

IIHF World Championship Event Code



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Introduction

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

The main goals of this Event Code shall be:

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

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

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

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Event Code Structure

The below table shows the structure of this Event Code.

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

Host Regulations		Participants Regulations	
Chapter 1	Bidding Procedure	-	-
Chapter 2	Championship Planning	-	-
Chapter 3	Services and Protocol	Chapter 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

A. General Definitions

The terms listed below shall have the following meaning:

- **Amber Light:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 186.1 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 123.1 of this Event Code
- **Break Countdown Clock:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 188 of this Event Code
- **Business Plan:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 3.4.2 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 should be sufficient ethernet connections provided for every expected user in the location. The speed should 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 WM (Top Division).
- **Championship Venue:** The Championship arena(s), including the game and practice rink(s) or arena(s), the spectators bowl, the concours, the public access area (between entrance and the spectator's area), the Skyboxes, the VIP Lounges, the accreditation center, the media center and the direct environment surrounding the arena(s), the fan zone(s) and any other area where the games take place and which under the control of the IIHF and/or the Host, including but not limited to the aerial space, arena walls etc.
- **Championship:** Shall have the same meaning as WM
- **COC:** Central Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.2 of this Event Code
- **Commercial Affiliates:** Any entity granted a right of commercial exploitation of the commercial rights owned by the IIHF Commercial Partner or any of their subsidiaries (including media rights licensees, official sponsors, official partners, official merchandisers, etc.)
- **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 should include an external keyboard, mouse and monitor and an ethernet adaptor
- **EC:** Executive Committee, as defined under Article 12.1 of this Event Code

- **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 Schedule:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 120.1 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:** International Ice Hockey Federation
- **IIHF Championships:** Means the championships indicated in Bylaw 1.1(a)
- **IIHF Commercial Partner Tickets:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 116.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Commercial Partner:** Infront Sports & Media, Zug, Switzerland
- **IIHF Official Music:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 90.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Partners:** IIHF Supplier Pool Members and IIHF Sponsors or similar
- **Jumbotron:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 126.1 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 should 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
- **OC:** Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Championship Cars:** Cars provided by the IIHF Commercial Partner for the WM transportation needs
- **Official Championship Design:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 170.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Championship Logo:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 168.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Championship Mascot:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 177.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Championship Title:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 168.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Participants:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 102 of this Event Code
- **Organizational Equipment:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 173.1 of this Event Code
- **Participating Team(s):** All players and related Team staff taking part into a Championship
- **Puck and Player Tracking:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 192.1 of this Event Code
- **Red Light:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 190 of this Event Code
- **Referee Helmet Camera:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 191.1 of this Event Code
- **Referee Helmet Desk:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 35.1 of this Event Code
- **Referee Microphone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 193.1 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 227.1 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 should be enough IP addresses to accommodate the maximum number of potential users each connecting multiple devices (ie, phone + laptop). The speed should 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/>
- **WM:** Men's IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

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 54.1 of this Event Code
- **Broadcasting Infrastructure:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 51.1 of this Event Code
- **Commentators Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 43.1 of this Event Code
- **DCS:** Doping Control Station, as defined under Article 28 of this Event Code
- **Directorate Meeting Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 32 of this Event Code
- **Disciplinary Operator Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 29.1 of this Event Code
- **Fan Zone(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 22 of this Event Code
- **Flash Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 46 of this Event Code
- **Game Officials Areas:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 26 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Commercial Partner Offices:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 49 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 58.2 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Official Website Staff Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 38 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Photographers Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 39 of this Event Code
- **IIHF President Skybox:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 58.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Result Managers Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 31 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Seats:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 115.1 of this Event Code

- **IIHF Staff Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 37 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Supplier Showrooms:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 50 of this Event Code
- **Main Arena:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 21.1 of this Event Code
- **Media Cafeteria:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 48 of this Event Code
- **Media Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 40 of this Event Code
- **Media Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 41 of this Event Code
- **Mixed Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 45 of this Event Code
- **MSC:** Medical Services Coordinator
- **Participants Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 117.1 of this Event Code
- **Photo Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 56 of this Event Code
- **Photocopy Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 47 of this Event Code
- **Press Conference Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 44 of this Event Code
- **Seats For Stand-By Game Officials:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 57 of this Event Code
- **Sport System Sever Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 30 of this Event Code
- **Sport System:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 185.1 of this Event Code
- **Statistics Bench:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 36.1 of this Event Code
- **Team Dressing Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 24 of this Event Code
- **Team Uniform Service Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 27 of this Event Code
- **Team Video Coach Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 55 of this Event Code
- **Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 25 of this Event Code
- **TELL:** Team Entry Long List
- **Transportation Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 53 of this Event Code
- **TV and Radio Observer Position:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 42 of this Event Code
- **TV Infrastructure:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 52 of this Event Code
- **Video Review Consultant Operation Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 33.1 of this Event Code
- **VIP Lounges:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 59 of this Event Code

Applicable IIHF Governing Documents

Chapter 1	-
Chapter 2	IIHF Accreditation Guidelines, IIHF Commercial Partners Broadcast Power Guidelines, IIHF Medical Guidelines
Chapter 3	IIHF Game Officials Licensing and Nomination Guidelines, IIHF Expense Guidelines, IIHF Officials Expense Policy, IIHF Accreditation Guidelines
Chapter 4	IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines, IIHF Rink Guidelines
Chapter 5	IIHF Medical Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Policy
Chapter 6	IIHF Championship Graphic Guidelines, IIHF Competition Branding Guidelines, IIHF Marketing Guidelines, IIHF Social Media Guidelines
Chapter 7	-
Chapter 8	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations
Chapter 9	-
Chapter 10	IIHF Rule Book
Chapter 11	IIHF Medical Guidelines
Chapter 12	IIHF Supplier Pool Guidelines, IIHF Uniform Program Guidelines, IIHF Rule Book, IIHF Sport Guidelines, IIHF Media Accreditation Policy
Chapter 13	IIHF Disciplinary Regulations

PART I – HOST REGULATIONS

Bidding Procedure

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I. ALLOCATION OF IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Timing of allocation

- 1.1 The IIHF Congress allocates the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship (“WM” or “Championship”) every year according to IIHF Bylaws 5 to 10. The allocation takes place four (4) seasons prior to the respective Championship after a formal bidding procedure.
- 1.2 If no MNA offers to host the Championship by the timeline set in Art. 1.1 of this Event Code, the Championship shall be allocated at any following IIHF Congress after the first application to host is received by the IIHF.

II. BIDDING PROCEDURE

2. Hosting Application

- 2.1 No later than September 1st prior to the IIHF Congress where the Championship will be allocated, the applicant shall submit a letter of intent in a manner specified by the IIHF, confirming the applicant's intention to Host the Championship.
- 2.2 Applicants confirm in their letters of intent that they will organize the Championship in compliance with the IIHF Governing Documents.
- 2.3 Upon receipt of the letter of intent, the IIHF will send a copy of the respective IIHF Event Code and other relevant documentation concerning the application.

3. Bid Questionnaire

- 3.1 No later than January 10th prior to the IIHF Congress where the Championship will be allocated, the applicant shall submit the Bid Questionnaire to the IIHF.
- 3.2 The Bid Questionnaire shall closely follow the requirements as outlined under Articles 3.4 to 3.7 of this Event Code and include sufficient information in order for the IIHF Event & Championship Committee to be able to perform a detailed evaluation of the potential host sites for the Championship concerned as well as any additional requested documentation (letters, guarantees, drawings and maps, charts, etc.).
- 3.3 The applicant must establish in the Bid Questionnaire that all requirements are met at the time of applying. The IIHF shall allow bids that do not meet all of the requirements to move forward to Congress, however all such elements shall be noted to the IIHF Congress.

3.4 *Business Plan*

3.4.1. The Bid Questionnaire shall comprise of an exhaustive business plan.

3.4.2. The business plan shall include:

- a. A signed confirmation of reserved hotel capacities and rates as negotiated at the time of the application, including meals. A maximum of 15% “event raise” plus inflation rate over the years may be added;
- b. A tax ruling outlining the basis for taxation in the Host country;
- c. A ticketing concept; and
- d. All insurances.

3.4.3. Every effort to maximize the cost efficiency surrounding the staging of the Championship will be taken into account when evaluating the business plans.

3.5 *Facility Standards*

3.5.1. Applicants shall ensure compliance with the facility standards set out under Section VI of this Event Code in their Bid Questionnaire. In the event that such facility standards are proven not to be met after the successful allocation of the Championship, the Host shall be held liable.

3.5.2. The applicants shall ensure that all agreements with the arena owners are subject to the final approval of the IIHF, especially as to the choice of the Main Arena. A copy of any existing (pre-) contracts shall be included in the Bid Questionnaire.

3.6 *New Construction or Renovation of WM Arenas*

3.6.1. In the event that the Host wishes to present a bid which includes new construction or renovation works of an arena, they shall make sure that the constructor respects the deadlines set by the IIHF. In particular, the Host shall be responsible for providing the IIHF with the following documentation as soon as available:

- a. Identification of the location of the arena and confirmation that the land for construction and/or renovations has been secured;
- b. Signed confirmation by the owner of the arena that they are ready to put at the disposal or to sell the areas required according to the construction plan;
- c. Confirmation letter or guarantee from competent authorities establishing permit to build arena and/or make indicated renovations;
- d. Project plan from constructor establishing milestones and deadlines ensuring completion at least six (6) weeks prior to the Championship start date as well as guarantee that proper site inspections at the latest as of twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship may be conducted with all relevant

stakeholders; and

- e. Financing guarantee from a reputable finance company for the full construction and/or renovation.

3.7 Together with the Bid Questionnaire, the Host shall submit a duly signed copy of the Host Country Contract (the "HCC") and any additional documentation as requested by the IIHF.

4. Application Fee

4.1 The applicant shall pay an application fee of CHF 10'000. The application fee will be invoiced by the IIHF at the time when the Bid Questionnaire is submitted, and the amount deducted from the applicant's IIHF account.

4.2 The application fee will not be refunded in case the applicant is not selected to make a Bid Presentation according to Art. 5 of this Event Code or the bid is not approved by the IIHF Congress. However, the application fee shall be kept valid for any consecutive WM bid launched by that MNA, as long as the key components to the bid (e.g., cities, venues, etc.) remain essentially unchanged.

5. Bid Presentation to the Event & Championship Committee

5.1 After the Bid Questionnaire has been received by the IIHF the applicant may be invited to make a formal presentation to the IIHF Event & Championship Committee. Such presentation may be held in person or virtually.

5.2 In occasion of an in-person presentation, each applicant shall limit their delegation to a maximum of four (4) persons.

5.3 Date and location for the presentation shall be agreed between the parties involved. Unless a justifiable reason is presented by the applicant, the presentation shall take place at the IIHF headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

5.4 Each presentation shall not last more than sixty (60) minutes. It shall include a presentation on the elements of the bid included in the Bid Questionnaire for a minimum of twenty (20) to a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes, followed by an optional question and answer session.

5.5 All travel, accommodation and miscellaneous expenses incurred by MNA representatives presenting their bids are to be paid by the respective MNA.

5.6 Applicants shall refrain from presenting gifts which exceed promotional value.

6. Site Visits – Prior to Allocation

- 6.1 Representatives of the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner, together with the IIHF, may visit the potential host sites to check the facility standards before or after the bid presentation. The applicant shall coordinate the arrangements for the site visit with the IIHF.
- 6.2 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.

7. Report to the IIHF Council and Congress

- 7.1 The IIHF Event & Championship Committee will submit its neutral findings on the various applications, site visits and bid presentations to the IIHF Council and Congress before the voting takes place.

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 thirty (30) minutes.
- 8.3 The final bid presentation, including any multimedia, shall be submitted to the IIHF for technical testing at the latest forty-eight (48) 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)”).
- 9.2 The IIHF has granted to the IIHF Commercial Partner the exclusive and worldwide right to exploit all commercial and broadcasting rights pertaining to the Championship in a commercially reasonable and legal manner and pursuant to the terms of this Event Code. For clarity, this excludes ticketing and Host’s hospitality programs.

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. 15 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 (including single game prices) 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 exploit any Championship related commercial rights other than ticketing and hospitality (excluding the hospitality programs of the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner).
- 10.7 The Host shall coordinate the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner’s operational implementation of the rights acquired by Commercial Affiliates. This relates to the production of broadcasting signals, sponsorship activations as well as merchandising sales. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall coordinate communication between the Host and Commercial Affiliates, unless otherwise communicated to the Host. The Host shall take all necessary measures and be responsible for all associated costs, to prevent ambush marketing in the arena as well as all other Championship Venues and prevent enabling any unauthorized third parties to create any type of content which may imply, directly or indirectly, an association with the IIHF, the IIHF Commercial Partner or the Championship. The Host shall use its best effort to prevent ambush marketing outside the Championship venues and to point out IIHF Commercial Partner to any potential conflicts that may arise in the immediate vicinity of the Championship Venues so that

necessary measures can be taken during the planning phase (e.g. possibly, but not limited to, by offering such advertising space to Commercial Affiliates ahead of public sale).

- 10.8 The Host shall take all necessary measures to prevent unauthorized public viewings or any such further unauthorized activities.
- 10.9 The Host shall prohibit the sale of any kind of merchandising-like product by illegal hawkers or vendors inside the Championship Venues, use best efforts in their immediate vicinity, and, if so requested by the IIHF or IIHF Commercial Partner, notify the competent authorities accordingly.
- 10.10 The Host, additionally, shall ensure that the venues, the owner of the arenas and any other entity will not grant or purport to grant any right which would imply, directly or indirectly, any association with the IIHF or the Championship or conflict or infringe upon any of the Commercial Rights granted to the Commercial Partner and the Commercial Affiliates.
- 10.11 The Host shall not, in any way, interfere with the rights and competencies of the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner or IIHF Commercial Affiliates.
- 10.12 The Host shall ensure access to all Championship Venues during site visits for all stakeholders involved.

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 (the "OC").
- 11.2 If the Championship is organized in two (2) host cities, there shall be a Central Organizing Committee (the "COC"), which shall communicate with the IIHF on behalf of the Local Organizing Committees (the "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 Executive Committee.
- 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 IIHF and to the EC 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. Executive Committee (“EC”)

12.1 An Executive Committee (“EC”) shall be set up for the organization of the Championship and it shall consist of the following members, unless otherwise stated by the IIHF:

- a. Chairperson: President of the OC; and
- b. Members: Max. 2 representatives of the IIHF; Max. 2 representatives of the Commercial Partner (one for media and one for marketing matters) with full voting rights.

12.2 The EC Chairperson is fully responsible and accountable to the IIHF for all matters relating to the organization of the Championship.

12.3 The EC Members may invite guests as needed to participate in its meetings.

12.4 The responsibilities of the EC include the following:

- a. Set internal policies and take decisions in the interest of the Championship, as required;
- b. Ensure that the Championship is organized according to the IIHF Governing Documents pertaining to the Championship;
- c. Oversee the preparatory works of the Championship and receive reports on all activities of the Organizing Committee(s);
- d. Approve and monitor the operating budget; and
- e. Provide reports to the IIHF Directorate during the Championship in order to ensure that the Championship is operated in accordance with the IIHF Governing Documents.

13. Staff and Volunteers

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

13.2 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.

14. Bid Questionnaire

14.1 The Bid Questionnaire indicated under Art. 3 of this Event Code shall be continuously updated and all changes thereto shall be timely communicated to the IIHF. The Bid Questionnaire 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.

14.2 The OC shall be held liable in the event that the information contained in the Bid Questionnaire is later found to be false, misleading or simply obsolete.

15. Status report

15.1 On request of the IIHF, the Host shall submit a status report on a regular basis. This document should report on the following organizational items:

- a. Completed work;
- b. Work in progress; and
- c. Major accomplishments since the last report.

16. Meeting Minutes

16.1 The IIHF is responsible for writing the minutes of all relevant meetings between the Host and the IIHF and those between the Host, IIHF and any of its Partners (IIHF Commercial Partner, IIHF Partners and Commercial Affiliates).

16.2 After approval by the stakeholders, the IIHF shall distribute the minutes to all authorized concerned parties as soon as possible and in any case, no later than two (2) weeks following the meeting.

16.3 If the IIHF Commercial Partner did not participate in the meeting, the Host shall address to them any questions relating to the organization as soon as possible and keep the IIHF in copy.

16.4 No official meeting shall be held, or any agreement be made between the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner without prior notification to the IIHF, who may decide to send an IIHF representative to attend.

17. Transfer of Knowledge

17.1 The Host shall ensure participation in the transfer of knowledge activities organized by the IIHF.

V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

18. Organizing Fee

18.1 The Host shall pay the IIHF an organizing fee amounting to CHF 1.5 million (plus sales turnover taxes, such as without limitation, value added taxes, if any), no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

19. IIHF Annual and Semi-Annual Congresses

19.1 The Host shall pay the IIHF a fee, which shall serve to cover the costs necessary for the organization of the IIHF Annual and Semi-Annual Congresses.

19.2 The organization of both congresses shall be overseen and managed directly by the IIHF.

19.3 The Host shall use best efforts in facilitating the organization of the congresses, if so requested by the IIHF.

20. Host Nation Taxes and Fees

20.1 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.

20.2 The Host shall use their best effort in facilitating the IIHF, the IIHF Commercial Partner, IIHF Commercial Affiliates 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.

20.3 The Host shall ensure that importation and exportation are carried out free of customs duties, taxes and other costs and levies or it shall bear the respective costs.

20.4 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

21. Arenas and Ice Rinks

21.1 The Host shall ensure the availability of two (2) arenas, of which one shall serve as the main venue for the Championship and shall have a capacity of ten thousand (10'000) seats at a minimum (the "Main Arena"). Both arenas shall have sufficient space and

facilities to accommodate the rooms and services described under Articles 24 - 63 of this Event Code.

- 21.2 The second arena shall be located within a maximum of three (3) hours travelling time from the Main Arena and shall have a capacity of eight thousand (8'000) seats at a minimum.
- 21.3 Both arenas shall be in close proximity to an international airport.
- 21.4 The Host ensures that each venue guarantees the exclusive availability of a practice rink, preferably adjacent to the arena or reachable in a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes by bus.
- 21.5 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 shall be responsible for production and (de)installation costs relating to all new arrangements.
- 21.6 Game, practice rinks and other relevant facilities or areas shall be made exclusively available to the Host at least seven (7) 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. The Host shall deliver on a non-exclusive basis certain limited areas as early as twelve (12) days prior to the beginning of the Championship, if so agreed with the IIHF and/or the IIHF Commercial Partner (e.g. uniform center, accreditation center, under-ice installations, set-up of temporary constructions, in-arena rigging, TV compound infrastructure such as cabins, etc.).
- 21.7 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, access routes, aerial space or temporarily used spaces and facilities, for the sole use of the Championship during the entire event.
- 21.8 For the avoidance of any doubts, the above-mentioned period includes periods between games and game-free days.
- 21.9 All ice rinks shall comply with the requirements set out in Rule 1 of the IIHF Rule Book and be provided with the maximum possible width of plexiglass panels in the four (4) corners of the rink.
- 21.10 The Host ensures that the quality of the ice is at all times in line with the IIHF Ice Quality Standards.
- 21.11 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.
- 21.12 The Host ensures proper logistics management including, but not limited to, load-in and load-out operations for goods related to the Championship.
- 21.13 The Host acknowledges that new requirements arising from evolution in the broadcasting technology or expansion of services (e.g. interview positions), which are approved by the IIHF, shall be provided to the IIHF Commercial Partner at no additional cost.

21.14 Exceptions may be granted by the IIHF if the situation so requires.

22. Fan Zone(s)

22.1 Each venue needs to be provided with a secured and suitably sized Fan Zone in the immediate vicinity of the arena, which space shall not overlap with the suitable space for arena ingress and egress operations (the "Fan Zone").

22.2 The Fan Zone shall include a separate security/evacuation zone and the underground, flooring or infrastructure shall be suitable for any type of weather conditions and heavy load installations.

22.3 The Host ensures that access to the Fan Zone is granted free of charge, to ticket as well as non-ticket holders.

22.4 The Host is entitled to a broadcasting signal at no broadcasting fee and subject to technical costs for all games. Game transmissions must be free of any third-party advertising. All revenue derived from the Host's food and beverage operations shall be the revenue of the Host.

22.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the Host shall have all rights related to the Fan Zone(s), subject to available space and explicit recognition of the priority rights and commercial exclusivity of Official Sponsors and Partners with respect to their product categories known as of 1st of April in the respective Fan Zone in the year of the respective Championship. IIHF Partners shall have presence in the Fan Zone.

22.6 The Fan Zone shall comprise of approximately two thousand five hundred (2500) m² at the main venue and approximately one thousand three hundred (1300) m² at the second venue for displays of the IIHF Partners and Commercial Affiliates.

22.7 The Host ensures that the position for the Commercial Affiliates is granted free of charge and that the Commercial Affiliates are free to set up their own booths and branding, subject to the approval of the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner. In case the Host wishes to set up booths with a unified design, the costs for such booths/branding shall be borne by the Host. The IIHF, IIHF Commercial Partner and the Host shall review the Fan Zone and public viewing concept with a view to optimize the commercialization approach, including the Host's.

22.8 The Host shall make the Fan Zone(s) available for set-up and dismantling from up to two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship until up to three (3) days after the end of the Championship.

22.9 The Host ensures that the Fan Zone(s) provide services and activities, including but not limited to, public viewings, food & beverage, sanitary infrastructure, waste removal, payment handling services, fan information services, general lighting and luggage / prohibited items deposit options, as well as backstage/storage areas as necessary for the operations.

- 22.10 The Host is responsible for providing up-to-date scaled Fan Zone maps during the planning phase as well as coordination of any approval processes with the relevant authorities, if so requested.
- 22.11 A rate card for additional services at the Commercial Affiliate's individual positions shall be provided by the Host to the IIHF Commercial Partner at the latest four (4) months prior to the start of the Championship, such as electricity, internet, etc., as required to cover the additional costs incurred by the individual consumption of the Commercial Affiliates. Such rate card shall be approved by the IIHF. The ordering and invoicing process shall be handled directly between the Host and the Commercial Affiliates.
- 22.12 The Host shall cooperate with the Host city from the beginning of the Championship planning phase to avoid competitive unofficial Fan Zone set-ups in other locations of the Host city.

23. Arena Rooms and Facilities – General

- 23.1 All rooms, floor spaces and facilities shall be clearly signposted.
- 23.2 The Host is responsible for ensuring that all rooms are provided with proper lighting, air conditioning and heating.
- 23.3 The Host is responsible for providing the requested number of access keys to the requesting stakeholder(s).
- 23.4 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, the Commercial Partner and the Host.
- 23.5 The IIHF may request and/or approve changes to the allocation of rooms up until three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 23.6 At a minimum, the Arena(s) shall have sufficient space for the rooms specified under Articles 24 - 63 of this Event Code.

24. Team Dressing Rooms

- 24.1 Each participating team shall be allocated a permanent dressing room (minimum of 120 m²), including the additional rooms attached to it (the "Team Dressing Room(s)").
- 24.2 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 equipped with one (1) Big TV, with SDI cabling and Cabled Internet;

- d. One (1) treatment room;
- e. One (1) storage room;
- f. One (1) sharpening area;
- g. Drying facilities;
- h. Time clock/Game clock connection;
- i. Wi-Fi; and
- j. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues.

24.3 The Host ensures that dressing rooms built for temporary use during the Championship are soundproof, if in close proximity to any media areas.

25. Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area

25.1 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").

25.2 If an outdoor area is to be utilized as a warm-up area for Participating Teams, it shall be separated by fences from the TV Compound or not located in close proximity to critical equipment identified by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

25.3 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.

26. Game Officials Areas

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

26.2 The assigned Game Officials and Stand-by Game Officials shall be allocated adequate dressing rooms in each arena, with a minimum size of 20 m² and equipped with showers and WC.

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

26.4 If an outdoor area is to be utilized as a warm-up area for Game Officials, it shall be separated by fences from the TV Compound or not located in close proximity to critical equipment identified by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

26.5 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.

26.6 The Game Officials warm-up zone shall be equipped as follows:

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

26.7 The Game Officials equipment drying room shall be equipped as follows:

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

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

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

27. Team Uniform Service Center

27.1 The Host shall provide, at the latest ten (10) days prior to the start of the Championship, a space (200 m²) in each arena for the team uniform service (the "Team Uniform Service Center"). The space shall be broken down into the following sub-areas, which shall be connected with doors and separated with temporary walls:

- a. Lockable working area of one hundred (100) m²;
- b. Ten (10) 150cm x 80cm tables for electric tools and supplies;
- c. Eight (8) chairs;
- d. Twenty (20) clothing racks on wheels;
- e. Six hundred (600) metal coat hangers;
- f. Sufficiently powerful electricity and electrical installations for sewing machines and heat press machines;
- g. One lockable storage room with a minimum of eighty (80) m² next to working area;
- h. Office area within the uniform service center of twenty (20) m² with two (2) working spaces equipped as follows:
 - i. One (1) coffee machine;
 - ii. Wi-Fi;
 - iii. One (1) refrigerator;
 - iv. Water; and
 - v. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues.
- i. Temporary exclusive use of two (2) Participating Teams' dressing rooms up to two (2) days before the start of the World Championship for storage purposes.

28. Doping Control Station

28.1 The Host shall provide a Doping Control Station (the "DCS") with a minimum size of 15 m², excluding the waiting room and the toilets, as close as possible to the ice rink and the players' dressing rooms. The room shall be connected to the dressing rooms with rubber floor matting. 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.

28.2 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.

28.3 The Host shall have the responsibility to hire a security person who shall control the movement of people in and out from the DCS.

28.4 *Waiting Room*

28.6.1. The Host shall provide a separate waiting room of a minimum of 15 m² and 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.

29. Disciplinary Operator Office

29.1 If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall provide a fully equipped office for the disciplinary operator (the "Disciplinary Operator Office") located in a position priorly approved by the IIHF inside the arena which shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Two (2) desks with two (2) chairs;
- b. Two (2) Big TVs, with live signal of all games in both venues;
- c. Two (2) additional SDI cables;
- d. One (1) refrigerator with water and soft drinks;
- e. One (1) coffee machine; and
- f. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet.

30. Sport System Server Room

30.1 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-/ Download speed; and
- c. Singlemode fiber cable and/or duplex cables to all Sport System components (Clients) as well as blue line cameras.

30.2 The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the above requirements no later than two (2) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

31. IIHF Result Managers Office

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

31.2 The IIHF Result Managers 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.

32. Directorate Meeting Room(s)

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

32.2 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 forty (40) persons.

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

32.4 For any subsequent Directorate meetings, the Host shall provide one (1) room in the arena, of approximately 20 m² and with a minimum height of 2.50 m. The room shall be equipped as follow:

- a. Three (3) tables (150 x 80 cm);
- b. Four (4) chairs; and
- c. One (1) screen;

32.5 At the date of the first directorate meeting, three (3) additional rooms with classroom style setup for approximately twenty (20) persons are required where the Medical Meeting and the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting (“HCRIM”) as well as the Team Media Manager meeting 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.

33. Video Review Consultant Operation Room

33.1 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.

33.2 The Video Review Consultant Operation Room shall be located with an unrestricted view to the ice and the location, and the installations shall be approved by the IIHF.

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

34. Scorekeeper Box and Penalty Box

34.1 The Host shall provide a working space opposite the Player's Benches which shall be composed of a scorekeeper box and two (2) penalty boxes.

34.2 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
- d. Cabled Internet.
- e. 16A CEE 5-phase sub-distributed to German Schuko (same power source as used by the broadcasters)

34.3 The Host shall provide sufficient sealed water bottles and towels for players in both penalty boxes.

35. Referee Helmet Desk

35.1 The Host shall provide a workspace, which shall be located where the Game Officials enter the ice surface (the "Referee Helmet Desk").

35.2 The Referee Helmet Desk shall be equipped as follows:

- a. One (1) desk measuring 1 x 2 m, with one (1) chair; and
- b. Power supply.

36. Statistics Bench

36.1 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.

36.2 The Statistics Bench shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Desks (allowing a minimum of six (6) people to sit), including chairs;
- b. Up to five (5) Laptops;
- c. One (1) monitor;
- f. Cabled Internet;
- g. 16A CEE 5-phase sub-distributed to German Schuko (same source as used by broadcasters); and
- d. Sufficient amount of power outlets.

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

37. IIHF Staff Office

37.1 The Host shall provide in the arena or, if impossible, immediately adjacent, with IIHF approval, one (1) office area with at least fifteen (15) working spaces, provided with the necessary equipment installed and ready to be used five (5) days prior to the Championship (the "IIHF Staff Office"). Depending on the office layout, additional storage rooms might be required.

37.2 The IIHF Staff Office shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Wi-Fi;
- b. Two (2) Big TVs, with live signal of all games in both venues;
- c. Power outlets; and
- d. Two (2) multifunction printers.

38. IIHF Official Website Staff Area

38.1 The Host shall provide a workspace in each venue for three (3) persons working for the IIHF official website for the Championship (the "IIHF Official Website Staff Area").

38.2 The IIHF Official Website Staff Area shall be equipped as follows:

- a. Three (3) desks with chairs;
- b. Two (2) desks for up to four (4) staff on the tribune; and
- c. Cabled Internet.

39. IIHF Photographers Office

39.1 The Host shall provide a working space in each arena for two (2) IIHF photographers (the "IIHF Photographers Office"). The working space shall be located as close as possible to the ice level in the arena and be provided with Wi-Fi.

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

39.3 The Host shall provide secure and lockable storage rooms for the equipment of the IIHF photographers, including thirty (30) lockers per venue.

39.4 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.

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

40. Media Center

40.1 The Host shall provide a room or tent offering good working conditions for up to three hundred (300) journalists and reporters, including an area for display of the IIHF Commercial Partner (the "Media Center").

40.2 The Media Center shall be open from half an hour prior to the start of the first on-ice practice or 09:00 local time until two (2) hours after the conclusion of the last game or until 24:00, whichever is latest.

40.3 Required equipment and services shall be specified by the IIHF no later than twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

41. Media Tribune

41.1 The Host shall provide two hundred (200) seats per game in the spectator area of each arena (the "Media Tribune") for the preliminary round and quarter-finals.

41.2 For semi-finals and finals, the Host shall provide three hundred (300) seats per game in the spectator area of each arena.

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

42. TV and Radio Observer Positions

42.1 The Host shall provide twenty (20) seats per game to be located next to the commentator positions or in the press stand for the TV and Radio Championship Observer (the "TV and Radio Observer Position").

43. Commentators Positions

43.1 The Host shall provide three hundred (300) seats for fifty (50) commentator positions per arena (the "Commentators Positions"), to be located centrally in the spectator area, on the same side as the main camera platform.

43.2 Should the construction of the commentary positions require more than three hundred (300) seats due to arena specifications, the number of commentary positions shall prevail.

43.3 If more than fifty (50) positions per game are required, the IIHF Commercial Partner shall inform the Host no later than three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship and shall bear all additional costs arising therefrom.

43.4 In the event that the Host solution does not meet sufficient standards, the IIHF Commercial Partner reserves the right to appoint a technical supplier for the construction of the commentator positions.

Each commentator position shall be 180 cm long and built over two rows, separated from each other by small plastic plexiglass dividers and be equipped with three (3) seats and one (1) table, one (1) table lamp, one (1) CIS monitor, broadcast power, dedicated cabled Internet and Wi-Fi, as specified by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

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

The Host shall guarantee controlled sound level at the Commentators Positions and use best efforts to ensure undisturbed working conditions for Commentators with appropriate security measures.

44. Press Conference Room

44.1 The Host shall provide one (1) room suitable for press conferences (the “Press Conference Room”), which can accommodate up to two hundred (200) persons and which shall be located within or in the immediate vicinity of the Media Center.

44.2 The Host shall provide staff to assist with the conferences.

44.3 The Press Conference Room shall be equipped with one (1) podium for at least five (5) persons and another podium for TV cameras on the opposite side, including all technical installations, such as power, microphones, and audio splitters. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to install the backdrop and front/side covers of the tables as per measurements identified by the Host during the respective site visit and approved by the IIHF.

45. Mixed Zone

45.1 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 Center (the “Mixed Zone”).

The Host ensures that the Mixed Zone is kept clean at all times and used exclusively as a media working area. Any arena activities or tasks (e.g. storage of equipment, exit routes for spectators, etc.) shall not be executed in the Mixed Zone.

The Mixed Zone shall be sufficiently illuminated to guarantee the production of a high-quality signal and large enough to accommodate a backdrop of forty (40) m in length for all interested media representatives with easy access from the media zones.

45.2 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.

45.3 If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall control the access to the Mixed Zone with a number of limited passes.

45.4 The Host shall provide monitors with a live feed of the games as well as one (1) countdown clock. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to install the

interview backdrop as pre-defined during the respective site visit and approved by the IIHF.

45.5 The IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner shall approve all other details related to the Mixed Zone.

45.6 The Host shall provide a space for media interviews in the practice arena, or in another area agreed during the respective site visit. The location and dimensions will be discussed with the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

46. Flash Zone

46.1 The Host shall provide adequate space at the players' entrance to / exit from the ice, where broadcasters are entitled to conduct flash interviews with players during intermissions and at the end of the game (the "Flash Zone").

46.2 The Host ensures that the spaces can accommodate up to four (4) cabled cameras per team and one (1) sponsor backdrop, if requested by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

46.3 The Flash Zone shall be operated with full light and controlled sound level upon guidance of the IIHF Commercial Partner at the beginning of each intermission for at least three (3) minutes after the last player has left the ice.

47. Photocopy Center

47.1 The Host shall provide one (1) separate office or facility (at least 20 m²) for photocopies (the "Photocopy Center") as close as possible to the Media Center.

48. Media Cafeteria

48.1 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").

48.2 The Host shall, at a minimum, provide coffee and water.

49. IIHF Commercial Partner Offices

49.1 The Host shall provide two (2) offices in the arena or in the immediate vicinity of (marketing related) or in the TV compound (broadcasting related) (min 20 m² each), fully furnished as outlined in the Room Book Guidelines and equipped with Wi-Fi, one (1) printer, two (2) TV-sets with both arena feeds and international signal (the "IIHF Commercial Partner Offices"). Such office locations shall be agreed between the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner during the site visits.

49.2 Reasonable storage space may be requested by the IIHF Commercial Partner for storing of deliveries up to five (5) days prior to the Championship.

49.3 The Host shall provide the following facilities for the use of IIHF Commercial Affiliates:

- a. Office on ice rink level (30 m²) for medical/orthopedic supplier;
- b. Working room/storage (60 m²) on ice rink level for board advertising and backdrop supplier;
- c. Storage for Sports Drinks near Sports Services office for up to fifteen (15) palletes of material;
- d. Storage & Office Space for Merchandising near the sales positions (min. 60 m²);
- e. Storage space for carpets for the Award Ceremonies;
- f. Dressing room with shower for the Mascot crew (including sufficient space for storage and costume drying purposes);
- g. Storage for Official Printing Supplier; and
- h. Hostesses changing room.

In addition, the Host shall ensure that the following spaces are made available at reasonable cost for use by the IIHF Commercial Affiliates:

- a. Office for Official Main Sponsor to operate the indoor and Fan Zone fan activations; and
- b. Storage for Official Main Sponsor near the displays (min. 60 m²).

50. IIHF Supplier Showrooms

50.1 The Host shall provide three (3) spaces to be used by IIHF Partners (the "IIHF Supplier Showrooms") as requested by the IIHF no later than twelve (12) months before the Championship. The IIHF Supplier Showrooms shall be placed at ice level, if possible, or in the closest possible location to the Team dressing rooms.

51. Broadcasting Infrastructure

51.1 The Host shall provide sufficient and suitable space and infrastructure in the arena for TV and Radio broadcasting (the "Broadcasting Infrastructure").

51.2 The Broadcasting Infrastructure shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. Wi-Fi;
- b. Cabled Internet;

- c. Broadcast power;
- d. General electricity;
- e. TV equipment such as camera podiums and camera installation ceiling equipment;
- f. Cable ways, bridges, holes; and
- g. Replacement of marked or stained plexiglass whereby the quality of the coverage is affected by the inability to capture or use images according to the standard production plan due to view obstruction.

51.3 Infront shall have the right to install four (4) TV studios (minimum of two (2) TV studios in the lower bowl with a view to the ice) each in size of approximately 30 m² (maximum 50 seat kills for any TV Studio in the lower bowl) in the main arena of each Championship.

51.4 In the second arena, the Host shall install two (2) TV studios each in size of approximately 30 m² (maximum 50 seat kills per TV Studio) in the lower bowl with a view to the ice of each Championship.

51.5 The Host shall use best efforts to ensure an additional two (2) TV studios in the second arena of each Championship. For avoidance of doubt, if space is available in the arena for the additional two (2) TV studios, not including in the lower bowl via seat kills, the Host shall provide the additional two (2) TV studios.

51.6 The proposed locations for all TV studios are subject to IIHF final approval. For avoidance of doubt, the IIHF shall decide the location of the TV studio if there is a disagreement regarding their location between the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

The Host shall provide four (4) double containers and six (6) single containers located at each TV compound for TV production (including IT installation, required power, heating, and ventilation).

The Host shall provide additional space for TV production offices inside the arena upon request, if available and against reasonable remuneration.

52. TV Infrastructure

52.1 The Host shall provide the following (the "TV Infrastructure"):

- a. A main camera platform opposite the player benches for six (6) cameras centralized above the ice and at the appropriate angle to produce a TV-signal of international standard. The camera position shall be priorly approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner;
- b. An unlimited number of camera positions and/or platforms upon request by the IIHF Commercial Partner (including but not limited to the main and reverse cameras, corners of the rink, behind the goals, cable cam, etc.);
- c. Ceiling camera mountings for cameras above the goals and above the ice center and

cable camera mountings;

- d. Sufficient space to mount a camera in the Video Review Consultant Operations Room;
- e. Any existing pre-cabling system in each arena shall be made available to the IIHF Commercial Partner and its broadcast partner. Broadcast partners shall have the right to install and use their own cabling. It is the Host's responsibility to set up the respective infrastructure as specified by the IIHF Commercial Partner, such as cable hooks, cable bridges, cable trusses, yellow jackets and cable holes;
- f. Interview positions with interview backdrops as defined by the IIHF, the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner;
- g. Undisturbed working conditions for camera crews with appropriate security measures, including direct access from the TV compound into the arena without further security check;
- h. Data/statistics as available from the IIHF data-system to the host-broadcasters (TV and Radio) graphics system and to the commentator positions;
- h. Each arena shall provide a soundproof room in the teams' restricted area with dimensions of 5 m x 6 m and a minimum height of 3 m (the "Additional Content Room"). The Additional Content Room shall be available at the latest five (5) days prior to the start of the Championship;
- i. Six (6) ENG-positions of 1,5 x 2 m each (to be used as stand-up positions or mini-studios) with a good view to the ice;
- j. Each arena shall have a sufficient number of rooms for broadcasters, the booking office, and additional studios in the arena building; if not available, adequate space needs to be provided in containers immediately adjacent to the arena itself. Such offices need to be made available at the latest seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the Championship. Containers provided to Broadcasting Partners shall be invoiced by the Host;
- i. Each arena shall have adequate space immediately adjacent to the arena itself for OB vans and other technical vehicles required (PTT, etc.) at the nearest point to the production sites in the arenas (the "TV Compound"). The size of the TV Compound shall not be less than 2000 m² and has to be secured by an appropriate fence;
- j. Space for crew catering has to be provided within the same accreditation zone (in the TV Compound) and as specified by the IIHF Commercial Partner. The Commercial Partner has the right to choose its own catering partner. Suitable food delivery timings and routings need to be agreed between the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner;
- k. Sanitary infrastructure has to be provided within the same accreditation zone (in the TV Compound) and as specified by the IIHF Commercial Partner; and
- k. Each arena shall have adequate space in the direct environment surrounding the arena for vans / SNGs up-linking the TV-signals at the nearest point to the TV Compound (the "SNG Compound"). This area shall be oriented geographically

according to the requirements of the broadcasters. The size of the SNG Compound shall not be less than 500 m².

52.2 The Host shall provide for any requirements necessary for the impeccable installation of the technical equipment prior to the beginning of the Championship and is responsible for the security of the entire TV equipment within the venues 24/7, from the first arrival of any such equipment until its final departure.

53. Transportation Center

The Host shall provide a fully equipped center for the management of transportation (the "Transportation Center"). The Transportation Center shall be located within or in the vicinity of each of the arena(s) (including secured parking spaces for the official vehicles).

54. Accreditation Center

54.1 The Host shall provide a center for the management of accreditation procedures (ca 100 m²) 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.

54.2 The Accreditation Center shall be accessible to the public, with a separate entrance and exit, while still being subject to the Clean Venue Rule as per Art. 171.3 of this Event Code.

54.3 The Host shall provide two (2) further office spaces (ca 20 m² each) within the Accreditation Center, one (1) for the IIHF Accreditation Manager and one (1) for the Host Accreditation Manager. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to display branding in relation to the Official Printer Supplier.

54.4 All Accreditation Center spaces shall provide access to Wi-Fi.

55. Team Video Coach Positions

55.1 The Host shall provide five (5) seats per playing team to be used by team staff at each of their own games (the "Team Video Coach Positions"). In addition, a place should be provided for a camera and tripod, with access to an electrical outlet.

55.2 The Host shall provide SDI HD cabling for three (3) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions.

55.3 The Host shall additionally provide four (4) seats for non-playing team staff with SDI HD cabling.

55.4 The Host ensures that all Team Video Coach Positions provide an unrestricted view to the ice.

56. Photo Positions

56.1 The Host shall provide space for one hundred (100) photographers in the arena and twenty (20) positions on the ice level in the corners of the rink (the "Photo Positions").

The Photo Positions shall not be placed too high up in the arena bowl and have a clear line of sight to the ice. The Photo Positions shall also not obstruct the view of nearby spectators or TV camera views or impair installations of Commercial Affiliates (e.g. ice rink car display).

56.2 The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the Photo Positions before tickets go on sale.

56.3 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.

56.4 If a Photo Position between the benches exists, then unblocked access to the ice shall be ensured to assigned photographers.

57. Seats For Stand-By Game Officials

57.1 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").

58. Skyboxes

58.1 *IIHF President Skybox*

58.6.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF a President Skybox in each Arena (the "IIHF President Skybox") with an unrestricted view of the ice.

58.6.2. The IIHF President Skybox shall be located in the spectator area and have a minimum of thirty (30) seats.

58.6.3. The costs for any catering shall be borne by the IIHF.

58.6.4. The Host shall provide a hostess to manage the IIHF President Skybox during the games.

58.6.5. The Host shall provide access to the IIHF President Skybox before, during, and after each game, as well as between the games on a two (2) or three (3) game day.

58.2 *IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox*

58.6.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF Commercial Partner a Skybox in each Arena (the "IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox") with an unrestricted view of the ice.

58.6.2. The IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox shall be located in the spectator area

and have a minimum of twenty (20) seats separated from the neighboring seating area. The related spectator seat tickets shall be included. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to bring their own furniture and decoration.

58.6.3. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to bring their own catering company to serve the IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox. The costs for any catering shall be borne by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

58.6.4. The Host shall provide access to the IIHF Commercial Partner Skybox before, during, and after each game, as well as between the games on a two (2) or three (3) game day. The Host shall also ensure easy access from/to the Commercial Partner VIP lounge.

59. VIP Lounges

59.1 The Host shall provide the IIHF and its Commercial Partner lounges, which shall be located in a primary location in each arena and in immediate proximity to the seats allocated to the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner (the "VIP Lounges"). Such VIP Lounges shall be of a VIP quality (taking into account potential impacts, e.g., sound levels, air circulations, etc.) and allow for VIP quality guest management.

59.2 The Host shall grant the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner the right to use the VIP Lounges at each arena for their hospitality activities and to service the hospitality with their own catering companies. The Host shall ensure that VIP Lounges are not covered by any exclusivity clause with regards to catering.

59.3 VIP Lounges shall be accessible to persons with the respective access device before (starting from ninety (90) minutes prior to the first game), during and after each game (until sixty minutes (60) after the last game), as well as between the games on a two (2) or three (3) game day at each venue.

The size of the IIHF VIP Lounge shall be at least six hundred (600) m² usable space in the Main Arena plus additional room for kitchen and storage facilities, while the size of the VIP Lounge in the second arena shall be three hundred (300) m² usable space, plus additional room for kitchen and storage facilities.

59.4 The size of the IIHF Commercial Partner's VIP Lounge shall be at least eight hundred (800) m² usable space, plus additional room for kitchen and storage facilities in the Main Arena, and at least four hundred (400) m² usable space, plus additional room for kitchen and storage facilities in the second arena. Such usable space shall be without reserved evacuation spaces, corridors or similar technical areas.

59.5 Kitchen and storage facilities need to cover the following requirements:

- a. Access to a suitable kitchen space of 50 m², providing suitable water, waste-water and air-circulation requirements, as well as suitable shared or separate kitchen equipment;

- b. Around 35 m² of storage space in the immediate proximity of the kitchen for food manipulation and an additional 50 m² for empty wrappings during the Championship;
- c. Access to sufficient cooling and freezing infrastructure within the existing facilities or temporarily installed nearby; and
- d. Suitable access routings from kitchen facilities to VIP Lounges and other catering areas operated by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

The IIHF, the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner shall determine on a venue-by-venue basis the exact location and infrastructure of such VIP Lounges, kitchen and storage facilities.

59.6 Adequate restroom facilities must be made available within the VIP Lounges.

59.7 The Host shall ensure appropriate access to the VIP Lounges as well as to the restroom facilities, deliver TV signals to both venues via the respective cabling and provide floor cleaning ahead of opening times to such spaces.

59.8 The Host shall seek the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner approval for any arrangements regarding layout, catering, etc., no later than eight (8) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

59.9 In the event that the arena does not provide a permanent room for the above purpose, the Host shall install as close as possible to the seating bowl a VIP style temporary construction on concrete floor with solid walls, respecting the above specifications, as well as safety and security requirements and providing suitable electricity, lighting, water and water-waste, heating and cooling infrastructure.

59.10 The IIHF reserves the right to request separate or combined VIP Lounges.

59.11 VIP Lounges shall be accessed through a dedicated, weather-protected arena VIP entrance staffed with security for ticket controls. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to install a welcome desk in such a weather-protected area.

59.12 Unless otherwise agreed, the Host shall decorate the VIP Lounges by respecting the IIHF indications on quality and atmosphere. The Host shall allow the IIHF Commercial Partner to install its own furniture and decorations.

60. Access and Cost Responsibility – IIHF VIP Lounge

60.1 The Host shall bear the costs for the following persons to have access to the IIHF VIP Lounge:

- a. IIHF President with one (1) family member;
- b. IIHF Council members with one (1) family member;
- c. IIHF General Secretary with one (1) family member;
- d. Directorate members (if not belonging to Council);

- e. Two Congress Delegates with two (2) guests during Congress;
- f. IIHF Officiating Coaches;
- g. Medical Supervisors;
- h. Five (5) team officials per Participating Team; and
- i. IIHF Staff with one (1) family member.

60.2 Costs related to VIP guests who are invited by the IIHF or the Host, shall be covered by the inviting party.

61. Arena Public Area

The public area in the arenas and direct vicinity shall be available for the IIHF Commercial Partner activities, such as advertising, commercial activations, or merchandising. No other activity shall take place within this area unless approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner and the IIHF. In case permission from public authorities is needed for activities according to the above, the Host shall seek such permission on behalf of the IIHF Commercial Partner.

62. Additional Rooms

62.1 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.

63. Directional Signage

63.1 The Host shall provide directional signage in all relevant areas in and around the arena(s) and the Fan Zone, 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.

63.2 The signage system shall effectively guide the various persons through the whole venue and adjacent relevant areas.

63.3 The Host shall set up the signage system five (5) days before the beginning of the Championship.

63.4 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

64. Sustainable use of facilities and environmental requirements

64.1 A professional and sustainable waste management system shall be created for all venue facilities. Temporary infrastructure should be considered for re-use, recycling and have to be discarded at the cost of the respective Host.

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

64.3 The Host shall take all steps to ensure that there is no smoking in the arena.

64.4 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

65. Lighting Requirements

65.1 The Host ensures that sufficient lighting, evenly spread throughout rooms, is provided in each operational area of the Championship venues.

65.2 More specifically, the lighting in the arena shall respect the following further requirements:

65.6.1. *Field of play for UHD TV production*

- a. Average vertical illuminance of 1500 lux towards all 4 sides (main cameras side, reverse camera side and both behind the goal sides) with a minimum of 1000 lux per measuring point at 1.5m height and average horizontal illuminance of 2500 lux with a minimum of 1500 lux per measuring point at 1.5m height;
- b. Minimum vertical uniformity level of U1 (ratio of minimum vertical illuminance level to maximum vertical illuminance level across all measurement points) towards all 4 sides: > 0.5;
- c. Minimum horizontal uniformity level of U1 (ratio of minimum horizontal illuminance level to maximum horizontal illuminance level across all measurement points): > 0.5;
- d. Minimum vertical uniformity level of U2 (ratio of minimum vertical illuminance to average vertical illuminance across all measurement points) towards all 4 sides: > 0.6;
- e. Minimum horizontal uniformity level of U2 (ratio of minimum horizontal illuminance to average horizontal illuminance across all measurement points): > 0.7; and
- f. The light should have a temperature of minimum 3200° Kelvin (arenas

without daylight) and up to 5600° Kelvin (arenas with daylight), with the same temperature at the playing surface and the stands.

- 65.6.2. To operate the Flash Zone, full light in the arena is required at the beginning of each intermission for at least 3 minutes after the last player has left the ice.
- 65.6.3. Practice Rink: a minimum of 600 lux on average, with a minimum of 350 lux per measuring point, uniformity levels U1 of >0.45 and U2 of >0.55.
- 65.6.4. Mixed Zone: a minimum of 900 lux on the players' faces and, on the backdrop, avoiding shadows on the backdrop.
- 65.6.5. Press Conference: evenly lit with 800 lux.
- 65.6.6. Ice rink: the light should be evenly spread over the playing surface without shadows along the boards.
- 65.6.7. The Host shall make electricity and rigging of specific lighting installations available in order to operate the illumination of ice rink displays.
- 65.6.8. Temporary rooms: sufficient lighting to be installed to operate the space during late night hours.
- 65.6.9. Outdoor areas such as TV/SNG Compound, storage areas, Fan Zones, routings, parkings, etc., sufficient lighting required for a safe operation at late night hours.
- 65.6.10. Additional lighting, as the situation warrants, to be determined during specific site visits, in the following locations:
 - a. Video Review Consultant Operations Room;
 - b. Team Dressing Room Areas / Walkways between dressing rooms and ice rink; and
 - c. Team Bus Arrival.

66. Broadcasting Power Requirements

- 66.1 In order to organize and broadcast the Championship, the Host shall provide a power infrastructure according to the IIHF Commercial Partners Broadcast Power Guidelines.
- 66.2 While power requirements of the IIHF Commercial Partner must be provided free of charge, power requirements by the IIHF Commercial Partner's Broadcast Partners for their individual broadcast equipment may be charged to the requesting party on the basis of applicable standard prices for domestic electrical power (plus a surcharge of 15% maximum) in the particular market where the Championship takes place.
- 66.3 Any domestic power requirements for offices (inside the arena or outside in containers on the TV Compound) shall be free of charge, irrespective of the actual party.

66.4 The power rate card shall be released seven (7) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

The Host shall deliver an initial/overall general power concept no later than six (6) months prior to the beginning of the Championship. The final detailed power concept as of specific requirements, including power designs, shall be submitted no later than three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship for verification by the Commercial Partner.

67. Electricity Requirements

67.1 The Host ensures that the appropriate power supply is provided to the arenas and to all Championship Venues.

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

68. Internet Connection

68.1 The Host shall provide appropriate internet connection in each arena and in all Championship indoor and outdoor operational and hospitality areas, as well as Fan Zone(s), as indicated by IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

68.2 Where applicable, further specifications are stipulated in each of the rooms under Section VI of this Event Code.

68.3 The Host will provide a rate card quote for all additional commercial areas such as e.g., broadcaster working positions, sponsor display areas, merchandising sales stand areas, etc., to the IIHF Commercial Partner no later than seven (7) months prior to the Championship (and four (4) months for the Fan Zone in accordance with Art. 22.12)). Such rate card needs to be approved by IIHF.

IX. INSURANCES

69. Insurance - General Conditions

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

69.2 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.

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

70. Event Cancellation and Abandonment Insurance

70.1 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).

70.2 The Event Cancellation Insurance shall provide coverage of any cause beyond the control of the Host or the IIHF 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 Event once commenced;
- c. Postponement: meaning the unavoidable deferment of the Insured Event to another time;
- d. Interruption: meaning a temporary delay in the completion of the Insured Event after it has been commenced;
- e. Curtailment: meaning a reduction in the length of the Insured Event from that which was originally planned; and
- f. Relocation: meaning the unavoidable removal of the Insured Event to another place.

71. General Third-Party Liability Insurance

71.1 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 60 million 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.

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

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

72. Other Insurances

72.1 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

73. Arena Safety and Security

- 73.1 The Host shall comply with all reasonable IIHF requests with regard to security within the arena(s) and in its vicinity.
- 73.2 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.
- 73.3 The Host shall provide sufficient security for the access control to the arena and for the seats in the spectator area.
- 73.4 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.
- 73.5 The Host has to provide sufficient security for the team and the game officials area during and after practice and game times. The Host shall be held liable for claims in case of incidents.
- 73.6 The Host has to provide sufficient security for any other Championship Venues of the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner as outlined above.
- 73.7 The Host shall provide 24h security for the entire TV equipment installed within and outside the arena(s) and has to provide 24h security and access control to the TV compound outside the arena from the first arrival of any such equipment until its final departure.
- 73.8 The Host shall communicate any special security measures to IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner well in advance (e.g. related to special procedures like prohibited items, maximum bag sizes, additional mag & bag checks, traffic circulation, vehicle access devices and procedures, etc.).

74. Access to Championship Hotels

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

75. Access to the Ice Surface

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

76. Safety Certification

76.1 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

77. Code of Conduct

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

78. Risk assessment

78.1 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.

79. Background checks

79.1 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.

80. Medical support

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

81. Security measures

81.1 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.

82. Safeguarding Officer

82.1 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 event. The Safeguarding Officer should be trained in safeguarding policies and procedures and have a clear understanding of its responsibilities and obligations. The Safeguarding Officer should work closely with the IIHF and the relevant law enforcement agencies to ensure a coordinated and effective response to safeguarding issues.

83. Reporting and response procedures

83.1 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.

84. Training and awareness

84.1 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 should be provided in advance of the Championship and reinforced throughout the competition.

XII. SERVICES

85. Entry Visas

85.1 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, the IIHF Commercial Partner and the Commercial Affiliates, all Participating Teams and their staff and Game Officials, including importing and exporting material and equipment.

86. Team And Game Official Hosts

86.1 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.

87. Game Services

87.1 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 and pre-game warm-ups, as well as manage the delivery of game pucks provided by the IIHF;
- g. Drinks and fruit delivered to the Teams and Game Officials dressing rooms for games and practices; and
- d. Cleaning service for the Teams and Game Officials dressing rooms, hallways, player benches and penalty benches after warm-up and between periods.

XIII. PROTOCOL

88. Head of Protocol and Protocol Personnel

88.1 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.

89. Flags

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.

89.1 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.

89.2 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.

89.3 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.

89.4 The Host shall provide a mechanism to hoist the flag for the postgame ceremony, as described under Art. 92 of this Event Code.

90. IIHF Official Music & Official Speaker

90.1 During the opening, post-game and closing ceremonies as well as when 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 shall be responsible for all charges arising therefrom or in connection with the use of the IIHF Official Music.

90.2 The Host shall ensure that no music is played in the arena which contains offensive language.

90.3 The Host shall appoint speakers (incl. MCs) 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.

91. Opening Ceremony

91.1 Six (6) months prior to the beginning of the Championship, the Host shall present the Opening Ceremony plan to the IIHF.

91.2 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.

91.3 The flag of the Host country shall be hoisted while the country's national anthem is being played.

91.4 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 prior request of the Host MNA, a representative of the State may open the Championship.

92. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

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

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 Guidelines, as indicated by the IIHF.

93. Medal Ceremonies

93.1 The Host shall follow the Medal Ceremony Run-Down as provided by the IIHF and provide sufficient resources for the rehearsals (including ice-time) and ceremonies.

93.2 The Official Main Sponsor(s) may have the right for product display during the Medal Ceremony. The Host will support the IIHF Commercial Partner and the respective Commercial Affiliate in such activity as necessary.

94. Championship Awards

94.1 The Host shall provide the following awards:

- a. Medals for the best three (3) Teams (gold, silver and bronze);
- b. Awards of a relevant value for the best three (3) players of each team in the tournament, if not provided by the IIHF Commercial Partner; and
- c. Award for each player of the "All-star" Team (optional).

94.2 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.

94.3 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.

94.4 In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the standards communicated in writing by the IIHF.

94.5 The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all awards they provide.

94.6 In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the following minimum standards:

- a. Diameter: 80 mm – 100 mm;
- b. Minimum weight: 250 g;
- c. Minimum thickness: 7 mm;
- d. Amount: minimum of 45 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).

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

94.8 Should the Host wish to present any further award other than those indicated in Art. 94.1 of this Event Code, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.

94.9 The Host shall supply supporting staff for the setup of the award ceremony and presentation to the players.

XIV. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

95. Accommodation of Official Participants and Room Reservations

95.1 The Host shall provide accommodation in 4- or 5-star hotels and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to all participants listed under Art. 103-106 of this Event Code.

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

95.3 In addition, and at a minimum, the Host shall reserve the following amounts of rooms according to the time specification imparted by the IIHF:

Participating Teams (competition period)	450
IIHF Game officials and IIHF Supervisors (competition	50

period)	
IIHF Council, Staff and guests (competition period)	160
IIHF Congress delegates (Congress period)	200

95.4 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.

95.5 The Host shall seek IIHF approval no later than twenty-four (24) months prior to the beginning of the Championship for the specific hotels and hotels rates where Official Participants shall stay during the Championship.

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

95.7 IIHF Council shall be accommodated in the same hotel as the IIHF Congress delegates, unless otherwise agreed between the Host and the IIHF.

95.8 The Host shall make reservations on behalf of the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner for persons not listed under Art. 105 of this Event Code..

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

95.10 Any costs related to accommodation of persons not listed under Art. 105 of this Event Code shall be invoiced to the IIHF, unless otherwise stated in writing by the IIHF and/or the IIHF Commercial Partner.

95.11 The Host shall ensure that additional rooms for guests, not listed under Art. 105 of this Event Code, are provided to them at the same financial conditions they have negotiated for the Official Participants.

95.12 In the event that any of the Official Participants cause damage to their accommodation, Championship transportation or at the arenas, the Host is responsible for checking the extent of the damage and bearing the connected costs. The Host shall invoice the concerned Official Participant(s). The Host shall inform the IIHF regarding the damage occurred.

96. Additional Hotel Spaces

96.1 At a minimum, the Host shall negotiate for the following additional spaces within the hotel, specified under Articles 97-100 of this Event Code.

97. IIHF Office

97.1 The Host shall provide two (2) dividable rooms of 100 m² each, one in each hotel where the IIHF Council will be accommodated (main venue and second venue), which may be used upon request by the IIHF Staff as an office.

97.2 The rooms shall be available three (3) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and until the day after the Championship is concluded.

97.3 The rooms shall be equipped according to the IIHF request and be provided with Wi-Fi.

98. Council Meeting Room

98.1 The Host shall arrange for one (1) room of minimum 100 m² located in the main venue hotel where the IIHF Council will be accommodated, which shall have a U-shape setup for twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) persons. The room shall be made available for one (1) day, according to the IIHF request.

98.2 The room shall be equipped with one (1) beamer, one (1) screen, one (1) flip chart and Wi-Fi.

98.3 The costs for the Council meeting room shall be borne by the IIHF.

99. Teams Meeting Rooms

99.1 The Host shall arrange for one (1) meeting room for each of the Participating Teams (minimum 80 m²), which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals in the hotel where the teams are staying. The rooms shall be made available from one (1) day prior to the beginning of the Championship and until the day after the Championship for the concerned Participating Team is concluded.

99.2 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.

99.3 Water and soft drinks shall be available in the meeting room.

99.4 The Host shall ensure that meeting rooms stay the same throughout the whole duration of the Championship.

100. Officiating Team Facilities

100.1 *Officiating Team Meeting Room*

100.6.1. The Host shall arrange for one (1) meeting room for the Officiating Team (minimum 80 m²), 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.

100.6.2. The Officiating Team meeting room shall be soundproof and be, at a minimum, equipped with one (1) beamer, one (1) monitor, one (1) flip chart, and Wi-Fi.

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

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

100.2 *Physiotherapy and Massage Room*

100.6.1. One (1) physiotherapy and massage room should be available for the whole duration of the Championship, and it shall be equipped with one (1) massage table.

101. Board

101.1 The Host shall arrange for full board for all Official Participants starting from lunch one (1) day before the Championship starts and until one (1) day after the Championship for the concerned Official Participant is concluded. The number of players and team officials shall be the one specified in IIHF Bylaw 11.

101.2 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.

101.3 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.

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

101.5 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.

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

102. Official Participants - General

102.1 The Host shall provide accommodation for the persons indicated under articles 103 - 106 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").

103. Participating Teams

103.1 All Participating Teams shall be provided with accommodation starting on the day before the beginning of the Championship until the day after the Championship for the concerned Participating Team is concluded.

103.2 All Participating Teams shall be accommodated in the same hotel, if possible.

103.3 If teams are accommodated in more than one hotel, the hotels should be of equal standard.

103.4 Each team shall be provided with eight (8) single rooms and fourteen (14) twin rooms. Out of the allocated fourteen (14) twin rooms, two (2) should be next to each other, with a connecting door.

103.5 The Host shall use its best endeavors to fulfil additional room requests for the team delegation at the cost of the respective MNA.

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

104. Officiating Team

104.1 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.

104.2 The Host shall provide a total of forty-two (42) standard rooms with single occupancy.

104.3 The IIHF reserves the right to request additional rooms and/or variations to the above provision based on the adopted officiating system, as outlined in the IIHF Game Officials Licensing and Nomination Guidelines.

104.4 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.

105. IIHF Representatives

105.1 All indicated IIHF representatives shall be provided with accommodation one (1) day before the Championship starts until the day after the conclusion of the Championship, as specified below:

IIHF President with one (1) family member	One (1) suite divided in two rooms with connecting door and separate guest toilet, incl. 1 meeting table
IIHF Council members with one (1) family member	Thirteen (13) executive category rooms with double or single occupancy
IIHF General Secretary with one (1) family member	One (1) executive category rooms with double or single occupancy
IIHF Staff with one (1)	Fifteen (15) standard rooms with double or

family member	single occupancy
Medical Supervisors	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy (per venue)
TEC/Statistics operators	Five (5) standard rooms with single occupancy (per venue)
IIHF Commercial Partner representatives	One (1) standard room with single occupancy (per venue)
Disciplinary Operators	Two (2) standard rooms with single occupancy (per venue)

105.2 Upon request by the IIHF Commercial Partner, the Host shall use its best endeavors to fulfil all room requests at the cost of the requesting party. At the second venue, the Host shall reserve accommodation for a small delegation of the IIHF Commercial Partner at the IIHF Staff hotel, at the IIHF Commercial Partner's expense.

106. IIHF Event Photographer and Editor

106.1 Up to two (2) persons per 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.

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

107. Meal Money

107.1 The Host shall pay meal money to IIHF Staff and the Officiating Team for each day they are in attendance at the Championship or Congress, including the arrival and departure days, in accordance with the respective IIHF Expense Guidelines.

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

107.3 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

108. Transportation Service

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

108.2 Venue transportation shall be provided for:

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

108.3 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.

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

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

108.6 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.

108.7 Costs of transportation for Official Participants between the venues shall be borne by the Host if the Championship is organized in two (2) cities or co-Hosted by another MNA.

109. Transportation Center

109.1 The Host is responsible for setting up a transportation center, 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.

109.2 The transportation center shall be open from 6 a.m. until two (2) hours after the last game of the day has finished or midnight, whatever is latest.

109.3 The Host shall appoint a transportation manager as well as further staff who shall speak English.

109.4 The Host shall ensure that transportation of passengers and goods (by vehicles up to 3.5t) is exclusively performed with the vehicles provided by the designated Commercial Affiliate or as otherwise agreed with the IIHF Commercial Partner.

110. Parking Spaces

110.1 The Host shall provide the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner with thirty-five (35) free parking passes at a prime location at each venue for each day of the Championship (fifteen (15) passes to IIHF and twenty (20) passes to the IIHF Commercial Partner).

110.2 The Host shall provide an additional twenty-five (25) parking passes for face value to the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner, if requested.

110.3 The Host shall ensure that all parking areas are adequately illuminated.

110.4 The Host shall ensure that parking spaces in the security perimeter of the arena are provided for one (1) IIHF vehicle and one (1) vehicle for each of the Participating Teams.

111. Official Championship Cars

111.1 The Host shall receive a maximum of forty (40) cars at no cost from the IIHF Commercial Partner (the "Official Championship Cars") and is responsible for operating the Championship transportation service with these vehicles.

111.2 The Host shall bear the costs for fuel/electricity, insurance, regular cleaning service and all other costs connected to or arising from the usage of the Official Championship Cars.

111.3 The Host shall ensure that the Official Championship Cars' design remains as delivered.

111.4 The Host shall number and allocate the Official Championship Cars according to the IIHF's instructions, as approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

111.5 The Host shall ensure that a visible area around the arenas is available for parking all Official Championship Cars.

111.6 The Host shall transfer all Official Championship Cars at their own cost to the location where the finals are being played.

111.7 The Host shall recruit a sufficient number of (volunteer) drivers for the transportation service with the Official Championship Cars.

XVI. ACCREDITATION

112. IIHF Accreditation Guidelines

112.1 The Host shall use the IIHF Accreditation System in accordance with the IIHF Accreditation Guidelines.

112.2 The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for the accreditation plan, including default access codes, accreditation zones at each venue, groups and traffic flow. Accreditation zones and related routings shall serve to protect the stakeholders in the best possible way while at the same time taking into consideration suitable operational movements around the venues. The venue shall be accessible 24 hours a day during the Championship.

112.3 The Host shall use the IIHF Commercial Partner lanyards, if the IIHF Commercial Partner exercises their right to provide them. The use of any other lanyards shall be subject to approval by IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

XVII. TICKETING

113. Host Rights and Obligations

113.1 With the exception of the reserved seats and the seat kill which may be required under Art. 33-36 of this Event Code, the Host has the right to sell tickets for the Championship.

113.2 The Host shall use their best efforts to prevent unauthorized use of game tickets or illicit resale of tickets.

113.3 The Host shall submit to the IIHF their ticketing strategy no later than eighteen (18) months prior to the beginning of the Championship and before any ticket sale is commenced, including:

- a. Ticketing terms and conditions;
- b. Ticket artwork (twelve months);
- c. Seating chart;
- d. Pricing; and
- e. Packages.

113.4 The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the ticketing strategy before any ticketing sale is commenced.

113.5 As soon as the ticketing sale starts, the Host shall provide the IIHF with weekly statistical reports.

114. Ticket Terms and Conditions

114.1 The Host shall ensure that the minimum terms and conditions as indicated by the IIHF and coordinated with the IIHF Commercial Partner are either printed on the back side of the tickets or brought to the purchaser's attention in another way.

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

115. IIHF Tickets

115.1 The Host shall provide the IIHF with eight hundred (800) seats of the best category per game in each arena (the "IIHF Seats").

115.2 The Host shall provide to the IIHF with an additional fifty (50) tickets of the same category and free of charge for the following games:

- a. Host Team(s) preliminary round games;
- b. Preliminary round games of Russia; and
- c. All playoff round games.

115.3 In addition to the above, the Host shall provide the IIHF with fifty (50) tickets of the same category at cost for all semi-finals, as well as for bronze and gold medal games.

115.4 The IIHF Seats shall be located in one block, in the best location of the arenas and they shall not be changed during the whole Championship.

115.5 If feasible, the IIHF Seats shall be allocated on the same side as the main TV camera, in the lower bowl starting from the center line outwards and the shortest distance to the VIP hospitality area.

115.6 The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the location of the seats no later than twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship or prior to the ticket sale starts, whichever is earlier.

115.7 The Host shall ensure that single tickets to the IIHF Seats are available for the IIHF.

115.8 The Host shall bear the costs for naming the VIP IIHF Seats, if so requested by the IIHF.

115.9 The IIHF shall make exclusive use of the IIHF Seats and allocate them at its sole discretion.

116. IIHF Commercial Partner Tickets

116.1 In addition to the IIHF Seats, the Host shall grant the IIHF Commercial Partner the right to purchase five hundred (500) best category single tickets per Game upon request (the "IIHF Commercial Partner Tickets").

116.2 The IIHF Commercial Partner Tickets shall be sold at face value.

116.3 The Host shall grant the IIHF Commercial Partner priority in buying the tickets indicated under Art. 116.1 with a deadline until the 31st of December prior to the Championship. For this purpose, the Host will communicate single ticket prices to the IIHF Commercial Partner no later than 30th September prior to the Championship.

116.4 The Host will make available such tickets in printed or electronic form no later than 1st February preceding the Championship.

117. Participants Tribune

117.1 The Host shall provide an accredited tribune of one hundred and fifty (150) seats in each arena, with adequate seating for accredited players, team officials and coaches as well as for accredited Game Officials and officiating staff (the "Participants Tribune").

117.2 The Host shall ensure that the Participants Tribune is not covered by any of the main TV cameras.

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

118. Participating Teams Tickets

118.1 The Host shall provide each Participating Team with an additional forty-five (45) free tickets to their own games, to be used at the teams' sole discretion.

118.2 The Host shall provide each Participating Team with the tickets for their own games in the preliminary round upon arrival at the venue. After the preliminary round, the Host shall provide the tickets game by game to the teams playing in the final round.

118.3 The Host shall reserve up to a maximum of three hundred (300) single tickets for each of their own games to be purchased against face value by organized fan groups of the Participating Teams in the preliminary round until the 1st of November preceding the Championship.

119. Seat Kills

119.1 All positions which require a seat kill (e.g. car displays, studios etc.) shall be taken into account for the ticketing strategy indicated under Art. 113.3 of this Event Code.

119.2 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

120. General

120.1 The Host shall prepare a timetable of games outlining playing teams (if possible), times and playing site (the "Game Schedule") in accordance with the provisions of this Event Code and submit a proposal for approval before the Participating MNAs no later than May 31st preceding the Championship. The final Game Schedule shall be approved no later than July 31st preceding the Championship.

120.2 The Game Schedule structure shall mandatorily reflect one of the models indicated under Art. 5 of the IIHF Sport Guidelines. The Host shall seek IIHF approval if they wish to deviate from any such models.

120.3 The Host acknowledges that if Participating Teams cannot agree on a game schedule, then the IIHF Council shall make the final decision.

120.4 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.

120.5 No team shall have more than two (2) consecutive days off without playing a game.

120.6 There shall be no less than twenty (20) hours between the end and the start of two (2) games by the same team.

120.7 The wish of the Host as to the game time and game allocation will be taken into consideration if requested at the time of the game schedule approval.

120.8 Partially modified game schedules proposed by the Host or by the IIHF Commercial Partner (e.g., by switch of rounds), taking into account television needs and spectator attendance, must be reviewed by the IIHF.

120.9 If the Championship is played in more than one arena, the higher-ranked teams at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round shall keep their playing site for the respective Playoff or Final Round.

XIX. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

121. Practice Schedule

121.1 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 the 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.

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

121.3 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.

121.4 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.

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

122. Dressing Rooms Allotment

122.1 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 their seeding numbers. Nevertheless, the Host team shall have first choice.
- 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.

122.2 The Host is responsible for planning an exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Art. 122.1.c of this Event Code and communicating it to the respective Participating Team in due time.

XX. TELEVISION BREAKS

123. Break Coordinator

123.1 The Host shall assign one (1) coordinator for the television breaks (the “Break Coordinator”).

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

124. Commercial Breaks

124.1 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.

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

125. Goal Breaks

125.1 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.

125.2 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

126. General

126.1 The Host shall provide a solution to display game data during each of the games (the “Jumbotron”).

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

126.3 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.

126.4 The content shown on the Jumbotron shall be a balance of sportive, entertainment and public information content. As per technical specifications received by the Host, the IIHF Commercial Partner will provide commercial content for integration by the Host into the Jumbotron rundown. The Host will support the IIHF Commercial Partner with technical pre-testing of such content on the Jumbotron.

126.5 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.

126.6 The Host shall align with IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner to ensure that appropriate Jumbotron content and sound-levels are used for moments relating to broadcast and/or commercial activities (e.g. flash interviews etc.).

127. In-Game Replays

127.1 Replays of all game actions or plays (i.e., goals, passes, body checks, Goalkeeper saves, blocked shots, minor penalties including those that result in a penalty shot, post-whistle scrums unless they result in violent fisticuffs and major penalties unless the consequences are severe) may be shown on the Jumbotron without limitation.

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

128. Video Review Consultant Replay

128.1 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.

128.2 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.

128.3 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.

129. Injuries

129.1 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.

129.2 The Host ensures that if there is an obvious sign of serious injury (i.e., profuse bleeding, broken bone, unsteady skating), the play is replayed only one (1) time

immediately after the injured player or game official leaves the ice. The play shall not be shown on the Jumbotron thereafter.

130. Spectators

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

130.2 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.

131. Fights

131.1 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

132. IIHF Rule Book

132.1 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

133. General

133.1 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.

133.2 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

134. Host Responsibilities

134.1 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. 164 of this Event Code);
- c. Team Media Manager Meeting;
- d. Video Review Consultant Meeting; and
- e. First Directorate Meeting.

XXV. FROZEN GAME PUCK PROCEDURE

135. Host Responsibilities

135.1 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.

135.2 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

136. Host Responsibilities

136.1 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 MEDICAL COMMITTEE

137. Event Medical Committee Members

137.1 The Host shall establish an Event Medical Committee (“EMC”) at least fifteen (15) months prior to the beginning of the Championship and it shall consist of the following members, unless otherwise indicated by the IIHF:

- a. An Event Chief Medical Officer (“ECMO”);
- b. A Chief Dental Officer (“CDO”).
- c. Any other members as designated by the ECMO including, but not limited to, a Medical Services Coordinator (“MSC”), if necessary.

137.2 If the Championship is organized in two (2) different cities, the Host shall appoint an ECMO for the second venue.

138. Event Medical Committee Responsibilities

138.1 The EMC shall be responsible for ensuring the safety of all players and officials at the Championship and practice venue(s), other training sites, hotels, residences and while being transported, from the start of the first official practice until the end of the last day of the Championship.

138.2 The EMC shall have the following specific responsibilities:

- 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 Art. 146 and 147 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; and
- p. Draft a final report at the end of the Championship, according to the provisions set out in Art. 164 of this Event Code.

139. The Event Chief Medical Officer

139.1 The Host shall appoint an ECMO who shall be responsible for the management of the Championship Medical Program and the management of the Event Medical Team. They shall be responsible for the daily management of all medical services operations in connection with the Championship.

139.2 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.

139.3 The ECMO shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Recruit physicians and specialists for the Event Medical Team as needed and assign them to different venues;
- b. Liaise with the ECMO(s) at the second venue, if present;
- c. Prepare and review site and route maps, including access points to Arena(s), with the ambulance services prior to the beginning of the Championship;
- d. Liaise with public health authorities to plan Championship risk mitigation strategies and to ensure coordination of venue medical disaster plans;
- e. Complete the IIHF Pre-Event Medical Questionnaire and return it to the IIHF Medical Committee Secretary at least two (2) months prior to the beginning of the Championship;
- f. 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
- g. Name deputies, including an MSC, if the circumstances so require.

140. Chief Dental Officer

140.1 The Host shall appoint a CDO who shall be responsible for assisting in procuring a group of dentists able to provide emergency dental care at the arena(s) during the games as well as developing a network of dental clinics where players requiring non-urgent treatment can be referred.

140.2 The CDO shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Dental license valid in the Host country; and
- b. Proven Ice Hockey and/or other sport experience.

141. The Event Medical Team

141.1 *Composition of the Event Medical Team*

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

141.1.2. 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 medical person capable of operating imaging equipment and assessing imaging;
- e. One or more emergency medicine specialists;
- f. One or more psychologists with experience in sport;
- g. One or more therapists (athletic, physiotherapy, massage); and
- h. Other medical specialists, as needed.

141.2 *Objective of Event Medical Team*

- 141.2.1. 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.

141.3 *Presence of the Event Medical Team*

141.3.1. Game day coverage

141.3.1.1. The following persons must be present at each game:

- a. One physician with sport medicine experience (“Game-Day Physician”);
- b. One dentist;
- c. One orthopedic surgeon;
- d. One emergency medicine specialist; and
- h. One medical person able to operate the imaging equipment.

- 141.3.2. Pending prior IIHF approval, should a member of the Event Medical Team have experience in both orthopedic surgery and emergency medicine, it may be decided to reduce to four (4) the number of members of the Event Medical Team.

- 141.3.3. Furthermore, two or more paramedics shall be present according to the provisions set out in Art. 147.1 of this Event Code.

141.3.4. *Practice coverage*

- 141.3.4.1. 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.

142. Treatment of injured players or officials

142.1 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.

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

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

142.4 As outlined in Art. 228 of this Event Code, the Home Team Medical Personnel shall be responsible for removing injured officials from the ice. After the removal, the Home Team shall relinquish the medical care to the Event Medical Team, who shall be responsible for the diagnosis and decision relating to the ability of an on-ice official to return to play.

143. Medical Records

143.1 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.

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

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

143.4 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.

XXVIII. THE MEDICAL ROOM

144. Facilities and equipment

144.1 The ECMO shall determine the Medical Room structure. In doing so, the ECMO shall closely cooperate with the Host and ensure that the equipment requirements set out in Art. 144.2 of this Event Code are complied with.

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

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

145. Equipment for exhibition games

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

XXIX. MEDICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

146. Ambulance Services - Practice

146.1 The ECMO shall arrange with the local authority's ambulance services 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.

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

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

146.4 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 official.

146.5 Such ambulance shall be equipped with appropriate supplies to:

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

147. Ambulance Services - Championship games

147.1 One ambulance, dedicated to the players only and staffed with at least two 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 Referees that there is no need for a hospital transfer.

147.2 The ambulance shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements set out in Art. 146.5 of this Event Code.

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

147.4 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.

147.5 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.

147.6 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 during the Championship, especially if the Event Team Medical Personnel changes on a daily basis.

148. Laboratory and Imaging Services

148.1 The EMC shall ensure that portable x-ray services are available on-site, conditional on national laws and regulations.

148.2 At a minimum, the EMC 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).

148.3 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 shall be responsible for organizing the analysis at the expense of the concerned Participating Team.

149. Spectator Medical Services

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

149.2 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.

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

150. Hospital Services

150.1 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.

151. Medications

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

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

151.3 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.

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

XXX. DOMESTIC MEDICAL REGULATIONS

152. EMC Obligations

152.1 The EMC 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.

152.2 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 EMC shall identify this fact and arrange for the appropriate documentation to be requested and received prior to the beginning of the Championship.

152.3 It is the EMC'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.

152.4 The EMC shall help to arrange the transfer of injured players, staff and Game Officials to their respective country.

XXXI. BLOOD SPILL MANAGEMENT

153. Event Medical Team and EMC Responsibilities

153.1 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.

153.2 The EMC 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.

XXXII. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

154. Concussion Protocol

154.1 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.

154.2 As set out in Art. 231.5 of this Event Code, if no Team physician is available, the ECMO or Game-Day Physician shall take over the responsibility of assessing a player's or official's concussion.

154.3 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.

154.4 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. 232.7 of this Event Code and Art. 11 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines are being followed.

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

XXXIII. ARENA AIR QUALITY

155. Air Circulation

155.1 The EMC 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.

XXXIV. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

156. Nutritional Standards

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

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

156.3 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.

157. Hydration Standards

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

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

158. Product Supply

158.1 The Host shall exclusively provide Participating Teams with the Commercial Affiliates products. This includes, but is not limited to, squeeze bottles, bottle holders, towels, food and drinks, etc..

XXXV. DOPING CONTROL

159. Host Obligations

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

160. Doping Control Facilities

160.1 The DC facilities shall comply with the requirements set out in Art. 28 of this Event Code.

XXXVI. MEDICAL EXPENSES

161. Medical Program expenses

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

161.2 The IIHF shall be 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.

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

XXXVII. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

162. Communications with and between the Event Medical Team

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

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

163. Media relations

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

163.2 Should 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.

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

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

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

163.6 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, should refrain from taking pictures of injured players or officials.

XXXVIII. TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL MEETING

164. Host responsibilities and mandatory participants

164.1 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.

164.2 Presence at this meeting shall be mandatory for the ECMO and MSC, if named, as well as all Team Medical Personnel, the IIHF Medical Supervisor and any senior personnel involved with doping control.

XXXIX. FINAL REPORT TO THE IIHF

165. ECMO's Responsibilities

165.1 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 should include:

- a. The names, addresses and titles of all members of the EMC;
- b. A review of the structure of the Event Medical Team;
- c. A summary of number of encounters, tests, medical services and any medical issues experienced during the Championship; and
- d. Recommendations for future events.

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XL. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

166. IIHF Commercial Partner Rights

166.1 The Commercial Partner has been licensed the non-exclusive right to use the protected Official identification(s) (mascot, colors, lettering, music, etc.) of the Championship for commercial exploitation and to enter into corresponding agreements.

166.2 The Host shall design such identification(s) in cooperation with the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner. The IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner shall mutually agree on registration, protection and enforcement of such identifications at their own expense.

167. Host Rights and Obligations

167.1 General

167.1.1. If the right to design Championship identification(s) is granted to the Host, any costs related thereto shall be borne by the Host, who shall ensure that no paid or unpaid advertising shall be included in the identification(s).

167.1.2. The Host acknowledges that the IIHF may not grant the Host any right to use its intellectual property (including the designation “[year] IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship”) for commercial purposes without the IIHF Commercial Partner’s prior written approval which may be withheld only for reasons of non-compliance with the Championship graphic guidelines provided by the IIHF.

167.1.3. The IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner shall coordinate the implementation of Championship graphic guidelines that will govern branding and identity of Championships (including all graphic elements, printed matters, venue dressing, marks, etc.). The Host shall adhere to the logo and event title guidelines provided by the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner. Additional design guidelines (look & feel elements, mascot graphics, official fonts or similar) will be provided by the Host.

167.1.4. The Host shall have the right to produce, distribute, but not sell, giveaways (with the exception of replica jerseys) for promotional purposes of the Championship merchandising such as pins or key-holders in a limited quantity. The production (mode, quality, quantity, etc.) has to be approved by the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner before the production of any of these items and have to be produced by the Official Merchandiser.

167.2 The Host shall not distribute giveaways without prior IIHF approval.

168. Championship Logo

168.1 The Host shall create a suitable Championship logo which shall mandatorily be in line with the IIHF Competition Branding Guidelines (the “Official Championship Logo”).

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

168.3 The Host acknowledges that the use of the Championship logo requires prior written IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner approval.

169. Championship Title

169.1 The Host shall promote the Championship via a standardized form of event titles. Such titles shall be defined in English as well as in the relevant local languages of the Host country, as approved by the IIHF (the “Official Championship Title”).

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

170. Championship Design

170.1 The Host shall define a suitable, neutral, consistent and reproducible Championship design, reflecting the status of the Championship which shall be valid for all Championship Venues, including pre-event promotional activities, to give the Championship a unified identity (the “Official Championship Design”).

170.2 The Host ensures that the Official Championship Design is applied to all materials, venue dressing and temporary structures, including perimeter fences, Fan Zones, broadcast compounds, and TV cable bridges.

170.3 The Host is responsible for providing and installing a suitable, neutral and consistent Championship design complying with relevant safety requirements across all venues, especially at locations in direct TV view (e.g., player entrances, dressing room area, all bigger surfaces in the main camera view, etc.), which shall be in line with the requirements of the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall define specific details on such areas in TV view during a site visit prior to the Championship.

170.4 Upon request, the Host shall provide the Official Championship Design graphics to the Commercial Affiliates.

170.5 The Host may create an official song or official music for the Championship. This needs to be closely coordinated with IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner and is subject to final approval by IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

XLI. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

171. Advertising

171.1 *General*

- 171.1.1 All advertising in relation to the Championship shall be in accordance with the legislation of the Host Country. The Host shall inform the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner of any such legislation.
- 171.1.2 Advertising with political, racial or religious content as well as advertising of alcohol (except beer, alcopops or other spirits, specifically approved by the IIHF), tobacco and pornography are prohibited.
- 171.1.3 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. Moral or ethical issues may include, but are not limited to, using false statements, exaggerating the benefits of a certain product, discriminatory or offensive claims and/or images and smearing competitors.
- 171.1.4 The Host ensures that there is no third-party advertising and/or promotion of any company, product or service that conflicts with the IIHF Supplier Pool members and Commercial Affiliates product and/or has not been approved by the IIHF or IIHF Commercial Partner, as applicable.

171.2 *Obligation to ensure the IIHF Commercial Partner Rights*

- 171.2.1. Each Host, in coordination with the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner, shall take all necessary measures to minimize Ambush Marketing within the host country and use its best efforts to prevent Ambush Marketing of the Commercial Affiliates.
- 171.2.2 The Host shall ensure that the field of vision of the public, the advertising or commercial displays of the Commercial Affiliates are not covered by any persons, objects, other construction, security personnel or any other staff or obscured in any manner and its visibility is not diminished in any way.

171.3 *Clean Venue Rule*

- 171.3.1 The Host shall ensure that any third-party branding, logos, displays, advertising and/or promotion, conflicting supplier branding, etc. from all game and practice arenas, facilities and all other areas to be used in relation to the Championship, including the outside security perimeter, Fan Zones, official parking spaces, external Championship facilities, etc. and conflicting with the commercial exclusivity of the Commercial Partner is removed or covered five (5) days prior to the beginning of the Championship or as soon as the first participating teams officially start using the Championship facilities.
- 171.3.2 The Clean Venue Rule includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Jerseys of retired players;
- b. Club, arena or city logos, including existing or mobile interview backdrops;
- c. Netting around the rink, which shall be in dark color; and
- d. Ice resurfacing machines in the game and practice arenas, which shall be painted/covered in a single color.

171.3.3 The only advertising visible should be that provided by the IIHF Commercial Partner and Commercial Affiliates.

171.3.4 The manufacturer logo of the official timing clock, the video cube, etc. shall be covered on the respective items. Upon IIHF request, the whole clock needs to be covered.

171.1.2. The logos of the manufacturer(s) of the goals, the security glass and the rink boards may be displayed on the respective items as customarily located, provided that they have a reasonable size and are not directly placed in TV camera view not impairing the rights of the Commercial Affiliates.

171.1.3. The Host shall ensure that no media personnel, vendors, attendants or other persons working within or admitted to the arena(s) are displaying any advertising material unless approved by the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

171.3.7 The Host shall ensure that no products are used, distributed or placed at the Championship Venue except for the brands of the Commercial Affiliates and other products approved in writing by the IIHF in coordination with the IIHF Commercial Partner.

171.4 Advertising Outside the Arenas and their Immediate Vicinity

171.4.1 The Host shall make the area surrounding the Arenas (e.g., aerial advertising, arena walls, Fan Zone, etc.) available to the IIHF Commercial Partner free of charge. The Host shall also inform the IIHF Commercial Partner as soon as known and starting upon HCC signature about any third-party advertising positions in close proximity of the Championship Venues, in order to jointly and proactively prevent potential ambush activities for the time of the Championship.

171.4.2 The Host shall receive at least three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship the list of Commercial Affiliates which are granted the exclusive association right to advertise at the Championship. Subject to Art. 22.12 of this Event Code, further Commercial Affiliates can be added to this list closer to the Championship.

171.1.4. Subject to Fan Zone rules as per Art. 22 of this Event Code, the Host shall have the right to advertise within the sales counters of the food and beverage stands

upon approval by the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

171.5 Advertising Inside the Arena(s)

- 171.1.5. Any (rink-side) advertising and/or identifications, whether sound or visual, other than those placed by the IIHF Commercial Partner inside of the arenas are forbidden, unless permitted in each case by the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.
- 171.1.6. The Host may be required to change the under-ice advertising up to three (3) times in each arena. The Host is responsible for the costs of the first installation and removal of under-ice advertising, while the second and third shall be paid for by the IIHF Commercial Partner (and requested with a 24h notice). The IIHF Commercial Partner, however, shall bear the costs for all advertising material.
- 171.5.3 The whitening of the ice and the ice markings according to the IIHF Official Rule Book will be provided by the IIHF and shall be implemented at the expense of the Host.
- 171.1.7. The IIHF may grant the IIHF Commercial Partner other advertising possibilities inside of the Arenas. The Host shall be informed in writing of any such decision accordingly.

171.6 Public Area inside of the Arenas / Concessions / Franchise

- 171.1.8. Subject to Art. 49 of this Event Code, the IIHF Commercial Partner shall be provided with a sufficient amount of space in each Arena and the exclusive right for information and presentation stands of its Commercial Affiliates as well as related office and storage spaces.
- 171.6.2 The Host shall ensure that the space determined by the Official Merchandiser for the exhibition and sales stands, office as well as storage facilities will be provided to the Official Merchandiser during the Championship.

171.7 Installation and Removal of Advertising

- 171.7.1 The Host shall prepare all spaces used for advertising during the Championship (e.g. rink boards, etc.) prior to the beginning of the Championship as per IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner's instructions.
- 171.1.9. The installation, maintenance and removal of the IIHF Commercial Partner's advertising during and after the Championship shall be handled by the IIHF Commercial Partner, including all costs connected thereto. For the avoidance of any doubt, this provision does not apply to the under-ice advertising as indicated under Art. 171.5.2. of this Event Code.
- 171.7.3 Advertising (board, under-ice-advertising, bench branding, etc.) shall be installed in the arenas according to the timeline agreed with the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner. Advertising maintenance/changing by the official

installation partner will be ongoing on a game-by-game basis during the Championship.

171.8 *Arena Names*

171.1.10. Existing arena naming rights have to be neutralized during the Championship “campaign” according to the Marketing Guidelines unless otherwise agreed in writing with IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.

171.8.2 The Host shall prevent any third party, including all arena authorities and the owner/licensee of the arena naming rights and refrain from any activity which could promote an affiliation of the owner/licensee of the arena naming rights (the “Arena Naming Right Owner”) with the Championship as that activity may constitute ambush marketing.

171.8.3 Any use of the arena name by the Host shall be in a neutral or generic way (i.e., by using in any written material a neutral font) to prevent in the best possible manner any affiliation of the owner/licensee of the arena naming rights with the Championship.

171.8.4 In case of conflict between the product categories of the Arena Naming Right Owner and those of the Commercial Affiliates, the rights of the Commercial Affiliates shall prevail, and the logos and brand names of the Arena Naming Right Owner shall be covered and their use prevented.

172. Commercial Breaks

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

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

173. Organizational Equipment Suppliers

173.1 The Host shall communicate at least twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship its needs in relation to cars, photocopiers, computer hardware, cameras, beverage services, etc., to the IIHF Commercial Partner, who has been licensed the exclusive right to conclude contracts with suppliers of equipment and services to be used in relation to the organization of the Championship (the “Organizational Equipment”).

173.2 The IIHF Commercial Partner shall provide the Host and the IIHF with a list of the supplier contracts (including the product categories) concluded by September 30th prior to the beginning of the Championship and the entitlements of the Host in such supplier contracts.

173.3 The Host and the IIHF may agree with the IIHF Commercial Partner on the release of up to ten (10) product categories for the conclusion of official partner contracts against payment of a reasonable remuneration. This request must be made by September 30th prior to the beginning of the Championship. Such release shall be subject to a separate agreement between the Host and the IIHF Commercial Partner. However, the IIHF Commercial Partner is not obliged to release any product category during this period of time.

173.4 *Supplier Contracts of the Host*

173.4.1. Any supplier contracts between the Host and a supplier shall be subject to the IIHF Commercial Partner's prior written approval.

173.5 *Cars and photocopiers*

173.5.1. In the automotive and copy machine categories, the IIHF Commercial Partner shall be entitled to coordinate with the Host and the IIHF to reach an agreement with suppliers. If no such agreement is in place by December 15th prior to the beginning of the Championship, the IIHF Commercial Partner shall have an obligation to supply a maximum of forty (40) cars and a maximum of twenty (20) copy machines/printers for the duration of the Championship.

173.6 *IIHF Commercial Partner Supplies*

173.6.1. The Host is responsible for returning all equipment supplied for the organization of a Championship by the IIHF Commercial Partner and the Commercial Affiliates within one (1) week after the conclusion of the Championship. The Host shall be liable for any losses or costs caused by any delay, damages, abuse or mistreatment of the supplier material.

173.7 *IIHF Equipment Supplier*

173.7.1 The IIHF is solely entitled to appoint the Equipment Supplier.

173.8 *Use of Products*

173.8.1 The Host shall not use products or services which are provided by competitors of the Commercial Affiliates. If, however, no agreement as to the reasonable terms and conditions of supply and services can be reached with a particular Commercial Affiliate, the Host shall be entitled to source such products and services from third parties provided always that such suppliers shall be prohibited from availing themselves of any commercial association, official status or any other identification whatsoever in connection with the Championship, the IIHF or the Host. The general principles set out in Art. 174 of this Event Code shall apply.

174. Catering

174.1 The Host shall use reasonable efforts that the caterers in the venues exclusively source the products sold by them within a given product category from a Commercial Affiliate that has been allocated to the respective product category provided that these products are delivered by the Commercial Affiliate at reasonable terms.

175. Merchandising

175.1 *Promotional Use of Championship Merchandise*

175.1.1. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall grant the Host, upon its request, the right to produce official Championship merchandise for protocol and general non-commercial promotional purposes, provided that these products are not used for resale.

175.1.2. The Host, however, shall be obliged to order and/or have produced official Championship merchandise by the Official Merchandiser. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall oblige the Official Merchandiser to supply the Host upon written and timely request with official Championship merchandise at preferable prices. Additionally, any planned distribution of Championship merchandise by the Host shall be approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

175.2 *Merchandising Rights of the Host*

175.2.1 The Host may set up an individual Host merchandising program and use the marks subject to the following terms and conditions:

175.2.2 Terms of the Host merchandising program: Date of allocation by the IIHF Congress to Host the Event until 1 December prior to the start of the Event at the latest.

175.2.3 The Host has to guarantee a proactive product recall upon expiry of the term to ensure the exclusivity of the Official Merchandiser as of December 1st prior to the beginning of the Championship.

175.2.4 Geographical restriction: the Host Merchandising Program shall be restricted to the Host country(ies).

175.2.5 Merchandising products: all proposed merchandising products need the IIHF Commercial Partner's prior written approval in terms of quality, design and amount before any production begins. The following core merchandising products are excluded from the Host Merchandising Program for the exclusive commercialization by the Official Merchandiser: Mascot, any form of clothing, pins and pucks.

175.2.6 Revenues and costs: the Host shall be entitled to retain all revenues derived from the Host Merchandising Program. All costs in relation to the Host Merchandising Program shall be borne by the Host.

176. Broadcasting

176.1 *Exclusive Rights of the IIHF Commercial Partner*

176.1.2 The Host shall neither exploit nor grant to any third party the right to transmit, produce and/or broadcast, in whole or in part, by any means, television and radio signals of the Championship games for transmission purposes, including but not limited to summaries, extracts, news reports, features etc., irrespective of the transmission time.

176.2 *Host Obligations*

176.2.1 The Host ensures that all third parties controlling the venues comply with all obligations regarding the technical facilities, equipment, services and infrastructure for professional coverage and transmission of the Championship. The Host shall be held liable for any third parties' failure to comply with such.

176.3 *Transmission of all on-going games*

176.1.2. The Host shall provide sufficient TV-monitors in the Media Center, dressing rooms, VIP lounges and the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner offices on which the games in progress in all arenas shall be transmitted live. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall provide the live signal ex OB-van or at a pre-defined arena handover point according to above at no cost for the Host.

XLII. MARKETING RIGHTS

177. Official Championship Mascot

177.1 The Host shall design the "Official Championship Mascot", as approved by the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner, free of any license fee for the IIHF Commercial Partner, and in accordance with the HCC and provide the IIHF Commercial Partner with a set of suitable and reproducible graphics no later than eighteen (18) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

177.2 The Host shall conform to the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner protocol regarding the usage of the Official Mascot.

177.3 The Host, in coordination with the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner, shall appoint a professional mascot crew for the Championship and the Host shall be responsible for suitable Official Mascot's costumes, crew accommodation, board and local transportation..

177.4 The Host shall also provide the Official Mascot graphic sets, including 3D renderings, to the IIHF, IIHF Commercial Partners, Commercial Affiliates, and Merchandiser (e.g., for promotional purposes, implementation of plush mascot toys or production of costumes).

178. Ticket Design

178.1 No third-party commercial logo may be displayed on the ticket.

178.1 Any additional logo related to the ticket provider, if approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner, may not be bigger than the Official Championship Logo, the IIHF logo and the Commercial Affiliate(s)'s logo and shall be placed in a separate area of the ticket.

178.3 Ticket design shall reflect the Official Championship Design and shall be in color.

178.4 The ticket front side shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. Game date, time of game start and game number;
- b. Venue details (name of arena), address;
- c. Seating information;
- d. Ticket price (including VAT, if necessary);
- e. Opening of arena gates;
- f. Security features;
- g. Official Championship Logo;
- h. IIHF logo including the left-bound header "Governed by"; and
- i. Official Main Sponsor(s) logo including the left-bound header "Official Main Sponsor(s)", which shall not be placed on any potential "tear-off" part of the ticket.

178.5 The ticket backside shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. Arena and security information;
- b. Legal disclaimer; and
- c. Minimum terms and conditions, as provided by IIHF in coordination with the IIHF Commercial Partner.

178.6 Tickets samples, including any related information (e.g. any elements included on the ticket sleeve itself, design of the hologram applied, any content attached to electronic tickets, etc.) shall be sent to the IIHF and to the IIHF Commercial Partner for approval prior to any production or distribution no later than four (4) weeks prior to the print deadline.

179. Ticket Holder Data

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

179.2 The Host shall be kept responsible in the event that the ticket provider fails to transfer all available fan data to the IIHF directly.

179.3 The Host shall ensure, that the ticket provider gathers all necessary consents from purchasers to be able to implement the transfers as per Art. 179.1 and for the IIHF to use of the fan data for marketing purposes in compliance with all applicable data protection and other relevant laws and regulations.

180. Championship Promotion

180.1 All designed and manufactured materials and products regarding the Championship shall contain the Official Championship Title, display the Championship logo as the main “brand”, include the IIHF parent logo with the corresponding left-bound “Governed by” headline, as well as the logo of the Official Main Sponsor(s) or otherwise instructed by the IIHF Commercial Partner, with the corresponding left-bound headline designation.

180.2 The logos of the IIHF and the Official Main Sponsor(s) shall be integrated in an adequate size and suitable position. At the latest one (1) month prior to the start of the Championship, promotional materials shall be integrated with all logos of the Commercial Affiliates. This is especially valid for materials which will be visible during the Championship and at the Championship venues. Such logos shall be inserted as per commercial structure and as per instructions by the IIHF Commercial Partner.

180.3 All proposed digital and printed matters related to the Championship shall be in compliance with the provisions of the IIHF Marketing Guidelines and shall neutrally promote the Championship, promoting all Participating Teams equally and not prioritize any specific team(s) unless otherwise agreed with IIHF.

180.4 The Host shall seek both IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner approval within a suitable timeline prior to production and/or start of any Championship promotion.

180.5 The IIHF retains the right to use seventeen (17) full pages of advertising for the Commercial Affiliates and IIHF Supplier Pool members in the official event and/or souvenir program (electronic or paper format) if produced by the Host in connection with the Championship, for no cost.

180.6 The IIHF retains the right to one (1) full page for the IIHF President’s greetings in the official event and/or souvenir program. In case of additional greeting pages, the IIHF President’s greeting page has to be positioned in front of the other pages.

180.7 The Host shall seek IIHF approval for any contents of the official tournament program including text, advertising and photography of any kind in a timely manner before production.

180.8 The official Championship program shall include the English language.

181. IIHF Commercial Partner and IIHF Family Games

181.1 The Host will make the official practice rink of the main venue and two (2) dressing rooms available to the IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner for the family and sponsor games respectively, taking place on the morning of the gold medal game.

XLIII. COMMUNICATIONS

182. Media

182.1 *General*

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

182.2 *Website*

- 182.1.2. The IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner shall jointly run and maintain the official and exclusive Championship website in co-operation with the Host under the lead of the IIHF. The Official IIHF Website shall serve as the sole point of entry for all information, news and ticket sales regarding the Championship. In case of external pages involved (e.g. ticketing partner platform), the design of such requires prior approval of IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner.
- 182.2.2 The Host shall refer to the official website URL in their promotion or communication of the Championship and refrain from creating a separate news outlet on any Host-associated channels.
- 182.2.3 Six (6) months after the allocation of the Championship, the Host shall contact the IIHF in order to obtain the relevant Guidelines, which include among others, the following provisions about the Official IIHF Championship Website:
- a. The IIHF and the IIHF Commercial Partner shall provide the design of the homepage;
 - b. The official website has to be provided at least in English and the host country's language. No advertising is allowed on the website without the written approval of the IIHF Commercial Partner and the IIHF;
 - c. The logotypes of the Commercial Affiliates shall be included on the website and the location and size of the logotypes shall be approved by the IIHF Commercial Partner;
 - d. All editorial content (text, pictures, videos) which shall be provided by the Host has to be approved by the IIHF before being published;
 - e. The Official Merchandiser shall be entitled to have installed a direct link on the official Event website of each WM to its online shop; and
 - f. The website address is provided and registered by the IIHF.

182.3 *Social Media*

- 182.3.1 The Host ensures that social media channels are created and implemented for the Championship in collaboration with the IIHF.
- 182.3.2 The Host shall grant administrator access to the designated IIHF Staff to the page.
- 182.3.3 The Host shall assign a Social Media Coordinator who is skilled in sports photography and video editing.
- 182.3.4 The Host Social Media Coordinator shall have the following responsibilities:
- a. Gather, create and when needed edit highly engaging and compelling social media content of the Championship;
 - b. Act as the main contact for any existing Host social media channels towards the IIHF;
 - c. Provide equal coverage of all teams and not solely focus on the Host country team;
 - d. Help to strategize and coordinate photo and video shoots and set-ups, including logistics, lighting, set and locations, etc. When requested by the IIHF;
 - e. Refrain from taking pictures or videos solely for personal use (i.e., stop a player to take a picture with them);
 - f. Work with the IIHF Digital Content Team, if requested; and
 - g. Supply content in a timely manner to the IIHF and the Participating Teams via the IIHF content server. Uploads shall, at a minimum, be done once a day.
- 182.4 The Host shall assign one (1) Press Officer per venue who shall be fluent in the English language and in the local language and have experience in media relations and a comprehensive understanding of international media needs.
- 182.5 The Press Officer(s) is responsible for organizing and supervising mixed zone interviews, creating the information packages for medias, for providing statistical and event information to media and distributing IIHF media releases to all accredited journalists.
- 182.6 The Host shall additionally assign a Photo Manager who is responsible for assisting photographers and serving as primary contact towards the IIHF for all needs connected to their area of responsibility.
- 182.8 The Host ensures that all information relating to the Championship is exclusively communicated through the above-mentioned official channels in the English language.
- 182.9 If the Host wishes to communicate in their own language, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.
- 182.10 The Host ensures that only high-quality visual content is published.

- 182.11 All published content shall be neutral in tone and shall not criticize any of the stakeholders mentioned above.
- 182.12 The Host ensures that content from third parties posted organically is verified with the respective right holders.
- 182.13 The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for social media post templates.
- 182.14 The Host shall refrain from using any visual content for commercial purposes. The Host shall seek prior IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner's approval for any type of commercial content.
- 182.15 The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for news releases, which must in any case be published only after the respective press release.
- 182.16 The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for specialized hashtags that they intend to use for the Championship.
- 182.17 If the Host wishes to use the content for promotion of their own social media channel, they shall tag the official IIHF social media channels.
- 182.18 The Host ensures that ownership of all social media pages reverts back to the IIHF at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 182.19 Following the conclusion of the Championship, the IIHF reserves the right to reassign any social media accounts to a new host.
- 182.20 The IIHF retains ownership of any social media account that is created in collaboration with the Host for the purpose of promoting an IIHF tournament or event.
- 182.21 The Host ensures that all its Staff, including volunteering Staff, are aware of the IIHF Social Media Guidelines.
- 182.22 The Host acknowledges and informs all their Staff, including volunteering staff and third parties mandated to manage the Host's social media accounts, if any, that they may be subject to legal action or disciplinary sanctions for any posting deemed to be inappropriate, illegal or infringing on any other person's rights, in accordance with the IIHF Integrity Code.

183. Media Facilities

183.1 *General*

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

183.2 *Information Service*

- 183.2.1 The Host shall provide a system for the supply of Championship information to accredited media representatives. The information service shall be offered either by the assistants working in the Media Center or via self-service in the

Media Center.

XLIV. INSTALLATION AND STORAGE OF TECHNOLOGY

184. General

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

184.2 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.

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

184.4 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.

XLV. SPORT SYSTEM - VIDEO REVIEW OPERATIONS

185. Host Responsibilities - General

185.1 The Host shall verify with the IIHF the technology and set up which it shall provide for the integrated video system, Blue Line Camera 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.

185.2 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.

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

185.4 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.

185.5 All facilities relating to the Sport System Server Room are indicated under Art. 30 of this Event Code.

XLVI. VIDEO REVIEW AMBER LIGHT

186. Host Responsibilities – General

186.1 If the IIHF determines that the Sports 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.

186.2 Shall the Host be providing the Amber Light, they shall be responsible for the installation thereof and for any cost connected thereto.

186.3 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 Consultants Operations Room.

XLVII. SPORT PRESENTATION DATA INTERFACE

187. Host Responsibilities - General

187.1 The Host shall provide a Jumbotron to display game data for each venue and game.

188. Host Responsibilities - Before Competition

188.1 The Host shall develop the in-venue presentation of sport data and seek prior IIHF approval on the general concept before any production no later than three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

188.2 The Host ensures that the solution is ready for the User Validation Test (“UVT”), which shall take place no later than one (1) month prior to the beginning of the Championship.

188.3 The Host ensures that the solution and the Jumbotron system are available and ready for use at the arena(s) for the Use Acceptance Test (“UAT”), which shall take place no later than one (1) week prior to the beginning of the Championship.

XLVIII. BREAK COUNTDOWN CLOCK AND RED LIGHT

189. The Break Coordinator

189.1 The Host shall appoint a person who shall be responsible for operating the break countdown clock and the red light (the “Break Coordinator”), as indicated under Art. 123 of this Event Code.

189.2 The Commercial Break Coordinator is responsible for executing the procedure indicated under Rule 87 of the IIHF Rule Book.

190. Host Responsibilities

190.1 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.

190.2 Shall the Host be providing the above-mentioned technology and they shall be responsible for the installation thereof as well as for any cost connected thereto.

190.3 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 IV of this Event Code.

190.4 The Host is responsible to ensure that the Red Light is operating properly.

190.5 The Host is responsible for the correct implementation of the commercial breaks with the support of the Host Broadcaster, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 124 of this Event Code as well as Rule 87 of the IIHF Rule Book.

XLIX. REFEREE HELMET CAMERA

191. Host Responsibilities

191.1 The Host shall verify with the IIHF if the referee helmet camera technology (the “Referee Helmet Camera”) shall be utilized in the Championship and seek IIHF instruction no later than two (2) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

191.2 After having received IIHF confirmation, the Host shall appoint a person to be trained by the IIHF, who shall be responsible for supervising the Referee Helmet Camera technology.

191.3 The Host shall provide for each venue and game, if applicable, wireless frequency authorization.

191.4 The Host is responsible for assisting with the outbound shipment of the Referee Helmet Camera technology.

191.5 Facilities relating to the Referee Helmet Camera technology are indicated under Art. 35 of this Event Code.

L. PUCK AND PLAYER TRACKING

192. Host Responsibilities

192.1 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.

192.2 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.

192.3 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.

LI. REFEREE MICROPHONE

193. Host Responsibilities

193.1 The Host shall verify with the IIHF if the referee microphone technology (the “Referee Microphone”) shall be utilized in the Championship and seek IIHF instruction no later than two (2) months prior to the beginning of the Championship.

193.2 After having received IIHF confirmation, the Host shall appoint a person to be trained by the IIHF, who shall be responsible for supervising the Referee Microphone technology.

193.3 The Host shall provide connection from the IIHF audio rack to the venue public address system for each venue and game.

194. Frequency Clearance

194.1 The Host shall work closely with the authorities in regards to frequency clearance for the use of radio frequencies.

194.2 The Host shall inform the IIHF and IIHF Commercial Partner nine (9) months prior to the beginning of the Championship about all necessary contacts, technical specifications and forms to be completed for all frequencies which are managed via an official state agency.

194.3 The Host is responsible for collecting any RF frequencies (for example microphones or cameras for fan entertainment) which shall be used by any parties in the Championship facilities and shall then allocate such frequencies in the free spectrum or which are not managed by the authorities and inform all involved parties.

194.4 The Host is responsible that the authorities monitor all frequencies in the official Championship arenas prior to the start of the first games and during the Championship to identify falsely used frequencies.

LII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

195. Procedure

195.1 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) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship. Non-compliance during the Championship shall be managed by the Directorate Chairperson in accordance with Statute 16.6 and Statute 20.3.1. Non-compliance before or after the Championship shall be managed by the IIHF Office.

195.2 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.

195.3 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. 196 of this Event Code and immediately ask the Host to rectify their actions, if the situation so allows.

196. Sanctions

196.1 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.

196.2 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.

196.3 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 500'000.

196.4 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 Document and/or IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

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

196.6 Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

196.7 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.

196.8 The IIHF reserves its right to deduct the amounts of any imposed fine from the Host IIHF account.

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

197. Withdrawal of Hosting Rights

197.1 Notwithstanding the provision set out in Art. 196 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 500'000, except for cases of force majeure.

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

197.3 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

LIII. SERVICES

198. Entry Visas

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

198.2 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.

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

199. Team Host

199.1 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.

199.2 Participating Teams shall cooperate with the team host and follow their instructions.

200. Game Services

200.1 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. Sharpening station;
- c. Equipment repair 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.

200.2 Participating Teams shall have the right to receive one (1) small and one (1) large towel per player.

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

200.4 The Participating Teams shall have a right to receive from the IIHF Commercial Partner, game recordings of the Championship through a content sharing platform, for internal sporting purpose during the Championship. The IIHF Commercial Partner shall ensure that all rights (copyright, etc.) for the footage are assigned to the IIHF.

LIV. PROTOCOL

201. Flags

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

201.2 National flags, messages or any other kind of decoration or installations are not allowed behind the Players Bench.

202. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

202.1 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.

202.2 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.

203. Medal Ceremonies

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

203.2 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.

203.3 Participating Teams awarded with medals 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.

203.4 For avoidance of doubts, all medals shall be worn until Participating Teams enter the dressing rooms.

203.5 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.

204. Championship Awards

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

LV. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

205. Accommodation

205.1 Participating Teams shall be entitled to receive accommodation in 4- or 5-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.

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

205.3 Each team shall be provided with eight (8) single rooms and fourteen (14) twin rooms. Out of the allocated fourteen (14) twin rooms, two (2) should be next to each other, with a connecting door.

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

206. Team Meeting Room

206.1 Each Participating Team shall be entitled to be assigned one (1) fully equipped meeting room (80 m²), which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals at no cost in the hotel where the Participating Team is staying.

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

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

207. Board

207.1 Participating Teams shall have the right to receive full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for their maximum number of participants, as specified in IIHF Bylaw 11, at the Host's expense, as well as snacks throughout the day.

207.2 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.

207.3 Participating Teams may have food items added to each meal as well as additional meals at their own expense.

LVI. TRANSPORTATION

208. Transportation Service

208.1 Official participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to the official Championship airport.

208.2 Each Participating Team shall have the right to be transferred at the Host's expense, for the maximum number of participants as defined by IIHF Bylaw 11, to the IIHF official Championship airport both at arrival and departure.

208.3 Each Participating Team is entitled to ground transportation at the Host's expense for all Championship related activities from the time they arrive at the official Championship airport until the day after the Championship for the concerned Participating Team is concluded.

208.4 Participating Teams are responsible for their ground transportation directed to airports other than the official Championship airport associated with the venue.

208.5 Participating Teams are responsible for timely and accurate communication to the Host regarding their arrival and departure information as well as on-site transportation needs.

LVII. TICKETING

209. Team Tickets

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

209.2 Each Participating Team shall have the right to receive forty-five (45) tickets to their own games, to be used at the teams' sole discretion.

209.3 The Host shall provide each Participating Team with the tickets for their own games in the preliminary round upon arrival at the venue.

209.4 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.

209.5 After the preliminary round, the Host shall provide the tickets game by game to the teams playing in the final round.

209.6 Participating Teams in the preliminary round shall be granted priority in purchasing an additional up to a maximum of three hundred (300) single tickets for organized fan groups against separate remuneration, with a deadline until the 1st of November preceding the Championship.

210. Team Video Coach Positions

210.1 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 should be provided for a camera and tripod, with access to an electrical outlet.

210.2 Playing Teams shall be provided with SDI HD cabling for two (2) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions. Each position with three seats i.e. six (6) seats in total.

210.3 Participating non-playing Teams shall additionally be provided with three (3) positions for team staff with SDI HD cabling. Each position with two (2) seats i.e. six (6) seats in total.

211. Damages

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

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

211.3 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.

LVIII. COMPETITION SEEDING AND WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

212. Competition Seeding

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

212.2 Relegated teams shall get the top seeding number in the lower pool, whereas promoted teams from the lower pool shall get the bottom seeding number in the higher pool.

212.3 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 seeding number:

- 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.

212.4 Should 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.

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

212.6 If a pool consists of two groups taking place in two countries and being seeded into the same group, the IIHF Council shall be responsible for switching one of the Hosts with its counterpart in the opposite group to ensure the least sporting effect on the groups.

213. World Ranking System

213.1 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).

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

213.3 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.

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

213.5 *Pre-Championship Report*

213.5.1 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. 214 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.

214. The Point System

214.1 All Participating Teams shall be allocated points based on the following principles:

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

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

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

214.1.4 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.

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

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

214.1.7 In case of force majeure, the Participating Team will receive points as per their seeding number. 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.

LIX. MATCH-UPS

215. General

- 215.1 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.
- 215.2 In a relegation game, the higher-ranked Participating Team retains the home team's advantage.
- 215.3 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.
- 215.4 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.
- 215.5 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.

LX. THREE POINT AND TIE BREAKING SYSTEMS

216. Allocation of points

216.1 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.

217. Tie-breaking system

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

217.3 Should 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 tie-breaker. The tie-breaking shall be as follows:

- a. Taking into consideration the games between each of the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the points awarded in the direct games amongst the tied teams from which the teams are then ranked accordingly.
- b. Should 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. Should 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. Should 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. Should the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied.
- f. Should 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. In case three or more teams are tied this process will continue until only two teams remain tied. The game between the two remaining tied teams would then be the determining tie-breaker. If the two remaining tied teams have not played each other than the tie break will be determined by re-starting the process only for these two teams.

LXI. IIHF RULE BOOK

218. Applicability

218.1 All games shall be played in conformity with the IIHF Official Rulebook.

LXII. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

219. Mandatory attendance

219.1 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.

LXIII. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

220. Practice Schedule

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

220.2 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.

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

220.4 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.

220.5 Participating Teams may request switches or adjustments of practice times during Directorate meetings.

221. Pre-Game Warm-up Session

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

222. Dressing Rooms Allotment

222.1 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 their seeding numbers. 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 their seeding numbers. Teams already in the facility shall not move to another dressing room.

222.2 Each Participating Team shall receive from the Host in due time the exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Art. 222.1.c of this Event Code.

LXIV. COMMERCIAL BREAKS

223. Team Considerations

223.1 Participating Teams shall comply with the following provisions during commercial breaks, if any:

- a. Goalkeepers will be allowed to go to their respective player's 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.

LXV. TEAM ENTRY AND DEPARTURE FROM ICE SURFACE

224. Procedure

224.1 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 below rules.

LXVI. TEAM ENTRY LONG LIST

225. Participating Team Responsibilities

225.1 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 athletes and team staff prior to the beginning of the respective Championship.

225.2 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.

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

- a. Signed player entry forms;
- b. Signed Team officials registration forms;
- c. Contact details of at least one (1) Team official;

- d. Players passports; and
- e. Signed underage waiver(s), if applicable.

225.4 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.

225.5 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.

LXVII. PRE- AND POST-GAME INTERACTIONS

226. Participating Team Responsibilities

226.1 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.

226.2 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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LXVIII. THE TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL

227. The Team Doctor

227.1 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.

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

228. Team Medical Personnel Responsibilities

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

228.2 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.

228.3 The Team Medical Personnel shall be 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.

229. Management of Injured On-Ice Officials

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

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

LXIX. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

230. Medical Health and Malpractice Insurance

230.1 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).

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

230.3 The medical insurance documents shall be in English language.

231. Pre-Championship Medical Examination of players

231.1 The examinations and tests set out in Art. 231.2 of this Event Code are mandatory for all players participating in IIHF Championships.

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

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

LXX. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

232. Concussion Protocol

232.1 All Team Personnel shall be familiar with the most current version of the Concussion Protocol, as outlined in Art. 154 of this Event Code as well as in Section VI of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

232.2 Team Personnel who observe any signs or symptoms of concussion should notify their medical staff.

232.3 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.

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

232.5 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.

232.6 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.

232.7 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.

232.8 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.

LXXI. NUTRITIONAL AND HYDRATION STANDARDS

233. Meals

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

233.2 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.

234. Product supply

234.1 Participating Teams shall exclusively use products provided by the Host, IIHF and/or IIHF Commercial Partner in all Championship Venues, such as but not limited to squeeze bottles, bottle holders, towels etc., if provided.

LXXII. MEDICAL EXPENSES

235. Costs to be borne by the Teams

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

- a. Full diagnostic urine and blood analysis are needed at either hospital or private laboratories;
- b. Diagnostic imaging;
- c. Other hospital services;
- d. Medications;
- e. Transfer of injured players to the respective country;
- f. 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 Article 146.1.

LXXIII. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

236. Official Championship Title

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

237. Official Logo

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

237.2 Participating Teams shall not use the Official Logo for promotional activities of the respective national team.

237.3 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.

LXXIV. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

238. Advertising

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

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

238.3 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.

238.4 Based on the Clean Venue Rule as per Art. 171.3 of this Event Code, no team specific interview backdrops shall be used at the Championship Venues as of five (5) days prior to the Championship. Neither shall any third party branded equipment be used within the dressing room areas during game days due to potential TV cameras recordings (e.g. branded coolers, towels or similar).

238.5 *On-ice Uniform Supplier*

238.5.1 Participating Teams have a right to receive from the IIHF Equipment Supplier a uniform package, which consists of three sets of jerseys (home, away and practice) - including name bars, numbers and advertising, pants/shells as well

as socks. The IIHF Partner will coordinate the supply of these uniform sets and size requirements with the teams directly.

238.5.2 Players shall wear the IIHF Equipment Supplier on-ice uniforms during all games, practice sessions, team photo shootings and interviews within the arena.

238.5.3 Participating Teams must ensure that uniforms worn by players are in good condition and that the trademarks can be identified clearly. No alterations to the uniform that alters the quality of the product are permitted.

238.6 *Off-ice Apparel*

238.6.1 Participating Teams have a right to receive off-ice apparel which shall be worn by players, coaches, bench personnel and team officials.

238.6.2 Participating Teams may only expose the IIHF Partner logo as well as the logo of their respective MNA. All other logos shall be covered.

238.6.3 Manufacturer's logo on footwear does not need to be covered.

238.7 *Advertising on Player's Uniform and Practice Jerseys*

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

238.7.2 The Protected Areas on jerseys shall include the following:

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

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

238.7.4 Participating Teams may request small variations to the IIHF.

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

- a. MNA anniversary (10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100 years);
 - b. Country anniversary (100 years or more);
 - c. NOC logo (if wished); and
 - d. Country Flag.
- 238.7.6 MNAs shall seek IIHF's approval for such patches at the latest during the Semi-Annual Congress preceding the concerned Championship.
- 238.7.7 The IIHF Commercial Partner has been awarded exclusive advertising rights to the players' uniforms worn during all games and official practice sessions.
- 238.7.8 The Participating Teams may commercially exploit the helmet advertising if the request is placed with the IIHF Commercial Partner no later than 1st of November preceding the Championship and in accordance with the requirements set by the IIHF. In case no such request is lodged, The IIHF Commercial Partner shall be free to exploit the helmet.
- 238.7.9 The Participating Team are responsible for applying the advertising stickers provided by the IIHF Commercial Partner on the front of the players' helmets, as per the provisions of the IIHF Supplier Handbook.
- 238.7.10 No alterations to the patches and stickers shall be allowed.
- 238.7.11 The Participating Teams shall be responsible for covering the manufacturer's logo if the front of the helmet is not used for advertising purposes.

239. Sponsored Products

- 239.1 Participating Teams ensure that the supplied products remain in good condition and are being used exclusively by the players and bench personnel at all games and practice sessions. No alterations to the supplied products are permitted.

LXXV. COMMUNICATIONS

240. Media participation

- 240.1 Participating Teams MNAs shall receive a quota of accredited journalists. The procedure for media accreditation shall be conducted in line with the IIHF Media Accreditation Policy.

241. Press conference

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

241.2 Participating Teams are not allowed to conduct press conferences at the arena or their hotel with their own backdrops as of five (5) days prior to the beginning of the Championship.

LXXVI. PHOTOGRAPHY

242. Player and Team Photography

242.1 All Participating Team members shall be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the Championship for the official photo shootings, including separate shootings for TV world feed production upon request from the IIHF Commercial Partner.

243. Game Photography

243.1 Photographs taken by Team Photographers may only be used for team promotional and editorial purposes unless prior written consent is obtained from the IIHF.

243.2 Photographs taken by players and/or players' family members, including those of competing players, shall only be used for personal and non-commercial purposes, unless prior written consent is obtained from the IIHF.

LXXVII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

244. Procedure

244.1 Any alleged non-compliance with this Event Code and/or related IIHF Bylaw provisions shall be immediately reported to the IIHF Directorate Chairperson if such violation occurs during the Championship or to the IIHF (compliance@iihfoffice.com) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship. Non-compliance during the Championship shall be managed by the Directorate Chairperson in accordance with Statute 16.6 and Statute 20.3.1. Non-compliance before or after the Championship shall be managed by the IIHF Office.

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

244.3 If the IIHF determines that the Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff is in fact non-compliant, it may sanction the Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff in accordance with the procedure set out in Art. 245 of this Event Code and immediately ask the Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff to rectify their actions, if the situation so allows.

245. Sanctions

245.1 If the 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.

245.2 The IIHF may sanction Participating Teams, players, coaches or Team staff with:

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

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

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

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

245.6 Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

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

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

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