

IIHF Women's World and World Junior Championships Event Code



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Introduction

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

The main goals of this Event Code shall be:

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

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

The IIHF Legal Department remains at your disposal 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 168.1 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 108.1 of this Event Code
- **Break Countdown Clock:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 172.1 of this Event Code
- **Cabled Internet:** Provided by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who must ensure the security of the connection by employing modern and reasonable Cybersecurity and must also ensure their compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including, but not limited to the secure encryption of personal data. There shall be sufficient ethernet connections provided for every expected user in the location. The speed shall be a minimum of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download, 10 Mbps upload, with latency of 60 milliseconds (ms) or less, as measured on <https://speed.cloudflare.com/>
- **CDO:** Chief Dental Officer
- **Championship Season:** Ice Hockey season in which the applicable IIHF Championship is held and ends immediately after the IIHF Ice Hockey Men's World Championship (Top Division).
- **Championship Venue:** The Championship arena(s), including the game and practice rink or arena, the spectators bowl, the 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 WJC or WW
- **COC:** Central Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.2 of this Event Code
- **DC:** Doping Control
- **Desktop:** A modern desktop computer with English Windows 11 operating system, all current updates and patches installed, with Adobe Reader installed as the default PDF application and Google Chrome installed as the default browser. It shall include an external keyboard, mouse and monitor and an ethernet adaptor
- **ECMO:** Event Chief Medical Officer
- **Full Practice:** shall be any practice during the Championship where all active (non-injured) players are participating with full equipment.

- **Game-Day Physician:** A physician with sport medicine experience, present during games
- **Game Schedule:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 105 of this Event Code
- **HCC:** Host Country Contract
- **HCRIM:** Head Coach Rule Information Meeting
- **Host(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 9.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Championships:** Means the championships indicated in Bylaw 1.1(a)
- **IIHF Official Music:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 79.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF:** International Ice Hockey Federation
- **Jumbotron:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 111.1 of this Event Code
- **Laptop:** A modern laptop computer with English Windows 11 operating system, all current updates and patches installed, with Adobe Reader installed as the default PDF application and Google Chrome installed as the default browser. It shall include an external mouse and an ethernet adaptor with a power source located at the working position of the laptop
- **LOC:** Local Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.2 of this Event Code
- **MNA:** Member National Association
- **MSC:** Medical Services Coordinator
- **OC:** Organizing Committee, as defined under Article 11.1 of this Event Code
- **Official Participants:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 89 of this Event Code
- **Organizational Equipment:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 156.1 of this Event Code
- **Participating Team(s):** All players and related Team staff taking part in a Championship
- **Puck and Player Tracking:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 173.1 of this Event Code
- **Red Light:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 171.1 of this Event Code
- **Referee Microphone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 174.1 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 207.1 of this Event Code
- **UAT:** Use Acceptance Test
- **UVT:** User Validation Test
- **Wi-Fi:** Provided by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who must ensure the security of the connection by employing modern and reasonable Cybersecurity and must also ensure the connection respects the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including, but not limited to the secure encryption of personal data. There shall be enough IP addresses to accommodate the maximum number of potential users each connecting multiple devices (ie, phone + laptop). The speed shall be a minimum of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download, 10 Mbps upload, with latency of 60 milliseconds (ms) or less, as measured on <https://speed.cloudflare.com/>
- **WJC:** World Junior Championship
- **WW:** Ice Hockey Women's 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 45 of this Event Code
- **Broadcasting Infrastructure:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 43 of this Event Code
- **Commentators Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 36 of this Event Code
- **DCS:** Doping Control Station, as defined under Article 22 of this Event Code
- **Directorate Meeting Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 29 of this Event Code
- **Disciplinary Operator Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 24 of this Event Code
- **Flash Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 39 of this Event Code
- **Game Officials Areas:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 20 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Official Website Staff Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 31 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Skybox:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 49.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Result Managers Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 28 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Seats:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 101.1 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Staff Office:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 30 of this Event Code
- **IIHF Supplier Showrooms:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 42 of this Event Code
- **Main Arena:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 16.1 of this Event Code
- **Media Cafeteria:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 41 of this Event Code
- **Media Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 34 of this Event Code
- **Media Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 35 of this Event Code
- **Mixed Zone:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 38 of this Event Code
- **Participants Tribune:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 102.1 of this Event Code
- **Photo Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 47 of this Event Code
- **Photocopy Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 40 of this Event Code
- **Seats For Stand-By Game Officials:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 48 of this Event Code
- **Sport System Server Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 26 of this Event Code
- **Sport System:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 167.1 of this Event Code
- **Statistics Bench:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 27 of this Event Code
- **Team Dressing Room(s):** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 18 of this Event Code
- **Team Uniform Service Center:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 21 of this Event Code
- **Team Video Coach Positions:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 46 of this Event Code

- **Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 19 of this Event Code
- **TELL:** Team Entry Long List
- **Transportation Desk:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 44 of this Event Code
- **TV and Radio Observer Position:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 37 of this Event Code
- **Video Review Consultant Operation Room:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 23 of this Event Code
- **VIP Lounges:** Shall have the meaning as defined under Article 50 of this Event Code

Applicable IIHF Governing Documents

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

PART I - HOST REGULATIONS

Bidding Procedure

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I. ALLOCATION OF IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Timing of allocation

1.1. The IIHF Congress allocates the IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Women's World Championships (the "Championship" or "Championships") every year according to IIHF Bylaws 5 to 10. The allocation takes place two (2) seasons prior to the respective Championship after a formal bidding procedure.

1.2. If no MNA offers to host the Championships by the timeline set in Art. 1.1 of this Event Code, the Championships shall be allocated at the following IIHF Congress after the first application to host is received by the IIHF.

II. BIDDING PROCEDURE

2. Pre-allocation

2.1. The IIHF Event and Championship Committee may create a schedule approved by the IIHF Council, according to which the hosting of the WW and WJC Championships may be pre-allocated. The IIHF will contact all relevant MNAs regarding the pre-allocation of the Championships.

2.2. The Applicant that is pre-allocated to host a Championship shall have the right of first refusal with respect to the hosting of the respective Championship.

2.3. In the event that the applicant wishes to exercise such right, it shall reconfirm its willingness to host two (2) years prior to the respective pre-allocated Championship, by following the process as set out under Art. 3 of this Event Code.

3. Hosting Application

3.1. No later than January 10th two (2) seasons prior to the IIHF Congress where the Championship will be allocated, the applicant shall indicate their intent to host via the IIHF official platform Championship Information Package ("CIP").

3.2. In case the submission is accepted, the applicant receives a bid confirmation from the IIHF which shall be signed by the respective MNA and returned to confirm compliance with the IIHF Governing Documents.

4. Host Relegation

- 4.1. In the event that the pre-allocated applicant ends the season in a position that would otherwise have relegated them, they shall be protected from relegation from said Championship.
- 4.2. The team placed immediately above them in the combined final ranking of the Championship in question shall be relegated instead.

5. Hosting by remaining MNAs

- 5.1. If the pre-allocated applicant does not wish to host the Championship, the hosting of the Championship shall be offered to the remaining participating MNAs of the respective year.

6. Organizational Plan

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

7. Site Visits – Prior to Allocation

- 7.1. Representatives of the IIHF may visit the potential host sites to check the facility standards before or after the bid allocation. The applicant shall coordinate the arrangements for the site visit with the IIHF.
- 7.2. The IIHF will pay the international travel expenses, the accommodation and the daily allowance for its representatives, while the applicants shall pay for the transportation costs between the port of arrival / departure, the venues and the hotels.

8. Bid Presentation to the IIHF Congress

- 8.1. The final applicants shall present their bid to the delegates during the Calendar Meeting at the IIHF Congress allocating the respective Championship.
- 8.2. Each presentation shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 8.3. The final bid presentation, including any multimedia, shall be submitted to the IIHF for technical testing at the latest seventy-two (72) hours before the opening of the Calendar Meeting at the IIHF Congress.

- 8.4. For the sequence of presentation of their bids, the applicants shall be called to present in alphabetical order.
- 8.5. On one of the subsequent Congress days, the IIHF Congress votes according to IIHF Statute 14.8 and Bylaw 6 on the applications to host the Championship according to the Congress agenda.

Championship Planning

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III. ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

9. Hosting Rights

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

10. Hosting Obligations

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

10.2. The Host shall promptly provide interim status reports in accordance with Art. 14 of this Event Code and financial reports or management accounts pertaining to the organization of the Championship, if so requested by the IIHF.

10.3. The Host shall promptly provide all information relating to the pricing and sale of tickets, if so requested by the IIHF.

10.4. The Host ensures that all third parties are aware of all obligations as per the IIHF Governing Documents pertaining to the Championship.

10.5. Any agreement entered into by the Host in order to fulfil such requirements shall be entered solely in the name of the Host.

10.6. The Host shall not, in any way, interfere with the rights and competencies of the IIHF.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

11. Organizing Committee (OC”)

11.1. If the Championship is organized in one (1) host city, the Host shall appoint an Organizing Committee (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 IIHF.

- 11.5. If there is only one (1) host city, the OC may be chaired by a Host MNA representative other than the President and shall be fully responsible and accountable to the IIHF in all matters relating to the organization of the Championship.
- 11.6. If the Host has employed the services of a third party to assist in the organization of a Championship, they may be represented in the OC upon approval of the IIHF.
- 11.7. Prior to the Championship, the OC shall inform the IIHF and the participating MNAs upon request by the IIHF about all aspects pertaining to the organization of the Championship.

12. Staff And Volunteers

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

13. Organizational Plan

- 13.1. The Organizational Plan indicated under Art. 6 of this Event Code shall be continuously updated and all changes thereto shall be timely communicated to the IIHF. The Organizational Plan shall include, among others:
 - a. An organizational chart, containing all persons and their respective role in the organization of the Championship; and
 - b. A timetable outlining all major activities, key decisions and milestones.
- 13.2. The Host shall be held liable in the event that the information contained in the Organizational Plan is later found to be false, misleading simply obsolete.

14. Status report

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

V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

15. Host Nation Taxes and Fees

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

VI. EVENT VENUES AND FACILITIES

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

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

- 16.6. The Host may present a single arena if all requirements in the present article are met and upon prior IIHF approval.
- 16.7. In the event that the Championship is relocated after the installation of the advertising and/or the broadcasting equipment and infrastructure due to circumstances attributable to the Host, the Host is responsible for production and (de)installation costs relating to all new arrangements.
- 16.8. Game, practice rinks and other relevant facilities or areas shall be made exclusively available to the Host at least five (5) days prior to the start of the Championship and shall remain available until two and a half (2.5) days after the conclusion of the Championship.
- 16.9. During the above-mentioned period, the Host shall ensure complete exclusivity and availability for all areas of the above-mentioned arena(s), which shall be reserved in its entirety, including its vicinities, access routes, aerial space or temporarily used spaces and facilities, for the sole use of the Championship during the entire event.
- 16.10. For the avoidance of any doubts, the above-mentioned period includes periods between games and game-free days.
- 16.11. All ice rinks shall comply with the requirements set out in Rule 1 of the IIHF Rule Book.
- 16.12. The Host is responsible for ensuring that the arena facilities are fit for purpose and maintained as such throughout the whole length of the Championship.
- 16.13. Exceptions may be granted by the IIHF if the situation so requires.

17. Arena Rooms and Facilities – General

- 17.1. All rooms, floor spaces and facilities shall be clearly signposted.
- 17.2. The Host is responsible for ensuring that all rooms are provided with proper lighting, air conditioning and heating.
- 17.3. The Host is responsible for providing the requested number of access keys to the requesting stakeholder(s).
- 17.4. The allocation of rooms shall be laid down together with the IIHF on the occasion of a site visit. The minutes of the site visit, together with an attached floor plan, shall be approved by the IIHF and the Host.
- 17.5. The IIHF reserves its right to request changes to the allocation of rooms after the beginning of the Championship.
- 17.6. At a minimum, the Arena(s) shall have sufficient space for the rooms specified under Articles 18 - 52 of this Event Code.

18. Team Dressing Rooms

- 18.1. Each participating team shall be allocated a permanent dressing room (minimum of 80 m²), including the additional rooms attached to it (the “Team Dressing Room(s)”).
- 18.2. The Team Dressing Rooms shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. A minimum of six (6) showers;
 - b. A minimum of three (3) toilets;
 - c. One (1) Coach room (with a separate entrance door at WW) equipped with one (1) Big TV, with SDI cabling and Cabled Internet;
 - d. Massage room (approx. 10 m²);
 - e. Storage (approx. 10 m²);
 - f. Drying facilities;
 - g. Time clock/Game clock connection;
 - h. Wi-Fi; and
 - i. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues.
- 18.3. Each dressing room should have enough seats/spaces to hold the number of players specified under IIHF Bylaw 12 and 14, as well as sufficient space for their equipment.
- 18.4. If the arena does not provide appropriate dressing rooms within two (2) minutes walking time between the dressing room and the access to the ice, the Host shall provide game dressing rooms as close to the ice as possible.

19. Team Stretching and Warm-up Area

- 19.1. The Host shall provide a stretching and warm-up area to be shared by the teams playing in the arena (the “Teams Stretching and Warm-up Area”).
- 19.2. The Team stretching and warm-up area shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. A minimum of twenty (20) stationary bikes;
 - b. Floor matting;
 - c. Yoga mats;
 - d. Wall-mounted antiseptic hand cleaners; and
 - e. Adequate ventilation.

20. Game Officials Areas

- 20.1. The Game Officials areas shall comprise of dressing rooms, a warm-up zone and an equipment drying room (the" Game Officials Areas").
- 20.2. The assigned Game Officials and Stand-by Game Officials shall be allocated adequate dressing rooms in each arena, with a minimum size of 20 m² and equipped with showers and WC.
- 20.3. If two (2) or more games are played per day in one arena, two (2) dressing rooms for the Game Officials shall be provided, if requested by the IIHF.
- 20.4. The Game Officials dressing room(s) shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls, including cloth racks for four (4) Game Officials (working crew);
 - b. Bench/chairs and equipment stalls, including cloth racks for two (2) Stand-by Game Officials;
 - c. Wi-Fi;
 - d. One (1) Big TV; and
 - e. Time clock/Game clock connection.
- 20.5. The Game Official warm-up zone shall be equipped with:
 - a. Three (3) stationary warm-up bikes;
 - b. Three (3) jumping ropes; and
 - c. Four (4) yoga mats.
- 20.6. The Game Officials equipment drying room shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Drying facility with ventilation in the arena or hotel;
 - b. Sufficient drying racks for all Game Officials' equipment;
 - c. Dehumidifier / electric heater; and
 - d. Lockable doors.
- 20.7. 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.

21. Team Uniform Service Center

21.1. To operate the Team Uniform Service Center, the Host shall provide at the latest five (5) days prior to the start of the Championship in each arena ample space (200 m²) broken down into the following sub-areas per venue which shall be connected with doors and separated with temporary walls:

- a. Working area of one hundred (100) m² with padlock on door;
- b. Ten (10) 150 cm x 80 cm tables for electric tools and supplies;
- c. Five (5) 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 storage room with a minimum of eighty (80) m² next to working area secured with padlock;
- h. Office area within the uniform service center of twenty (20) m² with two (2) working spaces equipped as follows:
 - i. Coffee machine;
 - ii. Wi-Fi or Cabled Internet;
 - iii. Refrigerator; and
 - iv. TV.
- i. Temporarily exclusive use of two (2) Participating Teams' dressing rooms up to two (2) days before the start of the Championship.

22. Doping Control Station

22.1. 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 with rubber floor matting to the dressing rooms. The DCS shall be equipped as follows:

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

22.2. 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.

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

22.4. *Waiting Room*

22.4.1. 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.

23. Video Review Consultant Operation Room

23.1. 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.

- 23.2. The Video Review Consultant Operation Room shall be located with an unrestricted view to the ice level and the location the installations shall be approved by the IIHF.
- 23.3. If the Video Review Consultant Operation Room requires a seat kill, then the Host shall reserve the amount specified by the IIHF.

24. Disciplinary Operator Office

- 24.1. 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. One (1) coffee machine;
 - d. One (1) refrigerator with water and soft drinks; and
 - e. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet.

25. Scorekeeper Box and Penalty Box

- 25.1. The Host shall provide a working space opposite the Players Benches which shall be composed of a scorekeeper box and two (2) penalty boxes.
- a. Eight (8) desks (minimum 80 cm) with power;
 - b. One (1) freezer in one of the penalty boxes;
 - c. One (1) game clock;
 - d. One (1) Laptop; and
 - e. Cabled Internet.

26. Sport System Server Room

- 26.1. The Host shall provide a secure, climate-controlled room inside the arena (the “Sport System Server Room”), which shall be equipped as follows:
- a. 4kW energy (16A CEE socket) with the same power source used by the broadcasters;
 - b. Cabled Internet with a minimum of 100/100 Mbps Up-/ and Download speed.

- c. Single mode fiber cable and/or duplex cables to all Sport System components (Clients) as well as the blue line cameras.
- 26.2. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the above requirements no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship.

27. Statistics Bench

- 27.1. The Host shall provide a bench with unobstructed view of the ice rink (the “Statistics Bench”). Its position shall be approved by the IIHF.
- 27.2. The Statistics Bench shall be equipped as follows:
- a. Desks (allowing a minimum of six people to sit), including chairs;
 - b. Three (3) Laptops;
 - c. One (1) monitor;
 - d. Cabled Internet; and
 - e. Sufficient amount of power outlets.
- 27.3. The Host shall appoint experienced volunteers to run the IIHF Statistics System Operations in a number specified by the IIHF.

28. IIHF Result Manager Office

- 28.1. The Host shall provide an office for the IIHF Result Manager (the “IIHF Result Managers Office”).
- 28.2. The office shall be equipped as follows:
- a. One (1) desk (minimum 160 cm) with two (2) work positions for each result manager, including one (1) chair;
 - b. Two (2) Laptops;
 - c. One (1) printer connected to the IIHF Result Manager laptop;
 - d. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues;
 - e. One (1) refrigerator;
 - f. One (1) coffee machine; and
 - g. Cabled Internet.

29. Directorate Meeting Room

- 29.1. The Host shall provide a room for the Directorate meetings (the “Directorate Meeting Room(s)”).
- 29.2. The Directorate meeting room shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. One (1) Big TV;
 - b. Video Conference System;
 - c. Wi-Fi and Cabled Internet;
 - d. One (1) beamer; and
 - e. U-shape setting, able to fit around thirty (30) persons.
- 29.3. The Host shall ensure that refreshments are available in the Directorate Meeting Room.
- 29.4. At the date of the first Directorate Meeting two (2) additional rooms with classroom style setup for approximately fifteen (15) persons are required where the Medical Meeting and the Head Coach Rule Information Meeting (“HCRIM”) will be held simultaneously. These rooms shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. One (1) monitor;
 - b. One (1) flip chart; and
 - c. One (1) beamer.
- 29.5. The Host is responsible for preparing all documentation for directorate meetings, under the guidance of the IIHF. The Host is also responsible for providing a minute-taker for all directorate meetings for producing and distributing said minutes, following their approval by the Chairperson.

30. IIHF Staff Office

- 30.1. The Host shall provide in the arena or, if impossible, immediately adjacent with IIHF approval, up to ten (10) working spaces provided with the necessary equipment installed and ready to be used three (3) days prior to the Championship (the “IIHF Staff Office”).
- 30.2. The IIHF Staff Office shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. Wi-Fi;
 - b. One (1) Big TV, with live signal of all games in both venues;
 - c. Power outlets; and

- d. One (1) multifunction printer.

31. IIHF Official Website Staff Office

- 31.1. The Host shall provide a workspace in each venue for one (1) person working for the IIHF official website for the Championship (the “IIHF Official Website Staff Area”).
- 31.2. The IIHF Official Website Staff Area shall be equipped as follows:
 - a. One (1) desk with one (1) chair; and
 - b. Cabled Internet

32. IIHF Social Media Staff Office

- 32.1. The Host shall provide a working space in each venue for six (6) persons working on behalf of the IIHF on social media. The working space shall be equipped with Cabled Internet.

33. IIHF Photographers Area

- 33.1. The Host shall provide a working space in each venue with a high-speed Internet connection for two (2) IIHF photographers.
- 33.2. For semi-finals and finals, the space shall be adjusted to accommodate four (4) IIHF photographers.
- 33.3. The working space shall be located preferably as close as possible to the ice level or in the media center in the arena. The Host shall provide secured and lockable storage rooms for the equipment of the IIHF photographers.
- 33.4. The IIHF reserves its right to grant the use of strobe lights at the Championship.

34. Media Center

- 34.1. The host shall provide a room offering convenient working conditions for up to one hundred (100) journalists and reporters (the “Media Center”).

35. Media Tribune

- 35.1. The Host shall provide one hundred (100) seats per game in the spectator area of each arena (the “Media Tribune”).
- 35.2. The seating area shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and be located as approved by the IIHF.

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

36. Commentators Positions

- 36.1. The Host shall provide fifteen (15) positions per arena (the “Commentators Positions”), to be located centrally in the spectator area, on the same side as the main camera platform.
- 36.2. Each Commentator Position shall be 180 cm long and be equipped with three (3) seats and one (1) table, one (1) table lamp, and Wi-Fi.
- 36.3. The seating area shall be the same throughout the whole Championship.

37. TV and Radio Observer Positions

- 37.1. The Host shall provide a commentator’s area per arena for accredited TV commentators and Radio stations (the “TV and Radio Observer Position”).
- 37.2. The seats shall be the same throughout the whole Championship and they shall be located starting from the center line outwards in the upper bowl.

38. Mixed Zone

- 38.1. The Host shall provide sufficient space for media interviews in the arenas, located as close as possible to the player dressing rooms, the press conference room and the Media Tribune (the “Mixed Zone”).
- 38.2. The Mixed Zone shall be large enough to accommodate a backdrop of forty (40) metres for all interested media representatives with easy access from the media zones.
- 38.3. It shall be divided into three sections: 1) Rightsholders, 2) Non-Rightsholders 3) Print Media, to be accessed by the players in the same order.
- 38.4. If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall control the access to the Mixed Zone with a number of limited passes, according to the following priority order:
- a. Host broadcasters;
 - b. TV-Organizations from Participating Teams countries;
 - c. TV-Organizations from countries of teams in the same group (first come);
 - d. TV-Organizations from countries of teams playing in the other groups (first come); and

e. Other TV-Organizations.

38.5. The Host shall assist in the implementation of this running order. For the Mixed Zone, the Host shall install the monitors with the live feed of the game.

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

38.7. Upon IIHF request, a small mixed zone shall also be made available at the practice rink.

39. Flash Zone

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

39.2. The Flash Zone shall be operated with full light at the beginning of each intermission for at least three (3) minutes after the last player has left the ice.

39.3. The Host shall ensure that each arena has adequate space in the vicinity of the field of play.

39.4. The Flash Zone should feature a sponsor backdrop.

40. Photocopy Center

40.1. 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.

41. Media Cafeteria

41.1. 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").

41.2. The Host shall at a minimum provide coffee and water.

42. Supplier Showrooms

42.1. If requested by the IIHF, the Host is responsible for providing up to three (3) rooms for IIHF Supplier Pool partners in each arena (the "Supplier Showroom(s)").

42.2. The IIHF Supplier Showrooms shall be placed at ice-level, if possible, or in the closest possible location to the Teams Dressing Rooms, and shall be lockable. Keys shall be provided to the supplier using the room. The room size shall be discussed with the IIHF upon request and availability.

42.3. The Supplier Showrooms shall be equipped with desks and chairs for two (2) people.

43. Broadcasting Infrastructure

- 43.1. The Host shall provide sufficient and suitable space and infrastructure in the arena for TV and Radio broadcasting (the "Broadcasting Infrastructure"), as well as space for the TV transmission vans, production trucks and other technical vehicles required (PTT etc.) and appropriate facilities required for the performance of any functions by the TV and radio broadcasters contracted by the Host or by the IIHF, such as camera positions, inclusive camera platforms and roof camera mountings, studio facilities, production offices, electric power supply, illumination, telecommunication lines.
- 43.2. The Host shall provide for any requirements necessary for the impeccable installation of the technical equipment prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 43.3. The broadcasting infrastructure shall include:
 - a. Electricity;
 - b. Wi-Fi; and
 - c. TV equipment such as camera podiums and camera installation ceiling equipment.
- 43.4. The Host shall provide space for TV studios upon request by the IIHF, preferably within the arena(s), but not creating any loss on spectator seats ("Seat Kills"). Requests shall be made no later than eleven (11) months before the Championship. Should this not be feasible, then such space should be provided with a minimum of seat kills. Requests shall be made before ticket sales start.

44. Transportation Desk

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

45. Accreditation Center

- 45.1. 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.
- 45.2. The Accreditation Center shall be accessible to the public, with a separate entrance and exit.
- 45.3. The Host shall provide two (2) further office spaces (ca 20 m² each) within the Accreditation Center, one for the IIHF Accreditation Manager and one (1) for the Host Accreditation Manager.
- 45.4. All Accreditation Center spaces shall provide access to Wi-Fi.

46. Team Video Coach Positions

- 46.1. 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.
- 46.2. The Host shall provide SDI HD cabling for three (3) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions.
- 46.3. The Host shall additionally provide four (4) seats for non-playing team staff with SDI HD cabling.
- 46.4. The Host ensures that all Team Video Coach Positions provide an unrestricted view to the ice.

47. Photo Positions

- 47.1. The Host shall provide space for fifty (50) photographers in the arena and ten (10) positions on the ice- level in the corners of the rink (the "Photo Positions").
- 47.2. Photo Positions shall not be placed too high up in the arena bowl, have a clear line of sight to the ice. Photo Positions shall not obstruct the view of nearby spectators or TV camera views.
- 47.3. The Host shall seek IIHF approval before tickets go on sale.
- 47.4. The Host shall additionally 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.
- 47.5. If a Photo Position between the benches exists, then unblocked access to the ice shall be ensures to assigned photographers.

48. Seats For Stand by Game Officials

- 48.1. 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").

49. IIHF Skybox

- 49.1. If requested by the IIHF, the Host shall provide to the IIHF a skybox in each arena (the "IIHF Skybox") for the use of the IIHF President and/or assigned IIHF Chairperson and their guests, with unrestricted view to the ice.
- 49.2. The IIHF Skybox shall be located in the spectator area and have approximately twenty (20) seats.

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

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

50. VIP Lounges

50.1. Upon request by the IIHF, the Host shall provide VIP lounges, which shall be located in a primary location in each arena and in immediate vicinity to the IIHF Seats (the "VIP Lounges").

50.2. The VIP lounge may be separate or combined for the IIHF and the Host.

50.3. The Host shall provide appropriate catering.

51. Arena Public Area

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

52. Additional Rooms

52.1. 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.

53. Directional Signage

53.1. 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.

53.2. 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.

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

- 53.4. The Host shall set the signage system up five (5) days prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 53.5. The look and location of the planned signage, including the detailed signage plan of the arena and surroundings, shall be submitted for approval to the IIHF at least six (6) weeks prior to the start of the Championship.

VII. EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

54. Sustainable use of facilities and environmental requirements

- 54.1. 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.
- 54.2. The Host shall ensure compliance with national environmental legislation relating to the arenas.
- 54.3. The Host shall take all steps to ensure that there is no smoking in the arena.
- 54.4. 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 INTERNET

55. Lighting Requirements

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

56. Electricity Requirements

- 56.1. In order to allow an efficient organization and broadcasting of the Event, the Host shall provide at their own expense the infrastructure for a sufficient and uninterrupted supply of electricity with an emergency power supply system (i.e. with full redundancy and seamless switching). In each venue, the power supply and the emergency power supply shall each provide a minimum of five hundred fifty (550) kVA.

- 56.2. Electricity consumption in any way associated with TV companies for the use of OB-vans, TV studios, etc. shall be paid by the requesting party on the basis of the applicable standard prices for domestic electrical power (plus a maximum of 15%) in the host country market. The price list has to be released by the Host at least twelve (12) months prior to the Championship. Domestic power for all broadcast offices in the ice rink including broadcast offices in the TV-Compound area has to be paid by the Host.
- 56.3. Electricity for Commercial Affiliates displays and sales positions indoor and outdoor shall be made available based on standard applicable costs for individual consumption.

57. Internet Connection

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

IX. INSURANCE

58. Insurance - General Conditions

- 58.1. All insurance policies executed by the Host (and, if applicable, third parties such as the arena owner/operator) shall be non-cancellable.
- 58.2. *Prior written approval*
- 58.2.1. The proposed insurance policies shall be presented to the IIHF for prior written approval. The IIHF, acting reasonably, may request modifications of or amendments to the proposed policies and the Host shall be obliged to comply with such requests.
- 58.3. All insurance policies shall be presented to IIHF in English language as soon as possible but not later than six (6) months prior to the opening game of the IIHF World Championship.

59. Event Cancellation and Abandonment Insurance

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

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

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

60. General Third-Party Liability Insurance

60.1. Host third-party liability insurance

60.2. The Host shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain comprehensive general third-party liability insurance with an insurer of recognized international standard with a minimum sum insured of CHF 12 million (unless otherwise specified in the respective HCC) for each occurrence of bodily injury, property damage and/or financial losses arising during organization, staging dismantling of the Championship. Such general third-party liability insurance shall be in broad form.

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

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

61. Other Insurances

61.1. 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 spectators;
- e. Property insurance; and
- f. Any other insurance.

X. SECURITY

62. Arena Safety And Security

- 62.1. The Host shall comply with all reasonable IIHF requests with regards to security within the arena(s) and in its vicinity.
- 62.2. The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas installations during the whole duration of the Championship.
- 62.3. The Host shall provide sufficient security for the access control to the arena and for the seats in the spectator area.
- 62.4. The Host is responsible for access control and for the security of all relevant rooms, areas installations (e.g. TV compound, media center, offices, storage, separate VIP entrances, VIP lounges) during the whole period when the arena is under their command.
- 62.5. The Host shall provide sufficient security and access control to the entire arena and for the seats in the spectator area.
- 62.6. The Host shall work in close cooperation with the local police and fire department to develop a Security Plan. The plan shall include emergency and evacuation scenarios for special political situations and risk groups, bomb and similar threats, security for high-ranked VIPs, players, IIHF Officials, partners, and guests, and shall be in English.
- 62.7. The Host has to provide sufficient security to the team and the office area during and after practice and game times. The Host shall be held responsible for claims in case of incidents.
- 62.8. The Host shall provide 24h security for the entire TV equipment installed within and outside the arena(s) as well as security and access control to the TV compound outside the arena(s).

63. Access to Championship Hotels

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

64. Access to the Ice Surface

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

65. Safety Certification

65.1. 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

66. Code of Conduct

66.1. The Host shall create a code of conduct for all staff, volunteers 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.

67. Risk assessment

67.1. 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.

68. Background checks

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

69. Medical support

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

70. Security measures

- 70.1. 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.

71. Safeguarding Officer

- 71.1. 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.

72. Reporting and response procedures

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

73. Training and awareness

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

XII. SERVICES

74. Entry Visas

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

75. Team And Game Official Hosts

75.1. 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.

76. Game Services

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

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

XIII. PROTOCOL

77. Head of Protocol and Protocol Personnel

77.1. 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.

78. Flags

- 78.1. The arena shall be decorated with national flags of the same dimensions and hanging from a similar height for all of the participating teams in the Championship.
- 78.2. The flags are to be positioned from left to right (seen from the main tribune) in order of seeding as teams enter the Championship. The IIHF flag may be positioned at the start, the end or in the middle of the national flags.
- 78.3. The flags shall be positioned in the arena in an appropriate location for maximum visibility without creating view obstruction for any stakeholders. The size of the IIHF flag may differ from the size of national flags. The Host shall verify the authenticity of the respective national flags and anthems.
- 78.4. The flags may be provided by the IIHF, in which case they must be used exclusively. The Host shall return the provided country flags to the IIHF in Zurich, no later than one (1) week after the end of the Championship.
- 78.5. The Host shall provide a mechanism to hoist the flag for the postgame ceremony, as described under Art. 81 of this Event Code.

79. IIHF Official Music & Official Speaker

- 79.1. 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 is responsible for all charges arising therefrom or in connection with the use of the IIHF Official Music.
- 79.2. The Host shall ensure that no music is played in the arena which contains offensive language.
- 79.3. The Host shall appoint speakers who shall speak fluent English as well as the native language of the Host country. The Host shall exclusively use the speaker script provided by the IIHF. The IIHF may assign additional speakers or replace those chosen by the Host if not suited.

80. Opening Ceremony

- 80.1. Eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship, the Host shall present the Opening Ceremony plan to the IIHF.
- 80.2. 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.
- 80.3. The flag of the Host country shall be hoisted while the country's national anthem is being played.
- 80.4. 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.

81. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

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

82. Medal Ceremonies

- 82.1. 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.

83. Championship Awards

- 83.1. The Host shall provide the following awards:
 - a. Medals for the best three (3) Teams (gold, silver, and bronze medals);
 - b. Awards for the best player of each game of each team;
 - c. Award for most valuable player (MVP) of the tournament (optional); and
 - d. Award for each player of the “All-star” Team (optional).
- 83.2. 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.
- 83.3. The Host shall inform the IIHF at the latest in August prior to the Championship if the right for designing the medals will be used.
- 83.4. In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the standards communicated in writing by the IIHF.
- 83.5. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all awards they provide.
- 83.6. In designing the medals, the Host shall respect the following minimum standards:

WJC	WW
Diameter: minimum 70 mm	Diameter: minimum 80 mm
Minimum weight: 180 g	Minimum weight: 250 g
Minimum thickness: 5 mm	Minimum thickness: 7 mm
Amount: 43 pieces per medal type	Amount: 43 pieces per medal type

- a. The front shall present the Host country identifying elements as well as the complete official Championship title and season;
 - b. The back shall present the IIHF logo; and
 - c. The ribbon may have the colors of the Host national flag or IIHF colors (red, blue and white).
- 83.7. The Host shall hand all medals over to the IIHF no later than on the first day of the Championship.
- 83.8. Should the Host wish to present any further award other than those indicated in Art. 83.1 of this Event Code, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.

XIV. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

84. Accommodation of Official Participants

- 84.1. The Host shall provide accommodation in 4-star hotels and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to all participants listed under Art. 90 - 93 of this Event Code.
- 84.2. Hotels shall be within a twenty (20) minutes bus travel time radius from the respective arena.
- 84.3. The Host is responsible for ensuring that any agreements with the hotels provide as much flexibility as possible in terms of additional rooms, date changes, late deadlines of confirmation, as well as favorable cancelation policies.
- 84.4. The Host shall seek IIHF approval no later than twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the Championship for the specific hotels and hotel rates where Official Participants shall stay during the Championship.
- 84.5. The Host shall make reservations on behalf of the IIHF for persons not listed under Art. 90 - 93 of this Event Code.
- 84.6. The Host shall make reservations for media if so requested by the IIHF.
- 84.7. Any costs related to accommodation of persons not listed under Art. 90 - 93 of this Event Code shall be paid by the guest concerned upon checkout, unless otherwise stated in writing by the IIHF.
- 84.8. The Host shall ensure that additional rooms for guests, not listed under Art. 90 - 93 of this Event Code, are provided to them at the same financial conditions they have negotiated for the Official Participants.
- 84.9. In the event that any of the Official Participants cause damage to their accommodation, Championship transportation or at the arenas, the Host is responsible for checking the extent of the damage and bearing the connected costs. The Host shall invoice the concerned Official Participant(s). The Host shall inform the IIHF regarding the damage occurred.

85. Additional Hotel Spaces

85.1. At a minimum, the Host shall negotiate and bear the costs for the following additional spaces within the hotel, specified under Articles 86 and 87 of this Event Code.

86. Teams Meeting Rooms

86.1. The Host shall provide fully equipped meeting rooms for the Participating Teams, which shall be made available in the hotel where the Participating Teams are staying.

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

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

87. Officiating Team Meeting Room

87.1. The Host shall arrange for one (1) meeting room for the Officiating Team, which shall be made exclusively available for meetings and meals in the hotel 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.

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

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

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

88. Board

88.1. 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 Bylaws 12 (WM20) and 14 (WW).

88.2. 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.

88.3. 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.

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

88.5. 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.

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

89. Official Participants - General

89.1. The Host shall provide accommodation for the persons indicated under Art. 90 - 93 of this Event Code (the "Official Participants").

90. Participating Teams

90.1. All Teams participating in World Women Championships shall be provided with accommodation starting at noon on the day before the beginning of the Championship until noon of the day after the Championship for the concerned Participating Team is concluded.

90.2. All Teams participating in World Junior Championships shall be provided with accommodation and full board starting at noon on the day before the beginning of the Championship until noon of the day after the Championship for the concerned Participating Team is concluded.

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

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

90.5. The IIHF Championship Chairperson shall be also accommodated in the team hotel, if possible.

90.6. Each team shall be provided with six (6) single rooms and twelve (12) twin rooms.

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

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

91. Officiating Team

91.1. 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.

- 91.2. The Host shall provide a total of thirty-two (32) standard rooms with single occupancy.
- 91.3. The IIHF reserves the right to request additional rooms and/or variations to the above schedule depending on the location of the venues and facilities being used to stage the Championship and the varying Game Officials assignments given by different circumstances.
- 91.4. 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.

92. IIHF Representatives

- 92.1. Upon request, the Host must provide appropriate hotel rooms for IIHF representatives and guests two (2) days before the first game until one (1) day after the conclusion of the Championships. Rooms shall be provided as specified below:

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

- 92.2 The Host shall provide a sufficient amount of service accreditations as requested by the IIHF.

93. IIHF Event Photographer and Editor

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

94. Meal Money

- 94.1. Unless the Host provides meals, they shall pay meal money to IIHF Staff, IIHF Medical Supervisors and the Officiating Team for each day they are in attendance at the Championship, including the arrival and departure days, in accordance with the respective IIHF Expense Guidelines.
- 94.2. The settlement for such meal money shall be paid through a pre-financing from the IIHF which will be invoiced to the Host.
- 94.3. 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

95. Transportation Service

- 95.1. Airport transportation, including where necessary luggage transportation, shall be provided for all Official Participants and all other persons as indicated by the IIHF.
- 95.2. 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, Game Officials, designated Team staff and any other person specifically designated by the IIHF;
 - c. Team transportation with one (1) dedicated bus; and
 - d. Dedicated car for IIHF TEC to use four (4) days prior to the beginning of the Championship to ensure IIHF technology installation at the Championship Venues, and until its end.
- 95.3. 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.
- 95.4. The transportation service shall be available 24h/day.
- 95.5. 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.
- 95.6. 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.
- 95.7. 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.

96. Transportation Desk

- 96.1. The Host is responsible for setting up a transportation desk, which shall start its operations seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the Championship and last until two (2) days after the Championship has concluded.
- 96.2. The transportation desk shall be open from 6 a.m. until two (2) hours after the last game of the day has finished or midnight, whatever is latest.
- 96.3. A transportation contact shall be available 24h/day by phone.

97. Parking Spaces

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

XVI. ACCREDITATION

98. IIHF Accreditation Guidelines

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

XVII. TICKETING

99. Host Rights

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

100. Ticket Terms and Conditions

100.1. The Host shall ensure that the minimum terms and conditions are either printed on the back side of the tickets or brought to the purchaser's attention in another way.

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

101. IIHF Tickets

101.1. The Host shall provide the IIHF with one hundred (100) seats of the best category per game in each arena (the "IIHF Seats").

101.2. 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.

101.3. The Host shall seek IIHF approval for the location of the seats no later than eight (8) months prior to the beginning of the Championship or prior to the ticket sale starts, whichever is earlier.

101.4. The Host shall deliver single IIHF game tickets in the manner agreed with the IIHF.

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

102. Participant Tribune

102.1. The Host shall provide an accredited tribune of sixty (60) 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").

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

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

103. Tickets For Participating Teams

103.1. The Host shall provide each Participating Team with twenty-nine (29) free tickets to their own game.

104. Seat Kill

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

104.2. 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

105. General

105.1. 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.

105.2. The Game Schedule structure shall mandatorily reflect one of the models indicated under Section III of the IIHF Sport Guidelines. Shall the situation require the Host to deviate from such models, then they shall seek prior IIHF approval.

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

105.4. 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.

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

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

105.7. The wish of the Host as to the game time and game allocation will be respected if requested at the time of the game schedule approval.

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

105.9. 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

106. Practice Schedule

106.1. 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.

106.2. 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.

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

106.4. 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.

106.5. 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.

107. Dressing Rooms Allotment

107.1. 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 the 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.

107.2. The Host is responsible for planning an exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Art. 107.1.c and communicating it to the respective Participating Team in due time.

XX. TELEVISION BREAKS

108. Break Coordinator

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

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

109. Commercial Breaks

109.1. 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.

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

110. Goal Breaks

110.1. 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.

110.2. 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

111. General

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

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

111.3. 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 unprofessional or negative way, or delivering unofficial commercial messages.

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

111.5. 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.

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

112. In-Game Replays

112.1. 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.

112.2. 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.

113. Video Review Consultant Replay

113.1. 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.

113.2. 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.

113.3. 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.

114. Injuries

114.1. 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.

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

115. Spectators

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

115.2. 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.

116. Fights

116.1. 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

117. IIHF Rule Book

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

XXIII. ICE SURFACE DIMENSIONS

118. General

118.1. 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.

118.2. 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

119. Host Responsibilities

119.1. The Host is responsible for scheduling prior to the beginning of a Championship the following pre-Championship meetings and invite all relevant Participating Teams staff as well as members of the OC:

- a. Head Coaches’ Rule Information Meeting (HCRIM);
- b. Team Medical Personnel Meeting (Art. 148 of this Event Code);
- c. Team Media Manager Meeting;
- d. Video Review Consultant Meeting; and

e. First Directorate Meeting.

XXV. IIHF FROZEN GAME PUCK PROCEDURE

120. Host Responsibilities

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

120.2. 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

121. Host Responsibilities

121.1. 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

122. Event Medical Committee Members

122.1. The Host shall establish an Event Medical Committee (“EMC”) at least six (6) 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”) at IIHF World Junior Championships exclusively; and
- c. Any other members as designated by the ECMO including, but not limited to, a Medical Services Coordinator (“MSC”), if necessary.

122.2. If the Championship is organized in two different cities, the Host shall appoint an ECMO for the second venue.

123. Event Medical Committee Responsibilities

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

123.2. The ECM 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 related services;
- d. Review and arrange for appropriate ambulance coverage according to the requirements set out in Articles 131 and 132 of this Event Code as well as for an after-hours call service in the event of an illness or injury;
- e. Determine if there are any concerns regarding water quality and vaccinations in the Host country and advise the IIHF accordingly;
- f. Establish an appropriate space within the various venues for both the Medical

Room and the anti-doping facilities;

- g. Develop and maintain a full supply list for the Medical Room in accordance with the IIHF Medical Guidelines;
- h. Determine the requirements for medical equipment and supplies, including medications procure these in appropriate quantity for all training and competition sites;
- i. Establish a recording system for documenting all medical treatments, assessments and dispensing of medications;
- j. Support the Team Medical Personnel (Team Doctor, Team Physiotherapist or other persons designated to handle Team medical matters) in requesting any special licensing in order to perform their duties in the Host country;
- k. Liaise with visiting teams to assist them in the procurement of any specific supplies or equipment;
- l. Confirm with designated hospitals whether they accept insurance or if Participating Teams will have to self-pay;
- m. Ensure that all members of the Event Medical Team (whether paid or volunteer) have malpractice insurance to deal with any claims that may arise as a result of their participation in the Championship;
- n. Arrange for appropriate accreditation, accommodation, food service, beverages, towels, outfitting and transportation for the Event Medical Team;
- o. Prepare the logistics for the IIHF Team Medical Personnel Meeting and Rescue on Ice session; and
- p. Draft a final report at the end of the Championship, according to the provisions set out in Art. 149 of this Event Code.

124. The Event Chief Medical Officer

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

124.2. *ECMO requirements*

124.2.1. The ECMO shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Medical license valid in the Host country;
- b. Proven Ice Hockey and/or sport medicine experience;
- c. Knowledge of Concussion Protocol and WADA Anti-Doping rules; and

- d. Shall not be a physician of one of the Participating Teams.

124.3. *ECMO responsibilities*

124.3.1. The ECMO is 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 one (1) month 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.

125. Chief Dental Officer

125.1. For IIHF World Junior Championships, the Host shall appoint a CDO who is 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.

125.2. *CDO requirements*

125.2.1. 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.

125.3. At IIHF Women's World Championships, the responsibility set out in Art. 125.1 shall fall under the ECMO's responsibility.

126. The Event Medical Team

126.1. *Composition of the Event Medical Team*

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

126.1.2. The Event Medical Team shall consist of:

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

126.2. *Objective of Event Medical Team*

126.2.1. 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.

126.3. *Presence of the Event Medical Team*

126.3.1. Game day coverage

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

- a. One physician with sport medicine experience (“Game-Day Physician”); and
- b. One dentist (applicable to IIHF World Junior Championships only).

126.3.1.2. Furthermore, two or more paramedics shall be present according to the provisions set out in Art. 132 of this Event Code.

126.3.2. Practice coverage

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

127. Treatment of injured players or officials

127.1. 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.

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

127.3. 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.

127.4. The Home Team Medical Personnel is responsible for removing injured Game Officials from the ice. After the removal, the Home Team shall relinquish the medical care to the Event Medical Team, who is responsible for the diagnosis and decision relating to the ability of an on-ice official to return to play.

128. Medical Records

128.1. 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.

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

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

128.4. 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

129. Facilities and equipment

129.1. 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 Articles 129.2 and 129.3 are met.

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

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

130. Equipment for exhibition games

130.1. 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

131. Ambulance Services - Practice

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

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

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

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

131.5. Such ambulances shall be equipped with appropriate supplies to:

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

132. Ambulance Services - Championship games

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

132.2. The ambulance shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements set out in Art. 131.5 of this Event Code.

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

132.4. 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.

132.5. 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.

132.6. 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.

133. Laboratory and Imaging Services

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

133.2. 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).

133.3. 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 is responsible for organizing the analysis at the expense of the concerned Participating Team.

134. Spectator Medical Services

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

134.2. 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.

134.3. 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.

135. Hospital Services

135.1. 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.

136. Medications

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

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

136.3. 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.

136.4. 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

137. EMC Obligations

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

137.2. 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.

137.3. 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.

137.4. The EMC shall help to arrange the transfer of injured players and officials to their respective country.

XXXI. BLOOD SPILL MANAGEMENT

138. Event Medical Team and EMC Responsibilities

138.1. 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.

138.2. 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

139. Concussion Protocol

139.1. 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.

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

139.3. 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. of the IIHF Medical Guidelines is not being followed, then they shall report the facts to the IIHF Medical Supervisor.

139.4. In the event that a player suffers a concussion, the ECMO or Game-Day Physician shall ensure that the return to play provisions as set out in Art. 22 of the IIHF Medical Guidelines are being followed.

139.5. 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

140. Air Circulation

140.1. 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

141. Nutritional Standards

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

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

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

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

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

142. Hydration Standards

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

142.2. 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.

XXXV. DOPING CONTROL

143. Host Obligations

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

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

144. Doping Control Facilities

144.1. The DC facilities shall comply with the requirements set out in Art. 22 of this Event Code.

XXXVI. MEDICAL EXPENSES

145. Medical Program expenses

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

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

145.3. 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

146. Communications with and between the Event Medical Team

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

146.2. 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.

147. Media relations

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

147.2. 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.

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

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

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

147.6. 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. IIHF TEAM MEDICAL PERSONNEL MEETING

148. Host responsibilities and mandatory participants

148.1. 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.

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

XXXIX. FINAL REPORT TO THE IIHF

149. ECMO's Responsibilities

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

XL. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

150. General

150.1. The Host's right to design and use the protected IIHF Official Identification(s) (Championship logo, mascot, look and feel, colors, lettering, IIHF Official Music, etc.) of the Championship shall be limited to the promotion of the Championship and to allow the Host to meet its obligation and exploit its rights as granted to the Host in accordance with the HCC.

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

150.3. The IIHF Official Identifications shall remain at all times property of the IIHF.

151. Championship Logo

151.1. The Host shall create a suitable Championship logo which shall comply with the IIHF Competition Branding Guidelines (the "Official Championship Logo").

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

152. Championship Title

152.1. 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").

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

XLI. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

153. Advertising

153.1. *General*

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

- 153.1.2. Advertising with political, racial or religious content, tobacco and/or pornography is prohibited. For avoidance of doubt, advertising is allowed for beer, alcopops and other spirits specifically approved by the IIHF.
- 153.1.3. 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.
- 153.1.4. The Host ensures that there is no advertising and/or promotion of any company, product or service that conflicts with the IIHF or Commercial Partner Sponsors as indicated in the HCC, or IIHF Supplier's product. The advertising of any company that conflicts with the exclusivity category of the IIHF Supplier Pool Members is permitted; however, such companies are strictly prohibited from having any visibility of their products during the Event

153.2. Clean Venue Rule

- 153.2.1. The Host shall ensure that any advertising and/or promotion from all game and practice arenas, facilities all other areas to be used in relation to the Championship conflicting with any of the IIHF Commercial Affiliates, is removed five (5) days prior to the beginning of the Championship.
- 153.2.2. All club logos and banners which are potentially visible in the TV camera shall either be removed or covered.
- 153.2.3. Exceptions may be granted based on the Arena Advertising Zones as outlined in the IIHF Marketing Guidelines, upon prior IIHF approval.

153.3. Advertising Outside the Arenas and their Immediate Vicinity

- 153.3.1. The Host's right to exploit advertising possibilities outside the Arena and their immediate vicinity shall be limited to the areas specified in the HCC.
- 153.3.2. Any other advertising and/or identification outside of the arenas are forbidden, unless specifically permitted on a case-by-case basis by the IIHF in writing.

153.4. Advertising Inside the Arenas

- 153.4.1. The Host's right to exploit advertising possibilities inside the arena shall be limited to the areas specified in the HCC.
- 153.4.2. Notwithstanding Article 153.4.1, the Host shall seek IIHF prior approval for any other advertising and/or display of identifications, whether sound or visual, inside the arena.
- 153.4.3. Nevertheless, the following shall be at all times advertising-free and

clean of any branding:

- a. Kickboards;
- b. Safety nets behind goals;
- c. Goals and goal nets;
- d. In-arena entertainment operators (such as mascot, etc.); and
- e. Locker rooms.

153.4.4. The Host shall send all sponsors and partners for the Championship, as well as all advertising positions, to the IIHF prior to the beginning of the Championship.

153.4.5. Any adjustment to the sizes and positions of advertising on the boards is strictly prohibited.

153.4.6. With regards to the IIHF venue advertising rights, the Host is responsible for ensuring that competitive bids are obtained for the production and installation of the respective marketing assets.

153.5. Media backdrops

153.5.1. The Host has a right to retain fifty percent (50%) of the media backdrop display.

153.5.2. The Host is responsible for the production of the media backdrop, which shall include the IIHF logo.

153.5.3. The Host shall seek IIHF approval prior to its production.

153.5.4. The Host ensures that the media backdrop is not covered by other backdrops or any other element which might have an impact on its visibility.

153.6. Rink Board Advertising

153.6.1. Rink board advertising in the practice rinks shall either correspond to the Main Arena's or shall be clean of advertising.

153.6.2. The Host has a right to sell advertising boards to their national partners as indicated in the HCC.

153.7. Under-ice Advertising

153.7.1. Under-ice advertising is only permitted in four positions in the neutral zone and four positions behind the goals with each being 400 cm x 200 cm as indicated in the HCC.

153.7.2. The faceoff circle in the neutral zone is reserved for the Championship logo.

- 153.7.3. The Host may use the top (limited to 1 position) and bottom (limited to 1 position) of the faceoff circle for venue name and/or government funding partners.
- 153.7.4. The Host ensures that on-ice advertising is in light colors to avoid impairing puck visibility.
- 153.7.5. Under-ice advertising in the practice rinks shall either correspond to the Main Arena's or shall be clean of advertising.

153.8. *Player and Penalty Benches*

- 153.8.1. The Host has a right to place advertising on the benches on the side of the penalty boxes and official scorekeepers.
- 153.8.2. Advertising shall include the Championship logo as well as the IIHF Sponsor logo and shall be priorly approved by the IIHF.
- 153.8.3. Use of semi-transparent foil, which enables potential spectators behind it to see through, may be used. However, it must be ensured that the view of spectators and off-ice officials is not restricted.
- 153.8.4. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval if they wish to change their advertising for each game.

153.9. *Plexiglass*

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

154. Commercial Breaks

- 154.1. The IIHF may grant the right to use game breaks for the placing of advertising inserts for live televised Championship games.
- 154.2. The Host is obliged to ensure the organizational links between the game controlling bodies (On and Off-ice officials) and the correct timing and duration of the commercials placed by television and the proceedings on the ice (whistle and restarting whistle and appropriate game situation).

155. Game Official Equipment

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

155.2. After approval, the Host will share the sponsor's logo artwork with the IIHF no later than five (5) weeks prior to the beginning of the Championship in order for the apparel supplier to prepare the Game Officials' jerseys. The Game Officials' jerseys will be sent directly to the Championship upon production. The advertising on the uniforms and helmets of the Game Officials shall be limited as follows:

- On the helmet's front side with max. size of 16 cm x 5.5 cm;
- On the breast part of the front and back side of the jerseys with max. size of 30 cm x 30 cm; and
- Other advertising possibilities as established and approved by the IIHF.

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

155.4. The Host is responsible for placing the advertising onto the helmets and the jerseys. In case of permanent damage to the helmets and the jerseys, the Host shall bear the costs for replacement.

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

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

156. Organizational Equipment Suppliers

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

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

157. Merchandising

157.1. The Host has been licensed the right to design, produce, market sell merchandising products in relation to the Championship in accordance with the HCC.

157.2. The layout and quality of all merchandising items shall be approved by the IIHF prior to production.

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

158. Partner(s) Titles

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

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

159. Broadcasting

159.1. *National Transmission Rights*

159.1.1. The non-exclusive TV rights granted to the Host shall be in accordance with the IIHF Broadcast License Agreement and shall be limited to the free to air terrestrial based transmission of the event solely to the national territory of the Host during and not longer than three (3) days following the Championship.

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

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

159.1.4. The Host rights to produce game feed shall be in accordance with the HCC.

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

159.2. *Web casting*

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

159.3. *TV Commercial breaks*

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

159.4. *Host Obligations*

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

159.4.2. The Host shall grant access to the venue facilities to the IIHF Broadcasting Partner(s) and/or third-party service providers, as indicated by the IIHF.

159.4.3. The Host ensures that all arena(s) have no less than standard TV lighting, spectators stands on both sides and primary camera positions that shoot into players' benches.

159.4.4. The Host makes best efforts to dress the arena(s) walls and hallways with Championship advertisement.

159.5. *IIHF identification and TV inserts*

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

159.5.2. A minimum of two (2) TV inserts per period in connection with the score of the game, with a duration of at least six (6) seconds each, should be granted to the IIHF Partner Tissot.

XLII. MARKETING RIGHTS

160. Official Championship Mascot

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

161. Fan Data

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

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

162. Championship Promotion

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

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

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

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

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

162.6. The official Championship program shall include the English language.

XLIII. COMMUNICATIONS

163. Media Rights

163.1. *General*

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

163.2. *Website*

- 163.2.1. The Host has the right to create content which may be placed on the Championship website, upon IIHF approval.
- 163.2.2. The IIHF shall approve the design and the language of the homepage.
- 163.2.3. The Host ensures that official scores and statistics of the Championship are taken from the IIHF website and shall not be produced independently.
- 163.2.4. The Host ensures that all Championship-related information regarding e.g. game schedules, ticketing merchandise shall be first communicated on the IIHF Championship website.
- 163.2.5. The Host shall provide all of their partners logos as high- and low-resolution files as well as the relevant URL to be linked to the partner logo placed on the Championship website.
- 163.2.6. Any IIHF guidelines concerning the website's templates shall mandatorily be observed.

163.3. *Media operation – services*

- 163.3.1. 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.
- 163.3.2. The Press Officer(s) is responsible for:
 - 163.3.2.1. Assisting the IIHF Communications Manager with media operations preparation and print media and photographer accreditation;
 - 163.3.2.2. Ensuring that IIHF Media Areas (Media Tribune, Media Center, Photography Positions, Mixed Zone, Flash Zones, Press Conference Room. Etc.) requirements are met;
 - 163.3.2.3. Creating an information package to be shared with accredited media; and
 - 163.3.2.4. During the Championship, being first contact for accredited

media representatives and photographers; managing and supervising media working areas on site; assisting and supporting the teams with media needs and requests; collecting statistics of media attendance; providing and creating a communication channel to keep the media representatives informed about the Championship.

163.4. Photography operations – services

163.4.1. The Host shall additionally assign one (1) Photo Manager per venue who is responsible for assisting photographers and serving as primary contact towards the IIHF for all needs connected to their area of responsibility. The tasks of the Photo Manager can also be delegated to the Press Officer.

163.4.2. The Photo Manager is responsible for:

- a. Establishing with the Press Officer all still photography positions in the venue;
- b. Coordinating with Host Accreditations Center to make sure that the IIHF Photography Agreement is signed by all accredited photographers upon accreditation pick-up. Provide the IIIHF with the agreements at the end of the Event;
- c. Assisting the IIHF Photographers with team photos and photography requests;
- d. Working in close collaboration with the Press Officer to make sure that all information needed by photographers is included in the info letters;
- e. Organizing photographer meetings with the IIHF Photo Manager;
- f. Ensuring that photographers register for photo positions before the games; shoot only from the photo positions;
- g. Liaise with arena security to provide safe access for photographers to the arena catwalk (where available) above the arena in order to set up remote overhead cameras;
- h. Coordinating with ice crew for access, rules permission for on ice access for team photos, netcam management and post-game activities;
- i. Coordinating the frequencies list for remote cameras and provide the IIHF Photographers with such;
- j. Organize with IIHF Photo Manager on-ice access for photographers for on-ice medal ceremonies and communicate procedure with accredited photographers; and
- k. Photography support for the Host where needed.

163.5. Social Media

163.5.1. The Host shall manage the social media channels for the Championship, should these channels already exist.

163.5.2. If specific Host social media channels exist, the Host shall use those official channels to communicate information about the Championship. In the absence of a specific Host social media channel, Hosts may use

the host team channels, but video content will be limited according to the IIHF Team Video Guidelines.

- 163.5.3. The Host ensures that social media channels are created and implemented for the Championship in collaboration with the IIHF.
- 163.5.4. If the Host wishes to create new Host social media channel, it shall undergo the following procedure:
 - a. The social media channel shall be pre-approved by the IIHF;
 - b. If approved, the IIHF grants admin access to the Host;
 - c. The naming of the social media page shall follow the standard format as outlined by the IIHF; and
 - d. Ownership of the social media channel shall revert to the IIHF at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 163.5.5. The Host shall assign a Social Media Coordinator who is skilled in sports photography and video editing.
- 163.5.6. The Host Social Media Coordinator shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a. Create and publish content to promote the Championship (e.g., ticket information, promotional materials, information about the venues and locations, etc.);
 - b. Gather, create and when needed edit highly engaging and compelling social media content of the Championship;
 - c. Act as main contact for any existing Host social media channels towards the IIHF;
 - d. Provide equal coverage of all teams not solely focus on the Host country team;
 - e. Help to strategize and coordinate photo and video shoots and set-ups, including logistics, lighting, set and locations, etc. when requested by the IIHF;
 - f. Refrain from taking pictures or videos solely for personal use (i.e. stop a player to take a picture with them);
 - g. Work with the IIHF Digital Content Team, if requested; and
 - h. Supply content in a timely manner to the IIHF and the Participating Teams via the IIHF content server. Uploads shall be, at a minimum, done once a day.
- 163.5.7. The Host shall ensure that the IIHF and the Participating Teams can be associated with the content being published.

- 163.5.8. The Host ensures that all information relating to the Championship is exclusively communicated through the above-mentioned official channels in the English language.
- 163.5.9. If the Host wishes to communicate in their own language, they shall seek prior IIHF approval.
- 163.5.10. Due to TV rights exclusivity, filmed content may be forbidden to use on the Host social media channels and access to specific areas may be restricted for the Event Social Media Coordinators during the tournament. The Host will be informed about the specific rules by the IIHF prior to the start of the tournament.
- 163.5.11. The Host ensures that only high-quality visual content is published.
- 163.5.12. All published content shall be neutral in tone and shall not criticize any of the stakeholders mentioned above.
- 163.5.13. The Host ensures that content from third parties posted organically is verified with the respective right holders.
- 163.5.14. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for social media post templates.
- 163.5.15. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for all content relating to sponsors or showing sponsors logos.
- 163.5.16. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for news releases, which must in any case be published only after the respective press release.
- 163.5.17. The Host shall seek prior IIHF approval for specialized hashtags that they intend to use for the Championship.
- 163.5.18. 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.
- 163.5.19. The Host shall refrain from using any visual content for commercial purposes.
- 163.5.20. The Host ensures that ownership of all social media pages reverts back to the IIHF at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 163.5.21. Following the conclusion of the Championship, the IIHF reserves the right to reassign any social media accounts to a new host.
- 163.5.22. The IIHF retains ownership of any social media account that are created in collaboration with the Host for the purpose of promoting a Championship.
- 163.5.23. The Host ensures that all its Staff, including volunteering staff, is aware of the IIHF Social Media Guidelines.
- 163.5.24. The Host acknowledges and informs all their staff, including volunteering staff and third parties mandated to manage the Host's social media

accounts, if any, that they may be subject to legal action or disciplinary sanctions for any posting deemed to be inappropriate, illegal infringing on any other person's rights, in accordance with the IIHF Integrity Code.

164. Media Facilities

164.1. *General*

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

XLIV. TICKETING

165. Ticketing Design

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

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

165.3. The Host ensures that the IIHF "Governed by" logo as well as the official event title must be placed in a separate area of the ticket.

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

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

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

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

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

XLV. INSTALLATION AND STORAGE OF TECHNOLOGY

166. General

166.1. 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.

166.2. 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.

166.3. The host ensures the availability of wireless frequency authorization for the transmission.

166.4. 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.

XLVI. SPORT SYSTEM - VIDEO REVIEW OPERATIONS

167. Host Responsibilities - General

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

167.2. 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.

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

167.4. 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.

167.5. All facilities relating to the Sport System Server Room are indicated under Art. 26 of this Event Code.

XLVII. VIDEO REVIEW AMBER LIGHT

168. Host Responsibilities - General

168.1. 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.

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

168.3. 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.

XLVIII. SPORT PRESENTATION DATA INTERFACE

169. Host Responsibilities - General

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

170. Host Responsibilities - Before Competition

170.1. 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.

170.2. 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.

170.3. 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.

XLIX. BREAK COUNTDOWN CLOCK AND RED LIGHT

171. The Break Coordinator

171.1. The Host shall appoint a person who is responsible for operating the break countdown clock and the Red Light (the "Break Coordinator"), as indicated under Art. 108 of this Event Code.

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

172. Host Responsibilities

172.1. 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.

172.2. Shall the Host be providing the above-mentioned technology, and they are responsible for the installation thereof and for any cost connected thereto.

172.3. The Host is responsible for providing power supply for both devices and, unless otherwise indicated by the IIHF, a method of timing breaks in line with Chapter 4 of this Event Code.

172.4. The Host is responsible for coordinating with the Host Broadcaster to ensure that the Red Light is operating properly.

172.5. The Host is responsible for the correct implementation of the commercial breaks with the support of the Host Broadcaster.

L. PUCK AND PLAYER TRACKING

173. Host Responsibilities

173.1. 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.

173.2. 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.

173.3. 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

174. Host Responsibilities

174.1. 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.

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

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

LII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

175. Procedure

175.1. 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 to the IIHF (compliance@iihfoffice.com) if the alleged non-compliance takes place prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the Championship.

175.2. 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.

175.3. 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. 176 of this Event Code and immediately ask the Host to rectify their actions, if the situation so allows.

176. Sanctions

176.1. 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.

176.2. 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.

176.3. 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.

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

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

176.6. Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

176.7. 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.

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

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

177. Withdrawal of Hosting Rights

177.1. Notwithstanding the provision set out in Art. 176 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 40'000, except for cases of force majeure.

177.2. 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.

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

- a. The Host is in fundamental breach of the HCC;
- b. The Host has failed to meet any material pre-condition on which hosting rights were granted; or
- c. There is reason for concern that the well-being or the safe freedom of movement of the players, officials, travelling spectators and media is in doubt.

PART II – PARTICIPANTS REGULATIONS

Services and Protocol

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LIII. SERVICES

178. Entry Visas

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

178.2. 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.

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

179. Team Host

179.1. 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.

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

180. Game Services

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

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

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

LIV. PROTOCOL

181. Flags

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

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

182. Pre-Game and Post-Game Ceremonies

182.1. 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.

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

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

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

183. Medal Ceremonies

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

183.2. 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.

183.3. 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.

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

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

184. Championship Awards

184.1. 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 12 or 14 accordingly.

LV. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

185. Accommodation

185.1. All Teams participating in World Women Championships shall be entitled to receive accommodation in 4-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.

185.2. All Teams participating in World Junior Championships shall be entitled to receive accommodation in 4-star hotels at the Host's expense, beginning starting at noon on the day before the beginning of the Championship until noon of the day after the Championship is concluded.

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

185.4. Each team shall be provided with six (6) single rooms and twelve (12) twin rooms.

185.5. Each Participating Team may request additional rooms for the team delegation at their own cost for a period of time until the Championship for the participant concerned is concluded.

186. Team Meeting Room

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

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

187. Board

187.1. Participating Teams shall have the right to receive full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for their maximum number of players, as specified in IIHF Bylaws 12 and 14, at the Host's expense, as well as fruit as snack throughout the day.

187.2. 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.

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

LVI. TRANSPORTATION

188. Transportation Service

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

188.2. 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 Bylaws 11, to the IIHF official Championship airport both at arrival and departure.

188.3. 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.

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

188.5. 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

189. Team Tickets

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

189.2. Each Participating Team shall have the right to receive twenty-nine (29) tickets to their own games, to be used at the teams' sole discretion.

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

190. Team Video Coach Positions

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

190.2. Participating Teams shall be provided with SDI HD cabling for three (3) positions within the Team Video Coach Positions.

190.3. Participating Teams shall additionally be provided with four (4) seats for non-playing team staff with SDI HD cabling.

191. Damages

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

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

191.3. 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

192. Competition Seeding

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

192.2. 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.

192.3. 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 number coming into the Championship.

192.4. 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.

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

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

193. World Ranking System

193.1. 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).

193.2. 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.

193.3. 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.

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

193.5. *Pre-Championship Report*

193.5.1. 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. 194 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.

194. The Point System

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

194.8. 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

195. General

- 195.1. 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.
- 195.2. In a relegation game, the higher-ranked Participating Team retains the home team's advantage.
- 195.3. 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.
- 195.4. 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.
- 195.5. In Championships where playoffs are played, the semi-final pairings will be formed based on the ranking of the preliminary round. The highest-ranked team will play the lowest-ranked team. In addition, the highest-ranked team shall play the earlier semi-final unless the Host team is also playing in the semi-finals and has specifically, in the signed game schedule, requested to play the earlier game.

LX. THREE POINT AND TIE BREAKING SYSTEMS

196. Allocation of points

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

197. Tie-breaking system

- 197.1. The tie breaking procedure is applicable when two or more teams are tied in points in a Championship standing.
- 197.2. 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.

197.3. 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 the teams will be ranked by their positions coming into the Championship (i.e. seeding).
- g. The IIHF tie-breaking system shall be used to resolve ties before the end of the Preliminary Round.
- h. In case two teams are tied and they have not yet played against each other in case three or more teams are tied and not all mutual games have been played within the sub-group, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - i. Fewest number of games played;
 - ii. Highest Goal Differential (GF-GA) in all games;
 - iii. Highest number of Goals For (GF) in all games;
 - iv. Highest tournament seeding entering the tournament.
- i. In case three or more teams are tied this process will continue until only two teams remain tied. The game between the two remaining tied teams would then be the determining tie-breaker. If the two remaining tied teams have not played each other, then the tiebreaker will be determined by re-starting the process only for these two teams.

LXI. IIHF RULE BOOK

198. Applicability

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

LXII. PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

199. Mandatory attendance

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

LXIII. PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND DRESSING ROOM ALLOTMENT

200. Practice Schedule

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

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

200.2. 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.

200.3. 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.

200.4. 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.

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

201. Pre-Game Warm-up Session

201.1. 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.

202. Dressing Rooms Allotment

202.1. 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.

202.2. Each Participating Team shall receive from the Host in due time the exact time schedule for the changes indicated under Art. 202.1.c.

LXIV. COMMERCIAL BREAKS

203. Team Considerations

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

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

LXV. TEAM ENTRY AND DEPARTURE FROM ICE SURFACE

204. Procedure

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

LXVI. TEAM ENTRY LONG LIST

205. Participating Team Responsibilities

205.1. 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.

205.2. 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.

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

- a. Signed player entry forms;
- b. Signed Team officials registration forms;
- c. Contact details of at least one (1) Team official and the Team Directorate Member;
- d. Players passports, when requested; and

e. Signed underage waiver(s), if applicable.

205.4. 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 up to two (2) hours before any game that the team wishes the new player or goalkeeper to play.

205.5. 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 entered onto the team roster, allowing the player to compete in the Championship.

LXVII. PRE- AND POST-GAME INTERACTIONS

206. Participating Team Responsibilities

206.1. 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.

206.2. 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

207. The Team Doctor

207.1. 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.

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

208. Team Medical Personnel Responsibilities

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

208.2. 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.

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

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

209. Management of Injured On-Ice Officials

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

209.2. 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

210. Medical Health and Malpractice Insurance

210.1. 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).

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

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

211. Pre-Championship Medical Examination of players

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

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

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

LXX. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

212. Concussion Protocol

212.1. All Team Personnel shall be familiar with the most current version of the Concussion Protocol, as outlined in Art. 139 of this Event Code as well as in Section VI of the IIHF Medical Guidelines.

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

212.3. 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.

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

212.5. 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.

212.6. 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.

212.7. 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

213. Meals

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

213.2. 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.

LXXII. MEDICAL EXPENSES

214. Costs to be borne by the Teams

214.1. Ambulance service costs associated with not holding a Full Practice and not cancelling the Full Practice 48 hours in advance of the Full Practice as required in Article 208.4.

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

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

LXXIII. CHAMPIONSHIP IDENTIFICATIONS

215. Official Championship Title

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

216. Official Logo

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

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

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

LXXIV. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

217. Advertising

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

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

217.3. 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.

217.4. *Advertising on Off-Ice Apparel*

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

217.5. *Advertising on Player's Uniforms and Equipment and Practice Jerseys*

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

217.5.2. The sponsor shall receive prior IIHF approval and must present their

artwork ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the Championship to the IIHF.

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

217.5.4. Advertising areas shall be limited as follows:

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

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

218. Broadcasting

218.1. *National Transmission Rights*

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

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

LXXV. COMMUNICATIONS

219. Media participation

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

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

220. Interview procedures

220.1. All teams shall be informed about the interview procedures during the Media Manager calls and first Directorate meeting, and shall comply with these procedures.

220.1.1. *Flash interviews*

220.1.1.1. Players shall participate in intermission flash interviews after the first and second periods if so requested by the broadcast rights-holder. Flash interviews shall last up to ninety (90) seconds and shall be conducted either directly behind the player bench area or in a designated area with a Championship backdrop between the ice and the Team Dressing Rooms.

220.1.1.2. Players shall participate in an end-of-game flash interview with broadcasters and make themselves available directly after the postgame ceremonies and before going to the Mixed Zone or back to the locker rooms. End-of-game interviews are not limited in time, and requests shall be communicated to each Team by the broadcasters directly.

220.1.2. *Post-game Mixed Zone interviews*

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

220.1.2.2. Team Media Managers shall receive interview requests from the Press Officer or directly from the media and are responsible for ensuring that players conduct all requested interviews.

220.1.2.3. All players called to the post-game Mixed Zone shall wear their official national team jersey. Baseball caps can be worn only if they are part of the official-approved Championship apparel.

220.1.2.4. Following a game, players who must remain in the dressing room due to medical treatment for any portion of the media access period shall make themselves available in the Mixed Zone area as soon as possible following the conclusion of their treatment.

220.1.2.5. Nevertheless, players selected for doping control shall conduct their post-game interview prior to proceeding to the doping control room. The anti-doping chaperone shall be allowed to follow the player into the Mixed Zone while the player completes the interviews.

220.1.3. *Post practice interviews*

220.1.3.1. Team Media Managers shall receive after-practice interview requests.

220.1.3.2. Any player who leaves practice prior to its conclusion must remain available for the general media access period unless the Teams Media Manager makes alternate arrangements.

220.1.3.3. The coaching staff and Team Media Manager are entitled to limit game-day interviews to fifteen (15) minutes to restrict media interviews to the head coach and team captain. The players and coaches are entitled to decline any requests for impromptu interviews in other areas, such as the team hotel.

220.1.3.4. In the event of cancelled practice, the Team Media Manager is responsible for notifying the Host and making arrangements that the head coach and players meet with media during the designated media availability time.

220.1.4. *Team access*

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

221. Photography

221.1. If using images provided by the official IIHF partner, Participating Teams shall credit the image owner.

221.2. Pictures shall not be used for any purpose other than promotion.

221.3. Pictures shall not be shared with any third party which has not previously obtained a license agreement from the IIHF partner.

221.4. If the Teams bring their own team photographer, this person shall be accredited with the Team. Specific rules for team photographers will be communicated by the IIHF and must be complied with.

222. Team video on national team channels

222.1. Due to TV rights exclusivity, filmed content may be forbidden to use on the national team social media during the tournament.

222.2. During the Media Managers meeting, the teams will be informed of specific rules relating to the use of audiovisual content for the Championship, and these must be followed by the Teams.

223. Press conference

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

LXXVI. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY

224. Procedure

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

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

224.3. If the IIHF determines that the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach, or Team staff is, in fact, non-compliant, it may sanction the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach, or Team staff in accordance with the procedure set out in Art. 225 of this Event Code and immediately ask the MNA, Participating Team, player, coach or Team staff to rectify their actions, if the situation so allows.

225. Sanctions

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

225.2. The IIHF may sanction MNAs, Participating Teams, players, coaches or Team staff with:

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

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

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

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

225.6. Recidivism shall count as an aggravating circumstance.

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

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

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