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From the IIHF President

Making a comeback

By René Fasel

In the aftermath of one of the most disruptive events to occur to the sporting world in decades, we have taken our first major steps towards reopening and resuming international ice hockey.

Here we sit in July, having gone through the 2019/20 season with over half the tournaments cancelled and no World Champion declared.

Sports had to take a back seat to COVID-19, which has tragically affected and continues to affect hundreds of thousands of people around the world. We are not out of the woods yet either. There is still a battle being waged by governments and medical professionals to lower the amount of infections and allow people to return to a normal way of life.

But as we come back into a post-COVID world, it is important to acknowledge the role that sports play in our lives, and what it means for players, coaches, and fans to not

be able to play ice hockey in an arena, watch it on TV, or even compete in the backyard with friends and family.

Whether you talk about strapping on skates and hitting the ice, or watching your favourite team play on television, sports has a tremendous capacity to enrich people's daily lives, by giving them the chance to feed into their passions, whether for ice hockey, golf, tennis, or even esports!

So in effect, it is the responsibility of the IIHF, its member national associations, and all sports leagues and federations to try to find ways in which people can safely return to sport, and rediscover the passion that we used to take for granted.

But this is not a simple thing. COVID-19 created such an incredible amount of issues affecting so many aspects of daily life, industry, and commerce. But in the push to reopen, it is important that we all take an active role to promote sport as a way for people to achieve a return to normality.

With this in mind, the IIHF took its first major steps by inviting all our MNAs to the table by hosting its first-ever Extra-Ordinary Congress in a virtual online format. It was a very positive experience and a great step forward.

I was so pleased to see the familiar faces of all our MNA delegates on screen, and I hope that we will see each other in person sooner rather than later.

Together we were able to forge ahead and set a plan forward for the 2020/21 season. We have assigned all tournaments and pushed the Council and presidential elections to 2021. You can read more about the 2020 Extra-Ordinary Congress on **Page 8**.

That said, we are aware that COVID-19 has not disappeared, and we cannot assume that we have seen the last of the disruptions to our sport from this pandemic. It may be that some of our members will not be able to travel, or that a second wave may affect one of our tournament hosts, forcing more cancellations.

But governing in fear of what "may happen" is not possible. We met the challenge of COVID-19 together with our membership, and thanks to mutual assistance, cooperation, and communication, we came out stronger. We will adjust and adapt where we need to, if and when more challenges arise. We will move forward with the safety of our players, coaches, officials and fans always a priority. But regardless, we will move forward and do our best to bring ice hockey back.



News and Notes

IIHF WORLD RANKING/2022 OLYMPICS


The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) has published the **2020 IIHF Men's & Women's World Rankings**. The annual ranking is based on the results in the World Championships and Olympic Winter Games (including Olympic Qualification) of the last four years and the 2020 edition is used for the seeding of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

The 2020 rankings include points from the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program in the men's senior and women's senior category. For tournaments that were not played due to the coronavirus pandemic, the points will be given according to the seeding position as stated in the IIHF Sport Regulations.

2020 IIHF MEN'S WORLD RANKING

Due to the lack of tournaments there was few movements in the 54-country ranking. The top-10 remain the same and are led by Canada followed by Russia, Finland and Sweden.

The new World Ranking also determined the seeding of the Olympic men's ice hockey tournament in Beijing 2022:

 MEN'S TOURNAMENT SEEDING		
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Canada (1)	Russia (2)	Finland (3)
USA (6)	Czech Republic (5)	Sweden (4)
Germany (7)	Switzerland (8)	Qualifier 1 (9)
China (12)	Qualifier 3 (11)	Qualifier 2 (10)

2020 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD RANKING

With only two tournaments played this season, the 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking also didn't change much. The top-6 countries remained in the same order and will be the ones directly qualified for the Olympic women's ice hockey tournament in Beijing 2022, which will be played in two tiered groups:

 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SEEDING	
GROUP A	GROUP B
USA (1)	Japan (6)
Canada (2)	Qualifier 1 (7)
Finland (3)	Qualifier 2 (8)
Russia (4)	Qualifier 3 (9)
Switzerland (5)	China (10)

2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The IIHF Council has approved the groups for the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. The tournament will now start in May 2021 and will be co-hosted by Minsk and Riga under the slogan "Passion. No borders".

Belarus will play host to Group A in Minsk. The 15,086-seat Minsk Arena will serve as main venue and host the Group A preliminary round, two quarter-final games, both semi-finals and the medal games.

Minsk is the Belarusian capital with almost two million inhabitants and 3.4 million in the region.

 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	
GROUP A	GROUP B
Russia	Finland
Sweden	Canada
Czech Republic	United States
Switzerland	Germany
Slovakia	Latvia
Denmark	Norway
Belarus	Italy
Italy	Kazakhstan

The Minsk Arena with two practice rinks on-site broke the World Championship attendance record, that was reclaimed by the Czechs in 2015, when Belarus hosted the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in 2014 for the first time.

Latvia will be the host of the other group and two quarter-final games. The seeding for the groups is based on the IIHF Sport Regulations and the 2020 IIHF Men's World Ranking, which takes into consideration the results in World Championships and Olympics during the last four years, with one horizontal swap to accommodate special organizational needs.

Following the decision on the groups, the organizers will work on the game schedule during the upcoming weeks. More information on the games as well as the ticket sale will follow at a later date.

AUSTRIA

The membership of the Austrian Ice Hockey Association elected **Klaus Hartmann** as new President at its 75th general assembly in Villach.



In the first contested board election in many years two different groups competed for votes. Hartmann received 133 against the 121 votes of the old leadership of Gernot Mittendorfer.

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The board now includes Hartmann as President and the three Vice Presidents Nicolas Stockhammer, Gunther Ropatsch and Yasmin Sarina Stepina. Stepina (nee Weiss), a former Austrian national team player and current coach became the first female member of the federation's board.

Hartmann previously served as Vice President of the ice hockey association of the state of Carinthia and comes from the finance services and insurance industry. He ends the term of Mittendorfer, who was elected in 2016 to succeed Dieter Kalt after heading the federation for 20 years.

The Austrian Ice Hockey Association also announced plans to build a Federal Performance Centre in Villach and submitted a training and development concept to the Ministry of Sports.

The goal is to offer new opportunities to the most talented players in the country at the venue in Villach and to go through a hockey academy that includes schooling as of the age of 14. The centre shall combine high standards of ice hockey, schooling, personality development, career planning and scientific support to improve the development of female ice hockey players. It is also planned to use the venue for camps and games of the various women's national teams.

If everything goes according to plan, the first class of young women will be able to join the extended venue in summer 2023.

Austria is ranked 14th in the IIHF Women's World Ranking and aims at qualifying for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games for the first time with a women's ice hockey team.

ITALY

The Italian Ice Sports Federation has hired **Greg Ireland** as new head coach of the men's national team replacing Clayton Beddoes, who resigned a few weeks ago.



The 54-year-old Canadian moved to Italy in January as head coach of HC Bolzano in the cross-border league EBEL, where he already replaced Beddoes and will now work both for Italy's strongest club team and for the country's men's national team.

Before moving to Bolzano, Ireland gained already three years of experience in the Italian-speaking area by working for HC Lugano in Switzerland. He also coached clubs in Germany, the AHL, ECHL and OHL.

Italy was promoted to the top division in 2018 where it stayed after the 2019 IIHF Ice Hockey

World Championship in Slovakia and will play at the top-level IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship for the second time in a row.

For Ireland it's the first job in international hockey beside coaching HC Lugano and Adler Mannheim in the Champions Hockey League and Spengler Cup.

POLAND

The Polish Ice Hockey Association signed Slovak coach **Robert Kalaber** to serve as new head coach of the men's national team. He will replace Tomek Valtonen.



The 50-year-old Bratislava native moved to Poland in 2014 to coach club team JKH GKS Jastrzebie and led the team to silver and bronze medals in the Polish Hockey League and two Polish Cup titles in 2018 and 2019.

Before moving to Poland he was the head coach of Dukla Trencin in his home country.

In addition, he got international experience by coaching Bulgaria in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III in 2018 and 2019 and led it to promotion last year.

It was agreed that Kalaber will coach both the

national team while continuing to coach JKH GKS Jastrzebie.

Poland will host the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B on home ice in Katowice at the historic Spodek arena and hopes to return to the Division I Group A. Poland will play Lithuania, Japan, Estonia, Ukraine and Serbia for promotion in the tournament that is scheduled for 26 April to 2 May 2021.

RUSSIA

The Ice Hockey Federation of Russia has named **Valeri Bragin** new head coach of the Russian men's national team. He is no stranger to international ice hockey having coached the U20 national team for the last eight years winning seven medals including gold in 2011. At the World Juniors he will be succeeded by hockey legend Igor Larionov.



Bragin will replace Alexei Kudashov, who was Russia's head coach for the 2019/2020 season and an assistant coach two years before. Bragin will reportedly also replace Kudashov at SKA St. Petersburg. He had joined the club as "senior coach" after the 2020 World Juniors where Russia earned the silver medals after a tight final with Canada.

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At the Russian men's national team Bragin will be assisted by Alexei Zhamnov, Andrei Kozyrev and Alexander Boikov, Rashit Davydov will be the goalie coach.

Hockey legend **Igor Larionov**, an IIHF Hall of Fame member, will succeed Bragin as head coach of the U20 national team. The 59-year-old is a Triple Gold Club member with four World Championships, two Olympic gold medals and three Stanley Cups.



Larionov entered the coaching stage last season as Bragin's assistant at the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship.

He will be assisted by Sergei Golubovich and Vladimir Filatov. Former NHL goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin will be the goalie coach.

Head coaches of the other Russian national teams:

Men's U18 national team: Albert Leshev
 Men's U17 national team: Vladimir Potapov
 Men's U16 national team: Alexander Titov
 Women's national team: Yevgeni Bobariko
 Women's U18 & U16 national team: Alexander Syrtsov

SWEDEN

The Swedish Ice Hockey Association has signed **Ulf Lundberg** to a two-year contract as new head coach of the Swedish women's national team.

Lundberg will replace Ylva Martinsen, who has been coaching the team during the past two seasons.

"Getting the assignment as the head coach of the women's national team feels very exciting and stimulating. Being able to represent a Swedish national team is great. There have been a lot of good things happening in Swedish girls' and women's hockey now. I see great potential going forward so it feels very cool and inspiring to be with and lead and contribute to the development going forward," says Ulf Lundberg.

Lundberg has previously worked as a player and leadership development manager at the Swedish Ice Hockey Association while coaching the U16 and U17 men's national teams during ten years. During the past three seasons he has been the head coach of Sodertalje SK in the second-tier men's league HockeyAllsvenskan.

The 40-year-old will have two major tasks coming up in 2021 as Sweden's "Damkronorna" aims at getting back to the top division of the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

as well as succeeding in the Olympic Qualification for Beijing 2022.

USA

Nate Leaman has been named head coach of the 2021 U.S. National Junior Team, it was announced by USA Hockey.



The U.S. National Junior Team will take part in the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship Dec. 26, 2020 – Jan. 5, 2021, in Edmonton and Red Deer, Alberta. Team USA is seeking its fifth medal in six years at the event.

Leaman has been a part of two previous U.S. National Junior Team coaching staffs, including as an assistant coach for the bronze medal-winning 2007 squad that competed in Leksand and Mora, Sweden. He also served as an assistant coach for the 2009 team that played in Ottawa, Ontario. Leaman made his USA Hockey coaching debut as an assistant coach in 2005 at the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship, where the U.S. won gold in Ceske Budejovice and Plzen, Czech Republic.

Leaman led the Providence College men's ice hockey team to six straight NCAA berths, including the 2015 NCAA championship, Leaman was awarded the Spencer Penrose

Award as the top coach in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey in 2011, and was also a finalist for the honor four other times (2019, 2016, 2015, 2010). Leaman was honored as the Hockey East Coach of the Year in 2016, and was named ECAC Coach of the Year in both 2011 and 2010.

USA Hockey also announced that **Katie Lachapelle** has been named head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that will play in the 2021 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship.

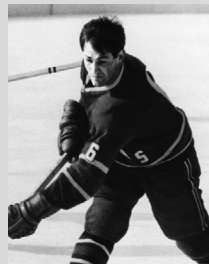


Lachapelle is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time, however, is no stranger to the U.S. Under-18 Women's National program, having been an assistant coach for four straight seasons from 2013-17. During that time, she helped lead the U.S. to three gold medals (2015-17) and one silver medal (2014) in the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship and also was part of the staff of the U.S. Under-18 Select Team that played in the U18 Series against Canada each season. Lachapelle was an assistant coach for nine seasons at Boston University (2008-17). During that time, she helped the Terriers to five Hockey East titles and six NCAA Tournament appearances, including two trips to the Frozen Four (2011, 2013) title game.

Obituaries

ROGER CHAPPOT

Former Swiss national team player Roger Chappot lost his battle against coronavirus (COVID-19). He passed away on 7 April at the age of 79.



Chappot was a legend in the French-speaking part of Switzerland and one of the country's top centres in the '60s. He played for HC Villars and Geneve-Servette and won back-to-back championships with Villars in 1963 and 1964. He won the league scoring title in 1964.

Chappot represented Switzerland in 101 international games including the 1964 Olympic Winter Games, three top-level World Championships (1959, 1962, 1972) and several B-Pool World Championships.

Born in Martigny, Chappot grew up in Chamonix (France) where he started to play hockey in the club before returning to Switzerland at the age of 16. After finishing his career at the age of 38, he continued to play amateur hockey for Villars, Monthey, Chateau-d'Oex and Champéry until the age of 57.

ALEXANDER GERASIMOV

Former Soviet national team forward Alexander Gerasimov passed away on 21 May in Moscow.



Gerasimov played for his hometown team Dizelist Penza in the second Soviet league before moving to famed CSKA Moscow where he won seven national championships.

He caught the eyes of the army team when he represented the Soviet Union at the international stage winning two World Juniors gold medals in 1978 and 1979. With the men's national team he won Olympic gold in Sarajevo 1984.

After ending his career as a player in 1988 he continued to work for the CSKA Moscow hockey school.

PER ALBAEK JENSEN

Dr. Per Albæk Jensen, a respected ice hockey doctor at both Blue Fox Herning and the Danish ice hockey national team, passed away on 20 June.

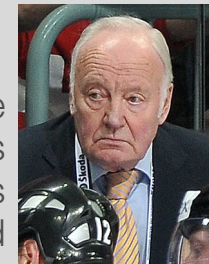


He joined the IIHF as a Medical Supervisor in 2013. His resume reveals 18 World Championship tournaments for seniors and before them

six-seven World Championships for U20. He was key-player and Event Chief Medical Officer during the 2018 IIHF World Championship in Copenhagen & Herning, Denmark and served as the IIHF Medical Supervisor during the 2019 IIHF World Championship in Bratislava & Kosice, Slovakia.

JANIS KVEPS

Coaches and players have come and gone on the Latvian men's national team but for decades Janis Kveps had been around in Latvian hockey. The long-time doctor of the Latvian national team passed away on 10 March at the age of 79.



Born in the town of Cesvaine in 1940, Kveps studied medicine in Riga and was involved in Latvian hockey since the '60s with Dinamo Riga in the Soviet league and later after the country's independence in the '90s with the national team.

Despite his age, Kveps – or “doks” as many called him – continued to work as team doctor until the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship when he retired after more than 20 years with the team. He later published a book, and in 2014 was awarded the Order of the Three Stars from his country.

ROBERT MACK

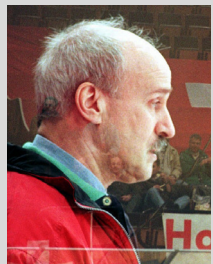
Former Austrian national team goaltender Robert Mack passed away on 4 July in Vienna.

The Klagenfurt native spent his entire top-level career in his country with his local club KAC winning seven national titles between 1979 and 1991.

One of the top goaltenders in his country, Mack represented his country in 83 international games and appeared in six World Championship events (five times in the B-Pool, once in the C-Pool). His international highlight was his last season on the international stage when Austria participated in the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary.

SIMON SCHENK

The former player and coach of the Swiss national team passed away on 1 May at 73.



As a player Schenk was on the ice for SC Langnau (now SCL Tigers) in the top Swiss league during 16 years and won the club's only Swiss championship in 1976. He spent his entire playing career with the club and represented Switzerland in 30 international games including the World Championship B-Pool tournaments in 1977 and 1978.

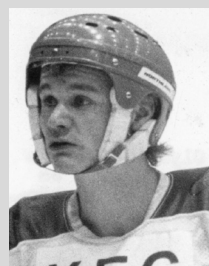
He ended his top-level career in 1980 and worked as a teacher while being a player-coach for third-tier clubs before becoming the Swiss national team coach in the 1985/86 season. During five seasons he led Switzerland to promotion twice (1986 and 1990) and was also behind the bench at the 1988 Olympics. He later coached EHC Olten and also was head coach and sports director for SC Langnau before becoming again the Swiss national coach for two seasons (1995-1997) and earn promotion to the top-level Worlds for the third time in 1997.

Despite being a legend of the '70s as a player, Schenk is also well-known to younger fans across the country. Between 1997 and 2007 he was the sports director of the ZSC Lions Zurich. Between 2007 and 2017 he would continue the same position for the club's farm team GCK Lions.

He remained visible in Swiss hockey as an expert for sport broadcaster MySports. Schenk was also active at the national level in politics. He was a parliament member in the National Council between 1994 and 2011.

PETER SCHILLER

Former German national team player Peter Schiller passed away at the age of 62 on 22 May.



In his hometown of Selb, Schiller started playing ice hockey and football at the two local clubs but decided to focus on ice hockey and moved to Cologne to play in the top German league where he won four national titles. Towards the end of his career he also played for Mannheim and Berlin.

Schiller represented West Germany and later unified Germany in 94 international games including the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, four World Championships and the 1984 Canada Cup.

PAT STAPLETON

Pat "Whitey" Stapleton, one of the top defencemen for Canada during the 1972 Summit Series, passed away on 8 April after suffering a stroke. He was 79.



Born in Sarnia, Ontario, in 1940, Stapleton first rose to fame in junior hockey with the St. Catharines Teepees, helping the team win the coveted Memorial Cup in 1960.

He made his NHL debut with Boston, but after a year and a half found himself in the minors. Stapleton was later claimed by the Blackhawks and successfully revived his NHL career.

Stapleton played in seven of the eight games of the Summit Series, partnered on the blue line

with Bill White, a pairing that was also successful with the Blackhawks and helped the team make it to the Stanley Cup finals in 1971 and 1973.

Stapleton signed with the WHA's Chicago Cougars in the summer of 1973 as a playing-coach for the team and captained Team Canada in 1974 when the WHA's Canadians resurrected the Summit Series format against the Soviets. He retired in 1978.

VLADIMIR ZABRODSKY

Vladimir Zabrodsky, an inaugural member of the IIHF Hall of Fame in 1997, died in Stockholm, Sweden on 20 March at age 97.



Zabrodsky was not only a world-class hockey player but also almost as famous for his tennis career. He won two gold medals at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and played in two Olympics, but also played in the Davis Cup on three occasions for Czechoslovakia.

Born in Prague, Vladimir and his brother, Oldrich, played for LTC Prague. He was a natural scorer, and the 1947 Worlds was his crowning achievement. The Czechoslovaks were dominant, scoring 85 goals in seven games, a record 26 from Zabrodsky alone. He scored 12 goals in a single game, in a 24-0 win over Belgium

(including a record-tying five in the third period), and eight more in a 23-1 win over Romania.

A year later, at the Olympics in St. Moritz, Zabrodsky was again dominant. The Czechoslovaks won silver as Zabrodsky scored 23 of his team's 80 goals, including hat tricks in six of his team's eight games.

Zabrodsky was captain again in 1949, when Sweden hosted its first World Championship, scoring the game-winning goal on the final day to win gold. He also played in the 1954 and '55 Worlds and the Cortina Olympics in '56, winning a bronze in '55. In national league play, Zabrodsky played more than a decade with LTC Prague as well as several years with TJ Spartak.

On the tennis court, Zabrodsky represented Czechoslovakia at the 1948, 1955, and 1956 Davis Cup. He had a 5-5 record in combined singles and doubles. In singles, his finest moment came in the first round in 1955 when he won two matches against Belgium. In doubles, he played alongside hockey teammate Jaroslav Drobny once, in 1948 against Brazil, beating Manoel Fernandes and Ernesto Petersen 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

Zabrodsky defected to Sweden in 1965. He coached club teams Leksand, Djurgarden, and Rogle between 1965 and 1971, after which he returned to tennis as a coach.

IIHF holds Virtual Congress

Tournaments assigned, elections moved

By Martin Merk

In place of the cancelled 2020 IIHF Annual Congress that was planned in May in Zurich, the 2021 IIHF Extra-Annual Congress took place on 22 June in a virtual format.

IIHF President René Fasel and IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner operated the Extra-Ordinary Congress from a TV studio located in the Swiss national broadcaster SRF in Zurich.

The Congress followed a close agenda in order to obtain approval on the most pressing questions and issues related to the upcoming international ice hockey season as well as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Tournaments assigned

The 2020 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress has assigned the tournaments of the 2021 IIHF



IIHF President René Fasel and IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner during the IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress.

Ice Hockey World Championship program and the qualification for the 2020 Olympic women's ice hockey tournament.

The delegates also confirmed the dates of the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk and Riga to 21 May to 6 June 2021. Find out more on the new website 2021.iihfworlds.com, which is also available in Russian and Latvian language.

The 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship will take place in Halifax and Truro in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia where it was planned last spring before the cancellation. The proposed dates are 7-17 April 2021.

Similarly, the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship will take place in Plymouth

and Ann Arbor in Michigan, United States, at the same venues that were scheduled for this year before the cancellation due to the pandemic. The proposed dates are 15-25 April 2021.

The 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship will be hosted by Sweden in the cities of Linköping and Mjölby from 5 to 12 January 2021.

In the lower divisions, most of the men's, women's and under-18 tournaments scheduled in the spring of 2020 will have the same hosts in 2021 including the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B in Katowice, Poland.

One exception to this are the two tournaments that will be used as Olympic test event. The Division II Group A in the men's category and the Division I Group B in the women's category will be held at the two Olympic arenas for Beijing 2022 in the upcoming spring.

Next season will also see Singapore joining the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program in the men's senior category, Estonia will return to and Bosnia & Herzegovina join the women's senior category and Latvia the

women's under-18 category.

Congress also approved the qualification for Beijing 2022. The Men's Olympic Qualification has already started and the Final Olympic Qualification in Latvia, Norway and Slovakia was moved to 26-29 August 2021.

The Women's Olympic Qualification will start in the upcoming season. A record number of 31 countries entered a team to Olympic Winter Games and Qualification. The top-6 teams of the 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking – USA, Canada, Finland, Russia, Switzerland and Japan – as well as host China are automatically qualified for the 10-team event. The remaining three teams will be determined in the Olympic Qualification in three stages starting in December.

The hosts were determined according to the principle of the right of first refusal with the top-seeded teams getting the rights to host. The Final Olympic Qualification will be held same as the men's tournaments from 26 to 29 August 2021 and the top-ranked non-qualified teams made use of their right to host. The Czech Republic will hold their tournament in Pribram, Germany will host in Füssen and Sweden will host its group in a city to be determined.



Malaysia and the Philippines (seen here at the 2019 Southeast Asia Games) were granted full IIHF membership status.

Elections moved to 2021

The Congress accepted the proposal to move the dates of the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship by two weeks due to the delayed start of the upcoming season in many leagues. Find out more about the tournament on the newly launched website 2021.iihf-worlds.com, which is also available in Russian and Latvian language.

The Congress approved the entire 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program with 23 tournaments as well as the Olympic Qualification for men and women. Find out more here.

The 2020 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress cancelled the physical 2020 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg where Council elections would have been held. Since a

physical congress won't be possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congress followed the proposal to extend the mandate of the current Council until 2021. The elections of the Council will be planned for the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in autumn 2021.

To avoid having the elections after that just a few months before the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, the mandate of the next Council will also be extended to five years and go from 2021 to 2026. After 2026 the Council terms will return to a length of four years. The same applies to Auditors, Committees, the Disciplinary Board and Appeal Board.

The IIHF Statutes & Bylaws were adjusted to reflect the new situation including the years, lengths and age limits.

Malaysia, Philippines get full membership

The Congress also approved membership status upgrades. Malaysia and the Philippines are now Full Members.

Both countries have grown their hockey programs to be eligible to play in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program, which they would have done during spring if not for the event cancellations.

#Sport4Recovery

IIHF joins global campaign

By Adam Steiss

Sport4Recovery, a global campaign to safely re-open organised sport, was launched by a group of governing bodies and other stakeholders, including the IIHF.

In addition to communicating with policymakers, the campaign aims to work with the scientific community to highlight the importance of sport for mental and physical health recovery as well as to mobilise athletes and sports fans.

“The IIHF Member National Federations are in the process of slowly restarting their operations by following guidance and the lifting of restrictions by their governments and public health authorities,” said IIHF President René Fasel.

“The IIHF’s support for this campaign is based on a desire to encourage governments to think about sport as a path to help people return to a normal way of life. It is not intended to replace the guidance and restrictions of governments and public health authorities, or to push these organizations to lift their restrictions before it is safe to do so.”



The IIHF joined #Sport4Recovery, a communications and advocacy campaign to safely re-open organised sport.

The #Sport4Recovery campaign includes a call on governments to:

-Recognise the importance of organised sport given its societal, physical and mental health benefits, especially as we emerge from months of lockdown that has restricted the ability of athletes to participate in their livelihoods and fans the opportunity to watch sport.

-Work with sports governing bodies and other stakeholders to develop and approve detailed protocols to enable the timely re-opening of venues, training and competition.

-Protect the sports sector from further massive economic and structural damage by actively supporting the development of a

sustainable pathway to re-open when it is safe for everyone involved.

-Ease national and international travel and accommodation regulations for top athletes, teams and officials, in line with health and safety protocols.

-Consider the needs of each individual sport; support for women’s sports both at the grassroots and top level; and the importance of sport for the disabled.

And in line with the safety principles that are being established for other sectors:

-Enable spectators to attend live sporting events.

-Allow amateur sports clubs and facilities to open.

-Begin to ease national and international travel and accommodation regulations for spectators and fans.

#Sport4Recovery is fully committed to working with governments and health authorities to ensure this is done safely - in accordance with the necessary measures such as testing for top athletes, social distancing, defined hygiene measures, as well as monitoring and tracking protocols sanctioned by government authorities.

IIHF Continental Cup

Tournament returns with new format

By Martin Merk

At the annual meeting of the IIHF Continental Cup, held via video conference on 19 June, the participants approved the groups, venues and dates of the competition for the 2020/2021 season.

Pending formal approval by the 2020 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress next week, the Continental Cup will expand with a new structure as a result of the delayed start of the hockey season in many countries due to the coronavirus pandemic.

With the new format, set to begin in October, the group stage that determines the finalists in November will be extended from two to four groups, from which only the group winner will advance to the final tournament to be held from 8-10 January 2021.

The tournaments from 13 to 15 November 2020 will be hosted in Amiens (France), Asiago (Italy), Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Frederikshavn (Denmark).

The Continental Cup begins with the qualifiers from 16-18 October 2020. The two groups will take place in Akureyri (Iceland) and Sofia (Bulgaria).

The 2020/2021 IIHF Continental Cup includes 20 teams from 20 countries. Most of them are either national champions or were in first place when the season was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The teams come from all across Europe except for the six founding leagues of the Champions Hockey League. The clubs will not only battle for the Continental Cup winners' plate but also for an invitation to play in the Champions Hockey League the following season, pending formal approval by the CHL board.

Last winter, SønderjyskE Vojens (pictured, on left) became the first Continental Cup champion from Denmark.

QUALIFIERS, 16-18 October 2020

GROUP A in Akureyri, Iceland:
Kaunas Hockey (LTU)
Barca Hockey (ESP)
Skautafelag Akureyrar (ISL)
HC Bat Yam (ISR)

GROUP B in Sofia, Bulgaria:
Crvena Zvezda Belgrade (SRB)
Mladost Zagreb (CRO)
Buz Beykoz Istanbul (TUR)
Irbis-Skate Sofia (BUL)

GROUP STAGE, 13-15 November 2020

GROUP C in Amiens, France:
Yertis Pavlodar (KAZ)
Amiens Gothiques (FRA)
Ferencvarosi TC (HUN)
2nd-place team Group B

GROUP D in Asiago, Italy:
Sheffield Steelers (GBR)
Asiago Hockey (ITA)
Club TBD (UKR)
2nd-place team Group A

GROUP E in Ljubljana, Slovenia:
Shakhtyor Soligorsk (BLR)
Olimp Riga (LAT)
Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)
Winner Group B

GROUP F in Frederikshavn, Denmark:
Unia Oswiecim (POL)
Frederikshavn White Hawks (DEN)
SC Miercurea Ciuc (ROU)
Winner Group A





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A new way to play

IIHF breaks into Esport with Fan Championship

By Lucas Aykroyd



In an anticipated all-Nordic Grand Final, Finland defeated Sweden 24-8 on aggregate to win the first-ever 2020 IIHF Esports Fan Championship.

Erik “Tilantekija” Tammenpaa and Joel “Rottadee” Myllymaki proved unstoppable, winning all four NHL 20 games against their Nordic foes. ‘Rottadee’, left his better-known compatriot with a huge 15-goal cushion heading into the concluding Xbox One game.

“I don’t know what happened, but I’m creating a ‘Rottadee’ fan club after this!” said Tammenpaa. “I was dancing all over the place when he was scoring goals. He put me in such an easy situation.”

The result ended a strong run for Sweden’s Sebastian ‘SebbeLarsen86’ Larsen (PlayStation 4) and Henrik ‘eken45jr’ Eklund (Xbox), but sent a powerful message about Finnish hockey gaming excellence. Tammenpaa admitted he was surprised that the Canadian duo of Joshua ‘Joshfearless13’ D’Eri (PS4) and Karl ‘hswertha23’ Caslib didn’t make the finals.

Featuring some of the world’s top gamers, this inaugural IIHF Esports Fan Championship included participants from the same 16 countries that



The IIHF Esports Fan Championship brought together over 2,000 amateur and professional Esports players.

would have played in the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Zurich and Lausanne.

More than 2,000 people registered to participate in the national qualifiers, which were supported by the IIHF’s member national associations from the 16 countries. Each country hosted two tournaments played in brackets (one for PlayStation 4 and one for Xbox One), with two players on each platform advancing to represent their country. The round of 16 knockout playoffs kicked off on 29 May.

Nicknamed ‘Eki’, Tammenpaa, now 21, made history in 2018 when he went unbeaten – a feat he repeated in this IIHF competition – to win the first NHL Gaming World Championship (GWC) in Las Vegas and took home a \$50,000 prize.

Heading into the Grand Final, the two Finnish gamers had only allowed 21 goals on aggregate, so the fact that Sweden totalled eight goals in the Grand Final is a creditable feat.

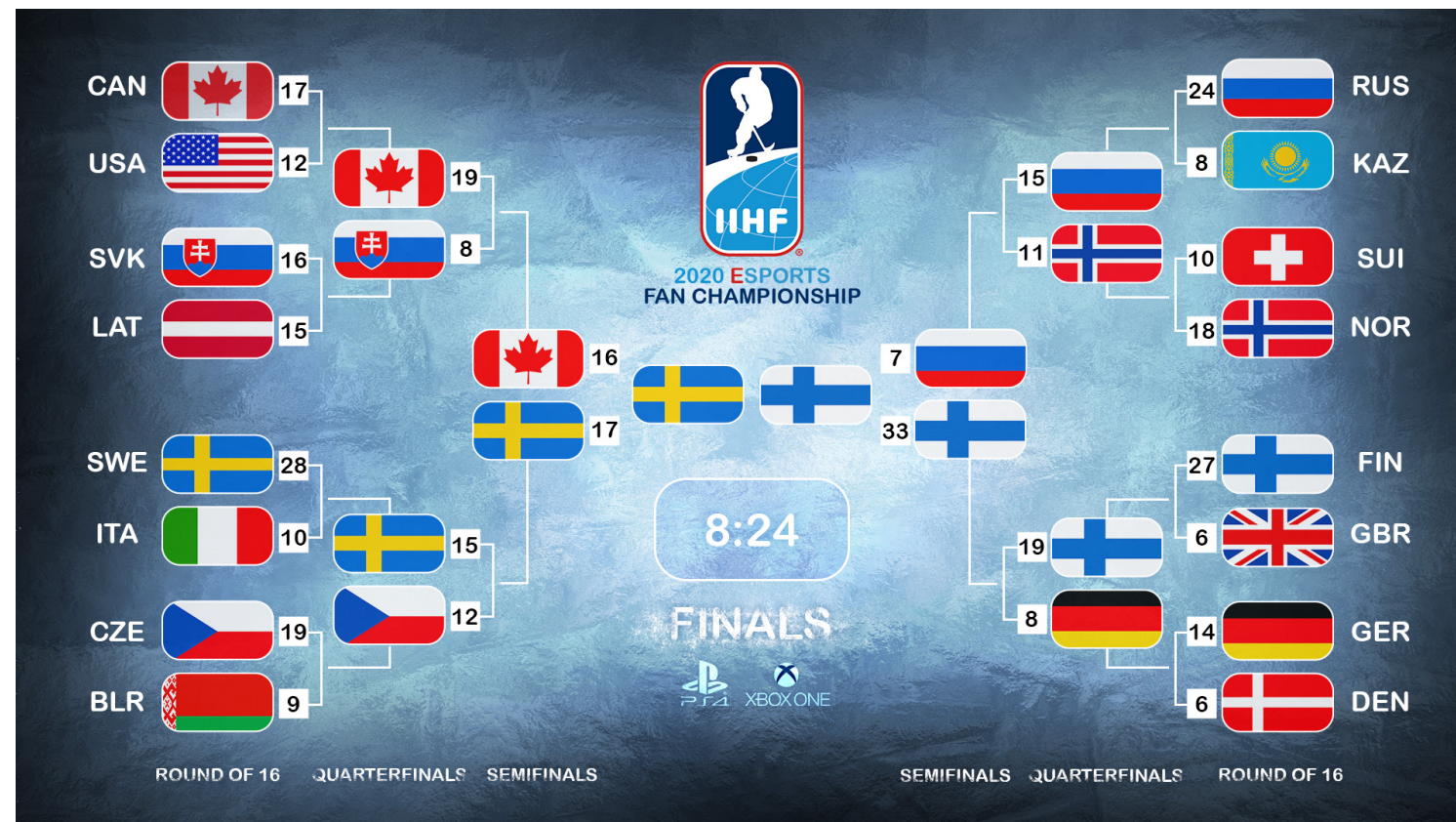
In the opening PS4 period, ‘Rottadee’ – an Oulu

native who idolizes Sebastian Aho – jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead. But ‘SebbeLarsen86’ cut the deficit to 2-1, converting a nice cross-crease pass on the rush. Still, Finland pulled away in the second and third periods, capitalizing on Sweden’s breakdowns in a 7-2 blowout.

The Xbox opener was a tight-checking 3-2 Finnish victory. Tammenpaa banged in a rebound from a point shot for an early Finnish lead. Eklund (known as ‘Eken’) struck back with an early second-period goal to restore Swedish hopes. Tammenpaa carried the play, but late in the middle frame, his bad giveaway enabled ‘Eken’ to waltz down the middle and score a nice one-handed, Peter Forsberg-style goal.

That momentum shift was short-lived. Early in the third, Tammenpaa got a absolute highlight-reel goal, undressing a Swedish defender before cashing in from a sweet cross-crease pass in tight. He broke Swedish hearts with the last-minute winner.

Taking his game to the next level on PS4, ‘Rottadee’ grabbed a quick 4-0 lead with spectacular playmaking on the rush. ‘SebbeLarsen86’ spoiled the Finnish shutout before the period ended, but it was too late for a comeback. It turned into a 12-3 annihilation, as ‘Rottadee’ seemingly exploited every Swedish error to give Finland a whopping 22-7 aggregate lead.



Two national champions (one Xbox and one PS4 player) represented each of the 16 nations that played in the EFC.

In the fourth and final Xbox game, 'Eken' simply couldn't mount a comeback against Tammenpaa. With neither player giving an inch, it turned into a hard-fought 2-1 overtime win for 'Eki', capping off Finland's run to the crown.

Commemorative pucks and IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship tickets were awarded to the 32 playoff participants. Diversity in gaming is a work in progress, so it was refreshing to see the strong performance by Sandra 'Lady Bru-

nette' Demitrova, who helped Slovakia make the quarter-finals. Undoubtedly the number of female competitors will continue to increase.

IIHF Pilot Project a success

Attracting a global audience on Facebook, Twitch, and YouTube, this tournament provided a welcome diversion for hockey fans during the difficult circumstances stemming from the pandemic.

"We wanted to give fans, from the countries that would have had a team competing in the 2020 World Championship, a chance to participate in this Esport tournament," said IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner. "Just because everyone is at home does not mean we can't organize something with our fans remotely, and the Esport Fan Championship is an ideal solution."

"As this was a pilot project, we also decided that there would be no sponsorship associated with this tournament. The IIHF has made an investment into this initiative and we were not aiming for a profit. We wanted to run this tournament for the fans as a special offering this year, and in the process to evaluate if this has the potential to grow into something bigger for the future."

The next step for the IIHF will be to discuss the EFC results with the 16 Members National Associations that took part in the tournament, to get their views, wishes and expectations for what a future Esport event might look like in the future. The goal eventually would be to incorporate as many countries as possible, to give MNAs the chance to create a new platform for fans to enjoy ice hockey.

"The sky's the limit, but most of all we want to give all of our member national associations, and ice hockey fans worldwide, the opportunity to take part in an Esport competition. Esport, just like sport itself, should be for everyone."



Video Highlights: 2020 IIHF Esports Fan Championship



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Best Forward, Most Valuable Player



Erik Tamenpaa, 'Tilantekija' Team Finland

The IIHF Esports Fan Championship 2020 had a number of well-known names competing. But none of them was able to show their potential as consistently as 'Tilantekija'. The maestro of virtual ice dominated on the Xbox One and continued the Finnish success story. Tammenpää, in particular, made his mark and was rightfully awarded the title of Most Valuable Player. The winner of the 2018 NHL™ Gaming World Championship, 'Tilantekija' was the only player besides the Latvian Kristers 'chibra' Bauers to go undefeated in the entire competition, winning 14 games in a row.

Best Defenceman



Henrik Eklund, 'eken45jr' Team Sweden

The 20-year-old Swede showed the best defensive performance over the whole tournament. Eklund made it clear in the national qualifier that he was reluctant to concede goals; in five games his goaltender only had to concede six times. Playing against the national champions from Italy, Czech Republic, Canada, and Finland in the playoffs, 'eken45jr' more than earned his distinction as Best Defenceman, considering the high quality of the field. Eklund conceded just 22 goals in eight individual matches of the main round, less than three on average.

Latvia are Virtual World Champions!

IIHF fan vote dominated by 2021 co-hosts

By Martin Merk

Latvia is the first Virtual World Champion! Fans voted in the vote-based Virtual World Championship, according to the schedule and format of the cancelled 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The Virtual Worlds had many surprises and the Latvians were strong from the early beginning. In the playoffs, the fans went the extra mile, out-voting fans from Canada, Slovakia, and finally Finland to make Latvia the first-ever Virtual World Champions.

This event was not about how strong players are on the ice, how many NHL players a country produces or how big a country or its population is. It was about the passion of the fans and the hockey family and for that we found a worthy winner in Latvia.

The voting campaign grew to the point where fans voted in droves, media covered the



Latvia fans are well-known at the Worlds for their support and passion, and they demonstrated it again in a virtual fan vote.

Andre Ringuette / IIHF Images

event, the Latvian Hockey Federation was on it and players like Elvis Merzlikins published video messages. Paldies Latvija!

The coronavirus pandemic may have caused the cancellation of the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland and many other events.

But it did not destroy the joy of the fans for the IIHF Worlds and the anticipation of ge-

tting the annual experience back next year on the ice in Belarus and Latvia.

To make the wait feel shorter, the IIHF launched the Virtual World Championship during the dates of what would have been the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Zurich and Lausanne, Switzerland.

Using graphics that were posted on the IIHF social media channels on Facebook, Insta-

gram, Twitter and VKontakte, the IIHF played out the entire schedule of what would have been the 2020 Worlds. During the exact game times, fans could cast their vote during two hours of each game for the winner.

Based on the votes from the fans and a specialized formula created to convert the number of votes into goals, the IIHF obtained scores for each game, ran group standings and got to know the participants for the quarter-finals. Even the classic Power Rankings were back!

It was an innovative way to recognize the missed 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship – played out virtually in this period of social distancing.

For the final round the eight qualified teams Latvia, Czech Republic, Finland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada and Russia were seeded in classic playoff brackets starting with the quarter-finals. The voting again followed what would have been the playoff schedule from 2020.

For the 64 virtual games we had 778,712 votes, 12,167 in average - similar to the total attendance that you would see at an IIHF World Championship!

NHL to resume play

NHL and NHLPA ratify Return to Play Plan, Collective Bargaining Agreement extension

By Martin Merk

The National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) have ratified the Return to Play Plan and a four-year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement until the 2025/2026 season including a commitment to join for the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing 2022 and Milan 2026 following internal voting.

The CBA Article 24 was amended to include new subsection 24.10 including:

“The NHL and the NHLPA commit to participate in the 2022 and 2026 Winter Olympics, subject to negotiation of terms acceptable to each of the NHL, NHLPA, and IIHF (and/or IOC).”

Beijing 2022 would mark the sixth time the NHL pauses to join the biggest spotlight of winter sports after Nagano 1998, Salt Lake City 2002, Turin 2006, Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014.



Alex Ovechkin (left) and Sidney Crosby (right) may return to Olympic ice as the NHL and NHLPA commit to Olympic participation.

Matthew Manor / HHOF-IIHF Images

The Beijing 2022 Olympics will include the top-8 teams in the world, host China and three qualifiers to be determined according to the following groups in the men's ice hockey tournament:

The three qualifiers will be determined in the Final Olympic Qualification in August 2021. The dates would make it possible to have NHL players be added to the teams for these tournaments.

The news of the ratification of the CBA extension and the Return to Play agreement was welcomed by IIHF President René Fasel.

“This is great news for hockey,” said Fasel. “I want to congratulate Gary Bettman, Don Fehr, the players, owners, and everyone involved for their work in forging a new CBA and ensuring that the world's top league will return to the ice

soon and will continue to grow strong well into the future.”

“I am also very pleased to see that the players and owners have agreed to work towards bringing best-on-best ice hockey back to the Olympic Games, starting in Beijing 2022. After the conclusion of the NHL playoffs, we look forward to renewing our discussions with the NHL, the NHLPA, the IOC, BOCOG, and our Member National Associations, and together ensure that we can provide the very best platform for our game in Beijing and beyond.”

Fasel added that there were still a few hurdles to overcome before NHL participation could be fully confirmed.

“There are still some challenges left to address, including technical and practical discussions with all key stakeholders, before we can 100% confirm that we will have NHL players back on the ice at the Olympics. But this is a very positive and necessary step forward.”

Stanley Cup Playoffs in Edmonton, Toronto

Following a 142-day pause, the National Hockey League will drop the puck with a five-game schedule of Stanley Cup Qualifiers on Saturday, Aug. 1. The sweeping agreements pave the way for the resumption of the 2019-20 NHL season

toward the crowning of a Stanley Cup champion by early October and provide an updated economic framework for the League and its Players, including addressing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

When competition resumes, the 12 participating Eastern Conference teams will play in Toronto, while the 12 participating Western Conference teams will compete in Edmonton. The Conference Finals and Stanley Cup Final will take place in Edmonton. Each team will be permitted to bring a maximum of 52 individuals into the Secure Zones in the hub cities, including a maximum of 31 players.

In keeping with the League's commitment to the health and safety of all participants, each of the 52 Club personnel will live inside a secure "bubble" – the Phase 4 Secure Zone – and will be tested daily for COVID-19 as well as being administered daily temperature checks and symptom screenings. As well, individuals who might have direct or indirect contact with NHL teams will be tested daily. Any person inside the Secure Zone who tests positive will immediately be isolated.

"Today, the NHL and the NHLPA announced a significant agreement that addresses the uncertainty everyone is dealing with, the framework for the completion of the 2019-20 season and the



The Edmonton Oilers and Toronto Maple Leafs will play host to a 24-team playoff round to resume the NHL season.

Perry Nelson / Hockey Hall of Fame

foundation for the continued long-term growth of our League," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "I thank NHLPA Executive Director Don Fehr and Special Assistant to the Executive Director Mathieu Schneider, the more than 700 NHL Players – particularly those who worked on our Return to Play Committee – and the NHL's Board of Governors for coming together under

extraordinary circumstances for the good of our game. While we have all worked very hard to try to address the risks of COVID-19, we know that health and safety are and will continue to be our priorities. We know that all of our fans are excited about our return to the ice next month and that has been our goal since we paused our season on March 12."

"This agreement is a meaningful step forward for the players and owners, and for our game, in a difficult and uncertain time. This would not have happened but for the enormous contributions that the players made throughout, particularly those who served on the Negotiating and Return to Play Committees, as well as those on the Executive Board," said Don Fehr, NHLPA Executive Director. "I also thank Gary Bettman, Bill Daly and the NHL staff for their efforts towards finding solutions to the problems we face. Most importantly, we are pleased to be able to bring NHL hockey back to the fans. We look forward to the NHL's continued growth here in North America and on the world stage."

The return to the Olympic Winter Games was a long-time wish of the NHL players after missing out on PyeongChang 2018 and was also approved by a majority of the club owners for 2022 and 2026. Among the teams with positive quotes was New Jersey Devils General Manager Tom Fitzgerald. "I'm happy for those players who will be on their national teams and recognizing the importance of this international stage," he said. "Well, there's no bigger stage in the sporting world than the Olympics. And if your game can be represented there, it's a win for our league. That's how I look at it. I think secondly, this is what the players want. They want to do this. They're passionate about it and I'm sure it's an incredible experience."

An emotional year

IIHF President reflects on 2020 season

By Adam Steiss

The 2020/21 season brought unique and unprecedented challenges to the IIHF and its member national associations.

To IIHF President René Fasel, these challenges were met and surpassed by the IIHF and its member national associations. Ice Times sat with the President to discuss COVID-19, and the road forward for ice hockey.

What comes to mind when you look back at the last six months?

Wow, where to begin? This was a year where the IIHF family went through a stress test, but I think we were able to prove that the IIHF was there for its members when they truly needed us.

It wasn't easy, but we define ourselves in times of crisis, and I am proud of the IIHF office, our IIHF Council, and our membership in making sure we supported each other during the COVID-19 crisis.



"(COVID-19) was a tragedy, but in a way it was also a show of unity for the ice hockey family" - IIHF President René Fasel

At the beginning of the crisis, we stayed always in close contacts with our membership. Our IIHF Council was in constant communication, keeping everyone updated and aware of what the IIHF Office was doing, and what our MNAs were reporting to us each day.

We tried always to keep our membership informed, and when the decision came to can-

cel, we did so as early as we could in order to minimize the financial losses that would follow. We also made certain that tournament hosts and participating teams were aware when a tournament was to be cancelled before it came out in the media.

Following the cancellation of the World Championship, we established a COVID-19 relief

fund, in which over 17 million Swiss Francs were distributed to our membership in order to help them get through a difficult season. It was gratifying to hear the gratitude from our MNAs for this, and I am thankful we were able to come through for them when they needed us.

It was a tragedy, but it was also a show of unity for the ice hockey family.

Talking to other federation and the IOC, what are the biggest concerns for the sporting world going forward?

Everyone is taking stock of the situation right now, we all faced similar challenges and event cancellations and needed to move fast, as the situation with COVID changed almost daily.

Other federations are trying to open up and develop roadmaps to return to play, but that's not all the story. With COVID-19 though, you are talking about governments and health authorities having the ultimate say.

So everyone is trying to stay as informed as possible to see how an event will be able to take place, whether fans will be allowed, and how athletes and other personnel will be protected once they are in a venue.

How have you been maintaining contact with the leadership of the IIHF's Member National Associations?

We kept the IIHF office operations running throughout the pandemic. At the same time I kept close contact to many of our MNA presidents. Availability was essential, even if we worked from home.

We also felt that we needed to give the MNAs a chance to discuss their local situations in a platform outside of Congress, so we organized an online Information Session where we invited all of our members to take part. This helped to address MNA concerns and also allowed us to then move into a smooth operation of the Extra-Ordinary Congress.

Do you foresee another virtual gathering in place of the 2020 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in September 2020?

We received very positive feedback from the Extra-Ordinary Congress. We were really hoping that it might be possible to organize a physical Congress in St. Petersburg, but we ultimately had to face facts that it was not going to be possible. I foresee that we will continue to organize such events going forward for the near future, whether in Congress or through an information session.



IIHF President René Fasel chaired an online Information meeting with MNA Presidents at the IIHF office in Zurich.

Taking COVID out of the equation, what were some of the bright sports from the 2020 season?

I would go back to Lausanne in January, where we debuted the first-ever mixed-NOC 3-on-3 men's and women's ice hockey competitions.

I was so pleased to see so many of our members being represented by these skilled young men and women in an Olympic ice hockey competition. We watched players compete

together from countries that normally never even see each other in IIHF tournaments. I hope that these NOCs will support us in making sure we can bring this format to future Olympics events.

The NHL will restart its season with a special playoff round next month, what does this restart mean for other leagues that are looking to do the same?

Most of the leagues have closed their 2019/20 seasons and are looking to restart with a new

season, so that the international calendar can be preserved and athletes can count on playing close to the same dates as usual.

I think the NHL can take a leading role in demonstrating how to manage team and game operations within a controlled environment and condensed game schedule. In some way the proposal for hub centers in which multiple teams compete in the same arena mirrors our World Championships.

We will be monitoring how the NHL approaches this restart, but will also be interested to see how other major leagues in Europe and elsewhere handle their return to play protocols.

The NHL and NHLPA have also ratified a new collective bargaining agreement, with an agreement to commit to Olympic participation. What does this mean for a return to best-on-best hockey at the Olympics?

We are very encouraged by this progress. After the NHL season concludes we can get back to the table with the NHL, the NHLPA, the IOC, BOCOG, and our MNAs so that we can work towards a solution that brings the world's top ice hockey players back to the Games.

Coming up

2021 IIHF World Junior Championship

CANADA, Edmonton & Red Deer
26.12.20-05.01.2021

2021 IIHF U20 World Championship

Division I Group A

DENMARK, Horsholm
13.-19.12.2020

2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship

SWEDEN, Linköping & Mjölby
05-12.01.2020

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2021 IIHF Continental Cup

Group A

ICELAND, Akureyri
16.-18.10.2020

Group B

BULGARIA, Sofia
16.-18.10.2020

Group C

ICELAND, Akureyri
13.-15.11.2020

Group D

ITALY, Asiago
13.-15.11.2020

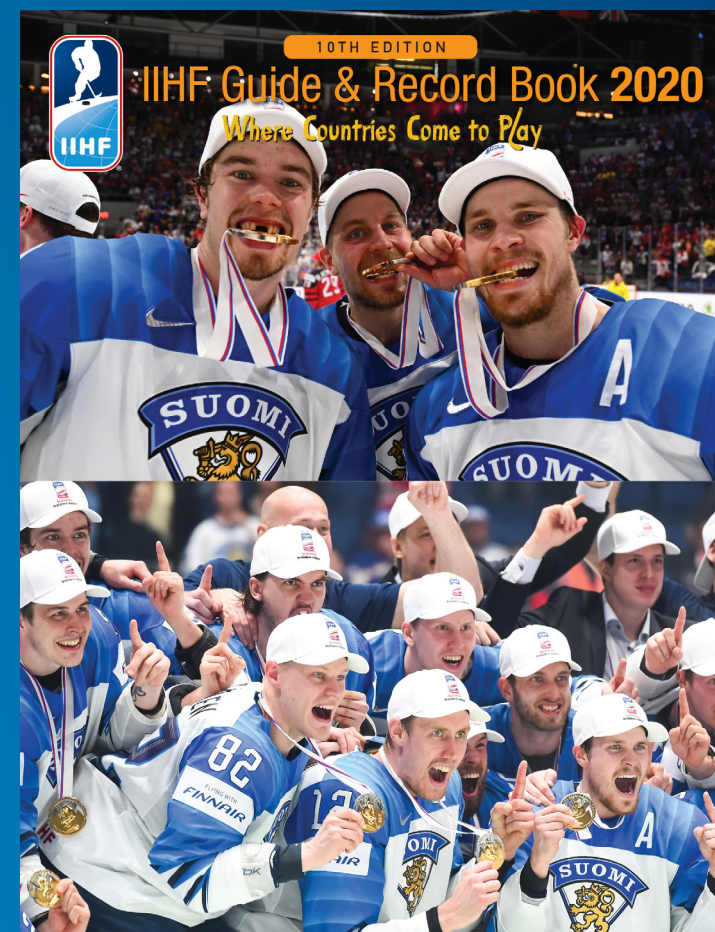
Group E

DENMARK, Frederikshavn
13.-15.11.2020

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