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*Canada's Nick Paul scores the golden goal in the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship final.*





Blayre Turnbull tackles her  
goalie after Canada  
defeated USA in overtime  
at the 2021 IIHF Women's  
World Championship

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The World Junior final between Canada and USA was played in an empty 18,500-seat Rogers Place in Edmonton, Canada.

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Russia's Sergei Ivanov  
makes a save against  
Canada in the 2021 U18  
World Championship gold  
medal game.

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# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Soon, the IIHF will enter a new era. And after observing the discipline, unity, and cooperation shown by the IIHF its members, and partners in two turbulent seasons, it is a comfort to know that this federation is in good hands.

Last season was about adapting and overcoming serious challenges placed on our sport. We achieved this, thanks to hard work, clear communication, and a level of cooperation that demonstrated the IIHF family's ability to put disagreements aside and work together when our sport needed it the most.

After the COVID-19 pandemic shut down most of the season in 2019/2020, we prepared for the next season with a sense of purpose and optimism. Despite our best efforts, after long discussions with participating teams, tournament organizers, and health authorities, we had to accept the reality that we could not realistically host a complete World Championship program in 2020/21. Sadly, most of our members had to go through yet another season without international hockey.

But during this past season we saw some light at the end of the tunnel. Following the Council decision to cancel the lower division tournaments, the women's top division U18 World Championship, and all club and Challenge Cup of Asia events, the IIHF had to focus its efforts to ensure that the top division events – so important to the financial well-being of the IIHF and its members – could take place safely.

This meant a whole new rethink of how to host an international ice hockey tournament. The concept of a tournament "bubble", introduced during the National Hockey League's 2020 summer playoffs, was adapted and modified into a workable solution that was then executed with great success during the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Using the best practices from the World Juniors, the IIHF and tournament organizers were then able to successfully run tournament operations for the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship in Frisco & Plano, USA, and the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey Word Championship in Riga, Latvia.

We hit an initial bump in the road with the Women's World Championship, which was scheduled to be held in Halifax, Canada but had to be cancelled due to a government decision.

But thanks to a willingness on the part of the IIHF, the teams, and the organizer, we were able to relocate and reschedule the tournament in a matter of weeks.

The results of all these bubble preparations? Four tournaments, zero positive cases during each event, zero cancellations, all games played and all medals and trophies awarded. It was not easy, but together we showed what can be possible with dedicated people from all sides working behind the scenes.

There was positive news elsewhere across the hockey world. Facing cases among players and staff, pauses in play, and other difficult challenges, many leagues still managed to finish their seasons. Through the pandemic we have developed a good understanding of tournament organization under restrictions that we never faced before, and I am impressed with the adaptability displayed by the ice hockey family. It was a good opportunity to learn from each other and share knowledge.

I especially cannot say enough about the hard work that went into the successful operation of these events. Creating a tournament in a bubble environment is not easy, and I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible contributions of the IIHF office.

Whether working overtime at the office or at home during the pandemic, the staff were called upon to deliver over-the-top services to our membership. This they did with 100% commitment, enthusiasm, and support, and I am grateful to have them in the service of the IIHF and its member national associations as we go into the next season and beyond.

*"I thank you for your patience and understanding as we work hard to bring a complete World Championship program back for 2021/22."*



I also would like to thank the IIHF Council for their leadership and commitment through an especially challenging time. Along with event cancellations and bubble tournaments, we also were faced with the difficult decision to change hosts for the IIHF World Championship. Through all of this, the Council members were involved in all important decisions, with constant video calls and consultations throughout the entire season.

And to our member nations, I thank you for your patience and understanding as we work hard to bring a complete World Championship program back for 2021/22.

Next season will see many changes, starting with the upcoming Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia.

There we will elect a new IIHF Council including a new IIHF President. I hope to see you all in St. Pete to say goodbye in person, but in case you are not there, I would just like to say that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as IIHF President.

I have been involved with this amazing federation for over 30 years, and I am forever thankful to the people I have met along the way, the incredible tournaments, and the unforgettable moments I experienced and was fortunate to have shared with you all.

MERCI BEAUCOUP!

**IIHF President René Fasel presents the World Championship Trophy to Team Canada captain Adam Henrique.**

Photo: André Ringuette /HHOF-IIHF Images



**RENÉ FASEL**  
IIHF President







# IIHF COUNCIL 2016–2021

## 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.

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



Born on 21 November, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President in 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Former Chairman of the IIHF Championship Structure, Championship Bid and Disciplinary Committees. Chairman of 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 and TV/New Media/Marketing 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. Graduated from the ISW Business School in Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany with an international sports manager diploma. Assistant to the general manager for the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia (2004–2007), staff member at four World Championships, three World Junior Championships and 2004 World Cup of Hockey. General Secretary of the Belarusian Ice Hockey Association (2007–2011). CEO for 2014 IIHF World Championship host bid, Team Leader at several World Championships and the 2010 Olympics. CEO of Lviv-2022 Olym-

pic Winter Games Bid Committee and Adviser to the Ukrainian NOC President and IOC Executive Board Member (2011–2014). Former Member of World Athletics International Relations Commission. 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 as 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 Champion-

ship 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 TRETIKOV (RUS)



Born on 25 April, 1952 in Orudievo, Russia. As a goaltender Tretiakov 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. Tretiakov 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. Tretiakov 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. Resigned from Council position in March 2021.

### 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.



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# IIHF ANNUAL & EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS

## RIGA, LATVIA

### 5 JUNE 2021

All enclosures referenced in the minutes are available on the IIHF Intranet

IIHF President, René Fasel, opened the 2021 IIHF Annual Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present.

He particularly thanked Life Members Philippe Lacarrière and Frank Gonzalez for their presence in the Congress room, and all other Life Members for their presence online.

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

Lastly, the IIHF President welcomed Mr. Philippe Blatter and Mr. Bruno Marty, and the entire Infront team, to the Congress.

A roll call was executed by the General Secretary. Prior to starting the roll call the General Secretary explained that presence for this Congress could be both online and in-person.

#### Notice of the Meeting & Formal Extra-Ordinary Congress Procedures

IIHF General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, confirmed that the 2021 Annual Congress Meeting was called and notified in accordance with IIHF Statute 14.4; the IIHF provided notice and purpose of the 2021 IIHF Annual Congress with the First Notice being sent out on April 8, 2021, and the Second Notice being sent out on May 6, 2021.

The General Secretary explained that the subjects dealt with during this 2021 IIHF Annual and Extra-Ordinary Congress, were strictly limited to the topics explicitly indicated on the 2021 IIHF Annual and Extra-Ordinary Congress Agenda.

#### Appointment of Minutes Keepers and Scrutineers

The General Secretary proposed to appoint Adriaan Wijckmans and Enid Gyoerke as minutes' keepers. In addition, in case a vote would occur, Raeto Raffainer (SUI), Gleb Karatayev (KAZ) and Johan Bollue (BEL) were requested to act as scrutineers.

Congress confirmed the appointment of Minutes Keepers; and Scrutineers.

#### Approval of Minutes from Last Congress

The General Secretary announced that the IIHF Office had not received any written remarks to the minutes. Congress raised no objections and the Minutes of the 2020 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress were unanimously approved.

#### Report of the President

The President started his report by looking back at the 2020 season and stated that it was a very difficult season. For example, the cancellation of last year's World Championship which was supposed to take place in Switzerland was a big sacrifice. However, the President highlighted that the IIHF had an insurance in place which covered the income that was lost due to the cancellation of this Championship. The decision to take on this insurance was made by the IIHF Council in 2010 as a consequence of a risk analysis. This insurance ensured that the IIHF received 23 million CHF which allowed the IIHF to cover for all the Championships that it had to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020 season.

The President went on to indicate that during the summer of 2020 it became clear that it would be impossible to organize the Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg, during which a new IIHF Council was supposed to be elected. Therefore, the elections were postponed and an additional year was added to the current IIHF Council's mandate.

In the fall of 2020, together with the Expert Group, the IIHF realized that it would become impossible to run all the Championships during the season. Therefore, the focus was placed on the organization of the top events. However, the U18 Women's World Championship could unfortunately not be organized as, following a discussion with the Swedish Ice Hockey Association, the risk was too high.

The President especially thanked all members of the IIHF Council. Namely, this season, the IIHF Council had a total of 45 meetings, which never happened before. In addition, the President thanked the IIHF Staff for all their work during the season.

The President came back to the U20 World Championship which was held in Edmonton, Canada. He thanked Luc Tardif and Frank Gonzalez for their willingness to be the chairmen of that tournament despite the strict quarantine requirements which were in place. He thanked Hockey Canada for the organization of the successful tournament.

He then indicated that the U18 World Championship was a little bit more challenging regarding the costs. However, this tournament was also a great success, especially because there were no COVID-19 cases throughout the entire Championship.

The President then spoke on the World Championship in Riga. The lead-up to the Championship was very challenging due to the political questions that had to be solved. He explained that, together with the IIHF General Secretary, he visited the Belarussian President which unfortunately led to a lot of political discussions. Finally, despite the fact that the IIHF tried to use the platform of the organization of a World Championship in a country as an opportunity to bring people together, a decision was made not to play in Minsk, Belarus.

The President thanked the Latvian Ice Hockey Federation to do everything possible to have all of the 16 teams play in Riga. This meant that a temporary arena had to be constructed in the Olympic Center in Riga with the help of the government of the city of Riga. In addition, he thanked the IIHF Facilities Working Group for their excellent job with the ice rinks.

The President went on to talk about the issues that occurred regarding the Belarussian flag. He stated that it was not acceptable that someone removes the flag of a member of the IIHF family. The IIHF would fight for any of its members if they would take their flag away, and that is also what the IIHF did in this case. He indicated that sport and politics should be kept separately and that in the world of sport we have to stick together.

The President then said that the Authorities of Nova Scotia decided, one day before the teams were supposed to travel to Canada, not to have the Women's World Championship. In this context, the IIHF received some questions as to why there was no back-up plan. However, the President explained that it is simply impossible to have a back-up plan in a situation like this because this would double the cost. The IIHF Council together with Hockey Canada found a solution. Therefore, at the end of August, a Women's World Championship will be played. The President thanked Hockey Canada for their hard work and expressed that he is really pleased that this World Championship can go through.

Lastly, the President indicated that the IIHF will organize the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia. The IIHF already spoke with the Russian government in order to ensure that a minimum of restrictions would be in place for that Congress. The President expressed his hope that everyone from the hockey family can join the Congress so that a new IIHF Council and President can be elected in St. Petersburg.

#### Report of the General Secretary

The IIHF General Secretary started his report by saying that he wishes to give an overview of what the IIHF has done during these exceptional times. In March 2020, the IIHF was caught by surprise by the COVID-19 pandemic. This led to the IIHF Council to take the very brave but difficult decision to cancel the entire 2020 season and ultimately also the 2020 IIHF World Championship, which was supposed to take place in Switzerland. This caused the IIHF to start negotiations with its insurance company in order to retrieve the money that was lost due to this cancellation. The General Secretary thanked the IIHF Staff for their efforts in proving all of the figures in this respect. Finally, the IIHF was successful with its claim as it received the full amount without any deductions from the insurance company.

Then, during the summer of 2020, the COVID-19 situation continued. Therefore, under the mandate of the IIHF President, the IIHF

invented the 'Event Tracker'. In addition, an expert group was launched to follow-up with the developments in this context. At this time, the General Secretary thanked all MNAs for their cooperation and the very good contact the IIHF had with them regarding the Event Tracker. This Event Tracker might also still be used during the upcoming season.

Based on the obtained information through the Event Tracker, it was decided to cancel all Events except for the U20 World Championship, U18 World Championship, and Men's World Championship, which were successfully delivered during this season. In addition, the IIHF was absolutely ready to deliver the Women's World Championship, but due to the decision of the authorities of Nova Scotia, this event also had to be cancelled, which really came as a shock.

With respect to the organization of the 2021 IIHF World Championship, the General Secretary pointed out that the IIHF had to take on a completely new role. Namely, for this Championship, the IIHF is formally part of the Organizing Committee. Even though this was a new task for the IIHF, due to the excellent collaboration with the Local Organizing Committee, the organization was a success.

The General Secretary went on to say that the IIHF is currently preparing for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games. However, the last in-person meeting that the IIHF was able to have with the organizers was in September 2019. He stressed that the organization of this Olympic tournament, hopefully with the NHL players participating, is a huge undertaking, especially as all of the meetings are to be held virtually. For example, in November last year the first virtual site visit was conducted together with the NHL, NHLPA and BOCOG, which is a very unusual for doing these types of things.

The General Secretary indicated that the IIHF has built a studio in its offices in Zurich, which is not yet ready. However, this permanent studio will allow the IIHF to connect with anyone around the world at any time. The studio will be used to maintain the contact with the MNAs and Organizing Committees during these times when having in-person meetings is less feasible.

Moreover, he added that, together with the IIHF Council, the decision was made to stop with new employments at the IIHF until June 2021, the end of the business year.

The General Secretary then provided some statistical information on the IIHF Staff. Specifically, the IIHF Staff spent over 500 days in quarantine for the organization of the various events this season. The General Secretary specifically thanked Ashley Ehler, Florian Mayer, Hannes Ederer, Danny Kurmann, Christian Hofstetter and Adam Steiss for all the time they spent in several bubbles for the organization of our Championships.

The General Secretary asked for the continued trust of Council into the work of the office.



**IIHF ANNUAL & EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS - RIGA, LATVIA**  
*5 JUNE 2021*

**Report of the IIHF Activities**

The President asked the IIHF Council members if they had anything to report regarding the activities that took place during the 2021 season:

Petr Briza indicated that over the last years a couple of projects were running, such as Partnership for Progress and the Growing the Game Fund, but all of these projects were paralyzed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in cooperation with the IIHF Office, a new platform named “Skills for All” was launched. This platform is not only to be used for development purposes, but also for several other topics such as marketing, medical... The next Skills for All session will take place on the 9th of June.

Franz Reindl thanked all MNAs on behalf of the Competition and Coordination Committee for their readiness to have video meetings whenever that was needed. He said that the committee had worked hard on finding solutions for the different problems that were caused by the pandemic and that it came up with several proposals for the IIHF Council, especially regarding relegation and promotion, IIHF World Ranking and the max. players on a team for the WM20.

Ron DeGregorio commended the IIHF Staff, and in particular the IIHF Legal Department for their hard work and smart risk management.

Sergej Gontcharov explained that for the first time, a new approach was used for the officials during the 2021 IIHF World Championship. Namely, the officials were working in units in order to limit the risk of COVID-19 infections.

Kalervo Kummola indicated that the Czech Republic had to step down regarding the organization of the 2022 WM18. He therefore thanked the German Ice Hockey Federation for taking over the organization.

Thomas Wu said that he was looking forward to the IIHF Championships taking place in the upcoming season.

**Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council**

There were no Council decisions to be ratified.

**Allocation of IIHF Championships**

The General Secretary explained that a lot of tournaments had to be cancelled in the 2021 season due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He mentioned that the organizers of the cancelled tournaments had the right of first refusal to apply again to host these cancelled events which most of them used.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIA  
Slovenia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Congress unanimously appointed Slovenia as a host. Ljubljana 02.05.2022 - 08.05.2022.

2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIB  
Poland was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as a host. Katowice, 25.04.2022 - 01.05.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIA  
Croatia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Croatia as a host. TBC, 24.04.2022 - 30.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB  
Iceland is the only applicant to this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Iceland as host. Reykjavik, 18.04.2022 - 24.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIA  
Luxembourg is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Luxembourg as host. Kockelscheuer 02.04.2022 - 09.04.2022

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB  
South Africa was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed South Africa as host. Cape Town, 21.03.2022 - 24.03.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIV  
Kyrgyzstan is the only applicant to this Championship Division. Iran was tentatively added as a participant to this Championship. The decision on Iran's participation will be made during the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. Congress unanimously appointed Kyrgyzstan as host, Bishkek, 03.03.2022 - 09.03.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IA  
Denmark is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Denmark as a host. Horsholm, 12.12.2021 - 18.12.2021.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IB  
Estonia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress appointed Estonia as a host. Tallinn, 12.12.2021 - 18.12.2021.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIA  
Romania is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress appointed Romania, as host. Brasov, 13.12.2021 - 19.12.2021.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIB  
Serbia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade, 10.01.2022 - 16.01.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIIA  
Mexico is the only applicant to host this Championship Division

Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kyrgyzstan were tentatively added as a participant to this Championship. The decision on their participation will be made during the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina indicated that they would be ready to host, in the event that Mexico would not be able to host the Championship for some reason. Mexico indicated that they would be ready to host the event, even in the case of 10 participating teams.

Kyrgyzstan proposed to divide groups in accordance with the participating team's geographical location. Congress unanimously appointed Mexico as host. Queretaro, date TBC

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18  
Germany is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Germany as host. Venue TBC, 21.04.2022 - 01.05.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18IA  
Slovakia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Slovakia as host. Spisska Nova Ves, 11.04.2022 - 17.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18IB  
Italy is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Italy as the host. Asiago, 25.04.2022 - 01.05.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIA  
Estonia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as a host. Tallinn, 03.04.2022 - 09.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIB  
Bulgaria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host, Sofia, 21.03-27.03.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIA  
Turkey is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Istanbul, 04.04.2022 - 10.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIB  
Bosnia and Herzegovina is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Bosnia and Herzegovina as host. Sarajevo, 14.04.2022 - 20.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW  
The allocation of the hosting of the WW as per Enclosure 9.20 has been approved by Congress, but needs to be confirmed via respective change of bylaw 14 at 2021 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress in September 2021.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIA  
France is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed France as a host. Angers, 24.04.2022 - 30.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIB  
Poland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Katowice, 08.04.2022 - 14.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIB  
Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host. Jaca, 02.04.2022 - 08.04.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIB  
Croatia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Croatia as host. TBC, 06.03.2022 - 12.03.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIII  
The allocation of the hosting WW III is postponed to the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.  
Bulgaria (Sofia, 17.01. – 26.01.2022) and Romania (Targu Secuiesc: 14.03. - 20.03.2022) offered to host this tournament. Serbia was tentatively added as a participant to this Championship.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18  
Sweden is the only applicant in this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Sweden as a host. Linköping, Mjölby, 08.01.2022 – 15.01,2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IA  
Hungary is the only applicant in this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as a host, Győr, 09.01.2022 - 15.01.2022

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IB  
Austria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Austria as host, Randenthein, 10.01-16.01.2022

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IIA  
Great Britain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host. Dumfries, 25.01.2022 - 28.01.2022.

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IIB  
Turkey is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Iceland requested to be added as a participating team to this Championship. The decision regarding the participation of Iceland will be made during the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host, Kocaeli, 22.01.2022 - 27.01.2022.



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**Olympic Winter Games**

The President indicates that there are still a lot of uncertainties surrounding the organization of the Olympic Winter Games. It is not even sure whether the Games will take place, let alone if spectators can be present in the stands. Therefore, the IOC has a huge challenge in front of them.

The President said that 70% of the athletes only participate once in an Olympics. Therefore, the upcoming Summer Olympics in Tokyo will be the only chance for many athletes to participate in an Olympic Event.

The President went on to say that the IIHF is working closely with NHL and NHLPA, BOCOG, IOC regarding the Olympic ice hockey tournament. The President indicates that he hopes to have a decision soon on the participation of the NHL players during the Olympic Games.

Regarding the participation of the Chinese national teams, the President explained that the IIHF Congress decided to give them a spot at the Olympics. The President indicated that the Chinese ice hockey association is working very hard on having competitive teams on the ice.

Lastly, the President indicated that on the women's side we will have 10 teams for the first time during the Olympic tournament.

Luc Tardif added that there is still a lot of uncertain income regarding the Winter Olympic Games. This makes it a very hard task to figure out the provisional budget, irrespective of whether the NHL players are participating.

**Risk Analysis Presentation**

Rene Fasel thanked the Auditors for their help.

General Secretary presented the 2020/21 Risk Analysis (see Enclosure 11) as the following:

He mentioned that a full risk analysis is planned to be done every four years, and the last time it was performed was in the year 2015/2016. The Risk Analysis of 2020/2021 is a reassessment of the risks that the IIHF has already known, and the IIHF's current environment. He informed that the IIHF mandated an external company for this analysis, and under the guidance of Roger Boccali (company) interviews were conducted to analyse the situation.

He then explained that it is the obligation of the IIHF to understand and analyse the risks. He summarized the risk analysis procedure and the legal requirements. He explained the outline of the approach, and the 5-step approach by IIHF to monitor

and identify the potential risks with the goal to reduce the potential threats. The General Secretary mentioned that currently the biggest risk is the COVID-19 pandemic which is influencing the operational success of the tournaments. Finally, he reflected on the outlook for the future, where good governance is key, and the risk analysis needs to be managed on a regular basis.

**Finances****BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

The Congress was asked to approve the budget, and to separately approve the Beijing Olympics aspect regarding the budget.

Luc Tardif gave a presentation on the Budget Season 2021/2022. (See Enclosure 12.1)

He summarized the most important topics as the following. The IIHF has had another extra-ordinary season, with the cancellation of 28 tournaments, the cancellation of the Continental Cup Program, the postponement of the Olympic Qualification tournaments, and the financial impact on the IIHF due to the re-allocation of WM and ban of spectators. This meant no spectators in the Arena, so that the whole income source for the WM organizer is eliminated. This resulted in the IIHF stepping up as co-organizer & funding partner for the main portion of operational costs. On the positive side the World Championship, the World Junior Championship, and the World U-18 Championship could be played. Luc Tardif referred to the pandemic development, and reflected on the challenges of the IIHF Operations for the Budget Season 2021/2022. He then summarized the major challenges besides COVID-19, and highlighted the possible participation of the NHL players at the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in 2022. He finally said that due to the uncertainty regarding the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, he asked the Congress to approve the IIHF Budget 2021/2022 excluding the Olympic Games related figures and to give the Treasurer together with the Council and the IIHF Office the mandate to calculate the budget for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing separately. The overall consolidated Budget for the season 2021/2022 will then be presented at the Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg.

Congress approved the Budget Season 2021/2022 as well to continue with the Olympic budget as proposed

**Approval of Financial Report Season 2019/20**

In accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws, the IIHF's Internal Auditors have audited the yearly accounts of the International Ice Hockey Federation for the fiscal year 2019/20. Based on this report the IIHF auditors recommend to the Congress the acceptance of the report of the external auditors and the discharge of the President, the General Secretary, and the

Council for the period July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020. Congress approved the discharge of the President, the General Secretary and the Council for the period July 1st, 2019, through June 30th, 2020.

**Approval of Renumeration for Council 2021-2026**

IIHF Internal Auditor Fabio Oetterli gave a presentation on the Renumeration Proposal for the Council for the years 2021-2026 (See Enclosure 12.3). He summarized the actual remuneration and the daily allowance that apply for the official IIHF assignments.

He then gave an overview on the proposed flat fee that will newly apply for the Council Members. He explained that the flat fee covers the expertise and willingness to take over the risk (exposure of liability) and the responsibility for the strategic, governance and financial matters of the IIHF as well as all mandatory assignments for Council Members.

Assignments which are not in the sole responsibility of Council Members and not covered by the flat fee are still compensated with a daily allowance. He said that the Finance Committee recommends that the per diem system for Council Members should be replaced by a lump sum system. Council members should be remunerated foremost for their expertise and willingness to take over the risk (exposure of liability) and the responsibility they have and not only for the effective meeting and travel days.

Congress approved the remuneration for Council for the years 2021-2026.

**Election Information and Procedures**

The IIHF General Secretary provided information on the 2021 IIHF election procedures (See Enclosure 13). Horst Lichtner explained the nomination process, the nomination requirements and outlined that the deadline to submit nominations to the IIHF General Secretary is by 30 June 2021 before 23.59h Zurich time.

Franz Reindl and Petr Briza officially informed the Congress about their candidature for the President's position.

**Motion to Destroy the Ballots**

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

**Other Business**

Zoltan Kovacs (HUN) referred to the excellent 3-on-3 tournament

during the Youth Olympic Games and asked the Council and Congress not to wait with promotional work until Korea, but to make more promotion and development on the 3-on-3 tournament. He recommended to follow the solutions of FIBA.

Frank Gonzalez (ESP) informed the Congress that he is running in the elections for the Council position. He thanked for the trust and highlighted that all the ice facilities worked very well in Riga. He thanked the Organizing Committee and all parties involved for the great support.

Anvar Omorkanov (KGZ) said that he found it very unfortunate that politics affected the sport of ice hockey. Namely, he reflected on the recent WADA decision in the case against RUSADA which led to Mr. Vladislav Tretiak stepping down as IIHF Council Member. He indicated that politics should not interfere in sports. He suggested that Mr. Tretiak was named as Life Member of the IIHF Council.

**Date and place next IIHF Congress**

Rene Fasel thanked all delegates, the IIHF Council, Horst Lichtner, Aigars Kalvitis, Viesturs Koziols, Infront, the entire IIHF Team, technical people, Latvian Ice Hockey Federation, life members, and the translators.

The next IIHF Congress is the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress which will take place from 22 to 25 September in St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Extra-Ordinary Congress**

IIHF President René Fasel opened the Extra-Ordinary Congress.

He indicated that in accordance with the IHF Statutes, the voting on the IIHF Unified Rule Book requires an Extra-Ordinary Congress to be held. In addition, the change on the timing of the review of the IIHF Rule Book requires a change in the IIHF Statutes.

The Unified Rule Book was extensively covered in Congress during the Unified Rule Book session held on June 3rd, 2021.

**Unified Rule Book**

The IIHF General Secretary verified whether the MNAs that were missing during the Role Call had joined in the meantime.

A total of 115 votes was present. 64 votes were present in-person, and 51 virtually.

Congress unanimously approved the IIHF Unified Rule Book and review as presented.



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Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

Although the prevailing epidemic continued to disrupt the staging of Challenge Cup of Asia, ASPG Meeting, knowledge exchange, the summer training camps etc, the bonding among ASPG Members remains strong, and it is most encouraging to see the sportsmanship demonstrated by our Asian Members in striving to live with the challenges and getting ready to shine on-ice again when the time comes.

Plans and construction of new ice rinks continued in the region including China, the host of the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; Hong Kong; Kuwait; Macau, Mongolia and Thailand despite the epidemic, and there are even growths in Hockey reported, for example New Zealand and some of the new Members, attributed to the strong passion and concerted effort of the MNAs.

Looking ahead, a series of programs and activities is in the pipeline and the exchange between Asia and other members of the Hockey family will continue and be strengthened.

Thomas Wu  
Chairman

Athletes Committee Report

Due to the situation around the corona pandemic no in person meetings could be organized. The Committee Members have been tightly involved the process of the IIHF Rulebook assisting the IIHF Rule Book Writing group with the view of the athletes on the proposed rule changes. Other projects of the Committee have been postponed to a later stage.

Vladislav Tretiak  
Chairman

Coaching Committee Report

The 2020-21 season continued to be very challenging and prevented the Coaching Committee to run any in-person meetings, which had an impact on the usual in-season operations. With safety being the highest priority, this year's coaching symposium couldn't take place during the past 2021 IIHF WM in Riga (LAT).

The first Coach Developer Program was postponed and will be ready to resume when the pandemic situation will allow so. This program is so important for the National Associations to deliver good coach development in their countries using the idea of "coaches for coaches".



Autumn 2020 saw the successful launch of the IIHF Development Hub; which also features the IIHF Coach Development Framework (CDF), created to assist Member National Associations launch coach development systems and programs. The CDF will help in build or enhance these systems/programs. However, it is not the intention of the IIHF to provide a "one size fits all" coach development model. Instead of a list of best practices, the CDF outlines the best principles to be utilized and implemented by each MNA according to their own environment. This approach recognizes that each MNA's circumstances are unique because of different cultures and requirements of local authorities such as governments or National Olympic Committees.

The CDF also provides the foundation to the IIHF to run its educational programs such as the IIHF Coach Developer Program, development camps and seminars. The IIHF Office, together with the Coaching Committee, will continuously develop this publication, and welcomes feedback from our membership.

Thanks to the Committee Members for their continuous support in various other IIHF projects like the new 2021/2022 IIHF Rule Book and the Skills4All webinar series. It has been a most unique 18 months, and the fact remains, COVID-19 is still with us, which prolongs the uncertainty of what we can accomplish in the coming year. However, let me be clear: the player / coach relationship remains the most important of any in hockey, and the coaching committee stands ready to provide leadership to that end.

With that said, the influence of a new governance structure and IIHF leadership will play a significant role in determining the direction of all committees including of course coaching. We look forward to contributing to the needs of the game worldwide through coaching.

Regards and best wishes to all,

Tom Renney  
Chairman

Competition & Coordination Committee Report

The past 2020/21 Championship season saw many tournaments cancelled and only the World Junior Championship in Edmonton (Canada), the WM18 in Frisco/Plano in Texas (USA) and the 2021 IIHF WM in Riga (LAT) operating as scheduled. All events have been organized in a bubble configuration to make sure to create a safe environment for all participants and officials.

The 2021 IIHF Women's World Championship had to be postponed twice and was finally played in Calgary from August 20-31 in the WinSport Arena of Hockey Canada.

Within the 2020 IIHF Championship Program:

- 28 tournaments and a total of 415 games needed to be cancelled due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)
- 4 IIHF Championships & Qualifications with a total of 151 games could be played and operated around the world under the IIHF banner:

For the past season, the Committee structured and seeded the 2021 IIHF Championship Program with 211 entered teams in 32 individual championships with 566 games in our 5 categories as follows:

CATEGORY	TEAMS	EVENTS	GAMES
Men's Senior:	55	8	171
Men's Under 20:	38	6	99
Men's Under 18:	46	7	121
Women's Senior:	42	6	107
Women's Under 18:	27	5	68
Totals	211	32	566

For the upcoming season, the Committee has structured and seeded 216 eligible teams in 33 individual championships tournaments to be held next year in our 5 categories as follows:

Men's Senior	56
Men's Under 20	44
Men's Under 18	45
Women's Senior	45
Women's Under 18	30

In addition, the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing will take place from February 4-20, 2022. The Men's 2022 the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments in Slovakia, Latvia and Norway were held successfully from 26-29 August 2021.

415

TOTAL NUMBER OF CANCELLED IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES DUE TO COVID-19

151

TOTAL NUMBER OF IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES PLAYED IN 2020/21 SEASON



After a year's delay, the Final Men's Olympic Qualification ended with Slovakia, Denmark, and Latvia earning a trip to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

The Women's 2022 Olympic Winter Games Qualification program had to be postponed to the beginning of the 2021/22 season with tournaments in August, October and with the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments in Czech Republic, Germany and Sweden scheduled for 11-14 November 2021.

In regards of qualification for the Olympic Winter Games the Committee also recommended Council that if one or more of the final tournaments cannot be played, the teams will be qualified based on their World Ranking position in 2019 (this has also been agreed with the IOC).

Should one or more teams need to be replaced at the actual 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the highest second ranked team(s) of FOQ based on their World Ranking position in 2019 would qualify.

The groups at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games will be seeded according to the 2020 IIHF Men's World Ranking



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The past season the Committee has been again very active with various topics. Through the operation of various conference calls the Committee focused on the following action items:

- Recommendations on how to handle questions about Top Divisions Tournaments in regards of minimum number of teams, promotion/relegation etc

- Recommendations to Council on force major Cancellation of IIHF Championships due to Coronavirus i.e. relegation/promotion, seeding, World Ranking

- Reviewing the IIHF World Ranking 2021 Men & Women in regards of the special circumstances of tournaments not played for two seasons and also about number of teams participating in the championships and the maximum of points available (1200) Currently points are given to a maximum of 56 teams. When this was introduced, there were only 45 teams, now we are at 56 teams. Extending from 1200 to 1600 points will allow to rank up to 76 teams. Note: points would be recalculated for all four years in the calculation starting with the 2022 IIHF World Ranking

- If an MNA does not appear at the allocated IIHF Championship or is disqualified, they will be granted no World Ranking points. In case of force majeure, the MNA will receive points as per their seeding number. However, in case an entire tournament is cancelled due to force majeure in a tournament in 2021 or after, each MNA of that tournament will receive points as per their pre-championship report position coming into the tournament

- Recommendation to accommodate international transfers in the exceptional situation and extend the deadline to March 1, 2021

- 2022 Olympic Winter Games – Overtime Bronze and Gold Medal games women/men

- Committee recommends increasing the official roster exceptionally for this season's WJC from 20 players + 3 Goalkeepers to 22 players + 3 Goalkeepers, because of the bubble concept in Edmonton with no possibility to exchange players after the arrival in Alberta

The Committee also continued its discussion of all coordination matters with MNA's, Clubs, Leagues, CHL, E.H.C. Alliance, KHL and NHL. The Chairman was invited and happy to support the IIHF/NHL/NHLPA and IOC meetings and participated as IIHF Representative in CHL General-, Board- and Sport Sessions.

The Chairman would like to thank all the Committee Members, involved stakeholders, the Office and committee secretary Christian Hofstetter for their valuable and constructive input and their professional work for the hockey family.

Franz Reindl  
Chairman

Facilities Working Group Report

The IIHF Facilities Working Group has, during the season 2019-2021, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, successfully realized all its long-term goals in terms of the IIHF Council's mandates:

- 1) IIHF Facilities Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars
- 2) IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Ice Specifications

- 3) IIHF Low-cost ice rink specification and budget
- 4) IIHF Blueprints for functional operational & Low-cost Arenas
- 5) IIHF Ice Rink Guide
- 6) IIHF Ice Rink Index

2021 IIHF WM Riga – Review of the WM Ice Making in Riga

The IIHF Facilities Working Group ice specialists were put in charge to supervise and setup the WM ice in Riga, together with the local ice management. The big challenge was to convert the football field in the Olympic Sport Centre (second WM venue) to an ice rink with not more than 3 months left to the start of the WM. The Facilities Working Group ice specialists (Manu Varho, Jeff Theiler and Antoine Descoux) under the leadership of the Facilities Working Group Chairman Frank Gonzalez, were spending many days in Riga to make it happen.

The Latvian LOC went out for a tender process to find the most suitable company for the delivery of the material and the setup of the ice rink. Finnish companies IcePro and Suomen Tekojää was chosen to setup and to deliver the ice rink for the Olympic Sport Centre. Their commitment with IcePro's Tomi Hukari in the lead was excellent, and with the help and the great support and cooperation of the local ice management, the WM ice was perfect in both, the Olympic Sport Centre, and the Riga Arena (main venue). The feedback from the IIHF President and the WM Directorate as well as from the players and the coaches was vast and especially the ice quality on the converted ice rink in the Olympic Sport Centre was praised. The perfect ice for the worldwide best players was created.

1) IIHF Facilities Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars

Three IIHF Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars were requested to be held during season 2019-2020 by our Members; one in Mexico, one in Bulgaria, and one in Asia. All three had to be put on hold and the decision had to be made to postpone the seminars because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In August 2021, however, the IIHF Facilities Working Group together with the Bulgarian Ice Hockey Federation, very successfully conducted an Ice Making Seminar in Sofia, where several Balkan Ice Hockey Associations sent their ice masters to learn from the ice specialists of the IIHF Facilities Working Group and to subsequently teach ice masters in their respective countries.

The following IIHF Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars have been conducted under the chair of the IIHF Facilities Working Group:

- 2014 Jaca / Spain
- 2015 San Sebastian / Spain
- 2015 Budapest / Hungary
- 2017 Leuven / Belgium
- 2018 Beijing / China
- 2020 Lausanne / Switzerland
- 2021 Sofia / Bulgaria

The Ice Making seminars have, throughout the years, become very popular and are always organized together with the local

national Ice Hockey Federation and led by the ice experts of the IIHF Facilities Working Group.

2) IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Ice Management

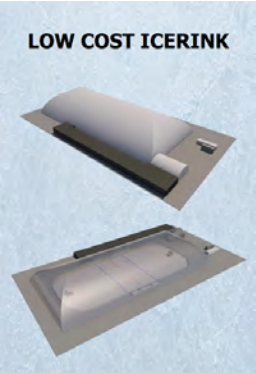
In an effort to standardize ice conditions for IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, the IIHF Facilities Working Group has established IIHF WM Ice Specification Guidelines as well as given assistance to the local national WM Organizer, regarding the setup of the WM ice and the education of local ice masters. We strongly encourage Organizers and Facilities owner to consider the benefits of using this documentation which is offered as a support reference for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships.

The IIHF Facilities Working Group Ice Management documentation:

- IIHF WM Ice Specification Guidelines
- IIHF WM Ice Specifications Schematic
- IIHF WM Ice Material Checklist
- IIHF WM Arenas Ice Making- and Management Seminars

3) IIHF Low-cost ice rink specification and budget

The Facilities Working Group has set-up a specification and a budget in regards of low-cost ice rinks to serve our Member National Associations. With this budget, which can be modified, depending on the manpower and or material costs in different countries, ice rink builders get a useful tool to work on and to calculate on a low-cost ice rink.



The low-cost ice rink budget is available for our Member National Associations and can be requested from the IIHF office.

4) Blueprints for functional operational & low-cost ice rinks

During the past term, MNAs and their affiliates contacted the Facilities Working Group and applied for the IIHF Blueprints. 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 to use 3-D animations. This virtual reality animation easily stimulates a possible interest in building new ice rinks, which is why the Facilities 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



The Olympic Sports Centre in Riga, Latvia was converted from a football field to an ice rink in the span of three months prior to the start of the World Championship.



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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

### 6) IIHF Ice Rink Index

One of the Facilities Working Group mandates is to setup an ice rink index and to catalogue (sizes, infrastructure, energy consumption, etc.) the world-wide numbers of ice rinks. The Facilities Working Group member Zoltan Kovacs has worked hard with the project.

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 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

Following a video conference by the IIHF Historical Committee in November 2020, the Committee determined that it would forgo hosting a Hall of Fame ceremony during the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Riga, Latvia.

Instead, the IIHF Hall of Fame Class of 2020, who were initially planned to be inducted in a ceremony at the cancelled 2020 IIHF World Championship, will have their induction ceremony at the 2022 World Championship in Tampere, Finland.

The committee will reconvene in fall 2021 to review its mandate and make preparations to bring back the IIHF Hall of Fame ceremony to the World Championship.

**René Fasel**  
Chairman

### Medical Committee Report

The 2020-2021 season brought many new normals with it as the Coronavirus global pandemic continued to dominate our personal lives and all our activities. Ice hockey was heavily impacted worldwide but as always sport was amongst the first things to bounce back after nearly one and a half years of standstill.

The IIHF Medical Committee held numerous Zoom meetings to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and developed a template and COVID-19 protocol for organisers of the different championships. Unfortunately many of the Championships were cancelled due to the pandemic but the template and protocol were used successfully in the 4 major Championships - WM, WM 20, WM 18 and the WW.

In close co-ordination with the Medical Committee and a dedicated compliance team, the IIHF was able to host three hugely successful tournaments in the 2020-2021 season, starting with the U20 top division in Canada, the U18 top division for the boys in the United States and the Men's Worlds in Latvia. We were also happy to contribute to the safe delivery of the twice postponed Women's Worlds in late August 2021 in Canada. All these tournaments were organized under the strictest protocols, testing and quarantine rules in order to ensure a safe environment for ice hockey's top athletes to return to the ice. Having to adhere to national and international travel and quarantine restrictions certainly poses many challenges for both the local organizers and the IIHF but the Medical Committee is always there to provide the latest know-how on ensuring the safety of these events.

Members of the IIHF's dedicated team of medical supervisors were also present at all of these events, working in close co-operation with the IIHF and local compliance officers as well as the local medical teams. This is a particularly challenging time for medical personnel around the world so the commitment of our medical supervisors is even more appreciated and we continue to look at expanding our pool to be able to serve all IIHF events in the best possible way.

The Medical Committee also contributed heavily to the new Unified Rule Book of the IIHF with the safety of the players as our utmost concern. Special rules and restrictions are implemented in order to provide the safest playing conditions for all, including female players and youth players.

The Coronavirus pandemic also prevented the IIHF from organizing its Integrity Workshops during the World Championships. However, in order to ensure that the players continued to be educated on these important topics (e.g. Anti-Doping) an online education platform was created. The platform was very well received and was heavily used during the U20, U18 and Women's World Championship. In addition, to support the IIHF education program, a new video laying out the Doping Control Process has been produced. This video explains step-by-step what can be expected during a doping test, and should fully prepare each player for this procedure.



An LOC bubble staff member disinfects a team bench in between practices.

The IIHF continued to use 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. Once again more than 300 tests had been conducted during the season in the KHL, WHL and MHL.

The Medical Committee was also involved in the establishment of the Transgender as well as the Abuse and Harassment Policy which are both in force and can be found on the IIHF Website.

Our entire Committee is more than ever committed to find ways to ensure safe playing and competing conditions for all ice hockey players around the world.

**Henrik Bach Nielsen**  
Chairman

### Officiating Committee Report

#### Game Official Assignments

The Game Official Team is a team made up of many different nations. The diversity of nations mixed with the many different regulations of these nations makes it very difficult to bring this team together in an orderly fashion and organize it accordingly.

Due to the strict COVID-19 requirements of the organizing countries, travel restrictions and the protocol developed by the IIHF Medical Committees regarding travel restrictions and quarantine regulations, the nominations of the Game Officials were also affected - a special and detailed planning was necessary.

It was very important for the nominations and assignments that the quality of the Game Officials is guaranteed also in times of a reduced game operation in the individual countries. The Game Officials had to follow the exact same guidelines as the players and team staff participating in the tournaments. An extraordinary amount of additional time for Pre-Travel Quarantine,

Self-isolation at the venue was required of those called up.

#### • 2021 WM20 CAN, Edmonton (25.12.2020 - 05.01.2021)

The Officiating Committee has submitted a proposal to the IIHF Council to be officiated exclusively with On-ice Game Officials from Canada.

IIHF On-Ice Game Officials (14 Referees, 12 Linesmen)

IIHF Officiating Coaches (2 CAN, 1 DEN, 1 DEN and 1 NHL)

#### • 2021 WM18 USA, Frisco & Truro, (26.04. – 06.05.2021)

The Officiating Committee has submitted a proposal to the IIHF Council to be officiated with On-ice Game Officials 50% from the USA, 50% from Europe and none from Canada.

IIHF On-Ice Game Officials (12 Referees, 10 Linesmen)

IIHF Officiating Coaches (3 USA, 1 HUN)

#### • 2021 WM LAT, Riga (21.05. – 06.06.2021)

The Officiating Committee has submitted a proposal to the IIHF Council to be officiated with On-ice Game Officials 90% from Europe and 10% from CAN/USA.

IIHF On-Ice Game Officials (18 Referees, 18 Linesmen)

IIHF Officiating Coaches (1 CAN, 1 CZE, 1 FIN, 1 GER, 1 RUS, 1 SWE)

#### • 2021 WW CAN, Calgary (20.08. – 31.08.2021)

The Officiating Committee has submitted a proposal to the IIHF Council to be officiated with On-ice Game Officials 60% from CAN/USA and 40% from Europe.

IIHF On-Ice Game Officials (12 Referees, 10 Lineswomen)

IIHF Officiating Coaches (1 CAN, 3 USA)





IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Quota System and Licensing Process for IIHF Game Officials

The Game Officials are the one impartial element on the ice that is crucial to ensure the good course of each ice hockey game. Namely, with their performance, they have a significant impact on the fairness and safety of the game. Therefore, the Game Officials play a fundamental role in the attractiveness of the sport of ice hockey.

It is evident that having in place a clear IIHF Game Official Licensing and Nomination process is of utmost importance to assure the quality of the IIHF Game Officials. This allows the IIHF to assign the best available Game Officials to its competitions. In addition, such process ensures opportunities for new Game Officials to grow and develop in their roles through international experience.

In order to fully achieve this objective, a close cooperation between the MNA Referees-in-Chief ("MNA RIC") and the IIHF is essential. Therefore, with these Guidelines, the IIHF will extend the role of the MNA RIC. In this respect, the IIHF trusts that the knowledge and expertise of each MNA RIC, in addition to the realistic expectations, career planning and strong commitment by all stakeholders, will significantly contribute to the success of the IIHF Game Official Licensing and Nomination process. The new quota system is designed in such a way that the number of licenses that can be applied for by the MNA's is based on the available tournament and games of the 2022 IIHF Championship program.

The World Ranking of the corresponding MNA has a direct influence on the quality and quantity of Game Official licenses. However, if an MNA does not have the quality of Game Officials available, the quota will not be exhausted. An A-License can only be applied for if the given licensing criteria are fulfilled. One criterion is that the Game Official must have already worked in an IIHF Championship tournament and received a positive evaluation from the Officiating Coach.

The new IIHF Official Rule Book – the Unified Rule Book

Ice Hockey is a fast, attractive game with skilled players, emotions, great moves and body checks – clearly structured and understandable rules are essential.

The rules should connect players, coaches and game officials with a unified and clear structure language and interpretation – not disconnect them because of different rules and consequent misunderstandings.



Action:

Working with the same rules and implementing the same guidelines within the European professional top leagues.

Working the games with a harmonized, unified IIHF Rule Book - adapted to a level of professional ice hockey.

New process creating and establishing a Rule Book that is less political and involves more expertise.

This Unified Rule Book was recently approved by the 2021 IIHF Annual Congress and was created during the last few months by a specially appointed Rule Book Writing Group comprised of experts from IIHF and European professional leagues and in consultancy with the National Hockey League (NHL), the Rule Book was developed using the combined Official Playing Rules of the IIHF, the National Hockey League (NHL), KHL, and various European leagues.

It aims at harmonizing the rules across the world and for different levels and categories of play and ensure consistency.

Sergej Gontcharov/Marta Zawadzka  
Chairman/Co-Chairwoman

Player Safety Committee Report

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.

The Committee was subsequently involved with the development of the new IIHF Rule Book that was released in spring 2021. The Unified Rule Book was reviewed closely by the committee to make ensure that the adoption of rules from the NHL and other leagues stayed in line with the standards for player safety in all IIHF tournaments.

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

TV/New Media/Marketing Committee Report

The TV/New Media/Marketing Committee did not convene in-person during the 2020/21 season, and is preparing to renew its mandate to be ready for the next IIHF Council cycle following the elections.

The Committee will aim to prioritize the development of live streaming and OTT platforms in order to better showcase the IIHF World Championship program and make tournaments like the World Juniors Championship, the Women's World Championship, and the U18 men's and women's tournaments available to a wider audience. From there, the committee will explore comprehensive, low-cost methods to use streaming to enable all tournaments in the World Championship program to be accessible on the IIHF website.

Going forward, the Committee will also focus on additional on key projects involving marketing and fan data strategies.

Work continues with EA Sports to integrate the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the IIHF World Junior Championship and, for the first time ever, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship to help promote gender-equality. The ultimate goal is the promotion of the tournaments themselves but also to give the IIHF a stronger credibility standing within the esports community and with its future esports championship concepts.

Bob Nicholson  
Chairman

Women's Committee Report

The IIHF's women's hockey program and the whole world was heavily impacted by the global pandemic throughout the 2020-2021 season. This meant the unfortunate cancellation of almost the entire female championship program as well as the signature events of women's ice hockey, World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend and Global Girls' Game.

All this hardship culminated in April 2021 with the last-minute cancellation of women's hockey's top event, our top division world championship which was due to take place in Halifax and Truro, Canada. This was a huge blow to the ten teams who prepared in sometimes very difficult, restricted conditions to be able to perform their best on the highest level. However, the commitment of Hockey Canada, the IIHF and the participating nations ensured that a new location and new dates were fast confirmed for the event, August 2021 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, giving the teams a much-needed top competition ahead of a very important Olympic qualification cycle and the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China in February 2022.

Following the successful Olympics in Tokyo, Japan in July 2021, we are looking forward to the upcoming Beijing Games and successful qualification tournaments despite the ongoing difficulties worldwide. The Olympics is crucial to growing our game worldwide and we are committed to ensuring a safe, successful event.

The IIHF Women's Committee is also hopeful that in the upcoming season we can once again host our top recruitment events, World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend and Global Girls' Games as well as continue with our hugely successful development programs and camps. Our long-planned global conference on women's ice hockey is still on the top of our agenda and we will be planning and hosting it as soon as the global situation will allow us to do so.

We look forward to girls returning to the ice around the globe in 2021-2022 and to being able to meet in person again and discuss the future goals and challenges of our great sport. Until then the IIHF Women's Committee wishes everyone a healthy, happy and successful season!

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer  
Chairwoman





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Youth and Junior Development Committe Report

During the pandemic, online meetings and teaching became the new way of communication and working. It was a challenging period, but the youth and junior development committee continued working to find opportunities to help MNA's in their development.

The IIHF Development Hub was launched on the IIHF website. This platform provides MNAs, Clubs and other stakeholders with supportive resources to organize and operate development and educational programs. However, it is important to note that these resources alone are not sufficient. They are to be utilized in planned and organized Programs which holistically help the respective people perform their duties to the best of their capabilities and potential.

We created The Player Development Guide (IIHF PDG) that aims to provide Member National Associations (MNA) and clubs with the necessary resources and guidance to run player development programs and to create new or to enhance existing long-term player development models and pathways. The IIHF PDG offers coaches, parents, heads of coaching and player development personnel within MNAs and clubs, not only information and guidance on the science behind long-term player development, but actual applicable content and information to conduct quality-training sessions. The Drill Hub is an important section in the IIHF PDG and provides training video's for skills, tactics and game situation roles for both on-ice and off-ice training and this in three skill levels: Beginner – Intermediate – Advanced.

The Learn To Play Program was refreshed with a new layout. All illustrations were replaced by clear pictures and new practice manuals created. The IIHF Learn to Play Manual contains 367-pages of information on how to operate IIHF Learn to Play Programs, featuring sections on leadership, coaching basics, teaching, learning, organization, planning, playing rules and practice manuals.

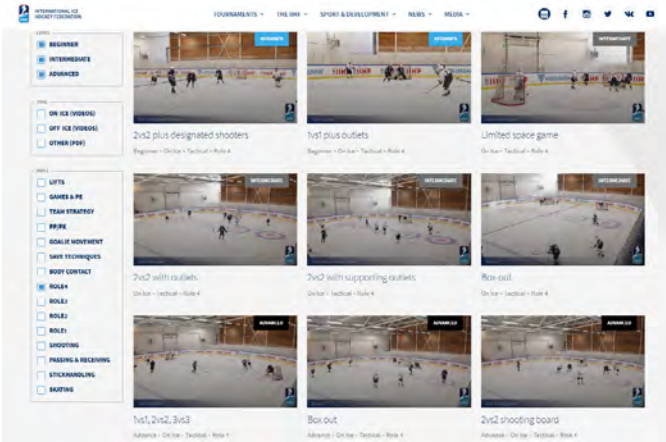
Development Manager Aku Nieminen, who played a major role in creating the Hub, PDG, and LTP, ended his contract with the IIHF after 13 years. We want to thank Aku for his enthusiasm and hard work in all these years with the IIHF and wish him good luck in his future. As a secretary of the Youth and Junior Development Committee he was replaced by Johan Bollue as a secretary ad interim.

As part of the Growing the Game fund, the Finnish and the Swedish Ice Hockey Associations joined forces and conducted a game format analysis subsidized by the IIHF. The final report was presented and the results of the study led to playing formats for children and youth hockey. The Youth and Junior Development Committee used the study as a foundation for a Framework for Children and Youth hockey games. The final version of the Framework will be available in the autumn of 2021.

In order to help or inspire MNA's, the Youth and Junior Development Committee kicked off a new webinar platform called Skill-s4All. On a monthly basis topics were presented in a webinar for-

500+

ICE HOCKEY DRILL VIDEOS  
PRODUCED FOR IIHF DRILL HUB



Among the IIHF Player Development Guide's many useful components available to MNAs is the Drill Hub, created for the use of coaches and players.

mat to help or inspire MNA's. The presented topics related to the actual situation with the pandemic and the foundations of development. A survey was held amongst the MNA's to summarize their needs.

After a general information session, in which the survey was presented, the Association of Denmark provided insight on their "Return to Ice Program" or what they do during COVID-19 and their action plan in a post-COVID-19 environment.

Informing the MNA's about development related research is one of the Youth and Junior Development Committee tasks. Two studies have been presented in the Skills4All webinars. First the Science of FUN was presented by Heather Mannix - American Development Model Manager for Female Hockey. Research was done to define a clear definition for FUN or how children define FUN. The study resulted in "The FUN maps". A second study was about the Youth and Junior Development formats presented by Kalle Valiaho, FIN and Anders Wahlström SWE.

In relation to the game formats the Lausanne YOG 3-on-3 format was reviewed by people who where involved in the event and considered as a format with a great future ahead.

Recruitment is the cornerstone for all development programs and will be key in any "return to ice program". The Youth and Junior Development Committee therefore paid attention by presenting some inspiring benchmarks. The Swedish and Swiss recruitment program was presented. In addition the recruitment program of the Swiss Federation, by Markus Graf, showed the importance of a quality management system.

The Development Hub and all other content is on IIHF.com. All webinars and the Drill Hub can be accessed at the IIHF website or the IIHF YouTube Channel.

Petr Briza  
Chairman







Scoreboard and game action display:

- Top: Logos for sponsors including Pepsi, Gatorade, K-Tire, Scotiabank, and The Keg.
- Center: Live game action showing players on the ice.
- Bottom: Score and game clock.
  - Score: 2 (Finland) - 0 (Opponent)
  - Time: 11:26
  - Period: 2ND PERIOD
  - Shots: 21 (Finland) - 7 (Opponent)

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## INDUCTEE LIST

	Born	Inducted	Category
<b>AUSTRIA</b>			
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Dieter Kalt	1941	2017	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947	1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder
<b>BELARUS</b>			
Ruslan Salei	1974	2014	Player
<b>BELGIUM</b>			
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder
<b>CANADA</b>			
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder
Rob Blake	1969	2018	Player
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder
Murray Costello	1934	2014	Builder
Danielle Goyette	1966	2013	Player
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player
Paul Henderson	1943	2013	Player
William Hewitt	1875	1998	Builder
Derek Holmes	1939	1999	Builder
Fran Huck	1945	1999	Player
Angela James	1964	2008	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941	1998	Player
Gordon Juckes	1914	1997	Builder
Dave King	1947	2001	Builder
Bob LeBel	1905	1997	Builder
Mario Lemieux	1965	2008	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908	1997	Player
Barry MacKenzie	1941	1999	Player
Seth Martin	1933	1997	Player
Jackie McLeod	1930	1999	Player
Andy Murray	1951	2012	Builder
Bob Nadin	1933	2018	Builder
Scott Niedermayer	1973	2015	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player
Pat Quinn	1943	2016	Builder
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder
Fran Rider	1951	2015	Builder
Joe Sakic	1969	2017	Player
Ryan Smyth	1976	2020	Player
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965	2014	Player
Harry Watson	1898	1998	Player
Hayley Wickenheiser	1978	2019	Player
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>			
Quido Adamec	1924	2005	Referee
Vladimir Bouzek	1920	2007	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931	1997	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935	2007	Builder
Josef Cerny	1939	2007	Player
Jaroslav Drobny	1921	1997	Player
Karel Gut	1927	1998	Player
Dominik Hasek	1965	2015	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player
Jiri Holeccek	1944	1998	Player
Jiri Holik	1944	1999	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922	1997	Builder
Oldrich Machac	1944	1999	Player
Josef Malecek	1903	2003	Player
Vladimir Martinec	1949	2001	Player
Bohumil Modry	1916	2011	Player
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944	1997	Player
Milan Novy	1951	2012	Player

	Born	Inducted	Category
Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player
Robert Reichel	1971	2015	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player
<b>DENMARK</b>			
Jesper Damgaard	1975	2018	Player (T)
Jorgen Hviid	1916	2005	Builder
<b>FINLAND</b>			
Raimo Helminen	1964	2012	Player
Timo Jutila	1963	2003	Player
Matti Keinonen	1941	2002	Player
Saku Koivu	1974	2017	Player
Jari Kurri	1960	2000	Player
Jere Lehtinen	1973	2018	Player
Harry Lindblad	1912	1999	Builder
Pekka Marjamaki	1947	1998	Player
Riikka Nieminen-Vällilä	1973	2010	Player
Kalevi Numminen	1940	2011	Builder
Teppo Numminen	1968	2013	Player
Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player
Esa Peltonen	1947	2007	Player
Ville Peltonen	1973	2016	Player
Teemu Selanne	1970	2017	Player
Goran Stubb	1935	2000	Builder
Kimmo Timonen	1975	2020	Player
Jorma Valtonen	1946	1999	Player
Juhani Wahlsten	1938	2006	Player
Unto Wiitala	1925	2003	Referee
Urpo Ylonen	1943	1997	Player
<b>FRANCE</b>			
Philippe Bozon	1966	2008	Player
Jacques Lacarriere	1906	1998	Player
Philippe Lacarriere	1938	2018	Builder
Louis Magnus	1881	1997	Builder
<b>GERMANY</b>			
Rudi Ball	1910	2004	Player
Dieter Hegen	1962	2010	Player
Heinz Henschel	1920	2003	Builder
Gustav Jaenecke	1908	1998	Player
Udo Kiessling	1955	2000	Player
Josef Kompalla	1936	2003	Referee
Uwe Krupp	1965	2017	Player
Erich Kuhnhackl	1950	1997	Player
Hans Rampf	1931	2001	Player
Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915	1997	Builder
Alois Schloder	1947	2005	Player
Xaver Unsinn	1929	1998	Builder
Joachim Ziesche	1939	1999	Player
<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>			
Bunny Ahearne	1900	1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder
Tony Hand	1967	2017	Player (T)
<b>HUNGARY</b>			
Gyorgy Pasztor	1923	2001	Builder
Laszlo Schell	1948	2009	Referee
Gabor Ocskay	1975	2016	Player (T)

	Born	Inducted	Category
<b>ITALY</b>			
Enrico Calcaterra	1905	1999	Builder
Lucio Topatigh	1965	2015	Player (T)
<b>JAPAN</b>			
Shoichi Tomita	1936	2006	Builder
Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925	2004	Builder
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934	1999	Builder
<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>			
Boris Alexandrov	1955	2019	Builder
<b>KOREA</b>			
Mong-Won Chung	1955	2020	Builder
<b>LATVIA</b>			
Helmuts Balderis	1952	1998	Player
Arturs Irbe	1967	2010	Player
<b>NORWAY</b>			
Tore Johannessen	1922	1999	Builder
<b>POLAND</b>			
Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player
<b>ROMANIA</b>			
Eduard Pana	1944	1998	Player
Doru Tureanu	1954	2011	Player
<b>RUSSIA</b>			
Veniamin Alexandrov	1937	2007	Player
Vsevolod Bobrov	1922	1997	Player
Pavel Bure	1971	2012	Player
Vyacheslav Bykov	1960	2014	Player
Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Sergei Fyodorov	1969	2016	Player
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Valeri Kamenski	1966	2016	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Andrei Khomutov	1961	2014	Player
Viktor Konovalenko	1938	2007	Player
Vladimir Krutov	1960	2010	Player
Viktor Kuzkin	1940	2005	Player
Igor Larionov	1960	2008	Player
Konstantin Loktev	1933	2007	Player
Sergei Makarov	1958	2001	Player
Alexander Maltsev	1949	1999	Player
Boris Mayorov	1938	1999	Player
Boris Mikhailov	1944	2000	Player
Vladimir Petrov	1947	2006	Player
Alexander Ragulin	1941	1997	Player
Nikolai Sologubov	1924	2004	Player
Andrei Starovoitov	1915	1997	Builder
Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940	2007	Player
Anatoli Tarasov	1918	1997	Builder
Viktor Tikhonov	1930	1998	Builder
Vladislav Tretyak	1952	1997	Player
Valeri Vasiliev	1949	1998	Player
Alexander Yakushev	1947	2003	Player
Alexei Yashin	1973	2020	Player
Vladimir Yurzinov	1940	2002	Builder

	Born	Inducted	Category
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>			
Peter Bondra	1968	2016	Player
Vladimir Dzurilla	1942	1998	Player
Josef Golonka	1938	1998	Player
Ladislav Horsky	1927	2004	Builder
Zigmund Palffy	1972	2019	Player
Miroslav Satan	1974	2019	Player
Jan Starsi	1933	1999	Builder
Peter Stastny	1956	2000	Player
Ladislav Trojak	1914	2011	Player
<b>SLOVENIA</b>			
Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916	2002	Player
Rudi Hiti	1946	2009	Player
<b>SWEDEN</b>			
Daniel Alfredsson	1972	2018	Player
Curt Berglund	1923	2003	Builder
Sven Bergkvist	1914	1999	Player
Lars Bjorn	1931	1998	Player
Ove Dahlberg	1931	2004	Referee
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941	2013	Builder
Rudolf Eklow	1904	1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder
Peter Forsberg	1973	2013	Player
Arne Grunander	1918	1997	Builder
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958	2003	Player
Anders Hedberg	1951	1997	Player
Leif Holmqvist	1942	1999	Player
Jorgen Jonsson	1972	2019	Player
Tomas Jonsson	1960	2000	Player
Nicklas Lidström	1970	2014	Player
Hakan Loob	1960	1998	Player
Tord Lundstrom	1945	2011	Player
Mats Naslund	1959	2005	Player
Kent Nilsson	1956	2006	Player
Nisse Nilsson	1936	2002	Player
Ronald Pettersson	1935	2004	Player
Thomas Rundqvist	1960	2007	Player
Maria Rooth	1979	2015	Player
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder
Mats Sundin	1971	2013	Player
Sven Tumba	1931	1997	Player
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			
Ferdinand Cattini	1916	1998	Player
Hans Cattini	1914	1998	Player
Jakob Kolliker	1953	2007	Player
Cesar Luthi	1930	1998	Builder
Mathias Seger	1977	2020	Player
Mark Streit	1977	2020	Player
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

	Born	Inducted	Category
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
Mike Modano	1970	2019	Player
Lou Nanne	1941	2004	Player
Bob Ridder	1919	1998	Builder
Jack Riley	1920	1998	Builder
Angela Ruggiero	1980	2017	Player
Ben Smith	1946	2016	Builder
Hal Trumble	1926	1999	Builder
Thayer Tutt	1912	2002	Builder

	Country	Inducted
<b>PAUL LOICQ AWARD</b>		
Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Vsevolod Kukushkin	RUS	2000
Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
George Nagobads	USA	2003
Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008
Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011
Kent Angus	CAN	2012
Gord Miller	CAN	2013
Mark Aubry	CAN	2014
Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015
Nikolai Ozerov	RUS	2016
Patrick Francheterre	FRA	2017
Kirovs Lipmans	LAT	2018
Jim Johansson	USA	2019
Zoltan Kovacs	HUN	2020

<b>RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)</b>		
Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015
Gabor Ocskay	HUN	2016
Tony Hand	GBR	2017
Jesper Damgaard	DEN	2018
Konstantin Mihaylov	BUL	2019
Ron Berteling	NED	2020

<b>MILESTONE AWARD</b>		
1972 Canada/USSR SS national teams		2012
1954 USSR WM national team		2013





# DELIVERING THE MOST UNCONVENTIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOCKEY HISTORY

**infront**

**A pandemic bubble, varied rosters, and a change in host...there is no question the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was unique, both on and off the ice.**

**Detailed organization, a thorough health concept, and adaptability were key factors for Infront, the IIHF, and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to pull off a safe and successful tournament.**

The declining but still-present threat of COVID-19 brought various challenges for all stakeholders involved. First and foremost, the IIHF took the decision to award Latvia sole hosting responsibilities three months before the first game. To keep everyone safe, players and staff of all 16 teams and onsite staff from the IIHF, LOC and Infront were confined to the arenas and their hotels. They lived and played in a so-called “bubble” for the duration of the tournament, starting six days before the event began.

Furthermore, there were no spectators in the stadium for most of the games at Arena Riga and the Olympic Sports Centre due to the public health restrictions in Latvia. However, fans could enjoy the action from the stands for the final group games and the playoff stage, provided they had an electronic vaccination certificate and a face mask.

Considering the huge challenges posed by the pandemic, Infront, the IIHF and the LOC can be immensely proud of their remarkable achievement in hosting a safe and successful tournament, with zero positive COVID-19 tests.

## DIGITALLY OVERCOMING PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Infront and the IIHF strove to continually improve and enhance the entire tournament experience, with a special focus on its joint digital strategy. While it is tough to beat the adrenaline-charged atmosphere in the arena, Infront ensured that ice hockey fans around the world were able to enjoy and engage with every aspect of the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

This year, automatically and professionally produced game clips using AI-driven technology continued to excite fans, reaching 46m video views on all social media platforms.

The Total Ice Hockey Show podcast returned for a second year, with its integration in the IIHF app, providing over 20,000 interested fans with an in-depth analysis and review from the rink, as well as behind-the-scenes action. In order to drive further engagement with fans at home, Infront integrated four games into the IIHF app: fantasy game, predictor game, all star team and awards predictor. By the end of the tournament, 44.5k users had registered to the IIHF Fan Zone. Fans interacted greatly with the IIHF content posted to their Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Vkontakte and YouTube channels, with an engagement number of 4.67m.

The Pregame Skate daily show that went live on YouTube and Facebook one hour before puck drop had a 9.26 percent higher engagement rate than all content posted during the period. Likewise, the use of social media influencers was a great success, reaching an audience of over 590,000.

## CONTINUOUSLY ADDING VALUE FOR PARTNERS AND FANS

Infront further used its expertise in sponsor activation by seamlessly aligning the 12 Official Sponsors with the rink-side and digital action. Since the tournament offers the ideal platform for brand activations, Infront was able to secure four new partners in Crypto.com, Engelbert Strauss, Liga Stavok and Wolt for this year's tournament – all leaving an impact on fans. For example, Engelbert Strauss' new logo and branding was featured on the tournament ice machines for the first time, and Wolt presented the daily playing schedule online as a “meal of the day”.

Also, long-time partners, such as ŠKODA and Tissot, enjoyed broad exposure once again. This year, fans were invited to upload a photograph of themselves on a specially designed ŠKODA page so they could feature in a cardboard cut-out in the arena. All participants received a dedicated electronic ticket of the game, on which their cut-out was displayed, and therefore could still be present as a fan in the arena. Tissot created a trivia challenge, promoted on IIHF channels, where fans who answered correctly could win a Tissot watch.

The success of the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship again proves the strength of the ongoing collaboration between Infront and the IIHF. Now, the global hockey family is eager to reunite fully at the 2022 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Tampere and Helsinki, Finland.

A socially-distanced Belarus player speaks to broadcast media at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Riga, Latvia.

Photo: Chris Tanouye / HHOF-IIHF Images





# IIHF DIGITAL REPORT: ADAPTATION AND INNOVATION

Following a season without a World Championship, the IIHF Digital Team was more than ready to initiate new and exciting offerings for fans.

The first tournament of the year was the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship. With the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, which meant that fans would not be able to attend the tournament in person, the IIHF needed to pivot its content towards reaching the spectators following the tournament in their homes.

With all tournament staff teams having to undergo a four-day quarantine immediately on arrival in Edmonton, the IIHF reached out to the participating teams and worked with them to create engaging content that brought players close to the fans. While stuck in their hotel rooms, players got creative and made fun videos of their workouts and other quarantine activities, while also participating in live interviews and fan interactions on social media.

This type of remote-access content would develop further to become a theme during the season. While most fans were not able to watch their favorite players compete in IIHF tournaments, they were nevertheless able to interact with them online via the IIHF social media channels.

In preparation for the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the Digital Team discussed other ways where the IIHF can leverage the international ice hockey community to promote the event across

the social media sphere and beyond.

In addition to featuring more live interviews and engaging directly with players on their social media channels, the digital team executed a strategy to leverage other content producers to help promote the tournament.

The first part of this strategy was to employ well-known ice hockey social media influencers to discuss the tournament progress, share IIHF World Championship content to fans, and promote games and tournament actions on their social media channels. The second part of the strategy involved recruiting the most active and enthusiastic IIHF World Championship fans to generate content and share their own experiences watching the tournament. These “micro influencers” were a huge success, at minimal cost and with support from the digital team side there was a significant increase in audience size and more exposure to the IIHF and World Championship content, surprisingly even more so than with the more established or “macro” influencers.

Through the influencer program the IIHF was able to increase its global reach on social media, and draw more people to follow the tournament on television, via IIHF.com and the IIHF app.

## WM 2021 BY THE NUMBERS



**4.67M**

Fan engagement with IIHF social media



**1.26M**

Followers on social channels



**45.2M**

Total number of WM video views



**24.9k**

User data collected

The IIHF app continued to grow and develop more offerings for fans interested in the Worlds. Some of these new offerings included an all-new IIHF Fantasy Hockey game for the World Championship, along with award predictor and game predictor challenges that enabled fans to become more engaged in World Championship games and news beyond that of their favourite teams. With the return of the World Championship, it was also possible to revive the Totally Ice Hockey podcast and reintegrate each of the episodes directly into the app.

Prior to the first game of each day, fans were also able to turn into a live Pregame Skate show on Facebook, covering the top games of the day with interviews and behind-the-scenes footage from inside the bubble. This show created the most engagement among social media users when it was aired, with over 15% of fans watching choosing to interact with the show in the form of questions and comments submitted while the show was playing.

One of the main objectives of the Digital Team each year is to ensure that a close and fruitful collaboration is established early on between the IIHF writing team, the host broadcaster, and the technology and social media staff to create top-level comprehensive tournament coverage. This was evident on the IIHF.com website, which along with the usual stats and game stories was able to feature unique videos like player interviews and the Ref Cam. Progress continues to be made on the player and puck speed tracking, with shot speed being integrated into game statistic reports and other information being showcased on social posts.

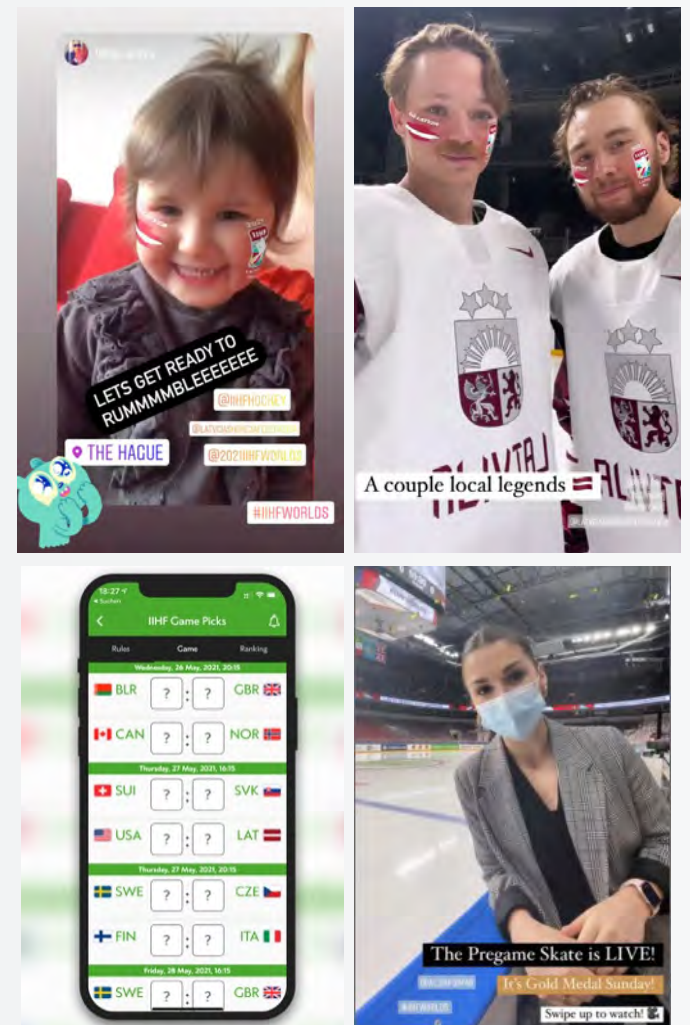
In an effort to use technology to provide fans with new ways to collect memories from their favourite World Championship moments, the IIHF launched its first-ever Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), in the form of specially chosen WM moments from the IIHF Archive. Fans were able to purchase a limited number of unique video clips showing key World Championship moments involving their favourite teams. It was a new way of providing tangible memories for fans to hold on to, a sort of “digital hockey card” that is unique and can be traded or sold in the same way. This innovative approach to memorabilia will be used in new and exciting ways at the 2022 WM in Finland.

The IIHF/Infront Digital team is all about innovation, and with another positive effort backed by strong audience numbers, we look forward to enhancing our World Championship coverage going into 2022.

## DIGITAL MEDIA CONTENT SNAPSHOT



Keeping fans watching the World Championship at home engaged with the IIHF website, app, and social media was the top priority for the Digital Media Team.



Fans used phones to access game predictions, IIHF Fantasy Hockey on the app and IIHF mobile web site, a Pregame Show and near-live highlights on social media.



# HOCKEY HALL OF FAME REVIVES LEGENDS OF HOCKEY

The impacts of COVID-19 over the past twelve months have been widespread while upending all of our lives in ways that we could have never imagined.

“Return to normal” is a succinct phrase of common purpose during these extraordinary times.

We have all seen how the pandemic has beset the sports world (from recreational to professional, and all levels in between) and the Hall applauds the incredible efforts of its institutional Members (NHL, NHLPA, IIHF, Hockey Canada and USA Hockey) in keeping our game at the forefront and giving fans an essential outlet. Likewise, the tourism and attractions sector is one of the hardest-hit by COVID-19. Despite having taken drastic measures to minimize the threat of the virus, attractions everywhere are experiencing unprecedented disruption from health and safety restrictions, including mandatory closures, which has led to severe economic impacts.

Since March 2020, the diligent efforts to stabilize the Hall's operations have been aided by a lifeline of government subsidies, collaboration among key stakeholders and the resilience of the Hockey Hall of Fame brand to sustain licensing income. While it is anticipated that there will be continuing challenges over the next two or three business cycles, the present circumstances reinforce the importance of partnerships that safeguard HHOF as one of Canada's premier destination attractions and cultural heritage institutions.

## REVIVAL OF THE LEGENDS OF HOCKEY SERIES

In 1996, in collaboration with the Hockey Hall of Fame (HHOF), Vancouver filmmaker Derik Murray embarked on a special mission to chronicle the history of hockey in a five-part documentary series entitled Legends of Hockey. With an all-star cast of 40 HHOF Honoured Members, Legends of Hockey featured in-depth interviews with some of hockey's greatest players, telling their own stories and personal experiences in their own way, complemented by vintage archival film of their greatest on-ice moments. Four years later, vaulted by its critical success, came the sequel Legends of Hockey: The Second Season. This five-part sister series featured more than 30 HHOF Honoured Members.

The Legends of Hockey series won the Gemini Award, the highest order in Canadian television, and was a huge hit with hockey fans all around the world. Drawn from over 250 hours of captivating interviews from the original series and its sequel, Legends of Hockey: A Personal Journey followed with 52 half-hour episodes, each dedicated to one Legend. Beyond the Class of 1999, there has been no further production on the Legends of Hockey series.



The Hockey Hall of Fame building in Toronto, Canada.

As one of the key initiatives to help mitigate the severe impacts of COVID-19 on its operations, HHOF has teamed up with founding sponsor, TSN, to carry on the proud tradition of celebrating excellence through the production of 10 new one-hour episodes of the Legends of Hockey series featuring “the players and plays of a lifetime” from the Class of 2000 to present.



The foundational content created for the new episodes will also be utilized via HHOF exhibits, podcasts, on-line features and outreach programs. As the definitive documentary series on this subject, Legends of Hockey will provide a national and global platform for HHOF to showcase stories of the game's greatest icons and to preserve them as part of its vast archival collection.

With HHOF fully engaged, and made possible through the support of project benefactors and content contributors, the revival of the Legends of Hockey series will entertain, educate and inspire hockey fans of all ages so that the legacy of our game continues to endure for generations to come.

## LORD STANLEY'S VAULT

When the Hockey Hall of Fame moved to its current location in 1993, the jewel of the new facility was the magnificent bank building positioned at the corner of Yonge and Front Streets. Fittingly, the vault that served that same bank now serves as the home to hockey's most revered trophy, the original Stanley Cup, as well as its retired bands and associated championship rings. This past year, the Hall of Fame refurbished the area, aptly titled Lord Stanley's Vault, further elevating the stature of the exhibit and expanding the scope of treasures on display.

The Stanley Cup was donated by Lord Stanley of Preston, at the time, the Governor General of Canada. After witnessing a game at the 1889 Montreal Winter Carnival, Lord Stanley im-



The Hockey Hall of Fame's newly-revitalized Lord Stanley's Vault

mediately became charmed by the sport, and subsequently, through the encouragement of his children, acquired a trophy that was to be awarded “from year to year by the champion hockey team in the Dominion of Canada.”

Its purchase price was 10 guineas (approximately \$50 at the time) and is engraved 'From Stanley of Preston' along with the Stanley family crest on one side with the original name of the trophy -- 'Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup' -- on the other. Nevertheless, the trophy was referred to as the Stanley Cup from its inception. The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association were its first recipients, earning the honour in 1893, and beginning in 1926, only NHL teams have competed for this prized chalice.

## HHOF NOTICES

The Board of Directors express their gratitude to Murray Costello for his outstanding contributions and distinguished service as a Director for 39 years. Murray is an Honoured Member in the Builder Category (Class of 2005) in recognition of his many accomplishments in hockey, including those as former president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (1979 to 1998).

Representing the game at the grass roots level, Murray was hands on in the affairs of the Hall having served for several years as Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Human Resources/Compensation Committee, both up until his retirement from the Board on November 30, 2019.



The international wing of the Hockey Hall of Fame, containing national team jerseys and other memorabilia from the IIHF's member national associations.







# MERCI RENÉ!



At the time, Fasel represented a massive change in perspective. He was succeeding Gunther Sabetzki, a respected leader but one whose vision for the IIHF didn't extend much beyond the borders of Europe and certainly didn't include closer connections to North America and the NHL.

But Fasel believed future success of the organization depended on exactly those two things—closer ties with the pros of the NHL and expanding the IIHF family into regions outside the traditional countries of Europe.

"In 1992, FIBA and the NBA made a deal to create the "Dream Team" in Barcelona, so I felt we should have the same discussion with the IIHF and NHL," Fasel explained. "It was also the dream of Juan Antonio Samaranch to have the IOC and IIHF come together. But we could have not one "Dream Team" but six, from all of the top hockey countries. So in my speech for president, I talked about forming a close relationship with the NHL."

To that end, Fasel met with relatively new NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, who himself had been elected to his position by the NHL Board of Governors only a year earlier, and Bob Goodenow, then executive director of the NHL Players' Association. The meetings went smoothly because all parties were amenable to better relationships and to the NHL participating in the Olympics. They targeted Nagano in 1998, and the rest, as they say, is history.

It was also under Fasel that the IIHF's flagship event, the World Championship, expanded, from 12 teams to 16 in 1998. This was a strategic move by the president as he witnessed the hockey world change after perestroika, when the collapse of the Soviet Union created 15 new countries, most of them active in hockey, and the amicable split of Czechoslovakia created two more. Fasel believed it was vital that Eastern and Western Europe be well represented and that the Worlds could handle 16 teams.

It was during Fasel's early years that he, along with mentor Walter Bush, Jr. of the United States, also pushed hard to fully develop women's hockey. Starting in 1997 the IIHF made the Women's Worlds an annual event in non-Olympic years, and, of course, the women joined the NHLers in Nagano and produced some spectacular hockey at their first Olympics.

In 1997, Fasel and the IIHF also created its own Hall of Fame separate from the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Eligibility focused on international greatness and contributions to the game on the IIHF stage, not the NHL. In the last quarter century, the IIHF has inducted some 230 Players, Builders, and Officials—men and, importantly, women—giving the players of the past a home forever in the minds and hearts of hockey fans of today and yesterday, and motivating players of tomorrow to achieve similar greatness.

It was also under Fasel that junior hockey expanded. A U18 tournament for men was introduced in 1999, and in 2008 a similar tournament for women was adopted, giving all nations a place to develop and showcase teen talent. As well, the World Juniors grew and grew in Canada, becoming the second-most important event on the IIHF calendar. This enormous success spurred greater interest in Europe, and today the World Juniors attracts massive crowds every year between Boxing Day and January 5, no matter which country hosts the event.



René Fasel was born in Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1950 and came to love hockey through daily life. "When I was a kid, I would watch the games in Fribourg with my father," he recalled. "We could even watch games from the bridge. We saw only half the ice and it was windy and cold, and then we started to go to the games. I was playing football, too, but I loved hockey. I had a big heart but not so much talent to play, so when I was 21 years old, I decided to be a referee. I trained with the top team in Fribourg but played with the second team. As a referee, I could skate, and I had a pretty good brain."



The highlight of his officiating career came in 1980 when he was a linesman for five games at the U20 in Finland. After that, he became referee-in-chief for the Swiss federation, and because he was a vocal presence within the organization, he was soon named its president. Walter Bush then encouraged him to run for a seat on the IIHF Council, which he did only reluctantly, and he won.

"I laughed when he said that to me, and said the only vote I will get is my own! He told me I had nothing to lose. So I ran, and I made it. It just goes to show how important it is to be in the right place at the right time."

That timing again stood him in good stead in Venice, when he became IIHF president, and true to his word he worked tirelessly on expanding the IIHF family, which increased from 47 to 81 member nations during his presidency.

Fasel was set to retire at the Semi-Annual Congress last year, but the pandemic left him with no choice but to remain its leader until a more stable time. But now he is ready to move on and accept new challenges, and he leaves behind an organization far stronger and richer than when he joined in 1994. His immediate induction into the IIHF Hall of Fame is uncontested, as few men in the Builder category have contributed as much to international hockey as he has.







# TOURNAMENTS



# IIHF WORLD RANKING 2021

## MEN AND WOMEN

**MEN**

	CANADA	FINLAND	RUSSIA	USA	GERMANY	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	SLOVAKIA	LATVIA	NORWAY	DENMARK	KAZAKHSTAN	BELARUS	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN	ITALY	AUSTRIA	KOREA	SLOVENIA	HUNGARY	POLAND	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA	JAPAN	ESTONIA	UKRAINE	NETHERLANDS	SERBIA
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	3235	3125	3050	2945	2905	2895	2880	2815	2670	2560	2490	2470	2365	2320	2295	2280	2280	2185	2140	2085	1980	1885	1850	1820	1785	1705	1675	1590	1540
Move	0	1	-1	2	2	-1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	3	-1	-1	3	-2	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	1
2020	1	3	2	6	7	5	4	8	9	10	11	12	16	13	14	19	15	17	18	20	21	22	23	25	24	27	26	28	30

## WOMEN

	UNITED STATES	CANADA	FINLAND	RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	JAPAN	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	DENMARK	FRANCE	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	SLOVAKIA	ITALY	KOREA	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	CHINA	KAZAKHSTAN	LATVIA	SLOVENIA	GREAT BRITAIN	SPAIN	MEXICO	DPR KOREA	TURKEY	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	3260	3210	3100	2985	2955	2840	2795	2740	2640	2560	2555	2535	2425	2385	2305	2250	2230	2155	2070	2045	2000	1955	1860	1825	1760	1710	1520	1485	1435
Move	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0	0	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	0
2020	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12	11	10	13	14	15	17	16	18	20	19	21	22	24	23	25	26	28	27	29

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
1515	1385	1335	1265	1240	1200	1100	1065	1035	965	935	825	745	690	660	605	540	505	460	380	340	305	225	140	105	40
-1	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
29	31	32	35	34	33	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	45	44	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	-
CROATIA	SPAIN	CHINA	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	ICELAND	BELGIUM	MEXICO	GEORGIA	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA	DPR KOREA	TURKEY	LUXEMBOURG	TURKMENISTAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	HONG KONG, CHINA	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	THAILAND	KUWAIT	KYRGYZSTAN	MALAYSIA	PHILIPPINES	SINGAPORE

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	41
1400	1325	1295	1200	1155	1095	1060	1040	945	925	610	320	300
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CHINESE TAIPEI	ICELAND	NEW ZEALAND	CROATIA	HONG KONG, CHINA	ROMANIA	SOUTH AFRICA	BELGIUM	UKRAINE	BULGARIA	LITHUANIA	ESTONIA	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



# IIHF SURVEY OF PLAYERS

## 2020/2021 SEASON

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
									in 2021 IIHF Championships	
Algeria	97	80	15	2	1	0	1	0		43.576.691
Andorra	89	27	32	30	0	0	1	0		85.645
Argentina	980	610	130	240	25	6	3	1		45.864.941
Armenia	187	79	108	0	6	0	3	2		3.011.609
Australia	3.888	2.343	952	593	229	16	21	0		25.809.973
Austria	5.193	2.249	2.455	489	265	10	47	41	WM20	8.884.864
Belarus	5.204	512	4.672	20	165	2	42	2	WM, WM18	9.441.842
Belgium	1.662	791	744	127	127	9	14	0		11.778.842
Bosnia & Herzegovina	187	39	112	36	6	0	1	3		3.824.782
Brazil	32	16	2	14	0	0	1	0		213.445.417
Bulgaria	954	178	709	67	23	3	6	4		6.919.180
Canada	345.481	7.937	270.150	67.394	10.651	996	2.860	5.000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	37.943.231
Chile	250	120	80	50	0	0	7	1		18.307.925
China	13.388	1261	10.365	1761	456	203	887	300		1.397.897.720
Chinese Taipei	868	168	552	148	52	14	3	0		23.572.052
Colombia	110	47	38	25	8	2	0	0		50.355.650
Croatia	574	149	351	74	14	0	3	2		4.208.973
Czech Republic	131.006	97.359	29.540	4.107	2.807	246	196	13	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	10.702.596
Denmark	5.147	2.527	1.918	702	122	5	27	0	WM, WW	5.894.687
DPR Korea	2.310	210	1.150	950	40	2	3	13		25.831.360
Estonia	964	143	711	110	24	1	10	10		1.220.042
Finland	65.469	24.693	35.176	5.600	1.572	48	284	69	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	5.587.442
France	18.686	7.620	9.524	1.542	104	6	107	10		68.084.217
Georgia	624	142	425	57	12	0	5	1		4.933.674
Germany	21.336	5.432	13.653	2.251	639	48	218	45	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	79.903.481
Great Britain	11.148	6.353	3.931	864	307	27	68	0	WM	67.081.000
Greece	269	110	149	10	0	0	2	0		10.569.703
Hong Kong, China	601	98	414	89	50	8	6	0		7.263.234
Hungary	8.271	5448	1.453	1370	208	14	55	5	WW	9.728.337
Iceland	752	165	412	175	18	7	3	0		354.234
India	1.502	723	415	364	11	3	2	16		1.339.330.514
Indonesia	97	30	55	12	3	1	6	0		275.122.131
Iran	233	100	30	103	25	25	6	0		85.888.910
Ireland	360	172	150	38	5	1	0	0		5.224.884
Israel	391	141	214	36	61	4	2	0		8.787.045
Italy	4.977	1.216	3.329	432	109	8	38	15	WM	62.390.364
Jamaica	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0		2.816.602
Japan	16.047	6.526	8.344	1.177	869	61	60	1	WW	124.687.293
Kazakhstan	7.614	769	6.670	175	60	5	39	127	WM	19.245.793
Korea	3.140	190	2.600	350	31	4	35	0		51.715.162
Kuwait	402	115	124	163	12	8	1	0		3.032.065
Kyrgyzstan	2702	1620	1020	62	6	0	4	18		6.018.789
Latvia	7.532	5.193	2.082	257	100	6	24	3	WM, WM18	1.862.687
Lebanon	208	90	54	64	0	0	0	0		5.261.372
Liechtenstein	61	56	5	0	0	0	0	0		39.425
Lithuania	1.400	150	1.100	150	29	1	9	3		2.711.566
Luxembourg	492	175	285	32	20	0	3	0		639.589
Macau, China	119	34	69	16	8	0	1	0		630.396
Malaysia	260	100	80	80	12	2	2	0		33.519.406
Mexico	2.955	915	1720	320	12	3	16	0		130.207.371
Mongolia	730	280	446	4	8	0	2	19		3.198.913
Morocco	225	129	74	22	3	0	2	0		36.561.813
Nepal	32	0	18	14	2	1	1	0		30.424.878
Netherlands	3.078	1.559	1.236	283	58	6	19	0		17.337.403
New Zealand	1.727	729	648	350	86	15	6	4		4.991.442
North Macedonia	81	37	33	11	4	0	0	1		2.128.262
Norway	8.618	1.047	6.210	1.361	343	15	50	5	WM	5.509.591
Oman	73	38	35	0	2	0	2	0		3.694.755
Philippines	203	98	58	47	14	2	4	0		110.818.325
Poland	3.695	950	2.400	345	200	11	26	10		38.185.913
Portugal	94	57	20	17	0	0	0	0		10.263.850

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
									in 2021 IIHF Championships	
Qatar	253	31	149	73	7	0	3	0		2.479.995
Romania	2.317	487	1.649	181	50	0	7	1		21.230.362
Russia	112.786	17.972	92.486	2.328	1.850	55	790	6.012	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	142.320.790
Serbia	754	170	501	83	24	2	3	1		6.974.289
Singapore	220	140	45	35	10	2	1	0		5.866.139
Slovakia	10.822	1.590	8.505	727	307	9	75	27	WM, WM20	5.436.066
Slovenia	996	213	719	64	44	3	7	0		2.102.106
South Africa	922	449	311	162	54	15	9	1		56.978.635
Spain	883	129	516	238	47	2	11	0		47.260.584
Sweden	61.547	11.163	43.759	6.625	5.439	267	365	34	WM, WM20, WM18	10.261.767
Switzerland	32.206	11.304	18.640	2.262	1.244	69	49	111	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	8.453.550
Thailand	624	97	435	92	16	1	6	0		69.480.520
Turkey	1.500	390	675	435	93	58	14	0		82.482.383
Turkmenistan	347	165	182	0	6	0	5	0		5.579.889
Ukraine	5.341	1.641	3.521	179	68	1	26	3		43.745.640
United Arab Emirates	683	193	356	134	5	2	5	0		9.856.612
United States	453.826	96.489	286.939	70.398	18.857	1.344	1.541	500	WM, WM20, WM18, WW	334.998.398
Uzbekistan	421	4	386	31	12	2	3	0		30.842.796
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Source of population numbers: 2021 CIA World Factbook  
All tournaments from the 2020/2021 season

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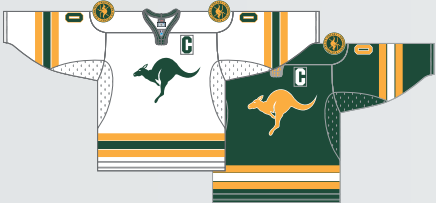
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WM20 II	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II
WM20 III	IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III
WM18	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship
WM18 I	IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I
WM18 II	IIHF Ice Hockey U18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

WOMEN

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



IIHF NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY  
2020/2021



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, CHINA (HKG)  
Member since 1983



HUNGARY (HUN)  
Member since 1927



ICELAND (ISL)  
Member since 1992



INDONESIA (INA)  
Member since 2016



IRELAND (IRL)  
Member since 1997



ISRAEL (ISR)  
Member since 1991



ITALY (ITA)  
Member since 1924



JAMAICA (JAM)  
Member since 2012



JAPAN (JPN)  
Member since 1930



KAZAKHSTAN (KAZ)  
Member since 1992



KOREA (KOR)  
Member since 1963



IIHF NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY  
2020/2021



**KUWAIT (KUW)**  
Member since 2009



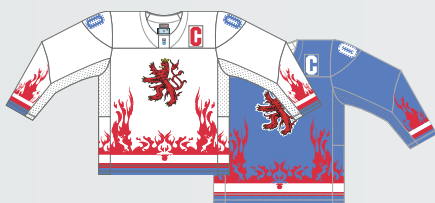
**KYRGYZSTAN (KGZ)**  
Member since 2011



**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



**MACAU, CHINA (MAC)**  
Member since 2005



**MALAYSIA (MAL)**  
Member since 2006



**MEXICO (MEX)**  
Member since 1985



**MONGOLIA (MGL)**  
Member since 1999



**NEW ZEALAND (NZL)**  
Member since 1977



**NETHERLANDS (NED)**  
Member since 1935



**NORWAY (NOR)**  
Member since 1935



**OMAN (OMA)**  
Member since 2014



**PHILIPPINES (PHI)**  
Member since 2016



**POLAND (POL)**  
Member since 1926



**QATAR (QAT)**  
Member since 2012



**ROMANIA (ROU)**  
Member since 1924



**RUSSIA (RUS)**  
Member since 1911/1992, as Soviet Union 1952–1992



**RUSSIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (ROC)**



**SINGAPORE (SIN)**  
Member since 1996



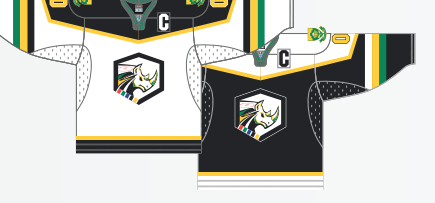
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Member since 2003, as Yugoslavia 1939–2003



**SLOVAKIA (SVK)**  
Member since 1993



**SLOVENIA (SLO)**  
Member since 1992



**SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)**  
Member since 1937



**SPAIN (ESP)**  
Member since 1923



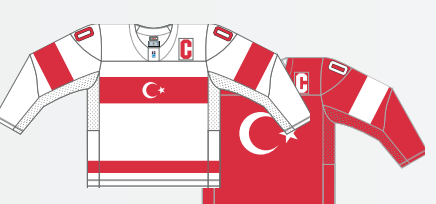
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Member since 1912



**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



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Member since 1920









2021  
  
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CHAMPIONSHIP  
LATVIA  
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2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
RIGA – LATVIA

Preliminary Round

GROUP A				
Date	Game	Score		
21.05.2021	ROC – Czech Republic	4 – 3	1-1, 1-1, 2-1	
21.05.2021	Belarus – Slovakia	2 – 5	0-3, 0-0, 2-2	
22.05.2021	Denmark – Sweden	4 – 3	0-0, 3-2, 1-1	
22.05.2021	Great Britain – ROC	1 – 7	1-4, 0-1, 0-2	
22.05.2021	Czech Republic – Switzerland	2 – 5	1-1, 1-2, 1-2	
23.05.2021	Great Britain – Slovakia	1 – 2	0-1, 1-1, 0-0	
23.05.2021	Sweden – Belarus	0 – 1	0-0, 0-0, 0-1	
23.05.2021	Denmark – Switzerland	0 – 1	0-1, 0-0, 0-0	
24.05.2021	Slovakia – ROC	3 – 1	0-0, 1-1, 2-0	
24.05.2021	Czech Republic – Belarus	3 – 2 OT	2-1, 0-0, 0-1	
25.05.2021	Great Britain – Denmark	2 – 3 OT	1-2, 0-0, 1-0	
25.05.2021	Switzerland – Sweden	0 – 7	0-2, 0-2, 0-3	
26.05.2021	ROC – Denmark	3 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 2-0	
26.05.2021	Belarus – Great Britain	3 – 4	0-1, 1-2, 2-1	
27.05.2021	Switzerland – Slovakia	8 – 1	1-0, 3-0, 4-1	
27.05.2021	Sweden – Czech Republic	2 – 4	2-0, 0-0, 0-4	
28.05.2021	Sweden – Great Britain	4 – 1	1-1, 2-0, 1-0	
28.05.2021	Denmark – Belarus	5 – 2	1-1, 0-1, 4-0	
29.05.2021	Czech Republic – Great Britain	6 – 1	1-0, 3-1, 2-0	
29.05.2021	Switzerland – ROC	1 – 4	0-0, 0-1, 1-3	
29.05.2021	Slovakia – Denmark	2 – 0	0-0, 0-0, 0-2	
30.05.2021	Belarus – Switzerland	0 – 6	0-2, 0-2, 0-2	
30.05.2021	Sweden – Slovakia	3 – 1	0-1, 1-0, 2-0	
31.05.2021	Czech Republic – Denmark	2 – 1 PSS	0-1, 0-0, 1-0	
31.05.2021	ROC – Sweden	3 – 2 PSS	0-1, 0-0, 2-1	
01.06.2021	Switzerland – Great Britain	6 – 3	2-1, 4-1, 0-1	
01.06.2021	Slovakia –Czech Republic	3 – 7	0-2, 1-2, 2-3	
01.06.2021	ROC – Belarus	6 – 0	2-0, 0-1, 0-0	

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	ROC	7	5	1	0	1	+18	28 : 10	17
2	Switzerland	7	5	0	0	2	+10	27 : 17	15
3	Czech Republic	7	3	2	0	2	+9	27 : 18	13
4	Slovakia	7	4	0	0	3	-5	17 : 22	12
5	Sweden	7	3	0	1	3	+7	21 : 14	10
6	Denmark	7	2	1	1	3	-2	13 : 15	9
7	Great Britain	7	1	0	1	5	-18	13 : 31	4
8	Belarus	7	1	0	1	5	-19	10 : 29	4

Playoff Round

QUARTER – FINALS				
Date	Game	Score		
03.06.2021	Switzerland – Germany	2 – 3 PSS	1-0, 1-1, 0-1	
03.06.2021	USA – Slovakia	6 – 1	3-0, 1-1, 2-0	
03.06.2021	ROC – Canada	1 – 2 OT	0-0, 1-0, 0-1	
03.06.2021	Finland – Czech Republic	1 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 0-0	

SEMI – FINALS				
Date	Game	Score		
05.06.2021	USA – Canada	2 – 4	1-1, 0-1, 1-2	
05.06.2021	Finland – Germany	2 – 1	2-0, 0-1, 0-0	

GROUP B				
Date	Game	Score		
21.05.2021	Germany –Italy	9 – 4	2-2, 5-0, 2-2	
21.05.2021	Canada – Latvia	0 – 2	0-1, 0-1, 0-0	
22.05.2021	Norway – Germany	1 – 5	0-1, 1-3, 0-1	
22.05.2021	Finland – USA	2 – 1	0-0, 2-1, 0-0	
22.05.2021	Latvia – Kazakhstan	2 – 3 PSS	0–0, 1–1, 1–1	
23.05.2021	Norway – Italy	4 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 1-1	
23.05.2021	Kazakhstan – Finland	2 – 1 PSS	0-0, 1-1, 0-0	
23.05.2021	Canada – USA	1 – 5	0-1, 0-3, 1-1	
24.05.2021	Latvia – Italy	3 – 0	0-0, 1-1, 2-0	
24.05.2021	Germany – Canada	3 – 1	2-1, 0-0, 1-0	
25.05.2021	USA – Kazakhstan	3 – 0	1-0, 1-0, 1-0	
25.05.2021	Finland – Norway	5 – 2	1-1, 2-0, 2-1	
26.05.2021	Kazakhstan – Germany	3 – 2	0-0, 1-2, 2-0	
26.05.2021	Canada – Norway	4 – 2	2-0, 1-2, 1-0	
27.05.2021	USA – Latvia	4 – 2	2-2, 2-0, 0-0	
27.05.2021	Finland – Italy	3 – 0	2-0, 1-0, 0-0	
28.05.2021	Kazakhstan – Canada	2 – 4	0-1, 1-1, 1-2	
28.05.2021	Latvia – Norway	3 – 4 PSS	2-1, 0-1, 1-1	
29.05.2021	Italy – Kazakhstan	3 –11	0-1, 1-2, 2-8	
29.05.2021	Norway – USA	1 – 2	0-1, 0-1, 1-0	
29.05.2021	Germany – Finland	1 – 2	0-1, 1-0, 0-1	
30.05.2021	Italy – Canada	1 – 7	0-4, 1-2, 0-1	
30.05.2021	Finland – Latvia	3 – 2 OT	1-1, 1-0, 0-1	
31.05.2021	USA – Germany	2 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 1-0	
31.05.2021	Norway – Kazakhstan	3 – 1	0-1, 1-0, 2-0	
01.06.2021	Canada – Finland	2 – 3 PSS	1-0, 1-1, 0-1	
01.06.2021	Italy – USA	2 – 4	0-3, 1-1, 1-0	
01.06.2021	Germany – Latvia	2 – 1	2-0, 0-1, 0-0	

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	USA	7	6	0	0	1	+13	21 : 8	18
2	Finland	7	4	2	1	0	+9	19 : 10	17
3	Germany	7	4	0	0	3	+8	22 : 14	12
4	Canada	7	3	0	1	3	+1	19 : 18	10
5	Kazakhstan	7	2	2	0	3	+4	22 : 18	10
6	Latvia	7	2	0	3	2	-1	15 : 16	9
7	Norway	7	2	1	0	4	-4	17 : 21	8
8	Italy	7	0	0	0	7	-30	11 : 41	0

BRONZE MEDAL GAME				
Date	Game	Score		
06.06.2021	USA –Germany	6 –1	1-0, 4-0, 1-1	

GOLD MEDAL GAME				
Date	Game	Score		
06.06.2021	Finland – Canada	2 – 3 OT	1-0, 0-1, 1-1	

Final Placing

 <b>CANADA</b>	 <b>FINLAND</b>	 <b>USA</b>
4 Germany	9 Sweden	14 Great Britain
5 ROC	10 Kazakhstan	15 Belarus
6 Switzerland	11 Latvia	16 Italy
7 Czech Republic	12 Denmark	
8 Slovakia	13 Norway	

IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Cal Petersen	USA
Best Defenceman	Moritz Seider	GER
Best Forward	Peter Cehlarik	SVK

ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Jussi Olkinuora	FIN
Defenceman	Moritz Seider	GER
Defenceman	Korbinian Holzer	GER
Forward	Andrew Mangiapane	CAN
Forward	Conor Garland	USA
Forward	Liam Kirk	GBR
MVP	Andrew Mangiapane	CAN



CANADA UNDERDOGS WIN GOLD

Nick Paul scored at 6:26 of the first three-on-three unlimited overtime to give Canada its 21st all-time gold medal at the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The goal gave Canada a 3-2 win over Finland and avenges a 2019 loss at the hands of Suomi. It is Canada's third gold in the last six years.

While Canada is always a favourite to win gold, this year's edition was anything but a sure bet. In fact, Canada lost its first three games, and a fourth in a shootout to Finland on the final day of the preliminary round, qualifying for the playoffs only by fortuitous results elsewhere in the group.

Incredibly, the Canadians won six of their last seven games including playoff wins over ROC, USA, and Finland to win what is surely their most improbable of the 21 championships. No team in IIHF history at any top-level event has ever won gold after losing four games.

The U.S. defeated Germany 6-1 in the bronze medal game with Conor Garland leading the way with a goal and two assists. The Germans reached the medal round thanks to a quarter-final upset of Switzerland. The tournament was highlighted by close games and quite a few surprises coming from Kazakhstan (2-1 over Finland), Denmark (4-3 over Sweden), and Great Britain (4-3 over Belarus).

**Germany reached the final four for the first time since 2010.** Photo: André Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images











WORLD JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
CANADA  
Edmonton - Red Deer

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2021 IIHF WORLD  
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
EDMONTON – CANADA

Preliminary Round

GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
25.12.20	Switzerland – Slovakia	0 – 1	0-0, 0-0, 0-1
25.12.20	Germany – Finland	3 – 5	0-2, 2-3, 1-0
26.12.20	Germany – Canada	2 – 16	1-4, 0-7, 1-5
27.12.20	Finland – Switzerland	4 – 1	1-1, 1-0, 2-0
27.12.20	Slovakia – Canada	1 – 3	0-1, 0-0, 1-2
28.12.20	Slovakia – Germany	3 – 4 OT	1-1, 2-2, 0-0
29.12.20	Canada – Switzerland	10 – 0	1-0, 4-0, 5-0
30.12.20	Finland – Slovakia	6 – 0	1-0, 2-0, 3-0
30.12.20	Switzerland – Germany	4 – 5	0-3, 0-1, 4-1
31.12.20	Canada – Finland	4 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 1-1

GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
25.12.20	Russia –USA	5 – 3	1-1, 3-0, 1-2
26.12.20	Sweden – Czech Republic	7 – 1	1-1, 3-0, 3-0
26.12.20	USA –Austria	11 – 1	1-0, 6-0, 4-0
27.12.20	Czech Republic – Russia	2 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 1-0
28.12.20	Austria – Sweden	0 – 4	0-1, 0-2, 0-1
29.12.20	USA – Czech Republic	7 – 0	0-0, 3-0, 4-0
29.12.20	Austria – Russia	1 – 7	0-4, 1-0, 0-3
30.12.20	Russia –Sweden	4 – 3 OT	2-1, 0-1, 1-1
31.12.20	Czech Republic – Austria	7 – 0	0-0, 4-0, 3-0
31.12.20	Sweden – USA	0 – 4	0-2, 0-2, 0-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	+29	33 : 4	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	+8	16 : 8	9
3	Germany	4	1	1	0	2	-14	14 : 28	5
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	1	2	-8	5 : 13	4
5	Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	-15	5 : 20	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF : GA	PTS
1	USA	4	3	0	0	1	+20	25 : 5	9
2	Russia	4	2	1	0	1	+7	16 : 9	8
3	Sweden	4	2	0	1	1	+5	14 : 9	7
4	Czech Republic	4	2	0	0	2	-4	10 : 14	6
5	Austria	4	0	0	0	4	-28	1 : 29	0

Playoff Round

QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
02.01.2021	Russia – Germany	2 – 1	1-0, 1-0, 0-1
02.01.2021	Finland –Sweden	3 – 2	0-2, 1-0, 2-0
02.01.2021	Canada – Czech Republic	3 – 0	2-0, 0-0, 1-0
02.01.2021	USA – Slovakia	5 – 2	1-0, 2-1, 2-1

SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
04.01.2021	Canada – Russia	5 – 0	3-0, 1-0, 1-0
04.01.2021	USA – Finland	4 – 3	1-1, 2-1, 2-1

BRONZE MEDAL GAME




Date	Game	Score	
05.01.2021	Finland – Russia	4 – 1	0-1, 1-0, 3-0

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
05.01.2021	Canada – USA	0 – 2	0-1, 0-1, 0-0

USA's Trevor Zegras scores a second period goal against Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship gold medal game. Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images

Final Placing

 <b>1</b> <b>UNITED STATES</b>	 <b>2</b> <b>CANADA</b>	 <b>3</b> <b>FINLAND</b>
4 Russia 5 Sweden 6 Germany	7 Czech Republic 8 Slovakia 9 Switzerland	10 Austria

IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Devon Levi	CAN
Best Defenceman	Topi Niemela	FIN
Best Forward	Tim Stutzle	GER

ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Devon Levi	CAN
Defenceman	Bowen Byram	CAN
Defenceman	Ville Heinola	FIN
Forward	Trevor Zegras	USA
Forward	Dylan Cozens	CAN
Forward	Tim Stutzle	GER
MVP	Trevor Zegras	USA



USA JUNIORS CAPTURE GOLD

Team USA won their fifth all-time gold medal with a flawless 2-0 win over Canada in the 2021 World Junior final. This was also the fifth time the North American teams met for gold.

Goaltender Spencer Knight was particularly sensational in the third period as Canada tried everything to get a goal. Shots were 15-1 in the last 20 minutes, and 34-21 overall for Canada, but Knight stopped them all.

With his two points, Trevor Zegras won the scoring title with 18 points to go with being named tournament MVP.

Earlier on the final day, captain Anton Lundell scored twice as Finland beat Russia 4-1 to win the bronze medal. It was Finland's first bronze medal since 2006 and seventh overall. In the 2010's, the Finns have won either gold (2014, 2016, 2019) or nothing.

The 2021 Juniors was the first IIHF event to be organized in a pandemic bubble, marking a successful milestone and providing an effective blueprint for the safe execution of succeeding tournaments like the U18, Women's, and Men's World Championships.

Over 100 million viewers worldwide tuned in to watch the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship, which was broadcast in a record 12 countries.

The IIHF Event Department came up with creative solution to operate the World Juniors medal ceremony, as team captains and team leaders presented medals to their teammates and team staff in observance of COVID-19 bubble compliance rules.  
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ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
UNITED STATES  
Frisco, Texas

# WORLD MEN U18



2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
FRISCO & PLANO – USA

Preliminary Round

GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
26.04.2021	Belarus – Sweden	1 – 5	0-1, 1-2, 0-2
26.04.2021	Latvia –Switzerland	2 – 4	0-2, 2-2, 0-0
27.04.2021	Switzerland – Belarus	1 – 7	0-1, 1-3, 0-3
27.04.2021	Sweden –Canada	1 – 12	0-4, 0-4, 1-4
28.04.2021	Canada – Latvia	4 – 2	0-0, 2-1, 2-1
29.04.2021	Sweden – Switzerland	3 – 1	0-0, 3-1, 0-0
29.04.2021	Belarus –Latvia	6 – 2	1-0, 3-1, 2-1
30.04.2021	Switzerland –Canada	0 – 7	0-2, 0-2, 0-3
01.05.2021	Latvia – Sweden	0 – 7	0-1, 0-1, 0-5
01.05.2021	Canada – Belarus	5 – 2	2-0, 2-1, 1-1

GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
26.04.2021	Czech Republic –Germany	3 – 1	0-0, 2-0, 1-1
26.04.2021	Russia – USA	7 – 6 OT	1-3, 4-3, 1-0
27.04.2021	Finland – Russia	4 – 3 PSS	0-1, 1-2, 2-0
27.04.2021	Germany – USA	3 – 5	1-2, 1-1, 1-2
28.04.2021	Czech Republic – Finland	5 – 6	2-1, 1-2, 2-3
29.04.2021	Germany – Russia	1 – 6	0-1, 0-3, 1-2
29.04.2021	USA – Czech Republic	2 – 1 PSS	0-1, 0-0, 1-0
30.04.2021	Finland – Germany	10 – 0	5-0, 3-0, 2-0
01.05.2021	Russia – Germany	11 – 1	3-0, 3-1, 5-0
01.05.2021	USA – Finland	5 –4 OT	1-2, 2-0, 1-2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	+23	28 : 5	12
2	Sweden	4	3	0	0	1	+2	16 : 4	9
3	Belarus	4	2	0	0	2	+3	16 : 13	6
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	0	3	-13	6 : 19	3
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	-15	6 : 21	0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF : GA	PTS
1	Finland	4	2	1	1	0	+11	24 : 13	9
2	Russia	4	2	1	1	0	+15	27 : 13	9
3	USA	4	1	2	1	0	+3	18 : 15	8
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	1	2	-10	10 : 12	4
5	Germany	4	0	0	0	4	-19	5 : 24	0

Playoff Round

QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
03.05.2021	Russia – Belarus	5 – 2	2-0, 1-2, 2-0
03.05.2021	Canada – Czech Republic	10 – 3	4-1, 2-1, 4-1
03.05.2021	Finland – Switzerland	2 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 1-0
03.05.2021	Sweden –USA	5 – 2	1-0, 1-1, 3-1

SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
05.05.2021	Canada – Sweden	8 – 1	0-0, 2-1, 6-0
05.05.2021	Finland – Russia	5 – 6	2-2, 0-2, 3-2

BRONZE MEDAL GAME




Date	Game	Score	
06.05.2021	Finland – Sweden	0 – 8	0-2, 0-2, 0-4

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
06.05.2021	Canada – Russia	5 – 3	2-2, 2-0, 1-1

Despite taking a few hits Sweden rolled past Finland in the bronze medal game.  
Photo: Ryan McCullough / HHOF-IIHF Images

Final Placing

 <b>CANADA</b>	 <b>RUSSIA</b>	 <b>SWEDEN</b>
4 Finland 5 USA 6 Belarus	7 Czech Republic 8 Switzerland 9 Latvia	10 Germany

IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Benjamin Gaudreau	CAN
Best Defenceman	Aleksi Heimosalmi	FIN
Best Forward	Matvei Michkov	RUS

ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Sergei Ivanov	RUS
Defenceman	Aleksi Heimosalmi	FIN
Defenceman	Brandt Clarke	CAN
Forward	Connor Bedard	CAN
Forward	Matvei Michkov	RUS
Forward	Samu Tuomaala	FIN
MVP	Matvei Michkov	RUS



CANADA RALLIES TO GOLD

Brennan Othmann and Logan Stankoven scored early and late in the second period to break a 2-2 tie and send Canada to a 5-3 gold-medal victory over Russia. The win gives Canada gold for the first time at the U18 since 2013.

Connor Bedard, at 15 years of age, became the youngest gold medallist in U18 history. He had a goal and assist while captain Shane Wright led the way with two goals and an assist. Matvei Michkov had a goal and two assists for Russia and led all scorers with 16 points in the tournament.

Canada fought back from 1-0 and 2-1 deficits in the first to make it a 2-2 tie after 20 minutes before turning on the jets in the middle 20 minutes. It was the first time Canada trailed all tournament.

In the bronze medal game, Sweden grabbed a two-goal first-period lead and pounded Finland 8-0. Isak Rosen led the attack with a pair of goals and netminder Carl Lindbom posted a 35-save shutout.

The U18s featured great performances from several bright prospects. At just 15-years-old, Connor Bedard, equalled Connor McDavid's Canadian points record (14) with endless highlight-reel plays. And Russian scoring champ and MVP Matvei Michkov, 16, racked up 12 goals – trailing only Alexander Ovechkin and Cole Caufield (14) – and 16 points.

The 2021 IIHF U18 World Championship was the first event in 2021 to be held with spectators.  
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2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY  
WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
CALGARY, CANADA

Preliminary Round

GROUP A					GROUP B				
Date	Game	Score			Date	Game	Score		
20.08.21	Canada – Finland	5 – 3	0-2, 2-0, 3-1			20.08.21	Czech Republic – Denmark	6 – 1	3-1, 0-0, 3-0
20.08.21	Switzerland – USA	0 – 3	0-1, 0-2, 0-0			21.08.21	Germany – Hungary	3 – 0	2-0, 0-0, 1-0
21.08.21	ROC – Switzerland	3 – 1	0-1, 2-0, 1-0			21.08.21	Denmark – Japan	0 – 1	0-0, 0-1, 0-0
22.08.21	Canada – ROC	5 – 1	0-0, 3-0, 2-1			22.08.21	Hungary – Czech Republic	2 – 4	0-2, 1-2, 1-0
22.08.21	Finland – USA	0 – 3	0-1, 0-1, 0-1			23.08.21	Germany – Denmark	3 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 0-1
24.08.21	USA – ROC	6 – 0	1-0, 2-0, 1-0			23.08.21	Japan – Czech Republic	0 – 4	0-1, 0-2, 0-1
24.08.21	Switzerland – Canada	0 – 5	0-0, 0-4, 0-1			24.08.21	Hungary – Japan	1 – 4	0-1, 1-1, 0-2
25.08.21	ROC – Finland	0 – 4	0-3, 0-0, 0-1			25.08.21	Czech Republic – Germany	2 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 1-0
26.08.21	Finland – Switzerland	6 – 0	4-0, 1-0, 1-0			25.08.21	Denmark – Hungary	1 – 5	0-2, 1-2, 0-1
26.08.21	USA – Canada	1 – 5	0-2, 0-3, 1-0			26.08.21	Japan – Germany	2 – 1	0-1, 2-0, 0-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS	RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	+15	20 : 5	12	1	Czech Republic	4	4	0	0	0	+13	16 : 3	12
2	USA	4	3	0	0	1	+8	13 : 5	9	2	Japan	4	3	0	0	1	+1	7 : 6	9
3	Finland	4	2	0	0	2	+5	13 : 8	6	3	Germany	4	2	0	0	2	+2	7 : 5	6
4	ROC	4	1	0	0	3	-12	4 : 16	3	4	Hungary	4	1	0	0	3	-4	8 : 12	3
5	Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	-16	1 : 17	0	5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	-12	3 : 15	0

PLACEMENT ROUND				
Date	Game	Score		
29.08.21	ROC – Germany	3 – 2	0-0, 1-2, 2-0	
29.08.21	Czech Republic – Japan	2 – 3	0-1, 1-1, 1-1	
31.08.21	ROC – Japan	2 – 0	1-0, 0-0, 1-0	

Playoff Round

QUARTER-FINALS				
Date	Game	Score		
28.08.21	ROC – Switzerland	2 – 3 OT	2-0, 0-0, 0-2	
28.08.21	USA – Japan	10 – 2	5-2, 2-0, 3-0	
28.08.21	Canada – Germany	7 – 0	3-0, 2-0, 2-0	
28.08.21	Finland – Czech Republic	1 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 0-0	

SEMI-FINALS				
Date	Game	Score		
30.08.21	USA – Finland	3 – 0	0-0, 2-0, 1-0	
30.08.21	Canada – Switzerland	4 – 0	2-0, 1-0, 1-0	

BRONZE MEDAL GAME				
Date	Game	Score		
31.08.21	Finland – Switzerland	3 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 0-0	

GOLD MEDAL GAME				
Date	Game	Score		
30.08.21	Canada – USA	3 – 2 OT	0-2, 2-0, 0-0	

Final Placing

1	2	3
CANADA	UNITED STATES	FINLAND
4 Switzerland 5 ROC 6 Japan	7 Czech Republic 8 Germany 9 Hungary	10 Denmark

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	Anni Keisala	FIN
Best Defenceman	Lee Stecklein	CAN
Best Forward	Melodie Daoust	CAN

ALL-STAR TEAM

Goaltender	Anni Keisala	FIN
Defenceman	Lee Stecklein	USA
Defenceman	Erin Ambrose	CAN
Forward	Melodie Daoust	CAN
Forward	Petra Nieminen	FIN
Forward	Natalie Spooner	CAN
MVP	Melodie Daoust	CAN



GOLDEN GIRL STRIKES AGAIN

Marie-Philip Poulin scored the golden goal at 7:22 of the first overtime period to give Canada a 3-2 win over the United States. It was Canada's first gold medal at the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship since 2012 and ended a run of five in a row for their adversaries.

The three-on-three unlimited OT featured end-to-end action and several great chances. Poulin drove into the U.S. end and fired a shot over the glove of Nicole Hensley. It was Poulin's third tournament-winning golden goal, after the Olympics in 2010 and 2014, both against USA.

It was a game as thrilling and exciting as any played between the nations in the 31-year history of women's hockey at the IIHF. The Americans turned the table on Canada in the first, scoring the only two goals, but Canada stormed back to tie it in the second. The third was a wild affair that featured four penalties – three to Canada – but there was no fifth goal until the overtime.

Finland beat a gutsy Swiss team 3-1 to win the bronze medal game. Tanja Niskanen stepped up with a goal and an assist, and Ella Viitasuo and Petra Nieminen also scored for Finland.

This is Finland's all-time record 13th bronze medal at the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. The Finns are also the defending Olympic bronze medalists from 2018.

As in 2019, the Women' World Championship had just four games with a five-goal point difference in the preliminary round.

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The Czech Republic finished 1st in Group B and made the playoffs.  
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# MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION



MEN'S FINAL OLYMPIC  
QUALIFICATION

Group D – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Date	Game	Score	
26.08.2021	Belarus – Poland	0 – 1	0-0, 0-0, 0-1
26.08.2021	Austria – Slovakia	1 – 2	0-1, 0-1, 1-0
27.08.2021	Belarus – Austria	5 – 2	0-2, 5-0, 0-0
27.08.2021	Slovakia – Poland	5 – 1	1-0, 3-1, 1-0
29.08.2021	Poland – Austria	1 – 4	1-2, 0-1, 0-1
29.08.2021	Slovakia – Belarus	2 – 1	1-0, 0-1, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Slovakia	3	3	0	0	0	+6	9 : 3	9
2	Belarus	3	1	0	0	2	+1	6 : 5	3
3	Austria	3	1	0	0	2	-1	7 : 8	3
4	Poland	3	1	0	0	2	-6	3 : 9	3

Slovakia advances to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Men's Ice Hockey Group C



Group E – RIGA, LATVIA

Date	Game	Score	
26.08.2021	France – Hungary	5 – 3	0-2, 3-0, 2-1
26.08.2021	Italy – Latvia	0 – 6	0-2, 0-2, 0-2
27.08.2021	France – Italy	2 – 0	0-0, 2-0, 0-0
27.08.2021	Latvia – Hungary	9 – 0	1-0, 0-0, 8-0
29.08.2021	Hungary – Italy	2 – 1	0-0, 1-0, 1-1
29.08.2021	Latvia – France	2 – 1	1-0, 0-0, 1-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Latvia	3	3	0	0	0	+16	17 : 1	9
2	France	3	2	0	0	1	+3	8 : 5	6
3	Hungary	3	1	0	0	2	-10	5 : 15	3
4	Italy	3	0	0	0	3	-9	1 : 10	0

Latvia advances to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Men's Ice Hockey Group C

Group F – OSLO, NORWAY

Date	Game	Score	
26.08.2021	Denmark – Slovenia	4 – 3	3-0, 1-1, 0-2
26.08.2021	Korea – Norway	1 – 4	1-2, 0-1, 0-1
27.08.2021	Denmark – Korea	11 – 1	1-1, 7-0, 3-0
27.08.2021	Norway – Slovenia	7 – 4	3-2, 3-0, 1-2
29.08.2021	Slovenia – Korea	4 – 1	0-1, 3-0, 1-0
29.08.2021	Norway – Denmark	0 – 2	0-0, 0-1, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	+13	17 : 4	9
2	Norway	3	2	0	0	1	+4	11 : 7	6
3	Slovenia	3	1	0	0	2	-1	11 : 12	3
4	Korea	3	0	0	0	3	-16	3 : 19	0

Denmark advances to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Men's Ice Hockey Group B





# REFEREE AND LINESPERSONS

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020/2021 SEASON

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Latvia, Riga, 21.05.2021 - 06.06.2021

REFEREES	LINESMEN
ANSONS, Andris	LAT CONSTANTINEAU, Nicolas
BJORK, Tobias	SWE GOLYAK, Dmitry
BRUGGEMAN, Andrew David	USA HYNEK, Daniel
FRANDSEN, Mads	DEN KROYER, Andreas Weise
FRANO, Martin	CZE LAZAREV, Gleb Sergeevich
GOFMAN, Roman Vitalievich	RUS LUNDGREN, Ludvig
GOUIN, Olivier	CAN MCCRANK, Dustin
HEIKKINEN, Lassi Sakari	FIN MERTEN, Jonas
JERABEK, Antonin	CZE NIKULAINEN, Lauri Olavi
NORD, Mikael	SWE OBWEGESER, David Dimitri
ROMASKO, Evgenii Vladimirovich	RUS OLIVER, Brian Matthew
SCHRADER, Andre	GER ONDRACEK, Jiri
SIDORENKO, Maxim	BLR SEEWALD, Elias
SIR, Robin	CZE SHALAGIN, Nikita Alekseevich
STANO, Peter	SVK SORMUNEN, Hannu
STERNAT, Christoph	AUT SYNEK, Simon
TSCHERRIG, Michael	SUI YLETYNEN, Emil
VIKMAN, Kristian	FIN ZUNDE, Davis

**IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Canada, Edmonton, 25.12.2020 - 05.01.2021

REFEREES	LINESMEN
BLOSKI, Adam Carl Peter	CAN BRUNELLE, Guillaume
CAMPBELL, Michael Brian	CAN CHAPUT, Maxime
GARON, Alexandre	CAN DESCHAMPS, Jonathan
GOUIN, Olivier	CAN FOSTER, Deion Edwin
KOWALSKI, Kyle	CAN HARRIS, Adam Robert
LABONTE, Guillaume	CAN MACKEY, Brett Raymond
LANGIN, Mike Shaun	CAN MAHONEY, Kelsey Tyler
LAWRENCE, Fraser Donald	CAN MANNELLA, Matthew
MAILLE, Kevin	CAN MCGOWAN, Michael John
MENNITI, Mathieu	CAN O'QUINN, Ben Brandt
PEARCE, Mark Bennett	CAN VAN OOSTEN, Nathan William
ROELAND, Brett	CAN WYONZEK, Tarrington Mitchell
SANDLAK, Carter John	CAN
STEWART, Tyson	CAN

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
United States, Frisco and TX and Plano and TX, 26.04.2021 - 06.05.2021

REFEREES	LINESMEN
BRANDER, Riku	FIN BRIGANTI, Kevin James
FERNANDEZ, Sean Thomas	USA BRIGANTI, Nicholas Philip
HEBEISEN, Micha	SUI DAVIS, Jake Ryan
HOLM, Christoffer Back Per Oscar	SWE HANCOCK II, William Louis
KIKA, Adam	CZE KLOUCEK, David
KOHLMULLER, Lukas	GER NIITTYLA, Tommi
MACFARLANE, Sean Kenneth Michael	USA POLYAKOV, Nikita
REKUCKI, Jacob Gregory	USA RICHARDSON, Patrick Ian
RENEAU, Stephen Lee	USA SLAVIKOVSKII, Roman Dmitrievich
SCHLITTENHARDT, Peter Kurt	USA ZUNDE, Davis
WILK, Andrew Alexander	USA
YUDAKOV, Sergey Olegovich	RUS

**IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Canada, Calgary, 20.08.2021 - 31.08.2021

REFEREES	LINESWOMEN
COOKE, Kelly Elizabeth	USA BLAIR, Alexandra Dawn
ERMAK, Daria Dmitrievna	RUS CHARTRAND, Jessica Mary
FURBERG, Maria	SWE HAMMAR, Anna
LIEFFERS, Cianna Marie	CAN HANLEY, Kendall Ann
MANTHA, Elizabeth Louisa-Pier	CAN HEIKKINEN, Jenni
NEARY, Shauna Katherine	CAN KAINBERGER, Julia
NURMI, Anniina Emmi Helena	FIN MOKHOVA, Diana Valeryevna
RAPIN, Chelsea Anne	USA SPRESSER, Jacqueline Morgan
SENUK, Lacey Marie	CAN STRONG, Sara Marie
VICHOREK, Jestina Marie	USA TODD, Justine Elizabeth
WELTER, Mackenzie Lynn	USA
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# IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM 2021/2022

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

## MEN’S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada ROC Germany Switzerland Slovakia Denmark Kazakhstan Italy	Finland USA Czech Republic Sweden Latvia Norway Belarus Great Britain

FIN, Tampere, Helsinki: 13.05.2022-29.05.2022

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
France Austria Korea Slovenia Hungary Romania	Lithuania Poland Japan Estonia Ukraine Serbia

SLO, Ljubljana; 02.05.2022 - 08.05.2022

POL, Katowice; 24.04.2022 - 01.05.2022

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands Croatia Australia Spain China Israel	Belgium Iceland New Zealand Georgia Mexico Bulgaria

CRO, tba; 24.04.2022 - 30.04.2022

ISL, Reykjavik; 18-24.04.2021

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
DPR Korea Turkey Turkmenistan Luxembourg Chinese Taipei United Arab Emirates	South Africa Hong Kong, China Thailand Bosnia and Herzegovina

LUX, Kockelscheuer; 02.04.2022 - 09.04.2022

RSA, Cape Town; 21.03.2022 - 24.03.2022

#### DIVISION IV

Kuwait Kyrgyzstan Malaysia	Philippines Singapore Iran
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KGZ, Bishkek; 03.03.2021 - 06.03.2022

## U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2022 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA Russia Sweden Slovakia Switzerland	Canada Finland Germany Czech Republic Austria

CAN, Edmonton, Red Deer; 26.12.2021-05.01.2022

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Kazakhstan Latvia Belarus Norway Denmark Hungary	Slovenia France Ukraine Poland Estonia Japan

DEN, Horsholm; 12.12.2021 - 18.12.2021

EST, Tallinn; 12.12.2021 - 18.12.2021

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Italy Great Britain Lithuania Romania Spain Korea	Serbia Netherlands China Croatia Belgium Iceland

ROU, Brasov; 13.12.2021 - 19.12.2021

SRB, Belgrade; 10.01.2022 - 16.01.2022

#### DIVISION III

Israel Australia Turkey Mexico	Bulgaria New Zealand Chinese Taipei South Africa
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MEX, Queretaro; 09.01.2022 - 16.01.2022

### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2022	FIN, Tampere & Helsinki	13–29.5.2022
2023	RUS, St. Petersburg	5–21.5.2023
2024	CZE, Prague, Ostrava	10–26.05.2024
2025	SWE, Stockholm & DEN, Herning	09–25.05.2025

### IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2022	CAN, Edmonton & Red Deer	26.12.2021–5.1.2022
2023	RUS, Novosibirsk & Omsk	26.12.2022–5.1.2023
2024	SWE, Gothenburg	26.12.2023–5.1.2024



IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM  
2021/2022

U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Russia
Finland	Sweden
United States	Belarus
Switzerland	Czech Republic
Latvia	Germany

GERMANY, Kaufbeuren, Landshut:  
21.04.2022 - 01.05.2022

DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Slovakia	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Austria
Denmark	Hungary
Norway	Italy
France	Slovenia
Japan	Poland

SVK, Spisska Nova Ves:  
11.04.2022 - 17.04.2022

ITA, Asiago:  
25.04.2022 - 01.05.2022

DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Spain
Lithuania	China
Estonia	Netherlands
Romania	Croatia
Korea	Australia
Serbia	Bulgaria

EST, Tallinn:  
03.04.2022 - 09.04.2022

BUL, Sofia:  
21-27.03.2022

DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Belgium	New Zealand
Israel	Hong Kong, China
Iceland	South Africa
Turkey	Luxembourg
Mexico	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chinese Taipei	

TUR, Istanbul:  
04.04.2022 - 10.04.2022

BIH, Sarajevo:  
31.03.2022 - 06.04.2022

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Japan
Canada	Czech Republic
Finland	Germany
ROC	Hungary
Switzerland	Denmark

PROPOSAL: August 2022

DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	Italy
France	Korea
Norway	Poland
Austria	China
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Netherlands	Slovenia

FRA, Angers:  
24.04.2022 - 30.04.2022

POL, Katowice:  
08.04.2022 - 14.04.2022

DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Australia
Great Britain	Iceland
Spain	New Zealand
Mexico	Turkey
DPR Korea	Croatia
Chinese Taipei	South Africa

ESP, Jaca:  
02.04.2022 - 08.04.2022

CRO, tbd:  
06.03.2022 - 12.03.2022

DIVISION III

Ukraine	Hong Kong, China
Belgium	Estonia
Romania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria	
Lithuania	

Applicants:  
BUL, Sofia: 06.12.2021 - 12.12.2021  
ROU, Targu Secuiesc: 14.03.2022 - 20.03.2022

U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
United States	Sweden
Canada	Czech Republic
Russia	Switzerland
Finland	Germany

SWEDEN, Linköping, Mjölby: 08.01.2022 - 15.01.2022

DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Slovakia	Denmark
Japan	Austria
Hungary	China
France	Korea
Italy	Poland
Norway	Chinese Taipei

HUN, Győr:  
09.01.2022 - 15.01.2022

AUT, Radenthein:  
10.01.2022 - 16.01.2022

DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Turkey
Netherlands	Mexico
Australia	New Zealand
Spain	Latvia
Kazakhstan	Iceland

GBR, Dumfries:  
25.01.2022 - 28.01.2022

TUR, Kocaeli:  
22.01.2022 - 27.01.2022

MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Canada	ROC	Finland
USA	Czech Republic	Sweden
Germany	Switzerland	Slovakia
China	Denmark	Latvia

CHN, Beijing: 04.-20.02.2022

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

GROUP A	GROUP B
United States	Japan
Canada	Q1
Finland	Q2
ROC	Q3
Switzerland	China

CHN, Beijing:  
04.-20.02.2022

WOMENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Korea	Italy	Netherlands
Great Britain	Kazakhstan	Poland
Slovenia	Spain	Mexico
Iceland	Chinese Taipei	Turkey

GBR, Nottingham: 07.-10.10.2021

ITA, Torre Pellice: 07.-10.10.2021

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Czech Republic	Germany	Sweden
Hungary	Denmark	France
Norway	Austria	Slovakia
Q6	Q5	Q4

CZE, Chomutov: 11.-14.11.2021

GER, Fussen: 11.-14.11.2021

SWE, Lulea: 11.-14.11.2021

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

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

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

2022 CHN, Beijing 4–20.2.2022  
2026 ITA, Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo 6–22.2.2026

FISU WINTER GAMES

2021 SUL, Lucerne 11-21.12.2021  
2023 USA, Lake Placid 12-22.1.2023





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Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



## Tissot – Official Timekeeper of the IIHF

Tissot has been involved with the Ice Hockey World Championships since 1998 and a partner of the IIHF for the same period. Indeed, currently Tissot is the award the players strive for at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey Championships for both men and women.

As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and this year presented two men's and women's special edition Ice Hockey watches to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honour these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.



Tissot ads on the boards and during award ceremonies were visible at all top division World Championship tournaments  
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# IIHF SUPPLIER POOL – GIVING AROUND THE GLOBE

The IIHF Equipment Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

The program is now a well-established asset for international ice hockey development. It enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost. Some of our newest federations were able to bolster their development programs last season with on-ice training after receiving equipment through the IIHF Equipment Support Program.

The IIHF Supplier Pool Members; Bauer, CCM, Fischer, Oakley, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, True and Warrior, have all made valuable contributions to qualifying National Associations. Gufex is the exclusive game puck supplier of the IIHF.



A special gold medal game puck for the World Championship final from Gufex, the official puck supplier for all IIHF tournaments.  
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
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