Enclosure 23(b)]

Rene Fasel indicated that it is important for the future organizer to try to do something and be creative.

#### **Growing the Game Fund**

Horst Lichtner explained that the Growing the Game Fund is outside realm of the IIHF budget, and therefore, there is an additional budget for MNAs to grow the game. He went on to explain the project requirements and the necessary timelines to obtain the funding under the Growing the Game Fund. [Enclosure 23(c)]

#### **Update to the IIHF Villa Renovation**

Horst Lichtner provided a brief presentation on the update to the IIHF House. He provided the exact cost figures for the refurbishment and indicated that the city of Zurich will contribute 1/3 of the costs due to the IIHF House being a historical building.

#### **Video and Update on the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Denmark**

Henrik Bach Nielsen provided a short presentation including a video about the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Denmark. The presentation provided specific statistics on the Event including the number of volunteers, number of spectators, profits, etc.

### **Date and Place of next Congress/Closing**

Before closing the 2018 Semi-Annual Congress, the President thanked everybody who had contributed to the success of this Congress, especially the organizers for their cooperation and their volunteers.

He thanked the General Secretary and the members of the Council for their support as well as the IIHF staff for their devoted work, specifically Horst Lichtner.

Furthermore, he thanked the delegates for their contributions to the discussions. With a particular appreciation of the work

by the interpreters Viktor Gusin, Vsevolod Kukushkin, Irmgard Lloyd Schilcher and, Heide Mösslang. The President declared the 2018 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress closed.

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All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet

The President opened the Congress welcoming all Congress Members to Bratislava, Slovakia.

The President gave a special welcome to IIHF Life Members Murray Costelo, Frank Gonzalez, Hans Dobida, Beate Grupp, Kai Hietarinta, Philippe Lacarrière, Frederick Meredith, György Pásztor, Alexander Steblin, Shoichi Tomita and Honorary Member Jonny Baumann. A special welcome was also given to the CEO of the IIHF marketing partner Infront Sports & Media AG, Philippe Blatter, the NHLPA Executive Director Don Fehr, KHL Vice-President Georgy Kobylansky, the IIHF Auditors Fabio Oetterli, and Christer Englund and many other guests.

## Report of the President

Warmly welcomed were also the new Presidents (P) and General Secretaries (GS) of Member National Associations (MNA), who had been elected since the last IIHF Congress:

- **Mirosław Minkina**  
President of the Polish Ice Hockey Federation
- **Vahram Sargsyan**  
President of the Armenian Ice Hockey Federation
- **Stefan Schaidnager**  
General Secretary of the German Ice Hockey Federation
- **Marko Milovanovic**  
President of the Serbian Ice Hockey Association
- **Danilo Vukotic**  
General Secretary of the Serbian Ice Hockey Association
- **Thorhallur Vidarsson**  
President of the Icelandic Ice Hockey Federation
- **Miranda Ransome**  
President of Ice Hockey Australia
- **Andrew Mills**  
President of the Ice Hockey Federation of New Zealand
- **Michael Brind'Amour**  
Chairman of the Board of Hockey Canada
- **Rainer Komi**  
General Secretary of the Estonian Ice Hockey Federation
- **Alexandru Nistor**  
General Secretary of the Romanian Ice Hockey Federation
- **Adnan Mrkva**  
President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The President then asked Congress to honour the members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2018 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Malta.

He stated that during our successful hockey season since the last Congress, the international ice hockey family has unfortu-

nately lost some great personalities who impressed us with their dedication for our sport on and off the ice:

Yevgeni Zimin played in four top-level events winning a gold each time with the Soviet Union – twice at World Championships and twice at Olympics in the '60s and '70s.

Otto Schubiger represented Switzerland at several events winning bronze medals at the 1948 Olympics on home ice in St. Moritz and in two World Championships.

Zdenek Marek helped Czechoslovakia win gold at the 1949 World Championship in Stockholm but will also be remembered for deflecting during the medal night to live in the U.S.

Slovak IIHF Hall of Fame member Jan Starsi played for the Czechoslovak national team but became more famous as a coach, winning two World Championships as co-coach with Karel Gut.

With Czech coach Ludek Bukac another Hall of Famer passed away. He led his teams to world titles in 1985 and 1996, and will also be remembered for coaching Poland, through his hockey school and coaching publications.

The life of Mexican national team player Arunas Bermejo ended at just 21 years of age. He moved to Lithuania, the country of his mother, for his dream to become a professional hockey player but died of a heart attack.

Former Czech national goalie Adam Svoboda took his life just weeks prior. Svoboda played 21 years of professional hockey including 41 international games. He was on the gold-winning Czech roster in 2005.

A moment of silence was held to honour these members of the ice hockey family.

The President then went on to provide the Congress with his comments on the 2019 IIHF World Juniors that was held in Vancouver and Victoria, Canada. He said that even with a mid-size arena in Victoria, we still managed to have the sixth-highest attendance in tournament history. He thanked Hockey Canada and the Organizing Committee for a very professional delivery of the tournament. He again thanked Hockey Canada that it contributed a great part of the tournament revenue to the development of youth ice hockey.

The President then spoke about the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. He mentioned that the level of interest and the passion from the Finnish fans was equalled by the talent of the team and the strength and professionalism of the organizers in Espoo. The President acknowledged the dis-



appointing result for the home team in the final and explained that it was a tough decision made under difficult circumstances. He congratulated both Team Finland and Team USA for the fair play and respect that they demonstrated. He then spoke about the role of the video judge in ice hockey and the benefits but also the difficulties that it brings to the game.

Lastly, the President elaborated that this was the first time that the Women's World Championship was played with ten teams, and that the IIHF Council and the Women's Committee were delighted with the result.

Then, the President discussed the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Div. IA, which was held for the first time ever in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. The President commented that thanks to the hard work of the host country and the excellent TV coverage provided by Infront, we had a very strong tournament in Nur-Sultan.

Next, The President moved on to provide some comments to the 2019 IIHF World Championship that was currently being held in Bratislava & Kosice. He thanked both Igor Nemecek and Martin Kohut for the wonderful tournament. He explained that the organizers somehow managed to surpass the very high standard they set back in 2011. He told the Congress that the decision to move the home team to Kosice for the preliminary round was a risky but wise decision, as both venues have had great attendance throughout the entire tournament.

Further, the President updated the Congress about the Leagues leagues and clubs meeting by explaining that the IIHF is continuing with its efforts to move the various European leagues and clubs closer to the IIHF administrative policy-making process. The President indicated that there were several positive meetings during the 2018 Semi-Annual Congress and the World Championship with representatives of European Hockey and that the IIHF goes on with its efforts to build a closer network of cooperation. Therefore, the president declared his gratitude that representatives of the KHL, Hockey Europe, the European Hockey Club Alliance, the CHL, and other stakeholders joined this year's Congress.

The President went on to say that, once the winner of this World Championship is crowned in Bratislava on Sunday, the IIHF will start with its preparations for the next Semi-Annual Congress in September. The President welcomed everyone to Rome, Italy to attend this Congress.

Moreover, the President highlighted the importance of June for Sweden and Italy as the decision on the host of the 2026 Olympic Games will be declared. The President wished both the Stockholm/Are and the Milan/Cortina D'Ampezzo bids good luck in this regard.

Besides, the President brought attention to next 2020 IIHF World Championship that will be held in Zurich and Lausanne. The President welcomed everyone to a hopefully great tournament in Switzerland and invited everyone to visit the IIHF Offices in Zurich.

The President then indicated that it was agreed to provide an enhanced contribution of the Olympic participation money to the participating teams.

The President explained that an Extra-Ordinary Congress will also take place during which a series of modifications to the Statutes and Bylaws as well as to the IIHF Rule Book will be introduced/proposed for approval.

Lastly, the President honoured two members of the ice hockey family: Dr. Hans Dobida for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and many years of service to the IIHF, and Juraj Siroky for his incredible contributions to ice hockey. Juraj Siroky was granted the status of IIHF Life Member.

### **Report of the IIHF Activities Season 2018/2019**

The President asked the Chairmen to report if there were any special remarks regarding the individual IIHF Championships as the following:

#### CONTINENTAL CUP

GROUP A: Kimmo Leinonen had no remarks

GROUP B: Igor Nemecek had no remarks

GROUP C: Hans Dobida had no remarks

GROUP D AND E: no remarks

FINAL: no remarks

WM 20: Luc Tardif commented that it was an outstanding organization, and Franz Reindl confirmed that the event was very well received.

FWM 20 IA AND I B: no remarks

WW 18: Marta Zawadzka commented that there was a great performance by the ladies in Japan on the ice. There were some operational issues, but thanks to the great organization all of them were resolved.

WW 18 I B: Ron De Gregorio thanked everyone for the great organization.

WW18 I A: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer thanked the organizer for all the organization and expressed that it was a great World Championship.

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WW 18 IB Q: no remarks

WM20 II A: Luc Tardif commented, that the tournament was well organized.

WM20 II B: no remarks

WM 20 III: no remarks

WW II B Q: no remarks

FISU WINTER GAMES: Igor Nemecek stated, that the organization went well.

WM18 II B: Henrik Bach Nielsen thanked everybody for a great tournament.

U18 IIIA: Christer Englund commented on the medical support, otherwise no remarks.

WM IIIQ: Kalervo Kummola commented, that the hotel standard was exceptionally high, and he experienced a great organization.

WW II B: no remarks

WW IIA: Sergej Gontcharov commented that everything went well and referred to the suitability sustainability award.

WW: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer commented that it was the first ten team tournament. They experienced issues with the some dressing rooms, but the organizers were cooperative in solving this issue. Further, she remarked the involvement of many kids in the tournament.

WW IB: Thomas Wu commented that the Arena was new, he thanked for the Chinese Ice Hockey Association and mentioned that it was a good preparation towards the Olympic Winter Games.

WM18 IIA: Philippe Lacarriere commented that it was a perfect organization in the a new arena.

WW IA: Ron De Gregorio commented that the event was well organized.

WM II A: no remarks

WM18 III B: Frank Gonzalez commented that everything went well in Cape Town.

WM 18 I A: Henrik Bach Nielsen commented that it was a good tournament.

WM IB: no remarks

WM II B: Petr Briza explained that the tournament was well organized and mentioned that there was also a seminar for the referees.

Briza: good tournament

WM 18: Frank Gonzalez commented that they had a small issue with the hotels for the play off round, but it was resolved well, thanks to the fair cooperation between the teams and the OC.

WM DIVISION III: no remarks

WM I B: no remarks

WM I A: Luc Tardif explained that the level of the competition was very good, the venue in Astana Nur-Sultan is was also very good excellent.

There were five tournaments organized as part of the Challenge Cup of Asia: Thomas Wu commented, that the countries are growing the game as a step towards bigger events.

### **Report of the Hosts of the upcoming IIHF Championships 2020 Switzerland**

On behalf of the 2020 Organizing Committee Mark Streit and Gian Gili gave a presentation on the venues, distances, Arenas and hotels regarding the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. [See Enclosure 8.1]

Mark Streit invited everyone to the 2020 IIHF World Championships which will be held in Zurich and Lausanne. He congratulated Slovakia on the organization of a wonderful tournament and stated that they set the bar high for next year. He expressed his hope to organize next year's World Championships in a way that it will be an unforgettable experience for the whole hockey community.

Congress was provided with some information about the cities of Zurich and Lausanne and the arenas were explained and it was confirmed that the Hallenstadion in Zürich and the new arena in Lausanne will host the games. The next Annual Congress will be held in Zurich. A more concrete plan will be ready in October 2019 and there will be a strong focus of the 2020 IIHF World Championships organization to the sustainability of the event.

Gian Gili explained the motto of the event, which is **"Let's make history"**.

### **Report of Continental Cup 2018/2019**

Igor Nemecek informed the Congress as to which teams are allowed to play in next year's IIHF Continental Cup. He pointed



out that next year it will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> year that the IIHF Continental Cup is organized. In addition, he explained that the format will be extended by one more group and in June a meeting will be held in Budapest with all potential contenders. Lastly, he thanked Ice Hockey UK and Belfast for the excellent organization of this year's Continental Cup Final and a highlight video of the past season was shown to congress.

### Allocation of IIHF Championships

The 2019 IIHF Championship Program structure and participation summary was reviewed and concluded at the Calendar Meeting held on 23 May 2019 preceding the IIHF Annual Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to present their application for the hosting of a championship for the upcoming season.

The General Secretary began the voting, specifically noting the number of votes for each Council member, and Full Member and the voting procedures.

Following the proposal agreed by the 2020 IIHF Semi Annual Congress to exceptionally award the hosting rights for 3 IIHF World Championships (2023 to 2025) in one vote, the General Secretary reported that no other applicant filed a letter of intent until the given deadline.

The Congress awarded the hosting of 2023, 2024 and 2025 IIHF World Championships as follows:

- The 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was awarded to Russia.
- The 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was awarded to Czech Republic.
- The 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was awarded to Sweden.

Anders Larsson of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation indicated to the Congress that Sweden and Denmark are planning to co-host the 2024 IIHF World Championship. They will come back with a concrete proposal for the next Congress.

Lastly, it was pointed out that, as of the 2022 IIHF World Championship, the IIHF intends for games to be played on small ice. The President explained that this would only count for the IIHF World Championships, not for the Leagues.

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIA

Romania withdrew their application. Slovenia was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIB

Serbia withdrew their application. Poland was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIA

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

SPAIN 11 : **14** CROATIA

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#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB

New Zealand Iceland was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Reykjavik, 19–25 April 2020

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIA

Luxembourg and Turkey applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:

LUXEMBOURG **13** : 12 TURKEY

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#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB

South Africa was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIV

Kyrgyzstan was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IA

Slovenia and Denmark withdrew their application. Austria and Belarus applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

AUSTRIA 9 : **16** BELARUS

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#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IB

Ukraine and Italy applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

UKRAINE **17** : 8 ITALY

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#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIA

Spain and Serbia withdrew their application. Great Britain, Lithuania and Romania applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

**10** : **8** : 7  
GREAT BRITAIN LITHUANIA ROMANIA

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Romania was removed for the next round of votes. The next voting round resulted in:

GREAT BRITAIN 9 : **10** LITHUANIA

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However due to technical reasons this vote was invalid and was repeated and the final result was:

GREAT BRITAIN 12 : **13** LITHUANIA

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IB

Korea was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20III

Mexico and Turkey withdrew their application. Bulgaria and New Zealand applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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BULGARIA **15** : 13 NEW ZEALAND

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20III

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

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BULGARIA **13** : 10 ICELAND

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD U18IA

Slovakia was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IB

Poland and Slovenia withdrew their application. Austria, and Italy applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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AUSTRIA 6 : **19** ITALY

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIA

Romania and Estonia applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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ROMANIA 10 : **15** ESTONIA

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIB

Croatia and China applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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CROATIA 9 : **15** CHINA

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIA

Mexico withdrew their application. Turkey was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2018 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIB

Luxembourg was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIA

France was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIB

Slovenia and Italy withdrew their application. Poland was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIA

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

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SPAIN **15** : 9 MEXICO

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIB

Turkey and Iceland applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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TURKEY 10 : **13** ICELAND

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIB

Bulgaria is the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18

No Applicant yet, but during the Congress, Slovakia declared that it is willing to organize the Championship.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IA

Italy withdrew their application. Germany was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18IB

Poland was the only applicant for this Championship Division.

## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IIA

Netherlands and Chinese Taipei applied to host this Championship Division. The voting result was as follows:

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NETHERLANDS **15** : 5 CHINESE TAIPEI

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## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIB

Turkey withdrew their application. Mexico was the only applicant for this championship division.

## OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

[See Enclosure 10.29 Olympic Qualification]

The General Secretary explained that traditionally the highest ranked team of each group will be offered the hosting rights on the basis of the right of first refusal.

## OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 1

GROUP N: Luxembourg will host

GROUP O: Hong Kong will host

## OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 2

GROUP K: Romania will host

GROUP L: Spain will host

GROUP M: Croatia will host

## OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 3

GROUP G: Slovenia will host

GROUP H: Kazakhstan will host

GROUP J: Great Britain will host

## OLYMPIC FINAL QUALIFICATION

GROUP D: Slovakia will host

GROUP E: Latvia will host

GROUP F: Norway will host

## YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

[See enclosure 10.30 Youth Olympic Games]

IIHF Sport Director Christian Hofstetter informed the Congress about the 2020 Youth Olympic Games. He provided the Congress with information on participating teams of the 6-Team Tournament and explained to the Congress the qualification of the players for the Mixed NOC 3-on-3 Tournaments and that the goaltenders are chosen based on the IIHF Youth Ranking. In addition, he gave more information regarding the venue of the Youth Olympic Games. Lastly, he showed the video of the National Skills Challenge test that has to be performed by each player that wishes to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games 3-on-3 Tournaments. [See Enclosure 10.30]



# IIHF EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS

## BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

### 24 MAY 2019

The President opened the 2019 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present.

The General Secretary proposed to appoint Adriaan Wijckmans and Enid Gyoecke as minutes' keepers. Eric Ropert (FRA), Gleb Karatayev (KAZ) and Chisun Paek (KOR) were requested to act as scrutineers.

The General Secretary informed the Congress about the different steps in the voting procedures. As a first step, all the house-keeping and minor changes have to be accepted in one motion. Then, as a second step, the Major Changes to the 2018–2022 Statutes and Bylaws have to be individually discussed and voted on. [See Enclosure 3]

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Argentina asked for the floor and explained that they invested a lot of time and money to develop this sport, but as they do not have a vote, they asked for support to keep inline hockey. Proposal 1 was unanimously accepted

Proposal 2; Delete Statute 11.3 (Affiliate Member) and 12.1.4 (Affiliate Members have the right ...)

In consequence of Proposal 1 above Proposal 2 was unanimously accepted.

Proposal 3; Statute 7.4 (Dissolution)

Proposal 3 was unanimously accepted.

Proposal 4; Statute 12.2 (Membership Obligations)

There was a discussion about the Membership obligations, where Estonia and Ukraine stepped to the floor and explained their views. Both countries asked for clarification of the language. Horst Lichtner clarified that the goal of this amendment is to be able to conduct both a financial and good governance audits to check irregularities if authorities inquire the IIHF to do so. Ashley Ehlert confirmed that this step is necessary to ensure normal compliance and good governance rules. Horst Lichtner explained that this motion needs a two-thirds majority to pass at Congress.

After the discussion the Congress voted on the Proposal 4 as the following:

Approved: 91

Not approved: 18

Congress accepted the proposal by 83.4 %.

Proposal 5; Statute 14.2 (Congress Powers)

Congress discussed the distribution of tasks. Estonia and Great Britain explained their views. Afterwards, Gernot Tripcke explained the view of the Legal Committee and highlighted the reasoning behind shifting some tasks to the Semi-Annual Congress.

The Congress unanimously accepted this proposal.

Proposal 6; Statute 15.2 (Council Nominations)

The Congress unanimously accepted this proposal.

Proposal 7; Statute 15.4.1 (President's Responsibilities)

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Proposal 14, Competition Bylaws 11–17

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### Modification of the IIHF Bylaws

MNA Proposal 1; Bylaw 17 (Qualification Tournament) Congress did not vote on this proposal, as the UAE withdrew this proposal.

MNA Proposal 2; Bylaw 15.1 (Council Composition)

Henrik Bach Nielsen summarized the Statute Proposal submitted by the Danish Ice Hockey Association. He explained that after Rene Fasel is retiring, the next President should be supported in the good governance, and consequently the Council should be expanded from 13 to 14 members adding specifically the position of a Senior Vice President. He asked Congress for support.

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Gernot Tripcke spoke on behalf of the Legal Committee and he expressed his views not to agree with this Statute Proposal. In his view, it is not a good idea to accept this motion, as we had this discussion already regarding the Leagues and Clubs, and the argument was last year, that the Council would be too big. If the Council adds another chair, in his view, the Leagues and Clubs should also get a seat.

Anatoliy Brezvin, UKR expressed his support to have a Senior Vice President, as it is normal at different organizations to have such a role.

Ron De Gregorio explained that the Council supports this motion. After this discussion, Congress voted about this Proposal as the following:

Approved: 73

Not approved: 23

Congress approved the proposal by 76.4 %

The IIHF Statute & Bylaw Drafting Group will draft language to effectuate Denmark's proposal in accordance with the language of the current Statutes.

MNA Proposal 3; Bylaw 12, 14 and 15 (Team Composition)  
Council does not support this Bylaw proposal. Congress did not approve of this proposal.

MNA Proposal 4; Statute 12 (Membership Rights and Obligations) and Bylaw 6 (World Championship Allocation Voting)  
Council supports this Statute Proposal.

There was voting on this motion, with the following result:

Approved: 59

Not approved: 26

Congress approved the proposal by 69.41 %

MNA Proposal 5; Bylaw 10 (Competition Operations)  
Dmitry Kurbatov expressed his views on this subject and asked for support on this proposal. Congress had a short discussion on this topic, and this Proposal was postponed.

### **Modification of the IIHF Rulebook**

The General Secretary explained that the Council had proposed a few changes to IIHF Rulebook; specifically, with respect to the procedure for conducting Faceoffs, False Faceoffs, Delay of Game/ Substitution after an Icing Call and Violation of Faceoff Procedures.

Congress unanimously approves these proposals.

MNA Proposal 1; Rule 14 (Protective shield)  
Horst Lichtner summarized the Russian proposal on Rule 14 in the rulebook on the protective shield over the benches.

Congress unanimously disapproved the proposal.

MNA Proposal 2; Stationary or telescopic tunnels  
Horst Lichtner informed Congress about the second Russian proposal to provide stationary or telescopic tunnels for safe walking of the players and officials to and from the ice surface during the competitions

Congress did not approve the proposal to provide stationary or telescopic tunnels.

### **Motion to Destroy the Ballots**

No ballots were used and therefore no need to destroy the ballots.

### **Closing Remarks by the IIHF President**

The President congratulated Bratislava for the excellent organization and expressed his gratitude for the good overall organization of the events.







# IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

2018–2019 was another successful season for Asian Hockey as the ASPG continues to expand in scope, grow in number and strength, and build ties of solidarity through friendship.

There are currently 22 Asian MNAs and we had been working very closely with our two Oceanian neighbours, Australia and New Zealand. With Malaysia and the Philippines joining the 2020 World Championship tournament, a total of 14 Asian MNAs have advanced to the IIHF World Championship Program. This is an achievement shared by all ASPG Members who have put in so much of time and effort in growing the game in each of their home grounds, and also the IIHF family which is supporting the growth of the game in Asia tirelessly. A number of new initiatives and regional cooperation projects are highlighted as follows:

There are a few highlights in Asian ice hockey in 2017/2018 season. Kuwait and Turkmenistan competed in the World Championship program for the first time at which Turkmenistan, ranked first in the tournament, is advanced to play in the Men's Division III competition in 2018/2019 season. With their participation in the World Championship program, Kuwait and Turkmenistan were both granted full membership status at the Annual Congress in Copenhagen in May 2018. Congratulations also go to Kyrgyzstan and Thailand who have been approved to play in the World Championship program in 2018/2019 season.



The ASPG meeting in Bratislava on 26 May 2019.



The 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia. Photo: David Jong

## NEW INITIATIVES AND REGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

Taking into account the growing number of ice rinks in China, the 2018 IIHF Ice Making and Maintenance Seminar was held in Beijing on 2–5 July. The Seminar, organized by the IIHF Facilities Working Group in cooperation with Chinese Ice Hockey Association (CIHA), aims to provide a comprehensive workshop and information sharing platform to over 50 practicing ice makers. As the playing surface of our sport is a main priority towards the safety of players, it is expected that similar workshops are to be organized in different places of Asia in the future to make sure the right playing fields are prepared for our players and game officials.

A regional Officiating Seminar was held in Kuala Lumpur on 30 November – 2 December 2018. A total of 25 selected game officials and referees from 13 MNAs spent 4 days to learn about officiating skills from Danny Kurmann, IIHF Officiating Manager. This seminar served to enhance the officiating level in Asia and also to expand the talent pool in the region.

With the aim of promoting women's hockey in Asia and strengthening regional collaboration, CIHA successfully organized the 2018 IIHF Asian Women's Training Camp in Beijing on 6–12 August 2018. A total of 58 players and 12 coaches from 9 MNAs participated in the Camp. The Camp was not only about skill and technique, but also friendship, fun, ideas sharing and exchange. The training camp was an important step to nurture ice hockey talents and enhance the competitiveness of our junior ice hockey players.

As inspired by the IIHF Partnership for Progress Program, the Hong Kong – Swedish Ice Hockey Association (SIHA) Collaboration had been established to promote exchange at different levels. Riding on the expertise of the SIHA, a diversify development program covering players, coaches and game officials had been introduced in Hong Kong under the collaboration. Among the various initiatives, an Officiating Seminar and Education Program were organized in Hong Kong in September 2018, which was opened to other Asian MNAs and Clubs.

The Japan Ice Hockey Federation Asia Support Program was organized by the IIHF in co-operation with Malaysia Ice Hockey Federation on 26–30 November 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, to provide Coaching Education Program to MNAs as part of IIHF Coaching Development Plan. It also served as a platform for coach recruitment, and sharing of ideas and solution. A total of 50 participants took part in the program.

## THE 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

The CCOA took place in Kuala Lumpur on 2–9 March 2019. The tournament was played in two groups where defending champion MGL, PHI, SGP and MAS were seeded in Group A while MAC, INA and OMA played in Group B. MGL defended its title after a 6–3 victory over PHI in the final while SGP defeated the home team to get the bronze medal.

History repeated in this year's CCOA U20 tournament on 3–6 December 2018 when MAS hosted the CCOA U20 tournament again and finished the event in first place ahead of KGZ. In a game for third place, PHI avenged last year's loss against the UAE and won the game 7–6. A total of 8 teams took part in the tournament, 4 teams in Top Division and 4 teams in Division I. THA ranked first in Division I over MGL, while INA ranked third.

The WCCOA was played on 14–19 April 2019 in Abu Dhabi. There were a total of five teams in the Top Division while four teams in Division I. The WCCOA is an arena for the debuts, such as Kuwait's woman national team which participated for the first in an IIHF event, even though it was a rough learning experience. THA won the tournament for the first time by defeating the defending Champion TPE which finished second. Also SGP wrote history by beating NZL's juniors, followed by another win over neighbour MAS to finish in third place. Team PHI took the title of Division I without losing a game, while UAE ranked second and IND ranked third.

## LOOKING FORWARD

With the full support of the IIHF Council, UAE's proposal in replacing the World Championship Qualifying Round with a new Division IV was unanimously approved for implementation in 2019/2020. This is particularly encouraging and conducive to the future development of Asian Hockey as it is a recognition to all the developing MNAs which are working hard towards the goal of IIHF World Championship. In view of the quick tempo of the Asian Hockey development, the ASPG will strengthen our ties with other IIHF Committees and Members; and review our direction from time to time to ensure the Asian MNAs are moving forward together with the whole Hockey family.

**Thomas Wu**  
Chairman

## Athletes Committee Report

During the past year the Athletes Committee (Angela Ruggiero, Sean Burke, Saku Koivu and Milan Hnilicka) together with the Committee Chairman and Council Member Vladislav Tretiak focused on a close collaboration with the IOC Athletes Commission on some key joint initiatives. On its meeting in Toronto, the Committee discussed IOC activities like:

- Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration (developed by athletes for athletes, through a worldwide consultation process, reflecting the views of athletes)
- Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights in order to guarantee a transparent, fair and equal system for all athletes.
- The IOC – Guidelines for IFs and NOCs to create and implement a policy to safeguard athletes from harassment and abuse in sport. In this respect the Committee once again emphasized the importance of a joint project with the Legal Committee on the subject of Safe Sport and to create an IIHF policy in the areas emotional, physical or sexual misconduct, bullying, threats and harassment, hazing and wilfully tolerating misconduct.

Also, the IIHF Pro Bono System and Ice Hockey Tribunal developed by the IIHF Legal Committee has been lengthily discussed and the Athletes Committee supports the idea of this additional help for athletes.

The Committee also reviewed the rule changes that have been introduced for the 2018/2019 Season and discussed together with Kay Whitmore (Vice President, Hockey Operations of the NHL) about the first findings of the reduction of the size of the goalie protective equipment in the NHL and to see if such changes should be discussed also for international hockey.

In addition, committee member Sean Burke has been regularly involved in those activities, through participation in conference calls or by attending the 9<sup>th</sup> International Athletes' Forum of the IOC, that took place from 13–15 April 2019 in Lausanne. The project of a central development hub for players, coaches and parents remains in the development phase, with certain components of the hub being made available during the first half of the 2019/2020 season on the IIHF website.

In the upcoming season the Committee will investigate possibilities to involve the active athletes more into any topics, that directly or indirectly touches them and make sure that their voices are heard before deciding on any changes (rules, events, trainings etc.) on the political level. This always in the view of the good of our game.

**Vladislav Tretiak**  
Chairman



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Coaching Committee Report

The 2018–19 season has been very fruitful in terms of developing new resources and programs for the development of coaching around the world. In co-operation with the Youth and Junior Development Committee, the new initiatives, that were identified as strategic priorities in the beginning of the term, are now to be released and launched to help the Member National Associations support their coaches in their daily work.

One of the resources is the IIHF Coach Development Framework. This publication will provide all the National Association with a set of best principles which relate to quality coaching and coach development. We have wanted focus on best principles, rather than best practices, as we acknowledge the unique cultures and circumstances that the Members have. The publication has been composed by Dr. Frauke Kubischta, Dr. Wade Gilbert and Committee Secretary Aku Nieminen but with the help of numerous experts from the field, including the Coaching Committee Members.

Another new initiative, which will be piloted in the upcoming season, is the IIHF Coach Developer Program. This Program will focus on the development of “Coaches’ coaches”, the ones that educate coaches in their countries. While we wish to educate coaches directly as well, we are convinced that investing in the educators will have a larger and more sustainable impact. The program will operate two seasons with four intensive periods and remote tasks.

As usual, the IIHF International Coaching Symposium was held in conjunction with the IIHF World Championship, this year in Bratislava, Slovakia. This edition of the Symposium was ex-

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tremely popular, filling up the complete room with almost 300 attendees, speakers and staff. Our goal was to provide a mix between practical and general topics to ensure we have relevant content for everyone in attendance. In addition, we held two sessions that were specifically for goaltender coaches.

Furthermore, I was extremely pleased about the Coaching Committee getting interactive and contributing locally when we held our Meetings. Our Members delivered educational sessions when we had our first meeting in Edmonton during the Hlinka-Gretzky Cup in August. We also held a panel discussion to Hungarian coaches in Budapest when we held our second meeting in March.

The IIHF Coaching Committee continues to take its responsibility of world-wide coaching development very seriously. There is much work to do as we attempt to activate on the initiatives we have identified as critical. I can't thank our Committee enough for their shared commitment to what might be the single most important influencer in a life of hockey participation.

**Tom Renney**  
Chairman



The 2019 International Coaching Symposium was held during the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

## Competition & Coordination Committee Report

With the final horn closing the gold medal game between Finland and Canada at the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia, a very successful IIHF competition season 2018/2019 came to an end. For the first time 10 teams competed in the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Finland and overall, more teams were involved in international events. Throughout the year we operated the following competitions around the world under the IIHF banner:

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## 2019 IIHF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND QUALIFICATIONS

For the past season, the Committee structured and seeded the 2019 IIHF Championship Program with 204 entered teams in 30 individual championships with 542 games in our 5 categories as follows:

CATEGORY	TEAMS	EVENTS	GAMES
Men's Senior:	52	7	154
Men's Under 20:	42	6	110
Men's Under 18:	44	7	112
Women's Senior:	39	6	99
Women's Under 18:	27	4	67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>542</b>

For the upcoming season, the Committee has structured and seeded 210 eligible teams in 30 individual championships tournaments to be held next year in our 5 categories as follows:

Men's Senior	54
Men's Under 20	42
Men's Under 18	46
Women's Senior	40
Women's Under 18	28

Through the operation of two separate meetings and two conference calls, the Committee turned its attention this past season on amendments to existing IIHF Championships Regulations and procedures (e.g. Relegation in case of co-hosting, number of medals at IIHF top events, protection of future organizer of World Junior Championship in case of relegation), came up with clarifications to tournament formats (10-team tournament WW), playing rules (e.g. false faceoffs) or sport regulations (e.g. TV timeout).



Committee-recommended rule changes included 3-on-3 overtime.

The committee also continued its discussions of all coordination matters with MNA's, Clubs, Leagues, CHL, KHL and NHL e.g. Calendar issues, player release to National Teams, player contract injury compensation/insurance for the IIHF Championship Program and worked out an adequate proposal for the National Team Breaks The Chairman was invited and joined CHL General Sessions, European Club Hockey Alliance as well as NHL/NHLPA meetings.

The Committee also spent considerable time evaluating and discussing the future operation of the Olympic Winter Games tournaments and worked out the qualification procedures in preparation for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games men and women. The qualification for the men's 12 team tournament already will start in 2019/2020 and for the 10 team women's in 2020/2021. Both proposed game schedules need to be coordinated, developed and agreed with the various stakeholders like IOC, HBS and LOC.

The Committee again worked closely with many of the IIHF Committees this season to ensure a harmonized approach to develop proposals and concepts, that overall make our game better, safer and easy to understand.

The Chairman like to thank all the Committee Members, involved stakeholders, the Office and committee secretary Christian Hofstetter for their constructive and outstanding work.

**Franz Reindl**  
Chairman

## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Ethics & Integrity Committee Report

At the last Ethics and Integrity Committee meeting there was the discussion about Ethics in the future of the IIHF. For that reason, Prof. Dr. MJ McNamee and Gareth Parry from the Swansea University presented research on key stakeholder perceptions of Ethics and Integrity issues for the IIHF. The IIHF Ethics and Integrity Committee made the following recommendations to the IIHF Council.

- Greater clarity and detail around the scope and functions of Ethics and Integrity Committee/Board and its relationship to other functions and structures of the IIHF;
- Greater visibility (internal and external) and awareness of the Ethics Committee/Board with a focus on education (staff education/education of MNA's/and others with relation with the IIHF);
- Further consideration of how the voices of international Stakeholders are represented with respect to the ethics and integrity agenda (focus on transparency).
- Development of ethically relevant guidance within social media policy;
- Further high-level discussion on how the ice hockey family spirit will be protected and promoted as the IIHF moves increasingly towards the professional commercialization of its business. How can the IIHF keep the balance in between?

More detailed consideration of other ethics related equality measures, beyond the brief of the above-mentioned research, within the IIHF community.

Also, the Ethics and Integrity Committee reviewed their Committee role within the IIHF and together with the Legal Committee came to the conclusion, that there should be an "Ethics Board" in the future elected by Congress.

The committee adopted the following proposal of the IIHF Legal Committee to be included into the IIHF Statutes & Bylaws:

#### "Ethics Board

- Congress shall elect five members, in accordance with the voting procedures for the Council in Statute 15.3.4, to the Ethics Board, for a four (4) year period. Only candidates who have had their 21<sup>st</sup> or later birthday and their 75<sup>th</sup> or earlier birthday in the appointment year are eligible for the Ethics Board.
- The Ethics Board members are equals and completely independent of the Council. They shall distribute tasks fairly and equally.
- As part of performing its duties as set out above, the Ethics Board may request any kind of relevant information from all bodies, committees, officials and other individuals within IIHF and shall be entitled to conduct or authorize reviews into any matters within the scope of its duties."

Moreover, the Ethics and Integrity Committee want to implement a new Code of Conduct or a Code of Ethics (title to be confirmed). McNamee and Parry will present a draft to the next Ethics and Integrity Meeting. The Committee will discuss the first draft in autumn 2019 and will present to Council at the November meeting of the same year. A final presentation should be made at Congress in May 2020.

Finally, the committee discussed the possibility to have one respective person in the IIHF office with background and competence in the field of Ethics and Integrity. This appointment could also assist in the integration of ethics related matters that arise in other Committees in the future. The Committee came to the conclusions, that in the future there will be more need to discuss these questions also within all other Committees, especially on marketing aspects (modern digital media, social media ...) of IIHF business.

#### Beate Grupp

Chairwoman

### Event & Evaluation Committee Report

The IIHF Event & Evaluation Committee has met once during the season 2018–2019 to discuss upcoming event-related issues and performed several site visits to potential organisers.

The general tendency has been proven one more time that potential organisers of the top IIHF Championships would like more planning security and would prefer a longer pre-allocation period, in agreement with other potential applicants.



St. Petersburg is planning an arena with a 21,500 to 23,000 capacity for the 2023 World Championship, which would make it the biggest ice hockey venue in the world. Photo: Sergei Fedoseyev/ska.ru



## HOST OF THE IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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**2023** RUSSIA

**2024** CZECH REPUBLIC

**2025** SWEDEN

In that light the committee discussed the proposal and its potential implication after three countries, namely Russia, Czech Republic and Sweden, submitted a collective proposal to Host the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in the years 2023 to 2025.

With a delay in the Bidding Procedure to accommodate also potential other applicants the proposal was finally approved by the 2019 IIHF Annual Congress and the organising rights have been awarded to Russia (2023), Czech Republic (2024) and Sweden (2025).

In connection with the pre-allocated Hosts of the IIHF World Junior Championship, the committee further discussed a similar system for the pre-allocation of top events of the other categories to enhance the quality of the event through more time for planning and acquiring of sponsors. A related proposal for the pre-allocation of WM18, WW and WW18 will be worked out and submitted to council.

To improve the quality of the live experience of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship various areas were brought up which essentially form the look and feel of IIHF Events for the spectator. In order to define standards and guarantee consistency between venues and over the years concrete proposals were delivered in which the IIHF takes more ownership and supporting the respective local organising committees accordingly.

In a constant effort the Committee looks into event related rules and regulations that they reflect the latest development to give all organisers a reliable source for hosting standards of IIHF Events.

In closing I would like to thank my Committee Secretary and Committee Members for their concerted efforts in ensuring that the high standard of current IIHF Championships is maintained and continuously setting new benchmarks, on and off the ice.

**Kalervo Kummola**  
Chairman

## Facilities Working Group Report

The IIHF Facilities Working Group has, during the season 2018–2019, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, successfully realized its long-term goals in terms of the IIHF Council's mandate.

### 1. Low cost ice rinks

The Facilities Working Group has studied different types of companies producing low cost ice rinks to help MNAs to develop our Sport and Ice Sports in general. During the 2019 IIHF Annual Congress in Bratislava, the IIHF Facilities Working Group presented low cost ice rinks and as an example it can be mentioned that in Granada, an ice rink was built with a roof tent consisting of double layers where the air is able to circulate around the complete surface of the ice rink, eliminating humidity inside. The ice rink as it looks today is a project of 1,5 to 2 million Euros with all included which we as the IIHF Facilities Working Group have taken as a Pilot-Project due to its low cost and resistance to tough weather conditions which can continue to give us the perfect ice conditions for all Ice Sports. Together with the manufacturers we are obtaining all the necessary information to provide to our IIHF Member National Associations.

### 2. IIHF Facilities Ice Making and Maintenance Seminars

The IIHF Ice Making and Maintenance Seminars are conducted constantly under the Chair of the IIHF Facilities Working Group and the most recent are:

- 2014 Jaca/Spain
- 2015 San Sebastian/Spain
- 2015 Budapest/Hungary
- 2017 Leuven/Belgium
- 2018 Beijing/China

The Ice Making seminars have, throughout the years, become very popular and the Facilities Working Group continuously receive requests to organize such seminars. The seminar is always organized together with the local Ice Hockey Federation and led by the experts of the IIHF Facilities Working Group.

### 3. IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Ice Management Assistance

Before and during the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Bratislava and Kosice, the Facilities Working Group members under the guidance of Chairman Frank Gonzalez were on site in Bratislava and Kosice to support the Organizer and especially the local Ice Master Crews in their efforts to build the perfect WM Ice. Already during the Test Event in Bratislava (Kaufland Cup) in February 2019, the Working Group supported the Organizer and the Ice Master Crew there.

### 4. IIHF Blueprints for functional operational & low-cost Arenas

During the past term, MNAs and their affiliates contacted the Facilities Working Group and applied for the IIHF Blueprints.

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The Ice-Making and Maintenance Seminar in Beijing, China.

The IIHF Blueprints are under constant development by the IIHF Facilities Working Group under the supervision of Member Patxi Lagarda.

Patxi Lagarda's work on the 3D version of the blueprints give decision makers the required visual awareness of a possible ice rink project and the most effective and enlightening way is to use 3D animations. This virtual reality animation will easily stimulate a possible interest in building new ice rinks, which is why the Working Group has decided to go ahead with the work on Blueprints and to create them for arenas, both electronically and on paper.

### 5. 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 IIHF Ice Rink Guide is available in the following languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Russian
- French

Soon the IIHF Ice Rink Guide will be available in:

- Chinese



### 6) 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. The Facilities Working Group member Zoltan Kovacs has worked hard with the project and it is ready to be launched very soon.

In closing I would like to express the high interest of not only our MNA's, but also other International Federations such as ISU and WCF in working together with us to build more Ice rinks to benefit all our Ice Sports in general. At this time, I also would like to thank my Facilities Working Group Members and Secretary for the considerable amount of time they dedicate to their work for the IIHF Facilities Working Group, during actual and past years. It is always a pleasure for me to work with our group and we will continue to come up with new strategies to help our Member National Associations develop their programs towards the future of our game of ice hockey and of all Ice Sports, as we continue to receive many requests from our membership to provide such know how and support to achieve their goals.

**Frank Gonzalez**

Chairman

## Historical Committee Report

The IIHF Historical Committee selected eight new members that were added to the IIHF Hall of Fame.

As a prelude to the medal games in the World Championship, the Induction Class of 2019 was recognised for its dedication to the game. The event took place in Bratislava, Slovakia, on the morning of the final day of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

In Bratislava, the focus was on Slovakia's golden generation, with two players who lifted the newly-independent country from the lowest level of international hockey to World Championship gold: Miroslav Satan and Zigmund Palffy.

Hayley Wickenheiser was recognized as perhaps the greatest woman to play the game. Her career has brought four Olympic golds and seven World Championship triumphs with Canada. She was the first woman to score in a pro men's league, and continues to be a great ambassador for women's hockey.

Sweden's Jorgen Jonsson enjoyed a 15-year international career with the Tre Kronor, making 285 appearances in his country's yellow jersey. His medal haul included two Olympic golds and two gold, three silver and four bronze in World Championship play.

USA Hockey's Jim Johannson, was posthumously recognized with the 2019 Paul Loicq Award, following untimely death in

2018 at the age of 53. His wife Abby and young daughter Ellie were present at the ceremony in Bratislava, and both paid a very touching tribute to Jim.

His countryman Mike Modano was inducted as a Player for his important contributions to the game's growth in the United States as well as his exceptional talent, which shone on the NHL and Olympic stage.

Kazakhstan, recently promoted back to the top division, gained its first representative in the Hall of Fame with the induction of the late Boris Alexandrov.

The Bibi Torriani award, presented annually to a player who offered great service to a lesser hockey nation, went to Bulgaria's legendary goalie Konstantin Mihaylov.

The IIHF Historical Committee sincerely thanks the IIHF Marketing and Communications Department for its excellent organization and execution of the 2019 IIHF Hall of Fame Ceremony. The ceremony hosted close to 200 guests, including a record number of print and TV broadcast media. For the third straight year, the ceremony was also live streamed on the IIHF social media channels, drawing in over 50,000 viewers.

**René Fasel**  
Chairman



IIHF President René Fasel with Abby and Ellie Johannson at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Medical Committee Report

The 2018–2019 season was dedicated to Anti-Doping matters. Taking up the drive and the relationship the IIHF has built with National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) during the Pre-Olympic Testing Task Force the IIHF cooperated with a lot of NADOs throughout the whole season in relation to Education, Outreach and Testing.

Several Anti-Doping Educations and Outreach Programs took place during different World Championships and as well as other Events organized by the IIHF, including Coaches Symposium organized in relation with the Partnership of Progress Program and the Hockey Development Camp as well as the Women's Goaltending Camp.

Furthermore, the participating teams of the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship challenged themselves with the newly introduced IIHF doping is not hOcKey Challenge. The players completed the WADA ADeL e-learning tool and promoted clean sport with photos or videos. Team Slovakia, the winning team of the challenge won tickets for the 2019 IIHF World Championship for the whole team.

In October the IIHF underwent the WADA Audit in regard to Compliance. During the audit a few items were identified which can be improved. All corrective actions have been approved by WADA in the meantime. WADA and the IIHF will continually strive to improve the IIHF's Anti-Doping Program to keep it at the highest quality.

The 2018 relaunched the Green Puck awareness program "DOPING IS NOT HOCKEY" was further expanded and promoted. Videos and photos were published and more video footage was recorded to release more material during the next season.

The IIHF continued the Team Whereabouts Program, which aims to suit the nature of the sport, whilst still providing the most effective possible doping deterrent. Therefore, in order for the IIHF to conduct out-of-competition doping controls, some teams participating in the IIHF World Championships were required to submit details of their training and game schedules to the IIHF.

The IIHF also continued testing in the KHL, WHL and MHL. More than 300 tests had been conducted throughout the season. The IIHF will continue to work with the KHL and other Anti-Doping stakeholder to improve the program.

The IIHF along with other International Federations and NADOs throughout the world celebrated the Play True Day on 10 April. Play True Day is dedicated to clean sport and is intended to raise awareness among athletes, the sporting public and others about the global fight against doping.

All IIHF World Championships except the Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification, the U18 World

Championship Division III Group B and the first five rounds of the Continental Cup were covered by a Medical Supervisor. As usual, they performed pre-event assistance, on-site supervision and guidance, concussion spotting as well as post-event reporting.

The IIHF Medical Supervisor Education took place in August 2018. The members of the Medical Committee briefed the attendees on different topics, including latest Regulation updates, their responsibilities and the medical care during an event and different processes referring to Anti-Doping and safety procedures.

During the season, the IIHF recruited three Medical Supervisors for the Medical Supervisor Trainee Program. These doctors accompanied more experienced Supervisors and became acquainted with the job on-site and first-hand. These engaged new Supervisors facilitate the assignment to the Events and relive their colleagues.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade was held in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 3,000 athletes from all over the world have competed in 11 sports in the biggest Winter Sport Event after the Olympic Winter Games. The IIHF was invited to supervise and support the Medical Program pre-event and on site for Ice Hockey.

The Ice Hockey Summit III, held in 2018, provided updated scientific evidence on concussions in hockey to inform these five objectives:

1. Describe sport-related concussion (SRC) epidemiology
2. Classify prevention strategies,
3. Define objective, diagnostic tests,
4. Identify treatment, and
5. Integrate science and clinical care into prioritized action plans and policy.

The attendees voted to prioritize the following action items:

1. Establish a national and international hockey data base for SRC at all levels
2. Eliminate body checking in Bantam youth hockey games
3. expand a behavior modification program (Fair Play) to all youth hockey levels
4. Enforce game ejection penalties for fighting in Junior A and professional hockey leagues,
- 5) Establish objective tests to diagnose concussion at point of care (POC), and
6. Mandate baseline testing to improve concussion diagnosis for all age groups.

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

Based on the 2016–2020 IIHF Officiating Committee strategic goals and plans the following Officiating Program projects were organised and operated during the 2018/2019 season.

Selection and Nomination of Game Officials and Officiating Coaches for – 30 IIHF Top- and Division World Championships (WM, WM20, WM18 and WW, WW18), 6 Continental Cup Tournaments (CC), 5 Challenge Cup of Asia Tournaments (CCOA, CCOA20, WCCOA) and games in the frame work of the IIHF Referee Exchange Program in Europe and the Champions Hockey League.

- Operation of the 2018 Member National Association (MNA) Referee-in-Chief (RIC) summit in Frankfurt with the goals to establish more close relations between the IIHF and the MNA's RIC and Directors of Officiating. 54 delegates represented 39 MNA's during this two working days summit, in June 2018. The following points were on the agenda:
  - introducing the new Official IIHF Rule Book 2018–2022, together with representatives of the IIHF Players Safety Committee,
  - discussing concerns of the national association officiating development program and its reflection on the number and qualities of licensed IIHF Game Officials,
  - questioning and answering regarding Officiating concerns in general,
  - exchanging information regarding needs of MNA regarding improving their NA officiating development programs,
  - collecting information from MNA RIC what kind of assist and support they need from IIHF regarding improving their NA officiating development programs,
  - obtaining information from the national pro leagues regarding their collaboration with the NA regarding development on ice officials.
- Operating Annual IIHF Officiating Coach and IIHF Officiating Coach-Trainee seminar with participation of 26 Coaches and

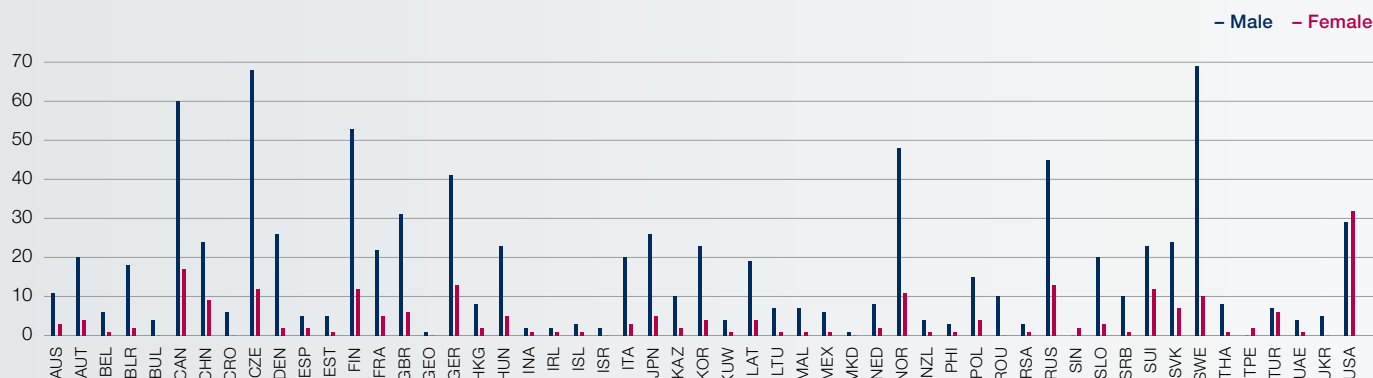
5 Trainees, with the goals to introduce the new Official IIHF Rule Book 2018–2022 and to receive and provide feedback from their work at IIHF Championships in the frame of the 2017/2018 IIHF Championship Program. The meeting took place in Zurich, June 2018.

- Organizing and running an Officiating Seminar for existing and potential new female Game Officials, in the framework of the Development Program, during the Women's High-Performance Camp in Vierumäki, Finland, July 2018.
- Co-operation with NHL and Hockey Canada with Officiating Staff during the ICE-Summit in Edmonton. Offering two European Game Officials to take part at the U18 Hlinka/Gretzky Trophy, Edmonton, Canada, August 2018.
- Co-operation with the Swedish Hockey Association, regarding development of female Game Officials in the frame of the Trollhättan Trophy (Women Club Tournament) in Sweden, August, September 2018.
- Co-operation with USA Hockey and Hockey Canada regarding development of top-level female Game Officials and fine tuning their Officiating skills in 4-Official-System in the frame of the 4 Nations Cup in Saskatoon, Canada, November 2018.
- Operating a regional Officiating Seminar for existing and potential new male and female Game Officials, in the framework of the Asia Development Program, before the CCOA, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in December 2018.
- Licensed Game Officials  
For the 2018/2019 season 53 Member National Associations (MNA's) nominated 231 female and 903 male game officials with international licenses.

The Committee is continually working in the collaboration of other IIHF Committees, Member National Associations, National Leagues and various 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 and its interest among the hockey fans.

**Sergej Gontcharov/Marta Zawadzka**  
Chairman/Co-Chairwoman

## IIHF GAME OFFICIALS LICENSED – SEASON 2018/2019



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Player Safety Committee Report

The 2018/2019 season saw the IIHF Player Safety Committee follow up on a selection of key targets within its mandate.

Following the successful completion and launch of the 2018–2022 IIHF Rule Book, the Player Safety committee worked with the IIHF Officiating Committee to develop informational resources to inform various stakeholders of the new rules.

In cooperation with the National Hockey League, the Kontinental Hockey League, the Czech, Finnish, Swedish, and Swiss leagues, IIHF Player Safety released a set of instructional videos for fans, players, and coaches covering the implementation and enforcement of the Late Hit rule.



The Player Safety Committee also recognized the need for key ice hockey organizations to become more closely involved in the development of the IIHF Rule Book. It is also important that the Rule Book should become a more fluid and versatile document, that can integrate new rule changes and sport regulation changes in a faster way instead of the usual four-year cycle.

To this effect, the committee conducted a review of the IIHF Rule Book proposal process, and submitted a selection for proposals to the IIHF Sport Department and the IIHF Council.

Moving forward, the committee will evaluate the best practices of various player safety bodies around the ice hockey world, and come up with a set of strategic proposals for the IIHF in order to maximize the committee's influence in improving the safety of the sport.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the members from the Player Safety Committee, the IIHF Committees, the MNAs, and the various leagues and clubs for their hard work and their commitment to player safety.

**Bob Nicholson**  
Chairman

### Environmental & Social Activities Committee Report

The year 2018/2019 was an exciting and successful season for the IIHF Environmental & Social Activities Committee.

First time in the history the IIHF honoured an Organizing Committee for the implementation of a sustainability projects during an event. From 24 organizers in total 11 events applied for the award – 8 women's tournaments and 7 men's tournaments. The projects ranged from recycling systems, waste management, and energy saving to the support of charity organizations and anti-doping education.

The South African Ice Hockey Federation won the Sustainability Award for their exemplary water saving projects at the 2019 WM18IIIB and 2019 WWIIBQ. The committee hopes to receive even more applications for the Sustainability Award in the upcoming seasons to promote the integration of this topic in each event organization and to promote sustainable actions among our Member National Associations.

Besides the Sustainability Award the event organizers were asked to fill out the "IIHF Sustainability Event Profile" to allow the committee to analyse the status of sustainability during IIHF tournaments.

The responses of the federations were sent only when requesting them and therefore the outcome could be better. Nevertheless, the results are very interesting and only a few weak points were discovered. The committee will analyse these results in more detail during the summer and come up with an adapted profile for the season 2019/2020. On top of that the goal is to create support and educational material for our MNAs to focus on the weak outcomes and to help them become more sustainable in these fields in the future.

In November 2018 the United Nations (UN) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) handed over an official certificate



IIHF President René Fasel and Dr. Beate Grupp present the Sustainability Awards at the 2019 IIHF Gala Dinner.





WITH NEW WATER DISPENSERS IN THE IIHF OFFICE IN ZURICH WE SAVE PER YEAR ...

**170**   
 KG OF PLASTIC

**6200**   
 BOTTLES

**162**   
 LITRE OF MINERAL OIL

to representatives of the IIHF Social and Environment Committee to congratulate them to their achievements in the “UN Clean Seas Project”. With new water dispensers in the office in Zurich, the IIHF was able to save more than 170 kg of plastic per year by not using plastic water bottles any more. These are more than 6200 bottles per year and therefore more than 162 litre of mineral oil which will not be needed anymore. The IIHF is very proud about their achievements and will work on further projects to make the IIHF office more sustainable in the future.

In January 2019 the chairwoman and the secretary of the committee had a very productive meeting with representatives of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) about the reorganization of sledge hockey and the possible integration of the sport into the IIHF. The IIHF representatives obtained a good understanding for the current situation of the IPC and its member federations.

Because of the difficult organization of para ice hockey in the various nations, the IIHF and the IPC agreed on further investigations from the IPC with their member nations and a final overview about the individual situation in each country. Afterwards a meeting will be arranged to discuss possible next steps. In the meantime the IIHF assured that they will support the IPC in different fields like Game Officials education, Marketing Workshops and other operative areas. Both parties will keep in touch on a regular basis with the goal to support, educate and involve each other in the daily business as good as possible.

At the end of the season 2018/2019 the IIHF President signed a revolutionary framework with the United Nations about the IIHF participation at “Sports for Climate Action”. Under this umbrella the UN takes the lead to form a union of different sports organizations to join together and challenge climate change. Many notable international, national and local sports organizations like FIFA, NBA, Formula E, UEFA and the New York Yankees will meet regularly to bundle up their experiences and skills to fight climate change. The idea behind this framework is to bring together the leaders of sport and find ways to use their global interest of billions of fans, their media coverage and exemplary role to challenge climate change and to inspire and engage a large audience to do the same.

The first meeting will be held in September 2019 in Lausanne. The chairwoman as well as the secretary of the committee will both participate in this meeting and will ensure to represent the IIHF also in future working groups. We are sure that our experiences, competences and network will help to take on a leadership role in this international union and we hope to present already first results of this meeting at the 2020 IIHF Annual Congress in Zurich.

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



The IIHF is a participant in the United Nations' Clean Seas program.

## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TV/New Media/Marketing Committee Report

Based on past season's efforts and successes in the Committee's core areas, the Committee Chairman and IIHF Vice-President Kalervo Kummola brought up several discussions on how to improve the overall IIHF product at this year's Committee Meeting in Valletta, Malta:

#### TELEVISION/EVENTS MARKETING

##### Infront Production

Martin Zoellner (IIHF Director Technology and Committee Secretary) developed new ways to present data into the tv graphics at the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Slovakia together with Infront Production. The project was called IIHF Insights and it included both historical data specific to competing teams as well as real-time analysis during each game. Player and team milestones were researched and shared with both TV graphics as well as with commentators. All data was shared digitally. Those were added to the ongoing features of the IIHF Player Tracking Data to bring the game closer to the fan by making him e.g. understand the speed of the players and their shots.

##### Arena Production

Added to the TV production efforts proved successfully, the IIHF went one step further and enhanced the Arena Production at the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship the same way. The jumbotron and pre-installed LED rings were used for the first time to show IIHF Player Tracking Data and cross-promotion activities for the IIHF Digital project in a modern manner. The show production was delivered under the direction of a newly installed Content Director (provided and trained by the IIHF) to oversee and help with all efforts of the Organizing Committee. The look and feel of the event was incorporated into the in-game production.



New statistical research data at the World Championship.

##### Referee Helmet Camera

The unique camera concept was further evolved to show the referee's point of view in the game. This time the camera was brought to fans more often live as compared to previous delayed pictures, which could only be reached due to a great cooperation between IIHF Officiating, IIHF Technology and Infront Production.

#### NEW MEDIA

##### Digital Activities

The IIHF Digital Group (joint efforts between Infront and IIHF staff) had the clear goal to optimize the use of all digital tools for this season. By adjusting the digital strategy and making use of near-live clips on both social channels, the app and the website, fantastic results were achieved. Video views of IIHF content doubled, website visitors exceeded the previous year, and the app was three times more popular than in the previous season. These results show that the IIHF needs to continue its digital way to attract the younger viewership in order to secure those generations as fans for our sport and this Committee will continue to support and push for that.

#### PLAYER AND PUCK TRACKING

Both venues at the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Slovakia were equipped with optical Player Tracking systems supplied by Swiss-based company Dartfish. Objects on the ice were recognized and analyzed using computer vision without physical tags on players or chip in the puck. Live data collected from cameras include puck possession, speed, shots on goals, player speed and skated distance, that allow IIHF to introduce spectators to additional player statistics and game insights. Next season the Committee will focus on closer integration of real-time Player Tracking data into television, arena production and social media, as well as further developing insights into the game of ice hockey.

#### MARKETING

The Committee made further efforts in providing future Organizing Committees with marketing support in both planning and execution. During the Committee Meeting in Malta, the marketing efforts and successes of the 2018 IIHF WM OC from Denmark were evaluated in detail. The learnings were summarized and presented to the 2019 IIHF WM OC by Committee Secretary Piet Heer in order for them to gain valuable insight. These measures will be upheld every season from now on.

#### FAN DATA

As mandated by the Committee the IIHF staff set up a project to gain valuable fan data from championship ticketing and

digital capturing. The ticketing part was included into the Championship Regulations as mandatory, which proved successful. Digital capturing was executed through fan contests, where prizes could be won. This area and the part of properly using the gathered data will be major focus of the committee work going forward.

## YEARLY COORDINATED MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION PLAN

The concept of a yearly coordinated marketing and communication plan was deferred to next year due to a needed change in strategy with a heavier focus on digital efforts going forward. Key stakeholders such as commercial partners of different events will be included in the discussion.

### Kalervo Kummola

Chairman

## Women's Committee Report

The IIHF Women's Committee had one of its busiest seasons in 2018/2019 with the first ever ten-team Women's World Championships and two camps along with its usual annual projects. A change occurred in the composition of the Committee following the resignation of Reagan Carey, with her replacement to be confirmed shortly.

The 2018/2019 season kicked off at the Women's High Performance Camp in Vierumäki, Finland. The event had over 300 participants from 41 countries, including 106 players from 22 countries in Europe, Asia and Australia who received top-level education in the course of the week-long camp. High-performance programs for staff were offered in various areas, including for coaches, goaltending coaches, video coaches, strength and conditioning coaches, team managers, equipment managers and athletic trainers. Development programs were also offered in the areas of leadership, recruitment and promotion of women's hockey.

The season finished with another camp, the second Women's Goaltending Development Camp in Hamuliakovo, Slovakia. Forty-four goaltenders attended the event along with goalen-

ding coaches, strength and conditioning coaches and athletic trainers who all received goaltending-specific education. The camp's experienced mentors included former Olympians Valentina Lizana-Wallner, Kim Martin-Hasson, Ann Desbiens, Meeri Raisanen, Florence Schelling and Zuzana Tomcikova and once again the program was overseen by Joe Johnston.

The eighth edition of the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend (WGIHW) initiative took place on October 6–7, 2018 with events taking place in over 500 locations in 42 countries and on 6 continents. Participating countries included among others Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Iceland, Kuwait, Serbia, Singapore, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. The IIHF continues to offer resources for WGIHW on the online platform Hockey Centre which include videos, manuals, logos and posters, designs and templates as well as facilitating WGIHW education at the High Performance Camps.

Women's hockey's unique worldwide event, the Global Girls' Game (GGG) took place for the fourth time on February 16–17, 2019. The weekend-long game kicked off in Botany, New Zealand and finished with a very special encounter forty games later, the final match of the Rivalry Series between USA and Canada. Other game locations included Malaysia, Ukraine, North Macedonia, Spain and Luxembourg, a first-time GGG participation for the country and also its first women's ice hockey game ever. Team Blue walked away with the final victory, beating Team White 137–135.

Both the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend and the Global Girls' Game are scheduled to take place in the 2019–2020 season as well, with the WGIHW organized on October 5–6, 2019 and the GGG planned for February 8–9, 2020.

In April 2019 for the first time in history the top division Women's World Championships featured ten teams and the tournament in Espoo, Finland was also one of the most intensely-fought, exciting events in the sport. As a side-event the WW also hosted a coaching symposium aimed at coaches working in women's hockey. The symposium was a joined initiative of the IIHF Women's Committee and the IIHF Partnership for Progress Program and featured exciting speakers on a wide variety of topics. Among others Sarah Murray walked about her unique experience of coaching the historic Unified Korean team at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics, while Saara Niemi shared the lessons she learned with Kunlun Red Star and HIFK Helsinki. Other speakers included IIHF Women's Committee member and Hockey Canada's 2006 and 2010 gold medalist coach Mel Davidson and Anna Signeul of the Finnish Football Association.

The IIHF Women's Committee is committed to create, organize and support many events and initiatives that will contribute to the further growth and development of the female game.

### Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer

Chairwoman



## FACTS WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP IN VIERUMÄKI, FINLAND



**IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS****Youth and Junior Development Committee Report**

The previous two seasons were dedicated to strategic planning and designing and conceptualizing new initiatives. The 2018–19 season was the one where the Youth and Junior Development Committee put these into concrete action. I am very satisfied with the steps taken so far and we are heading into the right direction in our efforts to keep supporting the development of our game around the world.

We continued the work on the usual programs such as National Association organizational assessments and long-term planning plus the development support through Domestic Development Plans. We also have continued to design further resources to provide more tools for player recruitment, Learn to Play, and player development in general. All of this in co-operation with other IIHF Committees, especially the Coaching Committee.

However, the main focus in the previous season was the pilot phase of the Partnership for Progress Program. In total, we hosted six seminars that took place in conjunction with IIHF Championships. We were able to mix topics from player recruitment and Learn to play to high-performance coaching to women's hockey management.

The other component was the work of clubs. There were 15 co-operation initiatives in total. In majority of those, clubs hosted other clubs but also some were visited by National Associations. These mainly consisted of visits by coaches and players with an emphasis on information exchange and development.

We also wish to recognize the support that the National Associations are providing to each other. There were 24 confirmed partnerships that we were made aware of, but we are certain that the actual number is even higher. In the future, we would like to give recognition to all MNA-MNA partnerships.

Given that it was the pilot phase, we now feel confident that we have created a sustainable concept which will grow in the future. We truly look forward to expanding this Program in the upcoming season and for years to come.

I wish to thank all the Committee Members and the Experts for their valuable thoughts and advices. It is great to see that our plans are turning into reality now.

**Petr Briza**  
Chairman

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**CO-OPERATION INITIATIVES  
HOSTED BETWEEN MNAs  
THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP  
FOR PROGRESS PROGRAM**



The Partnership for Progress program partnered with the European Hockey Club Alliance to support emerging ice hockey programs.

# IIHF HALL OF FAME

## 2019 INDUCTION



**Eight new members were added to the roll of honour at the IIHF Hall of Fame during the Induction Ceremony held in Bratislava.**

As a prelude to the medal games in the World Championship, the class of 2019 was recognised for its dedication to the game.

As is traditional at IIHF Hall of Fame inductions, there was a strong local accent. Here in Bratislava, the focus was on Slovakia's golden generation, with two players who lifted the newly-independent country from the lowest level of international hockey to World Championship gold: **Miroslav Satan** and **Zigmund Palffy**.

For Palffy, a Skalica native, the defining moment of his career came in that 2002 gold medal game: a pass for Peter Bondra with 100 seconds left on the clock set up the game-winning, title-winning goal against Russia and wrote an indelible chapter in Slovak sporting history. The three-time Olympian reflected on being part of his country's first ever national team in hockey. **"The biggest moment of my career was probably playing for the first ever Slovak national team in the Olympic qualifications, and the Winter Olympics. Of course, I'd also played before that for Czechoslovakia. Then all the times representing Slovakia, winning medals, and of course the gold medal in 2002. My childhood dream came true and hockey was always a great pleasure for me."**

He was also delighted to be inducted at the same time as his fellow Slovak star Satan. **"It's good to be going in with him because I've known him from back in Trencin and of course all the times playing together for the national team,"** he added.

Satan, whose long career saw him begin as a 19-year-old with Slovakia in Pool C in 1994 before winning the World Championship and a Stanley Cup, recalled his start in the small town of Topolcany. **"We had one chance to be a hockey player,"** he recalled. **"You had to make it at the age of six or seven, you had to get into that group of 25 boys who were allowed to play hockey because there wasn't enough ice time for everybody else. That was the first time I was lucky to make it."**

He also paid tribute to the work of his first coach, Jozef Nemec, who helped establish a successful hockey program in Topolcany and instilled a never-say-die attitude that helped Satan inspire Slovakia to international glory. **"We were always a small team that tried to beat the big teams and that was something I had to carry from this small town to the international level when we were playing against the big countries. For so long only six countries used to split the medals and Slovakia was the first to break into that. It meant a lot for our country and produced many more players in our country."**

**Hayley Wickenheiser** is perhaps the greatest woman to play the game. Her career has brought four Olympic golds and seven World Championship triumphs with Canada. She was the first woman to score in a pro men's league, with HC Salamat in Finland, and she continues to be a great ambassador for women's hockey in current role as assistant director of player development with the Maple Leafs, showing that women can make a contribution at the highest levels of the men's game.



## HOCKEY HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTION

At a time when the future of women's hockey is subject to intense discussion, Wickenheiser talked of her hopes for the next generation of girls taking up the game. **"I grew up with a Mom and Dad who believed that a girl could do anything a boy could do,"** she said. **"When I asked to play hockey, the first thing my dad did was to flood the back yard and say 'have at it!'. Because of that I've been able to live my dream. I hope that for many years to come many girls around the world will have the chance to put their skates on, lace up and maybe win a gold medal for their country."**

Another long-serving international star, Sweden's **Jorgen Jonsson**, enjoyed a 15-year international career with the Tre Kronor, making 285 appearances in his country's yellow jersey. His medal haul included two Olympic golds and two gold, three silver and four bronze in World Championship play. He and his brother Kenny were part of Sweden's unique golden double of 2006 when it won both the Olympics and the Worlds in the same year.

The Angelholm native had some words of advice for young players hoping to follow him to the pinnacle of the game. **"Never stop dreaming, believe in yourself and your ability and have fun,"** he said. **"Work as hard as possible every day to become the best you. I would never have guessed that I would stand here proud and honoured today."**

**"When I was still a young kid someone asked my parents: 'why are you spending so much time on Jorgen and Kenny's hockey? They're probably not going to be any good at all.' Well, I proved them wrong. Working hard, believing in yourself and having fun can take you all the way to the IIHF Hall of Fame."**



## WORLD MEN 2019 IIHF HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Recognition for USA Hockey stalwart **Jim Johansson**, winner of this year's Paul Loicq Award, was a celebration tinged with sadness. Universally known as 'JJ' throughout the game, and widely respected and admired by all who encountered him, his work as assistant executive director saw him develop the American junior program and turn the country's U18s into a dominant force in that age group. His untimely death last year at the age of 53 robbed the hockey community of one of its best-loved and most respected members.

His wife Abby and young daughter Ellie were present at the ceremony in Bratislava, and Abby paid tribute to her husband. **"JJ loved every aspect to the game, in particular the life-long relationships he developed through hockey,"** she said. JJ dedicated his life to hockey as a player, as a coach and as an administrator.

**"JJ used to say that team USA's first game (at the World Championship) was his favourite day of the year and I truly believe it was. He loved putting a team on the ice and every time he did, that was his favourite day of the year. In truth, every day was JJ's favourite day."**

Jorgen Jonsson with René Fasel. Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images





From left: Viktor Alexandrov, Miroslav Satan, Jorgen Jonsson, Konstantin Mihaylov, Hayley Wickenheiser, and Zigmund Palffy. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

**“For anyone who knew JJ, you knew almost as soon as you met him what a wonderful and selfless man he was. He had an uncanny ability to identify the good in people and find the positive in almost any situation.”**

Another nominee from the USA, **Mike Modano**, also passed on his tribute to Johansson. Unable to attend the ceremony as he prepares to move to a new role with Minnesota, he asked former USA Hockey Executive Director Dave Ogrea to speak on his behalf. **“We spoke just yesterday and, most appropriately, he wanted to especially acknowledge and thank Jim Johansson for everything that he did for Mike and all the American players,”** Ogrea said.

Modano’s career brought him Olympic silver and Stanley Cup glory but was indelibly associated with his uniquely smooth-skating style. Ogrea noted: **“His GM at Dallas, Doug Armstrong, said that he looked like he was hovering just above the ice. Words like ‘great’ or ‘amazing’ just don’t do him justice.”**

Modano was also instrumental in expanding the game into the southern USA, playing a key role when the North Stars moved from Minnesota to Dallas. **“Mike catalysed an interest in the game that resulted in tens of thousands of youngsters across the southern half of the United States getting involved. It was part of the NHL’s southern expansion that led to more and more rinks as the game got bigger and bigger.”**

Kazakhstan, recently promoted back to the top division, gained its first representative in the Hall of Fame with the induction of the late **Boris Alexandrov**. The former Soviet international was a key figure in the development of Kazakh hockey following the break-up of the USSR, serving his homeland as player and coach. Behind the bench, he lifted Kazakhstan to the top level of the World Championship and took the team to its first ever Winter Olympic hockey tournament in 1998. Sadly, Alexandrov was killed in a car accident in 2002 aged just 46. His son, Viktor, spoke at the Hall of Fame ceremony and said: **“This is a special moment for my family. We are pleased that the IIHF has recognized my father’s love and passion for the game.”**

The Bibi Torriani award, presented annually to a player who offered great service to a lesser hockey nation went to Bulgaria’s legendary goalie **Konstantin Mihaylov**. Of 52 Bulgarian World Championship campaigns, Mihaylov stood between the piping for 28 in a goaltending career that began when he stitched together his first goalie gloves from an old pair of hockey pants and trained on an outdoor rink in his hometown, Sofia. His World Championship debut came in 1985 in Megeve, France, and his final game was in 2014 at the age of 49. **“I couldn’t ask for anything more than to receive an award for something I have done with love and passion throughout my life,”** he said.



Jim Johansson’s wife Abby and daughter Ellie. Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images

# IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE LIST

	Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category
<b>AUSTRIA</b>				Robert Reichel	1971	2015	Player	<b>JAPAN</b>			
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder	Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder	Shoichi Tomita	1936	2006	Builder
Dieter Kalt	1941	2017	Builder	Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player	Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925	2004	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947	1999	Player	Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player	Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934	1999	Builder
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder	Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player				
<b>BELARUS</b>				<b>DENMARK</b>				<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>			
Ruslan Salei	1974	2014	Player	Jesper Damgaard	1975	2018	Player (T)	<b>Boris Alexandrov</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Coach</b>
				Jorgen Hviid	1916	2005	Builder	<b>LATVIA</b>			
<b>BELGIUM</b>				<b>FINLAND</b>				Helmuts Balderis	1952	1998	Player
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder	Raimo Helminen	1964	2012	Player	Arturs Irbe	1967	2010	Player
<b>CANADA</b>				Timo Jutila	1963	2003	Player	<b>NORWAY</b>			
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder	Matti Keinonen	1941	2002	Player	Tore Johannessen	1922	1999	Builder
Rob Blake	1969	2018	Player	Saku Koivu	1974	2017	Player	<b>POLAND</b>			
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player	Jari Kurri	1960	2000	Player	Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder	Jere Lehtinen	1973	2018	Player	<b>ROMANIA</b>			
Murray Costello	1934	2014	Builder	Harry Lindblad	1912	1999	Builder	Eduard Pana	1944	1998	Player
Danielle Goyette	1966	2013	Player	Pekka Marjamaki	1947	1998	Player	Doru Tureanu	1954	2011	Player
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player	Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	1973	2010	Player	<b>RUSSIA</b>			
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player	Kalevi Numminen	1940	2011	Builder	Veniamin Alexandrov	1937	2007	Player
Paul Henderson	1943	2013	Player	Teppo Numminen	1968	2013	Player	Vsevolod Bobrov	1922	1997	Player
William Hewitt	1875	1998	Builder	Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player	Pavel Bure	1971	2012	Player
Derek Holmes	1939	1999	Builder	Esa Peltonen	1947	2007	Player	Vyacheslav Bykov	1960	2014	Player
Fran Huck	1945	1999	Player	Ville Peltonen	1973	2016	Player	Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Angela James	1964	2008	Player	Teemu Selanne	1970	2017	Player	Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941	1998	Player	Goran Stubbs	1935	2000	Builder	Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Gordon Juckes	1914	1997	Builder	Jorma Valtonen	1946	1999	Player	Sergei Fyodorov	1969	2016	Player
Dave King	1947	2001	Builder	Juhani Wahlsten	1938	2006	Player	Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Bob LeBel	1905	1997	Builder	Unto Wiitala	1925	2003	Referee	Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Mario Lemieux	1965	2008	Player	Urpo Ylonen	1943	1997	Player	Valeri Kamenski	1966	2016	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908	1997	Player	<b>FRANCE</b>				Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Barry MacKenzie	1941	1999	Player	Philippe Bozon	1966	2008	Player	Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Seth Martin	1933	1997	Player	Jacques Lacroix	1906	1998	Player	Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Jackie McLeod	1930	1999	Player	Philippe Lacroix	1938	2018	Builder	Andrei Khomutov	1961	2014	Player
Andy Murray	1951	2012	Builder	Louis Magnus	1881	1997	Builder	Viktor Konovalenko	1938	2007	Player
Bob Nadin	1933	2018	Builder	<b>GERMANY</b>				Vladimir Krutov	1960	2010	Player
Scott Niedermayer	1973	2015	Player	Rudi Ball	1910	2004	Player	Viktor Kuzkin	1940	2005	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player	Dieter Hegen	1962	2010	Player	Igor Larionov	1960	2008	Player
Pat Quinn	1943	2016	Builder	Heinz Henschel	1920	2003	Builder	Konstantin Loktev	1933	2007	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder	Gustav Jaenecke	1908	1998	Player	Sergei Makarov	1958	2001	Player
Fran Rider	1951	2015	Builder	Udo Kiessling	1955	2000	Player	Alexander Maltsev	1949	1999	Player
Joe Sakic	1969	2017	Player	Josef Kompalla	1936	2003	Referee	Boris Mayorov	1938	1999	Player
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player	Uwe Krupp	1965	2017	Player	Boris Mikhailov	1944	2000	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965	2014	Player	Erich Kuhnackl	1950	1997	Player	Vladimir Petrov	1947	2006	Player
Harry Watson	1898	1998	Player	Hans Rampf	1931	2001	Player	Alexander Ragulin	1941	1997	Player
<b>Hayley Wickenheiser</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Player</b>	Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915	1997	Builder	Nikolai Sologubov	1924	2004	Player
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>				Alois Schloder	1947	2005	Player	Andrei Starovoitov	1915	1997	Builder
Quido Adamec	1924	2005	Referee	Xaver Unsinn	1929	1998	Builder	Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940	2007	Player
Vladimir Bouzek	1920	2007	Player	Joachim Ziesche	1939	1999	Player	Anatoli Tarasov	1918	1997	Builder
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931	1997	Player	<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>				Viktor Tikhonov	1930	1998	Builder
Ludek Bukac	1935	2007	Builder	Bunny Ahearne	1900	1997	Builder	Vladislav Tretyak	1952	1997	Player
Josef Cerny	1939	2007	Player	Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player	Valeri Vasiliev	1949	1998	Player
Jaroslav Drobny	1921	1997	Player	Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder	Alexander Yakushev	1947	2003	Player
Karel Gut	1927	1998	Player	Tony Hand	1967	2017	Player (T)	Vladimir Yurzinov	1940	2002	Builder
Dominik Hasek	1965	2015	Player	<b>HUNGARY</b>				<b>SLOVAKIA</b>			
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player	Gyorgy Pasztor	1923	2001	Builder	Peter Bondra	1968	2016	Player
Jiri Holeccek	1944	1998	Player	Laszlo Schell	1948	2009	Referee	Vladimir Dzurilla	1942	1998	Player
Jiri Holik	1944	1999	Player	Gabor Ocskay	1975	2016	Player (T)	Josef Golonka	1938	1998	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922	1997	Builder	<b>ITALY</b>				Ladislav Horsky	1927	2004	Builder
Oldrich Machac	1944	1999	Player	Enrico Calcaterra	1905	1999	Builder	<b>Zigmund Paifly</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Player</b>
Josef Malecek	1903	2003	Player	Lucio Topatigh	1965	2015	Player (T)	<b>Miroslav Satan</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Player</b>
Vladimir Martinec	1949	2001	Player				Jan Starsi	1933	1999	Builder	
Bohumil Modry	1916	2011	Player				Peter Stastny	1956	2000	Player	
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944	1997	Player								
Milan Novy	1951	2012	Player								
Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player								

	Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category		Country	Inducted
Ladislav Trojak	1914	2011	Player	Jack Riley	1920	1998	Builder	<b>PAUL LOICQ AWARD</b>		
<b>SLOVENIA</b>				Angela Ruggiero	1980	2017	Player	Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916	2002	Player	Ben Smith	1946	2016	Builder	Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Rudi Hiti	1946	2009	Player	Hal Trumble	1926	1999	Builder	Vsevolod Kukulshkin	RUS	2000
<b>SWEDEN</b>				Thayer Tutt	1912	2002	Builder	Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Daniel Alfredsson	1972	2018	Player				Pat Marsh	GBR	2002	
Curt Berglund	1923	2003	Builder				George Nagobads	USA	2003	
Sven Bergkvist	1914	1999	Player				Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004	
Lars Bjorn	1931	1998	Player				Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005	
Ove Dahlberg	1931	2004	Referee				Bo Tovland	SWE	2006	
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941	2013	Builder				Bob Nadin	CAN	2007	
Rudolf Eklow	1904	1999	Builder				Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008	
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder				Harald Griebel	GER	2009	
Peter Forsberg	1973	2013	Player				Lou Vairo	USA	2010	
Arne Grunander	1918	1997	Builder				Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011	
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958	2003	Player				Kent Angus	CAN	2012	
Anders Hedberg	1951	1997	Player				Gord Miller	CAN	2013	
Leif Holmqvist	1942	1999	Player				Mark Aubry	CAN	2014	
<b>Jorgen Jonsson</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Player</b>				Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015	
Tomas Jonsson	1960	2000	Player				Nikolai Ozerov	RUS	2016	
Nicklas Lidström	1970	2014	Player				Patrick Francheterre	FRA	2017	
Hakan Loob	1960	1998	Player				Kirovs Lipmans	LAT	2018	
Tord Lundstrom	1945	2011	Player				<b>Jim Johannson</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>2019</b>	
Mats Naslund	1959	2005	Player				<b>RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)</b>			
Kent Nilsson	1956	2006	Player				Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015	
Nisse Nilsson	1936	2002	Player				Gabor Ocskay	HUN	2016	
Ronald Pettersson	1935	2004	Player				Tony Hand	GBR	2017	
Thomas Rundqvist	1960	2007	Player				Jesper Damgaard	DEN	2018	
Maria Rooth	1979	2015	Player				<b>Konstantin Mihaylov</b>	<b>BUL</b>	<b>2019</b>	
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player				<b>MILESTONE AWARD</b>			
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player				1972 Canada/USSR SS national teams		2012	
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player				1954 USSR WM national team		2013	
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder							
Mats Sundin	1971	2013	Player							
Sven Tumba	1931	1997	Player							
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>										
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							
<b>UKRAINE</b>										
Anatoli Khorozov	1925	2006	Builder							
<b>UNITED STATES</b>										
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							
Chris Chelios	1962	2018	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							
John Mayasich	1933	1997	Player							
Jack McCartan	1935	1998	Player							
<b>Mike Modano</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Player</b>							
Lou Nanne	1941	2004	Player							
Bob Ridder	1919	1998	Builder							





# FAN-FIRST MENTALITY DEFINES IIHF-INFRONT PARTNERSHIP



Every year in May, fans can depend on the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship to deliver the perfect end to the winter sports season, with the world's best ice hockey athletes and action on display.

Fans can also rely on Infront and the IIHF to continually improve and enhance the entire tournament experience, regardless if fans are cheering from the sold-out arenas or from their living rooms. From engaging digital and social media campaigns, to world-class production, to an exclusive VIP hospitality area, Infront is dedicated to making the IIHF's flagship event a true success for all stakeholders.

The 2019 event was no exception, attracting, for the fourth year in a row, a cumulative television audience of over 1 billion and welcoming over 470,000 passionate fans on-site in Slovakia. An extensive and experienced Infront team was deployed at the venues in Bratislava and Košice ensuring fans, sponsors, broadcasters and partners received the highest quality services.

The Infront-IIHF partnership reached new heights during the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Photo: Goran Strand



## CONNECTING LOYAL FANS ON-SITE AND ONLINE

While it is tough to beat the adrenaline-charged atmosphere on-site, Infront ensured that ice hockey fans around the world were able to enjoy and engage with every aspect of the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Since 2015, one major focus of the IIHF-Infront partnership has been the joint digital strategy. Keeping the tournament relevant and interesting for a younger audience requires reaching fans wherever they are and on their preferred device. Last year the introduction of an AI-driven technology resulted in over 5,000 automatically and professionally produced clips. This year the same technology resulted in more than 7,000 clips and was used to increase reach with over 88m video views, an increase

of 118 per cent. In addition to these automatically created clips, a joint team structure of broadcast and digital experts maximised synergies between the two productions. The 2019 digital strategy also included a new daily podcast, The Totally Ice Hockey Show, which gave fans an even more in-depth analysis and review from the rink. The podcast received over 120,000 total listens throughout the tournament, providing a new way for fans to discover all the action behind the scenes. Likewise, a partnership with YouTube ensured fans online could easily find the best IIHF content and moments. This was amplified with the newly formed content creator network, which utilised social media influencers from various backgrounds and competing countries who delivered daily content for IIHF platforms.

Approximately 5,000 of the passionate fans and invited guests who travelled to Bratislava received the VIP treatment at the dedicated hospitality area, planned and coordinated by Infront. Beyond gourmet food and service, two unique chandeliers created from 98 ice hockey sticks and an Infront logo made out of 256 real pucks, alongside animated wall projections, gave fans an exclusive and authentic hospitality experience.

Infront also helped loyal fans become loyal customers by seamlessly aligning the 13 Official Sponsors with the rink-side action. Partners such as ŠKODA and Tissot have benefited from over two decades of brand exposure, becoming synonymous with the tournament. This year, ŠKODA utilized the versatility of the platform to unveil their KAMIQ small-size SUV vehicle. With hours of non-stop action and captivated fans, the tournament offers the ideal platform for brand activations.

## GOING BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL BROADCAST

Once again, Infront has been responsible for the production, delivering consistent coverage no matter the location or venue. This year, the on-site production team of 130 continued to deliver the best moments and keep production standards high. The set-up comprised a maximum of 32 cameras per game, including ref cams and one 4G camera, with the Final weekend incorporating additional cameras to the line-up, such as ultra slow-motion, cable cam and a second 4G camera. More than 200 hours of footage provided fans with full coverage of the action on the ice, including team arrivals and warm-ups.

Broadcast into more than 155 territories, the tournament reached a cumulative TV audience of more than 1,2 billion – the fourth year in a row the reach has topped 1 billion viewers. Infront's dedicated Broadcaster Servicing team was also on-site at the venues coordinating activities and linking broadcasters to production operations.





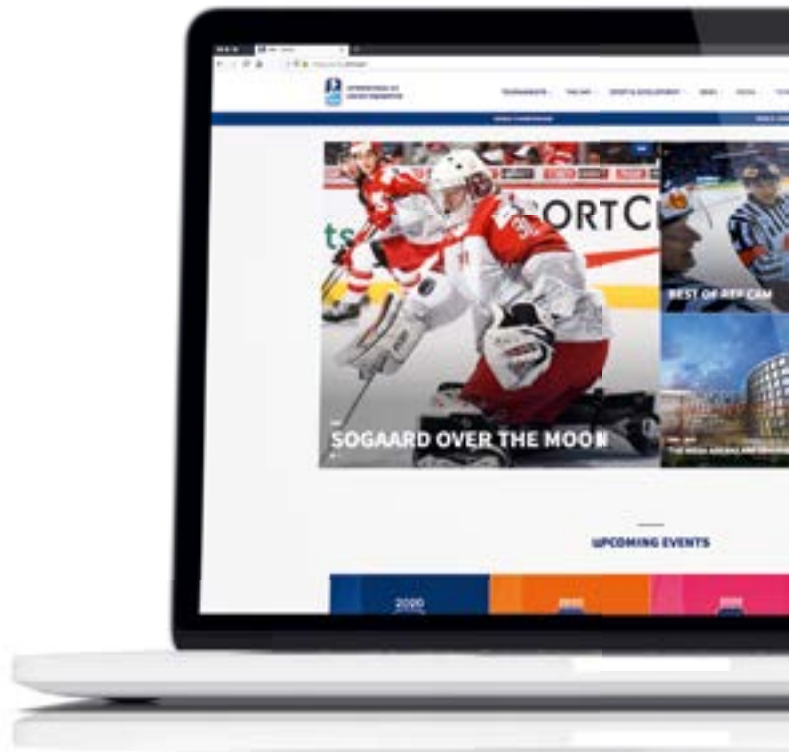
# NEW DIGITAL ERA FOR IIHF

The 2018/2019 ice hockey season was the start of a new digital era for the International Ice Hockey Federation with the launch of the new IIHF.com website in September 2018 during the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

The relaunch meant a major overhaul since the previous website was launched in December 2007 during the IIHF's 100-year anniversary season. Times in this area have changed rapidly since then, both on the technology and user behaviour side – think of Web 2.0, the rise of social media, 4G, 5G, smart-phones, smartwatches and tablets. To be up to date also for the younger audience the IIHF has been working for a while behind the scenes to modernize its face in the digital world.

The new website does not only appear in a modern state-of-the-art design with an IIHF look and feel but is fully responsive making it possible to easily navigate the website on desktop and mobile devices. It was an important reason for the redesign to make IIHF.com better accessible since 66 per cent of the fans visited the website with a smartphone during the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The results were positive and confirm the intention of the redesign. During the past 12 months IIHF.com had over 55 million pageviews and over 16 million sessions with an average session duration of 3:44. Peak times were the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship and the month of April with many



other IIHF championships including the Women's Worlds, the U18 Worlds, and the World Championship Division I tournaments. All these tournaments were covered on-site with game highlights, photos and recaps reaching the fans through the IIHF's own platforms and social media channels.

The event websites now use the same platform and design with slight adjustments to accommodate the different needs for tournaments. Several events during the 2018/2019 season were also covered in the local languages in co-operation with the organizing committees to provide content in languages such as Finnish, French, Kazakh, Russian and Slovak.

## WM 2018 VS. WM 2019



**+96.8%**

31,3 million website views



**+25.8%**

one million followers on social media



**+118%**

88 million video views



**+30.6%**

386,000 active IIHF App devices





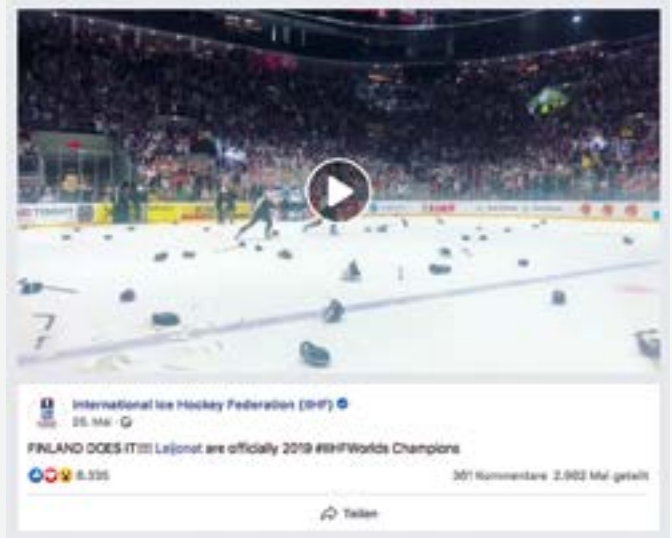
The highlight of the season was certainly the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Slovakia where the IIHF together with Infront offered fans great second-screen solutions with established content such as:

- Fast game data on the IIHF App
- Game highlights across the various platforms
- A free live stream for games other than the ones broadcast in each territory
- Stories and great action photos
- New formats such as Facebook live shows next to the ice or behind the scenes
- A daily podcast produced on-site during the tournament
- In-game and behind-the-scenes footage for the younger audience on Instagram Stories and more footage from the many cameras of the host broadcaster and the digital team on-site

During the event we surpassed the milestone of one million followers on the IIHF's social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, VK and YouTube and had record figures on the new website. Compared to 2018 the number of 31,3 million website views during the World Championship and 88 million video views across the platforms doubled.

The end of the season is already the beginning of a new one as we prepare to bring new great stories to the world of ice hockey and work on improving the new website for an optimal user experience.

## TOP POSTS



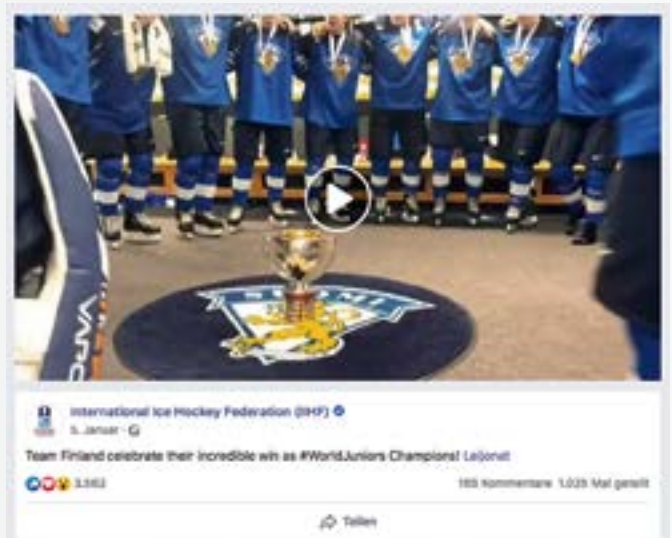
Most viewed video was the celebration of Finland's win in the IIHF World Championship.

## TOP IMAGE



The most popular post was the announcement of Finland as IIHF World Champion.

## TOP NON-WM-RELATED



Team Finland celebrate their incredible win as World Juniors Champions!

# AN ANNIVERSARY SUMMER AT THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

**The year 2018 held special significance to the Hockey Hall of Fame as it celebrated two milestones: 75 years since its inception and 25 years since moving into its magnificent current location at Brookfield Place.**

It was on September 10, 1943 when the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and National Hockey League agreed to establish the Hockey Hall of Fame as “a memorial to those who have made outstanding contributions to the development of Canada’s great winter sport – ice hockey.” Nearly 50 years later, on June 18, 1993, the Hockey Hall of Fame relocated from its original site on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition to downtown Toronto, at the corner of the city’s gateway intersection of Yonge and Front Streets.



From left: Glenn Anderson, Aleksander Yakushev, and Igor Larionov at the 2018 Haggard Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic.  
Photo: Mark Blinch/Hockey Hall of Fame

To celebrate these two milestone Hockey Hall of Fame anniversaries, new exhibitry, promotional events and signage were initiated over the summer months. Over 500 tenants of Brookfield Place attended the Hall’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tribute on the June 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary date, while the 75/25 line of merchandise proved unmatched in sales within the Hall of Fame’s Spirit of Hockey retail store.

In addition to the Hockey Hall of Fame anniversaries, its pre-eminent treasure, the original Stanley Cup, was celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the symbol of the game’s ultimate achievement. It was on May 15, 1893 when this remarkable trophy – donated by Lord Stanley of Preston – was first awarded, in this instance, to the Montreal Hockey Club under the umbrella of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association (MAAA). In honour

of this anniversary, the Hockey Hall of Fame unveiled a limited-time series of showcases featuring artifacts chronicling the rich history of the Stanley Cup, including a collection of more than 20 championship rings spanning from the first-ever Stanley Cup championship (1893, Billy Barlow, Montreal AAA’s) to the 2016–2017 championship ring recently donated by the Pittsburgh Penguins.

## THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CELEBRATED ITS 75/25 ANNIVERSARY WHILE ESTABLISHING A NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

The Hockey Hall of Fame established a new endowment fund to be known as the Hockey Hall of Fame Development and Preservation Fund. This Fund account was initiated with a \$1-million seed contribution from the National Hockey League. It was further enhanced with the net proceeds of a spectacular gala held on June 25, 2018. The Hockey Hall of Fame 75/25 Anniversary Legends Gala, presented by WestJet, was staged at the former Maple Leaf Gardens. Guests arrived to and walked the red carpet which guided attendees through four floors of nostalgia, including historic photo and artifact displays – highlighted by the Hall’s complete NHL trophy collection and the authentic Maple Leaf Gardens pipe organ, live statues donning equipment dating back to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, and ultimately leading to the Stanley Cup and ‘Spirits’ of Hockey Reception, presented by J. P. Wiser’s, which was hosted by Toronto Maple Leafs alumni.

With over 800 guests seated on the covered ice surface that had provided so many iconic hockey moments, host James Duthie of TSN introduced the ‘Parade of Legends’, presented by Upper Deck, featuring six decades of inductees, who joined the festivities in an unforgettable show of fraternity, many reuniting for the first time in decades.

The Honoured Members continued to be featured throughout the evening’s flow. A series of ‘Hall Flashbacks’, presented by TSN, highlighted a specific induction year, including footage and a live interview with an Honoured Member from that class. Between dinner courses, guests enjoyed themed ‘Legends Hot Stove’ panels, presented by Canadian Tire. In separate sessions, James Duthie posed questions to the ‘Snipers’ (Mike Gartner, Guy Lafleur and Luc Robitaille), the ‘Blueliners’ (Al MacInnis, Serge Savard and Scott Stevens) and the ‘Goalies’ (Grant Fuhr, Bernie Parent and Billy Smith).

Attendees were also entertained by the musical performances of The Caverners, a Beatles tribute band – a rather fitting selection considering the original band’s memorable appearances in the very same venue, Canadian east-coast legend Alan Doyle with special guest, multiple Juno award winner Brett Kissel, and the comedy of Brent Butt of Corner Gas fame as well as Olly and Jacob.





2018 Inductees Aleksander Yakushev, Jayna Hefford, Martin Brodeur, Willie O'Ree, Martin St-Louis and Gary Bettman.  
Photo: Mark Blinch/Hockey Hall of Fame

Each guest also received a deluxe commemorative coffee table book titled 'The Hall: Celebrating Hockey's Heroes, Heritage and Home', tailored exclusively for the gala.

Net proceeds from the Hockey Hall of Fame 75/25 Anniversary Legends Gala exceeded \$1 million. In so many ways, this marquee event celebrated the Hall's tradition of honouring excellence in the greatest game in the world.

### 9 & 99: THE HOWE – GRETZKY EXHIBITION

Rarely does an indelible bond develop between two players from two different generations as did the one between Gordie Howe and Wayne Gretzky. From their first meeting in Brantford, Ontario in 1972 when Gordie met the young prodigy in his hometown, to playing against one another in the WHA and NHL, their mutual respect and admiration was everlasting. "He was everything to me," Gretzky recalled. "Everyone knows my opinion about the man. He was a special person. He was a great ambassador for the game of hockey. He was a wonderful father; great grandfather. For me, he's the greatest hockey player who ever played." Howe equally held Gretzky in high

regard. Upon Gretzky surpassing Howe in career points, Gordie stated, "To see a kid of that calibre pass it, there's no loss – I figure there's all gain."

The Hockey Hall of Fame officially unveiled its limited-time exhibition honouring the illustrious careers of "Mr. Hockey" Gordie Howe and "The Great One" Wayne Gretzky for the start of March Break. This comprehensive tribute explores, through mirrored individual displays, how each legend transcended the game for their respective generations, while highlighting the similarities in their Hall of Fame careers. The more than 150 historic artifacts on display include: Howe's gloves from his first Stanley Cup (1952); Gretzky's first pair of skates (early 1960's); items from each player's 2000<sup>th</sup>-point milestone; Gretzky's 92<sup>nd</sup>-goal and stick from his 212-point season (all from 1981–1982), the stick and puck from Howe's 801<sup>st</sup> NHL goal (April 6, 1980), and Gretzky's subsequent record-breaking 802<sup>nd</sup>-goal stick and puck (March 23, 1994); Howe's last All-Star Game jersey (1980) in which he played alongside Gretzky; Gretzky's equipment from his final NHL game (April 18, 1999); and both players' Order of Canada. The exhibition also incorporates captivating video vignettes, rare photos and various multi-media, and is scheduled to run for 12 months.



Hockey Hall of Fame 75/25 Anniversary Legends Gala at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. Photo: Andrea Cardin/Hockey Hall of Fame









# TOURNAMENTS

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & OLYMPIC RESULTS TIMELINE 1920-2019

	OG '20	OG '24	OG '28	WM '30	WM '31	OG '32	WM '33	WM '34	WM '35	WM '36	WM '37	WM '38	WM '39	WM '47	OG '48	WM '49	WM '50	WM '51	WM '52	WM '53	WM '54	WM '55	WM '56	WM '57	WM '58	WM '59	OG '60	WM '61	WM '62	WM '63	WM '64	WM '65	WM '66	WM '67						
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# IIHF WORLD RANKING 2019

## MEN AND WOMEN

### MEN

	CANADA	RUSSIA	FINLAND	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	UNITED STATES	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	SLOVAKIA	LATVIA	NORWAY	DENMARK	FRANCE	BELARUS	AUSTRIA	ITALY	KOREA	SLOVENIA	KAZAKHSTAN	GREAT BRITAIN	HUNGARY	POLAND	JAPAN	LITHUANIA	UKRAINE	ESTONIA	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Points	3705	3640	3615	3615	3465	3430	3355	3325	3040	3025	3005	2925	2840	2735	2635	2620	2620	2620	2570	2480	2370	2300	2180	2110	2095	2010	1990	1910	1895
Move	0	+1	+2	-2	+1	-2	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2	0	0	0	+2	+3	-1	-3	-1	+2	-1	-1	0	+1	-1	0	+2	0	-2
2018	1	3	5	2	6	4	8	7	10	11	9	12	13	14	17	19	16	15	18	22	20	21	23	25	24	26	29	28	27

### WOMEN

	UNITED STATES	CANADA	FINLAND	RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	JAPAN	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	FRANCE	DENMARK	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	HUNGARY	SLOVAKIA	KOREA	ITALY	LATVIA	KAZAKHSTAN	CHINA	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	GREAT BRITAIN	SLOVENIA	SPAIN	MEXICO	TURKEY	DPR KOREA	AUSTRALIA
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Points	3900	3730	3675	3560	3415	3290	3275	3270	3250	3015	2910	2910	2895	2875	2720	2680	2655	2490	2470	2460	2415	2390	2190	2105	2035	2000	1725	1605	1535
Move	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	+1	-1	0	+1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1
2018	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	9	8	10	12	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30

<b>SERBIA</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>ICELAND</b>	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>BULGARIA</b>	<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>DPR KOREA</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	<b>HONG KONG</b>	<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>	<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	<b>BOSNIA &amp; HERZEGOVINA</b>	<b>KUWAIT</b>	<b>THAILAND</b>	<b>KYRGYZSTAN</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>
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In the 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking, silver-medallist Canada retained first place, while bronze medallist Russia moved up from third to second place and new World Champion Finland from fifth to third. The Finns overtook Sweden with this year's Worlds result serving as the tie-breaker.

The top-8 countries of the 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking are automatically qualified for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Men's Ice Hockey Tournament. Slovakia (9<sup>th</sup>) and Latvia (10<sup>th</sup>) moved up one spot while Norway dropped two places and is now 11<sup>th</sup>. These three countries earned the right to host the three Final Olympic Qualification tournaments. Italy and Great Britain moved up big as both teams managed to stay in the top division.

<b>HONG KONG</b>	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>ICELAND</b>	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>BULGARIA</b>	<b>UKRAINE</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
1445	1355	1350	1235	1205	1060	995	995	975	440
-1	+1	-1	+4	-1	-1	0	+1	-3	NEW
29	32	31	37	33	34	36	38	35	-

The United States continue to lead the IIHF Women's World Ranking following the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. Canada remains in second place but Finland narrowed the points gap thanks to its silver-medal finish on home ice in Espoo.

Russia and Switzerland remain fourth and fifth in the Women's World Ranking while Japan moved up to historic heights. The Japanese overtook Sweden (now 7<sup>th</sup>) for sixth place. The Czech Republic also improved one spot and is now 8<sup>th</sup> while Germany fell to 9<sup>th</sup>. France completes the top-10.

Denmark, one of the two teams promoted to the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Halifax and Truro, Canada, improved one position and is now 11<sup>th</sup> at the expense of Austria (12<sup>th</sup>). Hungary is the other of the two promoted teams after winning the Division I Group A on home ice in Budapest.

The IIHF Women's World Ranking includes a record number of 39 countries following the successful entry of Ukraine into the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship program.

# IIHF SURVEY OF PLAYERS

## 2018/2019 SEASON

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2019 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	56	24	5	27	0	0	1	0		85,708
Argentina	980	610	130	240	25	6	3	1		44,694,198
Armenia	289	110	179	0	8	0	3	2		3,038,217
Australia	4,716	3,052	962	702	281	27	22	0	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIA, WW18 IBQ	23,470,145
Austria	7,670	3,294	3,797	579	270	12	42	35	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 IA	8,793,370
Belarus	4,580	401	4,172	7	157	3	39	2	WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18	9,527,543
Belgium	1,785	936	698	151	129	11	15	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	11,570,762
Bosnia & Herzegovina	187	39	112	36	6	0	1	3	WM IIIQ	3,849,891
Brazil	21	20	1	0	0	0	0	0		208,846,892
Bulgaria	910	169	692	49	18	4	6	3	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIBQ	7,057,504
Canada	621,026	104,569	427,725	88,732	28,333	2,308	3,300	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	37,640,655
Chile	250	120	80	50	0	0	7	1		17,925,262
China	8,384	482	7,094	808	178	71	213	197	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IB, WW18 IB	1,384,688,986
Chinese Taipei	781	135	529	117	44	5	3	0	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB, WW18 IBQ	23,545,963
Croatia	597	147	388	62	13	0	3	2	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	4,270,480
Czech Republic	121,613	90,610	27,263	3,740	2,160	97	200	8	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,686,269
Denmark	5,147	2,527	1,918	702	122	5	27	0	WM, WM20, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 IA	5,809,502
DPR Korea	2,400	200	1,200	1000	45	2	3	13	WM IIB, WW IIA	25,381,085
Estonia	1,077	124	862	91	43	1	11	10	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	1,244,288
Finland	64,641	29,276	30,931	4,434	1,731	60	274	53	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,537,364
France	21,667	8,818	10,418	2,431	84	7	117	9	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW, WW18 IB	67,364,357
Georgia	625	147	431	47	4	0	4	1	WM IIB	4,926,087
Germany	21,340	5,226	13,783	2,331	289	47	218	45	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW, WW18 IA	80,457,737
Great Britain	8,162	3,522	3,751	889	256	28	68	0	WM, WM20 IIA, WM18 IB, WW IIA, WW18 IB	65,105,246
Greece	165	70	70	25	3	0	3	0		10,761,523
Hong Kong	320	110	160	50	15	6	4	0	WM IIIQ, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	7,213,338
Hungary	7,106	1182	4,981	943	167	13	46	12	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 IA	9,772,756
Iceland	624	144	320	160	8	3	3	0	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIB	343,518
India	1,502	723	415	364	11	3	2	16		1,296,834,042
Indonesia	148	45	85	18	4	1	4	0		262,787,403
Ireland	360	140	170	50	3	1	0	0		5,068,050
Israel	570	268	285	17	26	4	2	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA	8,424,904
Italy	5,210	1,146	3,654	410	137	4	58	12	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 IA	62,246,674
Jamaica	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0		2,812,090
Japan	18,837	12,021	5,344	1,472	792	64	117	50	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW, WW18	126,168,156
Kazakhstan	6,915	355	6,395	165	65	7	24	215	WM IA, WM20, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 IBQ	18,744,548
Korea	3,260	224	2,608	428	64	4	30	0	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IB, WW18 IBQ	51,418,097
Kuwait	530	150	177	203	4	1	3	0	WM IIIQ	2,916,467
Kyrgyzstan	1530	1200	300	30	5	0	3	8	WM IIIQ	5,849,296
Latvia	7,000	5,119	1,807	74	137	20	16	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18, WW IB	1,923,559
Liechtenstein	24	18	5	1	0	0	0	0		38,547
Lithuania	2,466	1,360	1,016	90	25	2	6	3	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	2,793,284
Luxembourg	464	160	280	24	12	0	3	0	WM III, WM18 IIB	605,764
Macau	121	40	71	10	8	2	1	0		606,340
Malaysia	260	100	80	80	12	2	2	0		31,809,660
Mexico	2,141	703	1234	204	23	3	22	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA, WW18 IBQ	125,959,205
Mongolia	730	280	446	4	8	0	2	19		3,103,428
Morocco	225	129	74	22	3	0	2	0		34,314,130
Nepal	26	0	14	12	1	1	1	0		29,717,587
Netherlands	4,232	1,098	2,611	523	144	8	19	0	WM IB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IB, WW18 IB	17,151,228
New Zealand	1,330	560	600	170	28	6	6	5	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIB	4,545,627
North Macedonia	81	37	33	11	4	0	0	1		2,118,945
Norway	10,353	2,225	6,802	1,326	300	15	49	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 IA	5,372,191
Oman	73	38	35	0	2	0	2	0		4,613,241
Philippines	131	41	57	33	11	0	4	0		105,893,381
Poland	3,770	1,050	2,400	320	150	12	20	5	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IIA, WW IB, WW18 IB	38,420,687
Portugal	94	57	20	17	0	0	0	0		10,355,493
Qatar	187	31	144	12	7	0	3	0		2,740,479
Romania	1,964	427	1,396	141	30	3	7	2	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	21,457,116
Russia	112,236	17,100	92,486	2,650	1,495	82	612	2,710	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	142,122,776
Serbia	606	456	73	77	32	2	3	1	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB	7,078,110
Singapore	533	333	149	51	22	2	2	0		5,872,919



FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2019 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Slovakia	11,394	2,091	8,819	484	360	14	71	28	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18 IA	5,445,040
Slovenia	1,142	153	903	86	45	3	7	0	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IIA	2,102,126
South Africa	706	220	311	175	56	16	7	1	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 IIIB, WW IIBQ	55,380,210
Spain	1,043	135	681	227	24	3	11	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIA, WW18 IBQ	49,331,076
Sweden	55,431	14,033	35,425	5,973	6,444	210	360	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,272,518
Switzerland	27,867	9,566	16,377	1,924	1,146	51	48	111	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	8,292,809
Thailand	641	240	307	94	6	1	13	0	WMIIIQ	68,615,858
Turkey	1,553	350	715	488	130	70	30	2	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIB, WW18 IBQ	81,257,239
Turkmenistan	307	89	218	0	6	0	5	0	WM III	5,411,012
Ukraine	5,384	1,812	3,420	152	50	2	21	2	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IIBQ	43,952,299
United Arab Emirates	855	305	475	75	16	4	4	0	WM IIIQ	9,701,315
United States	567,908	162,647	322,453	82,808	23,855	1,569	1,535	500	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	329,256,465

Source of population numbers: 2018 CIA World Factbook  
All tournaments from the 2018/2019 season

## LEGEND

## MEN

<b>WM</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
<b>WM I</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I
<b>WM II</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II
<b>WM III</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

<b>WM20</b>	IIHF World Junior Championship
<b>WM20 I</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I
<b>WM20 II</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II
<b>WM20 III</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

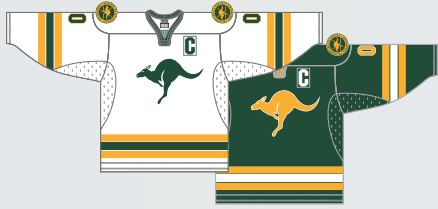
<b>WM18</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship
<b>WM18 I</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I
<b>WM18 II</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II
<b>WM18 III</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

## WOMEN

<b>WW</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
<b>WW I</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I
<b>WW II</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II
<b>WW18</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship
<b>WW18 I</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I
<b>WW18 IQ</b>	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

# IIHF NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY

## 2018/2019



**AUSTRALIA (AUS)**

Member since 1950



**AUSTRIA (AUT)**

Member since 1912



**BELARUS (BLR)**

Member since 1992



**BELGIUM (BEL)**

Member since 1908



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGONIVA (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



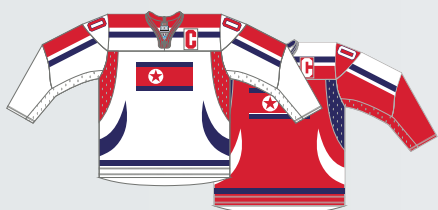
**CZECH REPUBLIC (CZE)**

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



**GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)**  
Member since 1908



**HONG KONG (HKG)**  
Member since 1983



**HUNGARY (HUN)**  
Member since 1927



**ICELAND (ISL)**  
Member since 1992



**IRELAND (IRL)**  
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



**KUWAIT (KWT)**  
Member since 2009



**KYRGYZSTAN (KGZ)**  
Member since 2011



**IIHF NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY**

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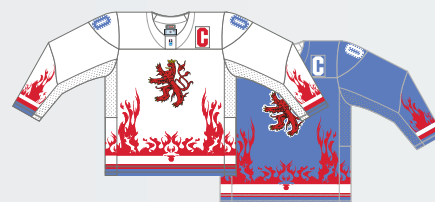
**LATVIA (LAT)**

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



**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



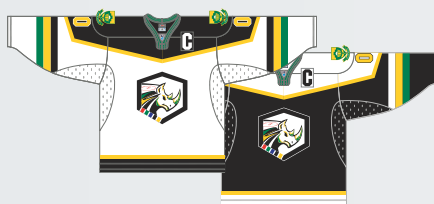
**SLOVAKIA (SVK)**

Member since 1993



**SLOVENIA (SLO)**

Member since 1992



**SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)**

Member since 1937



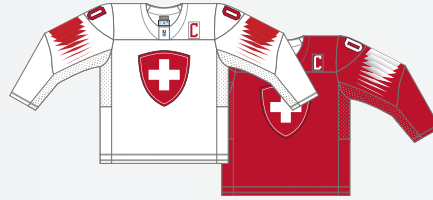
**SPAIN (ESP)**

Member since 1923



**SWEDEN (SWE)**

Member since 1912



**SWITZERLAND (SUI)**

Member since 1908



**THAILAND (THA)**

Member since 1989



**TURKEY (TUR)**

Member since 1991



**TURKMENISTAN (TKM)**

Member since 2015



**UKRAINE (UKR)**

Member since 1992



**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)**

Member since 2001



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)**

Member since 1920

# CHAMPIONS 2018–2019

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III

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

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

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

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

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA DIVISION I

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA DIVISION I

CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE

IIHF CONTINENTAL CUP

**Finland**

**Kazakhstan**

**Romania**

**Serbia**

**Israel**

**Bulgaria**

**Finland**

**Germany**

**Slovenia**

**Estonia**

**Serbia**

**China**

**Sweden**

**Germany**

**Japan**

**Poland**

**Serbia**

**Bulgaria**

**Chinese Taipei**

**USA**

**Hungary**

**Netherlands**

**Slovenia**

**Chinese Taipei**

**Canada**

**Slovakia**

**France**

**Mongolia**

**Malaysia**

**Thailand**

**Thailand**

**Philippines**

**Frolunda Gothenburg (SWE)**

**Arlan Kokshetau (KAZ)**



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## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## IIHF CONTINENTAL CUP



## IIHF ICE HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA







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2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SLOVAKIA  
Bratislava - Košice

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
KAZAKHSTAN  
Astana  
Division I - Group A

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
ESTONIA  
Tallinn  
Division I - Group B

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SERBIA  
Division II - Group A

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
MEXICO  
Mexico City  
Division II - Group B

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
BULGARIA  
Sofia  
Division III

2019



ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
Abu Dhabi  
Division III - Qualification

# WORLD MEN



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## BRATISLAVA – KOSICE, SLOVAKIA

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A – KOSICE – SLOVAKIA

Date	Game	Score
10.5.2019	Finland – Canada	3–1 1–1, 0–0, 2–0
10.5.2019	United States – Slovakia	1–4 1–1, 0–2, 0–1
11.5.2019	Denmark – France	5–4 PSS 2–1, 1–3, 1–0
11.5.2019	Germany – Great Britain	3–1 0–0, 1–0, 2–1
11.5.2019	Slovakia – Finland	2–4 1–2, 1–0, 0–2
12.5.2019	United States – France	7–1 3–0, 2–0, 2–1
12.5.2019	Denmark – Germany	1–2 0–0, 0–2, 1–0
12.5.2019	Great Britain – Canada	0–8 0–2, 0–3, 0–3
13.5.2019	United States – Finland	3–2 OT 2–1, 0–1, 0–0
13.5.2019	Slovakia – Canada	5–6 2–2, 2–3, 1–1
14.5.2019	Great Britain – Denmark	0–9 0–3, 0–5, 0–1
14.5.2019	Germany – France	4–1 1–0, 2–1, 1–0
15.5.2019	United States – Great Britain	6–3 1–1, 3–1, 2–1
15.5.2019	Germany – Slovakia	3–2 0–0, 1–2, 2–0
16.5.2019	Canada – France	5–2 3–0, 0–1, 2–1
16.5.2019	Finland – Denmark	3–1 0–0, 2–1, 1–0
17.5.2019	France – Slovakia	3–6 0–2, 2–1, 1–3
17.5.2019	Finland – Great Britain	5–0 0–0, 3–0, 2–0
18.5.2019	Denmark – United States	1–7 0–4, 1–2, 0–1
18.5.2019	Canada – Germany	8–1 2–0, 2–1, 4–0
18.5.2019	Great Britain – Slovakia	1–7 1–3, 0–3, 0–1
19.5.2019	Germany – United States	1–3 1–1, 0–0, 0–2
19.5.2019	France – Finland	0–3 0–1, 0–1, 0–1
20.5.2019	France – Great Britain	3–4 OT 0–0, 3–2, 0–1
20.5.2019	Canada – Denmark	5–0 3–0, 1–0, 1–0
21.5.2019	Finland – Germany	2–4 1–1, 1–1, 0–2
21.5.2019	Slovakia – Denmark	2–1 PSS 0–0, 1–0, 0–1
21.5.2019	Canada – United States	3–0 2–0, 1–0, 0–0

#### GROUP B – BRATISLAVA – SLOVAKIA

Date	Game	Score
10.5.2019	Russia – Norway	5–2 2–0, 2–0, 1–2
10.5.2019	Czech Republic – Sweden	5–2 1–0, 1–2, 3–0
11.5.2019	Switzerland – Italy	9–0 4–0, 2–0, 3–0
11.5.2019	Latvia – Austria	5–2 1–1, 0–0, 4–1
11.5.2019	Norway – Czech Republic	2–7 1–3, 0–2, 1–2
12.5.2019	Russia – Austria	5–0 1–0, 2–0, 2–0
12.5.2019	Italy – Sweden	0–8 0–1, 0–1, 0–6
12.5.2019	Latvia – Switzerland	1–3 0–0, 1–1, 0–2
13.5.2019	Russia – Czech Republic	3–0 1–0, 1–0, 1–0
13.5.2019	Norway – Sweden	1–9 0–3, 0–5, 1–1
14.5.2019	Italy – Latvia	0–3 0–0, 0–2, 0–1
14.5.2019	Switzerland – Austria	4–0 1–0, 0–0, 3–0
15.5.2019	Switzerland – Norway	4–1 1–0, 1–0, 2–1
15.5.2019	Russia – Italy	10–0 4–0, 4–0, 2–0
16.5.2019	Sweden – Austria	9–1 5–0, 2–0, 2–1
16.5.2019	Czech Republic – Latvia	6–3 0–2, 4–0, 2–1
17.5.2019	Austria – Norway	3–5 0–1, 1–1, 2–3
17.5.2019	Czech Republic – Italy	8–0 1–0, 4–0, 3–0
18.5.2019	Latvia – Russia	1–3 1–0, 0–3, 0–0
18.5.2019	Italy – Norway	1–7 0–1, 0–0, 1–6
18.5.2019	Sweden – Switzerland	4–3 1–1, 2–1, 1–1
19.5.2019	Austria – Czech Republic	0–8 0–2, 0–3, 0–3
19.5.2019	Switzerland – Russia	0–3 0–1, 0–1, 0–1
20.5.2019	Sweden – Latvia	5–4 1–0, 1–1, 3–3
20.5.2019	Austria – Italy	3–4 PSS 2–1, 0–2, 1–0
21.5.2019	Czech Republic – Switzerland	5–4 1–1, 3–1, 1–2
21.5.2019	Norway – Latvia	1–4 1–0, 0–1, 0–3
21.5.2019	Sweden – Russia	4–7 1–0, 0–6, 3–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	7	6	0	0	1	+25	36:11	18
2	Finland	7	5	0	1	1	+11	22:11	16
3	Germany	7	5	0	0	2	0	18:18	15
4	United States	7	4	1	0	2	+12	27:15	14
5	Slovakia	7	3	1	0	3	+9	28:19	11
6	Denmark	7	1	1	1	4	–5	18:23	6
7	Great Britain	7	0	1	0	6	–32	9:41	2
8	France	7	0	0	2	5	–20	14:34	2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Russia	7	7	0	0	0	+29	36:7	21
2	Czech Republic	7	6	0	0	1	+25	39:14	18
3	Sweden	7	5	0	0	2	+20	41:21	15
4	Switzerland	7	4	0	0	3	+13	27:14	12
5	Latvia	7	3	0	0	4	+1	21:20	9
6	Norway	7	2	0	0	5	–14	19:33	6
7	Italy	7	0	1	0	6	–43	5:48	2
8	Austria	7	0	0	1	6	–31	9:40	1

### Playoff Round

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
23.5.2019	Canada – Switzerland	3–2 OT 0–1, 1–1, 1–0
23.5.2019	Russia – United States	4–3 2–0, 0–1, 2–2
23.5.2019	Finland – Sweden	5–4 OT 1–2, 2–2, 1–0
23.5.2019	Czech Republic – Germany	5–1 0–0, 1–1, 4–0

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
25.5.2019	Russia – Finland	0–1 0–0, 0–0, 0–1
25.5.2019	Canada – Czech Republic	5–1 1–0, 2–0, 2–1

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
26.5.2019	Russia – Czech Republic	3–2 PSS 1–2, 1–0, 0–0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
26.5.2019	Canada – Finland	1–3 1–0, 0–1, 0–2

## Final Placing



FINLAND



CANADA



RUSSIA

4 Czech Republic	9 Slovakia	14 Italy
5 Sweden	10 Latvia	15 France
6 Germany	11 Denmark	16 Austria
7 United States	12 Norway	
8 Switzerland	13 Great Britain	

France and Austria are relegated to the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Andrei Vasilevski	RUS
Best Defenceman	Filip Hronek	CZE
Best Forward	Nikita Kucherov	RUS

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Andrei Vasilevski	RUS
Defenceman	Filip Hronek	CZE
Defenceman	Mikko Lehtonen	FIN
Forward	Mark Stone	CAN
Forward	William Nylander	SWE
Forward	Jakub Voracek	CZE
MVP	Mark Stone	CAN



## DÉJA-VU FOR FINNS

If you didn't know the players on an inexperienced Finnish national team before this World Championship, you most certainly do now. This collection of apparent unknowns defeated Canada 3–1 to win their second gold in Slovakia.

Captain Marko Anttila scored two goals while goalie Kevin Lankinen was one shot short of perfect. Anttila saved his best for last in Bratislava. He scored four on Finland's final six goals, including the late tying marker against Sweden in the quarter-finals, the winner against Russia in the semis, and two of three in the final.

Canada finished in second place while bronze went to Russia. This year's tournament saw a total of 120 NHL players competing in Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia, which saw over 470,000 fans some in through the gates.

Among the lower-tier nations, France and Austria were favoured to survive. Instead, on 20 May, Great Britain stunningly rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat the French 4–3 and return for 2020. It ended France's top-division run dating back to 2008. And a shootout goal saved Italy from relegation with a 4–3 victory over Austria.

**Kaapo Kakko scored a beauty to open the tournament.** Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A NUR-SULTAN, KAZAKHSTAN

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
29.4.2019	Hungary – Korea	1–5	1–1, 0–2, 0–2
29.4.2019	Lithuania – Belarus	3–4	2–3, 0–0, 1–1
29.4.2019	Slovenia – Kazakhstan	2–3	0–3, 2–0, 0–0
30.4.2019	Korea – Slovenia	5–3	1–3, 3–0, 1–0
30.4.2019	Belarus – Hungary	3–1	1–0, 1–0, 1–1
1.5.2019	Kazakhstan – Lithuania	3–1	1–0, 1–0, 1–1
2.5.2019	Lithuania – Hungary	1–4	1–2, 0–2, 0–0
2.5.2019	Belarus – Slovenia	4–1	1–0, 0–0, 3–1
2.5.2019	Korea – Kazakhstan	1–4	0–2, 0–1, 1–1
3.5.2019	Hungary – Slovenia	0–6	0–1, 0–3, 0–2
4.5.2019	Korea – Lithuania	1–2	0–1, 0–0, 1–1
4.5.2019	Kazakhstan – Belarus	3–2 OT	2–0, 0–1, 0–1
5.5.2019	Slovenia – Lithuania	9–0	2–0, 4–0, 3–0
5.5.2019	Belarus – Korea	1–4	1–0, 0–1, 0–3
5.5.2019	Kazakhstan – Hungary	3–1	0–0, 1–0, 2–1

## Final Placing



KAZAKHSTAN



BELARUS



KOREA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kazakhstan	5	4	1	0	0	+9	16:7	14
2	Belarus	5	3	0	1	1	+2	14:12	10
3	Korea	5	3	0	0	2	+5	16:11	9
4	Slovenia	5	2	0	0	3	+9	21:12	6
5	Hungary	5	1	0	0	4	-11	7:18	3
6	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	-14	7:21	3

Kazakhstan and Belarus promoted to the 2020 IIHF World Championship. Lithuania relegated to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Matt Dalton	KOR
Best Defenceman	Darren Dietz	KAZ
Best Forward	Geoff Platt	BLR



Belarus earned promotion to the 2020 World Championship together with Kazakhstan. Photo: Marat Akimzhanov





Kazakhstan hosted the Division I Group A World for the first time ever.  
Photo: Marat Akimzhanov



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B TALLINN, ESTONIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
28.4.2019	Ukraine – Japan	2–3 1–2, 1–1, 0–0
28.4.2019	Romania – Estonia	4–3 PSS 2–0, 0–2, 1–1
28.4.2019	Netherlands – Poland	1–8 1–1, 0–2, 0–5
29.4.2019	Japan – Romania	2–3 2–0, 0–2, 0–1
29.4.2019	Poland – Ukraine	7–3 2–1, 4–1, 1–1
29.4.2019	Estonia – Netherlands	4–1 1–0, 2–1, 1–0
1.5.2019	Netherlands – Ukraine	1–8 0–1, 1–4, 0–3
1.5.2019	Japan – Estonia	5–2 4–1, 0–0, 1–1
1.5.2019	Poland – Romania	2–3 OT 0–1, 0–0, 2–1
2.5.2019	Japan – Netherlands	2–3 0–1, 0–1, 2–1
2.5.2019	Ukraine – Romania	1–5 0–2, 1–1, 0–2
2.5.2019	Estonia – Poland	2–3 0–1, 0–0, 2–2
4.5.2019	Romania – Netherlands	3–1 1–0, 1–1, 1–0
4.5.2019	Poland – Japan	7–4 1–1, 4–0, 2–3
4.5.2019	Estonia – Ukraine	4–3 OT 1–3, 1–0, 1–0

### Final Placing



ROMANIA



POLAND



JAPAN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Romania	5	3	2	0	0	+9	18:9	13
2	Poland	5	4	0	1	0	+14	27:13	13
3	Japan	5	2	0	0	3	-1	16:17	6
4	Estonia	5	1	1	1	2	-1	15:16	6
5	Ukraine	5	1	0	1	3	-3	17:20	4
6	Netherlands	5	1	0	0	4	-18	7:25	3

Romania is promoted to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A. Netherlands is relegated to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Patrik Polc	ROU
Best Defenceman	Pavlo Borysenko	ROU
Best Forward	Patryk Wronka	POL



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A BELGRADE, SERBIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
9.4.2019	Spain – China	5–3	2–1, 1–1, 2–1
9.4.2019	Australia – Belgium	3–4 OT	3–0, 0–2, 0–1
9.4.2019	Serbia – Croatia	3–1	1–1, 1–0, 1–0
10.4.2019	Belgium – Spain	2–4	0–2, 1–0, 1–2
10.4.2019	Croatia – China	7–0	2–0, 3–0, 2–0
10.4.2019	Australia – Serbia	3–2	2–1, 1–0, 0–1
12.4.2019	Croatia – Belgium	5–2	2–0, 1–2, 2–0
12.4.2019	Australia – Spain	4–0	1–0, 2–0, 1–0
12.4.2019	Serbia – China	6–5	1–2, 1–3, 4–0
13.4.2019	China – Australia	2–3	0–0, 2–1, 0–2
13.4.2019	Spain – Croatia	3–4 PSS	1–0, 1–2, 1–1
13.4.2019	Belgium – Serbia	3–6	1–2, 0–2, 2–2
15.4.2019	Croatia – Australia	2–1	1–0, 1–1, 0–0
15.4.2019	China – Belgium	4–0	1–0, 2–0, 1–0
15.4.2019	Serbia – Spain	3–2 PSS	1–0, 0–1, 1–1

### Final Placing



SERBIA



CROATIA



AUSTRALIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Serbia	5	3	1	0	1	+6	20:14	11
2	Croatia	5	3	1	0	1	+10	19:9	11
3	Australia	5	3	0	1	1	+4	14:10	10
4	Spain	5	2	0	2	1	–2	14:16	8
5	China	5	1	0	0	4	–7	14:21	3
6	Belgium	5	0	1	0	4	–11	11:22	2

Serbia is promoted to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division I B.  
Belgium is relegated to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Vilim Rosandic	CRO
Best Defenceman	Shaone Morrisonn	CRO
Best Forward	Mirko Djumic	SRB



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
21.4.2019	Israel – Iceland	6–3	2–1, 2–1, 2–1
21.4.2019	Georgia – DPR Korea	4–9	2–2, 2–3, 0–4
21.4.2019	New Zealand – Mexico	7–2	4–1, 3–1, 0–0
22.4.2019	Iceland – DPR Korea	8–0	4–0, 3–0, 1–0
22.4.2019	New Zealand – Israel	3–5	1–1, 0–2, 2–2
22.4.2019	Mexico – Georgia	2–3	1–1, 0–1, 1–1
24.4.2019	New Zealand – Georgia	6–2	2–2, 2–0, 2–0
24.4.2019	Israel – DPR Korea	9–3	2–1, 4–1, 3–1
24.4.2019	Iceland – Mexico	8–1	2–0, 6–1, 0–0
26.4.2019	DPR Korea – New Zealand	5–8	3–2, 1–2, 1–4
26.4.2019	Georgia – Iceland	6–3	2–3, 2–0, 2–0
26.4.2019	Mexico – Israel	4–5 OT	3–1, 0–3, 1–0
27.4.2019	Israel – Georgia	7–3	2–1, 4–0, 1–2
27.4.2019	Iceland – New Zealand	4–2	2–0, 2–0, 0–2
27.4.2019	DPR Korea – Mexico	2–8	1–4, 0–1, 1–3

### Final Placing



ISRAEL



ICELAND



NEW ZEALAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Israel	5	4	1	0	0	+16	32:16	14
2	Iceland	5	3	0	0	2	+11	26:15	9
3	New Zealand	5	3	0	0	2	+8	26:18	9
4	Georgia	5	2	0	0	3	–9	18:27	6
5	Mexico	5	1	0	1	3	–8	17:25	4
6	DPR Korea	5	1	0	0	4	–8	19:37	3

Israel is promoted to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division II A.  
DPR Korea is relegated to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division III.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Dennis Hedstrom	ISL
Best Defenceman	Stefan Amston	NZL
Best Forward	Eliezer Sherbatov	ISR





# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III SOFIA, BULGARIA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
22.4.2019	Turkey–Luxembourg	2–3	0–1, 1–0, 1–2
22.4.2019	Turkmenistan–Chinese Taipei	4–5 OT	0–0, 0–3, 4–1
22.4.2019	Bulgaria–South Africa	12–2	7–1, 1–1, 4–0
23.4.2019	South Africa–Turkmenistan	2–7	0–2, 1–3, 1–2
23.4.2019	Luxembourg–Chinese Taipei	4–5	0–0, 3–2, 1–3
23.4.2019	Bulgaria–Turkey	3–1	0–0, 3–0, 0–1
25.4.2019	Luxembourg–South Africa	5–2	1–1, 3–0, 1–1
25.4.2019	Turkey–Chinese Taipei	7–4	0–2, 3–2, 4–0
25.4.2019	Bulgaria–Turkmenistan	6–2	2–0, 2–2, 2–0
26.4.2019	South Africa–Turkey	3–6	2–1, 1–2, 0–3
26.4.2019	Turkmenistan–Luxembourg	4–3	0–2, 3–1, 1–0
26.4.2019	Chinese Taipei–Bulgaria	2–11	1–1, 1–6, 0–4
28.4.2019	Turkey–Turkmenistan	5–4	0–1, 2–1, 3–2
28.4.2019	Chinese Taipei–South Africa	7–9	1–2, 2–4, 4–3
28.4.2019	Luxembourg–Bulgaria	0–7	0–4, 0–1, 0–2

## Final Placing



BULGARIA



TURKEY



TURKMENISTAN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Bulgaria	5	5	0	0	0	+32	39:7	15
2	Turkey	5	3	0	0	2	+4	21:17	9
3	Turkmenistan	5	2	0	1	2	0	21:21	7
4	Luxembourg	5	2	0	0	3	-5	15:20	6
5	Chinese Taipei	5	1	1	0	3	-12	23:35	5
6	South Africa	5	1	0	0	4	-19	18:37	3

Bulgaria is promoted to the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division II B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Dimitar Dimitrov	BUL
Best Defenceman	Yen-Lin Shen	TPE
Best Forward	Miroslav Vasilev	BUL



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III QUALIFICATION ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
31.3.2019	Bosnia & Herzegovina–Thailand	4–5	4–1, 0–1, 0–2
31.3.2019	Kyrgyzstan–Kuwait	0–5	(forfeit)
31.3.2019	United Arab Emirates–Hong Kong	11–1	5–0, 6–0, 0–1
1.4.2019	Hong Kong–Kuwait	12–2	4–1, 2–0, 6–1
1.4.2019	Thailand–Kyrgyzstan	5–0	(forfeit)
1.4.2019	Bosnia & Herzegovina–UA Emirates	3–10	0–3, 1–6, 2–1
3.4.2019	Bosnia & Herzegovina–Kyrgyzstan	5–0	(forfeit)
3.4.2019	Hong Kong–Thailand	6–5	0–3, 3–2, 3–0
3.4.2019	United Arab Emirates–Kuwait	13–1	5–0, 8–0, 0–1
4.4.2019	Kyrgyzstan–Hong Kong	0–5	(forfeit)
4.4.2019	Kuwait–Bosnia & Herzegovina	0–9	0–2, 0–3, 0–4
4.4.2019	Thailand–United Arab Emirates	2–8	1–4, 1–3, 0–1
6.4.2019	Kuwait–Thailand	1–9	0–0, 1–4, 0–5
6.4.2019	Hong Kong–Bosnia & Herzegovina	7–0	3–0, 1–0, 3–0
6.4.2019	United Arab Emirates–Kyrgyzstan	4–7	2–3, 1–0, 1–4

## Final Placing

UNITED ARAB  
EMIRATES

HONG KONG



THAILAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United Arab Emirates	5	4	0	0	1	+32	46:14	12
2	Hong Kong	5	4	0	0	1	+13	31:18	12
3	Thailand	5	2	1	0	2	+7	26:19	8
4	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	2	0	1	2	-1	21:22	7
5	Kuwait	5	1	0	0	4	-34	9:43	3
6	Kyrgyzstan	5	1	0	0	4	-17	7:24	3

United Arab Emirates qualifies for the 2020 IIHF World Championship Division III.







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# 2019 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP VANCOUVER – VICTORIA, CANADA

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2018	Czech Republic–Switzerland	2–1 OT 0–0, 1–1, 0–0
26.12.2018	Canada–Denmark	14–0 3–0, 5–0, 6–0
27.12.2018	Russia–Denmark	4–0 1–0, 1–0, 2–0
27.12.2018	Switzerland–Canada	2–3 0–1, 1–2, 1–0
28.12.2018	Czech Republic–Russia	1–2 0–1, 1–1, 0–0
29.12.2018	Denmark–Switzerland	0–4 0–2, 0–1, 0–1
29.12.2018	Canada–Czech Republic	5–1 3–1, 1–0, 1–0
30.12.2018	Switzerland–Russia	4–7 2–1, 1–2, 1–4
31.12.2018	Denmark–Czech Republic	0–4 0–2, 0–1, 0–1
31.12.2018	Russia–Canada	2–1 1–1, 0–0, 1–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Russia	4	4	0	0	0	+9	15:6	12
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	+18	23:5	9
3	Czech Republic	4	1	1	0	2	0	8:8	5
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	1	2	-1	11:12	4
5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	-26	0:26	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2018	United States–Slovakia	2–1 0–0, 0–1, 2–0
26.12.2018	Finland–Sweden	1–2 0–1, 0–1, 1–0
27.12.2018	Slovakia–Sweden	2–5 1–2, 0–1, 1–2
27.12.2018	Finland–Kazakhstan	5–0 2–0, 1–0, 2–0
28.12.2018	Kazakhstan–United States	2–8 1–4, 0–3, 1–1
29.12.2018	Slovakia–Finland	1–5 0–2, 1–2, 0–1
29.12.2018	Sweden–United States	5–4 OT 1–0, 2–0, 1–4
30.12.2018	Kazakhstan–Slovakia	2–11 0–6, 1–3, 1–2
31.12.2018	Sweden–Kazakhstan	4–1 3–0, 0–0, 1–1
31.12.2018	United States–Finland	4–1 1–0, 2–0, 1–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Sweden	4	3	1	0	0	+8	16:8	11
2	USA	4	3	0	1	0	+9	18:9	10
3	Finland	4	2	0	0	2	+5	12:7	6
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	+1	15:14	3
5	Kazakhstan	4	0	0	0	4	-23	5:28	0

## Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2019	Kazakhstan–Denmark	4–3 2–1, 1–0, 1–2
4.1.2019	Denmark–Kazakhstan	0–4 0–2, 0–0, 0–2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kazakhstan	2	2	0	0	0	+5	8:3	6
2	Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	-5	3:8	0

Denmark is relegated to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division I A.

## Playoff Round

### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2019	Sweden–Switzerland	0–2 0–1, 0–1, 0–0
2.1.2019	Canada–Finland	1–2 OT 0–0, 1–0, 0–1
2.1.2019	United States–Czech Republic	3–1 1–0, 1–0, 1–1
2.1.2019	Russia–Slovakia	8–3 4–0, 3–0, 1–3

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
4.1.2019	Russia–United States	1–2 0–1, 1–1, 0–0
4.1.2019	Finland–Switzerland	6–1 4–1, 2–0, 0–0

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
5.1.2019	Russia–Switzerland	5–2 2–0, 1–2, 2–0

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
5.1.2019	United States–Finland	2–3 0–0, 0–1, 2–2



Switzerland made an impressive run to the final four. Photo: Matt Zamboni/HHOF-IIHF Images



**Final Placing****FINLAND****UNITED STATES****RUSSIA**4 Switzerland  
5 Sweden  
6 Canada7 Czech Republic  
8 Slovakia  
9 Kazakhstan

10 Denmark

**IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS**

Best Goaltender	Pyotr Kochetkov	RUS
Best Defenceman	Alexander Romanov	RUS
Best Forward	Ryan Poehling	USA

**ALL-STAR TEAM**

Goaltender	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	FIN
Defenceman	Alexander Romanov	RUS
Defenceman	Erik Brannstrom	SWE
Forward	Grigori Denisenko	RUS
Forward	Philipp Kurashev	SUI
Forward	Ryan Poehling	USA
MVP	Ryan Poehling	USA

**JUNIOR FINNS TRIUMPH**

Kaapo Kakko scored the winner with 1:26 left as Finland edged the U.S. 3–2 in the 2019 World Junior gold medal game, adding yet another electrifying moment in this tournament's storied history.

It's the third gold medal in six years and fifth in tournament history for Finland, one more than the Americans. Winning is becoming a habit now for the Finns, who previously triumphed in 1987, 1998, 2014, and 2016. Despite the loss, the silver-medal Americans extended their World Junior medal streak to four straight years. They won bronze in 2016 and 2018 and gold in 2017.

Every previous gold medal game in the 2010's has been decided by no more than two goals, and this tense thriller completed the pattern. Finland is proud to return to the medal podium after a disastrous ninth-place finish in 2017 and an underwhelming sixth-place run in 2018.

Russia beat Switzerland 5–2 in the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship bronze medal game. The Swiss reached the final four for the first time since 2010 after upsetting Sweden in the quarter-finals.

**René Fasel awarding the trophy to Finland captain Aarne Talvitie.**

Photo: Matt Zamboni/HHOF-IIHF Images



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A FÜSSEN, GERMANY

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
9.12.2018	France–Latvia	3–1 1–0, 1–0, 1–1
9.12.2018	Austria–Germany	2–3 PSS 1–1, 0–1, 1–0
9.12.2018	Norway–Belarus	3–5 2–0, 1–1, 0–4
10.12.2018	Belarus–France	6–2 1–0, 1–2, 4–0
10.12.2018	Germany–Norway	4–0 1–0, 2–0, 1–0
11.12.2018	Latvia–Austria	4–1 0–0, 3–0, 1–1
12.12.2018	Norway–France	5–0 0–0, 1–0, 4–0
12.12.2018	Latvia–Germany	1–4 0–1, 0–2, 1–1
12.12.2018	Belarus–Austria	5–0 1–0, 1–0, 3–0
13.12.2018	Germany–Belarus	5–1 3–0, 1–1, 1–0
14.12.2018	Latvia–Norway	2–4 1–1, 1–1, 0–2
14.12.2018	France–Austria	2–4 2–1, 0–1, 0–2
15.12.2018	Austria–Norway	2–3 OT 2–2, 0–0, 0–0
15.12.2018	Germany–France	6–1 1–0, 2–1, 3–0
15.12.2018	Belarus–Latvia	1–3 0–1, 0–1, 1–1

### Final Placing



GERMANY



BELARUS



NORWAY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Germany	5	4	1	0	0	+17	22:5	14
2	Belarus	5	3	0	0	2	+5	18:13	9
3	Norway	5	2	1	0	2	+2	15:13	8
4	Latvia	5	2	0	0	3	–2	11:13	6
5	Austria	5	1	0	2	2	–8	9:17	5
6	France	5	1	0	0	4	–14	8:22	3

Germany is promoted to the 2020 World Junior Championship.  
France is relegated to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division I B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Hendrik Hane	GER
Best Defenceman	Moritz Seider	GER
Best Forward	Ivan Drozdov	BLR



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B TYCHY, POLAND

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
8.12.2018	Japan–Hungary	1–3 0–2, 0–1, 1–0
8.12.2018	Ukraine–Poland	2–4 1–1, 1–1, 0–2
8.12.2018	Italy–Slovenia	0–3 0–1, 0–0, 0–2
9.12.2018	Slovenia–Japan	5–3 1–2, 1–0, 3–1
9.12.2018	Poland–Italy	1–3 0–1, 0–0, 1–2
9.12.2018	Hungary–Ukraine	9–3 1–2, 4–0, 4–1
11.12.2018	Hungary–Italy	6–2 2–1, 3–1, 1–0
11.12.2018	Poland–Slovenia	3–4 OT 1–0, 1–1, 1–2
11.12.2018	Japan–Ukraine	2–6 0–1, 0–1, 2–4
12.12.2018	Ukraine–Italy	2–1 PSS 0–1, 1–0, 0–0
12.12.2018	Poland–Japan	7–4 3–2, 1–1, 3–1
12.12.2018	Slovenia–Hungary	5–4 PSS 1–2, 0–2, 3–0
14.12.2018	Slovenia–Ukraine	4–1 0–0, 2–1, 2–0
14.12.2018	Hungary–Poland	2–4 0–1, 1–3, 1–0
14.12.2018	Italy–Japan	4–3 OT 1–3, 0–0, 2–0

### Final Placing



SLOVENIA



POLAND



HUNGARY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Slovenia	5	3	2	0	0	+10	21:11	13
2	Poland	5	3	0	1	1	+4	19:15	10
3	Hungary	5	3	0	1	1	+9	24:15	10
4	Italy	5	1	1	1	2	–5	10:15	6
5	Ukraine	5	1	1	0	3	–6	14:20	5
6	Japan	5	0	0	1	4	–12	13:25	1

Slovenia is promoted to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division I A.  
Japan is relegated to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division II A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Davide Fadani	ITA
Best Defenceman	Olaf Bizacki	POL
Best Forward	Jan Drozg	SLO



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A TALLINN, ESTONIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.1.2019	Korea–Romania	1–2 OT 1–0, 0–1, 0–0
13.1.2019	Spain–Estonia	1–2 0–1, 1–1, 0–0
13.1.2019	Great Britain–Lithuania	4–6 0–4, 2–1, 2–1
14.1.2019	Romania–Spain	3–2 1–2, 1–0, 1–0
14.1.2019	Korea–Great Britain	1–13 0–3, 0–5, 1–5
14.1.2019	Lithuania–Estonia	1–2 PSS 0–0, 0–1, 1–0
16.1.2019	Lithuania–Romania	4–5 OT 1–1, 2–2, 1–1
16.1.2019	Korea–Spain	2–3 1–2, 1–0, 0–1
16.1.2019	Great Britain–Estonia	2–5 0–1, 1–2, 1–2
17.1.2019	Spain–Lithuania	0–4 0–1, 0–2, 0–1
17.1.2019	Romania–Great Britain	2–4 0–1, 2–3, 0–0
17.1.2019	Estonia–Korea	7–2 0–0, 2–0, 5–2
19.1.2019	Great Britain–Spain	7–2 2–2, 2–0, 3–0
19.1.2019	Lithuania–Korea	7–1 2–0, 3–1, 2–0
19.1.2019	Estonia–Romania	9–1 2–1, 1–0, 6–0

### Final Placing



ESTONIA



LITHUANIA



GREAT BRITAIN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Estonia	5	4	1	0	0	+18	25:7	14
2	Lithuania	5	3	0	2	0	+10	22:12	11
3	Great Britain	5	3	0	0	2	+14	30:16	9
4	Romania	5	1	2	0	2	-7	13:20	7
5	Spain	5	1	0	0	4	-10	8:18	3
6	Korea	5	0	0	1	4	-25	7:32	1

Estonia is promoted to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division I B.  
Korea is relegated to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Laurynas Lubys	LTU
Best Defenceman	Saveli Novikov	EST
Best Forward	Liam Kirk	GBR



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B ZAGREB, CROATIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.1.2019	Israel–Belgium	3–6 0–1, 1–1, 2–4
15.1.2019	Serbia–Mexico	6–1 1–1, 1–0, 4–0
15.1.2019	Croatia–Netherlands	7–0 1–0, 2–0, 4–0
16.1.2019	Mexico–Israel	1–5 0–2, 0–2, 1–1
16.1.2019	Netherlands–Belgium	9–4 3–1, 4–1, 2–2
16.1.2019	Serbia–Croatia	4–1 1–0, 1–0, 2–1
18.1.2019	Netherlands–Mexico	7–2 1–0, 3–2, 3–0
18.1.2019	Serbia–Israel	5–0 4–0, 0–0, 1–0
18.1.2019	Croatia–Belgium	5–4 1–1, 1–1, 3–2
19.1.2019	Belgium–Serbia	1–5 0–0, 0–3, 1–2
19.1.2019	Israel–Netherlands	3–7 0–1, 1–4, 2–2
19.1.2019	Mexico–Croatia	0–3 0–1, 0–1, 0–1
21.1.2019	Netherlands–Serbia	2–6 1–2, 1–2, 0–2
21.1.2019	Belgium–Mexico	7–2 2–2, 0–0, 5–0
21.1.2019	Croatia–Israel	2–1 1–0, 1–0, 0–1

### Final Placing



SERBIA



CROATIA



NETHERLANDS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Serbia	5	5	0	0	0	+21	26:5	15
2	Croatia	5	4	0	0	1	+9	18:9	12
3	Netherlands	5	3	0	0	2	+3	25:22	9
4	Belgium	5	2	0	0	3	-2	22:24	6
5	Israel	5	1	0	0	4	-9	12:21	3
6	Mexico	5	0	0	0	5	-22	6:28	0

Serbia is promoted to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division II A.  
Mexico is relegated to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division III.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Domagoj Troha	CRO
Best Defenceman	Andrija Spanjevic	SRB
Best Forward	Marko Dragovic	SRB







# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
14.1.2019	Israel – Australia	5–4 OT 2–1, 1–1, 1–2
14.1.2019	Turkey – Chinese Taipei	4–1 3–0, 1–0, 0–1
15.1.2019	Israel – Chinese Taipei	4–0 0–0, 2–0, 2–0
15.1.2019	Australia – Turkey	5–3 1–0, 0–2, 4–1
17.1.2019	Chinese Taipei – Australia	2–3 0–1, 0–1, 2–1
17.1.2019	Turkey – Israel	4–2 1–1, 1–1, 2–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Australia	3	2	0	1	0	+2	12:10	7
2	Turkey	3	2	0	0	1	+3	11:8	6
3	Israel	3	1	1	0	1	+3	11:8	5
4	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	0	3	-8	3:11	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
14.1.2019	Bulgaria – South Africa	10–1 2–0, 4–1, 4–0
14.1.2019	China – New Zealand	12–1 2–0, 5–0, 5–1
15.1.2019	Bulgaria – New Zealand	9–0 3–0, 2–0, 4–0
15.1.2019	South Africa – China	1–14 0–5, 0–6, 1–3
17.1.2019	New Zealand – South Africa	0–1 0–0, 0–0, 0–1
17.1.2019	China – Bulgaria	6–1 1–0, 2–1, 3–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	China	3	3	0	0	0	+29	32:3	9
2	Bulgaria	3	2	0	0	1	+13	20:7	6
3	South Africa	3	1	0	0	2	-21	3:24	3
4	New Zealand	3	0	0	0	3	-21	1:22	0

## Playoff Round

### PLACEMENT GAMES

Date	Game	Score
19.1.2019	Israel – New Zealand	11–1 6–0, 3–0, 2–1
19.1.2019	South Africa – Chinese Taipei	1–7 0–3, 1–2, 0–2

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
19.1.2019	Australia – Bulgaria	7–4 2–1, 1–2, 4–1
19.1.2019	China – Turkey	12–1 1–1, 5–0, 6–0

### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
20.1.2019	South Africa – New Zealand	5–3 3–1, 0–2, 2–0

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
20.1.2019	Israel – Chinese Taipei	5–3 2–1, 2–1, 1–1

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
20.1.2019	Bulgaria – Turkey	0–6 0–2, 0–2, 0–2

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
20.1.2019	China – Australia	5–1 2–0, 1–0, 2–1

## Final Placing



CHINA



AUSTRALIA



TURKEY

4 Bulgaria  
5 Iceland

6 Chinese Taipei  
7 South Africa

8 New Zealand

China is promoted to the 2020 U20 World Championship Division II B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Sheng-Chun Huang	TPE
Best Defenceman	Dehan Zhang	CHN
Best Forward	Heidar Kristveigarson	ISL











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Division III - Group B

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# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## ÖRNSKÖLDSVIK - UMEÅ, SWEDEN

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
18.4.2019	Czech Republic–Belarus	3–4 0–2, 2–2, 1–0
18.4.2019	Canada–Finland	5–3 0–2, 2–1, 3–0
19.4.2019	Canada–Switzerland	7–4 3–0, 1–3, 3–1
19.4.2019	Belarus–Finland	4–3 1–0, 2–0, 1–3
20.4.2019	Switzerland–Czech Republic	2–8 0–2, 1–3, 1–3
21.4.2019	Finland–Czech Republic	2–4 0–1, 1–1, 1–2
21.4.2019	Belarus–Canada	1–11 0–3, 1–5, 0–3
22.4.2019	Switzerland–Belarus	5–4 OT 3–0, 0–2, 1–2
23.4.2019	Finland–Switzerland	12–0 4–0, 4–0, 4–0
23.4.2019	Czech Republic–Canada	2–6 2–1, 0–2, 0–3

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
18.4.2019	Russia–Slovakia	6–3 3–1, 1–1, 2–1
18.4.2019	Sweden–United States	1–6 1–0, 0–2, 0–4
19.4.2019	Slovakia–United States	5–12 1–3, 1–2, 3–7
19.4.2019	Sweden–Latvia	5–2 2–1, 1–0, 2–1
20.4.2019	Latvia–Russia	1–5 0–1, 1–2, 0–2
21.4.2019	United States–Russia	6–3 2–2, 2–0, 2–1
21.4.2019	Slovakia–Sweden	1–5 0–1, 1–2, 0–2
22.4.2019	Latvia–Slovakia	2–0 0–0, 2–0, 0–0
23.4.2019	United States–Latvia	7–1 1–0, 4–0, 2–1
23.4.2019	Russia–Sweden	0–3 0–0, 0–2, 0–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	+19	29:10	12
2	Belarus	4	2	0	1	1	–9	13:22	7
3	Czech Republic	4	2	0	0	2	+3	17:14	6
4	Finland	4	1	0	0	3	+7	20:13	3
5	Switzerland	4	0	1	0	3	–20	11:31	2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	4	4	0	0	0	+21	31:10	12
2	Sweden	4	3	0	0	1	+5	14:9	9
3	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	+1	14:13	6
4	Latvia	4	1	0	0	3	–11	6:17	3
5	Slovakia	4	0	0	0	4	–16	9:25	0

### Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
25.4.2019	Switzerland–Slovakia	4–1 2–1, 1–0, 1–0
27.4.2019	Slovakia–Switzerland	4–3 1–1, 2–2, 1–0
28.4.2019	Switzerland–Slovakia	6–3 2–2, 1–0, 3–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	+5	13:8	6
2	Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	–5	8:13	3

### Playoff Round

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
25.4.2019	Belarus–Russia	0–6 0–2, 0–3, 0–1
25.4.2019	United States–Finland	6–0 2–0, 2–0, 2–0
25.4.2019	Canada–Latvia	3–1 1–0, 1–0, 1–1
25.4.2019	Sweden–Czech Republic	4–2 2–0, 1–1, 1–1

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
27.4.2019	United States–Russia	2–3 PSS 0–0, 0–1, 2–1
27.4.2019	Canada–Sweden	3–4 1–1, 1–1, 1–2

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
28.4.2019	United States–Canada	5–2 1–1, 3–0, 1–1

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
28.4.2019	Sweden–Russia	4–3 OT 1–0, 1–1, 1–2



Russia's U18 program continues to improve. Photo: Chris Tanouye / HHOF-IIHF Images



## Final Placing



SWEDEN



RUSSIA



UNITED STATES

4 Canada  
5 Belarus  
6 Czech Republic

7 Finland  
8 Latvia  
9 Switzerland

10 Slovakia

Slovakia is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Yaroslav Askarov	RUS
Best Defenceman	Philip Broberg	SWE
Best Forward	Cole Caufield	USA

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Yaroslav Askarov	RUS
Defenceman	Philip Broberg	SWE
Defenceman	Cam York	USA
Forward	Cole Caufield	USA
Forward	Jack Hughes	USA
Forward	Rodion Amirov	RUS
MVP	Cole Caufield	USA



## SWEDEN CLAIMS FIRST U18S

Lucas Raymond completed his hat trick in overtime as host Sweden won its first-ever U18 gold medal, defeating Russia 4–3 in the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship final.

These kids weren't even born when the U18 World Championship debuted in 1999. But the wait was worth it for Three Crowns supporters. It's the first Swedish IIHF title at home since Ornskoldsvik's own Daniel and Henrik Sedin led Tre Kronor to end the 27-year World Championship "home ice curse" in Stockholm in 2013. This is also just the second time a U18 host team has triumphed, 10 years after the U.S. did it in North Dakota.

The fifth all-European U18 World Championship final was a classic. Russia rallied from a 2–0 second-period deficit to lead 3–2 before head coach Magnus Havelid's boys tied it up in the third period and sent it to overtime.

Russia still achieved a major success with its fourth silver medal in tournament history (2000, 2002, 2009). The Russians have won gold three times (2001, 2004, 2007) and bronze three times (2003, 2011, 2017). The U.S. earned the bronze medal with a 5–2 win over Canada. With a goal and two assists, American captain Jack Hughes broke Alexander Ovechkin's career points record (31).

**Simon Holmstrom walks under a trophy picture of Sweden's senior team as he gets ready to hit the ice for the U18 gold medal game.**  
Photo: Steve Kingsman/HHOF-IIHF Images





## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A GRENOBLE, FRANCE

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	Norway–Denmark	1–2 0–1, 0–1, 1–0
14.4.2019	Ukraine–France	1–2 OT 0–0, 0–1, 1–0
14.4.2019	Kazakhstan–Germany	2–5 0–1, 0–2, 2–2
15.4.2019	Denmark–Ukraine	6–2 2–1, 4–1, 0–0
15.4.2019	Germany–Norway	6–4 2–1, 1–3, 3–0
15.4.2019	France–Kazakhstan	2–7 1–2, 0–3, 1–2
17.4.2019	Ukraine–Kazakhstan	1–6 0–1, 0–1, 1–4
17.4.2019	Germany–Denmark	5–2 0–1, 3–1, 2–0
17.4.2019	France–Norway	2–3 0–0, 2–3, 0–0
18.4.2019	Germany–Ukraine	13–1 6–0, 5–0, 2–1
18.4.2019	Kazakhstan–Norway	5–2 0–0, 3–1, 2–1
18.4.2019	Denmark–France	5–3 1–0, 2–1, 2–2
20.4.2019	Norway–Ukraine	3–2 1–0, 1–1, 1–1
20.4.2019	Denmark–Kazakhstan	2–3 PSS 1–1, 1–0, 0–1
20.4.2019	France–Germany	3–9 1–3, 0–3, 2–3

### Final Placing



GERMANY



KAZAKHSTAN



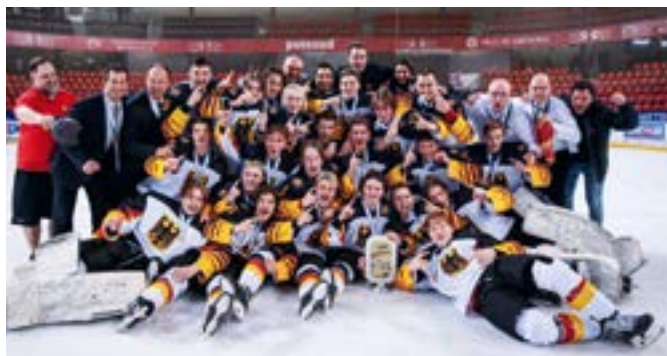
DENMARK

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Germany	5	5	0	0	0	+26	38:12	15
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	1	0	1	+11	23:12	11
3	Denmark	5	3	0	1	1	+3	17:14	10
4	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	-4	13:17	6
5	France	5	0	1	0	4	-13	12:25	2
6	Ukraine	5	0	0	1	4	-23	7:30	1

Germany is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship.  
Ukraine is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship  
Division I B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Frederik Nissen	DEN
Best Defenceman	Madi Dikhanbek	KAZ
Best Forward	Tim Stutzle	GER



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B SZEKESFEHERVAR, HUNGARY

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	Italy–Japan	2–3 0–0, 0–2, 2–1
14.4.2019	Great Britain–Slovenia	2–3 0–1, 1–0, 1–2
14.4.2019	Hungary–Austria	1–3 0–1, 0–1, 1–1
15.4.2019	Japan–Great Britain	5–3 2–0, 2–1, 1–2
15.4.2019	Austria–Italy	7–0 2–0, 3–0, 2–0
15.4.2019	Slovenia–Hungary	2–1 PSS 0–1, 0–0, 1–0
17.4.2019	Slovenia–Italy	0–2 0–0, 0–0, 0–2
17.4.2019	Austria–Japan	2–3 1–0, 1–0, 0–3
17.4.2019	Great Britain–Hungary	5–4 2–1, 2–1, 1–2
19.4.2019	Austria–Great Britain	3–2 OT 0–1, 0–0, 2–1
19.4.2019	Hungary–Italy	7–3 1–0, 4–2, 2–1
19.4.2019	Japan–Slovenia	4–0 1–0, 0–0, 3–0
20.4.2019	Italy–Great Britain	3–1 1–1, 1–0, 1–0
20.4.2019	Slovenia–Austria	1–7 0–1, 1–4, 0–2
20.4.2019	Japan–Hungary	3–5 1–0, 1–3, 1–2

### Final Placing



JAPAN



AUSTRIA



HUNGARY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Japan	5	4	0	0	1	+6	18:12	12
2	Austria	5	3	1	0	1	+15	22:7	11
3	Hungary	5	2	0	1	2	+2	18:16	7
4	Italy	5	2	0	0	3	-8	10:18	6
5	Slovenia	5	1	1	0	3	-10	6:16	5
6	Great Britain	5	1	0	1	3	-5	13:18	4

Japan is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.  
Great Britain is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship  
Division II A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Eiki Sato	JPN
Best Defenceman	Thimo Nickl	AUT
Best Forward	Chikara Hanzawa	JPN



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A ELEKTRENAI, LITHUANIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
7.4.2019	Spain – Korea	0–10 0–4, 0–4, 0–2
7.4.2019	Lithuania – Estonia	6–3 1–1, 3–2, 2–0
7.4.2019	Poland – Romania	3–1 1–0, 0–1, 2–0
9.4.2019	Romania – Korea	6–4 3–1, 2–2, 1–1
9.4.2019	Estonia – Spain	5–1 1–0, 2–0, 2–1
9.4.2019	Lithuania – Poland	1–7 0–0, 1–4, 0–3
10.4.2019	Romania – Estonia	2–5 0–2, 1–1, 1–2
10.4.2019	Poland – Korea	5–0 2–0, 2–0, 1–0
10.4.2019	Lithuania – Spain	4–1 1–0, 2–1, 1–0
12.4.2019	Estonia – Poland	2–8 0–3, 1–2, 1–3
12.4.2019	Spain – Romania	4–5 OT 1–3, 2–0, 1–1
12.4.2019	Korea – Lithuania	1–2 0–0, 1–1, 0–1
13.4.2019	Poland – Spain	13–0 3–0, 5–0, 5–0
13.4.2019	Korea – Estonia	2–6 0–2, 1–2, 1–2
13.4.2019	Romania – Lithuania	3–8 1–4, 0–1, 2–3

### Final Placing



POLAND



LITHUANIA



ESTONIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Poland	5	5	0	0	0	+32	36 : 4	15
2	Lithuania	5	4	0	0	1	+6	21 : 15	12
3	Estonia	5	3	0	0	2	+2	21 : 19	9
4	Romania	5	1	1	0	3	-7	17 : 24	5
5	Korea	5	1	0	0	4	-2	17 : 19	3
6	Spain	5	0	0	1	4	-31	6 : 37	1

Poland is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B. Spain is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Nikita Kuzminov	LTU
Best Defenceman	Szymon Bieniek	POL
Best Forward	Kirill Lodeikin	EST



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B BELGRADE, SERBIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
25.3.2019	Belgium – Netherlands	2–4 0–1, 1–1, 1–2
25.3.2019	Croatia – China	1–4 1–0, 0–2, 0–2
25.3.2019	Serbia – Australia	8–4 3–2, 2–0, 3–2
26.3.2019	China – Belgium	6–4 1–2, 2–2, 3–0
26.3.2019	Australia – Netherlands	1–2 0–0, 0–2, 1–0
26.3.2019	Croatia – Serbia	1–4 1–0, 0–1, 0–3
28.3.2019	Australia – China	2–4 0–1, 1–1, 1–2
28.3.2019	Croatia – Belgium	7–2 1–1, 4–1, 2–0
28.3.2019	Serbia – Netherlands	1–2 OT 0–0, 1–0, 0–1
30.3.2019	Netherlands – Croatia	3–2 1–1, 1–0, 1–1
30.3.2019	Belgium – Australia	2–4 0–0, 1–3, 1–1
30.3.2019	China – Serbia	1–6 0–3, 1–2, 0–1
31.3.2019	Australia – Croatia	1–5 1–3, 0–0, 0–2
31.3.2019	Netherlands – China	2–3 2–1, 0–1, 0–1
31.3.2019	Serbia – Belgium	12–2 5–0, 5–2, 2–0

### Final Placing



SERBIA



CHINA



NETHERLANDS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Serbia	5	4	0	1	0	+21	31 : 10	13
2	China	5	4	0	0	1	+3	18 : 15	12
3	Netherlands	5	3	1	0	1	+4	13 : 9	11
4	Croatia	5	2	0	0	3	+2	16 : 14	6
5	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	-9	12 : 21	3
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	-21	12 : 33	0

Serbia is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A. Belgium is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Jowin Ansems	NED
Best Defenceman	Ernesto Klem	NED
Best Forward	Strahinja Vdovic	SRB



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP A SOFIA, BULGARIA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
25.3.2019	Mexico – Turkey	0–4 0–3, 0–0, 0–1
25.3.2019	New Zealand – Israel	3–4 OT 1–1, 2–2, 0–0
25.3.2019	Bulgaria – Iceland	7–5 2–1, 4–3, 1–1
26.3.2019	Iceland – Israel	2–4 1–0, 1–2, 0–2
26.3.2019	Turkey – New Zealand	3–2 0–0, 2–1, 1–1
26.3.2019	Mexico – Bulgaria	1–2 1–1, 0–1, 0–0
28.3.2019	Mexico – New Zealand	5–4 PSS 1–2, 2–1, 1–1
28.3.2019	Iceland – Turkey	5–2 1–1, 1–1, 3–0
28.3.2019	Bulgaria – Israel	3–2 OT 0–0, 1–2, 1–0
29.3.2019	New Zealand – Iceland	3–6 1–0, 0–5, 2–1
29.3.2019	Israel – Mexico	5–2 1–0, 2–1, 2–1
29.3.2019	Turkey – Bulgaria	2–4 0–1, 1–0, 1–3
31.3.2019	Israel – Turkey	2–3 1–1, 0–1, 1–1
31.3.2019	Bulgaria – New Zealand	5–1 2–0, 1–0, 2–1
31.3.2019	Iceland – Mexico	5–0 0–0, 2–0, 3–0

## Final Placing



BULGARIA



ISRAEL



ICELAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Bulgaria	5	4	1	0	0	+10	21:11	14
2	Israel	5	2	1	1	1	+4	17:13	9
3	Iceland	5	3	0	0	2	+7	23:16	9
4	Turkey	5	3	0	0	2	+1	14:13	9
5	Mexico	5	0	1	0	4	-12	8:20	2
6	New Zealand	5	0	0	2	3	-10	13:23	2

Bulgaria is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B. New Zealand relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Artem Loginov	ISR
Best Defenceman	Nino Tomov	BUL
Best Forward	Ismet Gokcen	TUR







# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III GROUP B CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
9.4.2019	Hong Kong – Luxembourg	4–1 0–0, 1–1, 3–0
9.4.2019	South Africa – Chinese Taipei	2–4 1–1, 0–3, 1–0
10.4.2019	Chinese Taipei – Luxembourg	9–2 2–1, 4–1, 3–0
10.4.2019	Hong Kong – South Africa	6–5 1–0, 3–2, 2–3
12.4.2019	Chinese Taipei – Hong Kong	9–1 4–0, 1–0, 4–1
12.4.2019	Luxembourg – South Africa	5–6 PSS 1–2, 1–1, 3–2

## Final Placing



CHINESE TAIPEI



HONG KONG



SOUTH AFRICA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Chinese Taipei	3	3	0	0	0	+17	22:5	9
2	Hong Kong	3	2	0	0	1	-4	11:15	6
3	South Africa	3	0	1	0	2	-2	13:15	2
4	Luxembourg	3	0	0	1	2	-11	8:19	1

Chinese Taipei is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Po-Yu Hsiao	TPE
Best Defenceman	David Church	LUX
Best Forward	Ryan Chak Hay Chu	HKG







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# WORLD WOMEN



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## ESPOO, FINLAND

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
4.4.2019	Switzerland–Canada	0–6
4.4.2019	Finland–United States	2–6
5.4.2019	Russia–Switzerland	2–1
6.4.2019	Russia–Finland	0–4
6.4.2019	United States–Canada	3–2
7.4.2019	Switzerland–United States	0–8
8.4.2019	Finland–Switzerland	6–2
8.4.2019	Canada–Russia	5–1
9.4.2019	United States–Russia	10–0
9.4.2019	Canada–Finland	6–1

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
4.4.2019	Germany–Sweden	2–1 PSS
4.4.2019	France–Japan	0–3
5.4.2019	Czech Republic–France	3–1
6.4.2019	Sweden–Czech Republic	3–5
6.4.2019	Japan–Germany	2–3
7.4.2019	France–Sweden	1–2
8.4.2019	Japan–Czech Republic	1–3
8.4.2019	Germany–France	2–3 OT
9.4.2019	Sweden–Japan	2–3
9.4.2019	Czech Republic–Germany	2–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	4	4	0	0	0	+23	27:4	12
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	+14	19:5	9
3	Finland	4	2	0	0	2	-1	13:14	6
4	Russia	4	1	0	0	3	-17	3:20	3
5	Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	-19	3:22	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Czech Republic	4	4	0	0	0	+8	13:5	12
2	Germany	4	1	1	1	1	-1	7:8	6
3	Japan	4	2	0	0	2	+1	9:8	6
4	Sweden	4	1	0	1	2	-3	8:11	4
5	France	4	0	1	0	3	-5	5:10	2



USA has now won its fifth straight Women's Worlds.  
Photo: Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images

### Playoff Round

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
11.4.2019	Sweden–France	3–2

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
11.4.2019	United States–Japan	4–0
11.4.2019	Canada–Germany	5–0
11.4.2019	Russia–Switzerland	3–0
11.4.2019	Finland–Czech Republic	3–1

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
13.4.2019	Canada–Finland	2–4
13.4.2019	United States–Russia	8–0

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	Canada–Russia	7–0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	United States–Finland	2–1 PSS

## Final Placing



UNITED STATES



FINLAND



CANADA

4 Russia	7 Germany	10 France
5 Switzerland	8 Japan	
6 Czech Republic	9 Sweden	

Sweden and France both relegated to the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Noora Raty	FIN
Best Defenceman	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward	Kendall Coyne Schofield	USA

### ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Noora Raty	FIN
Defenceman	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Defenceman	Cayla Barnes	USA
Forward	Hilary Knight	USA
Forward	Kendall Coyne Schofield	USA
Forward	Michelle Karvinen	FIN
MVP	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN



## USA WINS GOLD IN SHOOTOUT

Annie Pankowski scored twice, including the shootout winner, as the U.S. claimed a wild 2–1 victory over Finland in the 2019 Women's Worlds gold medal game. It's the fifth straight American world title.

The host Finns, who won their first silver medal ever, were heartbroken after they thought they'd won it all in overtime when Petra Nieminen's goal was called back for goalie interference.

It's the eighth time in nine years that the Americans have prevailed, and the second straight year an IIHF women's final has been decided in a shootout. After being upset by the Finns in the semis 4–2, the Canadians settled for bronze after beating Russia 7–0. Canada holds the record for the most consecutive Women's Worlds golds with eight straight between 1990 and 2004, and 10 in total.

Finland's first silver medal ever is an incredible achievement, as no European nation has ever played in the final before. As great as the 18 previous all-North American derbies have been, this tilt proved definitively that Finnish female players can dazzle at the highest level too.

The new 10-team format showcased this fast-growing sport at its finest and created anticipation for the 2022 Beijing Olympics. Espoo's average attendance of 1,767 per game and total attendance of 51,247 set new European records.

The new ten-team format saw only four games with a five-goal point difference in the preliminary round. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
7.4.2019	Slovakia – Denmark	1–3 0–2, 0–0, 1–1
7.4.2019	Norway – Hungary	1–2 0–0, 0–0, 1–2
7.4.2019	Italy – Austria	1–4 0–1, 1–3, 0–0
8.4.2019	Denmark – Italy	6–1 1–0, 3–1, 2–0
8.4.2019	Hungary – Slovakia	1–2 PSS 1–0, 0–0, 0–1
8.4.2019	Austria – Norway	4–5 2–4, 2–1, 0–0
10.4.2019	Italy – Norway	0–2 0–1, 0–0, 0–1
10.4.2019	Hungary – Denmark	6–2 0–2, 4–0, 2–0
10.4.2019	Austria – Slovakia	3–2 PSS 1–1, 0–0, 1–1
12.4.2019	Norway – Slovakia	4–0 2–0, 1–0, 1–0
12.4.2019	Hungary – Italy	9–0 3–0, 4–0, 2–0
12.4.2019	Denmark – Austria	3–8 1–4, 1–2, 1–2
13.4.2019	Slovakia – Italy	2–1 1–0, 1–1, 0–0
13.4.2019	Denmark – Norway	4–0 1–0, 1–0, 2–0
13.4.2019	Austria – Hungary	1–2 1–1, 0–0, 0–1

### Final Placing



HUNGARY



DENMARK



NORWAY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Hungary	5	4	0	1	0	+14	20:6	13
2	Denmark	5	3	0	0	2	+2	18:16	9
3	Norway	5	3	0	0	2	+2	12:10	9
4	Austria	5	2	1	0	2	+7	20:13	8
5	Slovakia	5	1	1	1	2	-5	7:12	6
6	Italy	5	0	0	0	5	-20	3:23	0

Hungary is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. Italy is relegated to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ena Nystrom	NOR
Best Defenceman	Charlotte Wittich	AUT
Best Forward	Fanni Gasparics	HUN



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B BEIJING, CHINA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
6.4.2019	China – Latvia	3–0 0–0, 1–0, 2–0
6.4.2019	Netherlands – Korea	5–2 2–1, 0–0, 3–1
6.4.2019	Poland – Kazakhstan	5–3 3–1, 1–1, 1–1
7.4.2019	Korea – China	2–5 1–1, 0–1, 1–3
7.4.2019	Kazakhstan – Netherlands	1–3 0–2, 1–0, 0–1
7.4.2019	Latvia – Poland	0–1 0–1, 0–0, 0–0
9.4.2019	Latvia – Kazakhstan	2–1 PSS 1–1, 0–0, 0–0
9.4.2019	Netherlands – China	4–0 0–0, 2–0, 2–0
9.4.2019	Korea – Poland	4–3 0–2, 3–0, 1–1
10.4.2019	Latvia – Netherlands	1–3 1–0, 0–1, 0–2
10.4.2019	China – Poland	3–4 1–1, 0–2, 2–1
10.4.2019	Kazakhstan – Korea	1–5 0–2, 0–2, 1–1
12.4.2019	Poland – Netherlands	0–2 0–0, 0–1, 0–1
12.4.2019	Korea – Latvia	4–1 2–1, 1–0, 1–0
12.4.2019	Kazakhstan – China	2–1 0–0, 2–1, 0–0

### Final Placing



NETHERLANDS



KOREA



POLAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Netherlands	5	5	0	0	0	+13	17:4	15
2	Korea	5	3	0	0	2	+2	17:15	9
3	Poland	5	3	0	0	2	+1	13:12	9
4	China	5	2	0	0	3	0	12:12	6
5	Kazakhstan	5	1	0	1	3	-8	8:16	4
6	Latvia	5	0	1	0	4	-8	4:12	2

Netherlands is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I A. Latvia is relegated to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Kristiana Apsite	LAT
Best Defenceman	Chaelin Park	KOR
Best Forward	Savine Wielenga	NED









## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A DUMFRIES, GREAT BRITAIN

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
2.4.2019	Spain – Slovenia	4–3 PSS 0–0, 1–2, 2–1
2.4.2019	DPR Korea – Mexico	2–4 2–3, 0–1, 0–0
2.4.2019	Australia – Great Britain	1–2 0–1, 0–0, 1–1
4.4.2019	DPR Korea – Australia	4–2 1–0, 1–2, 2–0
4.4.2019	Mexico – Spain	0–2 0–1, 0–1, 0–0
4.4.2019	Great Britain – Slovenia	2–4 1–0, 0–1, 1–3
5.4.2019	DPR Korea – Spain	2–1 PSS 0–0, 0–1, 1–0
5.4.2019	Australia – Slovenia	1–6 1–1, 0–3, 0–2
5.4.2019	Great Britain – Mexico	3–2 OT 0–0, 2–1, 0–1
7.4.2019	Mexico – Australia	7–4 0–1, 3–1, 4–2
7.4.2019	Slovenia – DPR Korea	4–3 PSS 1–1, 2–2, 0–0
7.4.2019	Spain – Great Britain	1–4 1–0, 0–1, 0–3
8.4.2019	Slovenia – Mexico	7–1 4–1, 2–0, 1–0
8.4.2019	Australia – Spain	2–3 1–1, 1–0, 0–2
8.4.2019	Great Britain – DPR Korea	2–1 0–1, 2–0, 0–0

### Final Placing



SLOVENIA



GREAT BRITAIN



SPAIN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Slovenia	5	3	1	1	0	+13	24:11	12
2	Great Britain	5	3	1	0	1	+4	13:9	11
3	Spain	5	2	1	1	1	0	11:11	9
4	Mexico	5	2	0	1	2	-4	14:18	7
5	DPR Korea	5	1	1	1	2	-1	12:13	6
6	Australia	5	0	0	0	5	-12	10:22	0

Slovenia is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B. Australia is relegated to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Pia Dukaric	SLO
Best Defenceman	Chung Gum Hwang	PRK
Best Forward	Pia Pren	SLO



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B BRASOV, ROMANIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
1.4.2019	New Zealand – Chinese Taipei	0–3 0–1, 0–1, 0–1
1.4.2019	Croatia – Turkey	3–6 2–3, 0–0, 1–3
1.4.2019	Iceland – Romania	9–5 3–1, 3–2, 3–2
2.4.2019	Chinese Taipei – Turkey	5–3 1–0, 1–1, 3–2
2.4.2019	Iceland – New Zealand	1–2 1–1, 0–0, 0–1
2.4.2019	Romania – Croatia	1–3 0–2, 0–0, 1–1
4.4.2019	Iceland – Croatia	3–0 0–0, 1–0, 2–0
4.4.2019	New Zealand – Turkey	4–2 0–1, 4–0, 0–1
4.4.2019	Chinese Taipei – Romania	4–3 1–2, 1–1, 2–0
5.4.2019	Turkey – Iceland	0–6 0–1, 0–2, 0–3
5.4.2019	Croatia – Chinese Taipei	0–3 0–2, 0–1, 0–0
5.4.2019	Romania – New Zealand	1–7 0–2, 0–2, 1–3
7.4.2019	New Zealand – Croatia	5–1 0–0, 2–0, 3–1
7.4.2019	Chinese Taipei – Iceland	5–2 1–0, 2–1, 2–1
7.4.2019	Turkey – Romania	4–5 OT 3–1, 0–2, 1–1

### Final Placing



CHINESE TAIPEI



NEW ZEALAND



ICELAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Chinese Taipei	5	5	0	0	0	+12	20:8	15
2	New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	+10	18:8	12
3	Iceland	5	3	0	0	2	+9	21:12	9
4	Turkey	5	1	0	1	3	-8	15:23	4
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	-11	7:18	3
6	Romania	5	0	1	0	4	-12	15:27	2

Chinese Taipei is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I A. Romania is relegated to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B Qualification.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Tzu-Ting Hsu	TPE
Best Defenceman	Krystie Woodyear-Smith	NZL
Best Forward	Silvia Bjorgvinsdottir	ISL



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B QUALIFICATION CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.1.2019	Hong Kong – Belgium	1–8 1–3, 0–4, 0–1
13.1.2019	Ukraine – South Africa	3–1 1–1, 2–0, 0–0
14.1.2019	Bulgaria – Ukraine	1–5 0–3, 0–0, 1–2
15.1.2019	Belgium – Bulgaria	6–0 4–0, 0–0, 2–0
15.1.2019	South Africa – Hong Kong	10–1 4–1, 3–0, 3–0
16.1.2019	Ukraine – Belgium	4–1 2–0, 1–1, 1–0
17.1.2019	Hong Kong – Ukraine	2–5 1–2, 1–3, 0–0
17.1.2019	South Africa – Bulgaria	8–4 3–1, 1–2, 4–1
18.1.2019	Bulgaria – Hong Kong	6–7 OT 1–3, 2–0, 3–3
18.1.2019	Belgium – South Africa	9–2 3–0, 3–1, 3–1

## Final Placing



UKRAINE



BELGIUM



SOUTH AFRICA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Ukraine	4	4	0	0	0	+12	17:5	12
2	Belgium	4	3	0	0	1	+17	24:7	9
3	South Africa	4	2	0	0	2	+4	21:17	6
4	Hong Kong	4	0	1	0	3	-18	11:29	2
5	Bulgaria	4	0	0	1	3	-15	11:26	1

Ukraine is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Viktoriia Tkachenko	UKR
Best Defenceman	Donne van Doesburgh	RSA
Best Forward	Lotte de Guchteneaere	BEL











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# WORLD WOMEN U18



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OBIHIRO, JAPAN

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
6.1.2019	Sweden–Canada	1–2 0–1, 1–1, 0–0
6.1.2019	United States–Russia	3–2 1–1, 2–1, 0–0
7.1.2019	Sweden–Russia	3–5 0–1, 1–1, 2–3
7.1.2019	Canada–United States	2–3 1–0, 1–2, 0–1
9.1.2019	Russia–Canada	1–5 0–3, 0–1, 1–1
9.1.2019	United States–Sweden	2–0 0–0, 1–0, 1–0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
6.1.2019	Finland–Japan	2–1 1–1, 1–0, 0–0
6.1.2019	Czech Republic–Switzerland	0–1 0–1, 0–0, 0–0
7.1.2019	Czech Republic–Japan	4–2 1–0, 2–1, 1–1
7.1.2019	Switzerland–Finland	2–4 0–0, 0–2, 2–2
9.1.2019	Japan–Switzerland	1–2 0–1, 1–1, 0–0
9.1.2019	Finland–Czech Republic	2–1 0–0, 1–0, 1–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	United States	3	3	0	0	0	+4	8:4	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	+4	9:5	6
3	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	-3	8:11	3
4	Sweden	3	0	0	0	3	-5	4:9	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Finland	3	3	0	0	0	+4	8:4	9
2	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	0	5:5	6
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	0	5:5	3
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	-4	4:8	0

## Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
10.1.2019	Czech Republic–Japan	6–0 2–0, 2–0, 2–0
12.1.2019	Japan–Czech Republic	2–1 0–1, 1–0, 1–0
13.1.2019	Czech Republic–Japan	3–1 0–0, 1–0, 2–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	+7	10:3	6
2	Japan	3	1	0	0	2	-7	3:10	3

## Playoff Round

### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
10.1.2019	Sweden–Finland	2–3 OT 0–0, 1–1, 1–1
10.1.2019	Russia–Switzerland	2–1 PSS 1–0, 0–0, 0–1

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
12.1.2019	United States–Finland	7–1 4–0, 0–0, 3–1
12.1.2019	Canada–Russia	4–3 OT 1–1, 2–1, 0–1

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
12.1.2019	Sweden–Switzerland	2–1 1–1, 1–0, 0–0

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
13.1.2019	Russia–Finland	0–3 0–0, 0–2, 0–1

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
13.1.2019	United States–Canada	2–3 OT 0–1, 1–0, 1–1



Japan hosted a U18 Women's Worlds for the first time ever.  
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Images

## Final Placing



CANADA



UNITED STATES



FINLAND

4 Russia  
5 Sweden

6 Switzerland  
7 Czech Republic

8 Japan

Japan is relegated to the 2020 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Saskia Maurer	SUI
Best Defenceman	Alexie Guay	CAN
Best Forward	Elisa Holopainen	FIN

## ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Saskia Maurer	SUI
Defenceman	Alexie Guay	CAN
Defenceman	Nelli Laitinen	FIN
Forward	Elisa Holopainen	FIN
Forward	Katy Knoll	USA
Forward	Ilona Markova	RUS
MVP	Raygan Kirk	CAN



## CANADA WINS GOLD IN OT

Maddi Wheeler scored on a power play 1:34 into overtime to give Canada gold with a 3–2 win over the United States.

Taking the puck down the right side during the four-on-three, she cut to the goal and banged in her own rebound. The gold ends USA's run of four in a row and is Canada's first since 2014. Canada led Team USA 1–0 and trailed 2–1 before winning in overtime on Wheeler's goal.

Backed by the great goaltending of Erica Jaskari, Finland beat Russia 3–0 to win the bronze medal. The Russians fired 25 shots at Jaskari but couldn't beat her. Finland had 19 shots on two Russian goalies.

This is only the second bronze for Finland at WW18. The other came back in 2011. Every other year they finished either 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Sweden finished in fourth place, followed by Switzerland and the Czech Republic, which defeated Japan 3–1 in the third game of the relegation round to send the Japanese down to Division I. Japan next year will be replaced by Slovakia, which will play in the top division for the first time ever.

For the first time the Women's World U18 Championship was hosted by Japan, in Obihiro.

Canada won its first gold medal since 2014. Photo: Robert Hradil / HHOF-IIHF Images





## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A RADENTHEIN, AUSTRIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
7.1.2019	Hungary – Italy	4–1 1–1, 1–0, 2–0
7.1.2019	Denmark – Germany	1–5 0–4, 1–1, 0–0
7.1.2019	Austria – Slovakia	0–1 0–1, 0–0, 0–0
8.1.2019	Italy – Denmark	3–2 OT 1–0, 1–2, 0–0
8.1.2019	Slovakia – Hungary	3–2 0–1, 0–1, 3–0
8.1.2019	Germany – Austria	5–0 0–0, 2–0, 3–0
10.1.2019	Germany – Hungary	3–2 OT 0–0, 1–1, 1–1
10.1.2019	Slovakia – Italy	2–5 0–1, 0–1, 2–3
10.1.2019	Denmark – Austria	4–1 2–0, 1–1, 1–0
12.1.2019	Slovakia – Denmark	3–1 1–0, 1–1, 1–0
12.1.2019	Italy – Germany	0–7 0–2, 0–3, 0–2
12.1.2019	Austria – Hungary	1–2 1–1, 0–1, 0–0
13.1.2019	Germany – Slovakia	1–5 1–2, 0–0, 0–3
13.1.2019	Hungary – Denmark	3–1 1–0, 2–1, 0–0
13.1.2019	Italy – Austria	0–1 OT 0–0, 0–0, 0–0

### Final Placing



SLOVAKIA



GERMANY



HUNGARY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Slovakia	5	4	0	0	1	+5	14:9	12
2	Germany	5	3	1	0	1	+13	21:8	11
3	Hungary	5	3	0	1	1	+4	13:9	10
4	Italy	5	1	1	1	2	-7	9:16	6
5	Denmark	5	1	0	1	3	-6	9:15	4
6	Austria	5	0	1	0	4	-9	3:12	2

Slovakia is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. Austria is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Zsafia Toth	HUN
Best Defenceman	Diana Vargova	SVK
Best Forward	Mira Seregely	HUN



## 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B DUMFRIES, GREAT BRITAIN

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
6.1.2019	China – France	0–7 0–5, 0–1, 0–1
6.1.2019	Netherlands – Norway	0–4 0–1, 0–2, 0–1
6.1.2019	Great Britain – Poland	1–2 OT 0–0, 1–1, 0–0
7.1.2019	Norway – China	3–0 1–0, 2–0, 0–0
7.1.2019	Poland – Netherlands	4–2 0–1, 1–0, 3–1
7.1.2019	France – Great Britain	3–0 2–0, 1–0, 0–0
9.1.2019	France – Poland	4–0 1–0, 2–0, 1–0
9.1.2019	Netherlands – China	1–4 0–1, 0–2, 1–1
9.1.2019	Norway – Great Britain	0–1 PSS 0–0, 0–0, 0–0
11.1.2019	Poland – Norway	2–5 0–2, 2–1, 0–2
11.1.2019	France – Netherlands	3–0 0–0, 1–0, 2–0
11.1.2019	China – Great Britain	0–1 0–0, 0–1, 0–0
12.1.2019	Norway – France	2–1 PSS 0–1, 0–0, 1–0
12.1.2019	Poland – China	4–2 2–2, 0–0, 2–0
12.1.2019	Great Britain – Netherlands	4–2 0–0, 1–0, 3–2

### Final Placing



FRANCE



NORWAY



GREAT BRITAIN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	France	5	4	0	1	0	+16	18:2	13
2	Norway	5	3	1	1	0	+10	14:4	12
3	Great Britain	5	2	1	1	1	0	7:7	9
4	Poland	5	2	1	0	2	-2	12:14	8
5	China	5	1	0	0	4	-10	6:16	3
6	Netherlands	5	0	0	0	5	-14	5:19	0

France is promoted to the 2020 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group A. Netherlands is relegated to the 2020 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B Qualification.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ella Howard	GER
Best Defenceman	Thea Jorgensen	NOR
Best Forward	Wiktoria Sikorska	POL



# 2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B QUALIFICATION JACA, SPAIN

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
12.1.2019	Kazakhstan – Turkey	15–0 8–0, 2–0, 5–0
13.1.2019	Turkey – Australia	0–6 0–2, 0–1, 0–3
15.1.2019	Australia – Kazakhstan	1–5 1–1, 0–2, 0–2

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
12.1.2019	Mexico – Chinese Taipei	2–4 0–1, 1–3, 1–0
12.1.2019	Spain – Korea	0–1 0–1, 0–0, 0–0
13.1.2019	Korea – Mexico	5–0 3–0, 1–0, 1–0
13.1.2019	Spain – Chinese Taipei	3–4 OT 1–2, 2–0, 0–1
15.1.2019	Chinese Taipei – Korea	2–6 0–2, 1–3, 1–1
15.1.2019	Mexico – Spain	0–3 0–2, 0–1, 0–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kazakhstan	2	2	0	0	0	+19	20:1	6
2	Australia	2	1	0	0	1	+2	7:5	3
3	Turkey	2	0	0	0	2	-21	0:21	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Korea	3	3	0	0	0	+10	12:2	9
2	Chinese Taipei	3	1	1	0	1	-1	10:11	5
3	Spain	3	1	0	1	1	+1	6:5	4
4	Mexico	3	0	0	0	3	-10	2:12	0

## Playoff Round

### PLACEMENT GAME

Date	Game	Score
16.1.2019	Turkey – Mexico	1–0 0–0, 1–0, 0–0

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
16.1.2019	Korea – Australia	5–2 2–0, 2–1, 1–1
16.1.2019	Kazakhstan – Chinese Taipei	3–1 1–0, 0–0, 2–1

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
18.1.2019	Turkey – Spain	0–7 0–2, 0–2, 0–3

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
18.1.2019	Chinese Taipei – Australia	6–2 4–0, 0–2, 2–0

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
18.1.2019	Kazakhstan – Korea	3–4 PSS 1–1, 0–0, 2–2

## Final Placing



KOREA



KAZAKHSTAN



CHINESE TAIPEI

4 Australia  
5 Spain6 Turkey  
7 Mexico

Korea is promoted to the 2020 IIHF Women's U18 World Championship Division I B.







## First Round

### GROUP A – SOFIA, BULGARIA

Date	Game	Score	
28.9.2018	Zeytinburnu Istanbul–HC Bat Yam	4–0	1–0, 2–0, 1–0
28.9.2018	Skautafelag Akureyrar–Irbis-Skate Sofia	5–4 PSS	2–2, 1–0, 1–2
29.9.2018	Irbis-Skate Sofia–HC Bat Yam	8–1	2–1, 2–0, 4–0
29.9.2018	Zeytinburnu Istanbul–Skautafelag Akureyrar	1–6	0–2, 1–3, 0–1
30.9.2018	HC Bat Yam–Skautafelag Akureyrar	0–2	0–0, 0–2, 0–0
30.9.2018	Irbis-Skate Sofia–Zeytinburnu Istanbul	5–2	3–1, 0–1, 2–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Skautafelag Akureyrar	3	2	1	0	0	+8	13:5	8
2	Irbis-Skate Sofia	3	2	0	1	0	+9	17:8	7
3	Zeytinburnu Istanbul	3	1	0	0	2	-4	7:11	3
4	HC Bat Yam	3	0	0	0	3	-13	1:14	0

Arlan Kokshetau won the deciding game of the Continental Cup Final, defeating the Belfast Giants 3–2 in the sixth round of the penalty-shot shootout. Photo: William Cherry



# CONTINENTAL CUP

## Second Round

### GROUP B – RITTEN, ITALY

Date	Game	Score
19.10.2018	MAC Budapest–Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	8–0 1–0, 6–0, 1–0
19.10.2018	Acroni Jesenice–Ritten Sport	1–6 0–3, 1–3, 0–0
20.10.2018	MAC Budapest–Acroni Jesenice	3–4 0–1, 2–2, 1–1
20.10.2018	Ritten Sport–Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	6–4 2–1, 0–2, 4–1
21.10.2018	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade–Acroni Jesenice	2–1 OT 0–0, 0–0, 1–1
21.10.2018	Ritten Sport–MAC Budapest	4–1 2–0, 1–1, 1–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Ritten Sport	3	3	0	0	0	+10	16:6	9
2	Acroni Jesenice	3	1	0	1	1	–5	6:11	4
3	MAC Budapest	3	1	0	0	2	+4	12:8	3
4	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	3	0	1	0	2	–9	6:15	2

### GROUP C – RIGA, LATVIA

Date	Game	Score
19.10.2018	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian–HC Donbass	2–6 0–2, 2–3, 0–1
19.10.2018	Kurbads Riga–Skautafelag Akureyrar	9–2 3–0, 4–1, 2–1
20.10.2018	HC Donbass–Skautafelag Akureyrar	6–3 1–1, 1–1, 4–1
20.10.2018	Kurbads Riga–Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	8–1 2–0, 5–1, 1–0
21.10.2018	Skautafelag Akureyrar–Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	3–2 0–0, 1–1, 2–1
21.10.2018	HC Donbass–Kurbads Riga	1–2 0–0, 0–2, 1–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kurbads Riga	3	3	0	0	0	+15	19:4	9
2	HC Donbass	3	2	0	0	1	+6	13:7	6
3	Skautafelag Akureyrar	3	1	0	0	2	–9	8:17	3
4	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	3	0	0	0	3	–12	5:17	0

## Third Round

### GROUP D – LYON, FRANCE

Date	Game	Score
16.11.2018	HK Gomel–Kurbads Riga	6–2 3–0, 1–2, 2–0
16.11.2018	Lyon Lions–Arlan Kokshetau	1–2 PSS 0–1, 1–0, 0–0
17.11.2018	Arlan Kokshetau–Kurbads Riga	4–3 OT 1–2, 1–0, 1–1
17.11.2018	HK Gomel–Lyon Lions	2–1 0–1, 1–0, 1–0
18.11.2018	Arlan Kokshetau–HK Gomel	3–0 2–0, 1–0, 0–0
18.11.2018	Kurbads Riga–Lyon Lions	3–2 1–1, 0–0, 2–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Arlan Kokshetau	3	1	2	0	0	+5	9:4	7
2	HK Gomel	3	2	0	0	1	+2	8:6	6
3	Kurbads Riga	3	1	0	1	1	–4	8:12	4
4	Lyon Lions	3	0	0	1	2	–3	4:7	1

### GROUP E – BELFAST, UNITED KINGDOM

Date	Game	Score
15.11.2018	GKS Katowice–Ritten Sport	4–0 1–0, 2–0, 1–0
15.11.2018	Medvescak Zagreb–Belfast Giants	0–4 0–1, 0–1, 0–2
16.11.2018	GKS Katowice–Medvescak Zagreb	2–3 0–2, 1–0, 1–1
16.11.2018	Belfast Giants–Ritten Sport	6–2 2–2, 2–0, 2–0
17.11.2018	Ritten Sport–Medvescak Zagreb	1–3 0–1, 0–0, 1–2
17.11.2018	Belfast Giants–GKS Katowice	2–4 1–0, 1–2, 0–2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Belfast Giants	3	2	0	0	1	+6	12:6	6
2	GKS Katowice	3	2	0	0	1	+5	10:5	6
3	Medvescak Zagreb	3	2	0	0	1	–1	6:7	6
4	Ritten Sport	3	0	0	0	3	–10	3:13	0

## Final

### BELFAST, UNITED KINGDOM

Date	Game	Score
11.1.2019	GKS Katowice–Arlan Kokshetau	2–4 0–3, 2–0, 0–1
11.1.2019	Belfast Giants–HK Gomel	5–0 1–0, 1–0, 3–0
12.1.2019	Arlan Kokshetau–HK Gomel	8–2 4–0, 3–1, 1–1
12.1.2019	Belfast Giants–GKS Katowice	4–2 1–0, 1–2, 2–0
13.1.2019	HK Gomel–GKS Katowice	0–5 0–2, 0–2, 0–1
13.1.2019	Arlan Kokshetau–Belfast Giants	3–2 PSS 2–0, 0–0, 0–2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Arlan Kokshetau	3	2	1	0	0	+9	15:6	8
2	Belfast Giants	3	2	0	1	0	+6	11:5	7
3	GKS Katowice	3	1	0	0	2	+1	9:8	3
4	HK Gomel	3	0	0	0	3	–16	2:18	0





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# CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

# IIHF ICE HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

## KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
1.3.2019	Singapore–Malaysia	2–6 1–0, 1–3, 0–3
2.3.2019	Philippines–Singapore	7–4 1–2, 4–1, 2–1
3.3.2019	Malaysia–Mongolia	5–9 1–2, 1–3, 3–4
4.3.2019	Mongolia–Singapore	13–3 2–1, 6–1, 5–1
5.3.2019	Philippines–Malaysia	7–4 2–2, 2–2, 3–0
6.3.2019	Mongolia–Philippines	3–6 2–4, 1–2, 0–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Philippines	3	3	0	0	0	+9	20:11	9
2	Mongolia	3	2	0	0	1	+11	25:14	6
3	Malaysia	3	1	0	0	2	-3	15:18	3
4	Singapore	3	0	0	0	3	-17	9:26	0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
1.3.2019	Indonesia–Oman	3–2 0–0, 2–2, 1–0
2.3.2019	Macau–Indonesia	3–6 1–2, 2–2, 0–2
3.3.2019	Oman–Indonesia	5–6 1–3, 1–2, 3–1
4.3.2019	Macau–Oman	6–1 1–0, 2–0, 3–1
5.3.2019	Indonesia–Macau	3–4 2–3, 1–1, 0–0
6.3.2019	Oman–Macau	7–1 1–0, 5–0, 1–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Indonesia	4	3	0	0	1	+4	18:14	9
2	Macau	4	2	0	0	2	-3	14:17	6
3	Oman	4	1	0	0	3	-1	15:16	3

### Playoff Round

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
7.3.2019	Singapore–Indonesia	7–4 2–3, 3–1, 2–0
7.3.2019	Malaysia–Macau	8–1 2–0, 4–0, 2–1

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
8.3.2019	Philippines–Singapore	6–1 3–0, 2–1, 1–0
8.3.2019	Mongolia–Malaysia	12–6 1–2, 6–2, 5–2

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
9.3.2019	Malaysia–Singapore	0–4 0–1, 0–1, 0–2

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
9.3.2019	Philippines–Mongolia	3–6 0–3, 1–0, 2–3

### Final Placing



MONGOLIA



PHILIPPINES



SINGAPORE

4 Malaysia

5 Indonesia

6 Macau

7 Oman

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Paolo Spafford	PHI
Best Defenceman	Batgerel Zorigt	MGL
Best Forward	Wai Kin Brandon Tan	MAS

Mongolia defended its IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia title. Photo: David Jong





TOURNAMENTS

# IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
5.12.2018	Kyrgyzstan – Philippines	13–2    3–1, 4–0, 6–1
5.12.2018	United Arab Emirates – Malaysia	3–14    0–2, 1–5, 2–7
7.12.2018	Kyrgyzstan – United Arab Emirates	12–3    8–0, 4–0, 0–3
7.12.2018	Malaysia – Philippines	12–2    7–1, 4–1, 1–0
8.12.2018	Philippines – United Arab Emirates	7–6    2–1, 2–3, 3–2
8.12.2018	Malaysia – Kyrgyzstan	4–2    2–1, 0–0, 2–1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Malaysia	3	3	0	0	0	+23	30:7	9
2	Kyrgyzstan	3	2	0	0	1	+18	27:9	6
3	Philippines	3	1	0	0	2	-20	11:31	3
4	United Arab Emirates	3	0	0	0	3	-21	12:33	0

## Final Placing



MALAYSIA



KYRGYZSTAN



PHILIPPINES

4 United Arab Emirates

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Jaiden Mackale Roxas	PHI
Best Defenceman	Ernazar Isamatov	KGZ
Best Forward	Mohamed Alkaabi	UAE



# IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA DIVISION I KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
3.12.2018	Kuwait – Indonesia	3–10    0–4, 0–2, 3–4
3.12.2018	Mongolia – Thailand	1–14    1–2, 0–5, 0–7
4.12.2018	Thailand – Indonesia	15–0    5–0, 6–0, 4–0
4.12.2018	Kuwait – Mongolia	2–9    0–2, 1–3, 1–4
6.12.2018	Indonesia – Mongolia	1–3    0–3, 1–0, 0–0
6.12.2018	Thailand – Kuwait	25–0    6–0, 9–0, 10–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Thailand	3	3	0	0	0	+53	54:1	9
2	Mongolia	3	2	0	0	1	-4	13:17	6
3	Indonesia	3	1	0	0	2	-10	11:21	3
4	Kuwait	3	0	0	0	3	-39	5:44	0

## Final Placing



THAILAND



MONGOLIA



INDONESIA

4 Kuwait

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ahmad Alsaegh	KUW
Best Defenceman	Chayutapon Kulrat	THA
Best Forward	Nathaphat Luckanatinakorn	THA



# IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA

ABU DHABI, UAE

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	Thailand–Chinese Taipei	3–2 2–1, 1–0, 0–1
14.4.2019	Singapore–New Zealand	5–2 1–0, 2–1, 2–1
15.4.2019	Malaysia–Singapore	2–5 0–2, 0–2, 2–1
16.4.2019	New Zealand–Thailand	1–0 PSS 0–0, 0–0, 0–0
16.4.2019	Chinese Taipei–Malaysia	13–2 5–1, 4–0, 4–1
17.4.2019	Singapore–Chinese Taipei	1–3 0–2, 0–1, 1–0
17.4.2019	New Zealand–Malaysia	4–0 1–0, 3–0, 0–0
18.4.2019	Thailand–Singapore	9–1 4–0, 3–1, 2–0
19.4.2019	Malaysia–Thailand	2–9 0–4, 1–2, 1–3
19.4.2019	Chinese Taipei–New Zealand	3–0 2–0, 1–0, 0–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Thailand	4	3	0	1	0	+15	21:6	10
2	Chinese Taipei	4	3	0	0	1	+15	21:6	9
3	Singapore	4	2	0	0	2	–4	12:16	6
4	New Zealand	4	1	1	0	2	–1	7:8	5
5	Malaysia	4	0	0	0	4	–25	6:31	0

## Final Placing



THAILAND



CHINESE TAIPEI



SINGAPORE

4 New Zealand

5 Malaysia

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Qina Foo	SGP
Best Defenceman	Sirikarn Jittresin	THA
Best Forward	Su-Ting Tan	TPE



# IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA DIVISION I

ABU DHABI, UAE

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.4.2019	Indonesia–United Arab Emirates	2–4 1–1, 0–1, 1–2
15.4.2019	Kuwait–Philippines	0–10 0–2, 0–4, 0–4
16.4.2019	Kuwait–United Arab Emirates	0–13 0–3, 0–6, 0–4
17.4.2019	Philippines–Indonesia	5–0 2–0, 1–0, 2–0
18.4.2019	Indonesia–Kuwait	11–0 1–0, 3–0, 7–0
19.4.2019	United Arab Emirates–Philippines	1–2 0–1, 0–1, 1–0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Philippines	3	3	0	0	0	+16	17:1	9
2	United Arab Emirates	3	2	0	0	1	+14	18:4	6
3	Indonesia	3	1	0	0	2	+4	13:9	3
4	Kuwait	3	0	0	0	3	–34	0:34	0

## Final Placing



PHILIPPINES



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



INDONESIA

4 Kuwait

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Ayah Alsarraf	KUW
Best Defenceman	Tsetan Dolma	IND
Best Forward	Bianca Yasmine Cuevas	PHI





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### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Slovakia, Bratislava and Kosice, 10–26.5.2019

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Franco, Martin	CZE Golyak, Dmitry
Gofman, Roman	RUS Hancock II, William
Gouin, Olivier	CAN Jensen, Rene
Hribik, Jan	CZE Kaderli, Roman
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Kaukokari, Mikko	FIN Leermakers, Joep
Nikolic, Manuel	AUT Lhotsky, Miroslav
Ohlund, Linus	SWE Malmqvist, Andreas
Rantala, Aleksii	FIN McCrank, Dustin
Reneau, Stephen	USA Nikulainen, Lauri
Romasko, Evgenii	RUS Oliver, Brian
Schukies, Gordon	GER Ondracek, Jiri
Sidorenko, Maxim	BLR Shishlo, Dmitry
Stano, Peter	SVK Sormunen, Hannu
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### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP A

Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan, 29.4–5.5.2019

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Garon, Alexandre	CAN Constantineau, Nicolas
Hansen, Roy Stian	NOR Hagerstrom, Markus
Holm, Christoffer	SWE Monnaie, Frederic
Oskirko, Iurii	RUS Nordlander, Tobias
Sir, Robin	CZE Park, JunSoo
Vikman, Kristian	FIN Vyleta, Roman
Wiegand, Marc Alain	SUI Waldejer, Alexander

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

Estonia, Tallinn, 28–4.5.2019

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Garon, Alexandre	CAN Constantineau, Nicolas
Hansen, Roy Stian	NOR Hagerstrom, Markus
Holm, Christoffer	SWE Monnaie, Frederic
Oskirko, Iurii	RUS Nordlander, Tobias
Sir, Robin	CZE Park, JunSoo
Vikman, Kristian	FIN Vyleta, Roman
Wiegand, Marc Alain	SUI Waldejer, Alexander

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

Serbia, Belgrade, 9–15.4.2019

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Iarets, Miroslav	BLR Dahl, Havar
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	Kavanagh, James
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### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP B

Mexico, Mexico City, 21–27.4.2019

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Radzik, Tomasz	POL Biec Cebrian, Sergio
Thackaberry, Andrew	USA Brejcha, Tomas
Tzirtziganis, Tim	BEL Cornell, Justin
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	Progin, Marc-Henri
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### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III

Bulgaria, Sofia, 22–28.4.2019

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	Peychinov, Kiril
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### IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada, Vancouver and Victoria, 26.12.2018–5.1.2019

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Anderson, Kenneth	USA Golyak, Dmitry
Ansons, Andris	LAT Harrington, Michael
Bjork, Tobias	SWE Hynek, Daniel
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### IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP A

Germany, Fussen, 9–15.12.2018

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Naumov, Denis	RUS Gaube, Gabriel
Pesina, Vladimir	CZE Knosen, Nicklas
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	Seewald, Elias
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP B**  
Poland, Tychy, 8–14.12.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN	
Dehaen, Pierre	FRA Hofer, Andreas	GER
Persson, Christian	NOR Kliashcheunikau, Aleh	BLR
Toode, Maksim	EST Korovkin, Andrey	KAZ
Van Grinsven Jnr, Hubertus	BEL Kosidlo, Pawel	POL
	Noworyta, Rafal	POL
	Schauer, Jakob	AUT
	Viliugin, Nikita	RUS

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP A**  
Estonia, Tallinn, 13–19.1.2019

REFEREES	LINESMEN	
Hallin, Robert	NOR Braten, Knut Einar	NOR
Hebeisen, Micha	SUI Gurtner, Sandro	SUI
Metzinger, Filip	CRO Hinterdobler, Killian	GER
Zrnic, Milan	SLO Huseby, Cody	CAN
	Redai, Botond	ROU
	Richardson, Patrick	USA
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP B**  
Croatia, Zagreb, 15–21.1.2019

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Snasel, Vladimir	SVK Elonen, Joona	FIN
Wannerstedt, Marcus	NOR Goncalves, Clement	FRA
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	Rigoni, Daniel	ITA
	Sakovic, Marko	CRO
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III**  
Iceland, Reykjavik, 14–20.1.2019

REFEREES	LINESMEN	
Csomortani, Zsolt	ROU Briganti, Kevin	USA
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Sweden, Ornskoldsvik and Umea, 18–28.4.2019

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Brannare, Aaro	FIN Badyl, Pavel	BLR
Campbell, Michael	CAN Bowles, Riley	USA
Hejduk, Oldrich	CZE Haurum, Henrik	DEN
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Labonte, Guillaume	CAN Lundgren, Ludvig	SWE
Linde, Marcus	SWE Obwegeser, David	SUI
MacFarlane, Sean	USA Pesonen, Jani	FIN
Morozov, Sergey	RUS Shalagin, Nikita	RUS
Schrader, Andre	GER Spur, Josef	CZE
Shrubok, Andrei	BLR Wyonzek, Tarrington	CAN
Stefik, Miroslav	SVK	
Tscherrig, Michael	SUI	

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP A**  
France, Grenoble, 14–20.4.2019

REFEREES	LINESMEN	
Baca, Michal	POL Barcelo, Joris	FRA
Benvegna, Andrea	ITA Bersenev, Maksim	RUS
Dipietro, Alex	SUI Briganti, Nicholas	USA
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	Fournier, Julien	CAN
	Svoboda, Jiri	CZE
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP B**  
Hungary, Szekesfehervar, 14–20.4.2019

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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP A**  
Lithuania, Elektrenai, 7–13.4.2019

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Serbia, Belgrade, 25–31.3.2019

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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III, GROUP A**  
Bulgaria, Sofia, 25–31.3.2019

REFEREES	LINESMEN
Kaczmarek, Bartosz	POL Boyadjiev, Martin BUL
Kudrjasovs, Andrejs	LAT Howard, Edward Ted NZL
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III, GROUP B**  
South Africa, Cape Town, 9–12.4.2019

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

Finland, Espoo, 4–14.4.2019

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

Hungary, Budapest, 7–13.4.2019

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

China, Beijing, 6–12.4.2019

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

United Kingdom, Dumfries, 2–8.4.2019

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Camane, Sintija	LAT Cameron, Jennifer USA
Fu, Zhennan	CHN Campbell, Amy GBR
Gardner, Ainslie	AUS Poboziak, Joanna POL
	Shestakova, Oksana KAZ
	Smirnova, Ekaterina RUS
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP B**

Romania, Brasov, 1–7.4.2019

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	Maennlein, Julia GER
	Mizuhori, Mai JPN
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II,  
GROUP B, QUALIFICATION**

South Africa, Cape Town, 13–18.1.2019

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

Japan, Obihiro, 6–13.1.2019

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Weiss, Ramona	GER		

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I,  
GROUP A**

Austria, Radenthein, 7–13.1.2019

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Harbitz-Rasmussen, Elise	NOR	Hanley, Kendall	USA
Rapin, Chelsea	USA	Lee, KyungSun	KOR
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		Stastna, Gabriela	CZE
		Tochigi, Yuka	JPN

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I,  
GROUP B**

United Kingdom, Dumfries, 6–12.1.2019

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Ma, Sang Hee	KOR	Gottlibet, Zora	HUN
Matejova, Michaela	SUI	Gouin, Genevieve	CAN
		Goutama, Catherine	INA
		Sanders, Emma	GBR
		Tanasevich, Anastasiya	BLR

**CONTINENTAL CUP POOL A**

Bulgaria, Sofia, 28–30.9.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN		
Hladchenko, Anton	UKR	Boyadjiev, Martin	BUL
Ivanov, Nebojsa	SRB	Peychinov, Kiril	BUL
Lundsgaard, Niclas	DEN	Stoyanov, Luchezar	BUL
		Vasilev, Vasilij	BUL

**CONTINENTAL CUP POOL B**

Italy, Ritten, 19–21.10.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN		
Locans, Maris	LAT	Bedana, Alessio	ITA
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey	ESP	Cristeli, Matthias	ITA
Siegel, Stefan	AUT	Giacomozzi, Piero	ITA
Tzirtziganis, Tim	BEL	Piras, Antonio	ITA

**CONTINENTAL CUP POOL C**

Latvia, Riga, 19–21.10.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN		
Bajt, Miha	SLO	Buss, Uldis	LAT
Fazekas, Djordje	SRB	Jakovlevs, Andrejs	LAT
Kokai, Mark	HUN	Levalds, Viesturs	LAT
Lazzeri, Alex	ITA	Ozolins, Agris	LAT

**CONTINENTAL CUP POOL D**

France, Lyon, 16–18.11.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN		
Halas Jr, Pavel	GBR	Douchy, Jeremie	FRA
Kohlmuller, Lukas	GER	Gielli, Guillaume	FRA
Kozlowski, Krzysztof	POL	Margry, Gwilherm	FRA
Smerdelj, Miro	CRO	Peuriere, Frederic	FRA

**CONTINENTAL CUP POOL E**

United Kingdom, Belfast, 15–17.11.2018

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Razhkou, Maksim	BLR	Cook, Andrew	GBR
Sobolev, Sergey	KAZ	Pullar, Robert	GBR
Zviedritis, Gints	LAT	Rodger, Scott	GBR

**CONTINENTAL CUP FINAL**

United Kingdom, Belfast, 11–13.1.2019

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Koch, Andreas Stephan	SUI	Kuchava, Tornike	GEO
Schukies, Gordon	GER	Leermakers, Joep	NED
Smetana, Ladislav	AUT	Pullar, Robert	GBR
		Rodger, Scott	GBR



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Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, 1–9.3.2019

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Magnusson, Johan	SWE Ng, Edmond
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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA**

Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, 3–6.12.2018

REFEREES	LINESMEN
Eriksson, Paer Daniel	SWE Alameri, Helan Salem
Gautier, Francois Emmanuel	PHI Almatrouk, Mohammed
Sobolev, Sergei	KAZ Belwal, Amit
Yusoff, Mohamad Faris Hakimin	MAS Chua, Jien Yang
	Noor Hisham, Mohammad Thaqeef
	Rodger, Graham
	Songleksing, Jakkrit
	Suslov, Vladimir
	Wardana, Heru

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA, DIVISION A**

Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, 3–6.12.2018

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Eriksson, Paer Daniel	SWE Alameri, Helan Salem
Gautier, Francois Emmanuel	PHI Almatrouk, Mohammed
Sobolev, Sergei	KAZ Belwal, Amit
Yusoff, Mohamad Faris Hakimin	MAS Chua, Jien Yang
	Noor Hisham, Mohammad Thaqeef
	Rodger, Graham
	Songleksing, Jakkrit
	Suslov, Vladimir
	Wardana, Heru

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA**

United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi, 14–19.4.2019

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Vicha, Jennifer	SUI Liao, Yi-Hsuan
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	Tsang, Yin Kwan
	Woon, Yean Hui

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA, DIVISION A**

United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi, 14–19.4.2019

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# IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

## 2019/2020

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### MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Russia
Sweden	Finland
Czech Republic	United States
Germany	Switzerland
Slovakia	Latvia
Denmark	Norway
Belarus	Italy
Great Britain	Kazakhstan

SUI, Zurich, Lausanne; 8–24.5.2020

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
France	Lithuania
Austria	Poland
Korea	Japan
Slovenia	Estonia
Hungary	Ukraine
Romania	Serbia

SLO, Ljubljana; 27.4–3.5.2020

POL, Katowice; 27.4–3.5.2020

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Belgium
Croatia	Iceland
Australia	New Zealand
Spain	Georgia
China	Mexico
Israel	Bulgaria

CRO, Zagreb; 19–25.4.2020

ISL, Reykjavik; 19–25.4.2020

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
DPR Korea	South Africa
Turkey	Hong Kong
Turkmenistan	Thailand
Luxembourg	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chinese Taipei	
United Arab Emirates	

LUX, Kockelscheuer; 19–25.4.2020

RSA, Cape Town; 20–26.04.2020

#### DIVISION IV

GROUP A	GROUP B
Kuwait	Malaysia
Kyrgyzstan	Philippines

KGZ, Bishkek; 2–8.3.2020

### U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2020 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Finland	United States
Switzerland	Russia
Sweden	Canada
Slovakia	Czech Republic
Kazakhstan	Germany

CZE, Ostrava, Trinec; 26.12.2019–5.1.2020

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Denmark	France
Belarus	Poland
Norway	Hungary
Latvia	Italy
Austria	Ukraine
Slovenia	Estonia

BLR, Minsk; 9–15.12.2019

UKR, Kyiv; 12–18.12.2019

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Japan	Korea
Lithuania	Croatia
Great Britain	Netherlands
Romania	Belgium
Spain	Israel
Serbia	China

LTU, Vilnius; 6–12.1.2020

KOR, Gangneung; 28.1–3.2.2020

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Mexico	Iceland
Australia	Chinese Taipei
Turkey	South Africa
Bulgaria	New Zealand

BUL, Sofia; 13–19.1.2020

#### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2021	BLR, Minsk & LATVIA, Riga	7–23.5.2021
2022	FIN, Tampere, TBD	13–29.5.2022
2023	RUS, St. Petersburg	5–21.5.2023
2024	CZE, Prague, Ostrava	
2025	SWE, TBD	

#### IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2021	CAN, Edmonton, Red Deer	26.12.2020–5.1.2021
2022	SWE, Gothenburg	26.12.2021–5.1.2022
2023	RUS, Novosibirsk	26.12.2022–5.1.2023



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### U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	Russia
Canada	United States
Belarus	Czech Republic
Latvia	Finland
Switzerland	Germany

USA, Plymouth, Ann Arbor; 16–26.4.2020

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Slovakia	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Austria
Denmark	Hungary
Norway	Italy
France	Slovenia
Japan	Poland

SVK, Piestany;  
13–19.4.2020

ITA, Asiago;  
12–18.4.2020

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Spain
Lithuania	China
Estonia	Netherlands
Romania	Croatia
Korea	Australia
Serbia	Bulgaria

EST, Tallinn;  
22–28.3.2020

CHN, Tianjin;  
21–27.3.2020

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Belgium	New Zealand
Israel	Hong Kong
Iceland	South Africa
Turkey	Luxembourg
Mexico	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chinese Taipei	Kyrgyzstan

TUR, Istanbul;  
16–22.3.2020

LUX, Kockelscheuer;  
29.3–4.4.2020

### WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
United States	Japan
Canada	Germany
Finland	Czech Republic
Russia	Denmark
Switzerland	Hungary

CAN, Halifax, Truro; 31.3–10.4.2020

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	Italy
France	Korea
Norway	Poland
Austria	China
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Netherlands	Slovenia

FRA, Angers;  
12–18.4.2020

POL, Katowice;  
28.3–3.4.2020

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Australia
Great Britain	New Zealand
Spain	Iceland
Mexico	Turkey
DPR Korea	Croatia
Chinese Taipei	Ukraine

ESP, Jaca;  
29.3–4.4.2020

ISL, Akureyri;  
23–29.2.2020

#### DIVISION III

Romania	Hong Kong
Belgium	Bulgaria
South Africa	Lithuania

BUL, Sofia; 4–10.12.2019

### U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Sweden
United States	Switzerland
Finland	Czech Republic
Russia	Slovakia

SVK, Bratislava; 26.12.2019–2.1.2020

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Japan	Austria
Germany	Norway
Hungary	Great Britain
Italy	Poland
Denmark	China
France	Korea

GER, Fussen;  
3–9.1.2020

POL, Katowice;  
2–8.1.2020

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Spain
Kazakhstan	Turkey
Chinese Taipei	Mexico
Australia	Romania

NED, Eindhoven;  
25–28.1.2020

MEX, Mexico City;  
28.1–2.2.2020

## MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY ROUND 1

GROUP N	GROUP O
Luxembourg	Chinese Taipei
UA Emirates	Hong Kong
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	Thailand
<b>LUX, Kockelscheuer;</b> <b>7–10.11.2019</b>	<b>HKG, Hong Kong;</b> <b>7–10.11.2019</b>

## PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

GROUP K	GROUP L	GROUP M
Romania	Netherlands	Croatia
Iceland	Spain	Serbia
Israel	Mexico	Bulgaria
TBD	TBD	Turkey
<b>ROU, Brasov;</b> <b>12–15.12.2019</b>	<b>ESP, Barcelona;</b> <b>13–15.12.2019</b>	<b>CRO, TBD;</b> <b>13–15.12.2019</b>

## PRELIMINARY ROUND 3

GROUP G	GROUP H	GROUP J
Slovenia	Kazakhstan	Great Britain
Japan	Poland	Hungary
Lithuania	Ukraine	Estonia
TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>SLO, Jesenice;</b> <b>6–9.2.2020</b>	<b>KAZ, Nur-Sultan;</b> <b>6–9.2.2020</b>	<b>GBR, Nottingham;</b> <b>6–9.2.2020</b>

## FINAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Slovakia	Latvia	Norway
Belarus	France	Denmark
Austria	Italy	Korea
TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>SVK, TBD;</b> <b>27–30.8.2020</b>	<b>LAT, Riga;</b> <b>27–30.8.2020</b>	<b>NOR, TBD;</b> <b>27–30.8.2020</b>

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

2022	CHN, Beijing	4–20.2.2022
2026	ITA, Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo	6–22.2.2026

## CONTINENTAL CUP

## FIRST ROUND

GROUP A	GROUP B
Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	KHL Zagreb
Irbis-Skate Sofia	HYC Herentals
Skautafelag Akureyrar	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian
Zeytinburnu Istanbul	HC Bat Yam
<b>TUR, Istanbul;</b> <b>20–22.9.2019</b>	<b>BEL, Mechelen;</b> <b>20–22.9.2019</b>

## SECOND ROUND

GROUP C	GROUP D
Mogo Riga	Ritten Sport
HC Donbass	Ferencvarosi TC
Corona Brasov	Olimpija Ljubljana
Winner Group A	Winner Group B
<b>UKR, Brovary;</b> <b>18–20.10.2019</b>	<b>ITA, Ritten;</b> <b>18–20.10.2019</b>

## THIRD ROUND

GROUP E	GROUP F
Nottingham Panthers	Beibarys Atyrau
SonderjyskE Vojens	Neman Grodno
Amiens Gothiques	Cracovia Krakow
Winner Group D	Winner Group C
<b>DEN, Vojens;</b> <b>15–17.11.2019</b>	<b>POL, Krakow;</b> <b>15–17.11.2019</b>

## FINAL

Winner Group E  
Winner Group F  
Runner up Group E  
Runner up Group F

**TBD, TBD; 10–12.1.2020**

## FISU WINTER GAMES

2021	SUI, Lucerne	21–31.1.2021
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## YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

## MIXED NOC 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

MEN	WOMEN
8 Teams	8 Teams
<b>SUI, Lausanne; 10–15.1.2020</b>	

## ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

MEN	WOMEN
United States	Sweden
Canada	Czech Republic
Russia	Switzerland
Finnland	Slovakia
Switzerland	Germany
Denmark	Japan

**SUI, Lausanne; 17–22.1.2020**

## NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2019/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	19–25.8.2019
2020	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	4–10.11.2019
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	9–15.12.2019
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	3–9.2.2020
2020/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	24–30.8.2020
2021	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	2–8.11.2020
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	14–20.12.2020
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	8–14.2.2021
2021/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	23–29.8.2021
2022	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	8–14.11.2021
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	13–19.12.2021
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	7–13.2.2022
2022/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	22–28.8.2022
2023	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	7–13.11.2022
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	12–18.12.2022
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	6–12.2.2023









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