

IIHF Divisions World Championships Event Code



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Introduction

The IIHF Legal Department is pleased to release this Event Code for the use of Member National Associations wishing to host IIHF World Championships as well as for all players, team staff and all other relevant team personnel participating in our Championships.

The main goals of this Event Code shall be:

- To ensure that potential applicants have a comprehensive understanding of the expectations and standards for the Championship prior to submitting their bid;
- To assist the awarded Host in delivering a first-class sporting event and an enriching experience for Participating Teams, Officials, Commercial Partners, Commercial Affiliates, Media, Broadcasters and fans;
- To provide Hosts or potential hosts with a set of rules to be followed in the preparation of and during the IIHF World Championship, as a complement to the Host Country Contract; and
- To provide players, team staff and all other relevant team personnel with a clear overview of their rights and obligation before, during and after the Championship.

This Event Code shall serve as an integral part of the Host Country Contract, which will be signed by both parties and is binding on the Host MNA. In the event of any inconsistency between the Host Country Contract and this Event Code, the Host Country Contract shall prevail.

The IIHF Legal Department remains at your disposal shall you wish to contact us with any questions relating to this Event Code.

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Event Code Structure

The below table shows the structure of this Event Code.

Rights and obligations of Hosts and Participating Teams are organized organically in the following way:

Host Regulations		Participants Regulations	
Chapter 1	Bidding Procedure	-	-
Chapter 2	Championship Planning	-	-
Chapter 3	Services and Protocol	Chapter 8	Services and Protocol
Chapter 4	Sport	Chapter 9	Sport
Chapter 5	Medical and Anti-Doping	Chapter 10	Medical and Anti-Doping
Chapter 6	Commercial, Communication and Marketing	Chapter 11	Commercial, Communication and Marketing
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Chapter 7	Compliance	Chapter 12	Compliance

Definitions

A. General Definitions

The terms listed below shall have the following meaning:

- **Big TV:** High definition (1080HD or better) television that is a minimum of 50 inches and can display the live television game broadcast (with graphics and commentator audio) for any venue
- **Break Coordinator:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 84.1 of this Event Code
- **Cabled Internet:** Provided by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who must ensure the security of the connection by employing modern and reasonable Cybersecurity and must also ensure their compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including, but not limited to the secure encryption of personal data. There shall be sufficient ethernet connections provided for every expected user in the location. The speed shall be a minimum of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download, 10 Mbps upload, with latency of 60 milliseconds (ms) or less, as measured on <https://speed.cloudflare.com/>
- **Championship Season:** Ice Hockey season in which the applicable IIHF Championship is held and ends immediately after the IIHF Ice Hockey Men's World Championship (Top Division).
- **Championship Venue:** The Championship arena(s), including the game and practice rink or arena, the spectators bowl, the concours, the public access area (between entrance and the spectator's area), the Skyboxes, the VIP Lounges, the accreditation center, the media center and the direct environment surrounding the arena(s), the fan zone(s) and any other area where the games take place and which under the control of the IIHF and/or the Host, including but not limited to the aerial space, arena walls etc.
- **Championship:** Shall have the same meaning as Ice Hockey World Championship
- **DC:** Doping Control
- **Desktop:** A modern desktop computer with English Windows 11 operating system, all current updates and patches installed, with Adobe Reader installed as the default PDF application and Google Chrome installed as the default browser. It shall include an external keyboard, mouse and monitor and an ethernet adaptor
- **ECMO:** Event Chief Medical Officer
- **Full Practice:** shall be any practice during the Championship where all active (non-injured) players are participating with full equipment.
- **Game-Day Physician:** A physician with sport medicine experience, present during games
- **Game Schedule:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 81.1 of this Event Code
- **HCC:** Host Country Contract
- **HCRIM:** Head Coach Rule Information Meeting
- **Host(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 6.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Championships:** Means the championships indicated in Bylaw 1.1(a)
- **IIHF Official Music:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 57.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF:** International Ice Hockey Federation
- **Jumbotron:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 87.1 of this Event Code

- **Laptop:** A modern laptop computer with English Windows 11 operating system, all current updates and patches installed, with Adobe Reader installed as the default PDF application and Google Chrome installed as the default browser. It shall include an external mouse and an ethernet adaptor with a power source located at the working position of the laptop
- **MNA:** Member National Association
- **MSC:** Medical Services Coordinator
- **OC:** Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 8.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Participants:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 67 of this Event Code
- **Organizational Equipment:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 131.1 of this Event Code
- **Participating Team(s):** All players and related Team staff taking part into a Championship
- **Safeguarding Officer:** Appointed person in charge of safeguarding matters
- **Team Medical Person:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 174.1 of this Event Code
- **Wi-Fi:** Provided by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who must ensure the security of the connection by employing modern and reasonable Cybersecurity and must also ensure the connection respects the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including, but not limited to the secure encryption of personal data. There shall be enough IP addresses to accommodate the maximum number of potential users each connecting multiple devices (i.e., phone + laptop). The speed shall be a minimum of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download, 10 Mbps upload, with latency of 60 milliseconds (ms) or less, as measured on <https://speed.cloudflare.com/>

B. Rooms and Facilities Definitions

The rooms and facilities listed below shall have the following meaning:

- **Commentators Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 27 of this Event Code
- **DCS:** Doping Control Station, as defined under Article 18 of this Event Code
- **Directorate Meeting Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 20 of this Event Code
- **Game Officials Areas:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 17 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Result Managers Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 19 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Seats:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 77.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Staff Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 24 of this Event Code
- **Media Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 25 of this Event Code
- **Media Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 26 of this Event Code
- **Mixed Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 28 of this Event Code
- **Participants Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 78.1 of this Event Code
- **Photo Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 32 of this Event Code
- **Photocopy Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 29 of this Event Code
- **Seats For Stand-By Game Officials:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 33 of this Event Code
- **Statistics Bench:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 23 of this Event Code
- **Team Dressing Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 15 of this Event Code
- **Team Video Coach Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 31 of this Event Code
- **Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 16 of this Event Code
- **TELL:** Team Entry Long List
- **Transportation Desk:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 30 of this Event Code

Applicable IIHF Governing Documents

Chapter 1	-
Chapter 2	IIHF Accreditation Guidelines, IIHF Medical Guidelines
Chapter 3	IIHF Game Officials Licensing and Nomination Guidelines, IIHF Expense Guidelines, IIHF Officials Expense Policy, IIHF Accreditation Guidelines
Chapter 4	IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines, IIHF Rink Guidelines
Chapter 5	IIHF Medical Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Policy
Chapter 6	IIHF Competition Branding Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Guidelines, IIHF Marketing Guidelines
Chapter 7	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations
Chapter 8	-
Chapter 9	IHF Rule Book
Chapter 10	IIHF Medical Guidelines
Chapter 11	IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines, IIHF Uniform Program Guidelines, IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines
Chapter 12	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations

PART I – HOST REGULATIONS

Bidding Procedure

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I. ALLOCATION OF IIHF DIVISIONS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Timing of allocation

- 1.1. The IIHF Annual Congress allocates the various IIHF Divisions World Championships (the “Championship” or “Championships”) every year according to IIHF Bylaws 5 to 10. The allocation takes place one (1) season prior to the respective Championship after a formal bidding procedure.
- 1.2. If no IIHF MNA offers to host the Championship by the timeline set in Art. 1.1 of this Event Code, the Championship shall be allocated at the following IIHF Congress after the first application to host is received by the IIHF.

II. BIDDING PROCEDURE

2. Hosting Application

- 2.1. No later than April 15th prior to the IIHF Congress where the Championship will be allocated, the applicant shall indicate their intent to host via the IIHF official platform Championship Information Package (“CIP”).
- 2.2. In case the submission is accepted, the applicant receives a bid confirmation from the IIHF which shall be signed by the respective MNA and returned to confirm compliance with the IIHF Governing Documents.

3. Organizational Plan

- 3.1. No later than four (4) weeks prior to the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress preceding the Championship, the applicants shall submit an Organizational Plan in a manner specified by the IIHF.
- 3.2. After submission, the IIHF evaluates whether the application complies with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws as well as with all IIHF Governing Documents relevant to the Championship and approves or denies it accordingly.

4. Site Visits – Prior to Allocation

- 4.1. Representatives of the IIHF may visit the potential host sites to check the facility standards. The applicant shall coordinate the arrangements for the site visit with the IIHF.

- 4.2. The IIHF will pay the international travel expenses, the accommodation, and the daily allowance for its representatives, while the applicants shall pay for the transportation costs between the port of arrival / departure, the venues, and the hotels.

5. Bid Presentation to the IIHF Congress

- 5.1. The final applicants shall present their bid to the delegates during the Calendar Meeting at the IIHF Congress allocating the respective Championship.
- 5.2. Each presentation shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 5.3. The final bid presentation, including any multimedia, shall be submitted to the IIHF for technical testing at the latest seventy-two (72) hours before the opening of the Calendar Meeting at the IIHF Congress.
- 5.4. For the sequence of presentation of their bids, the applicants shall be called to present in alphabetical order.
- 5.5. On one of the subsequent Congress days, the IIHF Congress votes according to IIHF Statute 14.8 and Bylaw 6 on the applications to host the Championship according to the Congress agenda.

Championship Planning

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III. HOSTING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

6. Hosting rights

- 6.1. It is the practice of the IIHF to entrust the organization of all IIHF Championships to one MNA (the “Host”).

7. Hosting Obligations

- 7.1. The Host shall organize the Championship on behalf of the IIHF.
- 7.2. The Host shall promptly provide interim status reports in accordance with Art. 11 of this Event Code and financial reports or management accounts pertaining to the organization of the Championship, if so requested by the IIHF.
- 7.3. The Host shall promptly provide all information relating to the pricing and sale of tickets, if so requested by the IIHF.
- 7.4. The Host ensures that all third parties are aware of all obligations as per the IIHF Governing Documents pertaining to the Championship.
- 7.5. Any agreement entered into by the Host in order to fulfil such requirements shall be entered solely in the name of the Host.
- 7.6. The Host shall not, in any way, interfere with the rights and competencies of the IIHF.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

8. Organizing Committee (“OC”)

- 8.1. The Host MNA shall appoint an Organizing Committee (“OC”) for the organization of the Championship.
- 8.2. English is the official language of the Championship. All relevant documents shall be in the English language.
- 8.3. The OC(s) shall be made up of a representative of the Host MNA 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 Host MNA.
- 8.4. The OC may be chaired by a Host representative other than the President, who shall be fully responsible and accountable to the IIHF in all matters relating to the organization of the Championship.

- 8.5. If the Host has employed the services of a third party to assist in the organization of a championship, they may be represented in the OC upon approval of the IIHF.
- 8.6. Prior to the Championship, the OC shall inform the IIHF and the participating MNAs upon request by the IIHF about all aspects pertaining to the organization of the Championship.

9. Staff And Volunteers

- 9.1. The Host is responsible for appointing an adequate number of qualified persons to the EC and OC(s) to coordinate the day-to-day operations, including those involving staff and volunteers, before, during and after the Championship.
- 9.2. The Host shall oversee and manage a volunteering program. The Host ensures that all volunteering staff is aware of the relevant provisions of this Event Code.

10. Organizational Plan

- 10.1. The Organizational Plan indicated under Art. 3 of this Event Code shall be continuously updated and all changes thereto shall be timely communicated to the IIHF. The Organizational Plan shall include, among others:
 - a. An organizational chart, containing all persons and their respective roles in the organization of the Championship; and
 - b. A timetable outlining all major activities, key decisions, and milestones.
- 10.2. The OC shall be held liable in the event that the information contained in the Organizational Plan is later found to be false, misleading simply obsolete.

11. Status report

- 11.1. On request of the IIHF , the Host shall submit a status report on a regular basis. This document shall report on the following organizational items:
 - a. Completed work (in %);
 - b. Work in progress (in %); and
 - c. Major accomplishments since the last report.

V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

12. Host Nation Taxes and Fees

- 12.1. The Host shall use best efforts in seeking a tax ruling with the competent local authorities or bodies of the Host country regarding the tax treatment of any revenues arising from or in connection with the Championship or payments to/from the IIHF, IIHF's subsidiaries the participating national associations as well as the officials, advisors and employees of the IIHF, IIHF's subsidiaries the participating national associations.
- 12.2. In case of any taxes and/or similar fees to be levied in the Host Country, the Host shall act as a tax agent and perform all tax and VAT withholding and reporting obligations for the non-resident taxable participants.
- 12.3. The Host shall use their best effort in facilitating the IIHF and the participating MNAs in importing and exporting goods, products, and technical equipment for the Championship. These can include, but are not limited to, advertising boards, products for personal use, technical equipment, copiers, cars, computers, medical equipment, Championship uniforms, furniture for hospitality area, value-in-kind products, promotional articles, etc.
- 12.4. In addition, the Host shall inform all Participating Teams concerned about the agreements concluded with the competent authorities and of the established operating procedures.

VI. EVENT VENUES AND FACILITIES

13. Arena(s) and Ice Rink(s)

- 13.1. The Host shall ensure the availability of one (1) arena, which shall be in close proximity to an international airport.
- 13.2. The arena shall have sufficient space and facilities to accommodate the rooms and services described under Art. 15 - 34 of this Event Code.
- 13.3. The required capacity of the arena shall be communicated to the Host by the IIHF before the application process is started.
- 13.4. In the event that the Championship is relocated after the installation of the advertising and/or the broadcasting equipment and infrastructure due to circumstances attributable to the Host, the Host is responsible for any costs directly or indirectly connected with all new arrangements.
- 13.5. The arena shall be made exclusively available to the Host at least three (3) days prior to the start of the Championship.
- 13.6. During the above-mentioned period, the Host shall ensure complete exclusivity and availability for all areas of the above-mentioned arena, which shall be reserved in its

entirety, including its vicinities, for the sole use of the Championship during the entire event.

- 13.7. All ice rinks shall comply with the requirements set out in Rule 1 of the IIHF Rule Book.
- 13.8. The Host is responsible for ensuring that the arena facilities are fit for purpose and maintained as such throughout the whole length of the Championship.
- 13.9. Exceptions may be granted by the IIHF if the situation so requires.

14. Arena Rooms and Facilities – General

- 14.1. The allocation of rooms shall be laid down together with the IIHF on the occasion of online meetings or site visits. The minutes of such shall be kept.
- 14.2. The IIHF may request and/or approve changes in the allocation of rooms. However, any such request shall be made at the latest three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 14.3. At a minimum, the Arena shall have sufficient space for the rooms specified under Art. 15 - 34 of this Event Code.

15. Team Dressing Rooms

- 15.1. Each participating team shall be allocated a permanent dressing room (minimum of 80 m²), with the additional rooms attached to it (the “Team Dressing Room(s)”).
- 15.2. The Team Dressing Rooms shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. A minimum of six (6) showers;
 - b. A minimum of three (3) toilets;
 - c. One (1) Coach room with a separate entrance door at women’s events (approx. 10 m²);
 - d. Massage room (approx. 10 m²);
 - e. Storage (approx. 10 m²); and
 - f. Drying facilities.
- 15.3. Each dressing room shall have enough seats/spaces to hold the number of players specified under Bylaw 11 - 15.
- 15.4. If the arena does not provide appropriate dressing rooms within two (2) minutes of walking time between the dressing room and the access to the ice, the host must provide game dressing rooms as close to the ice as possible.

16. Team Stretching and Warm-up Area

- 16.1. The Host shall provide a stretching and warm-up area to be shared by the teams playing in the arena (the "Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area").
- 16.2. The Team Stretching and Warm-up Area shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Sufficient stationary bikes;
 - b. Floor matting;
 - c. Wall-mounted antiseptic hand cleaners; and
 - d. Adequate ventilation.

17. Game Official Areas

- 17.1. The Game Officials areas shall comprise of dressing rooms, a warm-up zone and an equipment drying room (the "Game Officials Areas").
- 17.2. The assigned Game Officials and the assigned Stand-by Game Officials shall be allocated adequate dressing rooms, with a minimum size of 20 m² and equipped with showers and WC.
- 17.3. 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 requested by the IIHF.
- 17.4. The Game Officials areas shall comprise of dressing rooms, a warm-up zone and an equipment drying room.
- 17.5. The Game Officials Dressing Rooms shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls and cloth racks for four (4) Game Officials (working crew);
 - b. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls and cloth racks for two (2) Stand-by Game Officials;
 - c. Wi-Fi; and
 - d. Time clock/Game clock connection.
- 17.6. The Game Officials Warm-up Zone shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Two (2) stationary warm-up bikes;
 - b. Floor matting;
 - c. Wall-mounted antiseptic hand cleaner; and
 - d. Adequate ventilation.

17.7. The Game Officials Equipment Drying Room shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Drying facility with ventilation in the arena or hotel;
- b. Sufficient drying racks for all Game Officials' equipment;
- c. Dehumidifier/ electric heater; and
- d. Lockable doors.

17.8. The Game Officials shall be granted the following services:

- a. Uniform service (at IIHF's expense);
- b. Laundry service (incl. laundry bags) for uniforms and underwear after each game and practice;
- c. Towel service for games and practices;
- d. Skate sharpening;
- e. Continued cleaning service for the Game Officials dressing rooms; and
- f. Skate laces (white), tape assortment (black, white transparent tape) and visor cleaner.

18. Doping Control Station

18.1. The Host shall provide a Doping Control Station (the "DCS") with a minimum size of 10 m², excluding the waiting room and the toilets, as close as possible to the ice rink and the players' dressing rooms. The room shall be connected to the dressing rooms with rubber floor matting.

18.2. The DCS shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Wi-Fi;
- b. Secure and lockable rooms;
- c. Two (2) tables and five (5) chairs;
- d. One (1) separate toilet and wash basin, adjacent to the DCS, equipped with mirrors, which shall be big enough for the player and a witness being inside at same time during the sample collection procedure;
- e. One (1) table for the sample collection vessel selection;
- f. One (1) lockable refrigerator for storing the doping control samples;
- g. One (1) secure and lockable cabinet for the storage of forms; and
- h. One (1) bed for players during blood sample collection.

- 18.3. The Host shall ensure that the Doping Control Station (“DCS”) is set up at least two (2) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and that the DC equipment is placed in a secure locked cabinet within the DCS.
- 18.4. If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall be responsible for assigning a security person to control the movement of people in and out of the DCS.
- 18.5. The Host shall provide a separate waiting room which shall be next to or adjacent to the DCS. The DCS waiting room shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Six (6) chairs; and
 - b. One (1) refrigerator for non-alcoholic drinks in sealed bottles.

19. IIHF Result Manager Office

- 19.1. The Host shall provide an office for the IIHF result managers (the “IIHF Result Managers Office”).
- 19.2. The office shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. One (1) desk (minimum 160 cm) with up to two (2) work positions, including one (1) chair;
 - b. Up to two (2) Laptops;
 - c. One (1) printer connected to the IIHF Result Manager laptop;
 - d. One (1) refrigerator;
 - e. One (1) coffee machine; and
 - f. Cabled Internet.

20. Directorate Meeting Room

- 20.1. The Host shall provide a room for the first Directorate meeting (the “Directorate Meeting Room”).
- 20.2. The Directorate Meeting Room shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. One (1) Big TV;
 - b. One (1) beamer; and
 - c. U-shape setting, able to fit around twenty (20) persons.
- 20.3. On the date of the First Directorate Meeting, one (1) additional room with classroom style setup for approximately twenty (20) persons is required where the Medical

Meeting and the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM) will be held. This room shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) flip chart; and
- b. One (1) beamer.

20.4. 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 Chairperson(s).

21. Video Review Consultant Operation Room

- 21.1. If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall provide a "Video Review Operation Room" and install a Video Review Consultant system as specified by the IIHF Video Review Consultant Operation System Guidelines.
- 21.2. If the Video Review Consultant Operation Room requires a seat kill, then the Host shall reserve the amount specified by the IIHF.

22. Scorekeeper Box and Penalty Box

- 22.1. The Host shall provide a working space within the Scorekeeper Box for Timekeeper, Announcer, Penalty Box attendants and a Supervisor.
- 22.2. The room shall comprise of:
 - a. Four (4) desks (minimum 80 cm) with power;
 - b. One (1) Laptop;
 - c. Cabled Internet.

23. Statistics Bench

- 23.1. The Host shall provide a bench with an unobstructed view of the ice rink (the "Statistics Bench"). Its position shall be approved by the IIHF.
- 23.2. The Statistics Bench shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Desks (allowing a minimum of six people to sit), including chairs and three (3) laptops for Gemini and Face-offs Operations;
 - b. Three (3) Laptops;
 - c. Cabled Internet; and

d. Sufficient amount of power outlets.

23.3. The Host shall appoint experienced volunteers to run the IIHF Statistics System Operations in a number specified by the IIHF.

24. IIHF Staff Area

24.1. The Host shall provide in the arena or if impossible, immediately adjacent with IIHF approval, up to three (3) working spaces provided with the necessary equipment installed and ready to be used two (2) days prior to the Championship (the "IIHF Staff Area").

24.2. The space shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet;
- b. One (1) multifunction printer;
- c. One (1) refrigerator; and
- d. One (1) coffee machine.

25. Media Center

25.1. The Host shall provide a room or tent offering good working conditions for up to thirty (30) journalists and reporters (the "Media Center").

26. Media Tribune

26.1. The Host shall provide twenty (20) seats per game in the spectator area of each arena (the "Media Tribune").

26.2. The seating area shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and be located as approved by the IIHF.

27. Commentators Positions

27.1. The Host shall provide thirty (30) seats for ten (10) positions per arena (the "Commentators Positions"), to be located centrally in the spectator area, on the same side as the main camera platform.

28. Mixed Zone

- 28.1. The Host shall provide sufficient space for media interviews in the arenas, located as close as possible to the player dressing rooms and the Media Center (the "Mixed Zone").

29. Photocopy Center

- 29.1. The Host shall provide one (1) facility for photocopies (the "Photocopy Center") as close as possible to the Media Center.

30. Transportation Desk

- 30.1. The Host shall provide a fully equipped desk for the management of transportation (the "Transportation Desk"). The Transportation Desk shall be located within or in the vicinity of the arena.

31. Supplier Showrooms

- 31.1. If requested by the IIHF, the Host is responsible for providing up to three (3) rooms for IIHF Supplier Pool partners in each arena (the "Supplier Showroom(s)").
- 31.2. The Supplier Showrooms shall be located in the vicinity of the Team Dressing Rooms and shall be lockable. Keys shall be provided to the supplier using the room. The room size shall be discussed with the IIHF upon request and availability.
- 31.3. The Supplier Showrooms shall be equipped with desks and chairs for two (2) people.

32. Team Video Coach Positions

- 32.1. The Host shall provide five (5) seats per playing team to be used by team staff at each of their own games (the "Team Video Coach Positions"). In addition, a place shall be provided for a camera and tripod, with access to an electrical outlet.
- 32.2. The Host ensures that all Team Video Coach Positions provide an unrestricted view to the ice-level

33. Photo Positions

- 33.1. The Host shall provide space for ten (10) photographers in the arena (the "Photo Positions").

34. Seats For Stand-By Game Officials

- 34.1. Two (2) chairs located at ice level, sufficiently close to the Game Officials Dressing Rooms, with sufficient height to view the ice, shall be provided by the Host for the Stand-by Referee and the Stand-by Linesperson (the “Seats For Stand-By Game Officials”).

35. Arena Public Area

- 35.1. 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 the above, the Host shall seek for such permission on behalf of the IIHF.

36. Directional Signage

- 36.1. The Host is responsible for providing signage with consistent Championship branding in the layout of the Championship design across all venues.
- 36.2. The Host shall provide directional signage in all relevant areas in and around the arena indicating the location of respective rooms and functional zones to visitors, guests, participants, staff, volunteers and media.
- 36.3. The look and location of the planned signage, including the detailed signage plan of the arena and surroundings, shall be submitted for approval to the IIHF at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

VII. EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

37. Sustainable use of facilities and environmental requirements

- 37.1. A professional and sustainable waste management system shall be created for all venue facilities. Temporary infrastructure shall be considered for re-use or recycling and have to be discarded at the cost of the respective Host.
- 37.2. The Host shall ensure compliance with national environmental legislation relating to the arenas.
- 37.3. The Host shall take all steps to ensure that there is no smoking in the arena.
- 37.4. The Host shall ensure that no air horns nor any other noise-producing items are sold, distributed or used in any area under their control.

VIII. ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

38. Lighting Requirements

38.1. The lighting strength in the ice pad areas shall be at least nine hundred (900) lux. The practice rinks shall offer a minimum of six hundred (600) lux.

39. Electricity Requirements

39.1. In order to allow an efficient organization and broadcasting of the Championship, the Host shall provide at their own expense the infrastructure for an adequate supply of electricity with an emergency power supply system, which shall be approved by the IIHF. Electricity usage by TV companies for OB-vans, TV studios etc. shall be supplied by the organizer but paid for by the requesting party.

IX. INSURANCE AND SECURITY

40. Insurances – General conditions

40.1. All insurance policies executed by the Host (if applicable, third parties such as the arena owner/operator) shall be non-cancellable.

40.2. The proposed insurance policies shall be presented to the IIHF for prior written approval.

40.3. The IIHF, acting reasonably, may request modifications of or amendments to the proposed policies and the Host shall be obliged to comply with such requests.

40.4. All insurance policies shall be presented to IIHF in the English language as soon as possible but not later than six (6) months prior to the opening game of the Championship.

41. Event Cancellation and Abandonment Insurance

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

41.2. The Event Cancellation Insurance shall provide cover to any cause beyond the control of the Host or the IIHF for the risk of:

- a. Cancellation: means the inability to complete the Insured Event prior to commencement;

- b. Abandonment: means the inability to complete the Insured Event once commenced;
- c. Postponement: means the unavoidable deferment of the Insured Event to another time;
- d. Interruption: means a temporary delay in the completion of the Insured Event after it has been commenced;
- e. Curtailment: means a reduction in the length of the Insured Event from that which was originally planned; and
- f. Relocation: means the unavoidable removal of the Insured Event to another place.

42. General Third-Party Liability Insurance

- 42.1. The Host shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive general third-party liability insurance with an insurer of recognized international standard with sufficient minimum sum insured as agreed with the IIHF for each occurrence of bodily injury, property damage and/or financial losses arising during organization, staging dismantling of the Championship. Such general third-party liability insurance shall be in broad form.
- 42.2. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF is named as an additional insured party in the general third-party liability insurance policy.
- 42.3. The Host shall perform an insurance assessment with the assistance of a qualified insurance broker.

43. Other Insurances

- 43.1. The Host shall (if applicable, shall procure that a third party such as the Stadium Owner/Operator shall), secure and/or maintain comprehensive additional insurance in broad form with insurers of recognized international standard to cover further risks associated with the organization and staging of the Championship, including:
 - a. Stadium liability insurance;
 - b. Financial and consequential losses liability insurance;
 - c. Legal protection insurance;
 - d. Personal accident insurance for Organizer's staff, volunteers spectators;
 - e. Property insurance; and
 - f. Any other insurance.

44. Arena Security and Protection

- 44.1. The Host shall comply with all reasonable IIHF requests with regards to security within the arena and in its vicinity.
- 44.2. The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas installations (e.g., if applicable, Fan Zone, TV compound, media center, offices, storage, separate VIP entrances, VIP lounges) during the whole period when the arena is under their command.
- 44.3. The Host shall provide sufficient security for the access control to the arena and for the seats in the spectator area.
- 44.4. The Host shall work in close cooperation with the local police and fire department to develop the 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 the English language.
- 44.5. The Host has to provide sufficient security to the team, Game Officials and the office area before, during and after practice and game times. The Host shall be held responsible for claims in case of incidents.
- 44.6. If applicable, the Host shall provide 24h security for the entire TV equipment installed within and outside the arena(s) and has to provide 24h security and access control to the TV compound outside the arena.
- 44.7. *Access to Championship Hotels*
 - a. The Host shall ensure that the media and fans have restricted access to the team hotels and that the hotels provide sufficient security.
- 44.8. *Access to the Ice Surface*
 - a. The Host shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no unauthorized persons are allowed on the ice surface at any time.
- 44.9. *Safety Certification*
 - a. The Host is responsible for ensuring all required safety certification related to the operation of the arena, its facilities and occupation by members of the public and employees have been obtained prior to the start of the Championship.

X. SAFEGUARDING

45. Code of Conduct

- 45.1. The Host shall create a code of conduct for all staff, volunteers contractors working for the LOC. This code of conduct shall include expectations for professional behavior, treatment of players, coaches and spectators and guidelines for reporting any concerns related to safeguarding.

46. Risk assessment

- 46.1. The Host shall conduct a risk assessment for the Event, identifying any potential areas of risk for safeguarding concerns, such as locker rooms, transportation accommodation. The Host shall develop procedures for mitigating these risks.

47. Background checks

- 47.1. The Host shall conduct background checks for all staff, volunteers contractors who will be working with players or in other positions where they may have access to sensitive information. This includes criminal record checks, as well as reference and employment checks.

48. Medical support

- 48.1. The Host shall ensure that appropriate medical support is available for dealing with safeguarding issues, including access to trained medical professionals.

49. Security measures

- 49.1. The Host shall develop and implement appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of all staff, volunteers, contractors, players, coaches, and spectators. This includes procedures for handling emergency situations, as well as ensuring that security personnel are trained in safeguarding.

50. Safeguarding Officer

- 50.1. The Host shall appoint at least one (1) person in charge of dealing with safeguarding matters (the "Safeguarding Officer") per Host city to address any safeguarding incidents that may occur during the Championship. The Safeguarding Officer shall be trained in safeguarding policies and procedures and have a clear understanding of its responsibilities and obligations. The Safeguarding Officer shall work closely with the IIHF and the relevant law enforcement agencies to ensure a coordinated and effective response to safeguarding issues.

51. Reporting and response procedures

- 51.1. The Host shall develop and implement reporting and response procedures for safeguarding concerns, including procedures for reporting concerns to the IIHF and the relevant authorities responding to concerns in a timely, appropriate confidential manner. The reporting and response procedures shall be approved in writing by the IIHF.

52. Training and awareness

- 52.1. The Host shall provide mandatory education and awareness-raising activities for staff, volunteers contractors on safeguarding, which shall be approved in writing by the IIHF. This includes training on how to recognize signs of abuse or harm, how to report concerns and how to respond appropriately. The training shall be provided in advance of the event and reinforced throughout the competition.

XI. SERVICES

53. Entry Visas

53.1. Upon request, the Host shall timely arrange for any necessary support related to entry visas and for all necessary approvals for the entry of representatives of the IIHF and all Participating Teams and their staff and Game Officials, including importing and exporting material and equipment.

54. Team And Game Official Hosts

54.1. The Host shall assign a host to each Participating Team as well as one for the Game Officials, who shall speak English as well as the native language of the respective team and serve as an intermediary throughout the whole duration of the Championship.

55. Games Services

55.1. The Host shall provide and take all necessary measures to organize the following services for all Participating Teams and Game Officials arrange the respective facilities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of this Event Code:

- a. Laundry service (incl. laundry bags) for uniforms, underwear towels, in accordance with the individual game and practice schedule;
- b. Towel service for games and practices;
- c. Provide sufficient pucks (approx. 50 per team) for the practices and pre-game warm-ups (for the WM18 IA & IB and the WW18 IA & IB, the Host receives IIHF warm-up pucks, which have to be used prior to all games), as well as manage delivery of the pucks provided by the IIHF;
- d. Drinks and fruit delivered to the teams and game officials dressing rooms for games and practices; and
- e. Cleaning service for the Teams and Game Officials dressing rooms, hallways, player benches and penalty benches after warm-up and between periods.

XII. PROTOCOL

56. Protocol Personnel

- 56.1. The Host shall hire sufficient personnel to ensure that the protocol is implemented as requested by the IIHF.

57. Flags

- 57.1. The arena shall 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.
- 57.2. The flags are to be positioned from left to right (seen from the main tribune) in order of seeding as teams enter the Championship. The IIHF flag may be positioned at the start, the end or in the middle of the national flags.
- 57.3. The flags shall 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 shall verify the authenticity of the respective national flags and anthems.

58. IIHF Official Music

- 58.1. During the medal ceremonies, as well as when the teams enter the ice surface, the Host shall make exclusive use of the music provided by the IIHF (the "IIHF Official Music"). The Host shall report any use of the IIHF Official Music to the respective domestic agency and is responsible for all charges arising therefrom or in connection with the use of the IIHF Official Music.

59. Opening Ceremony

- 59.1. Eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship, the Host shall present the Opening Ceremony plan to the IIHF.
- 59.2. The Opening Ceremony shall last no longer than ten (10) minutes and it shall not jeopardize the quality of the ice for the following game.
- 59.3. The flag of the Host country shall be hoisted while the country's national anthem is being played.
- 59.4. After the Host country flag has been hoisted, the President of the Host MNA, followed by the IIHF President or IIHF Directorate Chairperson, shall make a speech, and declare the Championship opened according to the rundown provided by the IIHF. Upon the Host MNA's prior request, a State representative may open the Championship.

60. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

- 60.1. The Host is responsible for instructing all involved stakeholders with regards to the pre-game and post-game ceremonies.
- 60.2. The Host is responsible for the exact execution of the pre-game and post-game ceremonies outlined in the IIHF Pre- and Post-Game Countdown, as indicated by the IIHF.

61. Medal Ceremonies

- 61.1. The Host shall present to the Directorate Chairperson the medal ceremony plan prior to the second-to last game day.
- 61.2. The Host is responsible for instructing all involved stakeholders with regards to the medal ceremonies.
- 61.3. The exact timing and scripting of the ceremonies will be elaborated between the Host and the IIHF and are subject to prior IIHF approval.
- 61.4. The Host shall provide a carpet that will be placed on the ice for medal ceremonies as well as a system for identifying persons allowed on the ice during such.

62. Championship Awards

- 62.1. The Host shall provide the following awards:
 - a. Best Player of the Game of each team (optional);
 - b. Awards for the best three (3) players of each team in the tournament (optional);
 - c. Award for the most valuable player (MVP) of the tournament (optional); and
 - d. Awards for each player of the "All-star" Team (optional).
- 62.2. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all awards they provide.

XIII. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

63. General

- 63.1. The Host shall provide accommodation in high-standard 3-star hotels and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to all participants listed under Art. 69 - 71 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").
- 63.2. Hotels shall be within a thirty (30) minutes bus travel time radius from the respective arena.

- 63.3. The Host is responsible for ensuring that any agreements with the hotels provide as much flexibility as possible in terms of additional rooms, date changes, late deadlines of confirmation, as well as favorable cancellation policies.
- 63.4. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for the specific hotels and hotel rates in which the Official Participants shall stay during the Championship. The IIHF approval shall be obtained by the Host no later than six (6) months before the beginning of the Championship.
- 63.5. The IIHF shall inform the Host about the exact number of rooms no later than six (6) weeks prior to the Championship.
- 63.6. The Host shall make reservations on behalf of the IIHF for persons not listed under Art. 69 - 71 of this Event Code.
- 63.7. Any costs related to accommodation of persons not listed under Art. 69 - 71 of this Event Code shall be paid by the guest concerned upon checkout, unless otherwise stated by the IIHF.
- 63.8. The Host shall ensure that additional rooms for guests, not listed under Art. 69 - 71 of this Event Code, are provided to them at the same financial conditions they have negotiated for the Official Participants.
- 63.9. In the event that any of the Official Participants cause damage to their accommodation, Championship transportation or at the arenas, the Host is responsible for checking the extent of the damage and bearing the connected costs. The Host shall invoice the concerned Official Participant(s). The Host shall inform the IIHF regarding the damage occurred.

64. Additional Hotel Spaces

- 64.1. At a minimum, the Host shall negotiate the additional spaces within the hotel, indicated under Articles 64 and 65 of this Event Code.

65. Teams Meeting Rooms

- 65.1. The Host shall arrange for fully equipped meeting rooms, which shall be made available at no cost in the hotel where the teams are staying.
- 65.2. Teams meeting rooms shall be, at a minimum, equipped with a free internet connection, a flip chart, a TV set including HDMI access and cabling, or a projector with cabling and a screen.

66. Officiating Team Meeting Room

- 66.1. The Host shall arrange for one (1) meeting room for the Officiating Team. The room shall be made available from two (2) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and until the day after the Championship is concluded.

- 66.2. The Officiating Team meeting room shall be soundproof and be, at a minimum, equipped with one (1) beamer, one (1) screen, one (1) flip chart, and Wi-Fi.
- 66.3. Water, soft drinks, fruit and snacks shall be available in the meeting room.

67. Board

- 67.1. The Host shall bear the costs for full board for the maximum number of players and officials as specified in the IIHF Bylaw 11 - 15.
- 67.2. All Official Participants shall be entitled to breakfast at their respective hotels. Breakfast for the Participating Teams shall be served in a reserved breakfast area or in a private meeting room with a dedicated breakfast buffet.
- 67.3. The Host shall provide lunches and dinners at the arena, if requested by the IIHF.
- 67.4. The Host shall ensure that hot meals are available after evening games for all Participating Teams, Game Officials, IIHF Council members, Directorate members and IIHF Staff at the hotels where they are staying.
- 67.5. The Host shall ensure that additional meals for the Participating Teams can be organized and that the price for any additional meals shall be the same as the negotiated Host's price.
- 67.6. The Host shall bear the costs for two main meals (lunch and dinner) for IIHF Staff, Game Officials, and Officiating Coaches in the Host nation's currency.
- 67.7. The Host shall ensure that the nutritional and hydration standards specified in the IIHF Medical Guidelines are being adhered to.

68. Official Participants

- 68.1. The Host shall provide accommodation for the persons indicated under articles 69 - 71 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").

69. Participating Teams

- 69.1. All Participating Teams shall be provided with accommodation starting at noon on the day before the beginning of the Championship until noon of the day after the Championship for the participant concerned is concluded.
- 69.2. All Participating Teams shall be accommodated in the same hotel, if possible.
- 69.3. If teams are accommodated in more than one hotel, the hotels shall be of equal standard.
- 69.4. The IIHF Championship Chairperson shall be in principle also accommodated in the team hotel.

69.5. Each team shall be provided with single rooms and twin rooms as specified below.

WM II	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM III	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM IV	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM20 I	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM20 II	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM 20 III or lower	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM18I	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM18 II	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WM18 III or lower	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WW I	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WW II	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WW III	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WW18 I	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy
WW18 II or lower	Ten (10) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds), six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy

69.6. The Host shall use its best endeavours to fulfil additional room requests for the team delegation at the cost of the respective MNA for a period of time until the Championship for the participant concerned is concluded.

69.7. The price for any additional rooms shall be the same as the negotiated Host's price.

70. Officiating Team

- 70.1. All members of the IIHF Officiating Team shall be provided with accommodation two (2) days before the first game until one (1) day after the conclusion of the Championship. Each IIHF Officiating Coach shall be provided with a single room and the referees and linespersons shall be provided with shared twin rooms as specified below:

Division tournament with four (4) – five (5) teams	
Officiating Coaches	One (1) standard room with single occupancy
On-Ice-Officials	Five (5) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds)
Division tournament with six (6) teams	
Officiating Coaches	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy
On-Ice-Officials	Seven (7) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds)
Division tournament with eight (8) teams	
Officiating Coaches	Three (3) standard room with single occupancy
On-Ice-Officials	Sixteen (16) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds)

- 70.2. 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 Championship and the varying Game Officials assignments given by different circumstances.

71. IIHF Representatives

- 71.1. IIHF representatives shall be provided with accommodation one (1) days before the Championship starts until the day after the conclusion of the Championship, as specified below:

IIHF President with one (1) family member	One (1) suite
IIHF Championship Chairperson with one (1) family member	One (1) standard room with double occupancy
IIHF General Secretary with one (1) family	One (1) standard room with double occupancy

member	
IIHF Staff with one (1) family member	One (1) standard room with double occupancy
IIHF Medical Supervisors	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy
TEC/Statistics Operators	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy
Disciplinary Operators	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy

71.2. The IIHF Championship Chairperson shall, in principle, be accommodated in the team hotel.

71.3. The Host shall provide a sufficient amount of service accreditations to the IIHF (approx. total of 20) if requested by the IIHF.

72. Meal Money

72.1. Unless they decide to provide meals, the Host shall pay meal money to IIHF Staff, IIHF Medical Supervisors and the Officiating Team for each day they are in attendance at the Championship, including the arrival and departure days, in accordance with the respective IIHF Expense Guidelines.

72.2. The settlement for such meal money shall be paid through a pre-financing from the IIHF which will be invoiced to the Host.

72.3. The Host ensures that access to restaurants is guaranteed within the vicinity of the Championship Venues or hotels. If this cannot be guaranteed, the Host shall arrange meals at the hotel or arena for the Officiating Team.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION

73. Transportation Service

73.1. Airport transportation, including where necessary luggage transportation, shall be provided for all Official Participants and all other persons as indicated by the IIHF.

73.2. Venue transportation shall be provided for:

- a. Transportation for IIHF President and their guests, IIHF Chairperson, IIHF Council, IIHF Staff, Game Officials and Officiating Coaches, designated Team staff and any other person specifically designated by the IIHF; and
- b. Team transportation with a bus.

73.3. The Host is responsible for transportation from the time the participants arrive at the official Championship airport until two (2) days after the Championship is concluded.

73.4. A transportation contact shall be available 24h/day by phone.

74. Transportation Desk

- 74.1. The Host is responsible for setting up a transportation desk, which shall start its operations two (2) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and last until one (1) day after the Championship has concluded.
- 74.2. The transportation center shall be open from 6 a.m. until two (2) hours after the last game of the day has finished or midnight, whatever is latest.

75. Parking Space

- 75.1. The Host shall ensure that parking places in the direct vicinity of the arena are provided for one (1) vehicle for each of the Participating Teams and for Game Officials.

XV. TICKETING AND SEAT RESERVATION

76. Host Rights

- 76.1. With the exception of the reserved seats and the seat kill created, the Host shall have the right to sell tickets for the Championship.

77. Ticket Terms and Conditions

- 77.1. The Host shall ensure that the minimum terms and conditions are either printed on the back side of the tickets or brought to the purchaser's attention in another way.
- 77.2. The Host shall ensure that other information as indicated by the IIHF is included on the back side of the tickets.

78. IIHF Tickets

- 78.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF with twenty (20) seats of the best category per game in each arena ("IIHF Seats").
- 78.2. The IIHF Seats shall be located in one block, in the best location of the arenas and the seat allocation shall not be changed during the whole Championship.
- 78.3. The Host shall handle the administration of the IIHF tickets and/or seats according to instructions given by the IIHF.
- 78.4. The IIHF shall make exclusive use of the IIHF Seats and allocate them at its sole discretion.

79. Participant Tribune

79.1. The Host shall provide an accredited tribune of sixty (60) seats in each arena, with adequate seating for accredited players, team officials, coaches as well as for accredited Game Officials and officiating staff (the “Participants Tribune”).

79.2. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for the seats, which shall be the same throughout the whole Championship.

80. Tickets For Participating Teams

80.1. The Host shall provide each Participating Team with additional free tickets to their own games, in the amount as follows:

Women’s Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28
Women’s Div. III Competitions	min. 26
Women’s U18 Div. I Competitions	min. 28
Women’s U18 Div. II Competitions	min. 26
Men’s U20 & Men’s U18 Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28
Men’s U20 & U18 Div. III Competitions	min. 26
Men’s Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28
Men’s Div. III and IV Competitions	min. 26

81. Seat Kills

81.1. It is the Host’s responsibility to carefully manage the release of seats to public sales in light of any seat kills or other requirements.

XVI. GAME SCHEDULE

82. General

- 82.1. The Host shall prepare a timetable of games outlining playing teams (if possible), times and playing site (the "Game Schedule") in accordance with the provisions of this Event Code and submit a proposal for approval before the Participating MNAs no later than May 31st preceding the Championship. The final Game Schedule shall be approved no later than July 31st preceding the Championship.
- 82.2. The Game Schedule structure shall mandatorily reflect one of the models indicated under Section III of the IIHF Sport Guidelines. The Host shall seek IIHF approval if they wish to deviate from any such models.
- 82.3. The Host acknowledges that if Participating Teams cannot agree on a game schedule, then the IIHF Council shall make the final decision.
- 82.4. No team may be called upon to play more than one (1) game per day or more than two (2) games in three (3) consecutive days. Exceptionally, three (3) games in a row may be played only if all involved MNAs agree.
- 82.5. No team shall have more than two (2) consecutive days off without playing a game.
- 82.6. There shall be no less than twenty (20) hours between the end and the start of two (2) games by the same team.
- 82.7. If requested at the time of the game schedule approval, the Host's wish as to the game time and game allocation will be respected.
- 82.8. Partially modified game schedules proposed by the Host (e.g., by switch of rounds), taking into account television broadcasts and spectator attendance, must be reviewed by the IIHF.
- 82.9. If the Championship is played in more than one arena, the higher-ranked teams at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round shall keep their playing site for the respective Playoff or Final Round.

XVII. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

83. Practice Schedule

- 83.1. The Host is responsible for arranging the following practice sessions for each of the Participating Teams:
 - a. One (1) session on the day before the Championship begins with a duration of at least one (1) hour on the ice surface to be used for Championship games. The

schedule shall be designed based on the arrival schedule of the Participating Teams;

- b. One (1) session of at least thirty (30) minutes on game-days, which shall take place, whenever possible, in the same arena as the game of the respective team; and
 - c. One (1) session of no longer than seventy-five (75) minutes on rest-days.
- 83.2. For game-day and rest-days practice sessions, the Participating Team which plays earlier shall also practice earlier. The home team practices second; the away team may practice at the same time if another arena is available.
- 83.3. If, for time reasons, two opposing teams in the preliminary round or round robin practice at the same time in different arenas, then the team which prior to the Championship presented a higher ranking used for seeding shall be entitled to choose their practice arena.
- 83.4. If two opposing teams, in the tournament phases following the preliminary round practice at the same time in different arenas, then the team with a higher ranking in the preceding round shall choose their practice arena.
- 83.5. The Host shall use their best effort to accommodate exchanges or adjustments of practice times, which may be requested by Participating Teams during Directorate meetings.

84. Dressing Rooms Allotment

- 84.1. The allotment of Participating Teams' permanent dressing rooms shall be based upon the following criteria in the given order:
- a. The dressing rooms will be ranked by quality and distance to the ice surface and allotted to each of the Participating Teams following their seeding entering the tournament. Nevertheless, the Host team shall have the first choice.

XVIII. TELEVISION BREAKS (only applicable in case of TV production with commercial/goal breaks)

85. Break Coordinator

- 85.1. The Host shall assign one (1) coordinator for the television breaks (the "Break Coordinator").
- 85.2. The Break Coordinator is responsible for executing the respective procedure as set under Rule 87 of the IIHF Rule Book.

86. Commercial Breaks

- 86.1. During each regular period of the games in a Championship, there shall be a maximum of three (3) commercial breaks, each with a maximum duration of seventy (70) seconds.
- 86.2. Commercial breaks shall be taken in line with the provisions of Rule 87.2 of the IIHF Rule Book and the IIHF Sport Guidelines.

87. Goal Breaks

- 87.1. During each period of regulation time, goal breaks shall be taken in accordance with the provisions set out in Rule 87.3 of the IIHF Rule Book.
- 87.2. Immediately after the scoring of a goal, the Goal Break Coordinator shall stop the game for the amount of time described below immediately following the scoring of a goal:
 - a. 0 - 12 seconds for celebrations of the goal by the players;
 - b. 13 - 24 seconds for slow motion replay number 1;
 - c. 25 - 36 seconds for slow motion replay number 2;
 - d. 37 - 45 seconds for goal scorer close-up with graphics.

XIX. JUMBOTRON USAGE (only applicable if Jumbotron is used)

88. General

- 88.1. The Host shall provide a solution to display game data during each of the games (the "Jumbotron").
- 88.2. The Host ensures that the usage of the Jumbotron does not interfere with any of the games.
- 88.3. The Jumbotron shall not be used in such a way as to create a hostile environment in the arena or to portray the game, players, officials or spectators in an unsportsmanlike or negative way or delivering unofficial commercial messages.
- 88.4. The content shown on the Jumbotron shall be a balance of sportive, entertainment and public information content.
- 88.5. The Host ensures that the Jumbotron operator is aware of the provisions of the Event Codes relating to the showing of data as set out in this article.

89. In-Game Replays

- 89.1. Replays of all game actions or plays (i.e., goals, passes, body checks, Goalkeeper saves, blocked shots, minor penalties including those that result in a penalty shot, post-whistle scrums unless they result in violent fisticuffs and major penalties unless the consequences are severe) may be shown on the Jumbotron without limitation.
- 89.2. The Host ensures that when showing replays of a penalty call, all available camera angles of the play are used for spectator's transparency and clarity.

90. Video Review Consultant Replay

- 90.1. Footage from the Video Review Consultant Replay System may be shown on the Jumbotron one (1) time while the play is being reviewed and one (1) additional time after the replay call has been made.
- 90.2. After the replay call has been made, if there are multiple camera angles of the play available, the camera angle that was relied on to make the ultimate call shall be shown on the Jumbotron.
- 90.3. In case of doubt as to which camera angle the call relied on, the Jumbotron operator shall priorly consult with the IIHF Video Review Consultant.

91. Injuries

- 91.1. In the event of an injury on the ice, the interested area of the field of play shall not be shown on the Jumbotron until the injured player or game official has left the ice.
- 91.2. The Host ensures that if there is an obvious sign of serious injury (i.e., profuse bleeding, broken bone, unsteady skating), the play is replayed only one (1) time immediately after the injured player or game official leaves the ice. The play shall not be shown on the Jumbotron thereafter.

92. Spectators

- 92.1. The Host ensures that spectators are shown on the Jumbotron in a positive light.
- 92.2. Spectator injuries and spectators engaging in violence, making obscene gestures, showing obscene signs, verbally abusing players or officials, engaging in ambush marketing practices, throwing objects to the ice or sleeping or any other offensive or sensitive image shall not be shown on the Jumbotron.

93. Fights

- 93.1. Fights shall not be shown on the Jumbotron if of a violent nature. This shall not equal a short "post-whistle scrum" with two or more players.

XX. TIMEKEEPING AND SCOREBOARD SYSTEM

94. IIHF Rule Book

- 94.1. In operating the timekeeping and scoreboard system, the Host shall ensure that this is done in accordance with the rules set put in the IIHF Rule Book.

XXI. ICE SURFACE DIMENSIONS

95. General

- 95.1. For all Championships where more than one (1) arena is to be used, the ice surfaces for competition and practices shall be of the same dimension and set-up.
- 95.2. The Host shall seek prior written approval from both the IIHF and all Participating Teams if they wish to request an exception.

XXII. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

96. Host Responsibilities

- 96.1. The Host is responsible for scheduling prior to the beginning of a Championship the following pre-Championship meetings and invite all relevant Participating Teams staff as well as members of the OC:
- a. Head Coaches' Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM);
 - b. Team Medical Personnel Meeting (Art. 124 of this Event Code);
 - c. First Directorate Meeting.

XXIII. FROZEN GAME PUCK PROCEDURE

97. Host Responsibilities

- 97.1. The Host shall appoint a Penalty Box attendant, who shall be responsible for operating the frozen puck freezer and mandatorily follow the procedure as set out in the IIHF Rule Book.
- 97.2. The Penalty Box attendant is responsible for monitoring the temperature of the frozen puck freezer, which shall be set between -10 and -12 °C.

XXIV. PENALTY-SHOT SHOOTOUT DRY SCRAPE PROCEDURE

98. Host Responsibilities

- 98.1. The Host is responsible for dry scraping the area of the ice surface between the face off spots with one (1) or two (2) ice resurfacers prior to the start of a shootout, according to the procedure set out in Art. 84.4 of the IIHF Rule Book.

Medical and Anti-Doping

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The present chapter is intended to provide Hosts with the required minimum medical standards during all IIHF Championships. The IIHF recommends implementing an even higher standard in order to grant all Participants the safest event possible.

XXV. THE EVENT CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

99. Event Chief Medical Officer

- 99.1. The Host shall appoint an Event Chief Medical Officer (“ECMO”) at least three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 99.2. The ECMO is responsible for the management of the Championship Medical Program and the management of the Event Medical Team. The ECMO is responsible for the daily management of medical services operations in connection with the Championship.
- 99.3. The ECMO shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. Medical license valid in the Host country;
 - b. Proven Ice Hockey and/or sport medicine experience;
 - c. Knowledge of Concussion Protocol and WADA Anti-Doping rules; and
 - d. Shall not be a physician of one of the Participating Teams.
- 99.4. The ECMO is responsible for the following:
 - a. Develop and maintain a medical budget for the Championship;
 - b. Train the Event Medical Team to ensure they are aware of all medical policies and procedures which exist in Ice Hockey, especially relating to injuries while the game is in play, concussions, blood spills, anti-doping and abuse and harassment;
 - c. Create a liaison with one or more local hospitals, other medical specialties related services;
 - d. Review and arrange for appropriate ambulance coverage according to the requirements set out in Articles 106 and 107 of this Event Code as well as for an after-hours call service in the event of an illness or injury;
 - e. Determine if there are any concerns regarding water quality and vaccinations in the Host country and advise the IIHF accordingly;
 - f. Establish an appropriate space within the various venues for both the Medical Room and the anti-doping facilities;
 - g. Develop and maintain a full supply list for the Medical Room in accordance with the IIHF Medical Guidelines;
 - h. Determine the requirements for medical equipment and supplies, including medications procure these in appropriate quantity for all training and competition sites;

- i. Establish a recording system for documenting all medical treatments, assessments and dispensing of medications;
- j. Support the Team Medical Personnel (Team Doctor, Team Physiotherapist or other persons designated to handle Team medical matters) in requesting any special licensing in order to perform their duties in the Host country;
- k. Liaise with visiting teams to assist them in the procurement of any specific supplies or equipment;
- l. Confirm with designated hospitals whether they accept insurance or if Participating Teams will have to self-pay;
- m. Ensure that all members of the Event Medical Team (whether paid or volunteer) have malpractice insurance to deal with any claims that may arise as a result of their participation in the Championship;
- n. Arrange for appropriate accreditation, accommodation, food service, beverages, towels, outfitting and transportation for the Event Medical Team;
- o. Prepare the logistics for the IIHF Team Medical Personnel Meeting and Rescue on Ice session;
- p. Draft a final report at the end of the Championship, according to the provisions set out in Art. 125 of this Event Code;
- q. Recruit physicians and specialists for the Event Medical Team as needed and assign them to different venues;
- r. Liaise with the ECMO(s) at the second venue, if present;
- s. Prepare and review site and route maps, including access points to arena(s), with the ambulance services prior to the beginning of the Championship;
- t. Liaise with public health authorities to plan Championship risk mitigation strategies and to ensure coordination of venue medical disaster plans;
- u. Complete the IIHF Pre-Event Medical Questionnaire and return it to the IIHF Medical Committee Secretary at least one (1) month prior to the beginning of the Championship;
- v. Establish and convey to all participants all relevant rules relating to medical coverage at the IIHF Team Medical Personnel Meeting prior to the beginning of the Championship; and
- w. Name deputies, including a Medical Service Coordinator (“MSC”), if the circumstances so require.

XXVI. THE EVENT MEDICAL TEAM

100. Composition of the Event Medical Team

100.1. The ECMO shall recruit a group of experts in different medical specialties, which shall form the Event Medical Team.

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100.3. The Event Medical Team shall consist of:

- a. One or more physicians with sport medicine experience;
- b. One or more dentists;
- c. One or more orthopedic surgeons;
- d. One or more therapists (athletic, physiotherapy, massage); and
- e. Other medical specialists, as needed.

101. Objective of Event Medical Team

101.1. The Event Medical Team shall operate the medical services and respond to any injuries or emergencies on a daily basis as indicated by the ECMO.

102. Presence of the Event Medical Team

102.1. *Game day coverage*

- a. On game days, at least one physician with sport medicine experience (the "Game-Day Physician") shall be present.
- b. Furthermore, two or more paramedics shall be present according to the provisions set out in Art. 108 of this Event Code.

102.2. *Practice coverage*

- a. During each practice session, at least one medical person from the Event Medical Team able to provide immediate medical care and activate the Emergency Action Plan ("EAP") shall be present.

103. Treatment of injured players or officials

103.1. The treatment of an injured player is provided by the player's own Team Medical Personnel unless they are not available they relinquish it to a member of the Event Medical Team.

103.2. In cases of an on-ice emergency, the Team Medical Personnel shall relinquish the medical care to the Event Medical Team.

103.3. The decision relating to the ability of a player to return to play shall remain with the player's Team Medical Personnel unless any IIHF Regulations pertaining to the player's health and safety are contravened.

103.4. As outlined in Art. 176.1 of this Event Code, the Home Team Medical Personnel is responsible for removing injured Game Officials from the ice. After the removal, the Home Team shall relinquish the medical care to the Event Medical Team, who is responsible for the diagnosis and decision relating to the ability of an on-ice official to return to play.

104. Medical Records

104.1. Every examination and treatment performed by a member of the Event Medical Team shall be recorded. Detailed medical records shall be kept for examinations and treatments performed at:

- a. Practice sessions;
- b. Competition sites; and
- c. Hotels or residences.

104.2. Any conversations with either the player or a team official that relate to the players' medical status shall be recorded.

104.3. All medications issued by any member of the Event Medical Team, including the distribution details, shall be recorded.

104.4. Medical records shall be processed and retained by the treating practitioner for a time period in accordance with the domestic laws of the Host country.

XXVII. THE MEDICAL ROOM

105. Facilities and equipment

105.1. The ECMO shall determine the Medical Room structure. In doing so, the ECMO shall closely cooperate with the Host and ensure that the equipment requirements set out in Art. 105.2 and 105.3 are met.

105.2. The Medical Room shall be equipped with the supplies listed under Art. 6 and 7 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

105.3. An Emergency kit, as described under Art. 5 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines, shall be present at all times at the rink side.

106. Equipment for exhibition games

106.1. For those exhibition games leading to a Championship, the IIHF recommends that the medical environment is as described in the present chapter.

XXVIII. MEDICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

107. Ambulance Services - Practice

107.1. The ECMO shall arrange with the local authority's ambulance services an ambulance which shall be on site at all times for all Full Practices at the practice venues. A Participating Team must notify the Host at least 48 hours prior to the Full Practice, if it does not intend to hold a Full Practice. If the Participating Team does not notify the Host 48 hours prior to the scheduled Full Practice, and does not hold a Full Practice, all costs related to the ambulance service shall be borne by the Participating Team.

107.2. Venue personnel shall be prepared to facilitate the entrance to emergency personnel inside the arena and escort them to the most appropriate location.

107.3. If the ambulance leaves the venue at any time during practice, it must be replaced by another ambulance immediately.

107.4. The ECMO shall ensure that this route is kept free of seats, television equipment or any other obstacle that might interfere with the safe and efficient removal of a player or Game Official.

107.5. Such ambulance shall be equipped with appropriate supplies to:

- a. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- b. Stabilize a suspected spinal or head injury, including a 210 cm spinal board or scoop with head and neck stabilizer and/or stiff cervical collar.

108. Ambulance Services - Championship games

108.1. One ambulance, dedicated to the players only and staffed with at least two (2) paramedics, shall be at the venue at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the start of each game and leave after the Game-Day Physician has checked with both Teams and Game Officials that there is no need for a hospital transfer.

108.2. The ambulance shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements set out in Art. 107.5 of this Event Code.

108.3. Venue personnel shall be prepared to facilitate the entrance of emergency personnel inside the arena and escort them to the most appropriate location.

108.4.If the ambulance leaves the venue at any time during Championship games, it must be replaced by another ambulance immediately. The game must be stopped and can only resume after a new ambulance arrives.

108.5.The ECMO shall ensure that this route is kept free of seats, television equipment or any other obstacle that might interfere with the safe and efficient removal of a player or official.

108.6.All Event Medical Team Personnel and the Team Medical Personnel who might be involved with the removal of an injured player from the ice surface shall participate in the demonstration(s) prior to the beginning of the Championship. This demonstration may be repeated on a number of occasions over the Championship, especially if the Event Team Medical Personnel changes on a daily basis.

109. Laboratory and Imaging Services

109.1.At a minimum, the ECMO shall ensure that both laboratory and imaging services (x-ray, MRI, CT, ultrasound) are available for competing players on a priority basis outside of the arena(s).

109.2.In the event that full diagnostic urine and blood analysis are needed, such shall be available through either a hospital or private laboratories at all times during the Championship. The ECMO is responsible for organizing the analysis at the expense of the concerned Participating Team.

110. Spectator Medical Services

110.1.The Host shall ensure that a separate service is established for spectator medical issues.

110.2.The Spectator Medical Services shall include:

- a. Designated Spectator Medical Personnel, which shall be selected outside of the Event Medical Team;
- b. Separate first aid room; and
- c. A medical plan, including:
 - i. A communication network (separate from the one for players);
 - ii. A medical record system; and
 - iii. Public health requirements.

110.3.Members of the Event Medical Team may be called upon to assist an ill or injured spectator. This shall not detract from their primary responsibility to the players.

111. Hospital Services

111.1.A fully serviced hospital with modern equipment must be informed of the Championship and prepared to treat Championship-related emergencies promptly. The service must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day. The ECMO shall act as liaison contact between such hospital and the Host.

112. Medications

112.1.The ECMO shall provide emergency medications at the Championship Venue(s). These shall only be dispensed by a physician of the Event Medical Team.

112.2.Only requests from Team Medical Personnel shall be supplied. Team Medical Personnel may only request medications for members of their own delegation.

112.3.Only an initial supply of medications shall be issued. Additional medications will need to be prescribed by the ECMO or by the Event Medical Team and be filled at a local pharmacy at the expense of the concerned Participating Team.

112.4.A list of available local pharmacies, along with their hours of operations, shall be made available to the Team Medical Personnel.

XXIX. DOMESTIC MEDICAL REGULATIONS

113. ECMO's Obligations

113.1.The ECMO shall have the responsibility to review the medical regulations that are in place for the state, province, region, and country in which the Championship is taking place to ensure that foreign physicians are allowed to treat their players.

113.2.In the event that there is a need for the foreign physicians to apply for any courtesy license in order to fulfil the regulations of the host region, then the ECMO shall identify this fact and arrange for the appropriate documentation to be requested and received prior to the beginning of the Championship.

113.3.It is the ECMO's responsibility to advise the visiting teams of any national regulations regarding the import or transport of any agents, medications, equipment supplies that would normally be a part of the physician's travel kit.

113.4.The ECMO shall help to arrange the transfer of injured players, staf and Game Officials to their respective country.

XXX. BLOOD SPILL MANAGEMENT

114. Event Medical Team and ECMO Responsibilities

114.1. The Event Medical Team shall assist with the management and clean-up of blood spills. Proper isolation techniques shall be followed in dealing with such. Gloves shall be worn at all times when dealing with any blood spills by all personnel.

114.2. The ECMO shall establish a biohazard policy with particular regard to appropriate receptacles for contaminated material. Such policy is to be reviewed at the IIHF Team Medical Personnel Meeting prior to the Championship.

XXXI. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

115. Concussion Protocol

115.1. The Game-Day Physician shall be available to assist the IIHF Medical Supervisor in all matters relating to the implementation of the IIHF Concussion Protocol.

115.2. As set out in Art. 179.5 of this Event Code, if no Team physician is available, the ECMO or the Game-Day Physician shall take over the responsibility of assessing a player's or Game Official's concussion.

115.3. If the ECMO or the Game Day Physician has knowledge that the Concussion Protocol as outlined in Art. 179 of this Event Code is not being followed, then they shall report the facts to the IIHF Medical Supervisor.

115.4. In the event that a player suffers a concussion, the ECMO or Game-Day Physician shall ensure that the return to play provisions as set out in Art. 179.7 of this Event Code are being followed.

115.5. If the IIHF Medical Supervisor agrees with the ECMO or Game-Day Physician's opinion that the IIHF Concussion Protocol is not being followed, they shall then report the facts to the Championship Chairperson.

XXXII. ARENA AIR QUALITY

116. Air Circulation

116.1. The ECMO shall ensure that sufficient arena air circulation is provided to meet local clean air standards, in particular in arenas where gasoline or diesel-powered ice resurfacing machines are utilized.

XXXIII. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

117. Nutritional Standards

117.1. The IIHF has adopted nutritional and hydration standards for teams participating in all IIHF Championships, which each Host shall follow in preparing meal menus.

117.2. The Host shall provide and pay for three (3) hot meals per day per Team, as well as fruit as a snack throughout the day.

117.3. If a Team wishes to have a fourth (4) meal at their own cost, the Host shall make it possible even if at late night.

117.4. The Host shall ensure that requests for players with allergies or intolerances and particular diets (for example, religious restrictions) are accommodated.

117.5. The Host shall ensure that flexible serving times for meals are provided to the Teams, in accordance with Art. 13.1 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

118. Hydration Standards

118.1. The Host shall provide a sufficient amount of drinkable water per player per day during the entire Championship.

118.2. If the Host does not wish to provide players with bottled water, they shall provide the IIHF with a domestic water purity certification no later than one (1) week before the beginning of the Championship.

XXXIV. DOPING CONTROL

119. Host Obligations

119.1. The Host shall provide adequate personnel, facilities equipment to successfully operate the Doping Control ("DC") during the Championship.

120. Doping Control Facilities

120.1. The DC facilities shall comply with the requirements set out in Art. 18 of this Event Code.

XXXV. MEDICAL EXPENSES

121. Medical Program expenses

121.1. The Host is responsible for all costs to ensure a well working Medical Program at their Championship.

121.2. The IIHF is responsible for the travel of the assigned IIHF Medical Supervisor(s) to the designated airport for the event. All other expenses including meals and accommodation for the IIHF Medical Supervisor will be at the expense of the Host.

121.3. The IIHF shall cover all costs relating to measures that have been implemented for a Championship after its allocation to the respective Host.

XXXVI. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

122. Communications with and between the Event Medical Team

122.1. The Host is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate communications system is in place. Mobile telephone numbers for the key Event Medical Team members and the IIHF Medical Supervisor shall be distributed.

122.2. If portable radios (walkie-talkies) are being used, the Event Medical Team shall be included on this system. Such portable radios shall not be used to discuss confidential medical information.

123. Media relations

123.1. No member of the Event Medical Team shall speak to the media regarding any player or official from any delegation.

123.2. Shall a press conference be called relating to a medical issue, such may only be done by the IIHF. The IIHF Medical Supervisor or deputy shall make themselves available and the IIHF will determine which other personnel may be appropriate.

123.3. The IIHF Directorate Chairperson shall approve any press release relating to any medical issue from either the Host or the ECMO.

123.4. Media are not to be allowed in the medical areas when patients are being treated.

123.5. All members of the Event Medical Team shall follow the IIHF Social Media Policy.

123.6. All members of the Event Medical Team as well as all other staff having access to the Medical Room(s), dressing rooms, ice level and anti-doping facilities, shall refrain from taking pictures of injured players or officials.

XXXVII. IIHF TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL MEETING

124. Host responsibilities and mandatory participants

124.1. The Host is responsible for arranging the organizational aspects (i.e., transportation, meeting space, etc.) for the IIHF Team Medical Personnel Meeting prior to the

beginning of the Championship, which shall be chaired by the IIHF Medical Supervisor.

124.2. Presence at this meeting shall be mandatory for the ECMO and MSC, if named, as well as all Team Medical Personnel and the IIHF Medical Supervisor.

XXXVIII. FINAL REPORT TO THE IIHF

125. ECMO's Responsibilities

125.1. The ECMO shall submit a final report to the IIHF Medical Committee Secretary within thirty (30) days from the completion of the Championship. This report shall include:

- a. The name and address of the ECMO;
- b. A review of the structure of the Event Medical Team;
- c. A summary of number of encounters, tests, medical services any medical issues experienced during the Championship; and
- d. Recommendations for future events.

XXXIX. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

126. General

126.1. The Host's right to design and use the protected "IIHF Official identification(s)" (Championship logo, mascot, look and feel, colors, lettering, IIHF Official Music, etc.) of the Championship shall be limited to their commercial exploitation and to the entering into corresponding agreements.

126.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the design of such material before any production.

126.3. The IIHF retains the non-exclusive right to use all Official Identification(s) for promotional purposes. The Official Identifications shall remain at all times the property of the IIHF.

127. Championship Logo

127.1. The Host shall create a Championship logo which shall mandatorily be in line with the IIHF Competition Branding Guidelines.

127.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval prior to any production, distribution, or publication of such logo.

128. Championship Title

128.1. The Host may promote the Championship via a standardized form of titles. Such titles shall be in English as well as in the relevant local languages of the Host country, prior IIHF approval.

128.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval prior to any production, distribution, or publication of such title.

XL. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

129. Advertising

129.1. *General*

- a. The Host ensures that all advertising in relation to the Championship is in accordance with the legislation of the Host country. The Host shall inform the IIHF of any such legislation.
- b. Advertising with political, racial, and religious content and advertising of alcohol, tobacco and pornography is prohibited.
- c. Advertising with beer (for all U18 championships, including non-alcoholic beer) and alcopops shall be priorly approved by the IIHF.
- d. Advertising of or affiliation with any organizations or products which may reasonably be considered to involve moral and/or ethical issues, requires prior written approval by the IIHF.
- e. The Host ensures that there is no advertising and/or promotion of any company, product or service that conflicts with the IIHF Sponsors or Supplier's product. The advertising of any company that conflicts with the exclusivity category of the IIHF Supplier Pool Members is permitted; however, such companies are strictly prohibited from having any visibility of their products during the Event.

129.2. *Clean-Venue Rule*

- a. The Host shall ensure that any advertising and/or promotion from all game and practice arenas, facilities all other areas to be used in relation to the Championship conflicting with any of the IIHF Sponsors or Supplier, is removed prior to the beginning of the Championship.

129.3. *Advertising Outside the Arena and their Immediate Vicinity*

- a. Unless otherwise stated by the IIHF in the HCC, the Host's right to exploit advertising possibilities outside the arena(s) and their immediate vicinity include the following areas:
 - Advertising on flags and banners;
 - Advertising in the air (captive balloons etc.), upon municipal authorities' approval;
 - Advertising on the outside wall and perimeter as agreed by the IIHF; and
 - Advertising on the spaces located in front of the arenas, upon municipal authorities' approval.
- b. 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.

129.4. *Advertising Inside the Arenas*

- a. Unless otherwise stated by the IIHF in the HCC, the Host's right to exploit advertising possibilities at the venue of the Championship include the following areas:
 - Boards surrounding the ice rink (no second level permitted) as specified in the IIHF Marketing Guidelines;
 - Within the team and penalty benches area, under the condition that the advertising does not obstruct the spectators' view;
 - Under-ice areas as specified in the IIHF Marketing Guidelines;
 - Area(s) of the official timing clock and the score board;
 - Ice re-surfacing machines; and
 - Verbal advertising via loudspeakers (only when there is a stoppage in play).
- b. Advertising shall include the Championship logo as well as the IIHF "Governed by" logo and shall be priorly approved by IIHF.
- c. Use of semi-transparent foil for the player and penalty benches which enables potential spectators behind it to see through may be used, however it must be ensured that the view of spectators and off-ice officials is not restricted.

129.5. *Plexiglass*

- a. The Host has a right to exploit the plexiglass above their respective boards, at the condition that the view of spectators and off-ice officials is not restricted.
- b. Advertising along the plexiglass screen right above the boards is limited to a maximum height of 20 cm.

129.6. *Media backdrops*

- a. The Host has a right to place advertising on the media backdrop.
- b. Advertising shall include the Championship logo as well as the IIHF "Governed by" logo and shall be priorly approved by the IIHF.
- c. The Host is responsible for the production of the media backdrop.

130. Game Officials Equipment

130.1. The Host may find a sponsor for the Game Officials' uniforms and/ or helmets. Both the agreement with a sponsor as well as the advertising shall be approved by the IIHF no later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the Championship. The Host is responsible for the production of the jersey patch and the helmet sticker.

130.2. Once approved, the Host shall send the sponsor's logo to the IIHF three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

130.3. The advertising on the uniforms and helmets of the Game Officials shall be limited as follows:

- a. On the helmet's front side with max. size of 16 cm x 5.5 cm;
- b. On the breast part of the front and back side of the jerseys with max. size of 30 cm x 30 cm; and
- c. On the jersey's sleeve.

130.4. A maximum of two (2) different sponsors is allowed, unless otherwise specified by the IIHF.

130.5. The Host is responsible for all costs connected to or arising from the placing of the advertising onto the uniforms and the helmets.

130.6. In case of damage to the uniforms and the helmets, the Host shall remunerate the costs for replacement.

130.7. The income derived from advertising on the Game Officials uniforms and helmets shall be divided as follows:

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

131. Commercial Breaks

131.1. The IIHF may grant to the Host the right to use commercial breaks for the placing of advertising inserts for live broadcasted Championship games.

131.2. Commercial breaks shall follow the procedure as specified in Chapter IV of this Event Code.

132. Supplier Contracts for the Organizational Equipment

132.1. The Host has the right to conclude contracts with suppliers of equipment and services to be used in the organization of the Championship, (the "Organizational Equipment"), including but not limited to cars, photocopiers, computer hardware beverage service, depending on the needs of the Host.

132.2. The supplier of the Organizational Equipment as well as the product itself shall not be in any way in competition with any IIHF Suppliers or Sponsors.

133. Merchandising

133.1. The Host has been licensed the right to design, produce, market and sell merchandising products in relation to the Championship.

133.2. The layout and quality of all merchandising items, including replica jerseys produced and sold in connection to the Championship, shall be approved by the IIHF prior to production.

133.3. The Host has the right to issue licenses for the production and distribution of commemorative coins, medals, plaques stamps (etc.). The design of these products shall be approved by the IIHF prior to production.

134. Partner(s) Titles

134.1. The Host has the right to hold, market and sell official titles, conditional on prior IIHF approval, such as:

- a. Official Main Partner;
- b. Official Partner;
- c. Official Products and or Services;
- d. Official Supplier;
- e. Official Licensee;
- f. Official Broadcaster; and
- g. Any similar titles.

135. Broadcasting

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

135.2. *Host's Rights and Obligations*

- a. The non-exclusive TV rights granted to the Host shall be limited to the free to air terrestrial based transmission of the Championship solely to the national territory of the Host during and not longer than three (3) days following the conclusion of the Championship.
- b. The Host shall inform the IIHF of all international and national requests and/or enquiries regarding the broadcasting of the Championship. The IIHF will review all such requests including cabling, satellite, pay per view, pay per request and other distribution opportunities with the Host.
- c. 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.).
- d. The Host's rights and obligations regarding the production of the game feed shall be in accordance with the Host Country Contract.

- e. The Host shall ensure that all televised games from include the animated official Championship logo. This identification is compulsory in all Championship broadcasts. The official Championship logo is to be included in all promotional and actual broadcast trailers, opening titles, teasers and closing credits as well as broadcast inserts during the coverage, i.e. game statistics, scores, standings, etc. All identifications must be approved in writing by the IIHF no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Championship. The Host shall not be permitted to sell television broadcasting and/or transmission rights to any broadcaster and/or station carrying the signal from the Championship 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 as specified in the HCC. In addition, the Host shall ensure, in conjunction with the broadcasting and/or transmission of the Event or in any print media and/or electronic media advertising, that there is no advertising of any company and/or product and/or service that conflicts with current IIHF sponsor and/or partner product or service categories as specified in the HCC. The advertising of any company that conflicts with the exclusivity category of the IIHF Supplier Pool Members is permitted; however, such companies are strictly prohibited from having any visibility of their products during the Event.
- f. 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.
- g. For the broadcast production or (live) stream produced by the Host in accordance with the granted broadcasting rights, the Host shall guarantee that the production level meets professional standards.
- h. Within seven (7) days of completion of the Championship, the Host must provide to the IIHF a complete list of national and international networks broadcasting the Championship, with a list of the televised games including date(s), countries, name(s) of the station(s), game number(s), game(s), venue(s), time of the day, duration in minutes, number of viewers, and the format (live, delayed live, highlights, magazine) in all networks.

135.3. *Game Footage Distribution*

- a. After each game, the Host shall provide to each Participating Team a digital copy of their own games.
- b. One digital copy after each game shall be provided to the IIHF Officiating Coaches for their review and educational use.
- c. The Host shall make digital copies of all games available upon request of the participating teams at a moderate cost.
- d. Not later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the Championship, the Host is obliged to send to a complete set of digital copies of all games played at the Championship to the IIHF office.

XLI. MARKETING RIGHTS

136. Official Mascot

136.1. The Host's right to design, produce, market and sell the Official Mascot for the Championship shall be limited to the period prior to the beginning of and during the whole duration of the Championship.

137. Ticket Holder Data

137.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF with all available ticket holder data in its possession for commercial purposes.

137.2. The Host ensures that the ticket provider transfers all available ticket holder data to the IIHF directly and shall be kept responsible in the event that the ticket provider fails to do so.

137.3. The Host shall ensure that the ticket provider gathers all necessary consents from purchasers to be able to implement the transfers as per Art. 137.1 and for the IIHF to use of the ticket holder data for commercial purposes in compliance with all applicable data protection and other relevant laws and regulations.

138. Promotional Material

138.1. All manufactured materials and products regarding the Championship shall contain the Official Championship Title, the official Championship logo as well as the IIHF "Governed by" logo.

138.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval prior to production and/or promotion may begin.

138.3. The IIHF retains the right to use three (3) full pages of advertising for IIHF sponsors in the official event and/or souvenir program (electronic or paper format) if produced by the Host in connection with the Championship, at no cost.

138.4. The IIHF retains the right to one (1) full page for the IIHF President's greetings in the official event and/or souvenir program if produced by the Host in connection with the Championship. In case of additional greeting pages, the IIHF President's greeting page has to be positioned in front of the other pages.

138.5. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for any contents of the official tournament program including text, advertising photography of any kind before production.

138.6. The official Championship program shall include the English language in the first place.

139. Archive game footage

139.1. The Host shall provide all live game footage to the IIHF.

139.2. All records shall be labelled in English and include the Official Championship Title, date(s) of the game(s), number(s) of the game(s), names of the teams and venue.

139.3. All recordings shall be provided with an international soundtrack (if broadcast internationally) and the local voice-over soundtrack.

139.4. These records shall become the property of the IIHF from the moment of creation and shall be appropriately packaged, labelled, shipped and pre-paid of freight to the location designated by the IIHF no later than seven (7) days after the completion of the Championship.

XLII. COMMUNICATIONS

140. Media Rights

140.1. *General*

139.1.1. Multimedia rights, including those stemming from digital platforms, including social networks, are owned by the IIHF may only be granted to the Host in writing.

140.2. *Website*

139.2.1. The Host has the right to create content which may be placed on the Championship website, upon IIHF approval.

139.2.2. The IIHF shall approve the design and the language of the homepage.

139.2.3. No advertising is allowed on the website, which may in any way conflict with any of the IIHF Sponsors or Suppliers.

139.2.4. The Host ensures that official scores and statistics of the Championship are taken from the IIHF website and shall not be produced independently.

139.2.5. The Host ensures that all Championship-related information regarding e.g., game schedules, ticketing merchandise shall be first communicated on the IIHF Championship website.

139.2.6. The Host shall provide to the IIHF all of their partners' logos with high- and low-resolution files as well as the relevant URL to be linked to the partner logo placed on the Championship website.

139.2.7. Any IIHF guidelines concerning the website's templates shall mandatorily be complied with.

139.3. *Media operations – services*

139.3.1. The Host is recommended to assign one (1) Press Officer for the Championship who shall be fluent in the English language and in the local language and have experience in media relation and a comprehensive understanding of international media needs.

139.3.2. The Press Officer(s) is responsible for:

- a. Media registration and accreditation for journalists and photographers;
- b. Ensuring that Media Areas (Media Tribune, Media Center, Photography Positions, Mixed Zone, Flash Zone, Press Conference Room, etc.) requirements are met;
- c. Creating an information package to be shared with accredited media; and
- d. During the Championship, being the first contact for accredited media representatives and photographers; managing and supervising media working areas on site; assisting and supporting teams with media needs and requests; collecting statistics of media attendance; providing and creating a communication channel to keep the media representatives informed about the Championship.

139.4. Photography operations – services

139.4.1. The Host shall assign one (1) Host Photographer for the Championship who is skilled in sports photography and who is in possession of modern, digital photography equipment.

139.4.2. The Host Photographer is responsible for:

- a. Providing high-resolution team photographs of every participating team as well as the Game Officials;
- b. Providing a minimum of fifty (50) high-resolution colored photographs in digital format from each game of the Championship in the highest standard of quality. The first batch shall be uploaded at the end of the first period, the second batch shall be uploaded at the end of the second period and the last batch shall be uploaded at the end of the third period on the IIHF content server. If this is not possible, then all photos are to be uploaded shortly after the game. The IIHF content server is hosted on SONY Ci. Ahead of the tournament, IIHF will create all the necessary folders and sub-folders where the Host Photographer will be able to upload the photos. The IIHF will grant the Host Photographer access to these folders.
- c. Game photos shall be delivered as JPG files. Width = 3000 pixels & height = 2000 pixels. Resolution = 300 dpi. Bit depth = 24 bits.
- d. Providing high resolution photographs from the following events: opening ceremony (if applicable), closing ceremony, Trophy handover (Gold, Silver & Bronze), Medal Ceremony (Gold Silver & Bronze), Trophy Celebrations (Gold, Silver & Bronze), group photos of teams posing on ice with their trophy.;
- e. Providing any other photographs and/or request of which the IIHF reasonably specified; and

- f. Ensuring that all materials shall be timely uploaded on the IIHF content server.

139.4.3. The Host shall ensure that all photographers sign the IIHF Event Photography Agreement prior to receiving accreditation and that any accreditation for the Championship is conditional on the photographer signing the respective agreement. The signed agreements shall be provided to the IIHF at the conclusion of Championship.

139.5. *Social Media*

139.5.1. The Host shall assign at least one (1) Social Media Coordinator who is skilled in social media content creation.

139.5.2. The Host Social Media Coordinator shall:

- a. Gather, create and when needed edit highly engaging and compelling social media content of the Championship;
- b. Act as main contact for any existing Host social media channels towards the IIHF;
- c. Provide equal coverage of all teams not solely focus on the Host country team;
- d. Help to strategize and coordinate photo and video shoots and set-ups, including logistics, lighting, set and locations, etc. When requested by the IIHF;
- e. Refrain from taking pictures or videos solely for personal use (i.e., stop a player to take a picture with them);
- f. Work with the IIHF Digital Content Team, if requested; and
- g. Supply content in a timely manner to the IIHF and the Participating Teams via the IIHF content server. Uploads shall be at a minimum done once a day.

139.5.3. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF and the Participating Teams can be associated with the content being published.

139.5.4. The Host ensures that all information relating to the Championship is exclusively communicated through the official channels in the English language.

139.5.5. If the Host wishes to communicate in their own language, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.

139.5.6. The Host ensures that only high-quality visual content is published.

139.5.7. All published content shall be neutral in tone and shall not criticize any of the stakeholders mentioned above.

- 139.5.8. The Host ensures that content from third parties posted organically is verified with the respective right holders.
- 139.5.9. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for social media post templates.
- 139.5.10. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all content relating to sponsors or showing sponsors logos.
- 139.5.11. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for news releases, which must in any case be published only after the respective press release.
- 139.5.12. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for specialized hashtags that they intend to use for the Championship.
- 139.5.13. If the Host wishes to use the content for promotion of their own social media channel, they shall tag the official IIHF social media channels.
- 139.5.14. The Host shall refrain from using any visual content for commercial purposes.
- 139.5.15. The Host ensures that ownership of all social media pages reverts back to the IIHF at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 139.5.16. Following the conclusion of the Championship, the IIHF reserves the right to reassign any social media accounts to a new host.
- 139.5.17. The IIHF retains ownership of any social media account that are created in collaboration with the Host for the purpose of promoting a Championship.
- 139.5.18. The Host ensures that all its Staff, including volunteering staff, is aware of the IIHF Social Media Guidelines.
- 139.5.19. The Host acknowledges and informs all their staff, including volunteering staff and third parties mandated to manage the Host's social media accounts, if any, that they may be subject to legal action or disciplinary sanctions for any posting deemed to be inappropriate, illegal infringing on any other person's rights, in accordance with the IIHF Integrity Code.

140. Media Facilities

- 140.1. The Host shall provide media facilities as described under Chapter 2 of this Event Code.

XLIII. TICKETING

141. Ticketing Design

- 141.1. The Host ensures that the ticket design (physical and digital) is reviewed and approved by the IIHF before production and publication.

141.2.Sponsor logos may be applied on the design but shall not be bigger than the Championship logo.

141.3.The Host ensures that the IIHF “Governed by” logo as well as the Official Championship Title must be placed in a separate area of the ticket.

141.4.The Host ensures that information printed on the ticket is both in the English language and in the local language.

141.5.The front side of the tickets shall contain the following elements:

- a. Game date, time of game start and game number;
- b. Venue details (name of arena), location/address etc.;
- c. Seating information;
- d. Ticket price (incl. VAT, if necessary, by local laws);
- e. Security features, e.g., hologram;
- f. Championship logo;
- g. IIHF "Governed by" logo; and
- h. Official sponsor logos (if applicable).

141.6.The back side of the tickets shall contain the following elements:

- a. Arena and security information (including icons on prohibited items);
- b. Legal disclaimer;
- c. Minimum terms and conditions, as indicated by the IIHF.

XLIV. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

142. Procedure

142.1. Any alleged non-compliance with this Event Code and/or related IIHF Bylaw provisions shall be immediately reported to the IIHF Directorate Chairperson if such occurs during the Championship to the IIHF (compliance@iihfoffice.com) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship.

142.2. The IIHF reserves its right to request any information in case of suspicion of non-compliance and impose a deadline for the Host to comply.

142.3. If the IIHF determines that the Host is in fact non-compliant, it may sanction the Host in accordance with the procedure set out in Art. 143 of this Event Code and immediately ask the Host to rectify their actions if the situation so allows.

143. Sanctions

143.1. If the Host fails to fulfil its commitment to organize the Championship in accordance with the rights and obligations stipulated in the HCC as well as all IIHF Governing Documents relevant to organizing the respective Championship, the Host may be sanctioned by the IIHF.

143.2. The IIHF may sanction the Host with:

- a. A warning;
- b. A fine;
- c. The supervision of the Championship by a Technical Assistant appointed by the IIHF, at the Host's expense;
- d. The prohibition to bid for future IIHF championships;
- e. The withdrawal of hosting rights; and
- f. Any other measure considered appropriate in light of the circumstances.

143.3. Sanctions may be cumulative. Each non-compliance shall be separately evaluated, and the appropriate sanctions imposed accordingly. The Host may be fined cumulatively up to a maximum of CHF 250'000.

143.4. The above fines shall not restrict the rights of the IIHF and/or the IIHF MNAs for compensation arising from the Host non-compliance with the IIHF Governing Document and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

143.5.Sanctions may be reduced or increased by the IIHF based on the objective and subjective circumstances of the facts at hand.

143.6.Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

143.7.In case the Host has created a separate entity that is responsible for organizing and hosting a Championship, then all obligations of such entity shall be joint obligations of the respective MNA.

143.8.The IIHF reserves its right to deduct the amounts of any imposed fine from the hosting fee.

143.9.In accordance with Art. 12.1.2 of the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations, all sanctions are appealable to the IIHF Disciplinary Board.

144. Withdrawal of Hosting Rights

144.1.Notwithstanding the provision set out in Art. 143 of this Event Code, if the Host is unable to fulfil its commitment to host and organize the Championship after allocation, the Host shall receive a further fine up to CHF 60'000, except for cases of force majeure.

144.2.The above fines shall not restrict the rights of the IIHF and/or the IIHF MNAs for compensation arising from the Host's non-compliance with the IIHF Governing Document and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

144.3.The IIHF Council shall have the right to withdraw the hosting rights from the Host and return the Championship to the IIHF without being liable for compensation to the Host and to allocate the Championship to another MNA, subject to ratification by Congress, if in the opinion of the IIHF Council and after having exhausted all possible remedies with the Host:

- a. The Host is in fundamental breach of the HCC;
- b. The Host has failed to meet any material pre-condition on which hosting rights were granted; or
- c. 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.

PART II – PARTICIPANTS REGULATIONS

Services and Protocol



XLV. SERVICES

145. Entry Visas

145.1. Participating Teams are responsible for obtaining their entry visas to the Host country.

145.2. If a Participating Team needs assistance from the Host with regard to entry visas or for all other necessary approvals for their entry into the Host country, including importing and exporting material and equipment, they shall seek the Host's assistance in a timely manner.

145.3. The Team Manager or any other Team responsible person shall seek support from the Host with regard to entry visas at the earliest opportunity.

146. Team Host

146.1. Each Participating Team shall be assigned a team host, who shall speak English as well as the native language of the respective team and serve as an intermediary between the Host and the respective Team throughout the whole duration of the Championship.

146.2. Participating Teams shall cooperate with the team host and abide by their instructions.

147. Game Services

147.1. Participating Teams and their staff have the right to benefit from the following services organized by and at the expense of the Host:

- a. Equipment repair service;
- b. Skate sharpening service;
- c. Laundry service (incl. laundry bags) for uniforms and underwear after each game and practice;
- d. Towel service for games and practices;
- e. Sufficient pucks (approx. 50 per team) for the practices, pre-game warm-ups; and
- f. Cleaning service for the team dressing rooms, player benches and penalty benches after warm-up and between periods.

147.2. Participating Teams shall cooperate with the Host and other Teams in order to guarantee an appropriate use of the above services.

XLVI. PROTOCOL

148. Flags

148.1. Each Participating Team is responsible to check the authenticity of their respective national flag and anthem.

148.2. National flags, messages or any other kind of decoration are not allowed behind the players' bench.

149. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

149.1. All Participating Teams are responsible for the exact execution of the pre-game and post-game ceremonies as described in the IIHF Pre- and Post-Game Countdown.

149.2. Participating Teams shall shake the hands of their opponents, all indicated persons as part of the post-game ceremonies when planned and behave in a respectful manner throughout the whole duration of the ceremonies

149.3. The opening face-off shall take place at the exact game start time.

149.4. Teams shall be held liable for the late start of a game, if any of their players or staff intentionally delays or delays for frivolous reasons its start.

150. Medal Ceremonies

150.1. Participating Teams are responsible for the exact execution of the medal ceremonies as instructed by the Host.

150.2. The maximum number of Team members allowed on the ice for the medal ceremonies shall equal the number of registered participants for each Participating Team.

150.3. Participating Teams awarded with medals (all persons from the Team provided a medal) shall wear them around the neck in a respectful manner for the duration of the medal ceremony and in the following mixed zone and media procedures.

150.4. For avoidance of any doubt, all medals shall be worn until Participating Teams enter the dressing rooms.

150.5. Participating Teams shall shake the hands of their opponents, all indicated persons as part of the medal ceremonies when planned and behave in a respectful manner throughout the whole duration of the ceremonies.

151. Championship Awards

151.1. Participating Teams which qualify as 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the respective Championship shall have a right to receive medals in a number as specified in IIHF Bylaw 11 - 15 accordingly.

XLVII. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

152. Accommodation

152.1. Participating Teams shall be entitled to receive accommodation in high-standard 3-star hotels at the Host's expense, beginning at noon on the day before the Championship starts until noon of the day after the Championship for the Participating Team concerned is concluded.

152.2. Hotels shall be within a thirty (30) minutes bus travel time radius from the respective arena.

152.3. Each team shall be provided with single rooms and twin rooms as specified below.

WM II	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM III	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM IV	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM20 I	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM20 II	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM 20 III or lower	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM18I	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM18 II	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WM18 III or lower	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WW I	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WW II	11 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WW III or lower	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WW18 I	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms
WW18 II or lower	10 twin rooms, 6 single rooms

152.4. Each Participating Team may request additional rooms for the team delegation at their own cost for a period of time until the Championship for the participant concerned is concluded at the Host's negotiated price.

153. Team Meeting Room

153.1. Each Participating Team shall be entitled to use one (1) of the fully equipped meeting rooms made available by the Host to the Participating Teams, which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals at no cost in the hotel where the Participating Team is staying.

153.2. Teams' meeting rooms shall be, at minimum, equipped with a free internet connection, a flip chart, a TV set with HDMI access and cabling, or a projector with cabling and a screen.

154. Board

154.1. Participating Teams shall have the right to receive full board (breakfast, lunch dinner) for their maximum number of players and team staff as specified in IIHF Bylaws 11-15, at the Host's expense, as well as fruit as snack throughout the day.

154.2. Each Participating Team shall be entitled to breakfast at their respective hotels. Breakfast shall be served in a reserved breakfast area or in a private meeting room with a dedicated breakfast buffet.

154.3. Participating Teams may have additional hot meals at their own expense.

XLVIII. TRANSPORTATION

155. Transportation Service

155.1. Official participants will be responsible for making their own flight arrangements to the IIHF-approved airport.

155.2. Each Participating Team shall have the right to be transferred at the Host's expense, for the maximum number of players and team staff as defined by IIHF Bylaw 11 -15, from and to the nearest approved airport both at arrival and departure.

155.3. Each Participating Team shall have the right to transportation at the Host's expense from the time they arrive at the nearest airport until the day after their Championship is concluded.

155.4. Participating Teams are responsible for timely and accurate communication with the Host regarding their transportation needs.

XLIX. TICKETING

156. Team Tickets

156.1. Participating Teams and their staff shall be provided with appropriate accreditation to access the Participants Tribune.

156.2. Each Participating Team shall have the right to receive free tickets to their own games, to be used at the teams' sole discretion, in the amount specified below.

Women's Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28
Women's Div. III Competitions	min. 26
Women's U18 Div. I Competitions	min. 28
Women's U18 Div. II Competitions	min. 26
Men's U20 & Men's U18 Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28

Men's U20 & U18 Div. III Competitions	min. 26
Men's Div. I and II Competitions	min. 28
Men's Div. III and IV Competitions	min. 26

156.3. Participating Teams shall not sell their tickets and shall return unused tickets to the Host no later than twelve (12) hours before the respective game.

157. Team Video Coach Positions

157.1. Participating Teams shall be provided with five (5) seats per playing team to be used by team staff at each of their own games (the "Team Video Coach Positions"), with an unrestricted view to the ice. In addition, a place shall be provided for a camera and tripod, with access to an electrical outlet.

158. Damages

158.1. In the event that Teams cause damage to their accommodation or at the Arenas, the Team Manager or any other Team responsible person is responsible for communicating the damage to the Host promptly.

158.2. The Team Manager or any other Team responsible person shall check the extent of the damage together with the Host.

158.3. MNAs shall be held responsible for any reported damages caused by their team unless they are paid directly on site. If this is not possible, the amount will be deducted from the MNA's IIHF account after the Championship.

L. COMPETITION SEEDING AND WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

159. Competition Seeding

159.1. Participating Teams are seeded in accordance with their ranking from the previous year's Championship.

159.2. Relegated teams shall get the top seed in the lower pool, whereas promoted teams from the lower pool shall get the bottom seed in the higher pool.

159.3. If in a Championship pool which was played in two or more groups, where all teams have not played each other and all final placing of teams were not decided, the following criteria shall apply in the given order to determine their seed:

- a. Higher position in the group;
- b. Higher number of points;
- c. Better goal difference;
- d. Higher number of goals scored for;
- e. Better seeding coming into the Championship.

159.4. Shall the number of teams in the groups be different or if circumstances so require, the IIHF Competition Committee shall determine the principles for seeding and seek approval from the IIHF Council before their implementation.

159.5. The IIHF Council may alter the seeding in order to accommodate special requirements of the Host or based on geographical considerations.

159.6. If a pool consists of two groups taking place in two countries and both countries are supposed to be seeded into the same group, the IIHF Council is responsible for exchanging one of the Hosts with its counterpart in the opposite group to ensure the least sporting effect on the groups.

160. World Ranking System

160.1. The World Ranking System shall be based upon the final positions of the Participating Teams at the Championship and the final positions at Olympic Games (including the qualification tournaments).

160.2. The World Ranking System shall be based on the overall points of a national team over a time span corresponding to the previous four (4) years, meaning the sum of the tournament points a team has earned during that time span, minus the decrease in points for the time period concerned.

160.3. The team with the highest overall points leads the World Ranking System. The other competing nations follow by descending figures. In case two or more teams are tied

with the same overall points, the most recent final ranking of teams in a category determines the ranking order.

160.4. The IIHF World Ranking shall be released after the respective IIHF World Championship is completed.

160.5. Pre-Championship Report

160.5.1. The IIHF shall release before each Championship a Pre-Championship Report in which the values of the previous seasons are already reduced according to the principles set out in Art. 161 of this Event Code and where only the points of the upcoming competition need to be added to get the World Ranking for the respective year.

161. The Point System

161.1. All Participating Teams shall be allocated points based on the principles set out below.

161.2. The gold medalist in each category shall be awarded one thousand six hundred (1600) points.

161.3. There shall be a forty (40) points difference between the 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th and 8th and 9th positions.

161.4. Between all other final ranked positions there shall be a twenty (20) points difference.

161.5. In a decreasing fashion, points earned in one year decline linearly over the next three (3) years by 25% annually, where in the fifth (5th) year the results are dropped from the calculation altogether.

161.6. The 20 (40) point interval decreases to 15 (30) after season one, 10 (20) after season two and 5 (10) after season three.

161.7. If an MNA does not appear at the allocated Championship or is disqualified, it shall be granted no World Ranking points.

161.8. In case of force majeure, the Participating Team will receive points as per their seed. However, in case an entire Championship is cancelled due to force majeure, each Participating Team will receive points as per their pre-championship report position coming into the Championship.

LI. MATCH-UPS

162. General

162.1. Following the completion of a preliminary round, the higher-ranked Participating Team in any match-up in the playoff or final round retains the rights of the home team in the game.

162.2. In a relegation game, the higher ranked Participating Team retains the home team's advantage.

162.3. The game numbers in a Championship follow the dates and times of games.

162.4. If, in the Game Schedule, the game numbers are used to indicate the opposing teams then the changed times and game numbers shall not change the opponents to play each other.

162.5. In Championships where playoffs are played, the semi-final pairings will be formed based on the ranking of the preliminary round. The highest ranked team will play the lowest ranked team. In addition, the highest ranked team shall play the earlier semi-final unless the Host team is also playing in the semi-finals and has specifically, in the signed game schedule, requested to play the earlier game.

LII. THREE POINT AND TIE BREAKING SYSTEMS

163. Allocation of points

163.1. Participating Teams shall be awarded points as follows:

- a. Three (3) points for the winning team at the conclusion of the regulation time;
- b. One (1) point for both playing teams at the conclusion of the regulation time if the game is tied;
- c. One (1) additional point earned for the team winning the game in a 5-minute overtime period the Penalty-Shot Shootout Procedure if the teams are still tied following the conclusion of the overtime period;
- d. Zero (0) points for the team losing the game in the regulation time.

164. Tie-breaking system

164.1. The tie breaking procedure is applicable when three or more teams are tied in points in a Championship standing.

164.2. The tie-breaking system for two teams with the same number of points in a standing will be the game between the two teams, the winner of the game taking precedence.

164.3. Shall three or more teams be tied on points, then a tie breaking formula will be applied creating a sub-group amongst the tied teams. This process will continue until only two or none of the teams remain tied. In the case of two remaining tied teams, the game between the two would then be the determining tiebreaker. The tie-breaking shall be as follows:

- a. Taking into consideration the games between each of the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the points awarded in the direct games amongst the

tied teams from which the teams are then ranked accordingly.

- b. Shall three or more teams still remain tied in points then the better goal difference in the direct games amongst the tied teams will be decisive.
- c. Shall three or more teams still remain tied in points and goal difference then the highest number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.
- d. Shall three or more teams still remain tied in points, goal difference and goals scored then the results between each of the three teams and the closest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. In this case the tied team with the best result (1. points, 2. goal difference, 3. more goals scored) against the closest best ranked team will take precedence.
- e. Shall the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied.
- f. Shall the teams still remain tied after these five steps have been exercised then Sport considerations will be applied the teams will be ranked by their positions coming into the Championship (i.e., seeding).
- g. The IIHF tie-breaking system shall be used to resolve ties before the end of the Preliminary Round.
- h. In case two teams are tied and they have not yet played against each other in case three or more teams are tied and not all mutual games have been played within the sub-group, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - i. Fewest number of games played;
 - ii. Highest Goal Differential (GF-GA) in all games;
 - iii. Highest number of Goals For (GF) in all games;
 - iv. Highest tournament seeding entering the tournament.
- i. In case three or more teams are tied this process will continue until only two teams remain tied. The game between the two remaining tied teams would then be the determining tiebreaker. If the two remaining tied teams have not played each other than the tie break will be determined by re-starting the process only for these two teams.

LIII. IIHF RULE BOOK

165. Mandatory attendance

165.1. All games shall be played in conformity with the IIHF Official Rule Book.

LIV. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

166. Mandatory attendance

166.1. Participating Teams' relevant staff shall mandatorily attend the following pre-Championship meetings organized by the Host in spite of any activities scheduled for the respective team which may overlap with the times of these meetings:

- a. Head Coaches' Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM), for Head Coaches of each Participating Team.
- b. Team Medical Personnel Meeting, for Team physicians and Team Medical Personnel of each Participating Team.
- c. All Directorate Meetings before and during the Championship, for the Team Directorate Members of each Participating Team.

166.2. Failure to attend the above meetings shall be sanctioned by the IIHF in accordance with the provisions set out in the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations.

LIV. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

167. Practice Schedule

167.1. Each Participating Team shall have the right to practice during the following sessions:

- a. One (1) session on the day before the Championship begins with duration of at least one (1) hour on the ice surface to be used for Championship games. The schedule shall be designed based on the arrival schedule of the Participating Teams.
- b. One (1) session of at least thirty (30) minutes on game-days, which shall take place, whenever possible, in the same arena as the game of the respective team.
- c. One (1) session of no longer than seventy-five (75) minutes on rest-days.

167.2. For game-day and rest-days practice sessions, the Participating Team which plays earlier shall also practice earlier. The home team practices second; the away team may practice at the same time if another arena is available.

167.3. If, for time reasons, two opposing teams in the preliminary round or round robin practice at the same time in different arenas, then the team which prior the Championship presented a higher ranking used for seeding shall choose their practice arena.

167.4. If two opposing teams in the tournament phases following the preliminary round practice at the same time in different arenas, then the team with a higher ranking in the preceding round shall choose their practice arena.

167.5. Participating Teams may request exchanges or adjustments of practice times during Directorate meetings.

168. Pre-Game Warm-up Session

168.1. Participating Teams shall have a right to twenty (20) minutes warm-up sessions before each of their games, where they shall wear all protective equipment and be confined to their own end of the rink.

169. Dressing Rooms Allotment

169.1. The allotment of Participating Teams' permanent dressing rooms shall be based upon the following criteria in the given order:

- a. Higher number of games and practices to take place in the arena;
- b. The dressing rooms will be ranked by quality and distance to the ice surface and allotted to each of the Participating Teams following their seeding numbers. Nevertheless, the Host team shall have first choice.

LVI. COMMERCIAL BREAKS

170. Team Considerations

170.1. Participating Team shall comply with the following provisions during commercial breaks, if any:

- a. Goalkeepers will be allowed to go to their respective players bench.
- b. Teams are allowed to change lines once the referee blows the whistle signalling the teams to return to the face-off with 20 seconds remaining in the commercial stoppage.
- c. These line changes will follow the same protocol as a normal line change during a stoppage of play.

LVII. TEAM ENTRY AND DEPARTURE FROM ICE SURFACE

171. Procedure

171.1. All players shall comply with the procedure set out under Rule 86.1 of the IIHF Rule Book when entering and leaving the ice. Individual players, coaches or Participating Teams may be held liable for non-compliance with the below rules.

LVIII. TEAM ENTRY LONG LIST

172. Participating Team Responsibilities

172.1. Each Participating Team is responsible for completing and submitting via IIHF Online Player Registration Platform their Team Entry Long List (the "TELL") containing the names and data of all possibly participating players and team staff, prior to the beginning of the respective Championship.

172.2. The TELL shall be received by the IIHF at the latest fourteen (14) days prior to the start of Game 1 of the respective Championship.

172.3. In order to complete the player registration, Participating Teams shall upload the following documents onto the IIHF Online Player Registration Platform:

- a. Signed player entry forms;
- b. Signed Team officials registration forms;
- c. Contact details of at least one (1) Team official;
- d. Players passports; and
- e. Signed underage waiver(s), if applicable.

172.4. At the latest three (3) hours prior to the First Directorate Meeting, Participating Teams shall communicate their selection and register a minimum of fifteen (15) players and two (2) goalkeepers from the initial TELL. Additional players and goalkeepers who were on the initial TELL, up to the maximum allowed for any Championship, may be registered, and entered up to two (2) hours before any game that the team wishes the new player or goalkeeper to play.

172.5. Shall a player or goalkeeper be omitted for any reason from the initial TELL, the team shall complete and submit a Late Athlete Entry Request, allowing a period of at least twenty-four (24) hours before the player can be cleared, registered entered onto the team roster, allowing the player to compete in the Championship.

LIX. PRE- AND POST-GAME INTERACTIONS

173. Participating Team Responsibilities

173.1. Participating Teams' players and staff shall refrain from in-person interactions or virtual contact (e.g., telephone contact) with anyone outside of their team delegation (e.g., player agents) during the two (2) hours prior to the start of each IIHF Championship game one (1) hour after the conclusion of such game.

173.2. Players of both Participating Teams in a game shall refrain from in-person interactions or virtual contact (e.g. telephone contact) with all Game Officials assigned to such, for one (1) hour after its conclusion.

LX. THE TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL

174. The Team Medical Person

174.1. Each Team is responsible for ensuring that at least one (1) physician, physiotherapist any other medical specialist (the “Team Medical Person”) is present and in the proximity of the ice rink at all games and practice time, from the moment the Team arrives and until their departure.

174.2. The Team Medical Person shall speak English or the language of the Host country.

175. Team Medical Personnel Responsibilities

175.1. The Team Medical Personnel is responsible for assessing the legal age of consent in the country where the Championship is taking place prior to the beginning of the Championship.

175.2. A written permission for treatment signed by the parents or legal guardians of players under such age shall be obtained prior to the beginning of the Championship.

175.3. The Team Medical Personnel is responsible for checking the medical regulations that are in place for the state, province, region country in which the Championship is taking place to ensure that foreign physicians are allowed to treat their players.

175.4. A Participating Team must notify the Host at least 48 hours prior to the Full Practice, if it does not intend to hold a Full Practice. If the Participating Team does not notify the Host 48 hours prior to the scheduled Full Practice, and does not hold a Full Practice, all costs related to the ambulance service shall be borne by the Participating Team.

176. Management of Injured On-Ice Officials

176.1. Further to being responsible for their own players, the Home Team Medical Personnel is responsible for removing injured officials from the ice.

176.2. The Home Team Medical Staff shall relinquish the management of the on-ice injured officials to the Event Medical Team and/or to the paramedics once they arrive on-ice.

LXI. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

177. Medical Health and Malpractice Insurance

177.1. Participating Teams shall be able to provide written evidence of health and accident insurance for contact sports that covers all costs related to medical, dental, surgical and/or rehabilitation (whether incurred during or after the Championship) related to any injuries or illness or otherwise suffered or contracted by Players and Team Staff during the Championship, including leading up to the Championship while the Player or Team Staff member were with the National Team (including games and practices/or travel to and from the Championship).

177.2. For avoidance of doubt, Participating Teams shall ensure that coverage is applicable for players irrespective of where the player resides.

177.3. The medical insurance documents shall be in English language.

178. Pre-Championship Medical Examination of players

178.1. The examinations and tests set out in Art. 178.2 of this Event Code are mandatory for all players participating in IIHF Championships.

178.2. The Team Medical Personnel shall ensure that each player has undergone the following pre-Championship medical requirements:

- a. A detailed personal and family history;
- b. A complete medical physical examination, including a cardiovascular system check-up.

LXII. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

179. Concussion Protocol

179.1. All Team Personnel shall be familiar with the most current version of the Concussion Protocol, as outlined in Art. 115 of this Event Code as well as in Section VI of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

179.2. Team Personnel who observes any signs or symptoms of concussion shall notify their medical staff.

179.3. All players who are suspected of having suffered a concussion shall be removed from play by the Team Medical Personnel and be examined by a physician.

179.4. Players suspected of having a concussion shall undergo a proper evaluation by the Team Medical Personnel in a distraction-free environment.

179.5. The Team physician shall assess the player in person and be solely responsible for determining whether the player is diagnosed with a concussion. If no Team Medical

Personnel is available, the ECMO or Game-Day Physician shall take over this responsibility.

179.6. If the IIHF Medical Supervisor deems a player may have suffered a concussion, that player shall immediately be removed from the ice and examined by the Team Medical Staff.

179.7. All players who suffer a concussion shall follow the return to play guide as set out in Art. 22 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines before returning to play.

179.8. In the event that the ECMO or Game-Day Physician finds that the Concussion Protocol is not being followed, then the IIHF Medical Supervisor shall report the facts to the Directorate Chairperson, who shall have the authority in accordance with Statute 14.6(b) to remove the player from the game and/or Championship.

LXIII. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

180. Meals

180.1. Teams are entitled to receive at the Host's expense three (3) hot meals per day, as well as fruit as snack throughout the day.

180.2. If a Team wishes to have a fourth (4) meal at their own cost, the Host shall make it possible even if at late night. The Team shall communicate the time no later than twenty-four (24) hours before their meal.

LXIV. MEDICAL EXPENSES

181. Costs to be borne by the Teams

181.1. Ambulance service costs associated with not holding a Full Practice and not cancelling the Full Practice 48 hours in advance of the Full Practice as required in Art. 175.4.

181.2. Teams shall bear the following costs connected with medical expenses, when required:

- a. Full diagnostic urine and blood analysis are needed at either hospital or private laboratories;
- b. Diagnostic imaging;
- c. Other hospital services;
- d. Medications; and
- e. Transfer of injured players or staff to the respective country.

LXV. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

182. Official Championship Title

182.1. Shall a Participating Team wish to promote their national team around the Championship, they shall use the Official Championship Title in the English language.

183. Official Logo

183.1. Participating Teams shall adhere to the logo guidelines created by the Host.

183.2. Participating Teams may use the Official Logo for promotional activities of the respective national team.

183.3. Participating team shall not use nor publish the Official Logo in association with any of their partners logos or any other identification.

LXVI. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

184. General Advertising Policy

184.1. Participating Teams' advertising shall be in compliance with both the Host country and their own country's laws.

184.2. Participating Teams are entitled to expose the logo, company name and trademark of only those suppliers indicated in the IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines.

184.3. Participating Team members shall follow the above rules starting from seventy-two (72) hours before and until seventy-two (72) hours after the end of the Championship.

185. Advertising on Off-Ice Apparel

185.1. Participating Teams shall seek the IIHF prior approval no later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the Championship for the placement of advertising on off-ice apparel.

185.2. Advertising space for off-ice apparel is limited to the following areas:

Jackets, tops, shirts	One sponsor advertising per clothing item, either left or right side of the chest. Maximum size: 20 cm ²	One logo of the manufacturer per clothing item will be permitted, either on the left or
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		right side of the chest. Max size: 20 cm ²
Headgear	One sponsor advertising. Maximum size: 20 cm ²	One manufacturer identification on the headgear is permitted. The manufacturer brand is open but subject to IIHF approval.
Pants	-	One logo of the manufacturer per item will be permitted. Max size: 20 cm ²

186. Advertising on Players' Uniforms, Helmets and Practice Jerseys

186.1. Participating Teams are granted non-exclusive advertising rights on the teams' uniforms and helmets.

186.2. The revenue generated shall be the sole property of the respective MNA.

186.3. A maximum of two (2) sponsors per team is permitted, one (1) sponsor per item:

- One on the jersey sleeve (22 cm x 8 cm); and
- One on the front of the helmet (16 cm x 5.5 cm).

186.4. If the front of the helmet is not used for advertising, the Participating Teams shall ensure that the manufacturer's logo is covered according to the IIHF Supplier Pool Handbook.

186.5. The IIHF shall approve the sponsors no later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the Championship.

186.6. Participating Teams ensure that jerseys worn by their players have IIHF-specified locations reserved for sport and marketing purposes (the "Protected Areas").

186.7. The Protected Areas on jerseys shall include the following:

- a. National crest;
- b. Individual number;
- c. Name of the player;
- d. "C" indicating the Captain;
- e. "A" indicating the Alternate Captains;
- f. IIHF logo(s); and
- g. Advertising crests and marks (if applicable).

186.8. Participating Teams shall mandatorily comply with the provisions of the IIHF Official Rule Book, the IIHF Uniform Program Guidelines and the IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines.

186.9. Participating Teams may request small variations to the IIHF.

186.10. In addition to the requirements set out under Art. 6 of the IIHF Sport Guidelines relating to the graphic placement of competition jerseys, Participating Teams may exceptionally place the following patches:

- a. MNA anniversary (10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100 years);
- b. Country anniversary (100 years or more);
- c. NOC logo (if wished); and
- d. Country Flag.

186.11. Each MNAs shall seek IIHF's approval for such patches at the latest during the Semi-Annual Congress preceding the concerned Championship.

187. Broadcasting

187.1. *National Transmission Rights*

186.1.1 Participating Teams are entitled to obtain non-exclusive television rights for the respective home territory for a fee.

186.1.2 If a Participating Team wishes to sub-license the above rights to a broadcaster, they shall provide the IIHF with a complete list of all televised games no later than fourteen (14) days after the end of the Championship.

LXVII. COMMUNICATIONS

188 Media participation

188.1 If Participating Teams' MNAs receive requests for media accreditation, they shall address them to the Host for approval.

188.2 Players and Team staff who have been requested to participate into interviews shall make themselves available for such at the start of the indicated intermission.

188.3 Where applicable, requested players and coaching staff shall present themselves in the Mixed Zone immediately after the end of the game and no later than ten (10) minutes after the end of the post-game ceremony.

188.4 All interviews shall take place in front of the media backdrop.

189 Photography and Social Media

189.1 Participating Teams shall collaborate with the Host in allowing them to create social media content.

189.2 Participating Teams shall have the right to use the created content as well as all team pictures for non-commercial purposes only.

LXVIII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

190 Procedure

190.1 Any alleged non-compliance with this Event Code and/or related IIHF Governing Documents provisions shall be immediately reported to the IIHF Directorate Chairperson if such violation occurs during the Championship, or to the IIHF (compliance@iihfoffice.com) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship.

190.2 The IIHF reserves its right to request any information in case of suspicion of non-compliance and impose a deadline for the Participating Team, player, coach Team staff to comply.

190.3 If the IIHF determines that the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff is in fact non-compliant, it may sanction the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff in accordance with the procedure set out in Art. 191 of this Event Code and immediately ask the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff to rectify their actions, if the situation so allows.

191 Sanctions

191.1 If the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach Team staff fails to fulfil its commitment in accordance with the rights and obligations stipulated in the IIHF Governing Documents relevant to the respective Championship, they may be sanctioned by the IIHF.

191.2 The IIHF may sanction MNAs, Participating Teams, players, coaches Team staff with:

- a. A warning;
- b. A fine;
- c. The suspension from participation in IIHF championships; and
- d. Any other measure considered appropriate in light of the circumstances.

191.3 Sanctions may be cumulative. Each non-compliance shall be separately evaluated the appropriate sanctions imposed accordingly. MNAs, Participating Teams, players, coaches Team staff may be fined cumulatively up to a maximum of CHF 100'000.

191.4 The above fines shall not restrict the rights of the IIHF and/or the IIHF MNAs for compensation arising from the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach Team staff non-compliance with the IIHF Governing Document and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

191.5 Sanctions may be reduced or increased by the competent disciplinary body based on the objective and subjective circumstances of facts at hand.

191.6 Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

191.7 If the perpetrator of the non-compliance cannot be identified, the respective MNA/Participating Team may be held liable a sanction may be imposed directly on the MNA/Participating Team.

191.8 The IIHF reserves its right to deduct the amounts for any imposed fines from the Participating Teams' travel support.

191.9 In accordance with Art. 12.1.2 of the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations, all sanctions are appealable to the IIHF Disciplinary Board.