

# IIHF U18 and U18 Women's World Championships Event Code



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# Introduction

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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 obligations 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 should you wish to contact us with any questions relating to this Event Code.

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# Event Code Structure

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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 9	Services and Protocol
Chapter 4	Sport	Chapter 10	Sport
Chapter 5	Medical and Anti-Doping	Chapter 11	Medical and Anti-Doping
Chapter 6	Commercial, Communication and Marketing	Chapter 12	Commercial, Communication and Marketing
Chapter 7	Technology	-	-
Chapter 8	Compliance	Chapter 13	Compliance

# Definitions

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## A. General Definitions

The terms listed below shall have the following meaning:

- **Amber Light:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 169.1 of this Event Code
- **Annual Congress:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Statute 14.3
- **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 170.1 of this Event Code
- **Break Countdown Clock:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 171.1 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/>
- **CDO:** Chief Dental Officer
- **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 concourse, 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 WM18 and WW18
- **COC:** Central Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.2 of this Event Code
- **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 100.1 of this Event Code
- **HCC:** Host Country Contract
- **HCRIM:** Head Coach Rule Information Meeting
- **Host(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 9.1 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 77.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF:** International Ice Hockey Federation
- **Jumbotron:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 106.1 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
- **LOC:** Local Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.2 of this Event Code
- **MNA:** Member National Association
- **MSC:** Medical Services Coordinator
- **OC:** Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Participants:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 84 of this Event Code
- **Organizational Equipment:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 151.1 of this Event Code
- **Participating Team(s):** All players and related Team staff taking part in a Championship
- **Puck and Player Tracking:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 172.1 of this Event Code
- **Red Light:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 171.1 of this Event Code
- **Safeguarding Officer:** Appointed person in charge of safeguarding matters
- **Semi-Annual Congress:** Shall have the meaning as described in Statute 14.3.
- **T1 Transportation:** On request transportation between the hotel and the Championship Venues
- **Team Doctor:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 206.1 of this Event Code
- **UAT:** Use Acceptance Test
- **UVT:** User Validation Test
- **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:

- **Accreditation Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 44 of this Event Code
- **Broadcasting Infrastructure:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 42 of this Event Code
- **Commentators Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 34 of this Event Code
- **DCS:** Doping Control Station, as defined under Article 21 of this Event Code
- **Directorate Meeting Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 24 of this Event Code
- **Flash Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 36 of this Event Code
- **Game Officials Areas:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 20 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Official Website Staff Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 29 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Result Managers Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 23 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Seats:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 96.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Staff Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 28 of this Event Code
- **Supplier Showrooms:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 41 of this Event Code
- **Main Arena:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 16.1 of this Event Code
- **Media Cafeteria:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 39 of this Event Code
- **Media Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 32 of this Event Code
- **Media Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 33 of this Event Code
- **Mixed Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 35 of this Event Code
- **Participants Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 97.1 of this Event Code
- **Photo Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 37 of this Event Code
- **Photocopy Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 38 of this Event Code
- **Seats For Stand-By Game Officials:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 46 of this Event Code
- **Sport System Server Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 22 of this Event Code
- **Sport System:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 168.1 of this Event Code
- **Statistics Bench:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 27 of this Event Code
- **Team Dressing Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 18 of this Event Code
- **Team Video Coach Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 45 of this Event Code
- **Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 19 of this Event Code

- **TELL:** Team Entry Long List
- **Transportation Desk:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 43 of this Event Code
- **Video Review Consultant Operation Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 25 of this Event Code
- **VIP Lounges:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 48 of this Event Code

## Applicable IIHF Governing Documents

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<b>Chapter 1</b>	-
<b>Chapter 2</b>	IIHF Accreditation Guidelines, IIHF Medical Guidelines
<b>Chapter 3</b>	IIHF Game Officials Licensing and Nomination Guidelines, IIHF Expense Guidelines, IIHF Officials Expense Policy, IIHF Accreditation Guidelines
<b>Chapter 4</b>	IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines, IIHF Rink Guidelines
<b>Chapter 5</b>	IIHF Medical Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Policy
<b>Chapter 6</b>	IIHF Marketing Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Guidelines
<b>Chapter 7</b>	-
<b>Chapter 8</b>	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations
<b>Chapter 9</b>	-
<b>Chapter 10</b>	IHF Rule Book
<b>Chapter 11</b>	IIHF Medical Guidelines
<b>Chapter 12</b>	IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines, IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines
<b>Chapter 13</b>	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations



## PART I – HOST REGULATIONS

# Bidding Procedure

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# 1

## I. ALLOCATION OF IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 AND U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. Timing of allocation

- 1.1. The IIHF Congress allocates the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 and IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championships (the "Championship" or "Championships") every year according to IIHF Bylaws 5 to 10. The allocation takes place two (2) seasons 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. Pre-allocation

- 2.1. The IIHF Event and Championship Committee may create a schedule approved by the IIHF Council, according to which the hosting of the U18 and U18 Women's Championships may be pre-allocated. The IIHF will contact all relevant MNAs regarding the pre-allocation of the Championships.
- 2.2. The Applicant that is pre-allocated to host a Championship shall have the right of first refusal with respect to the hosting of the respective Championship.
- 2.3. In the event that the applicant wishes to exercise such right, it shall reconfirm its willingness to host two (2) years prior to the respective pre-allocated Championship, by following the process as set out under Art. 3 of this Event Code.

### 3. Hosting Application

- 3.1. No later than January 10<sup>th</sup>, two (2) seasons 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").

- 3.2. 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.
4. Host Relegation
  - 4.1. In the event that the pre-allocated applicant ends the season in a position that would otherwise have relegated them, they shall be protected from relegation from said Championship.
  - 4.2. The team placed immediately above them in the combined final ranking of the Championship in question shall be relegated instead.
5. Hosting by remaining MNAs
  - 5.1. If the pre-allocated applicant does not wish to host the Championship, the hosting of the Championship shall be offered to the remaining participating MNAs of the respective year.
6. Organizational Plan
  - 6.1. 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.
  - 6.2. 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 accordingly.
7. Site Visits – Prior to Allocation
  - 7.1. 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.
  - 7.2. 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.
8. Bid Presentation to the IIHF Congress
  - 8.1. The final applicants shall present their bid to the delegates during the Calendar Meeting at the IIHF Congress allocating the respective Championship.
  - 8.2. Each presentation shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. For the sequence of presentation of their bids, the applicants shall be called to present in alphabetical order.
- 8.5. 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.

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## III. HOSTING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

### 9. Hosting Rights

- 9.1. It is the practice of the IIHF to entrust the organization of all Championships to one or more hosting MNAs (the “Host(s)”).

### 10. Hosting Obligations

- 10.1. The Host shall organize the Championship on behalf of the IIHF.
- 10.2. The Host shall promptly provide interim status reports in accordance with Art. 14 of this Event Code and financial reports or management accounts pertaining to the organization of the Championship, if so requested by the IIHF.
- 10.3. The Host shall promptly provide all information relating to the pricing and sale of tickets, if so requested by the IIHF.
- 10.4. The Host ensures that all third parties are aware of all obligations as per the IIHF Governing Documents pertaining to the Championship.
- 10.5. Any agreement entered into by the Host in order to fulfil such requirements shall be entered solely in the name of the Host.
- 10.6. The Host shall not, in any way, interfere with the rights and competencies of the IIHF.

## IV. ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

### 11. Organizing Committee (“OC”)

- 11.1. If the Championship is organized in one (1) host city, the Host shall appoint an Organizing Committee (“OC”).
- 11.2. If the Championship is organized in two (2) host cities, there shall be a Central Organizing Committee (“COC”), which shall communicate with the IIHF on behalf of the Local Organizing Committees (“LOC”), established by the COC in each city.
- 11.3. English is the official language of the Championship. All relevant documents, including any approval processes, shall be in the English language.
- 11.4. The OC(s) shall be made up of a representative of the Host MNA and representatives from the respective local civic and Ice Hockey communities. The structure of the OC(s) and the appointments of management positions shall be subject to approval by the IIHF.

- 11.5. If there is only one (1) host city, the OC may be chaired by a Host MNA representative other than the President and shall be fully responsible and accountable to the COC and the IIHF in all matters relating to the organization of the Championship.
- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. 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.

## 12. Staff and Volunteers

- 12.1. The Host is responsible for appointing an adequate number of qualified persons to the OC(s) to coordinate the day-to-day operations, including those involving staff and volunteers, before, during and after the Championship.
- 12.2. 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.

## 13. Organizational Plan

- 13.1. The Organizational Plan indicated under Art. 6 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 role in the organization of the Championship; and
  - b. A timetable outlining all major activities, key decisions, and milestones.
- 13.2. The Host shall be held liable in the event that the information contained in the Organizational Plan is later found to be false, misleading, or simply obsolete.

## 14. Status report

- 14.1. 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;
  - b. Work in progress; and
  - c. Major accomplishments since the last report.

## V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### 15. Host Nation Taxes and Fees

- 15.1. 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, or the participating national associations as well as the officials, advisors and employees of the IIHF, IIHF's subsidiaries, and the participating national associations.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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 the hospitality area, value-in-kind products, promotional articles, etc.
- 15.4. 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

### 16. Arena(s) and Ice Rink(s)

- 16.1. The Host shall ensure the availability of two (2) arenas, of which one shall serve as the main venue for the Championship (the "Main Arena"). Both arenas shall have sufficient space and facilities to accommodate the rooms and services described under Section VI of this Event Code.
- 16.2. The second arena shall be located within a maximum of three (3) hours travelling time from the Main Arena.
- 16.3. The required capacity of both arenas shall be communicated to the MNAs before the application process is started.
- 16.4. Both arenas shall be in close proximity to an international airport.
- 16.5. The Host ensures that each venue guarantees the exclusive availability of a practice rink, preferably adjacent to the arena or reachable in fifteen (15) minutes by bus.
- 16.6. The Host may present a single arena if all requirements in the present article are met and upon prior IIHF approval.
- 16.7. 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 production and (de)installation costs relating to all new arrangements.

- 16.8. Game, practice rinks and other relevant facilities or areas shall be made exclusively available to the Host at least five (5) days prior to the start of the Championship and shall remain available until two and a half (2.5) days after the conclusion of the Championship.
- 16.9. During the above-mentioned period, the Host shall ensure complete exclusivity and availability for all areas of the above-mentioned arena(s), which shall be reserved in its entirety, including its vicinities, for the sole use of the Championship during the entire event.
- 16.10. For the avoidance of any doubts, the above-mentioned period includes periods between games and game-free days.
- 16.11. All ice rinks shall comply with the requirements set out in Rule 1 of the IIHF Rule Book.
- 16.12. 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.
- 16.13. Exceptions may be granted by the IIHF if the situation so requires.

#### 17. Arena Rooms and Facilities – General

- 17.1. All rooms, floor spaces and facilities shall be clearly signposted.
- 17.2. The Host is responsible for ensuring that all rooms are provided with proper lighting, air conditioning and heating.
- 17.3. The Host is responsible for providing the requested number of access keys to the requesting stakeholder(s).
- 17.4. The allocation of rooms shall be laid down together with the IIHF on the occasion of a site visit. The minutes of the site visit, together with an attached floor plan, shall be approved by the IIHF and the Host.
- 17.5. The IIHF reserves its right to request changes to the allocation of rooms after the beginning of the Championship.
- 17.6. At a minimum, the arena(s) shall have sufficient space for the rooms specified under Articles 18 - 50 of this Event Code.

#### 18. Team Dressing Rooms

- 18.1. Each participating team shall be allocated a permanent dressing room (approximately 80 m<sup>2</sup>) with additional rooms attached to it (the "Team Dressing Room(s)").
- 18.2. 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 WW18 (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>, with



SDI cabling and Cabled Internet);

- d. Drying facilities;
- e. Massage room (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>);
- f. Storage (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>);
- g. Time clock/Game clock connection;
- h. Wi-Fi; and
- i. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues.

18.3. Each dressing room shall have enough seats to hold the number of players specified under IIHF Bylaw 13 and 15, as well as sufficient space for their equipment.

18.4. 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 shall provide game dressing rooms as close to the ice as possible.

#### 19. Team Stretching and Warm-up Area

19.1. 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").

19.2. The Team Stretching and Warm-up Area shall be equipped as follows:

- a. A minimum of twenty (20) stationary bikes;
- b. Floor matting;
- c. Yoga mats;
- d. Wall-mounted antiseptic hand cleaners; and
- e. Adequate ventilation.

#### 20. Game Official Areas

20.1. The Game Officials areas shall comprise of dressing rooms, a warm-up zone and an equipment drying room (the "Game Officials Areas").

20.2. The assigned Game Officials and Stand-by Game Officials shall be allocated adequate dressing rooms in each arena, with a minimum size of 20 m<sup>2</sup> and equipped with showers and WC.

20.3. 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.

20.4. The Game Officials dressing room(s) shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls, including cloth racks for four (4) Game Officials (working crew);
- b. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls, including cloth racks for two (2) Stand-by Game Officials
- c. Wi-Fi;
- d. TV Screen in an adequate size, including live signal from both venues; and
- e. Time display connected to and synchronized with the official game clock.

20.5. The Game Officials warm-up zone shall be equipped with:

- a. Three (3) stationary warm-up bikes;
- b. Three (3) jumping ropes; and
- c. Four (4) yoga mats.

20.6. The Game Official Equipment Drying Room shall be equipped with:

- 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.

20.7. 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. Skate sharpening;
- d. Towel service for games and practices; and
- e. Skate laces (white), tape assortment (black, white and transparent tape) and visor cleaner.

## 21. Doping Control Station

21.1. The Host shall provide a Doping Control Station (the "DCS") with a minimum size of 15 m<sup>2</sup>, 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. 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 the 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.
- 21.2. The Host shall ensure that the 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.
- 21.3. The Host shall have the responsibility to hire a security person who shall control the movement of people in and out of the DCS.
- 21.4. *Waiting Room*
- 21.4.1. The Host shall provide a separate waiting room of a minimum of 15 m<sup>2</sup> which shall be next to or adjacent to the DCS. The DCS waiting room shall be equipped as follows:
    - a. Eight (8) chairs; and
    - b. One (1) refrigerator for non-alcoholic drinks in sealed bottles.

## 22. Sport System Server Room

- 22.1. The Host shall provide a secure, climate-controlled room inside the arena or inside the TV compound (the "Sport System Server Room"), which shall be equipped as follows:
- a. 4kW energy (16A CEE socket) with the same power source used by the broadcasters;
  - b. Cabled Internet with a minimum of 100/100 Mbps Up-/ and Download speed; and
  - c. Singlemode Fiber Cable Duplex cables to all Sports System components (Clients) and the blue line cameras.
- 22.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the above requirements no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship.

### 23. IIHF Result Managers Office

23.1. The Host shall provide an office for the IIHF result managers (the “IIHF Result Managers Office”).

23.2. The office shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) desk (minimum 160 cm) with two (2) work positions for each result manager, including one (1) chair;
- b. Two (2) Laptops;
- c. One (1) printer connected to the IIHF Result Manager laptop;
- d. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues;
- e. One (1) refrigerator;
- f. One (1) coffee machine; and
- g. Cabled Internet.

### 24. Directorate Meeting Room

24.1. The Host shall provide a room for the first Directorate meeting (the “Directorate Meeting Room”).

24.2. The Directorate Meeting Room shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) Big TV;
- b. Video Conference System;
- c. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet; and
- d. U-shape setting, able to fit around thirty (30) persons.

24.3. The Host shall ensure that refreshments are available in the Directorate Meeting Room.

24.4. At the date of the First Directorate Meeting, two (2) additional rooms with classroom style setup for approximately fifteen (15) persons shall be provided by the Host where the Medical Meeting and the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM) will be held simultaneously. These rooms shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) Big TV set with HDMI access; and
- b. One (1) flip chart.

24.5. 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).

## 25. Video Review Consultant Operations Room

25.1. The Host shall provide a room for the operations relating to video review (the “Video Review Consultant Operation Room”), which shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues;
- b. One (1) refrigerator;
- c. One (1) coffee machine; and
- d. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet.

25.2. The room shall be located with an unrestricted view to the ice, and the location and the installations shall be approved by the IIHF.

25.3. If the Video Review Consultant Operation Room requires a seat kill, then the Host shall reserve the amount specified by the IIHF.

## 26. Scorekeeper Box and Penalty Box

26.1. The Host shall provide a working space opposite the Players’ Benches which shall be composed of a scorekeeper box and two (2) penalty boxes.

26.2. The room shall comprise of:

- a. Eight (8) desks (minimum 80 cm) with power;
- b. One (1) freezer in one of the penalty boxes;
- c. One (1) game clock;
- d. One (1) Laptop; and
- e. Cabled Internet.

## 27. Statistics Bench

27.1. 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.

27.2. The Statistics Bench shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Desks (allowing a minimum of six (6) people to sit), including chairs;

- b. Three (3) Laptops;
- c. One (1) monitor;
- d. Cabled Internet; and
- e. Sufficient amount of power outlets.

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

## 28. IIHF Staff Area

28.1. The Host shall provide in the arena or, if impossible, immediately adjacent, with IIHF approval, up to ten (10) working spaces provided with the necessary equipment installed and ready to be used three (3) days prior to the Championship (the "IIHF Staff Area").

28.2. The IIHF Staff Area shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Wi-Fi;
- b. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues; and
- c. One (1) multifunction printer.

## 29. IIHF Official Website Staff Area

29.1. The Host shall provide a working space in each venue for one (1) person working on behalf of the IIHF with the IIHF official website for the Championship (the "IIHF Official Website Staff Area").

29.2. The working space shall be equipped with Cabled Internet.

## 30. IIHF Social Media Staff Area

30.1. The Host shall provide a working space in each venue for six (6) persons working on behalf of the IIHF on social media ("the IIHF Social Medi Staff Area"). The working space shall be equipped with Cabled Internet.

## 31. IIHF Photographers Area

31.1. The Host shall provide a working space in each venue with a high-speed Internet connection for two (2) IIHF photographers (the "IIHF Photographers Area").

31.2. For semi-finals and finals, the space shall be adjusted to accommodate four (4) IIHF photographers.

31.3. The working space shall be located preferably as close as possible to the ice level or in the media center in the arena. The Host shall provide secured and lockable storage rooms for the equipment of the IIHF photographers.

31.4. The IIHF reserves its right to grant the use of strobe lights at the Championship.

### 32. Media Center

32.1. The Host shall provide a room or tent offering good working conditions for up to one hundred (100) journalists and reporters (the "Media Center").

### 33. Media Tribune

33.1. The Host shall provide one hundred (100) seats per game in the spectator area of each arena (the "Media Tribune").

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

33.3. The Host shall grant the IIHF Broadcasting Partner priority in reserving additional seats for an additional price if communicated to the Host no later than three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

### 34. Commentators Positions

34.1. The Host shall provide sixty (60) seats for fifteen (15) positions per arena (the "Commentators Positions"), to be located centrally in the spectator area, on the same side as the main camera platform.

34.2. The seating area shall be the same throughout the whole Championship.

### 35. Mixed Zone

35.1. The Host shall provide sufficient space for media interviews in the arenas, located as close as possible to the player dressing rooms, the press conference room and the Media Tribune (the "Mixed Zone").

35.2. The Mixed Zone shall be large enough to accommodate all interested media representatives with easy access from the media zones.

35.3. It shall be divided into three sections: 1) Rightsholders, 2) Non-Rightsholders 3) Print Media, to be accessed by the players in the same order.

### 36. Flash Zone

- 36.1. The Host shall provide adequate space at the players' entrance to the ice, where broadcasters are entitled to conduct flash interviews with players during intermissions and at the end of the game (the "Flash Zone").
- 36.2. The Flash Zone shall be operated with full light at the beginning of each intermission for at least three (3) minutes after the last player has left the ice.

### 37. Photo Positions

- 37.1. The Host shall provide space for fifty (50) photographers in the arena and ten (10) positions at ice-level in the corners of the rink (the "Photo Positions").
- 37.2. The Photo Positions shall not be placed too high up in the arena bowl, have a clear line of sight to the ice. The Photo Positions shall not obstruct the view of nearby spectators or TV camera views.
- 37.3. The Host shall seek IIHF approval before tickets go on sale.
- 37.4. The Host shall reserve preferred exclusive areas on the ice level (incl. between the player benches) and in the spectator area to be used by the IIHF official photographers.
- 37.5. If a Photo Position between the benches exists, then unblocked access to the ice shall be ensured to assigned photographers.

### 38. Photocopy Center

- 38.1. The Host shall provide one (1) separate office or facility (at least 20 m<sup>2</sup>) for photocopies (the "Photocopy Center") as close as possible to the Media Center.

### 39. Media Cafeteria

- 39.1. The Host shall provide a cafeteria, located in or in the immediate vicinity of the Media Center, with a moderate price level (the "Media Cafeteria").
- 39.2. The Host shall, at a minimum, provide coffee and water.

### 40. IIHF Partner Facilities

- 40.1. The Host shall provide office space to be used by IIHF partners as requested by the IIHF not later than 6 months before the Championship (the "IIHF Partner Facilities").



#### 41. Supplier Showrooms

- 41.1. 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)").
- 41.2. 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.
- 41.3. The Supplier Showrooms shall be equipped with desks and chairs for two (2) people.

#### 42. Broadcasting Infrastructure

- 42.1. The Host shall provide sufficient and suitable space and infrastructure in the arena for TV and Radio broadcasting (the "Broadcasting Infrastructure").
- 42.2. The Broadcasting Infrastructure shall include, but is not limited to, the availability of electricity, telephone lines, internet connections, and TV facilities like camera podiums and camera installations at the ceiling (e.g., video goal judge camera), walls, etc.
- 42.3. The Host shall provide space for TV studios upon request by the respective TV companies, but not creating any loss on spectator seats ("Seat Kills"). Requests shall be made not later than eleven (11) months before the Championship.
- 42.4. If that is, however, not feasible, then such space shall be provided with a minimum of seat kills. Requests shall be made before ticket sales start.

#### 43. Transportation Desk

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

#### 44. Accreditation Center

- 44.1. The Host shall provide a center for the management of accreditation procedures (ca 100 m<sup>2</sup>) within or in the vicinity of each game arena (the "Accreditation Center"). The center shall be equipped and operated in accordance with the IIHF Accreditation Guidelines.
- 44.2. The Accreditation Center shall be accessible to the public, with a separate entrance and exit.
- 44.3. The Host shall provide two (2) further office spaces (ca 20 m<sup>2</sup> each) within the Accreditation Center, one for the IIHF Accreditation Manager and one (1) for the Host Accreditation Manager.

#### 45. Team Video Coach Positions

- 45.1. The Host shall provide five (5) seats per playing team for team staff to use 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.
- 45.2. The Host shall provide SDI HD cabling for three (3) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions.
- 45.3. The Host shall additionally provide four (4) seats for non-playing team staff with SDI HD cabling.
- 45.4. The Host ensures that all Team Video Coach Positions provide an unrestricted view to the ice.

#### 46. Seats For Stand-By Game Officials

- 46.1. 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”).

#### 47. IIHF Skybox

- 47.1. If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall provide to the IIHF a skybox in each arena (the “IIHF Skybox”) for the use of the IIHF President and/or assigned IIHF Chairperson and their guests, with unrestricted view to the ice.
- 47.2. The IIHF Skybox shall be located in the spectator area and have a capacity of around twenty (20) seats.
- 47.3. The costs for any catering shall be borne by the IIHF.
- 47.4. The Host shall provide a hostess to manage the IIHF Skybox during the games.

#### 48. VIP Lounges

- 48.1. Upon request by the IIHF, the Host shall provide VIP lounges, which shall be located in a primary location in each arena and in immediate vicinity to the IIHF Seats (the “VIP Lounges”).
- 48.2. The VIP Lounge(s) may be separate or combined for the IIHF and the Host.
- 48.3. The Host shall provide appropriate catering.

#### 49. Arena Public Area

- 49.1. 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.

#### 50. Additional Rooms

- 50.1. The IIHF reserves the right to request additional rooms and/or variations to the above specifications depending on the location of the venues and facilities being used to stage the Championship.

#### 51. Directional Signage

- 51.1. The Host is responsible for providing signage with consistent Championship branding in the layout of the Championship design across all venues.
- 51.2. The Host shall provide directional signage in all relevant areas in and around the arena(s) indicating the location of respective rooms and functional zones to visitors, guests, participants, staff, volunteers, and media. Such signage may also be located at key points in the host city, including airports, train stations, streetcar and bus stops, relevant parking lots, etc.
- 51.3. The signage system shall effectively guide the various persons through the whole venue and adjacent relevant areas.
- 51.4. The Host shall set up the signage system two (2) days before the beginning of the Championship.
- 51.5. 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 six (6) weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

### VII. EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

#### 52. Sustainable use of facilities and environmental requirements

- 52.1. 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.
- 52.2. The Host shall ensure compliance with national environmental legislation relating to the arenas.
- 52.3. The Host shall take all steps to ensure that there is no smoking in the arena.

- 52.4. 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. LIGHTING, ELECTRICITY AND INTERNET

### 53. Lighting Requirements

- 53.1. The lighting in the arena shall be at least one thousand four hundred (1400) lux for HD television production measured in the direction of the main camera and one and a half (1.5) m above ice level. The light shall have a temperature of a minimum of three thousand two hundred (3200°) Kelvin for arenas without daylight and up to five thousand six hundred (5600°) Kelvin for arenas with daylight, with the same temperature at the playing surface and the stands. The light shall be evenly spread over the playing surface and without shadows along the boards. The practice rink shall offer a minimum of six hundred (600) lux.

### 54. Electricity Requirements

- 54.1. In order to allow an efficient organization and broadcasting of the Event, the Host shall provide at his own expense the infrastructure for a sufficient and uninterrupted supply of electricity with an emergency power supply system (i.e. with full redundancy and seamless switching). In each venue, the power supply and the emergency power supply shall each provide a minimum of five hundred fifty (550) kVA. The specific need of power (kVA) shall be submitted to the Host no later than three (3) months prior to the start of the Championship, whereas for any request exceeding five hundred fifty (550) kVA the cost shall be borne by the requesting party.
- 54.2. Electricity consumption in any way associated with TV companies for the use of OB-vans, TV studios, etc., shall be paid by the requesting party on the basis of the applicable standard prices for domestic electrical power (plus a maximum of 15%) on the Host country market. The price list has to be released by the Host at least twelve (12) months prior to the Championship. Domestic power for all broadcast offices in the ice rink, including broadcast offices in the TV-Compound area, has to be paid by the Host.

### 55. Internet Connection

- 55.1. The Host shall provide appropriate internet connection in each arena and in all Championship indoor and outdoor operational and hospitality areas, as indicated by the IIHF.
- 55.2. Where applicable, further specifications are stipulated in each of the rooms under Section VI of this Event Code.

## IX. INSURANCE

### 56. Insurance - General Conditions

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

#### 56.2. *Prior written approval*

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

56.3. 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.

### 57. Championship Cancellation and Abandonment Insurance

57.1. 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, or relocation of the Championship (in whole or in part).

57.2. The Championship Cancellation Insurance provides cover for the risks of:

- a. Cancellation: meaning the inability to complete the insured Championship prior to commencement;
- b. Abandonment: meaning the inability to complete the insured Championship once commenced;
- c. Postponement: meaning the unavoidable deferment of the insured Championship to another time;
- d. Interruption: meaning a temporary delay in the completion of the insured Championship after it has been commenced;
- e. Curtailment: meaning a reduction in the length of the insured Championship from that which was originally planned; and
- f. Relocation: meaning the unavoidable removal of the insured Championship to another place due to any cause beyond the control of the Host or the IIHF.

### 58. General Third-Party Liability Insurance

58.1. The Host shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive general third-party liability insurance with an insurer of recognized international standard with a minimum sum insured of CHF 12 million (unless otherwise specified in the respective HCC) for each

occurrence of bodily injury, property damage and/or financial losses arising during organization, staging, and dismantling of the Championship. Such general third-party liability insurance shall be in broad form.

58.2. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF is named as an additional insured party in the general third-party liability insurance policy.

58.3. The Host shall perform an insurance assessment with the assistance of a qualified insurance broker.

## 59. Other Insurances

59.1. The Host shall (or 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 Host's staff, volunteers, and spectators;
- e. Property insurance; and
- f. Any other insurance.

## X. SECURITY

### 60. Arena Security and Security

60.1. The Host shall comply with all IIHF requests with regards to security within the arena(s) and in its vicinity.

60.2. The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas, and installations during the whole duration of the Championship.

60.3. The Host shall provide sufficient security for the access control to the arena and for the seats in the spectator area.

60.4. The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas, and 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 his command.

60.5. The Host shall provide sufficient security and access control to the entire arena and for the seats in the spectator area.

- 60.6. The Host shall work in close cooperation with the local police and fire department to develop a security plan. The plan shall include emergency and evacuation scenarios for special political situations and risk groups, bomb and similar threats, security for high ranked VIPs, players and IIHF Officials, partners and guests and shall be in the English language.
- 60.7. 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.
- 60.8. The Host shall provide 24h security for the entire TV equipment installed within and outside the arena(s) as well as security and access control to the TV compound outside the arena(s).

61. Access to Championship Hotels

- 61.1. The Host shall ensure that access to the team hotels is restricted for media and fans and that the hotels provide sufficient security.

62. Access to the Ice Surface

- 62.1. The Host shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no unauthorized persons are allowed on the ice surface at any time.

63. Safety Certification

- 63.1. The Host is responsible for ensuring all required safety certifications 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.

XI. SAFEGUARDING

64. Code of Conduct

- 64.1. The Host shall create a code of conduct for all staff, volunteers, and 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.

#### 65. Risk assessment

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

#### 66. Background checks

- 66.1. The Host shall conduct background checks for all staff, volunteers, and 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.

#### 67. Medical support

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

#### 68. Security measures

- 68.1. 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.

#### 69. Safeguarding Officer

- 69.1. 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.

#### 70. Reporting and response procedures

- 70.1. 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, and responding to concerns in a timely, appropriate, and confidential manner. The reporting and response procedures shall be approved in writing by the IIHF.



## 71. Training and awareness

- 71.1. The Host shall provide mandatory education and awareness-raising activities for staff, volunteers, and 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 Championship and reinforced throughout the competition.

## XII. SERVICES

### 72. Entry Visas

- 72.1. 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, all Participating Teams and their staff and Game Officials, including importing and exporting material and equipment.

### 73. Team And Game Official Hosts

- 73.1. 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.

### 74. Game Services

- 74.1. The Host shall provide and take all necessary measures to organize the following services for all Participating Teams and Game Officials, and 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, and 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, as well as manage the delivery of warm up and game 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.

## XIII. PROTOCOL

### 75. Head of Protocol and Protocol Personnel

- 75.1. The Host shall appoint an experienced head of protocol as well as sufficient personnel to ensure that the protocol is implemented as requested by the IIHF.

## 76. Flags

- 76.1. 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 Championship.
- 76.2. 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.
- 76.3. The flags shall be positioned in the arena in an appropriate location for maximum visibility without creating view obstruction for any stakeholders. The size of the IIHF flag may differ from the size of national flags. The Host shall verify the authenticity of the respective national flags and anthems.
- 76.4. The flags may be provided by the IIHF, in which case they must be used exclusively. The Host shall return the provided country flags to the IIHF in Zurich, no later than one (1) week after the end of the Championship.
- 76.5. The Host shall provide a mechanism to hoist the flag for the postgame ceremony, as described under Art. 79 of this Event Code.

## 77. IIHF Official Music & Official Speaker

- 77.1. During the opening, post-game and closing ceremonies as well as when the teams enter the ice surface, the Host shall exclusively use the music provided by the IIHF (the "IIHF Official Music"). The Host shall report any use of IIHF Official Music to the appropriate performance rights national organization and is responsible for all charges arising therefrom or in connection with the use of the IIHF Official Music.
- 77.2. The Host shall ensure that no music is played in the arena which contains offensive language.
- 77.3. The Host shall appoint speakers who shall speak fluent English as well as the native language of the Host country. The Host shall exclusively use the speaker script provided by the IIHF. The IIHF may assign additional speakers or replace those chosen by the Host if not suited.

## 78. Opening Ceremony

- 78.1. Eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship, the Host shall present the Opening Ceremony plan to the IIHF.
- 78.2. 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.
- 78.3. The flag of the Host country shall be hoisted while the country's national anthem is being played.
- 78.4. 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 approved by the IIHF. Upon the Host MNA's prior request, a State representative may open the Championship.

#### 79. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

- 79.1. The Host is responsible for instructing all involved stakeholders with regards to the pre-game and post-game ceremonies.
- 79.2. 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.

#### 80. Championship Awards

- 80.1. The Host shall provide the following awards:
  - a. Medals for the best three (3) Teams (gold, silver, and bronze medals);
  - b. Awards for the best player of each game of each team;
  - c. Most valuable player (MVP) of the tournament (optional); and
  - d. Award for each player of the "All-star" Team (optional).
- 80.2. If the Host does not design the medals according to the rights provided in the HCC, the IIHF will provide the medals for the three (3) best teams.
- 80.3. The Host shall inform the IIHF at the latest in August prior to the Championship whether the right to design the medals will be used.
- 80.4. In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the standards communicated in writing by the IIHF.
- 80.5. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all awards they provide.
- 80.6. In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the following minimum standards:
  - a. Diameter: 70 mm at the minimum;
  - b. Minimum weight: 180 g;
  - c. Minimum thickness: 5 mm;
  - d. Amount: 39 pieces per medal type;
  - e. The front shall present the Host country's identifying elements as well as the complete official Championship title and season;
  - f. The back shall present the IIHF logo; and
  - g. The ribbon may have the colors of the Host national flag or IIHF colors (red, blue, and white).

80.7. The Host shall hand all medals over to the IIHF no later than on the first day of the Championship.

80.8. Shall the Host wish to present any further award other than those indicated in Art. 80.1 of this Event Code, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.

#### XIV. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

##### 81. Accommodation of Official Participants

81.1. The Host shall provide accommodation in 3-star hotels and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to all participants listed under Art. 85 - 88 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").

81.2. Hotels shall be within a twenty (20) minutes bus travel time radius from the respective arena.

81.3. 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 cancelation policies.

81.4. The Host shall seek IIHF approval no later than twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship for the specific hotels and hotel rates in which the Official Participants shall stay during the Championship.

81.5. The Host shall send the signed hotel contracts to the IIHF upon signature. All hotel contracts shall be concluded in the English language.

81.6. The Host shall make reservations on behalf of the IIHF for persons not listed under Art. 85 - 88 of this Event Code.

81.7. The Host shall make reservations for media if so requested by the IIHF.

81.8. Any costs related to accommodation of persons not listed under Art. 85 - 88 of this Event Code shall be paid by the guest concerned upon checkout, unless otherwise stated in writing by the IIHF.

81.9. The Host shall ensure that additional rooms for guests, not listed under Art. 85 - 88 of this Event Code, are provided to them at the same financial conditions they have negotiated for the Official Participants.

81.10. 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 bear the connected costs. The Host shall invoice the concerned Official Participant(s). The Host shall inform the IIHF regarding the damage occurred.

## 82. Additional Hotel Spaces

82.1. At a minimum, the Host shall negotiate and bear the costs for the following additional spaces within the hotel:

### 82.1.1. Teams Meeting Rooms

82.1.1.1. The Host shall arrange for fully equipped meeting rooms, which shall be made available in the hotel where the teams are staying.

82.1.1.2. Teams meeting rooms shall be soundproof and be, at a minimum, equipped with one (1) beamer, one (1) screen, one (1) flip chart and Wi-Fi.

### 82.1.2. Officiating Team Meeting Room

82.1.2.1. The Host shall arrange for one (1) meeting room for the Officiating Team, which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals in the hotels where the team is staying. The room shall be made available from three (3) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and until the day after the Championship is concluded.

82.1.2.2. 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.

82.1.2.3. Water, soft drinks, fruit and snacks shall be available in the meeting room.

82.1.2.4. The Host shall ensure that the meeting room stays the same throughout the whole duration of the Championship.

## 83. Board

83.1. The Host shall arrange for full board for all Official Participants. The number of players and team officials shall be the one specified in IIHF Bylaws 13 (WM18) and 15 (WW18).

83.2. 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.

83.3. The Host shall ensure that hot meals are available after evening games for all relevant Participating Teams and Game Officials at the hotels where they are staying.

83.4. The Host shall ensure that any additional meals requested by the Participating Teams are provided at the same price negotiated by the Host.

83.5. For the Officiating Team, the Host shall either provide full board or provide meal money corresponding to two main meals. The IIHF and the Host shall agree on the amount of the meal money. The settlement will be done through a pre-financing from the IIHF and a

subsequent refund of the Host. Furthermore, the Host shall pay the Officiating Team incidentals according to the IIHF Officials Expense Policy.

- 83.6. The Host shall ensure that the nutritional and hydration standards specified in the IIHF Medical Guidelines are being adhered to.

#### 84. Official Participants - General

- 84.1. The Host shall provide accommodation for the persons indicated under Art. 85 - 88 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").

#### 85. Participating Teams

- 85.1. All Teams participating in World Women U18 Championships 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.
- 85.2. All Teams participating in World Men U18 Championships 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 is concluded.
- 85.3. All Participating Teams shall be, in principle, accommodated in the same hotel.
- 85.4. If teams are accommodated in more than one hotel, the hotels shall be of equal standard.
- 85.5. Each team shall be provided with single rooms and twin rooms as specified below.

WM18	Six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy	Twelve (12) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds)
WW18	Six (6) standard rooms with single occupancy	Eleven (11) standard rooms with double occupancy (twin beds)

- 85.6. The Host shall use its best endeavors to fulfil additional room requests for the team delegation at the cost of the respective MNA.
- 85.7. The price for any additional rooms shall be the same as the negotiated Host's price.

#### 86. Officiating Team

- 86.1. All members of the IIHF Officiating Team shall be provided with accommodation three (3) days prior to the beginning of the Championship until one (1) day after its conclusion.
- 86.2. The Host shall provide a total of thirty (30) standard rooms with single occupancy for WM18 Championships and a total of twenty-eight (28) standard rooms with single occupancy for WW18 Championships.
- 86.3. 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.

- 86.4. Game Officials shall have access to a gym or similar training facilities from the day of their arrival and until their departure, either in their hotel, in the near vicinity of said hotel or at the arena.

#### 87. IIHF Representatives

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

IIHF President with spouse	One (1) suite
IIHF Championship Chairperson with one (1) family member	One (1) standard room with double occupancy (per venue)
IIHF General Secretary with one (1) family member	One (1) standard room with double occupancy
IIHF Staff with one (1) family member	Two (2) standard rooms with double occupancy (per venue)
Medical Supervisors	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy (one per venue)
TEC/Statistics Operators	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy (one per venue)
Disciplinary Operators	Up to Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy (per venue)

- 87.2. For IIHF Staff, the Host shall provide rooms starting from two (2) days prior to the beginning of the Championship, until one (1) day after its conclusion.

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

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

#### 88. IIHF Event Photographer and Editor

- 88.1. Up to two (2) persons per venue (or four (4) persons when there is one (1) venue) working for the IIHF Event Photography shall be provided each with a single room one (1) days before the Championship starts until the day after the conclusion of the Championship.

- 88.2. The IIHF shall take over the accommodation costs for the above-mentioned persons.

#### 89. Meal Money

- 89.1. Unless the Host provides meals, they 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.

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

89.3. 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.

## XV. TRANSPORTATION

### 90. Transportation Service

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

90.2. Venue transportation shall be provided to:

- a. IIHF President and IIHF General Secretary dedicated car (two cars);
- b. T1 transportation for IIHF President Guests, IIHF Council, IIHF Staff, Game Officials and Officiating Staff, designated Team staff and any other person specifically designated by the IIHF;
- c. Team transportation with one (1) dedicated bus; and
- d. Dedicated car for IIHF TEC to use four (4) days prior to the beginning of the Championship until its start to ensure IIHF technology installation in the Venues, and until its end.

90.3. 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.

90.4. The transportation service shall be available 24h/day.

90.5. The Host shall ensure that adequate pick-up and drop-off locations are planned for the transportation, VIPs as well as daily delivery of goods.

90.6. The Host shall use its best endeavors to enter into an agreement with the public transportation service in order to provide free public transportation for persons with a valid IIHF accreditation.

90.7. If the Championship is organized in two (2) cities, the host shall bear the costs of transportation for Official Participants between the venues.

## 91. Transportation Desk

- 91.1. The Host is responsible to set up a transportation desk, which shall start its operations seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and last until two (2) days after the Championship has concluded.
- 91.2. The transportation desk 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.
- 91.3. A transportation contact shall be available 24h/day by phone.

## 92. Parking Spaces

- 92.1. Upon request, the Host shall provide the IIHF with free parking spaces as close as possible to the arena.
- 92.2. The Host shall ensure that parking places in the direct vicinity of the arena are provided for one (1) IIHF vehicle and one (1) vehicle for each of the Participating Teams.

## XVI. ACCREDITATION

### 93. IIHF Accreditation Guidelines

- 93.1. The Host shall use the IIHF Accreditation System in accordance with the IIHF Accreditation Guidelines.
- 93.2. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for the accreditation plan, including default access codes, accreditation zones at each venue, groups, and traffic flow.

## XVII. TICKETING

### 94. Host Rights

- 94.1. With the exception of the reserved seats and the seat kill created, the Host has the right to sell tickets for the Championship.
- 94.2. The Host shall submit to the IIHF their ticketing strategy no later than twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship and before any ticket sale is commenced, including:
  - a. Ticketing terms and conditions;
  - b. Seating chart;
  - c. Prices;
  - d. Packages;

- e. Box tickets; and
- f. Reduced fee and free tickets.

95. Ticket Terms and Conditions

- 95.1. 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.
- 95.2. The Host shall ensure that other information as indicated by the IIHF is included on the back side of the tickets.

96. IIHF Tickets

- 96.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF free of charge with one hundred (100) seats of the best category per game in each arena (the "IIHF Seats").
- 96.2. 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.
- 96.3. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the location of the seats no later than eight (8) months prior to the beginning of the Championship or prior to the ticket sale starts, whichever is earlier.
- 96.4. The Host shall deliver single IIHF game tickets in the manner agreed with the IIHF.
- 96.5. The IIHF shall make exclusive use of the IIHF Seats and allocate them at its sole discretion.

97. Participant Tribune

- 97.1. 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").
- 97.2. The Host shall ensure that the Participants Tribune is not covered by any of the main TV cameras.
- 97.3. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for the seats, which shall be the same throughout the whole Championship.

98. Tickets For Participating Teams

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

WM18	Min. 29 tickets
WW18	Min. 28 tickets

99. Seat Kills

- 99.1. All positions which require a seat kill, and shall therefore be taken into account for the ticketing strategy, shall be indicated in the ticketing strategy under Art. 94.2 of this Event Code.
- 99.2. 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.

## XVIII. GAME SCHEDULE

### 100. General

- 100.1. 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 by the Participating MNAs no later than ten (10) days before the first day of the Semi-Annual Congress preceding the Championship.
- 100.2. The Game Schedule structure shall mandatorily reflect one of the models indicated under Section III of the IIHF Sport Guidelines. Shall the situation require the Host to deviate from such models, then they shall seek prior IIHF approval.
- 100.3. In the event that the Host and the Participating Teams cannot agree on a game schedule, then the IIHF Council shall make the final decision.
- 100.4. 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.
- 100.5. No team shall have more than two (2) consecutive days off without playing a game.
- 100.6. There shall be no less than twenty (20) hours between the end and the start of two (2) games by the same team.
- 100.7. 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.
- 100.8. 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.
- 100.9. If a 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.

## XIX. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

### 101. Practice Schedule

- 101.1. 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.

101.2. For game-day and rest-day practice sessions, the participating team that 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.

101.3. 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 that, prior to the Championship, presented a higher ranking used for seeding shall be entitled to choose their practice arena.

101.4. 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.

101.5. The Host shall use their best efforts to accommodate exchanges or adjustments of practice times, which may be requested by Participating Teams during Directorate meetings.

## 102. Dressing Rooms Allotment

102.1. 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 one of the arena(s);
- b. The dressing rooms will be ranked by quality and distance to the ice surface and allotted to each of the Participating Teams following the tournament seeding entering the tournament. Nevertheless, the Host team shall have the first choice; and
- c. If the teams change arenas after the preliminary or during the final round, then the dressing room in that arena shall again be allotted to each of the Participating Teams following the tournament seeding entering the tournament. Teams already in the facility shall not move to another dressing room.

102.2. The Host is responsible for planning an exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Art. 102.2.1.c and communicating it to the respective Participating Team in due time.

## XX. TELEVISION BREAKS

### 103. Break Coordinator

103.1. The Host shall assign one (1) coordinator for the television breaks (the "Break Coordinator").

103.2. The Break Coordinator is responsible for executing the respective procedure as set under Rule 87 of the IIHF Rule Book.

104. Commercial Breaks

104.1. 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.

104.2. Commercial breaks shall be taken in line with the provisions of Rule 87.2 of the IIHF Rule Book and the IIHF Sport Guidelines.

105. Goal Breaks

105.1. 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.

105.2. 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.

XXI. JUMBOTRON USAGE

106. General

106.1. The Host shall provide a solution to display game data during each of the games (the "Jumbotron").

106.2. The Host ensures that the usage of the Jumbotron does not interfere with any of the games.

106.3. 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.

106.4. The content shown on the Jumbotron shall be a balance of sportive, entertainment and public information content.

106.5. 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.

106.6. The Host shall ensure that appropriate Jumbotron content and sound-levels are used for moments relating to broadcast and/or commercial activities (e.g. flash interviews etc.).

107. In-Game Replays

107.1. Replays of all game actions or ice hockey 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.

107.2. The Host ensures that when showing replays of a penalty call, all available camera angles of the play are used for spectator transparency and clarity.

108. Video Review Consultant Replay

108.1. 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.

108.2. 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.

108.3. 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.

109. Injuries

109.1. 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.

109.2. The Host ensures that if there is an obvious sign of serious injury (i.e., profuse bleeding, fracture, unsteady skating), the play is replayed only one (1) time immediately after the injured player or the Game Official leaves the ice. The play shall not be shown on the Jumbotron thereafter.

110. Spectators

110.1. The Host ensures that spectators are shown on the Jumbotron in a positive light.

110.2. 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.

111. Fights

111.1. 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.



## XXII. TIMEKEEPING AND SCOREBOARD SYSTEM

### 112. IIHF Rule Book

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

## XXIII. ICE SURFACE DIMENSIONS

### 113. General

113.1. 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.

113.2. If the Host wishes to request an exception, it shall seek prior written approval from both the IIHF and all Participating Teams.

## XXIV. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

### 114. Host Responsibilities

114.1. The Host is responsible for scheduling prior to the beginning of a Championship the following pre-Championship meetings and inviting 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. 142 of this Event Code);
- c. Team Media Manager Meeting;
- d. Video Coach Meeting; and
- e. First Directorate Meeting.

## XXV. FROZEN GAME PUCK PROCEDURE

### 115. Host Responsibilities

115.1. The Host shall appoint a Penalty Box attendant, who shall be responsible for operating the frozen puck freezer and mandatorily follow the rules as set out in the IIHF Rule Book.

115.2. The Penalty Box attendant is responsible for monitoring the temperature of the frozen puck freezer, which shall be set between -10 and -12 C.

XXVI. PENALTY-SHOT SHOOTOUT DRY SCRAPE PROCEDURE

116. Host Responsibilities

- 116.1. 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 Rule 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.

## XXVII. THE EVENT CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

### 117. Event Chief Medical Officer

117.1. The Host shall appoint an Event Chief Medical Officer (“ECMO”) at least three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

117.2. The ECMO who 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.

#### 117.3. *ECMO requirements*

117.3.1. 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.

#### 117.4. *ECMO responsibilities*

117.4.1. 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, and related services;
- d. Review and arrange for appropriate ambulance coverage according to the requirements set out in Articles 125 and 126 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, and 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. 143 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.

## XXVIII. THE EVENT MEDICAL TEAM

### 118. Composition of the Event Medical Team

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

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118.3. 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.

### 119. Objective of Event Medical Team

119.1. 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.

### 120. Presence of the Event Medical Team

#### 120.1. *Game day coverage*

120.1.1. On game days, at least one physician with sport medicine experience ("Game-Day Physician") shall be present.

120.1.2. Furthermore, two or more paramedics shall be present according to the provisions set out in Article 126 of this Event Code.

## 120.2. *Practice coverage*

- 120.2.1. 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.

## 121. Treatment of injured players or officials

- 121.1. The treatment of an injured player is provided by the player’s own Team Medical Personnel unless they are not available, or they relinquish it to a member of the Event Medical Team.
- 121.2. In cases of an on-ice emergency, the Team Medical Personnel shall relinquish the medical care to the Event Medical Team.
- 121.3. 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.
- 121.4. 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.

## 122. Medical Records

- 122.1. 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.
- 122.2. Any conversations with either the player or a team official that relate to the player’s medical status shall be recorded.
- 122.3. All medications issued by any member of the Event Medical Team, including the distribution details, shall be recorded.
- 122.4. 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.

XXIX. THE MEDICAL ROOM

123. Facilities and equipment

123.1. 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 under Articles 123.2 and 123.3 are met.

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

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

124. Equipment for exhibition games

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

XXX. MEDICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

125. Ambulance Services - Practice

125.1. 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.

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

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

125.4. 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.

125.5. Such ambulances 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.

126. Ambulance Services - Championship games

- 126.1. 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.
- 126.2. The ambulance shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 125.5 of this Event Code.
- 126.3. Venue personnel shall be prepared to facilitate the entrance of emergency personnel inside the arena and escort them to the most appropriate location.
- 126.4. 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.
- 126.5. 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.
- 126.6. 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.

127. Laboratory and Imaging Services

- 127.1. 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).
- 127.2. 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.

128. Spectator Medical Services

- 128.1. The Host shall ensure that a separate service is established for spectator medical issues.
- 128.2. 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.

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

#### 129. Hospital Services

129.1. 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.

#### 130. Medications

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

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

130.3. 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.

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

### XXXI. DOMESTIC MEDICAL REGULATIONS

#### 131. ECMO's Obligations

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

131.2. 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.

131.3. 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, or supplies that would normally be a part of the physician's travel kit.

131.4. The ECMO shall help to arrange the transfer of injured players, staff and Game Officials to their respective countries.

## XXXII. BLOOD SPILL MANAGEMENT

### 132. Event Medical Team and ECMO Responsibilities

132.1. 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.

132.2. 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.

## XXXIII. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

### 133. Concussion Protocol

133.1. 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.

133.2. If no Team physician is available, the ECMO or Game-Day Physician shall take over the responsibility of assessing a player's or Game Official's concussion.

133.3. If the ECMO or the Game-Day Physician has knowledge that the IIHF Concussion Protocol, as outlined in Section VI of the IIHF Medical Guidelines, is not being followed, then they shall report the facts to the IIHF Medical Supervisor.

133.4. 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. 22 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines are being followed.

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

XXXIV. ARENA AIR QUALITY

134. Air Circulation

134.1. The ECHO 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.

XXXV. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

135. Nutritional Standards

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

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

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

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

135.5. 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.

136. Hydration Standards

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

136.2. 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 (1) week before the beginning of the Championship.

XXXVI. DOPING CONTROL

137. Host Obligations

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

137.2. Doping control sampling materials, the sample collection procedure, the sample analysis and transport of samples to the WADA accredited laboratory, local travel, meals and accommodation will be at the expense of the Host.

138. Doping Control Facilities

138.1. The DC facilities shall comply with the requirements set out in Article 21 of this Event Code.

XXXVII. MEDICAL EXPENSES

139. Medical Program expenses

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

139.2. 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.

139.3. The IIHF shall cover all costs relating to measures implemented for a Championship after it is allocated to the respective Host.

XXXVIII. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

140. Communications with and between the Event Medical Team

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

140.2. 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.

141. Media relations

141.1. No member of the Event Medical Team shall speak to the media regarding any player or staff from any delegation or Game Official.

141.2. 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 him/herself available and the IIHF will determine which other personnel may be appropriate.

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

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

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

141.6. 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, staff or Game Officials.

XXXIX. IIHF TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL MEETING

142. Host responsibilities and mandatory participants

142.1. 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.

142.2. 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.

XL. FINAL REPORT TO THE IIHF

143. ECMO's Responsibilities

143.1. 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 the number of encounters, tests, medical services, and any medical issues experienced during the Championship; and
- d. Recommendations for future events.

## XLI. MARKETING & ADVERTISING RIGHTS

### 144. Clean Venue Rule

144.1. The Host shall ensure that any advertising and/or promotion from all game and practice arenas, facilities, and all other areas to be used in relation to the Championship and conflicting with any IIHF Sponsors is removed five (5) days prior to the beginning of the Championship.

### 145. Advertising Policy

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

145.2. Advertising with political, racial, or religious content and advertising of alcohol, tobacco and pornography are prohibited.

145.3. Advertising of or affiliation with any organization or product which may reasonably be considered to involve moral and/or ethical issues, requires prior written approval by the IIHF.

145.4. 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.

### 146. Advertising Inside the Arenas

#### 146.1. *Rink-side Area*

146.1.1. 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:

- a. Boards surrounding the ice rink (no second level permitted) as specified in the IIHF Marketing Guidelines;
- b. Within the team and penalty benches area, under the condition that the advertising does not obstruct the spectators' view;
- c. Under-ice areas as specified in the IIHF Marketing Guidelines;
- d. Plexiglass right above the rink boards with a limitation of maximum

height of 20 cm and with no restrictions regarding the view of the spectators and off-ice officials;

- e. Area(s) of the official timing clock and the Jumbotron;
- f. LED panel advertising in the upper tier level and outside of camera view;
- g. Ice re-surfacing machines;
- h. Verbal advertising via loudspeakers - only when there is a stoppage in play; and
- i. Backdrop advertising board to be used during all interviews in the entire Mixed Zone, the Media Centre and post-game press conference area.

146.2. Any rink-side advertising and/or identifications, whether sound or visual, inside the arenas are forbidden, unless specifically permitted on a case-by-case basis by the IIHF in writing.

#### 147. Advertising Outside the Arenas and their Immediate Vicinity

147.1. 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:

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

147.2. 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.

#### 148. Commercial Breaks

148.1. The IIHF may grant the right to use game breaks for placing of advertising inserts for live televised games of the Championship.

148.2. The Host is obliged to ensure the organizational links between the game controlling bodies (On and Off-ice officials) and the correct timing and duration of the commercials placed by

television and the proceedings on the ice (whistle and restarting whistle and appropriate game situation).

149. Game Official Uniforms and Helmets

149.1. 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 helmet advertising sticker production.

149.2. After approval, the Host will share the sponsor's logo artwork with the IIHF no later than five (5) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship in order for the apparel supplier to prepare the Game Officials' jerseys. The Game Officials' jerseys will be sent directly to the Championship upon production. 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. Other advertising possibilities as established and approved by the IIHF.

149.3. A maximum of two (2) different sponsors is allowed (one on the helmet and one on the sleeve), unless otherwise specified by the IIHF. If the front of the helmet is not used for advertising, the manufacturer's logo must be covered according to the provisions of the IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines.

149.4. The Host is responsible for and shall bear all costs connected to placing the advertising onto the uniforms and the helmets. In case of permanent damage to the uniforms and the helmets, the Host shall remunerate the costs for replacement.

149.5. 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.

150. Fan Data

150.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF with all available fan data in its possession for marketing purposes.

150.2. The Host ensures that the ticket provider transfers all available fan data to the IIHF directly and shall be kept responsible in the event that the ticket provider fails to do so. The Host shall ensure that the ticket provider gathers all necessary consents from purchasers to be able to implement the transfers and for the IIHF to use the fan data for marketing purposes in compliance with all applicable data protection and other relevant laws and regulations.



## XLII. LICENSING AND MERCHANDISING RIGHTS

### 151. Sponsor and Supplier Contracts for the Organizational Equipment

151.1. 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, cameras, beverage service, depending on the needs of the Host. These shall not be in any way in direct competition with IIHF supplier or sponsor categories.

#### 151.2. *Cars and photocopiers*

151.2.1. Shall the Host not be in a position to contract any equipment suppliers in the product categories cars and copy machines, then the Host shall cover these product categories by entrusting a third party with its coverage at its own expense.

### 152. Official Championship Identification(s)

#### 152.1. *Host Rights*

152.1.1. The Host has been licensed the right to design and use the protected Official identification(s) (Championship logo, mascot, colors, lettering, IIHF Official Music etc.) of the Championship for commercial exploitation and to enter into corresponding agreements. Any costs related thereto shall be borne by the Host and the Host is responsible for the necessary protection of the identification(s).

152.1.2. The design of such material has to be approved by the IIHF before any production. The IIHF retains the non-exclusive right to use all Official Identification(s) for promotional purposes. The Official Identifications shall at all times be the property of the IIHF.

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

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

#### 152.2. *Official Mascot*

152.2.1. The Host has been licensed the right to design, produce, market, and sell the Official Mascot for the Championship prior to the beginning of and during the whole duration of the Championship. The Host shall conform to the IIHF

protocol regarding the usage of the Mascot.

153. Printed Material

153.1. All printed promotional and manufactured materials as well as products related to the Championship such as Championship logo and the Official Mascot shall contain the official title of the Championship and the IIHF identification (logotype).

153.2. The IIHF shall approve such products before their production.

153.3. The IIHF has the right to use up to five (5) 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.

153.4. 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.

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

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

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

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

154. Merchandising Rights

154.1. The Host has been licensed the right to design, produce, market and sell merchandising products in relation to the Championship. The layout and quality of all merchandising items, including replica jerseys produced and sold in connection to the Championship, must be approved by the IIHF prior to production.

155. Official Titles

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

- Official Main Sponsor;
- Official Sponsor;
- Official Partner;
- Official Supporter;

- Official Products and or Services;
- Official Supplier;
- Official Licensee;
- Official Broadcaster;
- Official Product; and
- Any similar titles.

155.2. The Host shall not hold, market, and/or sell the official titles of “Official Timekeeper/Official Watch” and/or similar acknowledgments.

#### 156. Commemorative Coins, Medals, Plaques, Stamps, etc.

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

156.2. All copyrights, etc. associated with the commemorative coins, medals, plaques and stamps shall become the property of the IIHF as of the creation date.

### XLIII. FILM, VIDEO AND STORAGE RIGHTS

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

#### 157. Media Rights

##### 157.1. *Rights of the IIHF*

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

##### 157.2. *Website*

157.2.1. The IIHF holds all the rights to Internet web pages related to the Championship. The Host may create content and news that can be placed on the Championship website upon IIHF approval. The following conditions apply:

- The IIHF shall approve the design and the languages of the homepage with the LOC;
- No advertising is allowed on the website which is in competition to the official Championship Sponsors of the IIHF; and
- Any guidelines created by the IIHF regarding the website's templates, look and feel, etc. shall mandatorily be observed.

### 157.3. *Social Media*

- 157.3.1. The Host shall ensure that, in collaboration with the IIHF, social media pages are created and implemented for the Championship.
- 157.3.2. The Host shall ensure that the designated Staff have administrator access to the page, and ownership of the social media page reverts to the IIHF at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 157.3.3. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF, the Sponsors, and the Participating Teams can be associated with the content being published.
- 157.3.4. Posts shall be neutral in tone and shall not criticize any of the stakeholders mentioned above.
- 157.3.5. The IIHF retains ownership of any social media account that are created in collaboration with the Host for the purpose of promoting an IIHF tournament or event.
- 157.3.6. Following the conclusion of the Championship, the IIHF reserves the right to reassign any social media accounts to a new host. If the existing Host wishes to use the account for another purpose or to promote a future tournament, they shall seek prior approval from the IIHF.
- 157.3.7. The Host ensures that all its Staff, including volunteering staff, is aware of the IIHF Social Media Guidelines.
- 157.3.8. All Host Staff, including volunteering staff and third parties mandated to manage the Host's social media accounts, may be subject to legal or disciplinary sanctions for any posting deemed to be inappropriate, illegal, or infringing on any other person's rights in accordance with the IIHF Disciplinary Code.

## XLIV. BROADCASTING

### 158. Non-Exclusive Rights of the Host

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

#### 158.2. *Host's Rights and Obligations*

- 158.2.1. 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 Championship.
- 158.2.2. 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 cable, satellite, pay per view, pay per

request and other distribution opportunities with the Host.

- 158.2.3. 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.)
- 158.2.4. The Host's rights and obligations regarding the production of the game feed shall be in accordance with the Host Country Contract.
- 158.2.5. 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.
- 158.2.6. 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.
- 158.2.7. 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.
- 158.2.8. 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.
- 158.2.9. 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.

159. Host Commitments

- 159.1. The Host shall comply with all television-related commitments and allow the Broadcasting Partners to produce an international signal of any Championship games they wish.
- 159.2. The Host shall grant access to the venue facilities to the IIHF Broadcasting Partner(s) and/or third-party service providers, as indicated by the IIHF.
- 159.3. The Host ensures that all arena(s) have no less than standard TV lighting, spectators stands on both sides and primary camera positions that shoot into players' benches.
- 159.4. The Host makes best efforts to dress the arena(s) walls and hallways with Championship advertisement.

## 160. TV Infrastructure

- 160.1. The Host, in agreement with the IIHF, shall provide free of charge adequate venues for broadcasting and the specified required television-related infrastructure as well as space for the TV transmission vans, production trucks and other technical vehicles required (PTT etc.) and appropriate facilities required for the performance of any functions by the TV and radio broadcasters contracted by the Host or by the IIHF, such as camera positions, inclusive camera platforms and roof camera mountings, studio facilities, production offices, electric power supply, illumination, telecommunication lines.
- 160.2. The Host shall provide for any requirements necessary for the impeccable installation of the technical equipment prior to the beginning of the Championship.

### 160.3. *Mixed Zone*

- 160.3.1. Only if notified by the IIHF, the Host shall control broadcaster access to the Mixed Zone with a limited number of special passes according to the following priority order:
  1. Host broadcaster;
  2. TV-Organizations from Participating Teams' countries;
  3. TV-Organizations from countries of teams in the same group (first-come);
  4. Other TV-Organizations from countries of teams playing in the other groups (first-come);
  5. Other TV-Organizations (first-come).
- 160.3.2. The Host shall assist in the implementation of this running order. For the Mixed Zone, the Host shall install the sponsor backdrop and monitors with the live feed of the game.
- 160.3.3. The IIHF shall approve all details related to the Mixed Zone.
- 160.3.4. Upon IIHF request, a small mixed zone shall also be made available at the practice rink.

#### 160.4. *Flash Zone*

160.4.1. The Host shall ensure that each Arena has adequate space in the vicinity of the field of play, where broadcasters are entitled to make flash-interviews with a player (no longer than ninety (90) seconds) during intermissions and the end of the game.

160.4.2. The flash zone shall feature a sponsor backdrop.

#### 160.5. *Transmission of all on-going games*

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

#### 160.6. *IIHF identification and TV inserts*

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

#### 160.7. *Documentation of live game coverage*

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

### XLV. MEDIA

#### 161. Media Centre and Press Tribune

##### 161.1. *Media Center*

161.1.1. The Host shall provide a Media Center according to international standards.

- 161.1.2. Opening hours of the Media Centre shall be from the start of the first on-ice practice of the day or 09:00 local time until two (2) hours after the conclusion of the last game of the day or until 24:00 hours local time.

*161.2. Press Conference Room*

- 161.2.1. The Host shall provide assistants for press conferences and assistants who shall be equipped with wireless microphones.
- 161.2.2. The Host shall arrange for translation services to the English language for press conferences held in other languages.
- 161.2.3. The podium of the speakers shall feature a sponsor backdrop supplied by the Host.

*161.3. Information Service*

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

162. Photography

- 162.1. The Host shall provide photography positions for at least fifty (50) photographers in the arena including a minimum of ten (10) positions at ice level. All photo positions must be approved by the IIHF and the LOC Photo Manager prior to the start of ticket sales.
- 162.2. The IIHF holds the exclusive right to grant the permission to use strobe lights at the Championship.
- 162.3. The right to photograph with strobe light equipment at the games must be approved by the IIHF. A maximum of two (2) sets of strobe lights may be installed at each venue and tests shall be run beforehand and the installation can only be approved if these tests meet the satisfaction of the photographer, Host Broadcaster, and the IIHF.
- 162.4. The IIHF will send official photographers to each Championship, and they will be authorized to install a set of strobe lights. The Host shall reserve preferred exclusive areas on the ice level (incl. between the player benches) and in the spectator area to be used by the IIHF photographers.

XLVI. STATISTICS AND CHAMPIONSHIP DOCUMENTATION

163. Game Footage Distribution

- 163.1. The Host shall record all games of the Championship.



163.2. The Host shall ensure that all rights (copyrights etc.) for the records are assigned to the IIHF and that the IIHF is provided with digital copies of all games.

163.3. The Host shall provide to each Participating Team a digital copy after their own games.

163.4. One digital copy after each game shall be provided to the IIHF Officiating Coaches for their review and educational use.

163.5. The Host shall make digital copies of all games available upon request of the participating teams at a moderate cost.

#### XLVII. FINAL DOCUMENTATION

##### 164. General

164.1. After the conclusion of the Championship, the Host shall provide complete statistical documentation and essential information (as the "Final Documentation")

164.2. The Host shall send a copy of the Final Documentation to each of the Participating MNAs and a copy to the IIHF within fourteen (14) days after the termination of the Championship. If possible, the Final Documentation shall be distributed as a digital file.

164.3. The IIHF Final Documentation shall contain at least the following:

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

#### XLVIII. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE IIHF ARCHIVE

##### 165. General

165.1. For the archives of the IIHF, the Host is obliged to send official samples or game-worn equipment if requested by the IIHF or HHoF.

#### XLIX. EVALUATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

##### 166. General

166.1. The Host shall make an evaluation and debriefing of the Championship according to guidelines and forms distributed by the IIHF.

166.2. The Host ensures cooperation with future hosts, the IIHF, and the IIHF Partners in order to pass along the experience of the Championship organization.

## L. INSTALLATION AND STORAGE OF TECHNOLOGY

### 167. General

167.1. The Host shall install the technological components as requested by the IIHF or, in any case, shall do anything possible to allow the IIHF to set up the required technological systems.

167.2. When shipped by the IIHF or any of its partners, the Host shall provide for each venue secure reception and storage of the technology prior, during and after the Championship as well as appropriate storage for the packing materials during the period from installation until de-installation of any such technology.

167.3. The Host ensures the availability of wireless frequency authorization for the transmission.

167.4. The Host shall be held accountable for any damage which may be caused by or arising from their non-adherence to the technological requirements set out by the IIHF.

## LI. SPORT SYSTEM - VIDEO REVIEW OPERATIONS

### 168. Host Responsibilities - General

168.1. The Host shall verify with the IIHF the technology and set up which it shall provide for the integrated video review system, Blue Line Cameras and Overhead Goal Cameras (the "Sport System") in the Championship and seek IIHF instruction no later than four (4) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

168.2. After receiving IIHF confirmation, the Host shall promptly organize a meeting with the IIHF in order to discuss the technological requirements which the Host shall implement for the Sport System.

168.3. The Host shall cover all costs, including the cabling, of the Sport System.

168.4. The Host shall assign one (1) person to the Scorekeepers Bench, who shall be in charge of the communication between the Video Review Consultant Operations Room and the Scorekeepers Bench. The assigned person shall be on-site sixty (60) minutes prior to the game start and during the whole duration of the game.

168.5. All facilities relating to the Sport System Server Room are indicated under Art. 22 of this Event Code.

LII. VIDEO REVIEW AMBER LIGHT

169. Host Responsibilities - General

- 169.1. If the IIHF determines that the Sport System is to be utilized at the Championship, the Host shall provide, unless indicated otherwise by the IIHF, one (1) video review amber strobe light per venue (the "Amber Light"), which shall be large and bright enough to be visible from the entire playing surface and from each of the player's benches.
- 169.2. Shall the Host be providing the Amber Light, they are responsible for the installation thereof and for any cost connected thereto.
- 169.3. The Host shall seek prior IIHF instruction and provide for each venue one (1) operating switch to operate the Amber Light, which shall be located in the Video Review Consultant Operations Room.

LIII. BREAK COUNTDOWN CLOCK AND RED LIGHT

170. The Break Coordinator

- 170.1. The Host shall appoint a person who is responsible for operating the break countdown clock and the Red Light (the "Break Coordinator"), as indicated under Art. 103 of this Event Code.
- 170.2. The Break Coordinator is responsible for executing the procedure indicated under Rule 87 of the IIHF Rule Book.

171. Host Responsibilities

- 171.1. Unless indicated otherwise by the IIHF, the Host shall provide one (1) break countdown clock (the "Break Countdown Clock") and one (1) red light (the "Red Light") for each arena.
- 171.2. Shall the Host be providing the above-mentioned technology, then the Host is responsible for the installation thereof and for any cost connected thereto.
- 171.3. The Host is responsible for providing power supply for both devices and, unless otherwise indicated by the IIHF, a method of timing breaks in line with Chapter 4 of this Event Code.
- 171.4. The Host is responsible for coordinating with the Host Broadcaster to ensure that the Red Light is operating properly.
- 171.5. The Host is responsible for the correct implementation of the commercial breaks with the support of the Host Broadcaster.

LIV. PUCK AND PLAYER TRACKING

172. Host Responsibilities

172.1. The Host shall verify with the IIHF if the puck and player tracking technology (the “Puck and Player Tracking”) shall be utilized in the Championship and seek IIHF instruction no later than four (4) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

172.2. After receiving IIHF confirmation, the Host shall schedule, together with the IIHF, the installation and de-installation of the Puck and Player Tracking, including access dates and times and catwalk access.

172.3. The Host shall provide for each venue and game, if applicable:

- a. Venue drawings and pictures;
- b. Access to the catwalk and/or roof section of each venue;
- c. Certified boom lift for working at roof-height if a catwalk does not exist sufficient for two workers and tools (min. 250 kilograms); and
- d. Minimum 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) download / 50 Mbps upload Cabled Internet at the location of the tracking server.

173. Applicability

173.1. The above provision shall not apply to U18 World Women’s Championships.

## LV. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

### 174. Procedure

174.1. 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 occurs during the Championship, or to the IIHF ([compliance@iihfoffice.com](mailto:compliance@iihfoffice.com)) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship.

174.2. 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.

174.3. 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. 175 of this Event Code and immediately ask the Host to rectify its actions, if the situation so allows.

### 175. Sanctions

175.1. 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.

175.2. 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.

175.3. 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 300'000.

175.4. 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 Documents and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

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

175.6. Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

175.7. 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.

175.8. The IIHF reserves its right to deduct the amounts of any imposed fine from the hosting fee or the Host's IIHF account.

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

176. Withdrawal of Hosting Rights

176.1. Notwithstanding the provision set out in Art. 175 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 400'000, except for cases of force majeure.

176.2. 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.

176.3. 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



## LVI. SERVICES

### 177. Entry Visas

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

177.2. 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.

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

### 178. Team Host

178.1. 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.

178.2. Participating Teams shall cooperate with the team hosts and abide by their instructions.

### 179. Game Services

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

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

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

## LVII. PROTOCOL

### 180. Flags

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

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

### 181. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

181.1. 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.

181.2. Participating Teams shall shake the hands of their opponents, and 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

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

181.4. 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.

### 182. Medal Ceremonies

182.1. Participating Teams are responsible for the exact execution of the medal ceremonies as instructed by the IIHF.

182.2. The maximum number of Team members allowed on the ice for the medal ceremonies shall equal the number of accreditations that each Participating Team is allowed to request for the Championship.

182.3. 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.

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

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

### 183. Championship Awards

183.1. Participating Teams which qualify as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the respective Championship shall have a right to receive medals in a number as specified in IIHF Bylaw 13 or 15 accordingly.

LVIII. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

184. Accommodation

184.1. All Teams participating in the World Women U18 Championships shall be entitled to receive accommodation in 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.

184.2. All Teams participating in World Men U18 Championships shall be entitled to receive accommodation in 3-star hotels at the Host's expense, beginning at noon on the day before the beginning of the Championship until noon of the day after the Championship is concluded.

184.3. Hotels shall be within a twenty (20) minutes bus travel time radius from the respective arena.

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

WM18	6 single rooms	12 Twin rooms
WW18	6 Single rooms	11 Twin rooms

184.5. 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.

185. Team Meeting Room

185.1. Participating Teams shall be entitled to be assigned fully equipped meeting rooms, which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals at no cost in the hotel where the Participating Teams are staying.

185.2. The meeting rooms shall stay the same for the Participating Teams throughout the whole duration of the Championship.

186. Board

186.1. Participating Teams shall have the right to receive full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for their maximum number of players, as specified in IIHF Bylaws 13 and 15, at the Host's expense, as well as snacks throughout the day.

186.2. 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.

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

LIX. TRANSPORTATION

187. Transportation Service

- 187.1. Official participants will be responsible for making their own flight arrangements to the IIHF-approved airport.
- 187.2. Each Participating Team shall have the right to be transferred at the Host's expense, for the maximum number of players as defined by IIHF Bylaws 13 and 15, to the nearest approved airport both at arrival and departure.
- 187.3. 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.
- 187.4. Participating Teams are responsible for their ground transportation directed to airports other than the official Championship airport associated with the venue.
- 187.5. Participating Teams are responsible for timely and accurate communication with the Host regarding their transportation needs.

LX. TICKETING

188. Team Tickets

- 188.1. Participating Teams and their staff shall be provided with appropriate accreditation to access the Participants Tribune for all games.
- 188.2. 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:

WM18	Min. 29 tickets
WW18	Min. 28 tickets

- 188.3. 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.

189. Team Video Coach Positions

- 189.1. 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.
- 189.2. Participating Teams shall be provided with SDI HD cabling for three (3) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions.
- 189.3. Participating Teams shall additionally be provided with four (4) seats for non-playing team staff with SDI HD cabling.

190. Damages

190.1. In the event that Teams cause damage to their accommodation, Championship transportation or the arenas, the Team Manager or any other Team responsible person is responsible for communicating the damage to the Host promptly.

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

190.3. 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.

## LXI. COMPETITION SEEDING AND WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

### 191. Competition Seeding

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

191.2. 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.

191.3. 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.

191.4. 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.

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

191.6. 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.

### 192. World Ranking System<sup>1</sup>

192.1. 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).

192.2. 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

<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the IIHF World Ranking System is included in this Event Code for informational purposes, but only applies to senior men and women national teams.

tournament points a team has earned during that time span, minus the decrease in points for the time period concerned.

192.3. 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.

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

192.5. *Pre-Championship Report*

192.5.1. 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. 193 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.

193. The Point System

193.1. All Participating Teams shall be allocated points based on the principles set out in this Article of the Event Code.

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

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

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

193.5. 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.

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

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

193.8. 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.

## LXII. MATCH-UPS

### 194. General

- 194.1. 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.
- 194.2. In a relegation game, the higher-ranked Participating Team retains the home team's advantage.
- 194.3. The game numbers in a Championship follow the dates and times of games. When two games start at the same time, the Main Arena game will get the smaller number.
- 194.4. If, in the Game Schedule, the game numbers are used to indicate the opposing teams then the changed times and game numbers after the approval of the game schedule shall not change the opponents to play each other.
- 194.5. 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.

## LXIII. THREE POINT AND TIE-BREAKING SYSTEMS

### 195. Allocation of points

195.1. 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, or 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.

### 196. Tie-breaking system

- 196.1. The tie-breaking procedure is applicable when two or more teams are tied in points in a Championship standing.
- 196.2. The tiebreaker for two teams with the same number of points in a standing will be the game between the two teams, with the winner of the game taking precedence.



196.3. 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 formula 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-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, and 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, or 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. If 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, the tiebreaker will be determined by restarting the process only for these two teams.

LXIV. IIHF RULE BOOK

197. Applicability

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

LXV. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

198. Mandatory attendance

198.1. 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. Video Review Information Meeting, for Team Video Coaches or any other relevant Team Staff of each Participating Team.
- d. Team Media Manager Meeting, for Media Managers of each Participating Team.
- e. All Directorate Meetings before and during the Championship, for the Team Directorate Members of each Participating Team.

LXVI. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

199. Practice Schedule

199.1. 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 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.
- c. One (1) session of no longer than seventy-five (75) minutes on rest-days.

199.2. For game-day and rest-day 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.

199.3.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 choose their practice arena.

199.4.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.

199.5.Participating Teams may request exchanges or adjustments of practice times during Directorate Meetings.

200. Pre-Game Warm-up Session

200.1.Participating Teams shall have a right to twenty (20) minute 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.

201. Dressing Rooms Allotment

201.1.The allotment of the 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 one of the arena(s).
- b. The dressing rooms will be ranked by quality and distance to the ice surface and allotted to each of the Participating Teams following the tournament seeding entering the tournament. Nevertheless, the Host team shall have first choice.
- c. If the teams change arena after the preliminary or during the final round, then the dressing room in that arena shall again be allotted to each of the Participating Teams following the tournament seeding entering the tournament. Teams already in the facility shall not move to another dressing room.

201.2.Each Participating Team shall receive from the Host in due time the exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Article 201.1.c.

LXVII. COMMERCIAL BREAKS

202. Team Considerations

202.1.Participating Teams 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 signaling 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.

#### LXVIII. TEAM ENTRY AND DEPARTURE FROM ICE SURFACE

##### 203. Procedure

203.1. 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 and be sanctioned for non-compliance with the applicable rules.

#### LXIX. TEAM ENTRY LONG LIST

##### 204. Participating Team Responsibilities

204.1. Each Participating Team is responsible for completing and submitting via the 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.

204.2. 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, unless otherwise indicated by the IIHF.

204.3. 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 and the Team Directorate Member;
- d. Players passports, when requested; and
- e. Signed underage waiver(s), if applicable.

204.4. 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.

204.5. Should 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, and entered onto the team roster, allowing the player to compete in the Championship.

LXX. PRE- AND POST-GAME INTERACTIONS

205. Participating Team Responsibilities

205.1. 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, and one (1) hour after the conclusion of such game.

205.2. 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.

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## LXXI. THE TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL

### 206. The Team Doctor

206.1. Each Team is responsible for ensuring that at least one (1) physician (the “Team Doctor”) 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.

206.2. The Team Doctor shall speak English or the language of the Host country.

### 207. Team Medical Personnel Responsibilities

207.1. 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.

207.2. 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.

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

207.4. A Participant 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.

### 208. Management of Injured On-Ice Officials

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

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

## LXXII. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### 209. Medical Health and Malpractice Insurance

209.1. 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, and/or travel to and from the Championship).

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

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

210. Pre-Championship Medical Examination of players

210.1. Medical tests and examinations prior to the beginning of the Event are mandatory for all players participating in IIHF Championships.

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

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

LXXIII. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

211. Concussion Protocol

211.1. All Team Personnel shall be familiar with the most current version of the Concussion Protocol, as outlined in Art. 133 of this Event Code as well as in Section VI of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

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

211.3. 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.

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

211.5. 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.

211.6. 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.

211.7. 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.

211.8. 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.

#### LXXIV. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

##### 212. Meals

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

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

#### LXXV. MEDICAL EXPENSES

##### 213. Costs to be borne by the Teams

213.1. 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. 207.4.

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

- a. Full diagnostic urine and blood analysis, if 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.



## XX. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

### 214. Official Championship Title

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

### 215. Official Logo

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

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

215.3. Participating Teams shall not use nor publish the Official Logo for commercial purposes in association with any of their MNA's partners or sponsor's logos or any other identification.

## XXI. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

### 216. General Advertising Policy

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

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

216.3. 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.

#### 216.4. *Advertising on Off-Ice Apparel*

216.4.1. Participating Teams (including staff members) shall exclusively wear the IIHF Partner off-ice apparel inside or outside and around the near vicinity of the official rink, starting seventy-two (72) hours prior to the beginning of the Championship and throughout the whole tournament.

#### 216.5. *Advertising on Player's Uniforms, Equipment and Practice Jerseys*

216.5.1. Participating Teams may find two (2) sponsors whose logo can be shown on their helmets and both jerseys' sleeves.

216.5.2. The sponsor shall receive prior IIHF approval and must present their artwork ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the Championship to the IIHF.

216.5.3. The sponsor patch on the jersey shall be placed below the number for players and goalkeepers.

216.5.4. Advertising areas shall be limited as follows:

Sleeves	<p>Below the jersey number, 22 cm x 8 cm.</p> <p>The patches will be ordered by IIHF and applied to the jerseys.</p> <p>The cost for the patches shall be borne by the respective MNA.</p>
Helmet	<p>Front side, 16 cm x 5.5 cm.</p> <p>Each MNA is responsible for applying the helmet stickers with foam plastic material.</p>

216.5.5. Advertising logos are not allowed on any part of the equipment other than the above-mentioned areas.

## 217. Broadcasting

### 217.1. *National Transmission Rights*

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

217.1.2. 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.

## XXII. COMMUNICATIONS

### 218. Media participation

218.1. Prior to the Championship, Participating Teams will be approached by the IIHF to inform their national media about the opening of the media registration. Once this is closed, the Media Managers of each Team will be requested to approve its national media registrations in collaboration with the IIHF.

218.2. Media Managers of each Participating Team will be required to participate in the Media Manager information meetings (max. 2 calls) held prior to the Championship.

## 219. Interview procedures

219.1. All Teams shall be informed about the interview procedures during the Media Manager calls and first Directorate Meeting, and shall comply with these procedures.

### 219.1.1. *Flash interviews*

- 219.1.1.1. Players shall participate in intermission flash interviews after the first and second periods if so requested by the broadcast rights-holder. Flash interviews shall last up to ninety (90) seconds and shall be conducted either directly behind the player bench area or in a designated area with a Championship backdrop between the ice and the Team Dressing Rooms.
- 219.1.1.2. Players shall participate in an end-of-game flash interview with broadcasters and make themselves available directly after the postgame ceremonies and before going to the Mixed Zone or back to the locker rooms. End-of-game interviews are not limited in time, and requests shall be communicated to each Team by the broadcasters directly.

### 219.1.2. *Post-game Mixed Zone interviews*

- 219.1.2.1. 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.
- 219.1.2.2. Team Media Managers shall receive interview requests from the Press Officer or directly from the media and are responsible for ensuring that players conduct all requested interviews.
- 219.1.2.3. All players called to the post-game Mixed Zone shall wear their official national team jersey. Baseball caps can be worn only if they are part of the official-approved Championship apparel.
- 219.1.2.4. Following a game, players who must remain in the dressing room due to medical treatment for any portion of the media access period shall make themselves available in the Mixed Zone area as soon as possible following the conclusion of their treatment.
- 219.1.2.5. Nevertheless, players selected for doping control shall conduct their post-game interview prior to proceeding to the doping control room. The anti-doping chaperone shall be allowed to follow the player into the Mixed Zone while the player completes the interviews.

#### 219.1.3. *Post practice interviews*

- 219.1.3.1. Team Media Managers shall receive after-practice interview requests.
- 219.1.3.2. Any player who leaves practice prior to its conclusion must remain available for the general media access period unless the Teams Media Manager makes alternate arrangements.
- 219.1.3.3. The coaching staff and Team Media Manager are entitled to limit game-day interviews to fifteen (15) minutes or to restrict media interviews to the head coach and team captain. The players and coaches are entitled to decline any requests for impromptu interviews in other areas, such as the team hotel.
- 219.1.3.4. In the event of cancelled practice, the Team Media Manager is responsible for notifying the Host and making arrangements that the head coach and players meet with media during the designated media availability time.

#### 219.1.4. *Team access*

- 219.1.4.1. All filming or specific interview requests, such as power poses prior to the start of the Championship, locker room access, bus arrival, postgame celebrations, etc. shall be communicated to the Participating Teams during the Media Manager meeting and complied with by the Team.

#### 219.1.5. *Photography*

- 219.1.5.1. If using images provided by the official IIHF partner, Participating Teams shall credit the image owner.
- 219.1.5.2. Pictures shall not be used for any purpose other than promotion.
- 219.1.5.3. Pictures shall not be shared with any third party which has not previously obtained a license agreement from the IIHF partner.
- 219.1.5.4. If the Teams bring their own team photographer, this person shall be accredited with the Team. Specific rules for team photographers will be communicated by the IIHF and must be complied with.

#### 219.1.6. *Team video on national team channels*

- 219.1.6.1. Due to TV rights exclusivity, filmed content may be forbidden to use on the Team's or MNA's social media during the tournament.
- 219.1.6.2. During the Media Managers meeting, the Teams will be

informed of specific rules relating to the use of audiovisual content for the Championship, and these must be followed by the Teams.

219.1.7. *Press conference*

- 219.1.7.1. Each Team is entitled to request a press conference set up. The press conference setup shall be requested a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

## XXIII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

### 220. Procedure

220.1. 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](mailto:compliance@iihfoffice.com)) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship.

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

220.3. 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. 221 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.

### 221. Sanctions

221.1. If the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach, or 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.

221.2. The IIHF may sanction MANs, Participating Teams, players, coaches, or 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.

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

221.4. 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 or Team staff non-compliance with the IIHF Governing Documents and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

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

221.6. Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

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

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

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