

2020/2021 – 2021/22 Season IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

Ice Hockey U20 World Championship	(WM20)
Ice Hockey U18 World Championship	(WM18)
Ice Hockey Women's World Championship	(WW)
Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship	(WW18)

Preface

The Host must be aware of the value of IIHF Championships and organise the Championship in accordance with international standards in order to serve the best interest of the sport and the Championship.

The IIHF has produced and distributed the Championship Regulations to all IIHF Member National Associations to direct and guide the Host in the administrative organization and operation of an IIHF sanctioned Championship event.

In an attempt to serve the Host as well as the prospective applicant for a IIHF World Championship, the Regulations have been revised, adapted and scaled for the mentioned events and comprise now all necessary information of former regulations, guidelines, manuals and handbooks.

The content of these 2020/2021 – 2021/22 Season IIHF Championship Regulations is valid only for the top-level IIHF Championships, e.g. IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship, the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship and the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship. It supersedes any and all previous printings of these regulations for the aforementioned Championships.

Therefore, we are pleased to present the current issue to all IIHF Member National Associations, providing you with the direction and guidance in order to apply for and organize the various sanctioned competitions, operated under the authority of the International Ice Hockey Federation. We trust that the instructions and the information contained within this document will provide the necessary details and tools for our Member National Associations, their teams and their players to compete in a fair and sporting fashion in IIHF Championship events.

Regulations pertaining to international player transfers, sport technical issues, seeding, games schedules, medical, health and first aid, medical doping control and the actual playing rules can be found in the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws and the respective IIHF Rule and IIHF Regulation documents. Please contact the IIHF Office directly for any clarification on any of the regulations or for questions on topics not covered in this publication.

If not otherwise stated according to below, the "IIHF" refers to the IIHF Council communicated through the office during the pre-event period and the Championship Directorate from the time when the first Directorate meeting is held at the start of each respective Championship.

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1 GENERAL

1.1. IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

The principles and rules relating to the organisation of IIHF Championships are specified in the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws, Championship Regulations, Sports Regulations and Medical Regulations.

1.2. APPLICATION

The following IIHF Championship Regulations apply to the IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship, the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship and the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship, hereinafter referred to as the Championships.

1.3. OWNERSHIP OF IIHF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IIHF is the exclusive worldwide owner of all rights pertaining to all Championships and competitions as defined by IIHF Bylaw 1.

1.4. HOSTING RIGHTS

1.4.1. General

It is the practice of the IIHF to entrust the organisation of an IIHF Championship or competition to a hosting member national ice hockey association, hereinafter referred to as the Host.

1.4.2. Hosting Rights

The Hosting rights are regarded granted to the Host as soon as the specific Host Country Contract has been signed by the Host and the IIHF after the allocation of the Championship by the IIHF Annual Congress. The hosting rights of the Championship granted to the Host are not transferable to a third party. Inability of the Host to perform in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations can only result in the return of the event to the IIHF or it being reclaimed by the IIHF.

The Host, in accepting the hosting rights and organisational responsibilities, must at all times maintain full hosting and organisational control, and provide at the request of the IIHF interim progress and financial reports.

1.4.3. Host Sub-contractors

If a Host wishes to subcontract a part of the rights and/or obligations to any third party, the third party and the agreement must be approved by the IIHF Council before any contract will be signed.

Where part of the rights and obligations of the Host are subcontracted to a third party, the Host is still fully responsible for the organisation of the Championship in relation to the IIHF and its partners. The Host shall ensure that third parties shall fulfil all obligations according to the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations pertaining to the Championship.

1.5. HOST OBLIGATIONS

The Host shall organize the Championship on behalf of the IIHF.

The Host must take full responsibility for the organisation of the event in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations without exceptions, and fulfil all organisational responsibilities specified therein and in the Host Country Contract as well as in any separate agreement with the IIHF.

Any agreement entered by the Host in order to fulfill such requirements shall be entered into solely in the name of the Host. The IIHF is not in any way a partner of agreements with third parties subcontracted by the Host.

Member National Associations applying to organize an IIHF Championship are advised to address any variation to the IIHF rules pertaining to the Championship with the IIHF before making the application to host the Championship.

2 ORGANISATIONAL PROVISIONS

2.1. PROJECT PLAN

A Project Plan has to be presented after the Championship allocation to the IIHF and shall be continuously updated and communicated to the IIHF and serve as the basis for the co- operation between the IIHF and the Host. The Project Plan shall include among others:

- Organisation chart, naming all persons and their respective positions;
- Timetable including all major activities, key decisions and milestones according to the Championship Regulations and other key dates relating to the preparation of the Championship.

2.2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ("EC")

2.2.1. Executive Members

An Executive Committee ("EC") shall be set up for the organisation of the Championship and the EC shall consist of the following persons, unless otherwise stated by the IIHF:

Chairman: President of the Host National Association

Members: Representative of the IIHF

Chairman of the Organising Committee unless the President of the Host National Association holds this position.

The EC chairman shall be fully responsible and accountable to the IIHF in all matters relating to the organisation of the Championship.

The EC may invite a representative of the Commercial Partner to participate in its meetings.

2.2.2. EC Tasks

The EC shall perform among others the following duties:

- Set policies and make decisions, as required;
- Ensure that the Championship is organised according to the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations pertaining to the Championship;
- Oversee the preparations of the Championship and receive reports on all activities of the Organising Committee(s) according to 2.3 below; and
- Approve and monitor the operating budget.

The EC is responsible for providing the IIHF Directorate (which shall consist of representatives of the IIHF and at least one English speaking representative of the participating associations) with according reports during the Championship in order to ensure that the Championship is operated in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, By- laws and Regulations pertaining to the Championship.

2.3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE ("OC")

2.3.1. General

If the Championship is organised in a single city location the EC may appoint an Organising Committee ("OC").

If the Championship is organised in two cities there shall be beside the EC one Central Organising Committee ("COC"), who shall communicate with the EC and the IIHF on behalf of the Local Organising Committees ("LOC") established by the COC in each city.

English is the official language of the Championship, all relevant documents must be in English language. The OC is responsible to communicate national laws and regulations, obtain and co-ordinate any approval of the local authorities and bare connected costs.

2.3.2. OC Members

The OC(s) shall be made up of a representative of the Host National Association and representatives from the respective local civic and ice hockey community. The structure of the OC(s) and the appointments of management positions shall be subject to approval by the EC.

In case of a single city location, the COC or the OC may be chaired by another Host National Association representative than the President and shall be fully responsible and accountable to the EC and the IIHF in all matters relating to the organisation of the Championship.

If the Host has employed the services of a third party to assist in the organisation of a championship, they may be represented in the OC after the approval of the IIHF.

2.3.3. OC Tasks

The OC shall perform among others the following duties:

- Promote and stage the Championship;
- Implement decisions made by the EC;
- Implement instructions given by the IIHF; and
- Establish a management and operational structure for the organisation.

Prior to the Championship, the OC must inform the IIHF and the participating Member National Associations when requested by the IIHF about all aspects of the organisation of the Championship.

2.4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Host shall be responsible for appointing qualified persons to the EC and OC(s) to support and to co-ordinate the day-to-day operations before, during and after the Championship.

2.5. SITE VISITS

Immediately after the allocation of an IIHF Championship, the Host must contact the IIHF in order to schedule site visits to discuss all aspects of mutual co-operation related to the Championship, including but not limited to, matters related to broadcasting, advertising and merchandising rights, inspection of arenas, placing of advertising, preparation and production of all materials associated with the organisation and operation of the Championship (i.e. bulletins, journals, posters, programmes, cards, tickets, stationery, statistics, etc.), obtaining of equipment, suppliers and sponsors.

2.6. MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The Host is responsible for the writing and distribution of minutes of all meetings between the Host and the IIHF and meetings between the Host, IIHF and any of its partners. Once the minutes are approved, the Host shall distribute the minutes to all parties concerned no later than one week following the meeting.

3 FINANCES

3.1. REVENUES

3.1.1. General

The Host is entitled to all revenues derived from the exploitation of all Championship rights which are specifically granted to the Host in the Host Country Contract.

The Host may purchase or be granted additional rights from the IIHF. The revenues derived from the purchase of such rights shall be distributed according to the conditions as specified in each case

by the IIHF.

3.2. COST RESPONSIBILITY

The Host is obliged to cover all costs related to the organisation of the Championship in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations, unless otherwise stated by the IIHF.

3.3. FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE IIHF

The Host shall provide the IIHF with a complete set of management accounts for the Championship. After the Championship the Host shall supply to the IIHF a detailed profit and loss statement.

3.4. HOST NATION TAXES, FEES ETC.

The hosting Member National Association shall pay any taxes and/or similar fees levied by the country hosting the Championship on any revenues from the Championship or payments to the participants or to the IIHF.

The Host is obliged to ensure that importation and exportation of objects, products, technical equipment etc. supplied or to be used by the IIHF, the Commercial Partner, TV- and radio broadcasters, official sponsors and equipment suppliers (advertising boards, products for personal use, technical material, equipment material etc.) can be affected free of charge and without any problems. The Host shall guarantee the necessary support or pre-arrangements with customs authorities.

The Host must provide the IIHF and its partners with all necessary official documents for tax- exempt and duty-free importation and exportation of all equipment and material supplied and to be used in relation to the Championship, irrespective of the means of transport.

4 VENUES AND FACILITIES

4.1. VENUES/CITIES

4.1.1. Number of Venues/Cities

If there are more than 6 teams participating in the Championship, the Host must have two ice arenas (depending on the playing system and the required ice time for games and practices) corresponding with the IIHF requirements.

The Championship may not be played in more than two ice arenas. Exceptions may be permitted by the IIHF Council after receiving a written request from the Host.

4.1.2. Location of Venues

The IIHF Congress shall approve the arenas and cities.

The Championship shall be played in cities not further than three hours travelling time apart (arena to arena).

4.1.3. Ice Rinks

Game and practice rinks must have guaranteed exclusivity, regarding all areas, e.g. clean venue rule, catering rights etc., and be reserved for the sole use of the participants of the IIHF World Championship, during the entire duration of the Event, including on game-free days.

The specification of the ice rinks must comply with the official IIHF Rule Book. Netting around the rink shall not show any advertising or other print and should be in dark colour. The Host is responsible for ensuring the arena facilities are fit for purpose one week prior to the start of the Championship and are maintained as such throughout the duration of the Championship.

4.1.4. Light Requirements

The lighting in the arena must be at least 1400 lux for HD television production measured in the direction of the main camera 1.5m above ice level. The light should have a temperature of minimum 3200° Kelvin (arena without daylight) and up to 5600° Kelvin (arena with daylight), with the same temperature at the playing surface and the stands. The light should be evenly spread at the playing surface and without shadows along the boards. The practice rink should offer a minimum of 600 lux.

To operate the flash zone full light is required at the beginning of each intermission for at least 3 minutes after the last player has left the ice. Illumination of ice rink displays electricity and rigging of specific lighting installations.

4.1.5. Electricity Requirements

In order to organize and broadcast the Championship, the Host is obliged to provide free of charge the infrastructure for sufficient and uninterrupted supply of electricity with an emergency power supply system (i.e. with full redundancy and seamless switching) following the specified requests submitted by the IIHF Commercial Partner on behalf of its television partners. On each venue, the power supply must each provide a minimum of 550 kVA. The detailed specifications of such power supply system shall be supplied by the IIHF Commercial Partner to the Organising Committee no later than 6 months prior to the start of the Championship. The specific need of power (kVA) will be submitted no later than 3 months to the Organising Committee whereas any exceeding request above 550 kVA the cost will be borne by the requesting party.

Electricity consumption by TV companies for OB-vans, TV studios, etc. will be paid by the requesting party on the basis of applicable standard prices for domestic electrical power (plus a maximum of 15%) in the particular market, where the championship takes place. The price list has to be released by the Host at least 12 months prior to the Championship. Domestic power for all Broadcast offices in the TV-Compound area has to be paid by the Host.

Electricity for Commercial Affiliates displays and sales positions indoor and outdoor must be made available based on standard applicable costs for individual consumption.

4.1.6. Internet Connections

The Host shall ensure the availability of unrestricted LAN (min. 100 MB/sec) or WAN (min. 8 MB/sec with 8MB/sec backup) connection in the arenas.

4.1.7. Environmental Requirements

The Host shall ensure compliance with national environmental legislation relating to the arenas.

The Host shall take all steps to ensure that there is no smoking in the arena and to prevent the use of air horns. The Host shall ensure that air horns are not sold in any area under their control.

No give-aways shall be distributed without prior IIHF approval.

4.2. ARENA ROOMS AND FACILITIES

All rooms should be clearly signed and a proper directional signage system (combined with the accreditation zones approved by the IIHF) should guide the various persons easily and quickly through the whole venue.

4.2.1. Allocation of Rooms

The allocation of rooms with all relating details, such as office equipment and basic furniture needed to fulfil the purpose of each room, will be laid down on occasion of a site visit. The minutes of the site visit together with an attached floor plan shall be signed by the IIHF and the Host. The IIHF may request and/or approve changes of the allocation of rooms. However, any such request must be made at the latest three (3) months before the Championship.

4.2.2. Team Dressing Rooms

Each participating team shall be allocated a permanent dressing room (approximately 80 m²) with additional rooms attached to it to host showers (min. 6 shower heads), WC (min. 3 toilets), coaches room with a separate entrance door at WW and WW18 (approx. 10 m², equipped with a wired internet line), massage room (approx. 10 m²), storage (approx. 10 m²), and drying facilities and a TV set with the live signal of all games in both venues. Each dressing room should have enough seats/spaces to hold the number of players specified under Official Participants (7.4) and in the relevant IIHF Bylaws.

If the arena does not provide appropriate dressing rooms within 2 minutes walking time between the dressing room and the access to the ice, the host has to provide game dressing rooms as close to the ice as possible.

4.2.3. Team Stretching and Warm-up Area

The Host shall provide a stretching and warm-up area to be shared by the teams playing in the arena. The area shall be equipped with at least 20 stationary bikes, floor matting and adequate ventilation and security.

4.2.4. Game Official Areas

For the assigned Game Officials (2 Referees, 2 Linesmen) and the assigned Stand-by Game Officials (1 Referee, 1 Linesman) shall be allocated adequate dressing rooms, with a minimum size of 20 m², equipped with showers and WC in each arena.

If two (2) or more games are played per day in one arena, two (2) dressing rooms for the Game Officials shall be provided if required by the IIHF.

The Game Officials dressing rooms shall be equipped as follows:

- Bench/chairs and equipment stalls and cloth racks for four (4) Game Officials (working crew);
- Bench/chairs and equipment stalls and cloth racks for two (2) Stand-by Game Officials;
- Internet Connection (highspeed Wi-Fi Access);
- TV Screen – adequate size, with live signal from both venues;
- Time clock, connected to game clock for pre-game and between period count-down;
- Security set-up/ Security-check at the door, and/or lockable doors; and
- Cleaning service for the dressing room between the games.

The Game Officials shall be provided with:

- Access to organized equipment and repair service;
- Access to skate sharpening service;
- Drink service delivered to the dressing room (sealed water bottles, isotonic drinks, coffee/tea, incl. milk and sugar);
- Snack service delivered to the dressing room (assortment of fruits, energy bars, etc.);
- Shower towels for all assigned Game Officials;
- Laundry service (incl. laundry bags) for uniforms and underwear, after each game and ice practice, preferably provided inside the arena – next day delivery; and
- Skate laces (white), tape assortment (black, white and transparent tape) and visor cleaner.

The Game Official Warm-up Zone shall be equipped with:

- Two (2) stationary warm-up bikes;
- Floor matting;
- Adequate air-conditioning, ventilation; and
- Security set-up.

The Game Official Equipment Drying Room shall be equipped with:

- Drying facility with ventilation in the arena or hotel;
- Sufficient drying racks for all Game Officials' equipment;
- Dehumidifier/ electric heater; and

- Lockable doors.

4.2.5. Doping Control Station and First Aid Room

The Host shall provide a Doping Control Station and a First Aid Room as close as possible to the ice-rink and the player dressing rooms. The rooms shall be connected with rubber floor matting to the dressing rooms and equipped and operated in accordance with the IIHF Medical Regulations and IIHF Doping Control Regulations.

4.2.6. Video Goal Judge Room

The Host shall provide a Video Goal Judge Room and install a Video Goal Judge system as specified by the IIHF Video Goal Judge System Guidelines, and to ensure that the necessary camera and TV feeds are available at that location as well as one wired telephone line including one telephone set. The room must be located with an unrestricted view to the ice- level and the location and the installations shall be approved by the IIHF.

The Host is obliged to cover all costs related to the installation and operation of the Video Goal Judge System unless otherwise stated by the IIHF.

This provision does not apply for hosts of WW18.

4.2.7. Statistical Service

The Host shall provide working space in the arena for service of the IIHF computer statistics system HYDRA. This server room must have restricted access and be located close to the time keeping bench and provide working spaces for three persons. Equipment must be provided as specified in the Host Country Contract and the environment must be suitable in regard to temperature and ventilation to run powerful computers and shall provide a TV set with the live feed of all games.

4.2.8. Directorate Meeting Room

The Host shall provide a spacious and adequately furnished and equipped room (television set with Video Conference System upon request, flip chart, beamer) for Directorate meetings with a U-shaped set up for approx. 20 persons. Mail and information boxes for each team, Directorate Members and Supervisors shall be set up within or in the vicinity of the meeting room.

At the date of the first Directorate Meeting three (3) rooms with classroom style set up for approx. 15 persons are required where the Medical Meeting, the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM), Passport Control Meeting will be held simultaneously. These rooms shall be equipped with TV set, inclusive HDMI access and cabling, flip chart and beamer. The Directorate Meeting will be held following the Passport Control Meeting in the same room.

The Host is responsible for preparing all documentation for directorate meetings, under the guidance of the IIHF. The Host is also responsible for providing a minute-taker for all directorate meetings, and for producing and distributing said minutes, following their approval by the chairman.

4.2.9. IIHF Staff Office

The Host must provide in each arena one office with up to 5 working spaces in total with necessary equipment installed and ready to be used 3 days prior to the Championship. The equipment shall include, but not be limited to sufficient lighting, a telephone with international access, copy machine, printer and 5 lines for simultaneous internet access.

The Host shall supply free of charge mobile phones with network SIM cards for IIHF personnel according to the list prepared by the IIHF.

The office for IIHF staff shall be equipped with one television set allowing for monitoring of on- going games of the Championship.

4.2.10. IIHF Official Website Staff

The Host shall provide working space on each venue for one person working on behalf of the IIHF with the IIHF official website for the Championship. The working space shall be equipped with one (1) high-speed Internet connection.

4.2.11. IIHF Photographers

The Host shall provide working space in each venue with a high-speed Internet connection for two IIHF photographers. The working space shall be located preferably as close as possible to the ice-level or in the media centre in the arena. The Host shall provide secured and lockable storage rooms for the equipment of the IIHF photographers.

4.2.12. Media Service

The Host shall provide media services according to Chapter 15 below, which include the provision of the following facilities:

- Media Centre: Room or tent offering convenient working conditions for up to 100 accredited journalists and reporters;
- Media Tribune: 100 seats per game in the spectator area of each arena to accommodate print media journalists. The seating area shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and they shall be located as approved by the IIHF, taking in consideration existing media facilities;
- Commentator Positions: 15 positions each comprising 3 seats and one table per game in the spectator area of each arena for commentator positions (TV and Radio). The seats shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and they shall be located on the same side as the main camera platform as close as possible to the centre of the ice surface below the main camera platform if feasible;
- Press Conference Room: Separate room suitable for press conferences with seating for up to 70 persons;
- Mixed Zone: Sufficient space for media interviews in the arenas located as close as possible to the player dressing rooms and the Media Tribune. The Mixed Zone shall be large enough to accommodate all interested media representatives with easy access from the media zones. Further it shall be divided into three sections: 1) TV, 2) Radio, 3) Print Media, to be accessed by the players in the same order;
- Flash Zone: Adequate space at the players entrance to the rink, where broadcasters are entitled to make flash-interviews with a player (not longer than 90 seconds) during intermissions;
- Photocopy Centre: A separate office or facility (at least 20 m²) equipped with high- capacity photocopiers and printers for the production and venue-wide distribution of game statistics. It would be preferable if the copy centre were located as close as possible to the Media Centre and the Office for Games statistics according to 4.2.7; and
- Media Cafeteria: Located within or in the vicinity of the Media Centre according to above, serving refreshments to media representatives at a moderate price level;

4.2.13. Transportation Centre

The Host shall provide a fully equipped transportation office/desk according to Chapter 8 below. The transportation office/desk shall be located within or in the vicinity of each game arena.

4.2.14. Accreditation Centre

The Host shall provide an Accreditation Centre within or in the vicinity of each game arena. The centre shall be fully equipped and operated by the host.

The Accreditation Centre shall have direct public access and there shall be ample working space in the centre allowing a flow of larger groups of people.

4.2.15. IIHF Partner Facilities

The Host shall provide office space to be used by IIHF partners as requested by the IIHF not later than 6 months before the Championship.

4.2.16. VIP Lounge

The Host shall provide fully operational VIP lounges for the use of the IIHF according to Chapter 11. The VIP hospitality lounges for the IIHF shall be located as close as possible to the IIHF seats according to 10.2 below.

The VIP lounge shall be separate or combined for the IIHF and the Host. Appropriate catering has to be provided by the Host.

4.2.17. Broadcasting Infrastructure

The Host must provide sufficient and suitable space and infrastructure in the arena for TV and Radio broadcasting in accordance with Chapter 14. The broadcasting infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, availability of electricity, telephone lines, internet connections and TV facilities like camera podiums and camera instalments at the ceiling (i.e. video goal judge camera), walls etc.

The Host shall provide space for TV studios upon request by the respective TV companies, but not creating any loss on spectator seats ("Seat Kills"). Requests must be made not later than eleven (11) months before the Championship.

If that is, however, not feasible, then such space should be provided with a minimum of seat kills. Requests must be made before ticket sales start.

4.2.18. Arena Public Area

The public area in the arenas and direct vicinity shall be available for activities such as advertising, product placement and general information. Any Host activity within this area shall be approved by the IIHF. In case permission by public authorities is needed for activities according to above, the Host shall seek for such permission on behalf of the IIHF.

4.2.19. Signage

In all relevant areas in and around the arena (and the host city) directional signage in the layout of the Championship design has to be provided indicating the location of respective rooms and functional zones to visitors, guests, participants, staff, volunteers and media. Such signage should also be located at key points in the host city including airports, train station, tram and bus stops, relevant parking lots, etc.

The look and location of planned signage including a detailed signage plan of the arena and surroundings must be submitted for approval to the IIHF at minimum 3 weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

4.2.20. Disciplinary Hearing Room

The Host shall provide a fully equipped disciplinary meeting room in the arena including:

- Table set up in a square for 6 persons;
- 1 computer/laptop;
- 1 big TV screen;
- 1 telephone set;
- 1 printer with scanning option;
- High speed internet with 4 connections; and
- Set up for video conference between the venues.

5 COMPETITION

5.1. IIHF SPORT REGULATIONS AND IIHF OFFICIAL RULES

The Host is obliged to comply with the IIHF Official Rule Book and Sport Regulations without exceptions.

5.2. LETTER OF INVITATION

The Host must arrange for letters of invitation and necessary support related to entry visas and for all necessary approvals for the entry of all teams and official participants, the IIHF representatives and Commercial Partner clients (official suppliers, sponsors, broadcasters etc.) and their material, even when no diplomatic relations exist between the host country and that of official visitors.

5.3. TEAM HOSTS

The Host must assign a Team Host to each participating team and to the group of Game Officials and this Team Host shall serve as the contact person between the Host and the respective teams. The Team Hosts must be able to speak fluent English and the native language of the respective team.

5.4. GAME SERVICES

The Host must provide the following services for all participating teams and Game Officials:

- Uniform service according to the IIHF Uniform Service Procedure if applicable;
- Equipment repair service;
- Skate sharpening service;
- Laundry service (incl. laundry bags) for uniforms, towels and underwear after each game and practice. Returning times for laundry service must be defined between teams and OC;
- Towel service for games and practices;
- Sufficient pucks (approx. 50 per team) for practices, pre-game warm-ups; Official game pucks will be provided by the IIHF;
- Drink- and snack service delivered to the respective dressing rooms for games and practices; and
- Cleaning service for the dressing rooms, hallways, player- and penalty benches after warm-up and between periods.

5.5. CEREMONIES

The Host must provide sufficient personnel to ensure that the IIHF protocol as described below is implemented precisely.

5.5.1. Flags

The arena must be decorated with national flags of the same dimensions and hanging from a similar height for all of the participating teams in the IIHF Championship. The flags are to be positioned from left to right (seen from the main tribune) in order of seeding of the teams with which they enter the Championship. The IIHF flag may be positioned at the start, the end. The flags may be positioned in the arena in an appropriate location for maximum visibility. The size of the IIHF flag does not need to be the same as the national flags. The Host must verify the authenticity and accuracy of the respective national flags and anthems.

The flags might be provided by the IIHF, in which case these must be used exclusively. National Anthems have to be provided by the Host.

A mechanism to hoist the flag must be provided for the post game ceremony according to 5.5.5. Please note that certain countries have a special protocol regarding flag orientation (e.g. SVK) and anthems (e.g. DEN). Two weeks prior to the start of the championship the IIHF provides "flag sheet" to organizer how to display the flags inside and outside the arena. The provided country flags by the IIHF must be returned to the IIHF Office in Zurich after the tournament.

5.5.2. Official Music & Official Speaker

The Host is obliged to use the official IIHF music as provided, in the opening and closing ceremonies in pre-game procedure and as teams enter the ice surface. The Host shall report the use of the official IIHF music to the respective collecting society (GEMA, SUISA, BIEM, etc.) and is responsible for any and all charges arising from the use of any copyrighted music.

The IIHF does have the right to assign additional speaker or replace the intended speaker from the Organizing Committee. Nevertheless, the assigned speakers must have the education to announce

in English and in the native language based on the IIHF speaker script protocol.

5.5.3. Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony plan shall be presented to the IIHF for approval no later than 8 weeks prior to the Championship.

The Opening Ceremony shall be festive and last no longer than 10 minutes. It should not jeopardize the quality of the ice for the first game. The flag of the host country will be hoisted while the country's national anthem will be played. This is then followed by the ceremonial speech of the President of the Host National Association, followed by the IIHF President, or IIHF directorate chairman, who will declare: "On behalf of the International Ice Hockey Federation, I hereby declare the [year] IIHF Ice Hockey [category] Championship [division] opened". Upon request of the Host National Association a representative of the State may open the Championship.

5.5.4. Pre-Game Ceremony

Approximately three (3) minutes before the scheduled starting time of a game and during the playing of the Championship music, both teams will enter the ice surface one after the other, and stand on their respective blue lines with the referee(s) and linesmen standing in front of the timekeeper's bench. Team captains will come forward to the game officials, exchange pennants, and shake hands while the announcer introduces the starting line ups. After that, the team skates to their goalie and then back to the bench, with only the starting players remaining on the ice. The opening face-off shall take place at the exact scheduled starting time of the game. For precise timing see the IIHF Pre- and Post- Game Countdown.

5.5.5. Post-Game Ceremony

Immediately after the game is finished, both teams shall line up on their respective blue lines. The best player of each team will be awarded and after the awards have been presented the game officials will line up on the red line. The national anthem of the winning team must be played and at the same time their national flag must be hoisted. All players shall face the flag with helmets off and in a respectful fashion. At the conclusion of this, all players of both teams will shake hands and leave the ice. For exact timing see the IIHF Pre- and Post- Game countdown.

5.5.6. Championship Awards

The cups and awards to be presented at the conclusion of the Championship by sponsors and suppliers below shall be presented with the participation of IIHF representatives on the ice surface. Any other award presenter has to be approved by the IIHF. The cups and awards shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Provided by the IIHF:

- Best players (Goaltender, Defenceman, Forward) in the tournament (nominated by the Directorate);
- Best three players of each team award; and
- Referee Commemorative Awards.

Provided by the Organizer:

- Best player of each game of each team;
- Most valuable player (MVP) of the tournament (optional); and
- All-star Team (optional).

Other awards such as the leading scorer award or a fair-play trophy or similar and any other presentations may be provided by the Host but must be approved by the IIHF. The awards presented at official ceremonies cannot be in competition with the official IIHF Awards or with IIHF Sponsors or sponsor categories.

5.5.7. Championship Cups and Medals

The IIHF provides the Host with the IIHF World Championship Cup, and plates for the, 2nd and 3rd place.

The Host of the IIHF World U20 Championship, IIHF World U18 Championship, IIHF World Women's Championship, and IIHF World Women's U18 Championship has the right to design the medals in gold, silver and bronze for the three best teams of the tournament. The design, materials and quality must be approved by the IIHF. If not requested by the Host, the IIHF will provide the medals for the three best teams.

The standards for the medals are as follows:

- Diameter: 70 mm;
- Minimum weight: 190 g;
- Minimum thickness: 6 mm;
- Amount: 35 pieces;
- The front shall have national characteristics including the complete official Championship title
- The back shall have the IIHF identification;
- The text on the medal shall include the official Event title;
- The ribbon may have the colors of the national characteristics or IIHF colors red, blue, and white; and
- The Medals are to be used exclusively to award the winning teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd), and the maximum amount produced shall be limited to the official number of players and team official allowed in the Championship.

In addition, 3 medals (gold, silver, bronze) have to be delivered to the IIHF for archiving purposes.

The design and production costs are the responsibility of the Host. Any other use of the medals or medal design is prohibited.

The IIHF World Championship Host must inform the IIHF latest in August before the Championship whether they will make use of the right to design the medals.

5.5.8. Victory and Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony plan shall be presented for the approval of the Chairman of the Directorate before the first quarterfinal game and should follow approximately the script below:

The bronze medal winning teams will be declared immediately after the post-game ceremony (hand out of the best player of the game award) of the bronze medal game. The Medals and award will be handed out on the ice and the anthem of the winning team will be played.

The gold and silver medal winning teams will be declared immediately after the post-game ceremony (hand out of the best player of the game award) of the final game.

The Directorate 3 best players and the Media All Star Team will be announced on the video cube with animations during the setup of the stage for the medal ceremony.

Both teams will stand on their respective blue lines facing each other.

After that the on-ice officials awards will be handed out and the referees will be called forward to receive their commemorative medals.

Then the silver medals are presented to the players and team officials by IIHF Council Members or representatives who place the medals around the necks of the players and team officials. The medals have to be worn by the players and team officials around the neck in respectful manner for the duration of the closing ceremony and the following post-game mixed zone and media conference procedures. Any infraction of that rule will be reported to the IIHF Disciplinary Board

and could result in additional disciplinary sanctions under IIHF Statue 19. The awarded players should then skate forward to the opposing gold medal winning team for the handshake and lines up again along the blue line, before the captain will be called again forwarded to receive the 2nd place award.

Then the gold medals are presented to the players and team officials by IIHF Council Members or representatives who place the medals around the necks of the players and team officials. When all medals are presented the team lines up along the blue line and the national anthem of the gold medal team will be played while the flags of the three medal winning teams are hoisted.

After the anthem of the winning team the silver medal winning team leaves the ice through the mixed zone exit.

The captain of the gold medal winning team will be called to receive the championship trophy.

The gold medal winning team will group for the official team picture on the ice behind the winner board and leaves the ice.

The exact timing and scripting of the ceremonies will be elaborated between the Host, the IIHF, and the Commercial Partner, and are subject to IIHF approval.

6 MEDICAL AND DOPING

The Host must ensure that the medical and doping control regulations as specified in the IIHF Medical Regulations and the IIHF Doping Control Regulations are fulfilled.

6.1. HEALTH CARE

The Host must prepare, present and operate a complete medical program for players and spectators, including but not limited to, taking appropriate measures in the areas of doping control, health care services, nutrition and hydration standards, air quality control, medical supplies, medical services and staffing, and provide fully equipped medical facilities in each arena as laid down in the IIHF Medical Regulations and Medical Care Guide.

7 ACCOMODATION AND BOARD

7.1. GENERAL

The Host is obliged to provide accommodation and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to the persons listed in 7.4 below, hereinafter referred to as Official Participants.

The Official Participants (if not otherwise stated below) are entitled to accommodation and meals in four-star hotels beginning at noon the day before the Championship begins until noon of the day after the official Championship mission for the participant concerned is terminated.

(For the WM20 and WM18, contrary to the general rule stated above, the Host is obliged to provide accommodation and full board to all teams until one day after the conclusion of the tournament).

The IIHF shall approve the specific hotels in which the teams, game officials, IIHF will stay during the Championship. The approval of hotels according to the above shall be made no later than twelve (12) months before the Championship. Any change thereafter requires the written approval of the IIHF.

7.2. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Host shall confirm to the IIHF the respective Hotels with their location not further away than 20-30 minutes travel time to the respective arena and room rates latest including room availability at the Semi-Annual Congress. The Host shall ensure that any agreements with hotels include as much

flexibility as possible in terms of additional rooms, date changes, late confirmation deadlines, as well as favorable cancellation policies.

The IIHF shall advise the Host at least three (3) months and confirm one (1) month prior to the Championship the number of required rooms. The Host is obliged to fulfil additional requests for hotel rooms for Official Participants as listed in 7.4 below. The Host is also obliged to make reservations on behalf of the IIHF for persons not listed in 7.4, such as but not limited to, IIHF Committee members, IIHF Honorary Members, IIHF photographers and writers, guests and partners.

Any costs related to accommodation for persons not listed in 7.4 shall be paid by the guest concerned at the time of check-out, unless otherwise stated by the IIHF.

The Host shall make additional rooms available, especially for teams, at the same room rate they have negotiated for the Official Participants.

In addition, the following items shall be available at each hotel for the official participants:

- All rooms should have an own bathroom (shower, toilet);
- All rooms should not be occupied with more than two (2) team members;
- TV;
- Free internet access;
- All meals buffet style (three courses); and
- Providing buses on request for the day-off excursion on the cost of the teams.

7.3. MEALS AND MEAL MONEY

All participants listed in 7.4 are entitled to breakfast at their respective hotels. For participating teams the host has to provide meals free of charge for the maximum number of players and officials as specified in IIHF Bylaws 11 – 15 respectively. Additional meals have to be paid by the respective team.

Breakfast for participating teams shall be served in a reserved breakfast area or in a private meeting room with dedicated breakfast buffet. No other hotel guests may disturb teams during meals. Hot meals must be available for lunch and dinner and after evening games.

For IIHF Council and IIHF Staff, two main meals per day may be covered from the Host in the Host Nation currency (Meal Money). The IIHF and the Host shall agree on the amount of the meal money. The settlement will be done through a pre-financing from the IIHF and a subsequent refund of the Host.

For the Game Officials and Officiating Coaches, two main meals (lunch and dinner) per day shall be covered from the Host in the Host Nation currency (meal money). The IIHF and the Host shall agree on the amount of the meal money. The settlement will be done through a pre-financing from the IIHF and a subsequent refund of the Host.

The Host must ensure that the nutrition and hydration standards specified in the IIHF Medical Regulations are fulfilled.

7.4. OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

7.4.1. Participating Teams

If practical, all participating teams shall be accommodated in the same hotel. Each team shall be provided with single rooms and twin rooms as specified below. The Host has to provide for the maximum number of players and officials as specified in IIHF Bylaws 11 – 15 respectively and shall use its best endeavors to fulfil additional room requests for the team delegation at the cost of the respective national association. Where teams are accommodated in more than one hotel, the hotels should be of equal standard.

WM20	6 Single rooms	12 Twin rooms
WM18	6 Single rooms	12 Twin rooms
WW	6 Single rooms	12 Twin rooms
WW18	6 Single rooms	11 Twin rooms

Exclusive (where feasible) conference rooms must be provided for the participating teams in their hotel and the conference rooms shall be equipped with flipchart, TV set (min. full HD 60 inches) inclusive HDMI access and cabling, broadband internet access or a projector with cabling and a screen at their hotel.

The price for any additional room request shall be the same as the negotiated Host price.

Any reported damages caused by one of the teams have to be paid directly on site. If this is not possible, the amount will be deducted from the MNA's IIHF account after the championship. The caused damage has to be addressed to the team leader on site. The Host, together with the hotel and the team leader then fill out the "IIHF Damage Declaration Form" to be signed by each party listing the details of the damage and the amount to be reimbursed. If the parties cannot agree, the IIHF Chairman will evaluate the situation and specify the amount of the damage. This also applies for any damages inside the venue.

7.4.2. Officiating Team

All members of the IIHF Officiating Team (Referees, Linesman, Officiating Coaches and Video Coaches) shall be provided with accommodation – two (2) days before the first game until one (1) day after the conclusion of the Championships.

WM20

Officiating Coaches	4 Persons	Single Rooms
On-Ice-Officials	12 Referees	Single Rooms
	10 Linesmen	Single Rooms
Officiating Video Coaches	2 Persons	Single Rooms
Physio Therapists	2 Persons	Single Rooms (IIHF)

WM18

Officiating Coaches	4 Persons	Single Rooms
On-Ice-Officials	12 Referees	Single Rooms
	10 Linesmen	Single Rooms
Officiating Video Coaches	2 Persons	Single Rooms

WW

Officiating Coaches	4 Persons	Single Rooms
On-Ice-Officials	12 Referees	Single Rooms
	10 Linesmen	Single Rooms
Officiating Video Coaches	2 Persons	Single Rooms

WW18

Officiating Coaches	4 Persons	Single Rooms
On-Ice-Officials	12 Referees	Twin Rooms
	10 Linesmen	Twin Rooms

The IIHF reserves the right to request additional rooms and/or variations to the above schedule depending on the location of the venues and facilities being used to stage the World Championship and the varying Game Officials assignments given by different circumstances.

Meeting/Conference Room:

The meeting room for the IIHF Officiating Team in their hotel shall be available during the whole period of the Championship following the schedule provided by the IIHF Officiating Coach.

The IIHF Officiating Team shall be equipped with a flip chart, TV set (adequate full HD) inclusive HDMI access and cabling, audio system and highspeed internet access (WiFi). If no big tv screen is available a beamer is essential.

Bottled mineral water with snacks and fruits should be available in the meeting room.

Photocopy service at the hotel shall be provided free of charge according to the requests of the IIHF Officiating Coach.

Physio- and Massage Therapist:

Further, a massage therapy room or similar for the WM20 should be available the whole time, equipped with a massage table. Two (2) additional single rooms must be provided at the costs of the IIHF, if requested by the IIHF.

Incidentals:

The assigned IIHF Game Officials and IIHF Officiating Coaches are entitled to receive incidentals for each day, including the arrival and departure days from the Host, in order to cover expenses in relation to the Championship. Please refer to the IIHF Expense Regulations.

The settlement will be done through a pre-financing from the IIHF which will be invoiced to the Host.

7.4.3. IIHF Representatives

Upon request the Host must provide appropriate hotel rooms for IIHF representatives and guests:

- IIHF President with spouse Suite
- IIHF Championship Chairman with spouse Suite
- IIHF General Secretary with spouse Double room
- Two IIHF Office representatives per venue Double rooms

7.4.4. Medical Supervisors

Each of the IIHF Medical Supervisors, assigned to the Championship by the IIHF Council, shall be provided with a single room.

7.4.5. IIHF Result Managers and IT Personnel

Up to two (2) persons per venue working for the IIHF statistics service shall be provided with one single room per person. One day before the championship starts until the day after it ends.

7.4.6. IIHF Disciplinary Operators

Up to two (2) person per venue working for the IIHF Disciplinary System shall be provided with one single room per person one day before the Championship starts until the day after it ends.

7.4.7. IIHF Event Photographer and Editor

Up to two persons per venue working for the IIHF Event Photography shall be provided with one single room per person one day before the Championship starts until the day after it ends. The IIHF takes over the accommodation costs for the above-mentioned persons.

8 TRANSPORTATION

8.1. GENERAL

The Host must provide ground transportation between hotels, ice arenas for games and practices including meetings to the official participants listed in 7.4 from the time the participants arrive at the nearest airport approved by the IIHF until their departure after the Championship mission of the participant concerned has ended. The Host is responsible to transfer eliminated teams (for the maximum number as defined by the respective IIHF Bylaws) to the nearest approved airport. Official participants will be responsible for making their own flight arrangements to the IIHF nearest approved airport. Upon their arrival, transportation will be the responsibility of the Host.

8.2. TRANSPORTATION CENTRE

The transportation centre according to 4.2.13 above shall be operational from seven days prior to the championship until two days after the Championship has been concluded. The transportation centre shall be attended before, during and after each game and practice. Transportation service has to be available 24h/day by phone.

8.3. TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

The following forms of transportation are required:

- Dedicated Buses and luggage vans for teams. Gas provided by the organizer is limited to championship related activities;
- Buses, minibuses and cars with local drivers for directorate members, referees and linesmen
- Shuttle service between main hotels and the arenas;
- Appropriate transportation for the Championship Chairman, IIHF Supervisors, IIHF Staff, IIHF Statistics Staff, IIHF Official Photographers and Writers and other duly accredited persons;
- Late transportation availability for Medical Supervisor and doping controlled players; and
- Transportation costs (flights, train or car) will be the responsibility of the Host if the Championship is organised in 2 cities and the referees, linesmen and/or Officiating Coaches need to switch cities due to their game assignments. Most convenient travel (flight, train or car) will be chosen when they will be exchanged.

Parking access in the direct vicinity of the arena should be provided for one vehicle of the IIHF office and one vehicle of each participating team

In addition to the above, the Host shall use its best endeavors to enter an agreement with the public transportation service in order to provide free public transportation for persons with a valid Championship accreditation.

8.4. PARKING SPACES

Free parking spaces as close as possible to the arena have to be provided for the IIHF.

8.5. MEDIA TRANSPORTATION

A transportation system for media has to be provided free of charge between the main Media Hotels of a city and the game and practice arena. The schedule of this shuttle service should reflect the working hours of media representatives around the games.

Connection between the Championship venues (cities) has to be organised at moderate cost to be borne by the traveler.

9 ACCREDITATION

9.1. IIHF ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES

The Host shall operate an accreditation system to safeguard access control to the respective areas according to the IIHF Accreditation Guidelines. The accreditation plan showing the various default accesses for different groups, the accreditation zones at each venue, and the respective traffic flow has to be approved by the IIHF.

9.2. ACCREDITATION CENTRE

The Host shall set up an Accreditation Centre according to 4.2.14 above.

The Host shall provide an accreditation system to be operated by the Host. The Host may request to use the IIHF Accreditation System HERMES. The personnel who will work at the Accreditation Centre must be educated by the Host well in advance of the Championship

9.3. ENTITLEMENT TO ACCREDITATION

Accreditation cards, which guarantee free admission to the ice arenas, to the respective zones and

services as specified on each card, must be approved by IIHF together with the Host and must be issued for:

- All Official Participants as listed in 7.4 above;
- Host personnel, volunteers, arena vendors and security;
- Accredited TV and radio personnel approved by the IIHF and its Commercial Partners;
- Accredited print media journalists, approved by the IIHF and the Host, who have confirmed on their application form that they are not working for television or radio companies;
- Suppliers and personnel working with computers, scoreboard, the video goal judge procedure and equipment repair service shall be given access to the rooms and spaces needed to fulfil their duties at the Championship;
- IIHF Commercial Partner representatives – a sufficient number of accreditations with all access at any time;
- Technical staff approved by the IIHF granting them access to sections needed to fulfil their tasks in relation to the Championship;
- Commercial Affiliates and Suppliers representatives if required and as approved by the IIHF; and
- IIHF Committee members and guests as specified by the IIHF.

10 TICKETING AND SEAT RESERVATION

10.1. HOST RIGHTS

With the exception of the reserved seats and the “seat kills” specified in these Championship Regulations or arising from necessities related to sponsor or broadcaster services or technical needs, the IIHF grants the right to the Host to sell tickets to all remaining seats.

10.2. IIHF TICKETS

The Host shall prepare a ticket plan outlining the categories, prices, packages, box tickets, reduced and free tickets for review by the IIHF latest 12 months before the Championship.

The Host shall reserve one hundred seats (100) per game in each arena for the IIHF, hereinafter referred to as the IIHF seats.

The IIHF seats shall be of the best category and in the best location in each arena and the seats shall be located within the same block of the spectator area during the whole Championship, preferably on the same side as the main TV camera, if not otherwise stated by the IIHF. The location of the seats shall be approved by the IIHF no later than eight months before the Championship. Single tickets to the seats shall be delivered to the IIHF Office no later than three months before the Championship.

The IIHF may return such tickets to the Host and if so, the IIHF shall use its best endeavors to do so as early as possible.

The Host shall handle the administration of the IIHF tickets and seats according to instructions given by the IIHF. The Host shall provide directional signage to/from the seats to/from the VIP hospitality area, mark the block of IIHF seats, secure the access to these seats and put names on the seats, as requested by the IIHF.

The IIHF alone shall use the IIHF seats at its sole discretion. Where applicable, the Host shall provide a “sky-box” with approx. 20 seats for the IIHF Championship Chairman.

10.3. PARTICIPANT TRIBUNE

The Host is obliged to provide a tribune (accredited zone) of 100 seats in each arena with adequate and good seating for accredited team players, team officials, coaches and game officials, hereinafter referred to as the Participant Tribune. The seats shall not be covered by the main TV cameras. The seats shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and they shall be approved by the IIHF.

In addition to the above, each participating team shall receive free tickets to their own games as follows:

WW	min.	29
WM20	min.	29
WM18	min.	29
WW18	min.	28

10.4. MEDIA TRIBUNE

10.4.1. Print media journalists

The Host must provide 100 seats per game and arena for accredited print media journalists, wherever possible with a writing desk. This seat quota may be reduced following media accreditation and with IIHF approval. Special telephone and/or internet connections to the seats must be ordered no later than three months before the Championship and all costs related thereto must be paid by the respective media requesting the service.

10.4.2. Commentator Positions (TV and radio)

The Host shall provide Commentator areas for contracted TV companies and radio stations. One commentary position includes three (3) seats at a table together with equipment according to Chapter 14 below. The seats shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and they shall be located starting from the centre line outwards in the upper bowl.

10.5. PHOTO POSITIONS

The Host must provide space for a minimum of 50 photographers in the arena and a minimum of 10 positions on the ice-level in the corners of the rink. The positions shall be approved by the IIHF before tickets go on sale.

The IIHF will send official photographers to the Championship and the Host shall reserve preferred exclusive areas on ice level (incl. between the player benches) and in the spectator area to be used by the IIHF photographers.

10.6. TEAM STAFF POSITIONS

The Host shall provide five seats per team to be used by team officials at each of their own games. They shall be in a good position with unrestricted view to the ice-level. Among these five seats, a space should be provided for the video coach to set up his video camera and tripod, where possible with access to an electrical outlet.

10.7. OFFICIATING VIDEO COACH

Applies only for WM20 and WW: The Host must provide one working space in a good position for the officiating video coach. This workplace should have internet and a TV feed connection.

10.8. SEATS FOR STAND BY GAME OFFICIALS

Two bar chairs on the Ice level should be provided by the Host to allocate one (1) Stand by Referee and one (1) Stand by Linesman.

11 HOSPITALITY

11.1. VIP LOUNGES

The Host must provide dedicated and fully operational VIP lounges in accordance with 4.2.16 above. The VIP lounges according to above shall be located as close as possible to the IIHF seats according to 10.2.

12 MARKETING & ADVERTISING RIGHTS

12.1. CLEAN-VENUE RULE

The Host is obliged to remove any and all advertising from all arenas, facilities and areas to be used in relation to the Championship which are not listed under 12.3 and 12.4.

12.2. ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in relation to the Championship shall be in accordance with the legislation of the Host Country. The Host has to inform the IIHF of any such legislation.

Advertisements with political, racial or religious content and advertising of alcohol (except beer), tobacco and pornography are prohibited. Advertising touching moral and ethical issues requires prior written approval of the IIHF.

12.3. ADVERTISING INSIDE THE ARENAS

The advertising possibilities include the following areas and, when available to the Host, will specifically be granted to the Host in the Host Country Contract.

12.3.1. Rink-side Area

Includes the following areas inside the game and practice arenas:

- Boards surrounding the ice rink; no second level permitted;
- Within the team and penalty benches area, under the condition that the advertising does not obstruct the spectators' view;
- Under-ice areas as specified by the IIHF in the respective Host Country Contract;
- Area(s) of the official timing clock and the score board;
- Ice re-surfacing machines;
- Verbal advertising via loudspeakers - only when there is a stoppage in play; Any further advertising possibilities within the arenas/halls, such as safety nets/glass and product placement, in the spectator's area; and
- Backdrop advertising board to be used during all interviews in the entire Mixed Zone, the Media Centre and post-game press conference area.

Any other advertising and/or identifications inside the arenas are forbidden, unless specifically permitted on a case-by-case basis by the IIHF in writing.

12.4. OUTSIDE THE ARENAS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE VICINITY

The advertising possibilities include the following areas outside the arenas and, when available to the Host, will specifically be granted to the Host in the Host Country Contract:

- Advertising on flags and banners;
- Advertising in the air (captive balloons etc.), as far as municipal authorities approve this;
- Advertising on the outside wall and perimeter as defined and agreed during a site visit by the IIHF; and
- Advertising on the spaces located in front of the arenas, as far as municipal authorities approve this, such as game and training areas and the spaces located directly inside and outside of the arenas, press centres, VIP lounges etc., under the control of the arena owner/manager. The exclusivity for the spaces above is only limited to the powers of control of the arena owners/managers.

The advertising rights outside the arenas are principally held by the Host.

Any other advertising and/or identification outside of the arenas are forbidden, unless specifically permitted on a case-by-case basis by the IIHF in writing.

12.5. COMMERCIAL BREAKS

Upon request the IIHF may grant the right to use game breaks for TV advertising for live televised games of the Championship.

According to IIHF Sport Regulations, the Host is obliged to ensure the organisational links between the game controlling bodies (on and off-ice officials) and the correct timing and duration of the commercials placed by television and the proceedings on the ice (whistle and restarting whistle and appropriate game situation). In any case, commercial timeouts are limited to a maximum of two during each regular playing period with duration of 70 seconds each. The procedure must follow the correct way, as specified in the IIHF Sport Regulations.

12.6. TEAM ADVERTISING RIGHTS

The participating teams have been awarded the non-exclusive advertising rights to their jerseys (game and practice) and helmets to be worn during all games and official practices by the players and official team representatives on the player's bench.

The revenue generated from the sales thereof is the sole property of the respective national federation. The advertising on the uniforms and helmets of game officials is limited as follows:

- On the helmet's front side with max. size of 16 cm x 5.5 cm; and
- On both sleeves of the jersey, located above or below the number on the shoulder, with max size of 22 cm x 8 cm.

A maximum of two different sponsors is allowed (one on helmet and one on sleeve). If the front of the helmet is not used for advertising, the manufacturer's logo must be covered according to IIHF Supplier Pool Regulations.

Should a participating team find a sponsor for the team jersey and/or helmets, such advertising must be approved by the IIHF no later than 30 days prior to start of the event.

12.7. GAME OFFICIAL UNIFORMS AND HELMETS

The advertising on the uniforms and helmets of the game officials is limited as follows:

- On the helmet's front side with max. size of 16 cm x 5.5 cm;
- On the breast part of the front and back side of the jerseys with max. size of 455 cm²; and
- Other advertising possibilities as established and approved by the IIHF.

A maximum of two different sponsors is allowed (one on helmet and one on sleeve). If the front of the helmet is not used for advertising, the manufacturer's logo must be covered according to IIHF Supplier Pool Regulations.

Should a Host find a sponsor for the jerseys and/or helmets, such advertising and the agreement with the sponsor must be approved by the IIHF no later than 30 days prior to start of the event. After the agreement is approved, the IIHF will inform the respective referees and linesmen about the advertising and the fact that they must wear it.

The organiser bears all the costs of placing the advertising onto the jerseys and helmets. In case of permanent damage, the organiser has to remunerate the costs of replacing the jersey or helmet.

The income for the advertising on the referees and linesmen shall be divided as follows:

- 50 % to the Host; and
- 50 % to the IIHF.

12.8. FAN DATA

The Host shall provide the IIHF all fan data available to the Host and the ticketing provider for marketing purposes. To that end, the Host shall transfer to the IIHF all of the fan data necessary for marketing purposes which are in its possession and cause the ticket provider contracted by the Host to transfer all such fan data to the IIHF as the ticket provider may not have provided to the Host.

The Host shall ensure, and shall cause the ticket provider to ensure, that the ticket purchaser provides all the necessary consents to be able to implement the above said transfers and use of the fan data for marketing purposes by the IIHF in compliance with all applicable data protection and other relevant laws and regulations.

13 LICENSING AND MERCHANDISING RIGHTS

13.1. SPONSOR AND SUPPLIER CONTRACTS

The Host has the right to conclude contracts with suppliers of equipment and services to be used in the organisation of the Championship, hereinafter referred to as Organisational Equipment, including but not limited to cars, photocopiers, computer hardware, cameras, beverage service, as agreed upon depending on needs of the Host. These cannot be in direct competition with IIHF supplier or sponsor categories.

13.2. ORGANISATIONAL EQUIPMENT

13.2.1. Host Requirements

The Host must provide the required Organisational Equipment as by these Championship Regulations and the Host Country Contract.

13.2.2. Cars and photocopiers

Should the Host not be in a position to contract any equipment suppliers in the product categories cars and copy machines, then the Host shall cover these product categories or entrust a third party with its coverage at the cost of the Host.

13.3. OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATION(S)

13.3.1. Host Rights

The Host has the right to design and use the Official identification(s) (identification, mascot, colours, lettering, music etc.) of the Championship for commercial exploitation and to enter into corresponding agreements. No paid or unpaid advertising shall be included in the identification(s). Any costs related thereto shall be borne by the Host and the Host shall be responsible for the necessary protection of the identification(s).

The design of such material has to be approved by the IIHF before any production. The Official Identification shall at all times be the property of the IIHF.

13.3.2. Official Mascot

The Host has the right to design, produce, market and sell the official mascot for the Championship before and during the Championship. The Host must conform to the IIHF protocol regarding the usage of the mascot.

13.4. PRINTED MATERIAL

13.4.1. General

All printed promotional and manufactured materials as well as products related to the Championship such as Championship logo and the official mascot must contain the official title of the Championship and the IIHF identification (logotype). The IIHF must approve all such material and products before the production may begin.

13.4.2. IIHF Rights

The IIHF has the right to use for free up to five (5) pages in all IIHF Championship Programs for its public relations and information purposes.

The minimum terms and conditions that shall be printed on the back side of the entrance tickets or that the Host shall otherwise bring to the attention of the ticket purchaser are set out in the Ticket

Terms Guidelines.

As requested by the IIHF, the Host shall print information on the backside of the tickets or on boards by the arena entrance regarding spectator policies, including statements that smoking is prohibited in the playing and spectator area and that the organiser has the right to act against advertising violations and/or ambushing.

13.5. MERCHANDISING RIGHTS

The Host has the right to design, produce, market, and sell merchandising products in relation to the Championship in accordance with the Host Country Contract.

13.6. OFFICIAL TITLES

The Host has the right to hold, market, and sell official titles such as:

- Official Main Sponsor;
- Official Sponsor;
- Official Outfitter;
- Official Partner;
- Official Supporter;
- Official Products and or Services;
- Official Supplier;
- Official Licensee;
- Official Timekeeper/Timing Service;
- Official Broadcaster;
- Official Product; and
- Any similar titles.

However, the Host shall not hold, market and/or sell the official titles of “Official Event Merchandiser” and/or similar acknowledgements and “Official Timekeeper/Official Watch” and/or similar acknowledgements.

13.7. COMMEMORATIVE COINS, MEDALS, PLAQUES, STAMPS ETC.

The Host has the right to issue licenses for the production and distribution of commemorative coins, medals, plaques and stamps (etc.). The design of these products needs to be approved by the IIHF and the Commercial Partner, if applicable. All copyrights, etc. associated with the commemorative coins, medals, plaques and stamps shall become the property of the IIHF from the creation date.

13.8. FILM, VIDEO AND STORAGE MEDIUM RIGHTS

The Host has the rights to produce or have produced films, videos, and USB-Sticks as well as other sound, vision and/or sound-vision carriers of any kind, regardless of the application mode or storing/recording method (analogue, digital) of the Championship.

13.9. NEW MEDIA RIGHTS

13.9.1. Rights of the IIHF

Multi-media rights, such as social networks or other digital platforms without restriction of the contents - by means of Internet, SMS, WAP and other future On/Off-Line services and possibilities - are mutually owned by the IIHF and may only be granted to the Host in writing.

13.9.2. Host Rights

The IIHF holds all the rights to Internet websites related to the Championship. However, such rights may be awarded to the Host in order to create a solid base of information about the Championship during the pre-event period. In such a case, the rights shall be awarded to the Host according to the following conditions:

- The IIHF shall approve the design and the languages of the homepage;
- No advertising is allowed on the website which is in competition to the official Championship Sponsors of either the IIHF and/or the Commercial Partner;

- The website must contain the Official IIHF Championship title and identification as well as the official IIHF logotype;
- A complete documentation of the user profile with results and statistics must be included in the Final Documentation to be sent to the IIHF according to Chapter 16 below;
- The Host website can be hosted by the IIHF and if not, the website address must be known to the IIHF in order to build a link between the official IIHF website and the Host website;
- The homepage must be delivered to the IIHF after the tournament in electronic form as specified by the IIHF; and
- Any other guidelines jointly created by the IIHF and its commercial partner regarding the website's templates, look and feel, etc.

13.9.3. Social Media Regulations

Social media channels developed by the LOC for an IIHF tournament should be pre-approved by the IIHF. The IIHF Website Manager must be granted administrator access to the page, and ownership of the social media page reverts to the IIHF at the conclusion of the event.

The LOC must ensure that the IIHF, the host country member national association, sponsors, commercial partners and participating teams can be associated with the content being published. Posts should be neutral in tone and should not criticize any of the stakeholders mentioned above.

The IIHF retains ownership of any social media account that are created by the LOC for the purpose of promoting an IIHF tournament or event.

Following the conclusion of the tournament, the IIHF reserves the right to reassign any social media accounts to a new LOC. If the existing LOC wishes to use the account for another purpose or to promote a future tournament, they must obtain approval from the IIHF Marketing and Communications Department.

The LOC should consult the IIHF Social Media Guidelines before setting up an account.

14 BROADCASTING

14.1. NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF THE HOST

The broadcast and/or transmission rights are subject to the copyright remaining the property of the IIHF.

14.1.1. National Transmission Rights

The non-exclusive TV rights granted to the Host are limited to the free to air terrestrial based transmission of the event solely to the national territory of the Host during and not longer than three days following the event.

The Host must advise the IIHF of all international and national requests and/or enquiries regarding the broadcasting of the event. The IIHF will review all such requests including cable, satellite, pay per view, pay per request and other distribution opportunities with the organizer.

The IIHF retains the right to enter agreements with TV stations and web casting providers that transmit their program cross-nationally (e.g. Eurosport, ESPN etc.)

The Host rights to produce game feed shall be in accordance with the Host Country Contract.

The Host is not permitted to sell television broadcasting and/or transmission rights to any broadcaster and/or station carrying the signal from the event to be re-financed, sponsored and/or presented by any company and/or product and/or service which conflicts with the current IIHF sponsor and/or advertiser product or service categories.

14.1.2. Web casting

The rights granted herein also include the non-exclusive live web casting rights to transmit any audio, TV or video signal related to the event via Internet within the national territory of the organizer.

14.1.3. TV Commercial breaks

Requests to use commercial breaks during televised games have to be approved by the IIHF before any TV contract including this right may be signed.

14.2. HOST OBLIGATIONS

14.2.1. General

The Host must fully comply with all television related commitments and allow the Broadcasting Partners to produce an international signal of any Championship games they wish.

14.2.2. Game Schedule

The Host must prepare the game schedule for the Championship in accordance with IIHF Bylaw 10 and the IIHF Sport Regulations. The Game schedule shall be finally approved by the IIHF and the participating teams no later than the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress prior to the Championship.

The Host must ensure that the starting time of the games beginning with the quarterfinals can be managed flexibly in order to safeguard a change of afternoon games to evening games and vice versa without the approval of the involved teams.

Therefore, tickets for quarterfinals should not specify any game pairing.

14.2.3. TV Infrastructure

The Host, in agreement with the IIHF, must provide the specified required television related infrastructure as well as space for the TV transmission vans, production trucks and other technical vehicles required (PTT etc.) as well as appropriate facilities required for the performance of any functions by the TV and radio broadcasters contracted by the Host or by the IIHF, such as camera positions, inclusive camera platforms and roof camera mountings, studio facilities, production offices, electric power supply, illumination, telecommunication lines.

The Host must provide for any requirements necessary for the impeccable installation of the technical equipment prior to the start of the Championship and is responsible for the security of the entire TV equipment within and outside the arena(s), as well as to ensure undisturbed working conditions for camera crews with appropriate security measures.

14.2.4. Mixed Zone

Only if notified by the IIHF, the Host shall control broadcaster access to the Mixed Zone with a limited number of special passes according to the following priority order:

1. Host broadcaster;
2. TV-Organization's from countries of teams playing;
3. TV-Organization's from countries of teams in the same group (first-come-basis)
4. Other TV-Organization's from countries of teams playing in the other groups (first-come-basis);
5. Other TV-Organization's (first-come-basis).

The Host will give support in the implementation of this order. The mixed zone should satisfy all technical requirements and feature a sponsor backdrop to be supplied by the Host and monitors with the live feed of the game.

The IIHF shall approve all details related to the Mixed Zone.

14.2.5. Flash Zone

According to the need of the right-holders, the Host has to provide a flash zone at the players' entrance to the rink, where broadcasters should be given the opportunity to make a flash-interview with a player (not longer than 90 seconds) during intermissions.

The flash zone should feature a sponsor backdrop.

14.2.6. Transmission of all on-going games

The Host shall provide TV-monitors in the Media Centre, VIP Lounges and the IIHF offices, on which the games in progress in all arenas shall be transmitted.

14.2.7. IIHF identification and TV inserts

All televised games must include the animated IIHF identification (logo) plus the event logo. Such identification is compulsory in all event broadcasts. The IIHF identification (logo) is to be included in all promotional and actual broadcast trailers, opening titles, teasers and closing credits as well as TV inserts during the television coverage, i.e. game statistics, scores, standings etc. All such IIHF identification must be approved in writing by the IIHF no later than 30 days prior to the start of the event.

14.2.8. Documentation of live game coverage

In the event of national and/or international live game coverage, the broadcaster must record all produced games (televised or otherwise) for the IIHF archives. The recording of the basic feed must be of the highest professional standard, top quality voice and color signals with international sound. In addition, the IIHF requires a USB stick copy of each game with international sound (if available) as well as the Opening/Closing ceremonies. All records must be labeled in English according to the content including event title, date(s) of the game(s), number(s) of the game(s), names of the teams and venue. All recordings must have an international soundtrack (if broadcast internationally) and the local voice-over soundtrack. These records shall become the property of the IIHF from the moment of creation and must be appropriately packaged, labeled and shipped pre-paid freight to the location designated by the IIHF at the latest seven (7) days after the completion of the Event. If the IIHF has not designated a shipping location by the conclusion of the respective Event, the host shall ship the respective records to the IIHF Office.

15 MEDIA

15.1. MEDIA CENTRE AND PRESS TRIBUNE

15.1.1. Media Centre

The Host is obliged to provide a Media Centre according to international standards and this includes, but is not limited to, the provision of facilities according to 4.2.12 above.

Opening hours of the Media Centre shall be from the start of the first on-ice practice of the day or 09:00 local time until two hours after the conclusion of the last game of the day or until 24:00 hours local time.

The Media Centre shall have air conditioning and heating installed and provide working spaces with phone and electricity plugs for up to 100 accredited print media journalists. TV-monitors with a live signal of all on-going games shall be installed. An adequate number of telephones, fax machines and Internet terminals shall be available for the use of accredited media representatives. The Media Centre shall also feature a well-functioning and well-staffed help desk providing the following services at reasonable rate card prices: high-speed internet access, phone lines, photocopying and printing services, and mobile communication services.

15.1.2. Press Conference Room

The Host shall provide a Press Conference Room of international standards for up to 70 persons. The Press Conference Room shall be equipped with one podium for at least five persons with microphones to be used by speakers and media representatives and on the opposite side another podium for TV cameras. The Host shall provide assistants for press conferences and assistants who shall be equipped with wire-less microphones in order to achieve a speedy delivery of questions by media representatives during press conferences. The Host shall further arrange for translation services to the English language for press conferences held in other languages. The podium of the speakers should feature a sponsor backdrop supplied by the Host.

15.1.3. Information Service

The Host shall provide a system for the supply of Championship information to accredited media representatives. The information service shall be offered by the assistants working in the Media Centre or via self-service in the Media Centre such as through computer information kiosks, pigeonholes etc.

15.1.4. Photocopy Centre

The Host shall provide a Photocopy Centre equipped with a fast and powerful copy machine (at least 50 copies per minute) with sorting and stapling feature to reproduce and distribute the reports from the IIHF results and statistics system.

15.1.5. Media Cafeteria

The Host shall offer a snack bar within or in the vicinity of the Media Centre where food and beverages incl. warm meals shall be offered at reasonable prices.

15.1.6. Photography

The LOC must provide photography positions for at least 50 photographers in the arena including a minimum of 10 positions at ice level. All photo positions must be approved by the IIHF and the LOC Photo Manager prior to the start of ticket sales.

The IIHF holds the exclusive right to grant the permission to use strobe lights at the Championship.

The right to photograph with strobe light equipment at the games must be approved by the IIHF. A maximum of two sets of strobe lights may be installed at each venue and tests must be run beforehand, and the installation can only be approved if these tests meet the satisfaction of the photographer, Host Broadcaster and the IIHF.

The IIHF will send official photographers to each Championship and they will be authorized to install a set of strobe lights. Further, the Host shall reserve preferred exclusive areas on the ice level (incl. between the player benches) and in the spectator area to be used by the IIHF photographers.

15.2. MEDIA TRIBUNE

15.2.1. Media Tribune for Print media journalists

The LOC must provide a minimum of 100 seats per game for accredited print media journalists. This seat quota may be reduced following media accreditation with approval from IIHF. The Media Tribune in the spectator area according to 4.2.12 above shall, whenever possible, be equipped with writing desks with electricity and wireless internet for a number of media determined by the IIHF and the Host. The number of working positions with additional internet cable backup shall be determined by the IIHF and Host on an event-by-event basis. Internet connection must be paid by the respective media representatives.

15.2.2. Commentator Positions (TV and Radio)

The Host shall provide commentator positions for TV companies and Radio stations having a contract with the IIHF or the Host.

A commentator area includes three (3) seats and a table together with necessary functioning equipment, including but not limited to, the availability of electricity, telephone lines and a computer acting as a data monitor for statistics according to international standards, and TV monitors.

Special telephone connections to the seats or Internet connections must be ordered ahead and be paid by the respective TV companies and Radio stations. New requirements arising from changes in broadcasting technology shall be approved by the IIHF.

16 STATISTICS AND CHAMPIONSHIP DOCUMENTATION

In order to utilise the IIHF statistics system, the Host is required to provide, according to Hydra requirements:

- A direct telephone line and a LAN (min. 100 MB/sec) or WAN (min. 2 MB/sec) connection in each arena's timekeeping bench to connect to the Internet. The plug shall be located at the time keeping bench. Appropriate hardware (incl. laptops and printers) and the operators of the system, who will undergo an appropriate education by the IIHF. The Host will receive from the IIHF the necessary software to operate the statistics system and link it to the IIHF website;
- Min 12 seats in the commentator area with internet connection; and
- Additional min 4 seats with unrestricted view to the ice and the game clock at the side of the player benches.

16.1. GAME FOOTAGE DISTRIBUTION

The Host shall record all games of the Championship. The Host shall ensure that all rights (copyrights etc.) for the records are assigned to the IIHF and that the IIHF is provided with digital copies of all games. Each participating team shall receive free of charge a digital copy after their own games and shall be entitled to use this recording for non-commercial purposes only and as material for technical instruction. One digital copy after each game shall be provided to the IIHF Officiating Coaches for their review and educational use. The Host shall make digital copies of all games available upon request of the participating teams at moderate costs.

16.2. FINAL DOCUMENTATION

After the conclusion of the Championship, the Host is obliged to provide complete statistical documentation and essential information (hereinafter referred to as Final Documentation.)

The Host shall send one copy of the Final Documentation to each of the participating national associations and one copy to the IIHF office within 14 days after the termination of the Championship. If possible, the Final Documentation shall be distributed as a digital file.

The IIHF Final Documentation must contain at least the following:

- Composition of the Executive Committee and/or the Organising Committee;
- Composition of the Honorary Presidency, if established;
- Composition of the Championship Directorate and the assisting officials (chief statistician and recording secretary);
- Referee game reports; and
- List of accredited journalists, television and radio reporters, cameramen and photographers.

16.3. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE IIHF ARCHIVE

In addition, the following original documents must be submitted to the IIHF office within seven (7) days after the conclusion of the Championship:

- IIHF Event Photography Agreements;
- Individual Player Entry Forms controlled and signed by the Directorate;
- Lists of Team Officials;
- Original IIHF official game sheets with eventual game reports and original signatures;
- Waivers for under-aged players;
- Minutes of all directorate meetings;

- Record or minutes of special proceedings; and
- Report of the Directorate Chairman.

For the archives of the IIHF, the Host is obliged to send official samples or game worn equipment if requested by the IIHF or HHoF. The host should provide binder and sheet protectors to the Result Manager for collecting the archive documentation. The host must send all above mentioned items to the IIHF.

16.4. EVALUATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

The Host is obliged to make an evaluation and debriefing of the Championship according to guidelines and forms distributed by the IIHF. In addition, the Host shall co-operate with future Hosts, the IIHF and the IIHF Partners in order to pass along the experience of Championship organisation to future Hosts.

17 INSURANCE

17.1. EVENT CANCELLATION AND ABANDONMENT INSURANCE

The Host shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive insurance coverage with an insurer of recognised international standard to cover all risks of the ascertained net financial loss (revenue, costs) arising from any cancellation, abandonment, postponement, interruption, curtailment or relocation of the Insured Event (in whole or in part) due to any cause beyond the control of the Host or the IIHF.

17.2. GENERAL THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

17.2.1. Host third-party liability insurance

The Host shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive general third-party liability insurance with an insurer of recognised international standard with sufficient minimum sum insured for each occurrence of bodily injury, property damage and/or financial losses. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF be named as an additional insured party in the general third-party liability insurance policy.

17.2.2. Comprehensive coverage

The Host shall obtain comprehensive coverage unless the IIHF specifies otherwise in the Host Country Contract and/or the Insurance Guidelines.

17.3. OTHER INSURANCES

The Host shall, as its own expense, conclude other insurances according to the IIHF Insurance Guidelines which deem to be necessary.

17.4. INSURANCE - GENERAL CONDITIONS

17.4.1. Insurance policies

All insurance policies executed by the Host (and, if applicable, third parties such as the Arena Owner/Operator) shall be non-cancellable and provide coverage including post-processing and dismantling of the Event. The insurance policies shall be concluded at the earliest possible stage.

17.4.2. IIHF Insurance Guidelines

These regulations are further defined and detailed in the respective IIHF Insurance Guidelines, which are mandatory to the Host.

17.5. OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

17.5.1. Participants' insurance

The member national association and its team competing at the Championship shall, at its own

expense, secure and maintain all necessary health and personal accident insurance coverage for its players and team officials participating in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws Rules and Regulations for the Championship.

17.5.2. Evidence

Every member national association must, on its team's arrival at the Championship provide written evidence of the medical insurance coverage in place for its team in the official language of the IIHF, as required by the IIHF. In the event that a national member association fails to meet this requirement, the Host, in conjunction with the IIHF, must arrange for the necessary health insurance in accordance with the IIHF Statutes, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations for the Championship. The IIHF shall be responsible to the Host for the costs of said coverage and shall deduct any costs of said health insurance from any monies that are owed to the member national association for its participation in the Championship.

17.5.3. Third-party liability insurance

The IIHF recommends that every member national association, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive general third-party liability insurance.

18 SECURITY

18.1. ARENA SECURITY AND PROTECTION

The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas and installations (e.g. Fanzone, TV compound, media center, offices, storage, separate VIP entrances, VIP lounges) during the whole period when the arena is under his command.

The Host shall provide sufficient security and access control to the entire arena and for the seats in the spectator area. The Host shall work in close co-operation with the local police and fire department to develop a Security Plan. The plan shall include emergency and evacuation scenarios for special political situations and risk groups, bomb and similar threats, security for high ranked VIPs, players and IIHF Officials, partners and guests and shall be in English language.

The Host has to provide sufficient security to the team and the office area during and beyond practice and game times. The Host may be held responsible for claims in case of incidents.

The Host must provide 24h security for the entire installed TV equipment within and outside the arena(s) and has to provide 24h security and access control to the TV compound outside the arena.

18.2. ACCESS TO CHAMPIONSHIP HOTELS

The Host shall ensure that the media and fans have restricted access to player hotels as specified by the IIHF and that the hotels provide sufficient security.

18.3. ACCESS TO THE ICE SURFACE

The Host shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no unauthorised persons are able to access the ice surface at any time.

18.4. SAFETY CERTIFICATION

The Host is responsible for ensuring all required safety certifications related to the operation of the arena and its facilities and occupation by members of the public, participants and employees have been obtained prior to the start of the Championship.

19 SANCTIONS

19.1. IIHF DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Any violation of the rights of the IIHF and/or its partners must be reported by the Championship Directorate Chairman and may become a matter for the IIHF Disciplinary Board.

19.2. WITHDRAWAL OF HOSTING RIGHTS/CANCELLATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

If the Host does not fulfil its commitment to host and organise the Championship, the Host will be fined by the IIHF according to IIHF Bylaw 7, except in the case of force majeure.

The fine does not restrict the rights of the IIHF and/or the IIHF Member National Associations for compensation arising from the withdrawal of the Host or a confirmed participant.

Furthermore, if in the opinion of the IIHF Council and after having exhausted all possible remedies with the Host National Association:

1. The Member National Association is in fundamental breach of the Host Country Contract;
2. The Member National Association is unable to meet its obligations in accordance with the hosting contract;
3. The Member National Association has failed to meet any material pre-condition on which hosting rights were granted; or
4. There is reason for concern that the well-being or the safe freedom of movement of the players, officials, travelling spectators and media is in doubt.

then the IIHF Council shall have the right to withdraw hosting rights from a Member National Association and return the event to the IIHF without being liable for compensation to the Member National Association and to allocate the Championship to another Member National Association, subject to ratification by Congress.

19.3. NON-FULFILMENT OF HOSTING OBLIGATIONS

If the Host fails to fulfil its commitment to organise the Championship in accordance with the rights and obligations stipulated in the Host Country Contract, IIHF Statutes and Bylaws, IIHF Championship Regulations, IIHF Sport Regulation and Rule Book and all other Regulations and Guidelines relevant to organising the respective Championship, the Host will be penalised by the IIHF and be fined up to CHF 1.000.000,-. Fines are cumulative, that is, each infraction will be separately evaluated, and the appropriate fines imposed accordingly. The same rule will apply if the facts presented in the Host's bid presentations are altered in any way or if deadlines imposed by the IIHF are not adhered to.