



YEAR IN REVIEW 2024-25

A full-page photograph of Marie-Philip Poulin, captain of the Canadian women's national ice hockey team. She is wearing a red jersey with the number 29 and a black helmet with the number 29. She is in a crouched position on the ice, holding a hockey stick. The background shows a blurred ice rink with some spectators and arena lights.

FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marie-Philip Poulin

Poulin voted IIHF Female POTY

Canada's captain Marie-Philip Poulin emerged victorious from the voting for the IIHF Female Player of the Year for 2024-25.

The 34-year-old Poulin garnered 33.1% of all votes, a healthy gap separating her from the runner-up, American goalie Gwyneth Philips, who had 22.3% of the votes. Third was Team USA captain Hilary Knight (20.2%), followed by defender Caroline Harvey (USA, 12.9%) and Aerin Frankel (USA, 7.3%). Laila Edwards (USA) and Ronja Savolainen (FIN) also received votes, the latter as a write-in who was not named among the six finalists as put forward by the IIHF's Historical Committee.

Poulin is the only player, male or female, to be selected as a finalist all three years of the award's young history. In 2023, she finished a distant 7th in the voting. Last year she was third, and now she has reached the top.

Previous winners were Knight, in 2023, and Canada's Natalie Spooner, in 2024.

Poulin, a perennial star with Canada, won a silver medal at the Women's Worlds in Czechia this past April and was also named tournament MVP. She led the event in scoring with 12 points in seven games. In PWHL play with the Montreal Victoire, Poulin led the league in goals with 19 and took the team to the playoffs for a second straight season.

MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sven Andrighetto

Andrighetto named Male POTY

Swiss forward Sven Andrighetto capped off a sensational season at home and internationally by being named the IIHF's Male Player of the Year for 2024-25. He received 34.6% of the votes, easily beating out American goalie Jeremy Swayman, who had 18.6%.

In third was Czechia's David Pastrnak (18%), followed by Denis Malgin (SUI, 11.1%), Clayton Keller (USA, 8.8%), and Nathan MacKinnon (CAN, 6.5%). American Tage Thompson also received a vote.

All of the players who were given votes this year were first-time nominees for the trophy, now in its third year. Previous winners include Connor Bedard (CAN, 2023) and Roman Cervenka (CZE, 2024).

Andrighetto led his country to the gold-medal game at the World Championship last May, winning a silver medal. He was second in tournament goal-scoring with seven, including four in one game against Germany. As well, he earned two championships with the ZSC Zurich Lions in domestic-league play. The Lions not only won the Swiss league championship, they also won the Champions Hockey League title.



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Team USA defeated Canada, 4-3, in overtime to win gold at the 2025 Women's World Championship.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Perhaps never before in IIHF history have so many countries around the world been active in ice hockey. From the centrepiece of our season, the World Championship, and across all levels of competition, nations travelled far and wide to compete.

Yes, the World Championship features the top 16 men's teams in the world, but this year, for the first time, Uzbekistan played two IIHF events, incredibly earning promotion in both (WM-IV and WM18-III-B). And after almost two decades of inactivity, we welcomed Armenia back to tournament play.

The Women's World Championship in Czechia set an attendance record, but the Development Cup also featured teams from Brazil, Portugal, Liechtenstein, Puerto Rico, Greece, and Andorra.

In all, the IIHF ran 594 games over 35 tournaments and attracted more than 1.1 million fans. And it didn't stop there. We also oversaw the Asian Winter Games (for men and women), the Asia Championship (men and women), and the Women's Asia Cup. Then there was the Continental Cup, Champions Hockey League, and European Women's Hockey Tour.

And if we could award a prize to "MNA of the year," it would surely go to Denmark this past season. They stunned Canada, 2-1, in the WM quarter-finals in Herning, their greatest victory ever, but their spectacular season didn't end there. In fact, ALL four of their other teams earned promotion, an unheard of level of success right across the board. As a result, the men's U20 and U18 teams will play in the top level next season, as will the women's team, and the Women's U18

team earned promotion from WW18-I-B to I-A.

The Americans, meanwhile, made their own history, claiming gold at the World Championship with a dramatic 1-0 overtime win over Switzerland. This marked the first WM gold for the U.S. since 1933.

The men's Worlds also gave us a chance to say goodbye to two legends on either side of the Atlantic—Andres Ambuhl of Switzerland and Marc-Andre Fleury of Canada.

We also have taken a major step forward in developing 3x3 hockey, submitting a formal application to the IOC to introduce this new sport to the Olympics for 2030. This initiative would expand the global reach of the game and add a new level of interest to ice hockey at the world's biggest sporting competition.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our Committee members. Like our level of participation, the number of committees grows and grows. They require dedicated people who are passionate about the game and who are always looking for ways to improve, develop, and fortify our sport.



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Major Bethune Minet "Peter" Patton (GBR)—1914

Max Sillig (SUI)—1920-22

Paul Loicq (BEL)—1922-47

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George Hardy (CAN)—1948-51

Walter Brown (USA)—1954-57

John "Bunny" Ahearne (GBR)—1957-60 & 1963-66 & 1969-75

Robert Lebel (CAN)—1960-63

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IIHF Council, 2021-2026

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS

The IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Rhodes, Greece, in September 2024, produced two days of engaged discussion. Advancing the role of women in the upper echelons of management was a key topic, alongside reports on 3x3 hockey and welcoming two new IIHF members.

Delegates also voted on a range of amendments to the IIHF's Statutes and By-Laws, heard updates on preparations for the 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Denmark and Sweden, and a report on progress for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina.

The next IIHF Council election will see 15 voting members chosen by Congress. And, for the first time, at least three Council members will be women. In addition, a working group will be set up to explore ways of further increasing female representation on the Council to align with the Olympic charter.

And there are further changes in other parts of the IIHF administration. Congress supported an amendment to the Statutes covering the finance, audit, ethics, and operational committees, as well as the disciplinary board. Starting from the 2026 session, at least one-third of the members of these bodies will be female, and at least one-third male.

The changes help to advance the IIHF's reputation as a forward-looking supporter of opportunities for all.

Another change that provides equal opportunities for female players sees extra roster spaces opened for the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship and U18 Women's Worlds. This brings

the women's tournaments in line with their male counterparts where 22 skaters and three goaltenders are allowed on each team.

As well, starting with the 2025-26 season, the IIHF Women's World Championship will revert to the old parallel structure rather than the vertical one used for the last several years. As a result of this change, the teams that finish last in each group will play a relegation game.

After hosting a successful World Junior Championship in Gothenburg, there was more praise for Sweden, as it won the 2024 IIHF Sustainability Award. The Swedes earned the prize thanks to a multi-faceted approach to staging a tournament that embraced many aspects of sustainability.

Some approaches were familiar – encouraging the use of sustainable transport, eliminating unnecessary waste, using tap water instead of bottled water. But tournament organizers also embraced a wider range of sustainability aims: opportunities for people of different abilities, widespread use of sign language and visual interpretation as well as traditional audio and text communication. Passing on leftover food from the arenas at the end of each day was another important initiative. Additionally, the Kanslopucken (Puck of Emotion) social media campaign emphasized the value of hockey's team spirit for people's well-being.

There were ten applicants for this year's Sustainability Award, all from countries that hosted a World



Championship event at some level last season. The Netherlands took second place for the Green Book sustainability manifesto produced alongside the U18 Women's Division II championship. Third place went to Poland, which installed vending machines that offered free game tickets in return for recycling five plastic bottles.

In future seasons, the Sustainability Award will be open to all Member National Associations, not just countries that are hosting IIHF events.

In other major news, the 2024 Semi-Annual Congress approved applications from two new countries. Bahrain and Kenya were unanimously accepted into the IIHF as Associate Members.

As our global family grows, so too does the IIHF look to provide more ways for countries to engage and develop. Starting next year, the Global Hockey Forum will offer a new avenue for member nations to share expertise and ideas. In addition, after the successes of the first development manager in Asia, the IIHF hired one person to help Europe and Africa and is close to establishing

three more similar roles for Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe.

Proposals to introduce 3x3 hockey as an Olympic event in 2030 are coming closer and closer. Since the 2017-18 season, the IIHF has been developing a 3x3 tournament format, experimenting with different set-ups at the Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne 2020 and Gangneung 2024. More recently, test events involving senior players have been staged in various countries and a further tournament is planned for Brazil in November.

The International Olympic Committee is seeking proposals for new disciplines for the 2030 Winter Games in France, and the IIHF is preparing its submission for 3x3 ahead of the January 2025 deadline.

IIHF President Luc Tardif told the Semi-Annual Congress that a 3x3 hockey tournament would mean 16 more teams (eight men's, eight women's) bringing 240 more athletes to compete in the Olympic Winter Games. Following the success of similar "scaled-down" sports such as 3x3 basketball and rugby sevens at the recent Paris Summer Games,



there is a belief that 3x3 hockey can be a significant contributor to engage new audiences and increase participation worldwide. It would also double the number of medals being competed for in what is the biggest sport at the Winter Olympics in terms of participation numbers and competition time.

—Andy Potts

“The boost that 3x3 basketball, rugby sevens, and beach volleyball had on the original discipline was something that they never expected. It had a huge impact on recruitment and financial opportunity,” Tardif told the delegates. “There is an open door for hockey. This is our time.”

ANNUAL CONGRESS 2025

The IIHF traditionally holds its Annual Congress during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, and this past year was no exception. Representatives from 75 Member National Associations gathered at the Waterfront Conference Centre, overlooking the famous Stockholm City Hall. Another five delegates participated remotely.

Congress had a long list of items to discuss during its two days of meetings, everything from approving the budget to allocating championships to adjusting the Rule Book. Members also heard reports on the Global Hockey Forum, minimum participation standards audits, and an update on both the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships in Zurich and Fribourg and the Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina.

IIHF President Luc Tardif opened Congress with a moment of silence for those who passed away during the season. Tardif then gave his report on World Cup negotiations, IIHF.TV, and growth initiatives.

“Alone you go faster; together you go farther,” he explained.

Slovakia was the lone candidate to apply for the 2029 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, and their bid to host the tournament in Bratislava and Kosice was voted through.

The IIHF announced the organization of a Global Hockey Forum in Nice, France this fall. The event will focus on three pillars: development of the game, marketing, and women’s hockey. MNA’s were encouraged to send a representative to each of the three initiatives.

“Bring the people who will go back and work on these issues,” IIHF Vice President Bob Nicholson appealed.

The IIHF will also start a European Cup of Nations to ensure that all national teams can play meaningful games during European international breaks. Some 12 MNA’s will participate.

Congress was also informed that IIHF.TV was successfully launched in April, and it already has 350,000 registrations.

“IIHF.TV, which we have created in cooperation with our commercial partners, gives hockey fans around the world the chance to see every Ice Hockey World Championship game, on every level,” President Tardif enthused of the important initiative.

IIHF development support, worth almost \$9 million in 2025, has previously been based solely on a program’s results in the Men’s World Championships, and about 95 percent of that support has been allocated only to teams in the top division.

The distribution model has been radically changed. To make it more equitable, the distribution model will be based on the program’s performance across five tournaments: Men’s and Women’s World Championships, Men’s World Junior Championship/U20, and Men’s and Women’s U18 tournaments. Furthermore, the support will be weighed according to IIHF World Ranking.

“If the men’s and women’s programs are as strong, there will be no real impact. If the women’s program is stronger than the men’s, there will be an increase in the support,” Director General Matti Nurminen explained during his presentation.

Congress approved several minor modifications to the Rule Book. For example, a penalty call for shooting the puck out of play can now be challenged. As well, the skirt of the net next to the goal posts will have to be transparent in the future. This rule will be grandfathered in. In addition, a linesperson can stop play if a goaltender plays the puck outside the trapezoid.

President Tardif closed Congress by thanking all of the delegates for their hard work. He also reiterated the importance of democratic decision-making, even if it means that Council sometimes has “long and tough discussions.”



2025 IIHF Annual Congress Stockholm, Sweden



SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME,

BAHRAIN

The 2024 Semi-Annual Congress in Rhodes, Greece, included exciting news on the membership front as the IIHF welcomed two new federations. Bahrain (83rd) and Kenya (84th) were voted into the international hockey family before ecstatic delegates from both federations.

The Bahrain Ice Hockey Federation was founded in 2009, but the game was played in the country as far back as 1992 when a group of expats and Bahraini players came together to introduce and promote ice hockey within the local community.

The nation's vision includes the establishment of a successful professional league for both men and women by 2028 as well as a full-size rink. Currently there is a four-team Bahrain Ice Hockey League that comprises the Bahrain Sharks, Muharraq Club, Manama Club, and Bahrain Ice Hockey Club (BIHC). Games are played on a rink that is 30m x 15m (98' x 49') and are three periods of 15 minutes, three-on-three. Each team has eight to ten players who are not only Bahraini but also Canadian, American, Czech, Libyan, and Iraqi.

KENYA!

In the case of Kenya, the IIHF adds a fifth African nation to the federation (following Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia). Ice hockey started to gain momentum in about 2006, but it wasn't until 2019 that the Kenya Federation of Ice Sports (KEFIS) was formally registered. Currently, Kenya has 36 senior players (24 male, 12 female) and more than 50 players in the youth program. The senior national teams are called the Ice Lions.

Kenya has only one hockey facility, situated in the Panari Hotel in Nairobi. The rink measures 32m x 12m (105' x 39'), which is well below the international standard, but interest and demand in the sport is such that the one pad of ice can't accommodate the demand for ice time.



WORLD JUNIORS MVP NAMED AFTER MURRAY COSTELLO

At his annual press conference at the World Junior Championship, IIHF President Luc Tardif announced the creation of a formal trophy for the tournament MVP (previously there was an announcement but no trophy) and that it would be named after the late Murray Costello. Costello passed away in Ottawa at age 90 last July 27.

"The most valuable player award at the World Junior Championship will now be named after Murray Costello," Tardif explained. "He was the president of the CAHA, Hockey Canada, a member of the IIHF Council for more than two decades, including five years as a vice-president. Murray was instrumental in the creation of Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence and was an advocate for women's hockey. He was the one who pushed hardest for the IIHF to hold the first Women's World Championship in 1990, right here in Ottawa. Murray was also a member of the Order of Hockey in Canada, and a member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, the Hockey Hall of Fame, and the IIHF Hall of Fame. His legacy will impact hockey international hockey for generations. The IIHF family is happy and proud of this naming, and what better place to honour Murray than in Ottawa?"

On hand for the announcement were Costello's children Michelle, Dan, Jennifer, Jim, Mary, and Elizabeth.

"We are grateful to the IIHF for renaming the World Juniors MVP award in Murray's honour and extending the connection between him and this tournament that meant so much to him," said Katherine Henderson, president and chief executive officer of Hockey Canada. "Hockey continues to benefit from Murray's tremendous contributions to the game, and we cannot think of a more deserving tribute to one of our sport's greatest leaders."



Murray Costello's children attend the World Junior Championship announcement of the MVP award in his honour.



RECORD SHOOTOUT AT WORLD JUNIORS

When the Swedes and Czechs met for the bronze medal in Ottawa at the World Junior Championship on 5 January 2025, it wasn't just another showdown in a long and storied history of this rivalry. It was also a record-setting one.

The game went to a shootout, but not just any old shootout with five shots a side. This shootout went on for 28 shots, the most ever in an IIHF game, any tournament, any year.

For the record, the Czechs won, 3-2, thanks to an Eduard Sale goal with shot

number 28. But along the way, there were other records. Sale took five of his teams 13 shots, and Sweden's Axel Sandin-Pellikka took four shots for his country, second-most all time behind Sale.

Sale had proved the hero moments earlier. Otto Stenberg scored with the 25th shot, meaning Czechia had to score to keep the shootout going. Coach Patrik Augusta tapped Sale again, and he did, indeed, score. Next shot, the Swedes missed and Sale scored again. Game over. Phew!

PRIMERANO IN RARE COMPANY

Canada's 18-year-old Chloe Primerano made a name for herself in 2025.

First, she starred on the blueline at the Women's U18 Worlds, leading Canada to a gold medal and being named IIHF Directorate Best Defender and named also to the tournament All-Star Team.

Then, just three months later, she was named to Canada's senior team and helped them with a silver medal. Averaging more than 13 minutes a game,

she was a respectable +2 in the senior tournament.

Primerano is only the fifth player to win medals at WW and WW18 in the same year, and the first to have one of those medals be gold. Canada's Marie-Philip Poulin won two silver in 2009, while Finland's Susanna Tapani won double bronze in 2011. In 2019, two Finns won silver at WW18 and bronze at WW—Nelli Laitinen and Viivi Vainikka.



CZECHIA SETS NEW WW ATTENDANCE RECORD

Move over Czechia's men...and move over Canada's women! There's a new record holder in town, and that is Czechia, for the Women's World Championship.

The 29 games played at the Arena Ceske Budejovice at the Women's Worlds in April 2025 attracted a record 122,331 fans, surpassing Winnipeg and Selkirk, Manitoba in 2007 which had brought 119,231 fans through the turnstiles.

The Arena wasn't that big, with a capacity of just over 5,000, but all of

Czechia's games were sold out and many other were near capacity. So, it wasn't one big game or venue that helped set the record; it was consistent support for all the teams that pushed Czechia past the 2007 record.

That means the women join the men as attendance record setters. At the 2024 Men's Worlds in 2024 in Prague and Ostrava, a new record of 797,727 was established.



EL NINO IN RARE COMPANY

Swiss forward Nino Niederreiter has been playing his way into the record books in the last decade and more. The Swiss have advanced to the gold-medal game of the Men's Worlds four times in the last dozen years, and the only one constant is "El Nino," who has been a member of all of those teams.

The Swiss have yet to manage a gold-medal win, but their four silver

medals is more than any other country except Canada (seven) and Finland (five) during that time. With four silver medals, Niederreiter is the most decorated Swiss player ever.

As well, the only players to have been in as many gold-medal games since 2013 are Finns Atte Ohtamaa (five) and Jere Sallinen (also four).

THE YEAR OF THE DANES

If the IIHF had an award for Team of the Year, Denmark surely would have won it in 2024-25. From top to bottom, the program achieved its greatest heights since joining the IIHF back in 1946.

Here is a look back at their incredible season.

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Where to begin? The Danes started with three straight losses, giving one pause to think they might have to fight Hungary and Kazakhstan to avoid relegation. But they then reeled off three wins in a row to set up a crucial game against Germany. A win would put them in the quarter-finals for only the second time ever; a loss would leave them outside the playoffs while other Group B teams played in the quarters in Herning.

Germany led, 1-0, after two periods, but Nikolaj Ehlers tied the game midway through the third period. It went to overtime, and then a shootout. Danish goalie Frederik Dichow was perfect, while teammates Nick Olesen and Joachim Blichfeld scored. The win set up a quarter-finals date at home against Sidney Crosby, Nathan MacKinnon, and the vaunted Canadians.

Incredibly, the Danes won that game, 2-1, the greatest upset in the WM since the playoff format was introduced in 1992. Although they lost in the semi-finals and bronze-medal game, Denmark's 4th-place finish was their best ever.

Their five wins was an all-time best for the nation, and all five were consecutive, the first time in WM history they had ever gone on such a lengthy winning streak.



The Danes celebrate their incredible 2-1 victory over Canada at the World Championship.

Olesen finished tied for sixth in tournament scoring with 12 points and became the first Dane ever to be named to an All-Star Team.

And if that wasn't enough, the Danish men's teams of 2002 and 2003 were honoured by the IIHF, receiving the Milestone Award for their incredible promotion to the top of WM for the first time since 1949—and staying up ever since.

WOMEN'S WORLDS

Division I-A of the Women's Worlds took place in Shenzhen, China, and the Danes, by virtue of finishing second, earned promotion to the top, marking a promising continuation of success in women's hockey. Denmark played at the

1992 WW and then didn't qualify again until 2021. But with a couple of demotions in between, they will now be playing in their fourth WW in six seasons.

WORLD JUNIORS

The Danes played in Division I-A in Bled, Slovenia, and on the final day of the round robin event they needed a win against Austria to earn promotion. Early in the third period, Austria tied it, to make it a 3-3 game, but goals from Anton Linde and Oliver Larsen gave the Danes the cushion they needed. They earned promotion to the top level of the World Juniors for the first time since 2019 and only the eighth time since 1979.

MEN'S U18

The young Danes played in Division I-A in 2025, held in Szekesfehervar, Hungary, and came away with a perfect 5-0 record and a promotion to the top. They last played in WM18 in 2016.

WOMEN'S U18

Not to be outdone, the Danish U18 women's team added to the celebrations by also finishing Division I-B with a perfect 5-0 record and a promotion to I-A. This event has proved to be Denmark's most challenging. They have played WW18 since 2015 but never in the top level. Three times they have made it to I-A, but twice have been demoted right away.

OVERTIME HEROES,
2024-25

Baker, Raees (RSA)	WM20-III-B	12 December 2024 vs. LUX
Baylyyev, Kerven (TKM)	WM-III-A	27 April 2025 vs. RSA
Blong, Katya (NZL)	WW-II-B	14 April 2025 vs. UKR
Bolocan, Matei (ROU)	WM18-II-A	19 April 2025 vs. CRO
Braten, Kajsa (NOR)	WW18-I-A	8 January 2025 vs. AUT
Capillas, Jaime (ESP)	WM-I-B	2 May 2025 vs. CRO
Cervenka, Roman (CZE)	WM	9 May 2025 vs. SUI
Chen, Yu-Chuan (TPE)	WM18-II-B	18 March 2025 vs. BEL
Cizas, Ugnius (LTU)	WM-I-B	1 May 2025 vs. CRO
Dowd, Robert (GBR)	WM-I-A	30 April 2025 vs. JPN
Drozdetksikh, Ilia (KUW)	WM-IV	16 April 2025 vs. ARM
Fazokas, Annika (AUT)	WW-I-A	17 April 2025 vs. NED
Hesselvall, Ebba (SWE)	WW18	7 January 2025 vs. JPN
Hodulov, Ivan (BUL)	WM-II-B	3 May 2025 vs. TPE
Janecke, Tessa (USA)	WW	20 April 2025 vs. CAN
Jebouskova, Julie (CZE)	WW18	4 January 2025 vs. SUI
Kevan, Ben (USA)	WM18	3 May 2025 vs. SVK
Kochkin, Boris (GEO)	WM-II-B	30 April 2025 vs. BUL
Lacasta, Juan (ESP)	WM18-III-A	22 March 2025 vs. AUS
Lake, Jed (AUS)	WM18-II-B	23 March 2025 vs. TPE
Lee, Eunji (KOR)	WW-I-B	10 April 2025 vs. GBR
Leshem, Lior (ISR)	WW-III-B	15 February 2025 vs. EST
Lintner, Emma (AUT)	WW18-I-A	10 January 2025 vs. FRA
Mateiko, Eriks (LAT)	WM20	30 December 2024 vs. GER
Miuller, Klara (LTU)	WW-III-A	8 March 2025 vs. THA
Neilson, Cade (GBR)	WM-I-A	28 April 2025 vs. ROU
Nsonsa Kitala, Noa (FRA)	WM20-I-A	12 December 2024 vs. DEN
Nylund, Jenniina (FIN)	WW	20 April 2025 vs. CZE
Pak, Yong Jo (PHI)	WM-III-B	2 May 2025 vs. PRK
Parssinen, Juuso (FIN)	WM	11 May 2025 vs. FRA
Peinado, Nerea (ESP)	WW18-I-B	12 January 2025 vs. CHN
Rautiainen, Benjamin (FIN)	WM20	4 January 2025 vs. SWE
Reschny, Cole (CAN)	WM18	30 April 2025 vs. CZE
Savas, Elis (TUR)	WW-II-B	17 April 2025 vs. BEL
Schafer, Maxim (GER)	WM18	24 April 2025 vs. CZE
Stanimirov, Aleksandar (BUL)	WM18-II-B	22 March 2025 vs. TPE
Stiga, Teddy (USA)	WM20	5 January 2025 vs. FIN
Strbak, Maxim (SVK)	WM20	30 December 2024 vs. KAZ
Thompson, Tage (USA)	WM	14 May 2025 vs. NOR
Thompson, Tage (USA)	WM	25 May 2025 vs. SUI
Uronen, Tuomas (FIN)	WM20	29 December 2024 vs. USA
Ushio, Taisetsu (JPN)	WM20-I-B	14 January 2025 vs. POL
Vitos, Anna (ROU)	WW18-III	24 January 2025 vs. THA
Westerlind, Ebba (SWE)	WW18	4 January 2025 vs. FIN
Zitserman, Nikita (ISR)	WM18-III-A	7 March 2025 vs. HKG
Zubcevic, Lamija (BIH)	WW-III-B	16 February 2025 vs. BUL



USA's Tage Thompson celebrates his historic golden goal at the WM.

THE AMAZING 2025 IIHF
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



NORWAY TIES U.S. AFTER TRAILING 5-1

The Norway-United States game of 14 May started with the Americans racing out to a 5-1 lead by the early part of the second period. But the Norwegians pulled off an incredible comeback. They scored two goals later in the second to make it 5-3 after 40 minutes, and in the third they got one midway through to make it

5-4. Then, with goalie Tobias Normann on the bench for a sixth attacker, they tied the game, forcing overtime after a remarkable comeback. Tage Thompson got the winner for the U.S., however, but not before Norway earned a critical point in the standings.



TOLVANEN BROTHERS PLAY EACH OTHER

Game 1 of the 2025 World Championship was historic. It featured Eeli Tolvanen playing for Finland against his brother, Atte, who was playing for Austria. Even weirder, Eeli was a forward and Atte a goalie, and in the third period the skater had a breakaway, only to be thwarted by

his goalie-brother. This marked only the third time brothers had played against each other. Robert Reichel (CZE) faced his brother Martin (GER) several times in IIHF competition. And, at the 1960 Olympics, Frantisek Tikal (TCH) played his brother Zdenek (AUS).

CERVENKA PLAYS 100TH WM GAME

Czech captain Roman Cervenka was named IIHF Player of the Year for 2023-24, and a year later he joined an exclusive group by playing in his 100th World Championship game. That came

on 17 May, an 8-1 win over Kazakhstan. Cervenka recorded a hat trick in the game for good measure, and the 39-year-old shows no sign of slowing down.



TOLVANEN & ANDRIGHETTO SCORE FOUR, MINUTES APART

Two games started at the same time on 15 May. Finland played Slovenia in Stockholm while Switzerland and Germany faced off in Herning. Sven Andrighetto scored four goals for Finland while Eeli Tolvanen scored four for the Finns. Andrighetto scored his fourth

at 8:15 of the third period, followed by Andrighetto at 12:54. Two, four-goal games just minutes apart. That might not sound so special, but consider that there hadn't been a four-goal game at the WM since 1994, when Sweden's Magnus Svensson got four against the U.S.!



DENMARK SHOCKS CANADA

When Denmark qualified for the quarter-finals, everyone was happy. The co-hosts would get one more game on home ice in Herning, a great celebration for the fans and a victory for the tournament. And when their opponents turned out to be Canada, all the better. One last game, against Sidney Crosby and the tournament favourites.

But a scoreless first period continued into a scoreless second period, and as the third continued on without a single goal, the home side got more and more confident. Even after Travis Sanheim scored to give Canada a 1-0 lead, the Danes continued to play with confidence. They scored two late goals just 88 seconds apart, won 2-1, and advanced to the semi-finals with their biggest victory ever.

FLEURY'S FINAL GAME

Although Marc-Andre Fleury had a hall of fame career in the NHL that spanned 20 years and many records, he finished his career the way he started it—representing his country. Fleury won back-to-back silver medals at the 2003 and 2004 World Junior Championships and then didn't play for Canada again until after he had played his last NHL game. His swan

song came in Stockholm at the 2025 World Championship, and his final game was a 2-1 shootout loss to Finland. He will be remembered for big wins and great play, but equally he will be remembered for his sporting character, love of the game, and respect for teammates and opponents alike.



DENMARK HONOURS MILESTONE WINNERS

For the first time in the history of the Milestone Award there were two recipients in 2025. One was Sweden, for their historic 2006 season on the men's side when they won gold at both the Olympics and World Championship. The other was for Denmark's 2002 and 2003 Men's Worlds teams. In the first case, they earned promotion to the top pool for the

first time since 1949. And in the second case, they played well enough to stay up in the top pool, where they have been ever since. They were honoured at the IIHF's Contributors' Awards in Stockholm on the final day of the tournament, but virtually the entire team came to a special ceremony at the FanFest in Herning earlier in the WM.



GENONI SETS MODERN-DAY RECORD

Swiss goalie Leonardo Genoni had a sensational 2025 WM. He led the team to the gold-medal game for a second year in a row, and along the way he set a modern-day shutout record by not allowing a goal for more than four full games.

On 15 May, in a 5-1 win over Germany, Genoni allowed a goal at 18:35 of the third. On 18 May, he shut out Hungary 10-0, and

on 22 May he earned another shutout, 6-0 over Austria. Two days later, in the semi-finals, he earned another shutout, 7-0 over Denmark, and in the gold-medal game it was goalless until Tage Thompson scored the golden goal at 2:02 of overtime. That adds up to 243:27 of shutout hockey, surpassing Pekka Rinne's 238:05 in 2015.

AMBUHL RETIRES

All good things must come to pass, and after a record 20 World Championships and another record 151 WM games, 41-year-old Andres Ambuhl decided to hang up the skates after the final game of the 2025 World Championship. A sure hall of famer, the Swiss legend's games played record is far ahead of Udo Kiessling (FRG, 119) and is one that might never be surpassed.



AMERICANS WIN GOLD AFTER 92 YEARS

Year after year the U.S. came to the World Championship with hope and promise, speed and skill and enthusiasm. And year after year something always just failed to click. There were five bronze medals over the last two decades, but the year 1933 was always a heavy chain around the team's collective neck, the year the Americans won their first, last, and only, World Championship gold.

But finally, in 2025, everything worked. The team had great goaltending, solid defence, plenty of offence, and a team character that overcame all obstacles. A Tage Thomspon golden goal ended the first ever scoreless gold-medal game through 60 minutes, and, finally, 1933 had company. It may take a while to get used to, but you can say it as often as you like now—Team USA are gold-medal winners at the 2025 World Championship.



TOURNAMENTS



Tyler Kubara (left) played for Australia at WM-II-B.

NUMBER OF COMPETING NATIONS

	OG-M	WM	WM20	WM18	MEN TOTAL
1920	7	*	*	*	7
1924	8	*	*	*	8
1928	11	*	*	*	11
1930	*	12	*	*	12
1931	*	10	*	*	10
1932	4	*	*	*	4
1933	*	12	*	*	12
1934	*	12	*	*	12
1935	*	15	*	*	15
1936	15	*	*	*	15
1937	*	11	*	*	11
1938	*	14	*	*	14
1939	*	14	*	*	14
1947	*	8	*	*	8
1948	9	*	*	*	9
1949	*	10	*	*	10
1950	*	9	*	*	9
1951	*	13	*	*	13
1952	15	*	*	*	15
1953	*	9	*	*	9
1954	*	18	*	*	18
1955	*	14	*	*	14
1956	13	*	*	*	13
1957	*	8	*	*	8
1958	*	8	*	*	8
1959	*	15	*	*	15
1960	9	*	*	*	9
1961	*	20	*	*	20

	OG-M	WM	WM20	WM18	MEN TOTAL
1962	*	14	*	*	14
1963	*	21	*	*	21
1964	16	*	*	*	16
1965	*	15	*	*	15
1966	*	19	*	*	19
1967	*	21	*	*	21
1968	14	*	*	*	14
1969	*	20	*	*	20
1970	*	21	*	*	21
1971	*	22	*	*	22
1972	11	20	*	*	31
1973	*	22	*	*	22
1974	*	22	*	*	22
1975	*	21	*	*	21
1976	12	21	*	*	33
1976-77	12	21	8	*	41
1977-78	*	24	8	*	32
1978-79	*	24	16	*	40
1979-80	*	26	16	*	42
1980-81	12	24	16	*	52
1981-82	*	24	16	*	40
1982-83	*	24	20	*	44
1983-84	11	*	24	*	35
1984-85	*	24	22	*	46
1985-86	*	26	22	*	48
1986-87	*	28	22	*	50
1987-88	12	*	24	*	36
1988-89	*	29	21	*	50

	OG-M	WM	WM20	WM18	MEN TOTAL
1989-90	*	28	23	*	51
1990-91	*	25	24	*	49
1991-92	12	32	25	*	69
1992-93	*	32	24	*	56
1993-94	12	35	24	*	71
1994-95	*	39	33	*	72
1995-96	*	36	32	*	68
1996-97	*	36	34	*	70
1997-98	14	40	34	*	88
1998-99	*	40	35	18	93
1999-2000	*	42	35	18	95
2000-01	*	40	37	36	113
2001-02	14	43	34	35	126
2002-03	*	43	39	42	124
2003-04	*	45	40	41	126
2004-05	*	45	40	43	128
2005-06	12	45	40	40	137
2006-07	*	45	40	42	127
2007-08	*	45	41	44	130
2008-09	*	45	34	43	122
2009-10	12	48	38	44	142
2010-11	*	45	41	42	128
2011-12	*	46	39	40	125
2012-13	*	50	40	43	133
2013-14	12	46	40	43	141
2014-15	*	46	39	43	128
2015-16	*	47	41	43	131
2016-17	*	48	42	43	133
2017-18	12	50	42	43	147
2018-19	*	52	42	44	138
2019-20	*	54	42	46	142
2020-21	*	16	10	10	36
2021-22	12	49	42	41	144
2022-23	*	55	42	44	141
2023-24	*	56	43	44	143
2024-25	*	58	44	46	148

	OG-W	WW	WW18	WOMEN TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1989-90	*	8	*	8	59
1990-91	*	*	*	*	49
1991-92	*	8	*	8	77
1992-93	*	*	*	*	56
1993-94	*	8	*	8	79
1994-95	*	*	*	*	72
1995-96	*	*	*	*	68
1996-97	*	8	*	8	78
1997-98	6	*	*	6	94
1998-99	*	21	*	21	114
1999-2000	*	24	*	24	119
2000-01	*	26	*	26	139
2001-02	8	*	*	8	134
2002-03	*	26	*	26	150
2003-04	*	27	*	27	153
2004-05	*	30	*	30	158
2005-06	8	*	*	8	145
2006-07	*	33	*	33	160
2007-08	*	33	8	41	171
2008-09	*	21	13	34	156
2009-10	8	*	14	22	164
2010-11	*	35	14	49	177
2011-12	*	32	20	52	177
2012-13	*	35	20	55	188
2013-14	8	28	19	55	196
2014-15	*	38	20	58	186
2015-16	*	36	22	58	189
2016-17	*	37	24	61	194
2017-18	8	29	25	62	209
2018-19	*	37	27	64	202
2019-20	*	12	28	40	182
2020-21	*	10	0	10	46
2021-22	10	38	28	76	220
2022-23	41	31	72	*	213
2023-24	45	32	77	*	220
2024-25	45	36	81	*	229

OVERVIEW OF SEASON PARTICIPATION

ARM	WM-IV				
AUS	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-II-B	WW18-I-B
AUT	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW-I-A	WW18-I-A
BEL	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-II-B	WW18-II-B
BIH	WM-III-A	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-B	WW-III-B	
BUL	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-II-B	WW-III-B	
CAN	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
CHN	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-I-A	WW18-I-B
CRO	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-III-A	WW18-III
CZE	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
DEN	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW-I-A	WW18-I-B
PRK	WM-III-B			WW-II-A	
EST	WM-I-B	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW-III-B	
FIN	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
FRA	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-B	WW-I-A	WW18-I-A
GEO	WM-II-B				
GER	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18-I-A
GBR	WM-I-A	WMN20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-I-B	WW18-II-A
HKG	WM-III-B	WM18-III-A		WW-II-B	
HUN	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW	WW18-I-A
ISL	WM-II-B	WM20-II-B	WM18-III-A	WW-II-A	WW18-II-B
IND	WM-IV				
IRI	WM-IV				
ISR	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-III-A	WW-III-B	
ITA	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-II-A	WW-I-B	WW18-I-A
JPN	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW	WW18
KAZ	WM	WM20	WM18-I-A	WW-I-B	WW18-II-A
KOR	WM-I-B	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-B	WW-I-B	WW18-I-B
KYR	WM-III-A	WM20-III-B			
KUW	WM-IV				
LAT	WM	WM20	WM18	WW-I-B	WW18-II-A
LTU	WM-I-B	WM20-II-A	WM18-I-B	WW-III-A	WW18-III
LUX	WM-III-A	WM20-III-B	WM18-III-B		
MAS	WM-IV				
MEX	WM-III-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-A	WW18-II-B
MON	WM-III-B				
NED	WM-II-A	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-I-A	WW18-II-A
NZL	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-B	WW18-II-A
NOR	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18	WW	WW18-I-A
PHI	WM-III-B				
POL	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM-I-B	WW-II-A	WW18-I-B
ROM	WM-I-A	WM20-II-A	WM18-II-A	WW-III-A	WW18-III
SRB	WM-II-A	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-III-A	
SGP	WM-III-B			WW-III-B	
SVK	WM	WM20	WM18	WW-I-A	WW18
SLO	WM	WM20-I-A	WM18-I-A	WW-I-B	
RSA	WM-III-A	WM20-III-B	WM18-III-B	WW-III-A	WW18-II-B
ESP	WM-I-B	WM20-II-B	WM18-II-B	WW-II-A	WW18-I-B
SWE	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
SUI	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
TPE	WM-II-B	WM20-III-A	WM18-II-B	WW-II-A	WW18-II-A
THA	WM-II-B	WM20-III-B	WM18-III-B	WW-III-A	WW18-III
TUR	WM-III-A	WM20-III-A	WM18-III-A	WW-II-B	WW18-II-B
TKM	WM-III-A		WM18-III-B		
UKR	WM-I-A	WM20-I-B	WM18-I-A	WW-II-B	
UAE	WM-II-A				
USA	WM	WM20	WM18	WW	WW18
UZB	WM-IV		WM18-III-B		





PROMOTED/DEMOTED

	PROMOTED FOR 2026	DEMOTED FOR 2026
WM	—	France, Kazakhstan
WM-I-A	Great Britain, Italy	Romania
WM-I-B	Lithuania	Croatia
WM-II-A	Netherlands	Israel
WM-II-B	Georgia	Thailand
WM-III-A	Kyrgyzstan	Luxembourg
WM-III-B	Mexico	Singapore
WM-IV	Uzbekistan	Macedonia
WM20	—	Kazakhstan
WM20-I-A	Denmark	Hungary
WM20-I-B	Ukraine	Korea
WM20-II-A	Lithuania	Netherlands
WM20-II-B	Spain	Belgium
WM20-III-A	New Zealand	Mexico
WM20-III-B	Thailand	Luxembourg
WM18	—	Switzerland
WM18-I-A	Denmark	Austria
WM18-I-B	Poland	Japan
WM18-II-A	Italy	Netherlands
WM18-II-B	Spain	Bulgaria
WM18-III-A	Mexico	Iceland
WM18-III-B	Uzbekistan	Luxembourg
WW	—	Hungary, Norway
WW-I-A	Austria, Denmark	Netherlands
WW-I-B	Italy	Slovenia
WW-II-A	Spain	Mexico
WW-II-B	Australia	Türkiye
WW-III-A	Lithuania	South Africa
WW-III-B	Bulgaria	Singapore
WW18	—	Japan
WW18-I-A	Hungary	Austria
WW18-I-B	Denmark	Korea
WW18-II-A	Great Britain	Chinese Taipei
WW18-II-B	Türkiye	South Africa
WW18-III	Romania	Lithuania

Austria celebrates its 3-1 win over France in WW play to earn promotion to the top division for 2026.

ON-ICE OFFICIALS

R		ABERG Henna	FIN	WW18-II-B
L		AKSAKAL Muhammed	TUR	WM20-III-A
L		AL ALI Fatima	UAE	WW-III-B
R		AL JNEIBI Yahya	UAE	WM-IV
L	59	ALBINATI Nicholas	CAN	WM18
L		ALFARSI Ahmed	UAE	WM-II-B
L		ALHAMMADI Abdallah	UAE	WM18-III-A
L		ALKAN Ceren	TUR	WW18-II-B
L		ALPYSPAYEV Nurlan	KAZ	WM18-II-B
L		ALTMANN Dominik	SUI	WM18-I-A
L		ANDERSSON Tova	SWE	WW-III-B
R		ANKERSEN Rasmus	DEN	WM-II-B
L	50	ANKERSTJERNE Albert	DEN	WM20
L	98			WM
R	27	ANSELM Vanessa	GER	WW18
R	10	ANSONS Andris	LAT	WM20
R	20			WM
L		ANTTILA Helina	FIN	WW-I-B
R		ATIGHECHI Ramin	IRI	WM-IV
L		AXMAN Michal	CZE	WM18-II-B
R		AYGUN Murat	TUR	WM-III-B
L	50	AZAROV Savva	EST	WM-I-B
L				WM20-I-B
R	18	BACA Michal	POL	WM-I-B
R		BAHL Michaela	USA	WW-I-B
R		BAKKEN Petter	NOR	WM-III-A
R		BARCELO Geoffrey	FRA	WM-I-A
R		BARLOW Grace	CAN	WW-I-B
L		BEDARD Maxime	CAN	WM18-I-A
L		BEDYNEK Sebastian	AUT	WM20-II-A
L		BEELEN Lodewijk	NED	WM-II-B
L		BERES Alannah	CAN	WW-II-A
L	38	BERESFORD Danny	GBR	WM
R		BEREZOWSKI Jennifer	CAN	WW-I-A
L		BERGAMELLI Viny	FRA	WM18-II-A
L		BERTL Natalie	GER	WW18-II-A
L	52	BIRKHOFF Brian	CAN	WM18
R	25	BJORK Tobias	SWE	WM
R		BLOMQVIST Otto	FIN	WM20-I-A
R	13	BLOYER Nolan	USA	WM-I-B
R	19	BORGA Cedric	SUI	WM18
R		BORYAYEV Anton	KAZ	WM20-I-B
L		BOURDON Gaelle	FRA	WW-III-B
R		BOVERIO Melissa	SUI	WW-II-B
L		BOWSHALL Bethany	AUS	WW-II-B
L		BOYADJIEV Martin	BUL	WM18-II-B
L				WM-III-A
R	11	BRANDER Riku	FIN	WM20
R	19			WM
L	77	BRANSON Brooke	USA	WW18
L	52	BRIGANTI Nick	USA	WM
L	52			WM20
L		BRONDI Paolo	ITA	WM18-II-A
L		BRUEGGEMANN Vincent	GER	WM20-I-A
L		BRUNN Melissa	CAN	WW-II-B
R		BRYNILDSEN Torjus	NOR	WM20-I-B
L	56	BUCKNER Sarah	USA	WW
L		BUERGY Nathy	SUI	WM18-II-B

R	15	BURZMINSKI Taylor	CAN	WM18
R		BUSS Uldis	LAT	WM-II-A
R		BUTT Caroline	GER	WW-I-B
L		BUTTON Richard	NZL	WM-II-B
R		CADIEUX Dominic	CAN	WM-III-B
R		CAIRNS Ryan	NZL	WM-III-A
L		CALERO SCANLAN Alba Louise	ESP	WW-II-A
L		CALLOVINI Anna	ITA	WW-II-A
R		CAMANE Sintija	LAT	WW-I-B
L	84	CAMERON Jennifer	USA	WW
R	12	CAMPBELL Michael	CAN	WM20
R	18			WM
L		CARSON Zachary	USA	WM-III-B
R		CHAE YoungJin	KOR	WM20-II-A
R		CHAMULOVA Janka	SVK	WW18-I-A
L		CHARTRAND Jessica	CAN	WW-I-A
R		CHAVEZ Maria	MEX	WW18-I-B
L		CHERMASHENTSEV Tymur	UKR	WM18-II-B
L	38	CHEYROUX Alexia	FRA	WW
L		CHI Hongda	CHN	WM20-II-B
R		CHOI Bo Young	KOR	WW-III-B
L		CHONG Su Ying Karen	MAS	WW18-III
R		CHRISTENSEN Martin	DEN	WM18-II-A
L		CHRISTIAENS Thibo	BEL	WM-II-B
L		CHUA Jien Yang	MAS	WM18-III-A
L	7	CLARKE Alex	CAN	WW
L	14	CLASSON Ottilia	SWE	WW18
L		CONFIDENTI Ines	SLO	WW18-II-B
L		CONSTANTINEAU Nicolas	FRA	WM-III-B
R	29	COOKE Kelly	USA	WW
R		COUTURE Marie-Eve	CAN	WW18-I-A
L		COUTURE Pierre-Olivier	CAN	WM18-III-A
L		CRAMP Charlotte	GBR	WW-III-A
R	11	CREGUT Nicolas	FRA	WM-I-B
L		DAIROV Damir	KAZ	WM-III-A
L		DAIROVA Elvira	KAZ	WW18-III
R		DALE Mariko	SUI	WW-I-A
R		DALTON Andrew	GBR	WM20-I-B
L		DAVIDONIS Renars	LAT	WM-I-A
R		DAVIDSON Ashleigh	NZL	WW-III-A
L	51	DAVIS Jake	USA	WM20
L	91			WM
L		DAVIS Winifred	NZL	WW-II-B
R		de HERDT Niki	BEL	WM-II-B
R		de la POMPA CARRERA Claudia	ESP	WW18-I-B
R		DEBUCHE Cyril	FRA	WM20-I-B
L		DEHN Christopher	NOR	WM18-II-B
R		DEWAR Brandy	CAN	WW-I-A
L		DINANT Marine	BEL	WW-I-A
R	22	DOIRON Tanner	CAN	WM18
R	62	DOYLE Melissa	USA	WW
R	11	DRUSEIKS Emils	LAT	WM18
L		DUCHESNEAU Joanie	CAN	WW18-I-A
L	53	DURMIS Oto	SVK	WM20
L	65	DURMIS Oto	SVK	WM
L		DZIECIOLOWSKI Igor	POL	WM18-III-A
L		EGGER Daniela	ITA	WW18-I-B



Officials for WM-I-B.

L		EIMONTAS Lukas	LTU	WM18-I-B
L		ENGLISH Kenneth	GER	WM20-II-A
L		ENSTROM Thea	SWE	WW18-II-B
R		ERIKSSON Daniel	SWE	WM-I-A
L	86	ERNST Leonie	GER	WW
L		ESPINO Aleix	ESP	WM-III-B
L		ESTIRADO REVUELTA Luis	ESP	WM-III-B
L		FAUVEL Johan	FRA	WM-II-A
L	73	FISCHER Lara	GER	WW18
L		FJELDSTAD Anette	NOR	WW-I-B
L		FLEISCHMANN Lukas	ITA	WM-II-A
R		FOLKSTRAND Kristoffer	SWE	WM18-I-A
R		FORBES Adam	CAN	WM20-I-A
R		FORTIN Beatrice	CAN	WW-II-A
L		FRALEY Ryan	GBR	WM18-II-A
R	13	FRANDSEN Mads	DEN	WM20
R	89			WM
L	92	FROHAUG Maren	NOR	WW18
L				WW-I-B
L		FU Dahe	CHN	WM-II-A
L	76	GAGNON Stephanie	CAN	WW18
R		GAL David	USA	WM18-III-A
L		GATOL Maximilian	AUT	WM18-I-B
R		GEBEI Gergely	HUN	WM20-I-B
L		GEBEI Bence	HUN	WM18-I-A
L		GEKAN Tomas	SVK	WM20-I-A
L	57	GERNE Michal	POL	WM-I-B
R		GIACOMOZZI Federico	ITA	WM-II-A
L		GIBBS Mitchell	CAN	WM18-I-B
L		GIESEN Tom	GER	WM-IV
R		GIRARD Audrey-Anne	CAN	WW-III-B

L		GLOVER Kathryn	USA	WW-I-A
L		GOMEZ Emilio	MEX	WM-III-B
L		GOMEZ Santiago	MEX	WM18-III-A
R		GOOD David	GBR	WM18-I-B
L		GOOIJER Fabienne	NED	WW18-II-A
L	61	GORCOFF Bryan	USA	WM18
L	17	GOTTLIBET Zora	HUN	WW18
R		GOUR Jesse	CAN	WM-I-A
L		GREENEN Erika	USA	WW-I-A
L		GROZAJ Tomislav	CRO	WM20-II-A
R		GROZNIK Bostjan	SLO	WM18-II-B
R	23	GRUHL Logan	USA	WM18
L		GUNNARSSON Oli	ISL	WM-III-A
L	54	GUSTAFSON Shane	USA	WM20
L	87			WM
L	63	GUTAUSKAS Laura	CAN	WW
L		GVOZDEVA Baiba	LAT	WW18-I-A
R		HAACK Tijana	GER	WW-I-A
L	16	HAJKOVA Kristyna	CZE	WW
R	95	HAMMAR Anna	SWE	WW18
R		HANVELT Taylor	USA	WW-II-B
R	19	HARNEBRING Andreas	SWE	WM-I-B
R	28	HARRIS Sydney	USA	WW18
L		HASLEMORE Tyler	NZL	WM-II-B
L	55	HAUTAMAKI Onni	FIN	WM
L	55			WM20
R		HEIDEMANN Samuel	USA	WM20-II-A
L		HEINEN Matthew	USA	WM20-I-A
L		HELMSTROM Julia	SWE	WW-I-A
R	14	HENRIKSSON Ida	SWE	WW
L		HIE Andianto	INA	WM-IV

ON-ICE OFFICIALS

R		HILL Tippy	USA	WW-II-A
R	12	HILLER Samantha	USA	WW
R		HINTERDOBLER Killian	GER	WM18-I-A
L		HJALMARSDOTTIR Elva	ISL	WW18-II-A
R		HLAVATY Alexander	AUT	WM-III-B
L		HNAT Stanislav	CZE	WM18-I-B
R	15	HOLM Christoffer	SWE	WM20
R	7			WM
R	14	HOLM Mikael	SWE	WM20
R	28			WM
L		HOLZER Bernadett	HUN	WW18-I-A
R		HOVE Aina	NOR	WW-III-A
L		HOWARD Edward	NZL	WM-III-B
R		HOWIE Clare	CAN	WW18-III
R	16	HRIBIK Jan	CZE	WM20
R	97	HRIBIK Jan	CZE	WM
R		HRONSKY Tomas	SVK	WM-II-A
R	14	HUBER Andreas	AUT	WM18
R		HUERLIMANN Stefan	SUI	WM18-I-A
L		HUNG Chi-Lun	TPE	WM-III-B
R		HURLEY Charlotte	USA	WW-I-A
L	56	HYNEK Daniel	CZE	WM20
L	64			WM
R		HYVARINEN Toni	FIN	WM18-I-A
L		ILIC Dana	SRB	WW-III-A
L		IORI Chiara	ITA	WW-III-A
R		JAKSYS Benas	LTU	WM20-II-B
R	20	JANSSEN Seedo	GER	WM18
R		JAROS Jan	CZE	WM18-II-B
L		JEDLICKA Peter	SVK	WM20-I-B
L		JERAM Filip	SLO	WM20-I-A
R		JOBBAGY Martin	SVK	WM20-I-A
L		JOHANSEN Herman	NOR	WM18-I-A
R		JOHANSSON Mikael	SWE	WM18-II-A
L		JONAKOVA Magdalena	SVK	WW-II-B
L		JONSSON Gustav	SWE	WM-I-A
L		JUERGENS Kai	GER	WM-I-A
R	27	KAINBERGER Julia	AUT	WW
L		KANG Kyuseong	KOR	WM-III-A
L		KAPTAIN Alexander	DEN	WM18-I-B
R		KARKLINA Agnese	LAT	WW-I-A
R		KAUHANEN Sini	FIN	WW18-II-A
R	63	KAUKOKARI Mikko	FIN	WM
L		KAVLAKOGLU Taha	TUR	WM-III-A
R		KETONEN Kaisa	FIN	WW-I-A
L		KILINC Alkan	TUR	WM20-III-A
L		KINNINMENT Sarah	AUS	WW-II-B
L		KISIL Ilia	GBR	WM20-II-B
R		KLEJNA Michal	SVK	WM18-I-A
L	11	KLEMM Anja	AUT	WW18
R		KLIJBERG Jeroen	NED	WM20-II-B
R				WM-II-B
L		KNIZKA Tomas	SVK	WM18-I-A
R		KNOCHE Chazz	USA	WM-III-B
R		KOCAKARA Serkan	TUR	WM20-III-A
R	17	KOHLMUELLER Lukas	GER	WM-I-B
L	59	KONC Daniel	SVK	WM-I-B
R		KONC Juraj	SVK	WM-IV
R		KORBULY Gergely	HUN	WM18-I-B

R		KOSAKA Kenji	JPN	WM-IV
L		KOSTERS Britt	NED	WW18-I-A
L		KOVACS Peter	HUN	WM20-I-B
R		KOZLOWSKI Krzysztof	POL	WM20-II-A
L		KRAUT Breana	USA	WW-I-B
L		KROYER Andreas Weise	DEN	WM-II-A
L		KUBOTA Rinka	JPN	WW-III-A
R	12	KULLER Sabina	SWE	WW18
L	94	LAGUZOV Patrick	GER	WM
R	15	LANGIN Mike	CAN	WM
R	17			WM20
L		LAROCHE Amy	CAN	WW18-I-B
L		LEDERER Vit	CZE	WM-IV
L		LEET Kaire	EST	WW18-III
L		LEHNHART Manuela	AUT	WW18-II-A
L		LHOTSKY Miroslav	CZE	WM-II-B
L		LI Mengjie	CHN	WW-II-B
R	13	LIEFFERS Cianna	CAN	WW
L	52	LIM Junseo	KOR	WM-I-B
L		LINDBLOM Daniel	FIN	WM20-III-A
R		LINDNER John	USA	WM20-I-A
R		LISSEBECK Rylie	USA	WW-I-B
R		LIU Lu	CHN	WW18-III
L		LIU Ren	CHN	WM20-III-A
R		LOCANS Maris	LAT	WM18-II-A
R		LOVENSNO Veronica	SWE	WW-I-B
L		LUENAM Wachara	THA	WM-III-B
L	22	LUNDGREN Jessica	SWE	WW
L	49	LUNDGREN Ludvig	SWE	WM
R		LUNDGAARD Niclas	DEN	WM20-I-B
R	91	LUSI Reetta-Kaisa	FIN	WW18
R	17	MacFARLANE Sean	USA	WM
R	18			WM20
L		MACKINNON Philippa	GBR	WW18-III
R	18	MAGNUSSON Richard	SWE	WM18
L		MAGYAR Aron	ROU	WM20-II-A
L	56	MAKINEN Luka	FIN	WM18
L		MAKINEN Teo	FIN	WM18-I-B
R		MALA Gabriela	CZE	WW-II-A
R		MALECKIENE Ramune	LTU	WW18-II-B
R	15	MANTHA Elizabeth	CAN	WW
L	58	MANTOVANI Davide	ITA	WM-I-B
R		MARIN Linnea	FIN	WW-I-B
R	31	MARTIN Amy	CAN	WW18
L		MASHENKIN Vladislav	KAZ	WM18-II-A
R		MATEJOVA Michaela	SVK	WW-II-A
L		MATSUO Kumiko	JPN	WW-II-B
L		MAURER Domenica	SUI	WW-I-B
R	10	McKENNA Michelle	CAN	WW
R		MEJZLIK Tomas	CZE	WM18-I-A
R		METZINGER Filip	CRO	WM-III-A
R		MIZUHORI Mai	JPN	WW-III-A
L		MLADENOVIC Uros	SRB	WM20-II-B
L				WM-II-A
L		MOIDL Matteo	AUT	WM18-II-A
L		MOLEKOVA Eva Maria	SVK	WW-I-B
L		MONARD Jamie	SUI	WW-I-A
L		MONNAIE Frederic	BEL	WM-II-A
R		MOOSBERGER Achim	GER	WM18-I-B

R		MOREV Timur	KAZ	WM-III-B
L		MORTENSEN Else-Marie	NOR	WW18-II-A
R		MOTTINGER Hunter	USA	WM18-III-A
R		MOTZKO Shannon	USA	WW18-III
L		MUELLER Michele	SUI	WW-II-A
L		MUNROE Felicity	GBR	WW18-II-A
R		MURRAY Troy	CAN	WM18-III-A
L		MUZSIK Norbert	HUN	WM-I-A
R	14	NAGY Attila	HUN	WM-I-B
L	50	NAPEROTTI Mathias	SWE	WM18
R	19	NEARY Shauna	CAN	WW
R	13	NEENAN Hollie	GBR	WW18
L		NG Edmond	MAS	WM-IV
L	57	NIITTYLA Tommi	FIN	WM
L	57			WM20
L		NIKOLIC Matija	SRB	WM-II-A
L				WM20-II-B
R		NOVOTNA Ilona	CZE	WW18-I-B
R	11	NURMI Annina	FIN	WW
L		NYHEIM KVAM Silje	NOR	WW18-II-B
L	58	NYQVIST Anders	SWE	WM20
L	60			WM
R		OBERG Hanna	SWE	WW-II-B
R		OEVSTEDAL Oskar	NOR	WM18-I-A
R	3	OFNER Christian	AUT	WM
L		OKSANEN Johanna	FIN	WW-I-B
L		OLIVER Shawn	CAN	WM20-I-A
R	12	ONDRACEK Jiri	CZE	WM18
L	50			WM
R	72	ORLANDINI Anneke Katharina	ITA	WW18
R	15	OSTERBERG Alexander	SWE	WM-I-B
L		OSTROUKH Oleh	UKR	WM20-II-A
L		OZOLINS Agris	LAT	WM20-I-A
L		PAULHEIM Adrienn	HUN	WW18-I-A
L		PAVLACKOVA Natalie	CZE	WW18-I-B
R		PEARCE Mark	CAN	WM-I-A
L		PEKER Gokhan	TUR	WM-III-A
L		PEKKALA Joni	FIN	WM18-I-A
R		PERETYATKO Anton	UKR	WM20-II-A
L		PEREZ Oscar	MEX	WM18-III-A
L				WM-III-B
L		PERRIN Tamara	SUI	WW-III-A
R		PERSSON Christian	NOR	WM-II-B
L		PERSSON Hanna	SWE	WW18-I-B
R		PETER Csilla	HUN	WW18-I-B
R				WW18-II-A
R		PILNY Ludek	CZE	WM18-I-B
R		PINIE Omar	ITA	WM20-II-A
R		PIRAGIC Trimir	CRO	WM20-II-B
R		POBOZNIAK Joanna	POL	WW-II-B
L		POLASEK Kresimir	CRO	WM20-II-B
R		PONE Sarma	LAT	WW18-I-A
R		PRAZAK Daniel	CZE	WM-I-A
L		PROKOFYEV David	UZB	WM-IV
L		PUFF Wolfgang	AUT	WM20-I-B
L		RAITALA Salla	FIN	WW-III-A
L		RAMIREZ Sem	MEX	WM-III-B
L	60	RAMPIR Lukas	CZE	WM18
L		RANKI Aino	FIN	WW-II-A

R		RAPIN Chelsea	USA	WW-I-A
L		RATTANACHOT Teerasak	THA	WM-III-B
R		REGENCIA Georgie Ann	PHI	WW18-II-A
L		REPSTOCK-ROMME Cassandra	DEN	WW-I-B
L		REY John	USA	WM-I-A
R		REZEK Gregor	SLO	WM20-II-B
L		RIECKEN Simon	AUT	WM-I-A
L		RIGONI Daniel	ITA	WM18-II-A
R		RIMBALOVA Zuzana	SVK	WW-III-B
R		ROSHCHYN Alexey	ESP	WM-II-A
R		RUPRECHT Loic	SUI	WM20-I-A
R		RUSSELHUBER Casper	AUS	WM20-III-A
L		SAARIMAKI Oskari	FIN	WM20-I-B
L	58	SAARIMAKI Tiina	FIN	WW
L		SABIAN Balazs	HUN	WM18-I-A
L		SAKOVIC Marko	CRO	WM20-II-A
R		SALONEN Anssi	FIN	WM-I-A
L		SANTA Lili Loretta	HUN	WW-III-B
L				WW18-I-A
L		SASCENKOV Aleksej	LTU	WM18-I-B
L		SCHAFER Quinn	USA	WM18-III-A
L	73	SCHLEGEL Dominik	SUI	WM
L				WM20-I-A
L		SCHMIDLEIN Laura	USA	WW18-I-B
R	5	SCHRADER Andre	GER	WM
L	8	SCHUEPBACH Anina	SUI	WW18
L	63	SCHWENK Tobias	GER	WM18
R		SEREBRYAKOV Oleg	UKR	WM20-III-A
R		SERIN Gonca	TUR	WW18-II-B
R		SHEN Yen - Chin	TPE	WM-III-B
L		SIDOROV Artiom	LTU	WM20-II-B
L		SILANDER Ilona	FIN	WW18-I-B
R		SINDEL Jakub	CZE	WM-II-A
R		SKENE Tyler	CAN	WM18-III-A
L		SMETKOVA Kamila	CZE	WW-I-A
R		SONG Meina	CHN	WW-III-A
L	62	SOSTUMOEN Njaal	NOR	WM18
R		STACHOWIAK Rocco	USA	WM18-I-B
R		STAIGER Reica	SUI	WW-I-B
L	53	STALDER Michael	SUI	WM-I-B
R	10	STANO Peter	SVK	WM
R	19			WM20
L		STANTON Jessica	RSA	WW18-III
R		STEINGROSS Bastian	GER	WM-II-A
R		STEPANKEVICIUS Laurynas	LTU	WM18-II-B
R		STERNAT Christoph	AUT	WM20-I-A
L		STOCKER Franziska	ITA	WW18-II-B
R		STROEBEL Phillip	SUI	WM18-I-B
R		STROHMENGER Svenja	GER	WW18-I-A
L	64	STROMBERG Rasmus	SWE	WM18
L		STRUBE Julia	GER	WW-II-A
R		STUPAK Mihail	KAZ	WM18-I-B
R	18	SVOBODOVA Zuzana	CZE	WW
L	55	SZABO David	HUN	WM-I-B
L		SZPYT-JUCHA Monika	POL	WW18-II-A
R	21	TASSONI Amanda	USA	WW
L		THOMSON Sophie	CAN	WW-I-A
L		THORSTEINSDOTTIR Gudlaug	ISL	WW18-I-B

L	55	THUMA David	CZE	WM18
L		TICHY Jozef	SVK	WM-III-A
L	50	TODD Justine	CAN	WW
L	30	TORRES Abigail	USA	WW18
L		TORRIBIO ROUSSELIN Sueva	FRA	WW-III-B
L		TROBAJO Carlos	ESP	WM20-III-A
R	20	TSCHERRIG Michael	SUI	WM20
R	86			WM
R		TZIRTZIGANIS Tim	BEL	WM20-III-A
L		UGOLINI Quentin	FRA	WM20-I-B
L	53	URFER Aurelien	SUI	WM18
L		van den ACKER Maarten	BEL	WM20-III-A
R		van GRINSVEN Chris	BEL	WM20-II-B
R		van GRINSVEN Nicolaas	NED	WM-III-A
L		van RIJZEWIJK Brian	NED	WM20-II-B
L		van ROOYEN Jason	RSA	WM-III-B
L		VASILEV Vasilij	BUL	WM18-II-B
L	61	VICHA Jennifer	SUI	WW18
R	21	VIKMAN Kristian	FIN	WM20
R	26			WM
R	7	VOLKANOVA Martina	CZE	WW18
L		WACIK Hanna-Sophie	AUT	WW18-I-A
R		WANNERSTEDT Marcus	NOR	WM-I-A
R		WARDANA Heru	INA	WM-III-B
R		WEDIN Johan	SWE	WM20-I-A
R		WEEGH Harriet	GER	WW18-II-A
L	4	WELSH Kirsten	CAN	WW
L		WESTLUND Wilma	SWE	WW-III-A
R	22	WILLINER Karin	SUI	WW18
L		WONG Chun Hang	HKG	WM-IV
R	10	WUORENHEIMO Janne	FIN	WM18
L	59	WYONZEK Tarrington	CAN	WM20
L	84			WM

R		YANG Chang-Lin	TPE	WM18-II-B
R		YEFREMOV Vladimir	KAZ	WM-IV
L		YOUNG Hamish	AUS	WM-II-B
R	24	YOUNG Jack	USA	WM18
L		YUAN Zhaoyang	CHN	WM18-II-A
L		ZABRSOVA Alice	CZE	WW-II-A
L	60	ZACH Erin	CAN	WW
R	21	ZAK Marek	SVK	WM18
L		ZAK Michal	POL	WM20-II-A
R		ZELISKA Jakub	CZE	WM18-II-A
L		ZGONC Gasper Jaka	SLO	WM-I-A
L		ZOTOV Vladislav	KAZ	WM20-I-B
L				WM-IV
R		ZRNIC Milan	SLO	WM20-I-B
L	51	ZUNDE Davis	LAT	WM
L	60			WM20
L		ZWARTHOED Bram	NED	WM20-III-A

Swede Jessica Lundgren was part of the officiating crew for the Women's Worlds last year.





ATTENDANCE

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM	64	489,450
WM-I-A	15	32,181
WM-I-B	15	15,081
WM-II-A	15	2,894
WM-II-B	15	5,745
WM-III-A	15	7,028
WM-III-B	15	3,561
WM-IV	15	3,391
TOTAL	169	559,331

EVENT	GP	ATT
WW	29	122,331
WW-I-A	15	9,995
WW-I-B	15	3,298
WW-II-A	15	4,180
WW-II-B	15	4,015
WW-III-A	15	2,585
WW-III-B	10	693
TOTAL	114	147,097

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM20	29	296,895
WM20-I-A	15	2,127
WM20-I-B	15	11,959
WM20-II-A	15	2,697
WM20-II-B	15	4,045
WM20-III-A	15	5,543
WM20-III-B	6	1,494
TOTAL	110	324,760

EVENT	GP	ATT
WM18	29	23,291
WM18-I-A	15	4,958
WM18-I-B	15	6,733
WM18-II-A	15	5,785
WM18-II-B	15	2,115
WM18-III-A	15	6,909
WM18-III-B	15	5,105
TOTAL	119	54,896

EVENT	GP	ATT
WW18	21	10,292
WW18-I-A	15	3,229
WW18-I-B	15	4,434
WW18-II-A	15	3,962
WW18-II-B	10	5,710
WW18-III	6	729
TOTAL	82	28,356

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN & HERNING, DENMARK
9-25 MAY 2025

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	7	6	0	1	0	34	7	19
SWE	7	6	0	0	1	28	8	18
FIN	7	4	2	0	1	22	10	16
AUT	7	2	2	0	3	21	18	10
LAT	7	3	0	0	4	17	25	9
SVK	7	2	0	1	4	9	24	7
SLO	7	1	0	1	5	9	29	4
FRA	7	0	0	1	6	8	27	1

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SUI	7	6	0	1	0	34	9	19
USA	7	5	1	0	1	34	14	17
CZE	7	5	1	0	1	35	14	17
DEN	7	3	1	0	3	25	24	11
GER	7	3	0	1	3	20	22	10
NOR	7	1	0	1	5	13	24	4
HUN	7	1	0	0	6	8	39	3
KAZ	7	1	0	0	6	9	32	3



QUARTER-FINALS

SWE 5-CZE 2
USA 5-FIN 2
SUI 6-AUT 0
DEN 2-CAN 1

SEMI-FINALS

USA 6-SWE 2
SUI 7-DEN 0

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

SWE 6-DEN 2

GOLD MEDAL GAME

USA 1-SUI 0 (OT)



Germany (right) defeated Hungary, 6-1, during the preliminary round of the World Championship.

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP I-A
SFANTU GHEORGHE, ROMANIA
27 APRIL-3 MAY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GBR	5	2	3	0	0	19	9	12
ITA	5	3	0	1	1	18	11	10
UKR	5	2	1	1	1	16	10	9
JPN	5	2	0	1	2	14	16	7
POL	5	2	0	0	3	8	13	6
ROU	5	0	0	1	4	6	22	1



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP I-B
TALLINN, ESTONIA
26 APRIL-2 MAY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
LTU	5	4	1	0	0	14	3	14
KOR	5	4	0	0	1	21	11	12
EST	5	3	0	0	2	19	9	9
CHN	5	1	1	0	3	9	14	5
ESP	5	0	1	1	3	9	25	3
CRO	5	0	0	2	3	9	19	2



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP II-A
BELGRADE, SERBIA
29 APRIL-5 MAY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
NED	5	5	0	0	0	25	4	15
SRB	5	4	0	0	1	12	5	12
UAE	5	2	0	0	3	14	13	6
BEL	5	2	0	0	3	5	17	6
AUS	5	1	0	0	4	7	17	3
ISR	5	1	0	0	4	9	16	3



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP II-B
DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND
27 APRIL-3 MAY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GEO	5	4	1	0	0	35	9	14
ISL	5	4	0	0	1	21	13	12
NZL	5	3	0	0	2	14	14	9
BUL	5	1	1	1	2	23	26	6
TPE	5	1	0	1	3	14	16	4
THA	5	0	0	0	5	11	40	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP III-A
ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE
21-27 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KGZ	5	5	0	0	0	27	5	15
TKM	5	3	1	0	1	20	18	11
TUR	5	3	0	0	2	19	8	9
RSA	5	1	0	1	3	12	24	4
BIH	5	1	0	0	4	12	16	3
LUX	5	1	0	0	4	10	29	3



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP III-B
QUERETARO, MEXICO
27 APRIL-3 MAY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
MEX	5	5	0	0	0	48	12	15
PRK	5	3	1	0	1	38	23	11
HKG	5	3	0	0	2	42	19	9
MGL	5	2	0	0	3	36	29	6
PHI	5	1	0	1	3	22	46	4
SGP	5	0	0	0	5	4	61	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IV
YEREVAN, ARMENIA
13-19 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
UZB	5	4	0	1	0	79	10	13
ARM	5	3	1	1	0	53	11	12
KUW	5	3	1	0	1	56	32	11
INA	5	2	0	0	3	17	60	6
IRI	5	1	0	0	4	6	42	3
MAS	5	0	0	0	5	20	76	0



Bjorn Borgman (right) of the Netherlands has a good scoring chance against Israel in WM-II-A action.

2025 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
CESKE BUDEJOVICE, CZECHIA
9-20 APRIL 2025

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	4	0	0	0	18	2	12
CAN	4	3	0	0	1	17	3	9
FIN	4	2	0	0	2	7	15	6
CZE	4	1	0	0	3	6	15	3
SUI	4	0	0	0	4	1	14	0

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SWE	4	4	0	0	0	17	2	12
JPN	4	3	0	0	1	8	4	9
GER	4	2	0	0	2	11	9	6
NOR	4	1	0	0	3	7	18	3
HUN	4	0	0	0	4	1	11	0

QUARTER-FINALS
USA 3-GER 0
CZE 7-SUI 0
CAN 9-JPN 1
FIN 3-SWE 2

5TH-PLACE GAME
SUI 3-SWE 2

SEMI-FINALS
USA 2-CZE 1
CAN 8-FIN 1

BRONZE MEDAL GAME
FIN 4-CZE 3 (OT)

GOLD MEDAL GAME
USA 4-CAN 3 (OT)



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-A
BYTOM, POLAND
7-13 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ESP	5	4	0	1	0	23	6	13
POL	5	4	0	0	1	30	8	12
ISL	5	3	1	0	1	12	8	11
TPE	5	1	1	0	3	8	20	5
PRK	5	0	1	0	4	5	19	2
MEX	5	0	0	2	3	7	24	2

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-B
DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND
14-20 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
AUS	5	4	1	0	0	24	4	14
NZL	5	3	1	1	0	17	12	12
UKR	5	3	0	1	1	25	12	10
BEL	5	1	0	1	3	11	21	4
HKG	5	1	0	0	4	10	30	3
TUR	5	0	1	0	4	9	17	2

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP III-A
BELGRADE, SERBIA
2-8 MARCH 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
LTU	5	3	1	0	1	20	8	11
THA	5	3	0	1	1	16	9	10
SRB	5	3	0	0	2	15	10	9
ROU	5	3	0	0	2	19	11	9
CRO	5	2	0	0	3	13	13	6
RSA	5	0	0	0	5	11	43	0

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP III-B
SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
13-18 FEBRUARY 2025

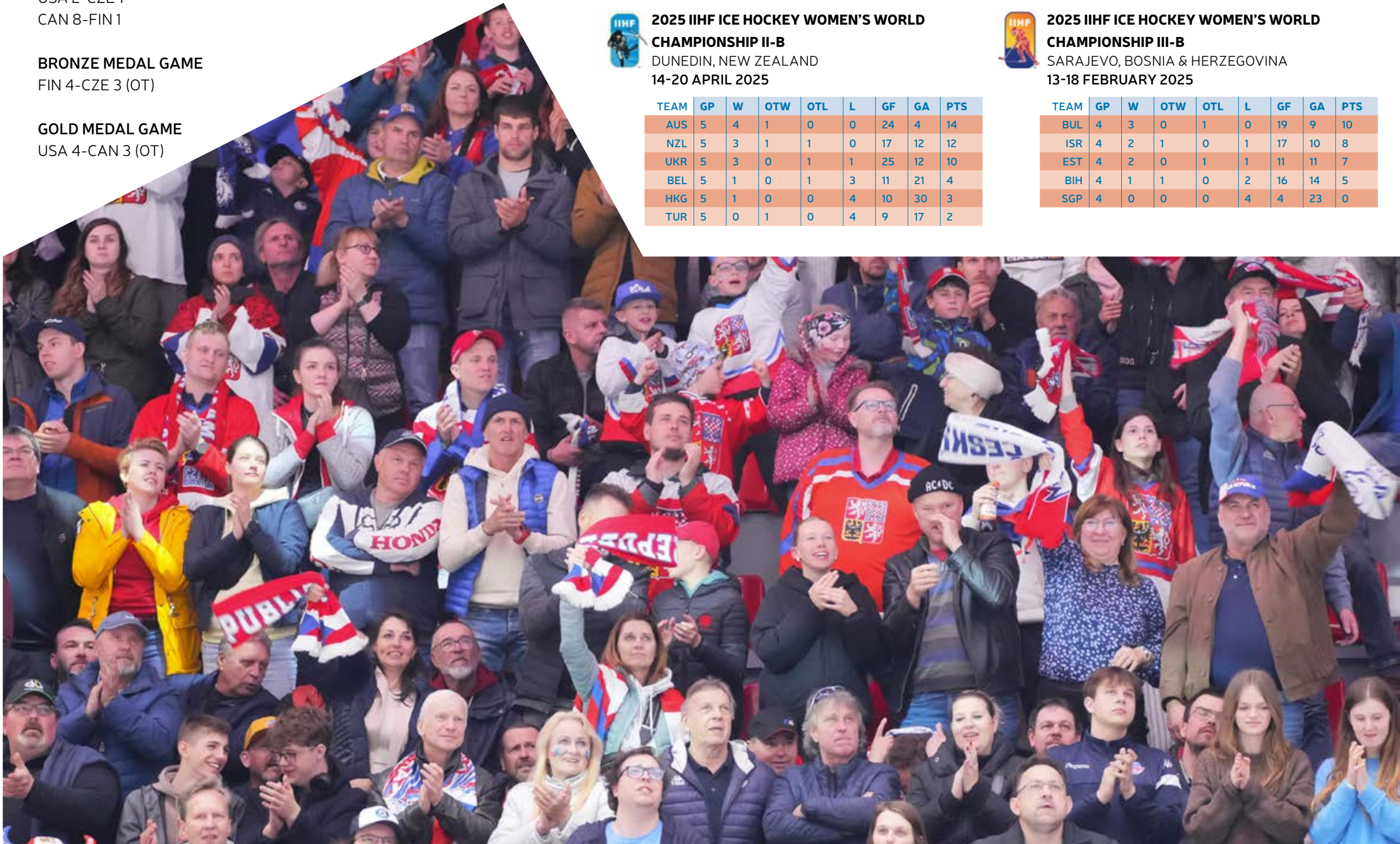
TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
BUL	4	3	0	1	0	19	9	10
ISR	4	2	1	0	1	17	10	8
EST	4	2	0	1	1	11	11	7
BIH	4	1	1	0	2	16	14	5
SGP	4	0	0	0	4	4	23	0

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP I-A
SHENZHEN, CHINA
13-19 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
AUT	5	4	1	0	0	15	5	14
DEN	5	3	0	0	2	10	8	9
SVK	5	3	0	0	2	14	7	9
FRA	5	2	1	0	2	15	13	8
CHN	5	1	0	1	3	4	12	4
NED	5	0	0	1	4	10	23	1

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP I-B
DUMFRIES, GREAT BRITAIN
9-15 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ITA	5	5	0	0	0	31	0	15
LAT	5	4	0	0	1	24	12	12
GBR	5	2	0	1	2	12	12	7
KAZ	5	2	0	0	3	16	14	6
KOR	5	1	1	0	3	12	19	5
SLO	5	0	0	0	5	8	46	0



WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
OTTAWA, CANADA
26 DECEMBER 2024-5 JANUARY 2025

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	3	0	1	0	22	10	10
FIN	4	2	1	0	1	10	8	8
CAN	4	2	0	1	1	10	7	7
LAT	4	0	2	0	2	8	13	4
GER	4	0	0	1	3	8	20	1

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
SWE	4	4	0	0	0	24	10	12
CZE	4	3	0	0	1	25	9	9
SVK	4	1	1	0	2	11	14	5
SUI	4	1	0	0	3	10	15	3
KAZ	4	0	0	1	3	8	30	1

QUARTER-FINALS
SWE 3-LAT 2
FIN 5-SVK 3
USA 7-SUI 2
CZE 4-CAN 3

SEMI-FINALS
FIN 4-SWE 3 (OT)
USA 4-CZE 1

BRONZE MEDAL GAME
CZE 3-SWE 2 (PSS)

GOLD MEDAL GAME
USA 4-FIN 3 (OT)



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-A
ZAGREB, CROATIA
6-12 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
LTU	5	5	0	0	0	39	5	15
ROU	5	3	0	0	2	16	15	9
CRO	5	3	0	0	2	22	26	9
GBR	5	2	0	0	3	11	15	6
CHN	5	2	0	0	3	18	24	6
NED	5	0	0	0	5	9	30	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-B
BELGRADE, SERBIA
19-25 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ESP	5	4	0	1	0	18	9	13
ISR	5	3	0	0	2	18	19	9
SRB	5	2	1	0	2	18	13	8
AUS	5	2	0	0	3	18	19	6
ISL	5	2	0	0	3	16	14	6
BEL	5	1	0	0	4	10	24	3



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP III-A
ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE
27 JANUARY-2 FEBRUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
NZL	5	5	0	0	0	32	8	15
TPE	5	4	0	0	1	39	11	12
BUL	5	3	0	0	2	29	17	9
TUR	5	2	0	0	3	27	31	6
BIH	5	1	0	0	4	12	54	3
MEX	5	0	0	0	5	13	31	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP III-B
BANGKOK, THAILAND
11-14 DECEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
THA	3	3	0	0	0	19	5	9
KGZ	3	2	0	0	1	14	9	6
RSA	3	0	1	0	2	11	21	2
LUX	3	0	0	1	2	9	18	1



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP I-A
BLED, SLOVENIA
9-15 DECEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
DEN	5	4	0	1	0	17	12	13
AUT	5	4	0	0	1	16	10	12
NOR	5	3	0	0	2	13	8	9
SLO	5	2	0	0	3	18	16	6
FRA	5	1	1	0	3	15	20	5
HUN	5	0	0	0	5	7	20	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP I-B
TALLINN, ESTONIA
11-17 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
UKR	5	5	0	0	0	29	10	15
JPN	5	2	1	1	1	26	24	9
ITA	5	3	0	0	2	23	21	9
EST	5	2	0	0	3	16	23	6
POL	5	1	0	1	3	14	21	4
KOR	5	0	1	0	4	10	19	2

Canada (white) defeated
Finland, 4-0, to open
the 2025 World Junior
Championship.



IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TOP DIVISION)

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
FRISCO & ALLEN, UNITED STATES
25 APRIL-5 MAY 2024

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	4	4	0	0	0	29	5	12
SVK	4	2	1	0	1	17	10	8
FIN	4	2	0	1	1	18	9	7
LAT	4	0	1	0	3	5	23	2
NOR	4	0	0	1	3	4	26	1

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	4	4	0	0	0	25	8	12
SWE	4	3	0	0	1	29	16	9
GER	4	1	1	0	2	16	21	5
CZE	4	1	0	1	2	12	17	4
SUI	4	0	0	0	4	9	29	0

QUARTER-FINALS
CAN 3-CZE 2 (OT)
SVK 3-GER 2
USA 6-LAT 3
SWE 7-FIN 2

SEMI-FINALS
CAN 4-SVK 0
SWE 4-USA 3

BRONZE MEDAL GAME
USA 4-SVK 3 (OT)

GOLD MEDAL GAME
CAN 7-SWE 0



(l-r) Americans Will Horcoff, Will Moore, and Cullen Potter celebrate their bronze medal at the WM18.



IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TOP DIVISION)

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP I-A
SZEKESFEHÉRVAR, HUNGARY
20-26 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
DEN	5	5	0	0	0	24	10	15
UKR	5	4	0	0	1	24	12	12
KAZ	5	2	0	1	2	14	13	7
SLO	5	1	1	0	3	8	17	5
HUN	5	1	0	0	4	8	21	3
AUT	5	1	0	0	4	15	20	3

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP I-B
KAUNAS, LITHUANIA
13-19 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
POL	5	3	1	0	1	19	12	11
LTU	5	3	0	0	2	21	14	9
KOR	5	3	0	0	2	21	16	9
FRA	5	2	0	1	2	12	12	7
EST	5	1	1	0	3	8	20	5
JPN	5	1	0	1	3	11	18	4

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP II-A
ASIAGO, ITALY
13-19 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ITA	5	5	0	0	0	23	7	15
GBR	5	4	0	0	1	12	4	12
CHN	5	2	0	1	2	13	14	7
CRO	5	1	1	1	2	14	14	6
ROU	5	1	1	0	3	10	17	5
NED	5	0	0	0	5	7	23	0

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP II-B
SOFIA, BULGARIA
17-23 MARCH 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ESP	5	4	1	0	0	21	7	14
AUS	5	2	1	1	1	21	19	9
TPE	5	1	1	2	1	16	19	7
BEL	5	2	0	1	2	25	18	7
SRB	5	2	0	0	3	15	16	6
BUL	5	0	1	0	4	8	27	2

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP III-A
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
2-8 MARCH 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
MEX	5	5	0	0	0	33	12	15
TUR	5	3	0	0	2	25	24	9
ISR	5	2	1	0	2	31	27	8
HKG	5	2	0	1	2	34	18	7
NZL	5	1	0	0	4	18	41	3
ISL	5	1	0	0	4	13	32	3

2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP III-B
BANGKOK, THAILAND
28 FEBRUARY-6 MARCH 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
UZB	5	5	0	0	0	46	8	15
THA	5	4	0	0	1	40	6	12
TKM	5	3	0	0	2	36	23	9
BIH	5	1	1	0	3	14	39	5
RSA	5	1	0	0	4	18	47	3
LUX	5	0	0	1	4	12	43	1



Great Britain (blue) defeated Netherlands, 1-0, in the WM18-II-A.

WOMEN'S U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
VANTAA, FINLAND
4-12 JANUARY 2025

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	3	3	0	0	0	14	0	9
SWE	3	0	2	0	1	7	8	4
FIN	3	1	0	1	1	5	9	4
JPN	3	0	0	1	2	6	15	1

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CAN	3	3	0	0	0	16	3	9
CZE	3	1	1	0	1	8	9	5
SUI	3	1	0	1	1	7	10	4
SVK	3	0	0	0	3	8	17	0

QUARTER-FINALS

USA 9-SVK 1
SWE 4-SUI 1
CAN 17-JPN 0
CZE 6-FIN 0

SEMI-FINALS

USA 2-SWE 1
CAN 4-CZE 2

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

CZE 2-SWE 1

GOLD MEDAL GAME

CAN 3-USA 0



RELEGATION GAME

SVK 5-JPN 1



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP I-A
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
5-11 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
HUN	5	5	0	0	0	13	2	15
ITA	5	4	0	0	1	12	9	12
GER	5	2	0	0	3	12	12	6
NOR	5	1	1	0	3	12	15	5
FRA	5	1	0	1	3	10	16	4
AUT	5	0	1	1	3	9	14	3



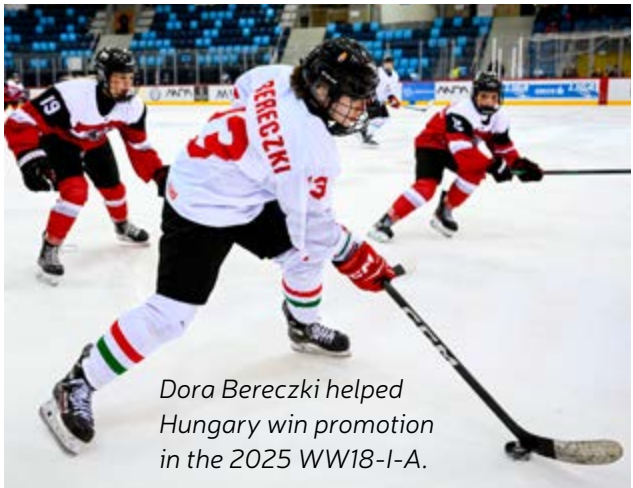
2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP I-B
KATOWICE, POLAND
7-13 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
DEN	5	5	0	0	0	27	2	15
POL	5	4	0	0	1	19	12	12
ESP	5	2	1	0	2	12	15	8
CHN	5	2	0	1	2	15	11	7
AUS	5	0	1	0	4	6	21	2
KOR	5	0	0	1	4	5	23	1



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-A
RIGA, LATVIA
20-26 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GBR	5	5	0	0	0	35	6	15
KAZ	5	4	0	0	1	39	10	12
LAT	5	3	0	0	2	33	12	9
NED	5	2	0	0	3	5	21	6
NZL	5	1	0	0	4	8	43	3
TPE	5	0	0	0	5	8	36	0



Dora Bereczki helped Hungary win promotion in the 2025 WW18-I-A.



2024 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP II-B
TÜRKIYE, ISTANBUL
18-23 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
TUR	4	4	0	0	0	20	1	12
ISL	4	3	0	0	1	29	3	9
BEL	4	1	1	0	2	13	13	5
MEX	4	1	0	1	2	8	9	4
RSA	4	0	0	0	4	1	45	0



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP III
ZAGREB, CROATIA
23-26 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ROU	3	2	1	0	0	17	8	8
THA	3	1	0	1	1	8	8	4
CRO	3	1	0	0	2	7	9	3
LTU	3	1	0	0	2	7	14	3



Hungary (white) and Austria competed in the final round of the women's Qualifier for the Olympics.

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION—MEN

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION—FINAL ROUND—MEN

**GROUP D**
BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA
29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

**GROUP F**
AALBORG, DENMARK
29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•SVK	3	3	0	0	0	12	5	9
KAZ	3	2	0	0	1	8	6	6
AUT	3	0	1	0	2	6	7	2
HUN	3	0	0	1	2	8	16	1

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•DEN	3	2	1	0	0	10	4	8
NOR	3	2	0	0	1	11	8	6
GBR	3	1	0	0	2	6	11	3
JPN	3	0	0	1	2	6	10	1

**GROUP E**
RIGA, LATVIA
29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•LAT	3	3	0	0	0	14	5	9
FRA	3	2	0	0	1	14	8	6
SLO	3	1	0	0	2	9	11	3
UKR	3	0	0	0	3	5	18	0

FINAL GROUPS FOR MILANO
GROUP A: CAN, CZE, FRA, SUI
GROUP B: FIN, ITA, SVK, SWE
GROUP C: DEN, GER, LAT, USA

Slovakia's captain Tomas Tatar celebrates his team's qualifying for the 2026 Olympics.



OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION—WOMEN

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION—FINAL ROUND—WOMEN

**GROUP G**
TOMAKOMAI, JAPAN
6-9 FEBRUARY 2025

**GROUP I**
BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY
6-9 FEBRUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•JPN	3	3	0	0	0	17	2	9
FRA	3	2	0	0	1	14	8	6
CHN	3	0	1	0	2	5	10	2
POL	3	0	0	1	2	2	18	1

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•GER	3	3	0	0	0	10	2	9
HUN	3	1	1	0	1	7	5	5
AUT	3	1	0	1	1	10	7	4
SVK	3	0	0	0	3	4	17	0

**GROUP H**
GAVLE, SWEDEN
6-9 FEBRUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
•SWE	3	3	0	0	0	16	0	9
DEN	3	2	0	0	1	6	7	6
NOR	3	0	1	0	2	5	9	2
NED	3	0	0	1	2	4	15	1

FINAL GROUPS FOR MILANO
GROUP A: CAN, CZE, FIN, SUI, USA
GROUP B: FRA, GER, ITA, JPN, SWE

Sweden's women went 3-0 on home ice to qualify for Milano Cortina.



MEN'S ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY MEN'S ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP
ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN
6-9 NOVEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KAZ	3	2	0	0	1	12	6	6
JPN	3	2	0	0	1	10	8	6
KOR	3	1	0	1	1	7	8	4
CHN	3	0	1	0	2	4	11	2



Kazakhstan (blue) won the 2024 Men's Asia Championship on home ice.

WOMEN'S ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP



2025 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP
BEIJING, CHINA
31 OCTOBER-3 NOVEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
JPN	3	3	0	0	0	25	0	9
CHN	3	2	0	0	1	9	5	6
KAZ	3	0	1	0	2	5	17	2
KOR	3	0	0	1	2	4	21	1



Japan not only won the Women's Asia Championship—they did so without allowing a goal.

ASIA WINTER GAMES, MEN



ASIA WINTER GAMES, MEN
HARBIN, CHINA
3-14 FEBRUARY 2025

GROUP A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KAZ	5	5	0	0	0	41	3	15
KOR	5	3	1	0	1	36	10	11
JPN	5	3	0	0	2	28	11	9
CHN	5	2	0	1	2	20	14	7
TPE	5	1	0	0	4	4	52	3
THA	5	0	0	0	5	2	41	0

GROUP B	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KGZ	3	2	1	0	0	49	10	8
KUW	3	2	0	1	0	52	12	7
SIN	3	1	0	0	2	25	22	3
BAH	3	0	0	0	3	1	83	0

13TH PLACE GAME
MAC 4-BAH 3 (OT)

11TH PLACE GAME
SIN 13-IND 2

9TH PLACE GAME
KUW 8-TKM 4

QUARTER-FINALS PLAYOFF
KGZ 6-HKG 5 (OT)

GROUP C	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
HKG	3	3	0	0	0	61	2	9
TKM	3	2	0	0	1	46	6	6
IND	3	1	0	0	2	5	51	3
MAC	3	0	0	0	3	3	56	0

QUARTER-FINALS

KAZ 24-HKG 0

CHN 7-TPE 2

JPN 15-THA 20

KOR 20-KGZ 0

SEMI-FINALS

KAZ 3-CHN 1

JPN 4-KOR 3 (PSS)

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

KOR 5-CHN 2

GOLD MEDAL GAME

KAZ 5-JPN 0



Japan (black) advanced to the gold-medal game of the Asia Winter Games.

ASIA WINTER GAMES, WOMEN



ASIA WINTER GAMES, WOMEN
HARBIN, CHINA
3-14 FEBRUARY 2025

PRELIMINARY ROUND	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KAZ	4	3	1	0	0	27	1	11
KOR	4	3	0	1	0	22	3	10
TPE	4	2	0	0	2	13	10	6
THA	4	1	0	0	3	3	25	3
HKG	4	0	0	0	4	2	28	0

FINAL ROUND	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
JPN	3	3	0	0	0	18	1	9
KAZ	3	2	0	0	1	5	5	6
CHN	3	1	0	0	2	4	11	3
KOR	3	0	0	0	3	1	11	0

China (white) finished third in the women's tournament of the Asia Winter Games.



WOMEN'S ASIA CUP



2025 WOMEN'S ASIA CUP
AL AIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
31 MAY-6 JUNE 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
PHI	5	5	0	0	0	37	5	15
IRI	5	4	0	0	1	23	6	12
IND	5	1	2	0	2	13	16	7
MAS	5	2	0	0	3	19	17	6
UAE	5	1	0	1	3	10	20	4
KGZ	5	0	0	1	4	4	42	1

The Philippines (white) defeated Iran (green), 4-2, in the deciding game of the Women's Asia Cup.



MEN'S DEVELOPMENT CUP

2025 MEN'S DEVELOPMENT CUP
CANILLO, ANDORRA
22-26 APRIL 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
PUE	5	4	1	0	0	52	5	14
LIE	5	4	0	0	1	63	13	12
POR	5	3	0	1	1	37	11	10
GRE	5	2	0	0	3	15	38	6
BRA	5	1	0	0	4	12	58	3
AND	5	0	0	0	5	14	68	0

RESULTS

22 April

Portugal 10-Brazil 0
Liechtenstein 13-Greece 0
Puerto Rico 15-Andorra 1

23 April

Greece 6-Brazil 3
Puerto Rico 5-Liechtenstein 2
Portugal 15-Andorra 3

24 April

Puerto Rico 11-Greece 1
Liechtenstein 5-Portugal 4
Brazil 7-Andorra 4

25 April

Puerto Rico 2-Portugal 1 (3:06 OT)
Liechtenstein 19-Brazil 2
Greece 7-Andorra 4

26 April

Puerto Rico 19-Brazil 0
Portugal 7-Greece 1
Liechtenstein 24-Andorra 2



Portugal (white) defeated Greece, 7-1, in Development Cup play.



FIRST ROUND, GROUP A
SOFIA, BULGARIA
20-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
KHL Sisak	3	3	0	0	0	28	3	9
BULLDOGS LIEGE	3	2	0	0	1	22	9	6
SKHL CRVENA ZVEZDA	3	1	0	0	2	8	10	3
IRBIS-SKATE SOFIA	3	0	0	0	3	4	40	0

FIRST ROUND, GROUP B
NARVA, ESTONIA
20-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
ENERGIJA	3	3	0	0	0	17	4	9
CH JACA	3	1	0	1	1	11	13	4
NARVA PSK	3	1	0	0	2	12	15	3
SKAUTAFELAG REYKJAVIKUR	3	0	1	0	2	10	18	2

SECOND ROUND, GROUP C
RITTEN, ITALY
18-20 OCTOBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
RITTNER BUAM	3	3	0	0	0	20	9	9
ACRONI JESENICE	3	2	0	0	1	11	8	6
KHL SISAK	3	1	0	0	2	7	15	3
SOKIL KYIV	3	0	0	0	3	8	14	0

SECOND ROUND, GROUP D
BRASOV, ROMANIA
18-20 OCTOBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CSM CORONA BRASOV	3	1	2	0	0	15	10	7
MOGO RIGA	3	2	0	1	0	14	11	7
FERENCVAROSI TC	3	1	0	1	1	12	10	4
ENERGIJA	3	0	0	0	3	8	18	0

THIRD ROUND, GROUP E
ZILINA, SLOVAKIA
15-17 NOVEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
HC ARLAN	3	2	0	1	0	11	8	7
CARDIFF DEVILS	3	2	0	0	1	12	8	6
VLCI ZILINA	3	1	1	0	1	10	7	5
RITTNER BUAM	3	0	0	0	3	2	12	0

CONTINENTAL CUP

THIRD ROUND, GROUP F
AALBORG, DENMARK
15-17 NOVEMBER 2024

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
GKS KATOWICE	3	2	0	0	1	15	7	6
BRULEURS DE LOUPS	3	2	0	0	1	18	8	6
AALBORG PIRATES	3	2	0	0	1	9	9	6
CSM CORONA BRASOV	3	0	0	0	3	5	23	0

FINAL ROUND
CARDIFF, GREAT BRITAIN
16-19 JANUARY 2025

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
CARDIFF DEVILS	2	2	0	0	0	12	4	6
BRULEURS DE LOUPS	2	0	1	0	1	4	8	2
GKS KATOWICE	2	0	0	1	1	5	9	1
HC ARLAN*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

*withdrew



Cardiff won the 2025 Continental Cup with a 2-0 record in the finals.



Rittner (red) defeated Acroni Jesenice in the second round of the Continental Cup.

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
FARJESTAD BK	6	5	1	0	0	26	10	17
ZSC LIONS	6	4	1	0	1	20	10	14
LAUSANNE HC	6	4	0	2	0	17	9	14
OCELARI TRINEC	6	3	1	1	1	24	16	12
HC FRIBOURG-GOTTERON	6	3	1	1	1	23	16	12
SKELLEFTEA AIK	6	3	1	1	1	19	15	12
EISBAREN BERLIN	6	3	1	0	2	22	15	11
RED BULL SALZBURG	6	3	1	0	2	20	13	11
PELICANS	6	3	1	0	2	24	18	11
SHEFFIELD STEELERS	6	2	2	1	1	18	13	11
FISCHTOWN PINGUINS	6	3	0	1	2	17	13	10
VAXJO LAKERS	6	3	0	1	2	13	12	10
SPARTA PRAHA	6	3	0	1	2	13	15	10
GENEVE-SERVETTE HC	6	2	1	2	1	21	19	10
STRAUBING TIGERS	6	2	1	1	2	14	14	9
TAPPARA	6	2	1	0	3	20	16	8
DYNAMO PARDUBICE	6	2	0	2	2	20	13	8
UNIA OSWIECIM	6	2	0	2	2	18	23	8
ILVES	6	1	2	0	3	17	21	7
EC KAC	6	1	1	0	4	14	24	5
STORHAMAR	6	0	2	1	3	10	17	5
DRAGONS DE ROUEN	6	0	0	1	5	12	33	1
FEHEVAR AV19	6	0	0	0	6	8	27	0
SONDERJYSKE ISHOCKEY	6	0	0	0	6	5	33	0

ROUND OF 16 (2 games, total goals)

Farjestad BK 6-Tappara 5 (OT) (3-2, 3-3)
ZSC Lions 11-Straubing Tigers 3 (4-2, 7-1)
Geneve-Servette HC 12-Lausanne HC 4 (5-0, 7-4)
Sparta Praha 5-Ocelari Trinec 2 (4-1, 1-1)
Vaxjo Lakers 4-HC Fribourg-Gotteron 3 (1-0, 3-3)
Fischtown Pinguins 10-Skelleftea AIK 1 (5-0, 5-1)
Eisbaren Berlin 9-Sheffield Steelers 5 (5-3, 4-2)
Red Bull Salzburg 7-Pelicans 1 (2-1, 5-0)

Quarter-finals (2 games, total goals)

Farjestad BK 7-Red Bull Salzburg 3 (1-3, 6-0)
ZSC Lions 9-Eisbaren Berlin 7 (4-3, 5-4)
Geneve-Servette HC 6-Fischtown Pinguins 2 (4-0, 2-2)
Sparta Praha 7-Vaxjo Lakers 6 (OT) (1-2, 6-4)

Semi-finals (2 games, total goals)

Farjestad BK 10-Sparta Praha 4 (6-2, 4-2)
ZSC Lions 9-Geneve-Servette 4 (6-1, 3-3)

Finals

ZSC Lions 2-Farjestad BK 1



Mikko Lehtonen celebrates ZSC Lions' win in the Champions Hockey League finals.

SURVEY OF PLAYERS

COUNTRY		MEN'S			WOMEN'S			ARENA'S		OFFICIALS	
		U18 (born in 2007 and 2008)	U20 (born in 2005 and 2006)	Senior (born in 2004 or before)	U18 (born in 2007 and 2008)	U20 (born in 2005 and 2006)	Senior (born in 2004 or before)	IIHF Size - Indoor	IIHF Size - Outdoor	Total Game Officials - MALE	Total Game Officials - FEMALE
ALG	Algeria	10	10	99	0	0	7	2	0	0	0
AND	Andorra	4	2	63	2	0	16	0	0	15	5
ARG	Argentina	45	47	602	29	34	199	4	1	30	14
ARM	Armenia	48	45	194	8	5	14	2	2	9	0
AUS	Australia	218	137	2198	63	39	349	21	0	124	12
AUT	Austria	455	390	3558	79	58	288	51	76	248	18
AZE	Azerbaijan	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
BHR	Bahrain	/	4	25	6	2	10	/	/	3	/
BLR	Belarus	617	250	1789	14	3	11	46	2	58	2
BEL	Belgium	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
BIH	Bosnia & Herzegovina	30	25	80	15	15	45	3	0	6	1
BRA	Brazil	6	8	74	7	8	36	1	0	5	4
BUL	Bulgaria	95	92	254	21	19	20	6	6	28	4
CAN	Canada	46,077	15,916	93,983	9,852	2,124	15,419	3500	5000	35,675	4,580
CHI	Chile	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
CHN	China	537	54	250	209	50	301	663	2096	30	29
TPE	Chinese Taipei	85	50	198	17	8	28	5	0	45	12
COL	Colombia	18	12	30	8	7	25	0	0	16	4
CRO	Croatia	43	40	92	29	7	38	4	2	16	3
CZE	Czechia	2122	1429	5107	109	64	276	191	29	3295	419
DEN	Denmark	331	237	2341	78	57	459	29	0	86	8
PRK	PRK Korea	120	120	132	100	100	115	3	9	45	1
EST	Estonia	82	55	142	12	11	96	10	19	30	2
FIN	Finland	3173	2170	24921	278	229	2715	303	125	1740	80
FRA	France	851	627	10435	150	118	2005	112	6	201	9
GEO	Georgia	48	98	79	0	0	57	8	2	12	0
GER	Germany	1640	1217	6764	250	172	922	267	10	693	53
GBR	Great Britain	618	701	7159	167	307	942	61	0	314	46
GRE	Greece	15	16	90	4	1	10	1	0	1	0
HKG	Hong Kong	84	73	212	14	9	51	8	0	57	11
HUN	Hungary	434	269	1250	104	66	143	59	2	205	29
ISL	Iceland	26	22	167	21	12	55	3	0	16	4
IND	India	180	164	1410	116	138	419	5	43	18	6
INA	Indonesia	9	7	87	3	5	3	13	0	12	0
IRI	Iran	32	68	102	50	82	68	80	0	12	8
IRL	Ireland	40	30	120	15	12	40	4	0	5	1
ISR	Israel	53	39	387	9	9	25	5	0	25	0
ITA	Italy	269	199	992	47	30	94	77	8	118	11
JAM	Jamaica	0	16	5	0	0	0	/	/	/	/
JPN	Japan	540	1898	5911	0	0	1098	105	6	775	65
KAZ	Kazakhstan	254	154	201	43	20	7	50	/	63	7
KEN	Kenya	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
KOR	Korea	106	64	133	12	11	29	44	10	41	6

Ushuaia might be the end of the world, but it is also home to a regulation-size rink that is key to Argentina's growth in ice hockey.



SURVEY OF PLAYERS

COUNTRY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S			ARENA'S		OFFICIALS	
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KUW Kuwait	22	23	160	17	15	80	/	/	25	14
KGZ Kyrgyzstan	67	108	348	20	10	21	4	11	6	3
LAT Latvia	595	493	4075	65	19	339	24	2	110	8
LBN Lebanon	8	14	65	10	18	35	/	0	1	0
LIE Liechtenstein	2	0	36	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
LTU Lithuania	100	45	130	5	5	60	10	3	30	2
LUX Luxembourg	53	27	234	8	7	48	2	1	26	2
MAC Macau	18	10	33	3	2	10	0	0	4	2
MAS Malaysia	Maybe around 10-20	Maybe around 10-20	Maybe around less than 40	Maybe around less than 20	Maybe around less than 20	Maybe less than 30	7	0	19	11
MEX Mexico	39	90	89	35	34	39	22	0	9	2
MGL Mongolia	150	100	200	5	15	30	4	19	10	0
MAR Morocco	80	55	127	19	/	/	3	0	5	2
NEP Nepal	16	16	16	16	16	16	/	/	/	/
NED Netherlands	74	83	1452	37	35	273	20	0	55	7
NZL New Zealand	100	66	1106	53	20	325	7	3	89	22
MKD North Macedonia	7	3	53	0	0	0	/	/	/	/
NOR Norway	662	228	2328	122	52	240	64	80	260	54
OMA Oman	6	8	25	3	4	7	3	0	2	1
PHI Philippines	14	10	156	9	6	40	3	0	11	8
POL Poland	614	375	453	96	33	93	42	85	288	17
POR Portugal	7	4	63	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
PUR Puerto Rico	34	19	180	12	5	31	1	0	11	2
QAT Qatar	10	20	12	3	2	2	2	0	10	5
ROU Romania	146	53	202	20	17	44	14	0	58	5
RUS Russia	13892	10605	17321	406	302	562	874	6087	2066	64
SRB Serbia	61	55	65	13	18	47	3	1	17	6
SGP Singapore	6	3	75	3	2	35	1	1	9	3
SVK Slovakia	1032	773	1611	64	57	162	77	27	186	8
SLO Slovenia	115	75	204	20	9	46	7	0	43	2
RSA South Africa	36	40	100	23	20	37	5	0	24	13
ESP Spain	86	56	143	35	33	54	14	0	29	3
SWE Sweden	4392	3435	13366	497	336	1743	375	36	7635	562
SUI Switzerland	1831	2310	13108	150	/	1206	126	93	1598	105
THA Thailand	54	32	53	14	9	22	9	0	15	10
TUN Tunisia	6	8	40	1	3	2	2	0	15	0
TUR Turkiye	67	61	119	83	40	98	15	0	42	19
TKM Turkmenistan	45	40	45	0	0	0	5	0	16	0
UKR Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	0	/	/	/	/
UAE UAE	23	1	339	1	3	57	7	0	15	5
USA USA	26845	/	159955	4628	1068	20316	1522	0	31,316 Male and Female	
UZB Uzbekistan	21	8	10	0	0	0	7	0	14	2



Morocco is building its first hockey full-scale, indoor arena, set to open late 2025 or early 2026.





LEGENDS

2025 IIHF HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTORS

The IIHF's Historical Committee named this year's recipients of its Contributors' Awards in conjunction with the IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for 2025.

Norway's Jon Haukeland received the Paul Loicq Award for his contributions to international hockey. The Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award went to Leszek Laszkiewicz of Poland. And, for the first time, there were two honourees for the Milestone Award—the 2002 & 2003 Danish men's national team, and the two Swedish men's teams from 2006 that won gold at the Olympics and World Championship.

The IIHF Media Award went to Paul Graham of TSN, and the Johan Bollue Award to Jim Aldred.

The Contributors' Awards ceremony took place on Saturday, 24 May 2025 prior to the semi-finals games of the Men's World Championship in Stockholm, Sweden.

Haukeland, 71, has been working for the Norwegian Ice Hockey Association since 1982 in a variety of capacities. He was the NIHA's first Sport Director and later served as General Secretary. He has been heavily involved in programs focused on player development, and most recently he has worked as a senior advisor and national team organizer. He has also worked as a team leader and general manager for teams in Olympic and IIHF competition and has served on several IIHF committees continuously from 1998 to 2016.

Laszkiewicz played for nearly a quarter century both in leagues across Europe as well as for the Polish national team. He played in consecutive U20 championships

in 1997 and 1998, and at the senior level he represented Poland at an astounding 18 Men's World Championships at various levels. At the top level, he played at the World Junior Championship in 1997 and the Men's World Championship in 2002.

Denmark's men's national team languished in the lower pools and divisions for more than half a century. Most famously, they lost to Canada 47-0 at the 1949 Worlds, their first, last, and only top-level event of the 20th century. But, finally, in 2002, the team finished first in Division I-B to earn promotion to the top level for 2003, and then they did what many thought was impossible—they stayed up. Indeed, the Danes have remained in the top pool ever since, and their program has improved and developed an ever-greater number of world-class players as a result.

The Swedes got a goal early in the third period of the 2006 Olympic gold-medal game against Finland and held on for a 3-2 victory. It was their first Olympic gold since 1994, and Tre Kronor then did something no country had done previously. A few weeks later, in Riga, they won Men's World Championship gold. Some eight players were on both teams—Mika Hannula, Jorgen Jonsson, Kenny Jonsson, Niklas Kronwall, Stefan Liv, Mikael Samuelsson, Ronnie Sundin, Henrik Zetterberg.

Graham is retiring from TSN this season, so his being honoured in the IIHF Media Award category couldn't be more fitting. His work with The Sports Network has been integral to TSN's expanding resume in the international hockey

world, from its start-to-finish coverage of the World Junior Championship to its comprehensive coverage of the Men's and Women's World Championships. More recently, TSN has included men's and women's U18 events in its programming. As the IIHF has expanded its reach around the globe, Graham and TSN have been there every step of the way.

Aldred's journey to the Bollue Award started in Toronto, where was born, and flourished in Portugal, where his contributions have made him an ideal recipient for the IIHF's newest honour. He married a Portuguese woman and moved

to that country without a job in hockey. But the Canadian in his bones pushed him to look for just such opportunities in a land where hockey was on the fringes of sporting interest. Nevertheless, it wasn't long before he was hired as Portugal's national team coach, in 2017. Very soon after, he was behind the bench for Portugal's first ever international event, the Development Cup, in Andorra. Portugal has been involved in every Development Cup since, and Aldred's place behind the bench has been equally consistent.



2025 IIHF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The IIHF Hall of Fame inducted seven new members in its Class of inductees for 2025. They include one Builder, Kai Hietarinta (FIN), and six Players. Two had sensational careers in the women's game, Kim Martin-Hasson (SWE) and Vicky Sunohara (CAN). They are joined by four equally accomplished men—Zdeno Chara (SVK), Henrik Lundqvist (SWE), Frans Nielsen (DEN), and David Vyborny (CZE).

The IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place on medal day at the 2025 Men's World Championship in Stockholm, Sweden, 25 May 2025.

Chara is one of the most accomplished athletes in Slovakia's history. He played in three Olympics (2006-14), seven Men's World Championships (1999-2012), and two World Cups (2004-16), and in the NHL he played in more games than any defenceman in league history. Chara captained the Boston Bruins to the Stanley Cup in 2011, only the second European to do so, and he won two silver medals with Slovakia at the Worlds, in 2000 and 2012. He wore the "C" for the Slovaks at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics as well as at the Worlds in 2001 and 2012.

Hietarinta was president of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association from 1984 to 1997, after which he was a board member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Foundation until 2015. He also served on the board of the Finnish Olympic Committee from 1984 to 1993 and was a Council member at the IIHF for eight years (1990-1998). But it was as president of the FIHA that Hietarinta had his greatest impact. Among the many medals Finland won under his leadership, three stand out: Finland's first ever

Olympic medal (silver, 1988), first Men's World Championship gold medal (1995), and first World Junior gold (1987).

Henrik Lundqvist is a legend in Sweden and in New York, where he spent his entire NHL career. In Tre Kronor colours, few goalies have had a career as long, as consequential, and as expansive, as Lundqvist. He played at every level for Sweden, starting with the U18 in 2000 (bronze), continuing with two World Junior Championships (2001, 2002), 33 games over five Men's World Championships (2004-19—gold 2017, silver 2004), three Olympic Winter Games (gold 2006, silver 2014), and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. Of course, his crowning glory is that gold medal at the Turin Olympics in 2006, when the Swedes beat arch-rivals Finland, 3-2, in the gold-medal game. In the NHL, Lundqvist played all 15 seasons with the Rangers, winning 459 games, the most by a European goalie.

Martin-Hasson started her career with the national team at age 15, playing at the Women's World Championship in Minneapolis. Over the next 13 years she was the de facto number-one goalie on the team, playing at eight Women's Worlds and four Olympics. Martin-Hasson backstopped Sweden's two greatest teams. In 2006, she led Damkronor to the biggest upset in women's hockey history, a 3-2 shootout win over the United States in the semi-finals of the 2006 Olympics. Four years earlier, she had helped Sweden win bronze at Salt Lake, defeating Finland, 2-1, in the game for third place.

Frans Nielsen had an exceptional international career with Denmark and

was just the second Dane to play in the NHL after Poul Popiel (who was born in Sollested but moved to Canada as a child). Nielsen made his national-team debut in 2002, in Division I, and was part of the historic team that earned promotion to the top level for the first time since 1949. Thereafter, Nielsen played in nine top-level Men's Worlds, accruing 26 points in 56 games between 2003 and 2022. Over 16 years in the NHL, Nielsen played in 925 games with the Islanders and Detroit. Nielsen's crowning glory was playing at the 2022 Olympics, the first time Denmark had ever qualified for the quadrennial event.

Canadian Vicky Sunohara was part of the first wave of women's hockey superstars who helped establish the Women's World Championship as an annual IIHF event. During her incredible 17-year career she won a total of nine gold medals and two silvers in eleven

career events, and she averaged a point a game while leading Canada's offence (54 points in 56 Olympics and Women's Worlds games). Sunohara played on the inaugural team in 1990 in Ottawa, winning gold. She also played NCAA hockey with Northeastern and Canadian university hockey with her hometown University of Toronto.

Vyborny played during the glory days of the Czechs' dominance in IIHF competition. He was part of the team's historic run of three consecutive gold medals at the Men's Worlds (1999-2001) and won five gold medals in a ten-year span (1996-2005). In all, he played in 12 World Championships in addition to the 2006 Olympics (bronze), 2004 World Cup, and two World Junior Championships (1993, 1994). Vyborny also had a lengthy and successful career in the NHL, playing 543 games with Columbus over an eight-year period (2000-08).



2024 HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Hockey Hall of Fame inducted seven new members during its annual ceremony in Toronto on 11 November 2024. The newest honourees included **SHEA WEBER**, **JEREMY ROENICK**, **PAVEL DATSYUK**, **NATALIE DARWITZ**, and **KRISSY WENDELL-POHL** in the Player category and **COLIN CAMPBELL** and **DAVID POILE** as Builders.



Shea Weber

WEBER had a storied career both for Team Canada and in the NHL. In the former, he helped his country win back-to-back Olympic gold medals in 2010 and 2014, won a gold and silver at the only two Men's Worlds he played at, won gold with the 2005 World Junior team, and was also part of Canada's championship team at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. Weber played in 1,038 NHL games between Nashville and Montreal and took the Canadiens to the Stanley Cup finals during the Covid-shortened 2020-21 season.

ROENICK is widely considered one of the best American-born power forwards. He represented the United States at two World Junior Championships, the 1991 Men's World Championship, the 1991 Canada Cup, and two Olympics, winning a silver on home ice in 2002. Additionally, he played 19 NHL seasons with five teams, twice scoring more than 50 goals and retiring with 513 career goals.

DARWITZ was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame just last month to honour a career that was second to none on Team USA during her era. From 1999 to 2010 she was a core member of the team, winning three Women's Worlds gold medals and five silver in addition to three medals at the Olympics.

WENDELL-POHL's career overlapped with Darwitz's, and the two become the third and fourth U.S. players in the Hockey Hall of Fame after Cammi Granato (2010) and Angela Ruggiero (2014). Wendell-Pohl started in 1999 as well and played until 2007, during which time she was one of the most feared scorers in the game. She was named Women's Worlds MVP in 2005, the ground-breaking first gold medal for the Americans in WW history.

DATSYUK won the Stanley Cup with Detroit in 2002 and again two years later. In all, he played 14 seasons in the NHL, all with Detroit, and was a premier two-way player, winning the Selke Trophy three times. In IIHF play, Datsyuk appeared in seven Men's Worlds, winning four medals, and he also played in five Olympics between 2002 and 2018, culminating with a gold medal in his final appearance. That win earned him membership into the Triple Gold Club.

POILE joins his father, Bud Poile, in the Hockey Hall. The senior Poile was inducted back in 1990. David Poile retired last year after decades in the game as a general manager, starting with Washington. He later moved to join the expansion Nashville Predators and guided them to their first Cup finals last year.

CAMPBELL was a fourth-line player in the NHL for eleven seasons and four teams, and after being part of the New York Rangers' Cup-winning team as an assistant coach he became head coach soon after. In 1998, he joined the NHL's head office where he continues to serve as the director of hockey operations.



Natalie Darwitz

TRIPLE GOLD CLUB (EST. 2001)

LEGEND:

OG=OLYMPIC GAMES

SC=STANLEY CUP

WM=MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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These 30 players and one coach form the unique group that has won a gold medal at the IIHF Men's World Championship and the Olympic Ice Hockey tournament and the Stanley Cup.

Being given credit with one of these honours requires the player to have participated in at least one game of the event. Players are entered chronologically by date when the final championship of the triple has been achieved. If two or more players complete their triple on the same date, priority is given to the player who was the first to win one of the three titles. If two or more players have identical accomplishments, priority is given to the player who completes the triple at the younger age.

•1. **TOMAS JONSSON**, defence

(b. Falun, Sweden, April 12, 1960)

SC 1982, 1983 (NEW YORK ISLANDERS)

WM 1991 (SWEDEN)

OG 1994 (SWEDEN)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

•2. **MATS NASLUND**, forward

(b. Timrå, Sweden, October 31, 1959)

SC 1986 (MONTREAL CANADIENS)

WM 1991 (SWEDEN)

OG 1994 (SWEDEN)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

•3. **HAKAN LOOB**, forward

(b. Roma, Sweden, July 3, 1960)

WM 1987, 1991 (SWEDEN)

SC 1989 (CALGARY FLAMES)

OG 1994 (SWEDEN)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 27, 1994, Olympic final win vs. Canada

•4. **VALERI KAMENSKI**, forward

(b. Voskresensk, Soviet Union (Russia), April 18, 1966)

WM 1986, 1989, 1990 (SOVIET UNION)

OG 1988 (SOVIET UNION)

SC 1996 (COLORADO AVALANCHE)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

•5. **ALEXEI GUSAROV**, defence

(b. Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Soviet Union (Russia), July 8, 1964)

WM 1986, 1989, 1990 (SOVIET UNION)

OG 1988 (SOVIET UNION)

SC 1996 (COLORADO AVALANCHE)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

^6. **PETER FORSBERG**, forward

(b. Örnsköldsvik, Sweden, July 20, 1973)

WM 1992, 1998 (SWEDEN)

OG 1994, 2006 (SWEDEN)

SC 1996, 2001 (COLORADO AVALANCHE)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 1996, Stanley Cup final win vs. Florida

•^7. **VYACHESLAV FETISOV**, defence

(b. Moscow, Soviet Union (Russia), April 20, 1958)

WM 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989, 1990 (SOVIET UNION)

OG 1984, 1988 (SOVIET UNION)

SC 1997, 1998 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 7, 1997, Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia

•^8. **IGOR LARIONOV**, forward

(b. Voskresensk, Soviet Union (Russia), December 3, 1960)

WM 1982, 1983, 1986, 1989 (SOVIET UNION)

OG 1984, 1988 (SOVIET UNION)

SC 1997, 1998, 2002 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 7, 1997, Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia

9. **ALEXANDER MOGILNY**, forward

(b. Khabarovsk, Soviet Union (Russia), February 18, 1969)

OG 1988 (SOVIET UNION)

WM 1989 (SOVIET UNION)

SC 2000 (NEW JERSEY DEVILS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 2000, Stanley Cup final win vs. Dallas

10. **VLADIMIR MALAKHOV**, defence

(b. Yekaterinburg, Soviet Union (Russia), August 30, 1968)

WM 1990 (SOVIET UNION)

OG 1992 (RUSSIA)

SC 2000 (NEW JERSEY DEVILS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 10, 2000, Stanley Cup final win vs. Dallas

•^11. **ROB BLAKE**, defence

(b. Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, December 10, 1969)

WM 1994, 1997 (CANADA)

SC 2001 (COLORADO AVALANCHE)

OG 2002 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States

•^12. **JOE SAKIC**, forward

(b. Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, July 7, 1969)

WM 1994 (CANADA)

SC 1996, 2001 (COLORADO AVALANCHE)

OG 2002 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States

13. **BRENDAN SHANAHAN**, forward

(b. Mimico, Ontario, Canada, January 23, 1969)

WM 1994 (CANADA)

SC 1997, 1998, 2002 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

OG 2002 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 24, 2002, Olympic final win vs. United States

•^14. **SCOTT NIEDERMAYER**, defence

(b. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, August 31, 1973)

SC 1995, 2000, 2003 (NEW JERSEY DEVILS), 2007 (ANAHEIM DUCKS)

OG 2002, 2010 (CANADA)

WM 2004 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 9, 2004, Men's World Championship final win vs. Sweden

•15. **JAROMIR JAGR**, forward

(b. Kladno, Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic), February 15, 1972)

SC 1991, 1992 (PITTSBURGH PENGUINS)

OG 1998 (CZECH REPUBLIC)

WM 2005, 2010 (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 15, 2005, Men's World Championship final win vs. Canada

•16. **JIRI SLEGR**, defence

(b. Jihlava, Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic), May 30, 1971)

OG 1998 (CZECH REPUBLIC)

SC 2002 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

WM 2005 (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 15, 2005, Men's World Championship final win vs. Canada

•^17. **NICKLAS LIDSTROM**, defence

(b. Avesta, Sweden, April 28, 1970)

WM 1991 (SWEDEN)

SC 1997, 1998, 2002, 2008 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

OG 2006 (SWEDEN)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 26, 2006, Olympic final win vs. Finland

18. **FREDRIK MODIN**, forward

(b. Sundsvall, Sweden, October 8, 1974)

WM 1998 (SWEDEN)

SC 2004 (TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING)

OG 2006 (SWEDEN)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 26, 2006, Olympic final win vs. Finland

^19. **CHRIS PRONGER**, defence

(b. Dryden, Ontario, Canada, October 10, 1974)

WM 1997 (CANADA)

OG 2002, 2010 (CANADA)

SC 2007 (ANAHEIM DUCKS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 6, 2007, Stanley Cup final win vs. Ottawa

20. **NIKLAS KRONWALL**, defence

(b. Jarfalla, Sweden, January 12, 1981)

OG 2006 (SWEDEN)

WM 2006 (SWEDEN)

SC 2008 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008, Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh

21. HENRIK ZETTERBERG, forward

(b. Njurunda, Sweden, October 9, 1980)

OG 2006 (SWEDEN)

WM 2006 (SWEDEN)

SC 2008 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008,
Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh

22. MIKAEL SAMUELSSON, forward

(b. Mariefred, Sweden, December 23, 1976)

OG 2006 (SWEDEN)

WM 2006 (SWEDEN)

SC 2008 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 4, 2008,
Stanley Cup final win vs. Pittsburgh

23. ERIC STAAL, forward

(b. Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, October 29, 1984)

SC 2006 (CAROLINA HURRICANES)

WM 2007 (CANADA)

OG 2010 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 28, 2010,
Olympic final win vs. United States

24. JONATHAN TOEWS, forward

(b. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, April 29, 1988)

WM 2007 (CANADA)

OG 2010, 2014 (CANADA)

SC 2010, 2013, 2015 (CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 9, 2010,
Stanley Cup final win vs. Philadelphia

25. PATRICE BERGERON, forward

(b. Ancienne-Lorette, Quebec, Canada, July 24, 1985)

WM 2004 (CANADA)

OG 2010, 2014 (CANADA)

SC 2011 (BOSTON)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 15, 2011,
Stanley Cup final win vs. Vancouver

26. SIDNEY CROSBY, forward

(b. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 7, 1987)

SC 2009, 2016, 2017 (PITTSBURGH)

OG 2010, 2014 (CANADA)

WM 2015 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 17, 2015, Men's
World Championship final win vs. Russia

27. COREY PERRY, forward

(b. Haileybury, Ontario, Canada, May 16, 1985)

SC 2007 (ANAHEIM)

OG 2010, 2014 (CANADA)

WM 2016 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 22, 2016,
Men's World Championship final win vs. Finland

28. PAVEL DATSYUK, forward

(b. Sverdlovsk, Soviet Union (Russia), July 20, 1978)

SC 2002 (DETROIT)

WM 2012 (RUSSIA)

OG 2018 (OAR)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 25, 2018,
Olympic final win vs. Germany

29. JAY BOUWMEESTER, defence

(b. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, September 27, 1983)

WM 2003, 2004 (CANADA)

OG 2014 (CANADA)

SC 2019 (ST. LOUIS)

Triple Gold Club member as of June 12, 2019,
Stanley Cup final win vs. Boston

30. VALTTERI FILPPULA, forward

(b. Vantaa, Finland, March 20, 1984)

SC 2008 (DETROIT)

OG 2022 (FINLAND)

WM 2022 (FINLAND)

Triple Gold Club member as of May 29, 2022,
Men's World Championship final vs. Canada

TRIPLE GOLD CLUB COACHES

1. MIKE BABCOCK

(b. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, April 29, 1963)

WM 2004 (CANADA)

SC 2008 (DETROIT RED WINGS)

OG 2010, 2014 (CANADA)

Triple Gold Club member as of February 28, 2010,
Olympic final win vs. United States



TIMELINE

SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE, BERLIN

The first joint sustainability conference of the IIHF, ISU (International Skating Union), and DEB (German Ice Hockey Federation) took place in Berlin in September 2024.

The meeting marked an important step towards a more sustainable future for ice sports. It showed that collaboration between associations, experts, and practitioners can be both a source of inspiration and a platform for change. The conference featured 12 expert presentations from around the world. Each presentation ended with a panel discussion, and audience members were able to participate.

The conference was opened by Jildou Gemser, Coordinator ISU Development Commission; Viesturs Koziols, IIHF Council Member and Chairman of the IIHF Facilities Committee; and, Dr. Peter Merten, President of the German Ice Hockey Federation. As well, there were introductory remarks from Conrad Clemens, Head of the State Chancellery of Saxony and Minister of State for Federal Affairs and Media.

The opening presentations focused on constructing and renovating arenas. In addition to architectural highlights and best practices, innovative approaches were spotlighted, showing that it is possible to renovate old structures, even during ongoing ice sports operations. There were also insights into the manufacturing process of artificial ice, including new methods, technical innovations, and research that will ensure more efficient use of ice surfaces in the future.

Tampere offered impressive insights into municipal cooperation, demonstrating why the Finnish city that hosted the 2022 and 2023 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships can call itself the “Home of Hockey.” Kalervo Kummola, the Mayor of Tampere and an IIHF Life Member, was a special guest speaker. Other presentations showed how new arena and rink concepts can be socially responsible.

In the final sessions, the focus returned to people as a decisive factor—both as decision-makers and developers, but also in their daily work in ice sports. The audience also learned how savings potential and efficiency increases can be achieved through training.

The importance of international cooperation was a recurring theme. All present agreed that no single club, arena operator, or sports organization can lead the fight against climate change. The IIHF, ISU, and DEB will, therefore, continue to promote the transfer of knowledge in order to support those who face the daily challenges of making ice sports more sustainable.



IIHF Council member Viesturs Koziols (right) attended the Sustainability Conference in Berlin.

HEREWITH IS THE LIST OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:

1. **Chris O'Reilly** (Canada), Partner at Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects: “BBB Worldwide Experience in Building Ice Rinks and Latest Trends in Renovated Arenas (Sustainable Approach) and Carbon Zero Projects”
2. **Simon Schlenker** (Germany), **Schlenker Architekten**, and **Yannick Friess** (Germany), caldoa GmbH: “CO2 Neutral Ice Power Plant”
3. **Pieter Clausing** (Netherlands), Project Leader Sustainable Ice Rinks, and Policy Advisor to the Dutch Skating Union: “Sustainability of Ice Rinks in the Netherlands”
4. **Menno Demmenie** (Netherlands), Ph.D. candidate WZI/HIMS University of Amsterdam at the intersection of physics and chemistry: “Why Is Ice Slippery?”
5. **Beert Boomsma** (Netherlands), B2 Adv-ice, and Nando Klein (Netherlands), Supro Cooling: “Case Study: Modern Approach to Sustainable Solutions for Ice Making”
6. **Kalervo Kummola** (Finland), Mayor of the City of Tampere and former President of the Finnish Ice Hockey Federation: “Tampere: City of the Best Environment for Ice Arenas and Rinks”
7. **Anne-Cécile Turner** (Switzerland), Partner at bloomUp – IIHF and ISU Consultancy Agency: “A Holistic Approach to Sustainability for Ice Rinks”
8. **Dr. Eckehard “Fozzy” Moritz** (Germany), Innovationsmanufaktur: “From Insight to Action: A Sustainable Future on Ice”
9. **Allen Wei** (China), Chief Engineer at Airhouse: “Assembly and Benefits from Direct Expansion Ice-Making System”
10. **Mark Messer** (Canada), Director of The Olympic Oval of the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary: “Always Moving Forward: Small Steps towards a Better Future”
11. **Mika Sulin** (Finland) and **Oona Haimi** (Finland), both City of Tampere: “Tampere – Home of Hockey”
12. **Jeff Theiler** (United States), COO of the U.S. Ice Rinks Association: “Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Through Operational Best Practices in the USA”

—Lukas Aykroyd

CERVENKA PRESENTED POTY AWARD

Returning to the Czech league after eight years in Switzerland, Czech national team captain Roman Cervenka was presented with the IIHF Male Player of the Year award by IIHF president Luc Tardif in a pre-game ceremony in Pardubice on 18 September 2024.

Cervenka captained the Czechs to gold at the Men's World Championship in May 2024 in Prague, and he also led Rapperswil in scoring while captaining his Swiss club team as well. He earned 31.3 per cent of all POTY votes, just slightly more than Switzerland's Roman Josi (30.3 per cent). More than 100 media from among the top 22 nations participated in the voting.

"It's always cool to get something like this, especially here in Czechia where I first started playing hockey," Cervenka said. "And now I think every game in Pardubice is sold out, so it will be lots of fun."

As for the Worlds, the captain looked back fondly at an amazing tournament for the hosts.

"We really enjoyed our two weeks in Prague, and the fans were unbelievable every game. It gave us a special energy every night. We ended up world champions, so there are lots of memories. But now we move forward, and it's a new season, so we have to focus on that. When we see the guys from that team, it will always be a special memory."

Cervenka has represented his country at the World Junior Championship (2005), the last four Olympics, eleven World Championships, and the 2016

World Cup. His only other gold came at the 2010 Worlds.

"Honestly, playing for the national team is my true love, and I'm so proud every time I put the national jersey on for a game. I think the older I get, the more I have enjoyed it because really you never know when the last game will be. I try to enjoy every game with the jersey. It's a very special feeling. I'm honoured to get this trophy, especially now as I'm a bit older. You appreciate the special moments a little more," he added.



IIHF President Luc Tardif (right) gives Roman Cervenka the Player of the Year Award.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



Luc Tardif (second from the left) spearheaded efforts to produce a Memorandum of Understanding for European hockey.

The IIHF, Alliance of European Hockey Clubs (EHC), Hockey Europe, and Champions Hockey League (CHL) signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in October 2024.

"This MoU marks the culmination of a long process of discussions, negotiations, and collaborations between leading organizations in Europe's ice hockey family," said IIHF President Luc Tardif. "The agreement shows that hard work is rewarded off the ice as well as on it. It is exciting to have our cooperation formalized and to begin working toward our common goals together."

"It is vital for Europe's professional clubs, leagues, and inter-club competitions to promote shared values," said EHC President Marc Luthi. "Our clubs are the primary recruiters and developers of hockey talent in Europe, and this MoU underlines the importance of effective and mutually beneficial collaboration between clubs and national-team programs."

The MoU features several key points that reflect the parties' unified outlook.

"From the CHL and Continental Cup to the Olympics and IIHF World Championships, it is important to develop a year-round calendar that strikes the best possible balance for all European ice hockey stakeholders," said CHL President Jorgen Lindgren. "We seek optimal conditions for our stars to shine on the biggest stages, such as the annual CHL final."

"European leagues must be able to voice their interests and have their rights respected when collaborating within the IIHF's working structure," said Hockey Europe President Denis Vaucher. "Youth hockey development, support for smaller European hockey countries, and a sustainable environmental approach are also essential ingredients for long-term success."

In addition, the MoU highlights women's hockey as a priority for IIHF Member National Associations, clubs, and leagues, recognizing the rapid growth of women's sports worldwide.

"Operating under the IIHF's Statutes, By-Laws, and Regulations, the IIHF, EHC, Hockey Europe, and CHL will chart a path together that maximizes European ice hockey's potential," said IIHF Director General Matti Nurminen. "Increased on-ice excellence, player development, commercial value, fan support, and international cooperation are our mutual objectives."

The MoU also affirms and reinforces the principles in the IIHF's ICE26 Strategic Plan as the global ice hockey family looks forward to showcasing ice hockey's best at the 2026 Olympics in Milano Cortina.

QUEEN OF THAILAND BECOMES IIHF AMBASSADOR

The 6th cycle birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China were jointly celebrated with an exhibition game between the women's senior national teams from Thailand and China. It was the first such game ever played between the two countries.

A packed arena in Bangkok witnessed a 6-6 tie in which Her Majesty Queen Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshana, the first IIHF Women's Global Ambassador, played.

Before the game, IIHF President Luc Tardif presented Her Majesty with an honorary certificate, pin, and trophy. Also in attendance were the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Thailand, H.E. Han Zhiqiang; Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra of Thailand; and, Sorawong Theinthong, the Sport Minister of Thailand.

Tardif also thanked IOC Member Madame Khunying Patama for her pivotal role to prepare this historic milestone and herself being part of the friendship game and ceremony.

After the conclusion of the game both His Majesty and Her Majesty of Thailand were presented with IIHF jerseys.

"Her Majesty's commitment to promoting ice hockey, particularly among women, will inspire athletes from all over the world for generations to come," Tardif said. He was accompanied by IIHF Vice-President Aivaz Omorkanov and IIHF Sport Development Manager for Asia, Harald Springfield.

Meetings with the sport authorities as well as the Chinese Ice Hockey Association and Ice Hockey Association of Thailand also took place, the focus of which were current development and next steps along a fruitful path to increased promotion of hockey in Asia.

The Queen of Thailand not only supports ice hockey—she plays the game as well!



1st ASIAN GENERAL SECRETARY SUMMIT

The IIHF held its inaugural General Secretary Summit for Asian members in Almaty, Kazakhstan last November. A total of 21 participants attended a one-week program, which simultaneously marked the beginning of a two-year project as part of the IIHF's Growing the Game Fund initiative.

A total of 26 educational modules have been developed, and these will be customized to meet the needs of individual members. These include administration actions such as strategic planning and development, good governance, stakeholder management, financial management, sponsorship and marketing, and emotional intelligence.

IIHF Director General Matti Nurminen reflected with satisfaction on the initiative: "This is definitely a program the IIHF will continue, and potentially also extend to other IIHF regions. We want to grow the game globally, and specifically in Asia, where there is a huge market. It was a great week with many proactive participants, open discussions, and good topics with excellent presenters."

Program participants also received a broad understanding of coaching programs, club management, athlete development and athlete pathways, high-performance programs, national-team requirements, and the fundamentals of proper officiating programs.

"With the growing demand from each Member National Association to become competitive, and to ultimately maximize Asia's hockey potential, this is an important program," said Harald Springfield, IIHF Sport Development Manager for Asia. "The IIHF's aim is to speak the language and address the needs of today's sports community. We are moving forward, stronger than ever."

Based on surveys and take-aways from this summit, the education modules will be further defined and incorporated into updated strategic plans for each member. Participants will meet several times online, with another meeting planned for later in 2025. The program itself is also part of the IIHF's ICE26 Strategic Plan.



The first Asian General Secretary Summit took place in Almaty in November 2024.

BRAZIL HOSTS 3x3

Argentina won the inaugural IIHF Women's 3x3 Series in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A 7-3 victory over Puerto Rico in the gold-medal game completed an undefeated run for the most prolific offence in the competition.

Puerto Rico, which held Argentina to a 3-3 tie in the opening game of the series, was notable for its impressive defence. With a roster of just seven players—Argentina, by comparison, brought 13—the team played a compact game. Goalie Liv Bernard was frequently the star player.

In the gold-medal game, Argentina jumped into a 2-0 lead. Puerto Rico pulled one back in the first period when Allegra Jenkins converted a penalty shot. (In 3x3, instead of the traditional power play, any foul results in a penalty shot.) But two unanswered Argentinian goals in the second period opened a 4-1 lead that felt unassailable.

Puerto Rico battled hard and almost produced an unlikely recovery. Alyssa Jimenez got one back early in the third, and a flicker of hope became a flame when Eva Macci-Garcia made it a one-goal game with 3:13 to play.

However, Argentina's greater depth made the difference. As the Puerto Rican team became tired, Argentina captain Iara Haiek stepped up with two crucial goals. Iara is part of a hockey dynasty: her father Jorge and brother Owen were on the coaching staff in Sao Paulo. Uma Apo-Tsang completed the scoring in the final seconds.

Earlier on Wednesday, host nation Brazil took on Colombia for bronze.

Despite vocal home support, it ended in a comfortable 6-1 win for a youthful Colombian roster that included two 14-year-olds, Sofia Lozano and Torres Magaby.

RAPID PROGRESS

Blanka Elekes Szentagotai, the IIHF Women's Program Manager, attended the Sao Paulo series and was thrilled with the results.

"It's amazing to see the development of the game, even over just six or seven days," she told tournament broadcaster Big Hockey Brazil. "Every team has developed. The players got better and became more of a team. That's always the goal of such an event, and I think we achieved that here. Also, seeing the fans, the atmosphere when Brazil walked in for the bronze-medal game...it doesn't get much better than that. Brazil clearly has a heart for hockey."

CONTRASTING STYLES

Although 3x3 is a new hockey format, there are already signs that teams are adopting different tactical approaches to the traditional 5-on-5 game. The finalists in Sao Paulo offered contrasting styles on their way to the gold-medal game. After a 3-3 tie in the tournament opener—no overtime or shootouts in the group stage under this format—both Argentina and Puerto Rico were undefeated against Colombia and Brazil.

However, while Argentina's free-scoring offence overpowered the

opposition, culminating in a 10-2 semi-final win over Brazil, Puerto Rico relied on the tournament's most miserly defence. Goaltender Liv Bernard was in eye-catching form throughout and starred in a 4-1 victory against Colombia in the semis.

Earlier, Argentina topped a five-team group on goal differential after tying Puerto Rico with nine points.

Colombia came third in the group thanks to wins over the two Brazilian teams (6-1 and 10-2). The host could not get a win against any other nation, but Brazil I advanced thanks to a 7-2 victory over Brazil II. Although the home team, more known for inline hockey, found it

tough at times, this tournament was a valuable opportunity to face stronger opposition and improve their play by learning from teams a level up.

And Szentagotai was pleased with the host nation's progress.

"We always had a plan for these developing countries to host events," she said. "We're so happy to be here because they've done a tremendous job of staging the tournament, and I think it also gives them the possibility to develop even further and strengthen their program. I think it's an absolute win-win for everyone."

—Andy Potts



Brazil (yellow) played hosts to an historic 3x3 tournament as the IIHF works to grow the game with a new format for non-traditional countries looking to develop ice hockey.

IIHF MAKES OFFICIAL 3x3 PROPOSAL

Over the past seven years, the IIHF has worked to pioneer the 3x3 hockey format, and now the time is at hand to submit a detailed proposal to introduce 3x3 to the Olympic Winter Games in Nice in 2030.

The concept was first put forward during the 2017-18 season, and this initial stage was followed by a successful exhibition event at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne. Based on that YOG success, the IOC invited the IIHF to develop a competition format for the 2024 Youth Games in Korea. By this time, 3x3 was also part of the IIHF's ICE26 Strategic Plan to help expand and develop the game. Even back in 2021, when work started on drawing up that plan, there was a vision to bring 3x3 hockey to the Olympics.

Following another successful competition in Korea in 2024, several other events helped to refine the format. The 3x3 competition game manual is in the final approval phase and the remaining weeks before the IOC deadline will be spent producing the strongest possible bid.

The 3x3 proposal for the IOC dispenses with the cross-ice format seen at the Youth Olympic Games. Instead, the action takes place on a dedicated ice pad, and the new discipline is called 3x3 on small ice. This reinforces the idea that 3x3 is a new discipline within an existing sport: the boards, the benches, and suchlike are set up in the same way as a traditional hockey rink; the only difference is the size of the ice pad. At the IIHF's Women's 3x3 series in Brazil in November, teams competed on a 26m

x 18m surface, about half the size of the traditional 60m x 30m Olympic ice sheet.

The existing 5-on-5 hockey tournaments are already among the highlights of every Olympic Winter Games, so what's the attraction of adding 3x3 to the mix? Crucially, it offers more opportunities for hockey players, particularly from smaller MNAs, to be involved with the Olympics. The 3x3 game can exist using a smaller player pool and does not require full-size ice. At all levels, it's easier and more affordable, levelling the playing field and reducing the gap between established hockey powers and fast-developing newcomers to the sport. And that reinforces one of the key planks of ICE26—to make ice hockey more accessible.

NEW FORMAT, NEW SKILLS, NEW AUDIENCE

Although this is a new format, it is already finding firm advocates among people who grew up playing 5-on-5. Danny Meyers was a Great Britain international, a veteran of ten lower division World Championships and two Olympic qualification events in a career that spanned almost two decades at the top end of the British leagues. Now, he's so committed to 3x3 hockey that he invested his own money to build a dedicated rink for the new format in Bracknell, about 40 miles from London.

Meyers, 41, believes that it's a great way of developing all-round hockey skills that can transfer to 5-on-5 play.

"You don't have the luxury of a specialist defender or winger or whatever," he explained. "You have to play all positions. And it's fast! You make quick decisions, and those decisions have immediate consequences. In 5-on-5, if you lose the puck in the opposition's corner, they still have to come 200 feet up the ice. In 3x3, it's an immediate breakaway. On the smaller pad, the edgework has to be spot on, and the decision-making has to be better."

It's also a new challenge for coaches. "It's exhilarating, seeing the new stresses it places on the players," Meyers added. "I feel like I'm a better coach on the smaller ice. I can get to players quicker, and the communication is better."

The game is also good for fans. The 3x3 format is high-scoring, and the action end-to-end. Other sports – notably basketball, which successfully debuted a 3x3 game at the Tokyo Olympics, and cricket, where the T20 format has inspired glamorous and lucrative global tournaments – have built entirely new audiences via similar new disciplines. Hockey has an opportunity to do the same with 3x3.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In January 2025, the IIHF made an official submission of interest in adding a new ice hockey discipline to the OWG 2030 Discipline Evaluation Program. The first questionnaire was submitted March 30 and the IOC will make a final decision in late 2025. If the bid is successful, it would pave the way for 3x3 hockey to feature at the 2030 Winter Olympic Games in France. That, in turn, could allow up to 240 more hockey players to take part in the Olympics – further broadening the reach and appeal of the game.

Meanwhile, more 3x3 events are being planned. After November's IIHF Women's 3x3 series in Brazil, 2025 will see an IIHF Men's 3x3 series. In addition, there will be two stages of regional IIHF Nations League Qualifications. This will determine the competitors for the inaugural IIHF EIGHT NATIONS 3x3 World Championship in 2026. That will be the start of an annual World Championship for men and women, much like the existing 5-on-5 structure.

—Andy Potts



The IIHF has been working on a successful format for 3x3 for many years.

SPOONER PRESENTED POTY AWARD

Canada's Natalie Spooner received her IIHF Female Player of the Year award from president Luc Tardif in a special ceremony during the Toronto Sceptres PWHL home game against the Ottawa Charge on New Year's Eve 2024.

The Canadian/Toronto Sceptres forward was the overwhelming choice as the IIHF's Female Player of the Year for 2023-24, garnering 33.6 per cent of all votes cast by nearly 100 members of the media from the top 16 nations of the Women's World Championship program.

"It's a great honour to be nominated alongside so many amazing athletes, and to receive this is truly special," Spooner said after the presentation. "I think back to the last year, and it's been a whirlwind. There have been so many amazing moments, from the new league starting up, the Sceptres going on our winning streak. And, obviously, I wouldn't be getting this award without my teammates who push me every day and help me, and then Team Canada bringing gold back to Canada at the Women's Worlds. All of those things together have been amazing. There are so many people I think of when I think of this award, who have helped me and been a part of this."

Spooner had a goal and four points at the 2024 Women's Worlds in Utica, New York, helping Canada win the gold medal at the Women's Worlds for the third time in the last four tournaments. But perhaps more sensational was her play in the PWHL with Toronto. She led the league in goals (20) and points (27) and was named both the Billie Jean King MVP and the league's Forward of the Year. She also

led the PWHL with five game-winning goals during the regular season. Always a scorer with the national team, her goalscoring prowess exploded during the PWHL's inaugural season.

"I think my role on both teams is the same—a power forward who can take pucks to the net—be a really good net presence on the power play or five-on-five—so I think it's really just creating those opportunities to bury pucks," she observed. "Obviously, with the national team, you're playing against the best of the best, and the players are amazing. But we get together with the national team only every so often, so it's a little harder to build that chemistry so fast. So, to be able to play with teammates throughout the whole season helps build that chemistry."



Canada's Natalie Spooner receives her Player of the Year Award in Toronto from IIHF President Luc Tardif.

SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP



The IIHF Sustainability Committee and the IIHF Facilities Committee together with a sustainability expert from bloomUp, a global consultancy agency based in Switzerland, conducted a joint workshop to further develop the IIHF's sustainability agenda. Held on 12 November 2024, at the IIHF headquarters in Zurich, it focused on developing sustainability goals, identifying key stakeholders, and establishing a structured action plan for long-term environmental and social responsibility within ice hockey.

THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THE WORKSHOP INCLUDED:

- **Aligning** the IIHF's sustainability practices with global sports standards.
- **Identifying** stakeholders and defining their roles in driving sustainable initiatives.
- **Developing** a structured action plan, including key performance indicators (KPIs) and reporting mechanisms to track sustainability progress.
- **Encouraging** collaboration among IIHF committees, external experts, and stakeholders.

A highlight of the workshop was the IIHF Sustainability Agenda, which was later shared with stakeholders. Additionally, a comprehensive action plan is in the process of being drafted. This plan will outline specific initiatives and deadlines for implementation.

During the workshop, participants mapped out the IIHF's key sustainability priorities, including topics related to the following areas:

1. **Facilities & Ice Rinks**
This focus is aimed at the sustainable development of ice rinks. Efforts include developing a matrix to define "sustainable ice rinks" and collecting data to reduce emissions year after year.
2. **IIHF Flagship Projects**
Defined initiatives that will move the IIHF's sustainability agenda forward.
3. **Governance and Compliance**
The workshop allowed the participants to reinforce the importance of improving governance and ensuring compliance within international sustainability frameworks.
4. **Community Engagement**
Ensuring inclusivity, diversity, and ethical practices.
5. **Sustainability Data Compass**
A tool developed by bloomUp that will help track sustainability progress, focusing on biodiversity and natural resources management.

Moving forward, the IIHF aims to continue to refine its sustainability strategy, improving data tracking and reporting mechanisms, and working closely with stakeholders to implement meaningful change.

This workshop marks another important step for the IIHF's commitment to ensuring ice hockey becomes one of the leaders in sustainability in the sports world.

YOUTH HOCKEY DIRECTOR PROGRAM, ASIA



The Youth Hockey Director Program attracted participants from 17 countries.

To address the needs of the time and to further contribute to and invest in ice hockey development, some 17 IIHF Member National Associations from Asia with over 40 participants gathered in Bangkok, Thailand, for the first meeting of the newly-established Youth Hockey Director Program, which is foreseen to run over two years.

The IIHF Development Department, along with the IIHF Asia Office, defined the learning outcomes, and participants will be able to identify their shortcomings while increasing their understanding of hockey-industry standards, best practices, and principles. The result, at the end of the educational series, will be a complete assessment of the current MNA Youth Hockey Development Program in the form of a strategic plan/analysis, with recommendations of improvement to each Association President and General Secretary.

"We in the IIHF Development Department are focusing on the key positions inside an MNA for specific areas, and the Youth Hockey Directors are one of them," said IIHF Development Director Kalle Valiaho. "And it is the IIHF's job to provide the required learning

environment and to educate the people who take on responsibility to develop and implement the programs back home."

Indonesian national team coach Brandon Po-Yun Hsiao highlighted the learning methods for this meeting: "There was a huge spectrum of learning modules, and it was really a great experience for everyone. We were engaged at all times in the conversations and presentations, which optimized the learning experience."

A general youth hockey survey among Asian MNA's back in May, a more individualized and specific participant survey, and the ongoing need for Youth Hockey Directors to be aware of administration and sport-specific matters formed the foundation for this Bangkok meeting.

"The follow-up is now very important," said Harald Springfield, the IIHF's Sport Development Manager for Asia. "As a first step, we focus on strategic planning and development, leadership and human relationships, and coach development. Each participant will work on individual and member-specific action cards, which will then be discussed and further developed in the months to come."

IIHF LAUNCHES HER PROGRAM



The IIHF's HER program aims to help women create opportunities to pursue careers in hockey.

Even though women's hockey has taken big strides in recent years, and even though there's now a female assistant coach in the NHL, progress takes time. While half the teams at the Women's U18 World Championship have female head coaches (four out of eight), at the 2025 Women's Worlds in Czechia, Czechia's Carla MacLeod was the lone woman alongside nine men.

Out of this discrepancy the IIHF has launched HER, a networking and mentoring platform for female coaches.

"The lack of female coaches is a real issue, and we wanted to offer support to our membership. That's why we created HER, a network for female coaches. We know from camps and other events that we've organized that woman-to-woman communication is just different. We know it works," says Blanka Elekes Szentagotai, IIHF Women's Program Manager. "What's important to remember is that the HER platform is not a place where you'll find drills. It is a mentoring, networking, and life-coaching network."

The old axiom is, "If you see it, you can be it." A network like HER was created so that more female coaches will not only see others, but also interact with them.

"If I see there's a path, I can set goals and plan my career. Sometimes it's scary to be the first one, and it can be hard to convince even yourself about your ability, especially if the environment makes it difficult for women to operate," says Marta Zawadzka, IIHF Council Member and general manager of Poland's women's national teams.

A network's true value is always in its members. The more, not only merrier, but also more supportive, and more useful. HER registration went online during the WW18 in Vantaa, a soft launch supported by HER ambassadors. It launched full-time at the WW in Czechia.

"While we have a few ambassadors, we don't want this to become a hierarchical system. Instead, the ambassadors' role is to share their experiences and spread the word," Elekes Szentagotai said. "We hope that there will be regional groups, individually organized get-togethers to watch hockey, or other networking events," she adds.

—Risto Pakarinen

TACKLING ONLINE ABUSE



Threat Matrix is an initiative developed by Signify Group and, for this project, is supported by the sports integrity and security company Quest. Threat Matrix uses open source, publicly-available data, and artificial intelligence to monitor social media messages at scale. The service has been designed with built-in threat assessment protocols, providing the ability to flag concerning and threatening behaviours. Threat Matrix is utilized by sports clubs, leagues, international federations, and event owners around the world

The IIHF has joined forces with Signify Group, its artificial intelligence Threat Matrix service, and sports integrity and security experts Quest to protect players and officials from online abuse and threat. The service covers IIHF Men, Women, and Junior World Championships and was first active for the IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa this past season.

Approximately 900 players, 60 game officials, and 36 teams are protected, with a focus on abuse and threat on X/Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok. IIHF accounts on these platforms, including championship channels and national team accounts, are also covered. The Threat Matrix service includes:

- Proactive monitoring for targeted online abuse and threat towards players and game officials
- Referral of abusive accounts to social media platforms and law enforcement for action
- Immediate notification to the IIHF of identified fixated/high-concern abuse and threat
- Identification of high-threat individuals for potential loss of access to venues and tickets
- Support to law enforcement investigations and prosecutions for the most egregious cases
- Education programmes and support for players and officials to better manage their online risk

Ashley Ehlert, the IIHF's Deputy Director General and Legal Director, expressed satisfaction with the project. "We are proud to be partnering with Signify to protect our players and game officials from the harmful effects of online abuse and threats across our major championships. Ensuring a safe

and supportive environment, both on and off the ice, is a priority for the IIHF. It was fantastic to launch this service during the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship, and we look forward to extending this important support to the IIHF Men's and Women's Ice Hockey World Championships in the coming months and beyond."

Jake Marsh, Head of Sport for Signify Group, concurred. "We are delighted to be working with the IIHF to protect players and game officials from the poison of online abuse and threat across its major championships, as well as support more broadly around online safety for the ice-hockey community. It was great to get the service up and running for the IIHF World Juniors Championship, and we look forward to doing the same for the IIHF Men and Women at their Ice Hockey World Championships over the coming months and beyond."

The Threat Matrix project at the IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa delivered the following insights and impact:

- 240 players, 10 teams, 5 coaches, and 31 game officials protected
- 236 abusive posts/comments detected and reported to platforms for action
- general abuse [33%], sexual-related abuse [17%], and match fixing/corruption [14%] were the highest volume categories of abuse

While team accounts received the majority of abuse, three players were targeted directly. One team's accounts were the most targeted across the championship, and the volume of abuse peaked after one loss in particular. Education sessions on the risks of online abuse and how to stay safe were delivered to all players and game officials.

PRO WOMEN'S HOCKEY SEMINAR

The Alliance of European Hockey Clubs (EHC) staged its 2025 Professional Women's Hockey Seminar in Prague and Ceske Budejovice on 13 and 14 April 2025.

The purpose of the seminar was to identify ways to increase the visibility, professionalism, and commercial prospects of women's hockey at both the club and European federation levels. Introduced by EHC Managing Director Caroline Jonsson, the program included a variety of intriguing presentations and panel discussions, as well as providing first-hand networking opportunities.

"The IIHF is happy to take part in events like the EHC Professional Women's Hockey Seminar," said Blanka Elekes Szentagotai, the IIHF Women's Program Manager. "Working in close communication and partnership with all the relevant stakeholders can only strengthen our game."

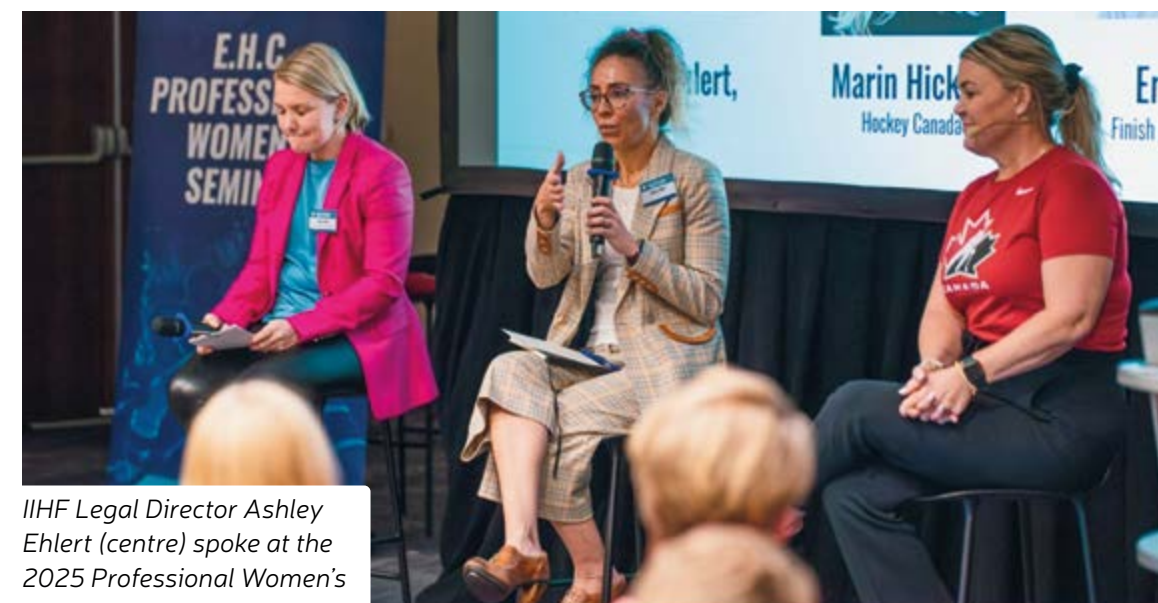
Ashley Ehlert, the IIHF's Deputy Director General and Legal Director, spoke on a panel entitled "International

Women's Hockey: Vision, Growth, and Governance." She was joined by IOC member Emma Terho, Vice-Chair of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association and a five-time Olympian, and Marin Hickox, Hockey Canada's Vice-President of Women & Girls Hockey.

Another panel showcased "Europe's Leading Women's Hockey Leagues," with insightful input from Angelica Lindeberg, the SDHL's Chief Operating Officer; Henni Laaksonen, Director of Finland's Auroraliiga; and, Paolo Angeloni, who oversees Switzerland's women's hockey league as the Director of Leagues and Cup with the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation.

Expert speakers from different business backgrounds included Meghan Chayka, the hockey analytics guru and CEO of Stathletes; Markus Nilsson, the Deputy CEO of Hammarby Football Club; and, Tobias Calminder, a product manager with Elite Prospects.

—Lucas Aykroyd



IIHF Legal Director Ashley Ehlert (centre) spoke at the 2025 Professional Women's Hockey Seminar in Prague.

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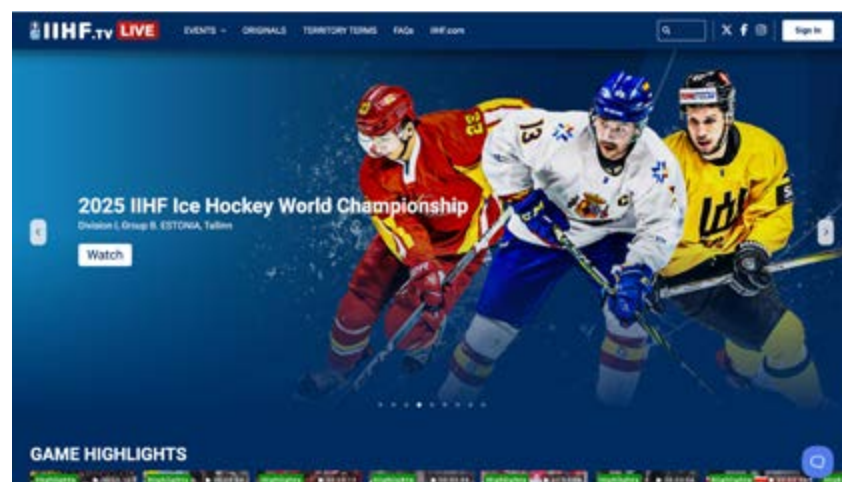
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The live coverage on IIHF.TV started on 7 April with the 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, Division II, Group A,

followed by the 2025 IIHF Women's World Championship on 9 April, and all other upcoming IIHF tournaments thereafter.

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NEW ARENA IN INDONESIA



A new arena in Indonesia represents the growing popularity of the game in countries not usually associated with ice hockey.

Close to Indonesia's capital Jakarta, in the city of Tangerang, it has been decided to build the first "stand alone ice rink" in the country, marking an historic step in the development of winter sports infrastructure and ice hockey in Indonesia.

The announcement was made by Indonesia's Minister for Youth and Sport, Ario Bimo Nandito Ariotedjo, the Regent of Tangerang, along with colleague Mohamad Maesyal Rasyid and IIHF President Luc Tardif.

"Indonesia is a very pro-active IIHF member and is currently restructuring their programs with a focus on youth hockey and strategic concepts," Tardif said. "The Sports Ministry and the National Olympic Committee are supporting the federation, which is working tirelessly to reach new heights. This new ice rink is the result of all the hard work produced over the last couple of years and especially the positive cooperation amongst all stakeholders."

A stand-alone ice rink in tropical countries is rare. The norm is to build one inside a shopping mall. But such an ambitious project can also inspire positive development for other IIHF Member National Associations.

"It can be a game changer for ice hockey in Indonesia," noted IIHF Sport

Development Manager for Asia, Harald Springfield. "It is also good to see that the development opportunities the IIHF provides through the MNA Developer Program can lead to projects such as this."

The new rink will be part of a large complex which is expected to become a sports hub in the area, surrounded by other recreational facilities, residential areas, and many schools. This initiative aligns with the city's broader vision to promote sport tourism and diversify athletic opportunities available to the community. The rink will not only support the growth of ice hockey and ice sports in Indonesia but will also serve as a unique destination for families and visitors.

Tardif's visit also included meetings with the Sport Minister and members of the National Olympic Committee. "I am convinced that these meetings will further support the Federation," Tardif explained. "Through its Development Department, the IIHF provides a go-to means for members. During our meetings, new ideas were born which can help Indonesia as well as the Southeast Asia region overall."

Construction of the ice rink is expected to be completed by the end of 2025, with the official opening anticipated in early 2026.



GIRLS' HOCKEY

WORLD GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY WEEKEND

Thousands of girls and women in more than 30 countries participated in ice hockey events around the world in October 2024 in the 13th edition of the annual World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend. The event encourages women and girls to come together, learn the basics of hockey, and make new friends while playing this wonderful sport.

FINLAND

The Finns lined up 45 events in and around World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend, with an additional 12 events taking place for girls and women at different times.

One event took place at the rink in Hyvinkaa, hosted by Hyvinkaa Jaa-Ahmat. The club has just started a girls' hockey program and was happy to have a couple of newcomers sign up. In all, there were 25 participants aged three to 15, assisted by six parents and seven coaches and team officials.

HIFK Helsinki staged another event at the Pirkkola rink. Forward Aino Lehtikainen, already participating in her second Auroraliiga season at the tender age of 15, spoke in the dressing room to the group, which included 21 players of varying ages and seven coaches.

CANADA

How seriously is the motherland of hockey taking World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend? Very seriously!

"We have 67 confirmed events with over 12,000 participants expected," said Katie Greenway, the Manager of Women & Girls Hockey at Hockey Canada. Those events were spread over October and November.

HONG KONG

More than 100 participants came out under the guidance of the Women's Ice Hockey Association. Here is a sampling of the enthusiastic responses:

"Best day ever! I am so happy to have an opportunity to skate with Team Hong Kong, China Players!"

"My daughter had so much fun! Where can we sign up?"

"Mommy, I still like figure skating, but I now really want to learn ice hockey."

TÜRKIYE

The Ice Hockey Federation of Türkiye staged WGIHW events in Istanbul, Ankara, Antalya, Bursum, and Erzurum. "On the ice, the players worked on basic skills and had fun," said Eray Atali, the sport director of the Ice Hockey Federation of Türkiye. "Afterwards, they did their cool down routines and had classroom sessions on nutrition and integrity."

NETHERLANDS

Jenny Goessens, IJshockey Nederland's leader of girls' events and manager of U18 women's hockey, offered insights into the goings-on in her country.

Amsterdam: "This event is part of our Ron Berteling Trophy Day where we promote things we want extra attention for, such as women's hockey. First, we started with a clinic for girls where they could try out hockey. Then, there was sledge field hockey, meeting [Dutch women's hockey pioneer] Marion Pepels at the Hockey Hall of Fame Netherlands, and a U18 women's game."

Breda: "Eleven girls aged between four and 15 took part in our first event ever in Breda. It was organized by Yeti's Breda, and we used part of the ice for the Bauer Girls Tour to also promote women's ice hockey, attracting 39 participants in total. It had a big impact."

Zoetermeer: "The group organized by the Zoetermeer Panthers was perfectly divided, with 15 girls who already had hockey experience and 15 girls who were learning the sport for the first time. This created a nice dynamic where the experienced players could show their skills, while the newcomers got to discover what hockey has to offer."



WORLD GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY WEEKEND

FRANCE

A well-received WGIHW event was held at the Caen international trade fair in Normandy. Around 70 girls got to experience hockey on ice for two and a half hours, with senior women's players on hand.

"We think we will have around 15 young girls who will come and start playing hockey," said the French Ice Hockey Federation's Isabelle Mer.



CHINESE TAIPEI

The Aurora Ice Rink in Taipei welcomed nine girls between the ages of four and 10 for World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend.

"Our coaches greeted the girls upon arrival and helped them pick up protective equipment, skates and sticks," said Andrew Yin, who handles international affairs for the Chinese Taipei Ice Hockey Federation. "Then it was time for some fun on the ice. The girls first learned how to protect themselves when falling down, as well as how to stand back up. When they were able to move around on the ice, we played games with sticks and pucks."

NORWAY

Halden lies an hour and a half south of the capital city of Oslo, on the Swedish border. IHK Comet Halden hosted about 20 girls aged 13 and under, who got a fun introduction to hockey.

Skating and shooting practice, obstacle courses, and games with a football offered plenty of variety. The girls also attended an IHK Comet Halden game and got to be the mascots—earning cheers from the 1,200 spectators—as the team won its first game of the season.

Another event in Haugesund, on the west coast, attracted close to 50 women and girls.

The city of Frisk Asker, also located near Oslo, also emphasized the social element, with cake and soft drinks after the on-ice session, which included girls mostly 9 and 10 years old. In Ringerike, remarkably, the youngest participant was just eight months old, while the oldest was 39.

JAPAN

Imagine getting to learn about hockey from a women's hockey star who suited up at the last three Olympics. That was a special opportunity for the 42 girls and women, aged nine to 22, who experienced WGIHW in Nishinomiya, Japan

"I learned from Sena Suzuki the importance of never giving up, playing for fun, and communicating with my teammates through team-building activity," one girl said.

BULGARIA

At Sofia's Slavia Ice Rink, the Bulgarian national women's team and U18 team celebrated WGIHW by getting together for a unique training session. The age range was 15 to 40. The senior team was gearing up to compete in the U16 men's national league for the first time ever, and this was their last practice before kicking off the season.

Vanesa Georgieva, who does double duty as a national team forward and WGIHW organizer, noted: "An interesting point was that on the ice we had three generations of players from the Georgieva family! This also included Paulina, a longtime goalie for our national team, her daughter Maya, who captains the U18 team, and her younger daughter Viktoriya, who plays for Slavia's U14 team."

KAZAKHSTAN

Across Kazakhstan, girls between the ages of four and nine were invited to discover hockey with five exciting WGIHW events taking place in three cities. Almaty led the way with three events, while Ust-Kamenogorsk and Karaganda also hosted. Participating clubs included the likes of Aisulu Almaty and Torpedo Ust-Kamenogorsk.

THE PHILIPPINES

A World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event took place at the SM Megamall Ice Skating Rink in Mandaluyong City. With

families coming together and first-time skaters overcoming their inhibitions and discovering new talents, it was a hockey milestone in the Philippines.

"The event was hosted by the local Blades Ice Hockey Club and saw a great turnout, with 21 participants," said general manager Imelda Regencia of Hockey Philippines. "The age range of the participants was quite broad, ranging from four to 28. This made the event both exciting and inclusive, with beginners of all ages getting the chance to experience ice hockey for the first time."

SOUTH AFRICA

Did you know that hockey is played in four different regions of South Africa? They include Eastern Province, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, and Western Province. Currently sitting 35th in the IIHF World Ranking, the South Africans staged a memorable WGIHW event.

"The kids had the most amazing time learning the basics of ice hockey and making new friends on the ice," said Salama Khan of the South African Ice Hockey Federation. "It was a fun day for all the girls. We had new girls joining the sport, and we had five coaches and managers that participated in this event."

BELGIUM

With 54 participants ranging from the U8 category to adult women, Belgium's World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event, organized by Mechelen's Cold Play Sharks, was a great success.

Participants spent nearly two hours on ice. They honed their skills alongside U18 and senior national-team players, including former national team goalie and current talent coach Kristen Schonwetter. There were also 3-on-3 cross-ice games.

"Many young girls here play hockey with boys, so for them it is a nice change to be on ice with only girls," said Tina Moons, who organized the women's program with the Royal Belgian Ice Hockey Federation.

**UNITED KINGDOM**

It was magic in the British Midlands as the Nottingham Vipers hosted around 20 participants of all ages for WGIHW. After an hour-long skills training program, everyone got to watch the Vipers battle Solway Sharks in Women's National Ice Hockey League 1 action.

"Hosting the World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend in Nottingham since 2011 has been incredibly rewarding," said Ryan Rathbone, the National Ice Centre's operations manager for ice sports. "These events have attracted hundreds of girls to the sport, helping them get active, learn valuable life skills, socialize, and make lasting friendships."

ROMANIA

Club Sportiv Hockey Club Marton Aron sponsored a WGIHW event filled with laughter and fun in Karcfalva. There were 20 attendees of various ages, and coach Robert Mark enjoyed structuring a program for the newcomers.

"The evening started at 17:00," Mark explained. "The girls arrived at 15:40, and after a short briefing they headed to the dressing rooms. At 16:20 we did an off-ice warm-up. At 16:40, it was time to get ready for the ice training. On ice, we started with warm-up games, as there were three goalies. We did some shooting drills. Finally, we played 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 games."



ARGENTINA

Argentina held a World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event for the first time. More than 30 girls between ages eight and 16 flocked to the new Fantasy Skate Rink in Buenos Aires.

Argentina is a rising force in inline hockey, and since WGIHW coincided with an AAHHL (Argentine Association of Ice and Inline Hockey) inline hockey tournament, girls from cities like Ushuaia and Cordoba who play inline were able to come and check out the ice.

**UKRAINE**

"Despite the challenges we are facing, we successfully and safely organized support for the girls," said Aleksandra Slavytska, the Vice President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine. "This weekend, two Ukrainian cities, Odesa and Kyiv, hosted World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend events. Next week, Zaporizhya should take part as well."

In Odesa, the Kraken Sisters team staged their event at the Sports Palace with 30 aspiring players aged five to ten. After registration, the girls entered an interactive zone with air hockey, ping pong, and other diversions. Cheerleaders performed during an opening ceremony prior to the on-ice training. Finally, the girls watched the Kraken Sisters play the rival Sea Wolves.

SERBIA

A colourful and upbeat World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event graced the Ice Hockey Arena Pionir in the capital city of Belgrade. Some 30 girls born between 2004 and 2016 hit the ice for a two-hour training session. Off-ice team-building exercises and a group lunch followed. Five new players signed up, and two junior players are candidates for the Serbian women's national team.

"We had eight siblings on the ice, out of whom three had never played hockey before," said Nemanja Jankovic, Hockey Serbia's sport director. "Meanwhile, our youngest participant, who was seven, stated that she does not want to leave and that all she wants to do is to play hockey!"

IRAN

Just over five years after becoming an IIHF member, Iran is making impressive progress. There are currently 349 registered female players. Iran staged a World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend event in the capital city of Tehran.

"Some 120 female athletes from different age groups participated in this event at the Icebox Iran Mall ice rink," said Omid Gharachorlou, Sport Director of the Iran Ice Hockey Association. "I believe that this will be a great way to motivate and encourage girls in Iran."

BELARUS

Cities such as Minsk, Grodno, and Brest hosted hockey events for girls and women. There were more than ten sites nationwide.

"I liked today's training and want to continue to practice ice hockey," said Ulyana Semenchuk, who attended an event at Gomel's Ice Palace. "I have already talked to the coach about it, and my parents support me."

—Lucas Aykroyd



GLOBAL GIRLS' GAME

An incredible 42 cities took part in the Global Girls Game in February 2025. Teams from across the world played games and kept an accumulated score during ten days of play. Here is a list of participating nations.

Reykjavik, Iceland
7 February 2025

Summerside, Canada
8 February 2025

Sofia, Bulgaria
8 February 2025

Karaganda, Kazakhstan
14 February 2025

Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
14 February 2025



Brisbane, Australia
15 February 2025

Sao Paulo, Brazil
15 February 2025

Sursee, Switzerland
15 February 2025

Seinajoki, Finland
15 February 2025



GLOBAL GIRLS' GAME

Budapest, Hungary
15 February 2025

Amsterdam, Netherlands
15 February 2025

Huarte, Spain
15 February 2025

Pasay City, Philippines
15 February 2025

Kastrup, Denmark
15 February 2025

Antwerp, Belgium
15 February 2025

Buenos Aires, Argentina
15 February 2025



Covilha, Portugal
15 February 2025

Angelholm, Sweden
15 February 2025

Minsk, Belarus
15 February 2025

Muscat, Oman
15 February 2025

Christchurch, New Zealand
16 February 2025



Vilnius, Lithuania
16 February 2025

Mexico City, Mexico
15 February 2025

Katowice, Poland
15 February 2025

Tallinn, Estonia
16 February 2025

Cape Town, South Africa
16 February 2025

Prague, Czechia
16 February 2025

Villach, Austria
16 February 2025

Belgrade, Serbia
16 February 2025

Victor, United States
15 February 2025

Nottingham, Great Britain
16 February 2025

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
13 February 2025

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei
16 February 2025

Istanbul, Türkiye
16 February 2025

Nantes, France
15 February 2025

Selangor, Malaysia
16 February 2025

San Juan, Puerto Rico
15 February 2025

Carța, Romania
16 February 2025

Riga, Latvia
15 February 2025

Okinawa, Japan
16 February 2025

Lillehammer, Norway
16 February 2025

Kuwait City, Kuwait
16 February 2025



ASIA

Aivaz Omorkanov, Chairperson
Harald Springfeld, Secretary
Mohamed Aref Eljachi, UAE
Chan Yan Wing, HKG

The 2024-25 season marked a defining chapter in the strategic development of ice hockey in Asia. The IIHF Asia Strategic Planning Group (ASPG) held its 10th meeting, highlighting the region's progress while reaffirming a long-term vision for sustainable growth.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

For both the Youth Hockey Director Program and the General Secretary Program, the ASPG developed special education modules for administration and sport. The learning outcome for the General Secretary Program ensures participants will be equipped with the skills to effectively lead the association based on strategic plans, manage governance and compliance, develop an understanding about legal and ethical responsibilities, implement best practices, and address emerging challenges effectively.

The learning outcome for participants of the Youth Hockey Director Program ensures they will be able to identify their shortcomings and be aware about ice hockey industry standards, best practices, and principles. The result will be a complete assessment of the current MNA Youth Hockey Development Program in the form of a strategic plan/analysis with recommendations of improvement to the MNA President and MNA General Secretary.

The learning outcome for participants of the MNA Goalkeeper Coach ensures that participants will have the ability to design, implement, and lead goalkeeper coach education programs within their MNA. They will be able to teach and mentor goalkeeper coaches and apply evidence-based teaching strategies both

Hirota Saegusa, JPN
Harjinder Singh, IND
Arslan Mergen, Expert

on and off the ice. They will also develop their own "Goalkeeper Coach Identity" and Philosophy and have a comprehensive understanding of the goalkeeper coaching role, improved technical and tactical knowledge, and ability to implement modern training methods.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION

During the 9th Asian Winter Games in Harbin, the IIHF worked with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the Chinese Ice Hockey Association, and the Local Organizing Committee. Discussions with the OCA established the basis for fruitful cooperation ahead of the 10th Asian Winter Games in Saudi Arabia, particularly in areas of sustainability, visibility, and sport development.

ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS - A TRANSFORMATIVE PILOT

The inaugural Asia Championships for both men and women laid the foundation for a new tier of regional competition. Initially launched as a pilot, the event introduced updated commercial and advertising frameworks; produced high-quality broadcasts at no cost to participating teams; and, held a formal gala event to facilitate stakeholder engagement. These tournaments demonstrated a potential for long-term integration into the IIHF competition calendar.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The appointment of Harald Springfeld as IIHF Development Director in Zurich represents a significant transition. On behalf of the ASPG and the Asia Committee, I extend sincere appreciation to Harald for his leadership and contributions,



Iran (green) and Malaysia took part in the 2025 IIHF Women's Asia Cup.

particularly his instrumental role in laying the groundwork for Asia's structural progress.

We also acknowledge the UAE Ice Hockey Federation for hosting the IIHF Asia Office from 2022 to 2025. Moving forward, the IIHF welcomes Wanchana Kasemsunt of Thailand as the first Asian Development Manager. The IIHF Asia Office will now be located in Bangkok, where Wanchana will work with the IIHF Development Department to ensure program continuity and expansion. Additionally, Chan Yan Wing (Sherman) of the Hong Kong, China Ice Hockey Association joins the IIHF Asia Committee.

OUTLOOK

With a strong foundation established, the ASPG will continue advancing strategic priorities in education, infrastructure, and marketing. The region's collective commitment positions Asia for a new phase of growth and integration into the global ice hockey community.

I express my gratitude to all MNAs, stakeholders, and partners for their continued engagement and dedication. It is an honour to serve as IIHF Vice-President for Asia and to work alongside such committed individuals as we shape the future of ice hockey in our region.

Aivaz Omorkanov, Chairperson

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WORKING GROUP

Raeto Raffainer, Chairperson
Adriaan Wijckmans, Secretary
Charles El-Mir, LBN
Jorge Haiek, ARG

Ferhat Tozunler, MKD
Cristina Lopes, POR
Joaquin De la Garma, Expert
Adnan Mrkva, Expert

Under the continued leadership of IIHF Associate Members Working Group Chair, Raeto Raffainer, the Working Group has built on the foundation laid in previous seasons, with a strong focus on data-driven strategy and ongoing support for 3x3 ice hockey. The group worked to further integrate Associate Members into IIHF structures and strengthen their developmental pathways.

Building on the positive experience of the 3x3 format at the Youth Olympic Games, the Working Group placed significant emphasis this season on continuing to explore and adapt the concept in collaboration with Associate Members. Recognizing its potential as a practical developmental tool, especially in regions with limited infrastructure, the group facilitated discussions to gather input and better understand how the format could meet the specific needs of emerging hockey nations.

The 3x3 model remains a key component of the IIHF's broader strategy to expand access to the sport. A notable milestone this season was the Women's Development Cup, held in Brazil, which was played in the 3x3 format and featured

participation from four Associate Members — demonstrating the format's adaptability and effectiveness in a competitive environment.

Another key area of focus this season was the widely-distributed Associate Members Questionnaire. This proved to be a valuable tool for assessing the current capacities, challenges, and development priorities of Associate Members and provided insights into key areas such as infrastructure availability, program development, and governance.

The Working Group conducted a thorough analysis of the data, identifying shared needs and areas where targeted support could be most effective. This information will serve as a critical reference point for the Working Group's planning in the coming season.

Lastly, the Working Group also addressed player eligibility, rink access, and recent changes to the IIHF's Statutes and Bylaws. Ensuring that Associate Members understand and align with IIHF governance standards remains a priority.

Raeto Raffainer, Chairperson



Brazil (yellow) successfully hosted a 3x3 event this past season.

ATHLETES

Franz Reindl, Chairperson
Stefan Grauwiler, Secretary
Sean Burke, CAN
Renata Fast, CAN
Jennifer Harss, GER

Ivan Stimic Rojtnic, CRO
Angela Ruggiero, USA
Dainius Zubrus, LTU
Saku Koivu, Expert

During the 2024–25 season, the Athletes Committee met several times virtually to tackle current challenges in the sport and to strengthen athlete representation within IIHF governance. Alongside collaborations with the IIHF Sport Cluster, the Committee advanced several concrete initiatives and celebrated early successes.

SEEDING AND FORMAT OF THE WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Committee supported the “snake system” seeding model for implementation in 2026 and recommended a single relegation game on quarter-finals day to ensure fairness and competitive equality.

ROSTER SIZE ADJUSTMENTS:

We endorsed increasing official rosters to 25 players, addressing crucial flexibility - especially with emergency goalies - highlighted by incidents in lower divisions.

ATHLETE REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNANCE:

In light of the IIHF Executive Board expanding to 15 members in 2026, the Committee proposed reserving the additional seat for an athlete. The IIHF Legal Committee will further evaluate this.

IOC INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES FORUM 2025 LAUSANNE:

The IIHF Athletes Committee ensured that our activities for the benefit of our athletes are in line with the IOC. Some 400 participants from international federations attended the IOC forum. The IIHF was represented by Athletes Committee Member Jennifer Harss.

My thanks go to all the supporters of our committee and all the athletes. Special thanks to Secretary Stefan Grauwiler, committee members Sean Burke, Renata Fast, Jennifer Harss, Ivan Stimic Rojtnic, Angela Ruggiero, Dainius Zubrus, and expert Saku Koivu.

Franz Reindl, Chairperson

GLOBAL HOCKEY FORUM 2025:

This event in Nice, France, was supported by the participation of Angela Ruggiero who acted as a keynote speaker to strengthen athlete visibility on international panels.

NHL OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION:

We welcomed the commitment of NHL player participation at the 2026 and 2030 Winter Games and discussed the need for equitable scheduling of international breaks for both men's and women's competitions.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT DATA ON ROSTERS:

In response to discussions about removing physical data from rosters, the Committee resolved to include this in future surveys to capture athlete sentiment prior to any policy change.

ATHLETE FEEDBACK MECHANISMS:

One highlight of the season was the successful rollout of anonymous, post-event surveys. Athletes provided candid feedback on tournament logistics, organization, and conditions. While early responses indicate positive engagement and valuable insights, it is too soon to identify clear trends. However, the Committee views these surveys as a meaningful step forward and will continue to monitor and assess data as more answers come in.

WADA ATHLETE COUNCIL ELECTION:

We are proud to announce that Jennifer Harss, a valued member of the IIHF Athletes Committee, has been reelected to the WADA Athletes' Council for the 2025–2027 term. Harss, nominated by the IIHF, joins seven other international athletes in representing antidoping priorities and athlete voices at the highest level.

COACHING

Raeto Raffainer, Chairperson
Tom Renney, Co-Chair
Kim Pedersen, Secretary
Heinz Ehlers, DEN
Anders Lundberg, SWE
Gergely Majoross, HUN

Sergei Zubov, RUS
Baris Coskun, Expert
Kimmo Oikarinen, Expert
Filip Pesan, Expert
Lars Weibel, Expert

The Coaching Committee focused its efforts on several key initiatives this season, starting with the development of new frameworks. The IIHF Coaching Education framework includes a new competency-based education model which was developed with several major federations. It is intended to replace rigid level systems and be adaptable for future updates.

The IIHF Coach Development framework has been updated with clearer learning outcomes, and it is intended to guide MNAs in building coaching capacity. As well, we have scheduled a Level 1 program for Asia in November 2025, reflecting efforts to expand global reach. And, we have started to review the current 12-hour Minimum Participation Standards education setup, with a push for a more robust structure.

The Committee has also examined the Situation Room and how the officiating influence can be improved. For instance,

we have reviewed how the Situation Room can be more proactively used in decision-making, especially in clear-cut situations (e.g., goal reviews). Further, we have advocated for the removal of the coach's challenge in black-and-white situations to simplify processes, and we have addressed embellishment enforcement, supporting stronger disciplinary measures (e.g., misconducts, suspensions) and improved junior-level education.

Additionally, we have looked at our abuse and harassment protocols with an eye to emphasizing due process and fairness during disciplinary hearings.

The Committee has also supported the HER—Coaching Network initiative that launched in January 2025 and contributed ideas to expanding it. Lastly, we established a process of global coaching standards and certification.

Raeto Raffainer, Chairperson



One initiative of the Coaching Committee is to simplify communication between on-ice officials and the Situation Room.

COMPETITION & COORDINATION

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Kim Pedersen, Secretary
Dmitry Kurbatov, RUS
Martin Milanov, BUL
John Vanbiesbrouck, USA

Peter Zahner, SUI
Johan Hemlin, Expert
Sami Kauhanen, Expert
Eric Ropert, Expert
Scott Salmond, Expert

The World Ranking was introduced in 2004 and has been a key element in tournament decisions for the last two decades. But it has applied only to the Men's and Women's World Championship, including the Olympics. We have now changed that to include a World Ranking for all IIHF competitions, a change that is awaiting implementation with the next by-law change.

We have also studied international breaks and tried to create a more meaningful platform for MNAs to develop players and enhance competition. To that end, we have created a European Cup of Nations, which will provide a more focused series of events geared at making international breaks more relevant to players, nations, and fans.

The IIHF championship structure is another area we have focused significant time and attention on. With 84 MNAs participating in dozens of tournaments every year, there is always room for improvement, and we have looked

specifically at creating a new ten-team WM-I as a way of increasing competition and reducing costs. As well, we will return to the "snake structure" for the Women's World Championship starting in 2026, a decision happily made because of increased quality of play from top to bottom in the top level of WW.

Of course, the 3x3 format is key to the IIHF's future and the development of the game in regions where infrastructure is lacking, and we are working on how to incorporate 3x3 play into the IIHF's championship program.

Other areas of concern that have been part of our focus includes the system of replacing injured players (for relevant IIHF tournaments) and an enhanced player insurance program in the form of greater support at our top events. Lastly, we continue to work on and develop better coordination within our Sport Cluster.

Anders Larsson, Chairperson



The Competition & Coordination Committee hopes to introduce a new championship structure for WM-I.

DEVELOPMENT

Petr Briza, Chairperson
Kalle Valiaho, Secretary
Ulrik Larsen, DEN
Andy Mills, NZL
Marko Valencic, CRO

Theo van Gerwen, NED
Igor Andrejkovic, Expert
Stoian Batchvarov, Expert
Christine Duchamp, Expert
Manuela Groger-Schneider, Expert

The Development Committee has finished its fourth season of operation following two on-site and two online meetings. The Committee continued its work to help MNAs develop the sport.

The committee continued working with the new Growing the Game Fund (GGF) guidelines starting last July. The new GGF consists of all the previous IIHF efforts in this area: Growing the Game Fund, Domestic Development Plans, and Equipment Support Program. All MNAs may apply for support from the fund, but the targeted funding relates to the World Ranking categories. Minimum Development Standards (MDS) have been introduced in the funding process as well. Any country that meets the standards of the category will have more opportunities to apply for support.

The New GGF funding model was introduced during the Semi-Annual Congress (SAC) of 2024, and by the deadline an incredible 75 different applications were submitted. After reviewing all applications, the Development Committee and the

Top Mentorship Committee accepted applications for 46 projects.

The committee allocated resources to 15 IIHF championships where Partnership for Progress seminars could be organized. As a result, 17 seminars took in place during the 2024-25 season. Topics varied from coaching specific knowledge to integrity. Each theme and topic was planned with the host country to maximize participation. The long goal of the program is to ensure that countries will host a development event when hosting an IIHF event (as stated in the Host Country Contract).

We anticipate strong cooperation between different committees in the IIHF in order to maximize the support for development going forward. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the good work of the Committee, including Malin Andersson from Sweden, who joined our committee this year. We are looking forward to further discussions to grow our sport in every way possible.

Petr Briza, Chairperson



The IIHF's Growing the Game Fund has been supported by the Development Committee.

EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

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Denis Vaucher, SUI
Marc Lüthi, SUI

Jörgen Lindgren, SWE
Anders Larsson, Expert
Patrick Bloch, Expert
Claus Gröbner, Expert
Sami Kauhanen, Expert

In January 2022, IIHF President Luc Tardif formed a Presidential Task Force Group for European stakeholders—the IIHF, Hockey Europe, Alliance of European Hockey Clubs, Champions Hockey League, and IIHF European Member National Associations—to develop the cooperation and the coordination of European professional hockey. In Spring 2023, the IIHF Council decided to change the Presidential Task Force Group into an official committee called the European Professional Hockey Committee.

The Committee's mandate is to make proposals to Council on any topic related to top-level hockey in Europe at the IIHF, MNA, national team, league, and club levels. It can also express its opinion and make recommendations to other international competitions and other hockey-related topics, such as the Olympic Winter Games, World Cup of Hockey, international club competitions, and questions related to the NHL and NHL Players' Association (NHLPA).

The Committee held several in-person meetings and virtual calls during the 2024-25 season, each one attended by our president, Luc Tardif. In October 2024, the stakeholders of the committee signed an historical Memorandum of Understanding that describes the purpose and goals of a closer relationship between interested parties.

Related to the IIHF strategy ICE26, the committee focused its efforts on two key initiatives: One, refresh the World Championship structure; and, two, analyze the use of international breaks. The Committee provided its views to the IIHF Council, other committees, and the IIHF office. Another recurring topic throughout the season was the potential World Cup of Hockey tournament in 2028, and its influence on European hockey. In the end, the committee played an important role in forming Europe's united approach to the negotiations with the NHL and NHLPA.

Petr Briza, Chairperson

The European Professional Hockey Committee aims to make international breaks in Europe more productive.



EVENT & CHAMPIONSHIP

Franz Reindl, Chairperson
Hannes Ederer, Secretary
Jan Cerny, CZE
Kwangeun Choi, KOR
Peter Forsberg, SWE

Alexey Kireev, RUS
Zoltan Kovacs, Expert
Petras Nauseda, Expert
Igor Nemecek, Expert
Dwayne Dillinger, Expert

The IIHF Event & Championships Committee met in person in November 2024 and March 2025 with a full agenda and to provide updates on the status of IIHF event applications and works in progress.

The bidding campaigns to host the 2029 IIHF World Championship included letters of intent from Great Britain, Hungary, Kazakhstan, and Slovakia. Eventually, all bids except Slovakia's were withdrawn before the bidding deadline. As usual, a delegation representing the committee travelled to Slovakia to visit the proposed hotels and arenas in Kosice and Bratislava. Our committee worked with the OC to optimize the bid for the final allocation at the 2025 IIHF Annual Congress in Stockholm.

The committee also discussed event-related questions generated internally as well as others forwarded from other committees, notably the playing dates for the 2026 Women's World Championship. As well, the bidding sections of respective event codes have been revised, and related proposals will be submitted to

the Semi-Annual Congress for approval once they have passed vote by Council.

Other approved proposals, notably moving the operational responsibility away from the World Championship Organizing Committee for hosting the IIHF Annual Congress, have already been implemented in the daily workflow of the office, and the 2026 Annual Congress will be the first under this new structure.

The ICE26 key initiatives most important to the committee, namely the IIHF Championship Structure and the IIHF Global Hockey Forum, continue to be on the agenda and part of any discussions by the committee, including the new European Cup of Nations event.

I would like to thank Committee Secretary Hannes Ederer and all Committee members for their concerted efforts in ensuring that the high standards of current IIHF Championships are maintained, both on and off the ice.

Franz Reindl, Chairperson



Slovakia was named host of the 2029 World Championship during the Annual Congress in Stockholm in May 2025.

FACILITIES

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Michael Pfuhl, GER

Andrei Basko, Expert
Antoine Descoux, Expert
Jeff Theiler, Expert
Manu Varho, Expert
Simon Stigenberg, Expert

During the 2024-25 season, the IIHF Facilities Committee continued to advance the development of core documentation and strategic guidelines essential for the effective and sustainable operation of ice hockey facilities worldwide.

A major focus of our work this season has been the launch of the Ice Rink Operational Guidelines, a comprehensive framework designed to support rink owners, operators, and national associations in managing modern-day challenges related to arena functionality, safety, energy efficiency, and long-term sustainability. The initial drafting phase is underway, and the full guideline is scheduled for completion and publication in early 2026.

After the successful "New Energy for Ice Rinks and Arenas" conference held in Berlin in September 2024, a follow-up conference "New Energy for Arenas" is scheduled to take place in Tampere in October 2025. Together with World Curling, ISU, and the Luge Federation, the IIHF is organizing the conference with the help of the City of Tampere and its mayor Kale Kummola.

We have continued to collaborate with our colleagues from the Sustainability Committee, sharing our findings, and together with the IIHF Sport department, we created separate Ice Master guidelines and requirements for A-level competitions.

Further, we have been invited to participate as guest speakers at ice hockey facilities conferences in Finland and Poland and served as consultants for the 2025 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Stockholm and Herning.

We have also initiated the development of a standardized and globally applicable approach to dasher-board systems. This includes the creation of a unified set of

technical specifications and performance criteria to enhance player safety, improve game consistency, and streamline maintenance practices.

To ensure these standards are both practical and future-proof, the IIHF Facilities Committee has actively started collaborating with leading international manufacturers of dasher boards and hockey equipment. This partnership is critical for aligning innovation, safety, and compliance across all levels of the sport. Ongoing dialogue with these industry stakeholders ensures that our guidelines reflect both technological advancements and operational realities in modern facilities.

In addition, we have begun drafting recommendations for all key sports and hockey equipment used during facility operations—covering game and practice use alike. These guidelines will help ensure consistent quality, compatibility, and efficiency in rink operations, regardless of venue size or location.

This ongoing work reflects our commitment to raising the global standard of hockey infrastructure and ensuring that our sport continues to grow on a solid, well-managed, and forward-looking foundation.

During the season, we also met with representatives from the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games Organizing Committee to discuss all topics related to facilities and their setup in Milano. Our members and experts highlighted numerous concerns and proposals to improve the quality of the hockey setup in all four venues being used for this major hockey event featuring the world's top hockey players.

Viesturs Koziols, Chairperson

HISTORICAL

Luc Tardif, Chairperson
Christophe Roy, Secretary
Christer Englund, SWE
Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, HUN

Jukka-Pekka Vuorinen, FIN
Peter Lüthi, SUI
Andrew Podnieks, CAN
Phil Pritchard, CAN

In keeping with the new tradition, the Historical Committee met in the city of the next Men's World Championship. In the case of 2024, that meant Stockholm, Sweden, 20-22 November. This meeting marked the first occasion for Jukka-Pekka Vuorinen to join the Committee after replacing Kale Kummola.

In addition to discussions and naming the next class of Contributors and Inductees into the IIHF Hall of Fame, there were several other points of discussion. The Committee agreed that in honour of the recent passing of Murray Costello, the MVP trophy for the World Junior Championship would be named after him. This was the first time a tournament award was named after an individual, but the Committee felt this was appropriate, especially because the upcoming U20 would be held in Costello's hometown of Ottawa and he was such an important

supporter of the tournament during its early days when it was much less popular than today.

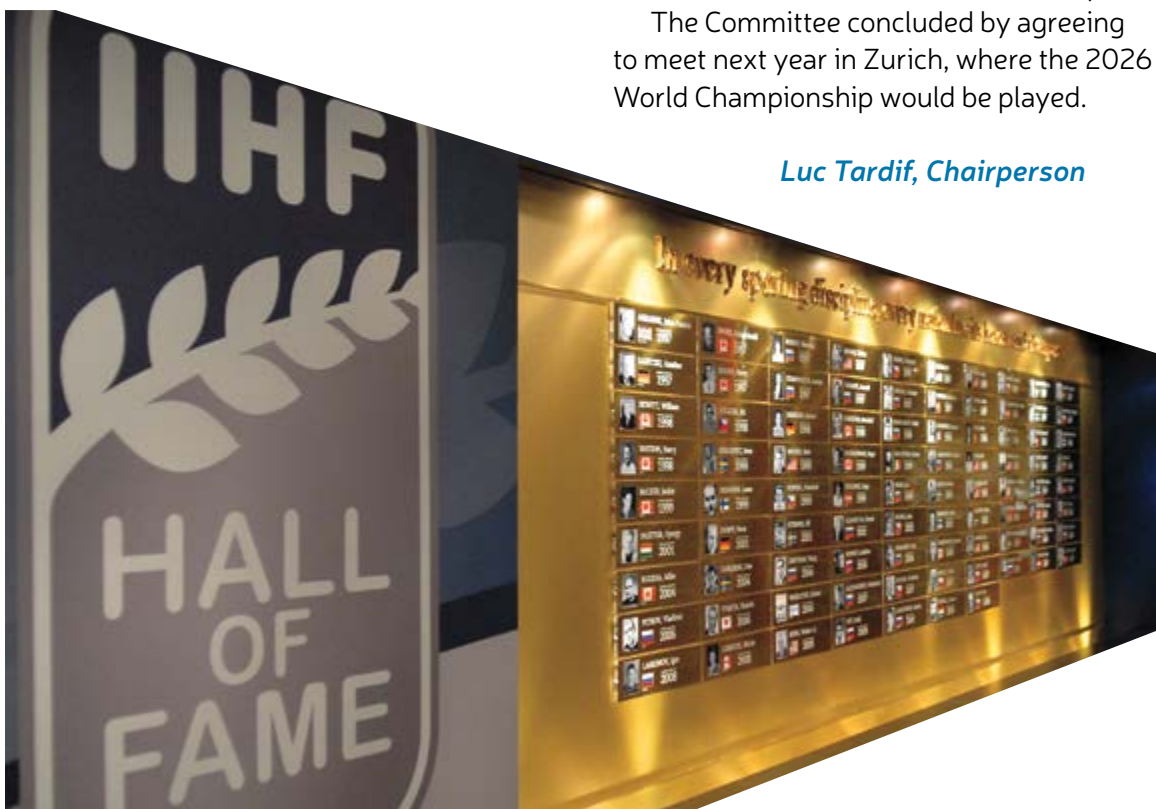
The Committee also decided to award two Milestone Awards. This had never been done previously, but given the 2025 World Championship was to be co-hosted by Denmark and Sweden, and both countries had worthy teams to honour, it seemed the right thing to do.

The group also agreed to nominate Goran Stubb as a Builder for the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. A scout for more than 40 years, he discovered dozens of future NHL players, and the Committee believed he would be a worthy candidate to nominate.

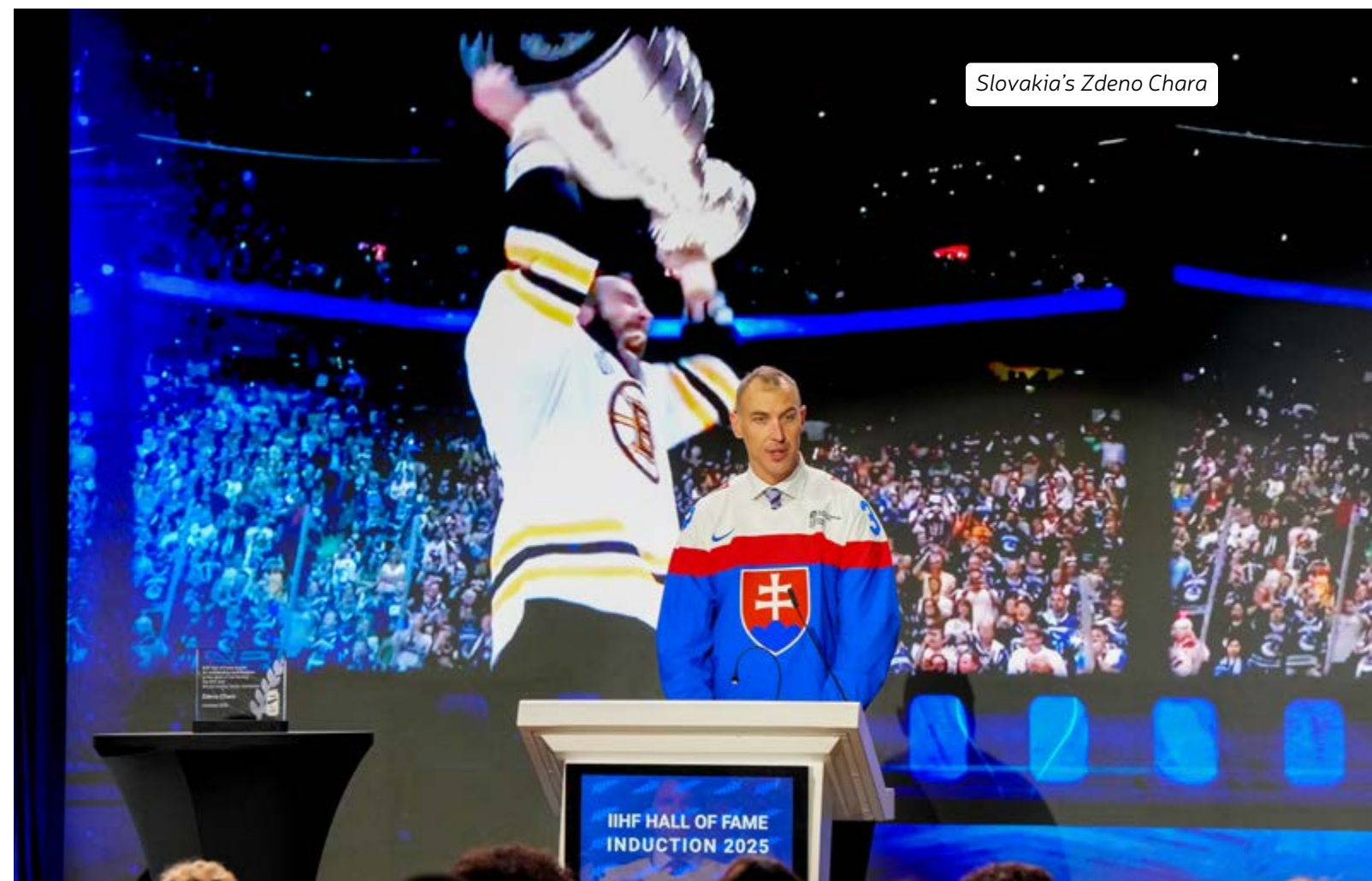
It was agreed to keep the process for voting on the Player of the Year the same and to keep the Hall of Fame ceremonies the same as the previous year, when it was held over two days. This allowed everyone to celebrate the Contributors on one day and the Honoured Members on the next day.

The Committee concluded by agreeing to meet next year in Zurich, where the 2026 World Championship would be played.

Luc Tardif, Chairperson



Vicky Sunohara with IIHF president Luc Tardif



Slovakia's Zdeno Chara

MEDICAL & PLAYER SAFETY

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Mike Stuart, USA

Markku Tuominen, FIN
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Christiane Loinig-Velik, Expert
Paul Piccininni, Expert



The Medical & Player Safety Committee has made mental health a priority in IIHF hockey.

The 2024-25 season was a busy one for the IIHF Medical & Player Safety Committee and included detailed discussions on athlete well-being, Olympic preparation, injury prevention, and concussion protocols.

Mental health emerged as one of the Committee's most significant priorities. The Committee reviewed updates to the Hone App, a digital tool aimed at supporting mental wellness among athletes. Usage statistics showed a higher adoption rate among female athletes, highlighting the need to improve education and outreach, particularly among male athletes and coaching staff.

A recent survey conducted across IIHF MNAs reinforced the need for expanded mental health resources. In response, the Committee introduced a formal Mental Health Plan, which includes the development of an e-learning module for coaches, a global mental health campaign, a specific working group on mental health.

Additionally, the Committee supports ongoing initiatives under the European Union's ERASMUS+ Sport Project. These efforts, focused on the mental health of athletes and support staff, reflect a broader commitment to a proactive and inclusive approach to mental wellness.

The Committee also addressed anti-doping efforts, reviewing the current status of both in-competition and out-of-competition testing. Transparency, consistent education, and collaboration with relevant authorities were emphasized as critical pillars in maintaining integrity in the sport. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with WADA and related bodies to ensure compliance and athlete awareness.

Preparations are underway for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Medical care

coordination, athlete protection measures, and NHL involvement were discussed. Ensuring seamless collaboration between event organizers, team medical staff, and IIHF officials remains a top priority in the lead-up to the Games.

Two important projects are currently in development. The first is the Rescue on Ice video initiative, which aims to provide standardized training in emergency response procedures during on-ice incidents. The second project involves ongoing research on the menstrual cycle, with the goal of better understanding its impact on female athlete health and performance. These projects reflect the Committee's emphasis on both education and gender-specific research in sport medicine.

Updated concussion protocols were reviewed, with input from the recent International Symposium on Concussion in Sport. The Committee stressed the importance of consistent application of these protocols across IIHF events and discussed further strategies to reduce the risk of brain injuries.

The Committee also continued its review of injury trends, with a particular focus on women's ice hockey. The Swedish model of monitoring injury was highlighted as an effective example of systematic data collection and analysis. Video analysis of injuries will begin with the coming events and will aim to improve injury prevention strategies and player safety outcomes across top divisions.

With all the aforementioned projects, the Committee continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of all participants in international ice hockey.

Henrik Bach Nielsen, Chairperson

OFFICIATING

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Vanessa Stratton, CAN
Thomas Torsbrink, SWE

Scott Zelkin, USA
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Pavel Halas, Expert
Mikhail Karpushin, Expert

The 2024-25 season was an active and progressive year for the IIHF Officiating Program, marked by the launch of several new initiatives and the successful delivery of key events. In all, we assigned 691 game officials for 56 events last season.

We also achieved significant milestones in the development of officiating in Asia, where multiple top-level events were conducted with almost exclusively regional game officials. The introduction of the Men's and Women's Asia Championships, along with the Asia Winter Games, highlighted the outcomes of sustained collaboration between the IIHF office, the Officiating Committee, and our MNAs.

Providing development and showcasing opportunities beyond the traditional IIHF World Championship program continues to be a strategic priority. These initiatives are essential to ensuring a high-quality selection process and creating a strong pipeline of game officials from within the region.

The IIHF Officiating Program has remained focused on enhancing the role of officiating coaches within the championship structure. Efforts continue to support MNAs with tools and training that can be implemented in their domestic programs, helping to foster similar development environments for game officials in their day-to-day activities.

The IIHF Officiating Coaches Seminar emphasized the importance of creating nurturing and performance-focused environments, with a strong emphasis on the well-being and holistic development of game officials. In addition, the seminar introduced a new educational opportunity aimed at countries not currently represented within the IIHF Officiating



The Road to Milano program brought together the best officials from around the world this past season.

Coach Program. In all, 17 countries successfully participated in this inaugural initiative, held in Poland. This marks a significant step forward in the IIHF's mission to ensure knowledge transfer and broader global engagement in officiating education.

A further highlight of the season was the launch of the "From Good to Great" educational initiative, produced in the newly established IIHF Virtual Studio. Designed for IIHF C-License holders and their respective Referees-in-Chief, this "peer-to-peer" learning program presented insights from some of the world's top game officials. The content focused on key aspects beyond rules and procedures, delivered in an engaging and visually compelling format.

Cross-sport collaboration and inter-federation learning remained a vital component of the IIHF's strategic work. A productive exchange with UEFA was held during the IIHF Women's World Championship in Czechia, where UEFA's Head of Female Officiating participated in the program alongside select IIHF officiating coaches. Additionally, the Referee-in-Chief (RIC) Network Meeting, hosted at the KNVB headquarters near Amsterdam, provided IIHF members with a valuable opportunity to gain inspiration and insights from other sports, contributing to both daily operations and long-term strategic planning.

The "Road to Milano" project was launched for the selection of female and male game officials for the Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina in February 2026. The participating game officials were assigned together at high-level tournaments, during which time they were also coached and their performances assessed. This project had a positive impact on the performance of game officials at the highest level.

Marta Zawadzka, Chairperson

SUSTAINABILITY

Beate Grupp, Chairperson
Anastasia Hiscock, Secretary
Anna Budykina, RUS
Ottar Eide, NOR
Urs Scholl, SUI
Jorg von Ameln, GER
Naomi Bloetjes, Expert



SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

For the 2024 season, the IIHF received ten applications for the Sustainability Award from Czechia, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland. The Award Ceremony was held on 27 September 2024 during the Semi-Annual Congress in Rhodes, Greece, led by IIHF Sustainability Committee Chairperson Beate Grupp.

WINNER: SWEDEN

Sweden won for its sustainable organization of the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship. The Organizing Committee focused on three key areas: minimizing climate footprint, ensuring accessibility, and creating long-term social benefits. Initiatives included public transport use, waste management, accessibility training for all staff, and the Känslösheten project promoting equality, inclusion, and health in ice hockey.

SECOND PLACE: NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands hosted the 2024 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group A with an integrated sustainability approach: CO₂-neutral transport, renewable energy, 100 per cent waste recycling, and recycled volunteer apparel. They also published a "Green Book" summarizing their results.

THIRD PLACE: POLAND

Poland's innovative campaign for the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A allowed fans to exchange plastic bottles for free game tickets, boosting youth engagement and raising awareness of recycling.

All applicants received certificates, and the top three winners also received monetary prizes.

IIHF SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

On 12 November 2024, the IIHF Sustainability Committee, Facilities Committee, and experts from bloomUp held a workshop at IIHF headquarters to advance the federation's sustainability agenda.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

Validate IIHF's sustainability journey and align with best practices.

- Identify critical stakeholders and define their roles.
- Develop a structured action plan with KPIs and reporting mechanisms.
- Strengthen collaboration across committees and with external experts.

MEETING WITH SPORT FEDERATIONS (ISU, CURLING AND FIL)

On 1 April, the IIHF Facilities and Sustainability Committees hosted a joint meeting with the International Skating Union, World Curling Federation, and International Luge Federation (FIL) to discuss sustainability in ice rink facilities. Representatives from each federation presented their sustainability programs, shared challenges, and exchanged best practices, including CO₂ event calculations. The group agreed to develop joint sustainability initiatives, organize regular workshops, and strengthen collaboration. All participants were invited to the upcoming conference "NEW ENERGY FOR ICE RINKS AND ARENAS" in Tampere.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In 2024-2025, the Sustainability Committee met in Zurich and online to discuss:

- The IIHF Sustainability Agenda and roadmap.
- Sustainability input for IIHF Event Codes.
- The Annual Sustainability Award – deadlines, format, applications.
- Collaboration with the Switzerland WM2026 Organizing Committee on CO₂ impact calculations.
- Continuous work on the Sports for Climate Action Framework, including CO₂ reporting to the UN.

TOP MENTORSHIP

Marta Zawadzka, Chairperson
Kalle Valiaho, Secretary
Alexander Kiknadze, RUS
Bob Mancini, USA

Aku Nieminen, FIN
Anders Wahlstrom, SWE
Christian Kunast, Expert
Corey McNabb, Expert

The Top Mentorship Committee finished its fourth season after two on-site and two online meetings. As well, the Committee welcomed two new members—Chairperson Marta Zawadzka and secretary Kalle Valiaho.

The committee continued working with the new Growing the Game Fund (GGF) guidelines starting last July. The new GGF consists of all the previous IIHF efforts in this area: Growing the Game Fund, Domestic Development Plans, and Equipment Support Program. All MNAs may apply for support from the fund, but the targeted funding relates to the World Ranking categories. Minimum Development Standards (MDS) have been introduced in the funding process as well. Any country that meets the standards of the category will have more opportunities to apply for support.

The New GGF funding model was introduced during the Semi-Annual Congress (SAC) of 2024, and by the deadline an incredible 75 different applications were submitted. After reviewing all applications,

the Development Committee and the Top Mentorship Committee accepted the applications for 46 projects.

The Committee also developed a protocol for exchange programs, where countries can help other countries. Instead of having one exchange in place, the Committee agreed that the exchange would start at home and from there participate in an exchange. With this setup, the legacy of the exchange would be longer lasting, and the right people from MNAs would benefit.

We anticipate strong cooperation between different committees in the IIHF in order to maximize the support for development going forward. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the good work of the Committee, including Malin Andersson from Sweden, who joined our committee this year. We are looking forward for further discussions to grow our sport in every way possible.

Marta Zawadzka, Chairperson



The Top Mentorship Committee accepted some 46 projects through the IIHF's Growing the Game Fund.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, Chairperson
Blanka Elekes Szentagotai, Secretary
Viktoriya Sazonova, KAZ
Gina Kingsbury, CAN
Katie Million, USA

Tereza Sadilova, CZE
Mel Davidson, Expert
Martin Kogler, Expert
Emma Terho, Expert
Olga Votolovskaya, Expert

The 2024-2025 season started for the IIHF Women's Committee with one of the signature events associated with women's hockey development, the 2024 High Performance Camp. As usual, the HPC was hosted by the Finnish Olympic Sports Institute in Vierumäki and included 160 participants representing 22 countries, notably 72 athletes, 20 coaches, 16 MNA representatives, and 17 game officials and officiating coaches. As well, camp staff consisting of IIHF office staff, members of the Women's Committee, and presenters were also on site.

The camp focused on leadership and communication-related topics. Participating MNAs were asked to send not only players but coaches and federation staff as well, ensuring that the key takeaways would be implemented on all levels of their national programs. Highlight presentations at the camp included a session by Canada's Olympic medalist softball head coach Mark Smith who spoke about the significance of team culture; an interactive session on social media with the founders of "Tell A Story"; and, an exciting, ask-any-questions hot-stove with five of the most experienced camp participants.

Identifying and supporting the future leaders of the game on and off the ice was the aim of the first ever edition of the Player Leadership Seminar, organized during the 2025 WW in Czechia and represented by an incredible 50 nations. All MNAs with a women's program were invited to nominate a player in a current or future leading role to participate in this three-day event. Two days were dedicated to presentations on leadership topics, including "Integrity as a Team Captain," "Embodying the Leader You are Meant

to Be," and "Own Your Voice and Lead the Way."

Highlights included a session titled "Hey, Ref!" and led by IIHF officiating coaches and "Working in Hockey" presented by Vegas Golden Knights' Sheri Hudspeth, the team's Director of Youth Hockey Programs and Fan Development. Seminar participants were also able to watch the semi-finals and medal games of the WW.

Another critical area in the development of women's hockey is coaching, and the launch of HER Coaching Network during the 2024-2025 season. This networking, communication, and mentoring community exclusively dedicated to female coaches aims to empower current and future generations of female coaches, fostering their growth and achieving greater success and advancing equity within ice hockey. Going forward, network members will be encouraged to organize activities worldwide for networking and support as well as knowledge-sharing. Future global events dedicated to coaching the female game will also be spearheaded by HER Coaching Network.

The IIHF also continues to co-operate with other organizations in the area of coaching. The IOC's WISH program saw its first ice hockey graduate this year, and two others have been accepted into the upcoming cohort.

Providing development opportunities for girls worldwide is a clearly defined goal of the Women's Committee, and mentoring programs have been provided to the participating countries of the IIHF Women's 3x3 Series in Sao Paulo, Brazil in November 2024 and the WHPP – Women's Hockey Partnership for Progress – in Zagreb in April 2025.

Women's ice hockey remains at the top of the ICE26 strategy's agenda, and the Women's Committee continued its mission of working closely with all stakeholders relevant to the development of the female game. The committee held an important meeting with women's leagues' representatives in March 2025 and is committed to continuing the discussion and collaboration with this group. A Partnership for Progress seminar was also supported at the WW18 in Finland in January 2025 where presentations were held for the Finnish women's hockey clubs.

As part of the Sport Cluster, the Women's Committee also continues to work together with other IIHF committees to find the best competition and development opportunities for the development of women's hockey. One such decision included the re-introduction of the snake format at the WW top division, a move that was proven successful at the WW18 top division over the past two seasons.

Of course, World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend returned last season with well over 400 events in 41 countries, providing thousands of girls worldwide the opportunity to try ice hockey for the first time. The latest edition of the Global Girls' Game, held February 14-16, 2025, was one of the largest events ever held, and with 45 games worldwide it is another marker signifying the widespread popularity of the women's game. Matches were held on most continents and included participating countries such as Brazil, New Zealand, Philippines, Kazakhstan, and South Africa.

Olympic seasons are always eagerly awaited, and it is no different ahead of the 2025-2026 season and the OWG in Milano Cortina. With women's hockey stronger and more prominent than ever, the IIHF Women's Committee remains determined to ensure the momentum keeps going and growing.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, Chairperson



The sheer breadth and expansion of interest in women's hockey resonates through programming and development within the IIHF.



OTHER BUSINESS

INTEGRITY

Under the tagline “Together for Integrity,” the IIHF organized two Integrity Officer Workshops last year, the first in Malaysia in October 2024, and the second a month later in Miami.

The first began with a summary overview of the four pillars of the Integrity Program: anti-doping, competition manipulation, abuse and harassment, and ethics. Later discussions focused on good governance as well. The overarching concerns focused on raising awareness of these issues and providing appropriate education to ensure they do not become more serious problems.

In Miami, the focus was on the importance of culture and also how to be prepared to deal with issues around integrity, notably for on-ice officials who are one of the main target groups. This meeting also heard a presentation from Austria on how that federation uses education as part of achieving their integrity-related goals. Following on that theme, there was a panel discussion on the foundations of integrity—educating from the ground up. The meeting concluded with a talk on “Reporting and Case Management: An Holistic Approach.”

This past season also saw the start of an important initiative—a mandatory, online course on abuse and harassment for all coaches across all levels of IIHF competition. The 90-minute course was a requirement for anyone with “coach” in their title (head coach, assistant coach, video coach), after which they would

register the resultant certificate with the IIHF, allowing them to participate in IIHF events.

Additionally, the IIHF delivered in-person education at IIHF U18 events across all divisions, for men and women. The focus during these sessions was on anti-doping, competition manipulation, and abuse and harassment. Every athlete was required to attend the session, and where possible the session was also provided to on-ice officials.

Another initiative saw the introduction of a mandatory workshop called the Respect Group workshop for all volunteers and staff of the organizing committee assigned to work all IIHF events.

“The online workshop will provide everyone with the knowledge and confidence to step up and step in when bullying, abuse, harassment, and discrimination is experienced or witnessed,” the literature explained.

The IIHF also assigned an Event Safeguarding Officer to the IIHF World Championship as the tournament contact for the four Integrity pillars. This officer coordinated and managed communication between volunteers/LOC staff and the IIHF and informed the IIHF about any incidents related to integrity.

Finally, the IIHF mandated that a poster about tackling online abuse and threats be posted in all dressing rooms at all IIHF-sanctioned events. This was a follow-up to the IIHF partnering with Signify to tackle these issues throughout the year.

IIHF INTEGRITY

Doping? Competition Manipulation?
Abuse & Harassment? Unethical Behavior?
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* This is an anonymous way to get in contact with us with any concerns, or questions that want to be asked in an anonymous way, allowing us to have a conversation without knowing who's on the other side. It establishes a safe and confidential dialogue by providing a protected space for anonymous communication to promote honest and real-time conversations. *More can be found here: realresponse.com*



IIHF Integrity
Reporting System



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ICE26

MISSION

To work with all stakeholders to make ice hockey an accessible, attractive, and competitive sport, and to generate added-value for our members.

VISION

Global leader in winter sports

VALUES

INTEGRITY: The IIHF is fully committed to protecting ice hockey—its players, coaches, officials, and fans—against any form of cheating or abuse. In addition, it is the IIHF's top priority to strengthen the ethics in the sport and to tackle any ethical misconduct.

RESPECT: The IIHF, together with its Member National Associations, must strive to develop not just good hockey players but also good people. Through IIHF competitions, IIHF camps, and coaching seminars we aim to instill values of fair play and respect at all levels of the game.

PASSION: Through inclusivity and promotion of the game, the IIHF aims to instill a passion for ice hockey among all players, coaches, administrators, and fans, that will carry over across generations and grow the game.

COMMUNITY: The strength of our sport comes from our unity. The international ice hockey family is a real and tangible resource for our game, allowing our MNAs not just to compete together but also to support, share knowledge with, and assist each other with the development of the sport.



STRATEGY

INNOVATE, COLLABORATE, EXPAND

INNOVATE: To build our capacity as an organization that excels in the modern era

- Undertake a digital transformation
- Drive new sustainable initiatives
- Refresh the World Championship structure
- Strengthen the IIHF's global presence

COLLABORATE: To drive partnerships that serve the best interests of our sport and our players

- Develop an annual global ice hockey forum
- Increase collaboration with Olympic stakeholders
- Analyze use of international breaks

EXPAND: To reach more players and fans through stronger MNAs and new offerings

- Build a targeted development program
- Create engaging promotional campaigns
- Develop a fresh women's hockey concept
- Establish a new 3-on-3 discipline

PARTNERS

NIKE

OFFICIAL APPAREL SUPPLIER OF THE IIHF

Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer, and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment, and accessories for a variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Winter Games, as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship, and IIHF Women's World Championship.



TISSOT

OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

Tissot is the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch of the IIHF and has been a partner of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship since 1998. Currently, Tissot watches are awarded to the Best Players at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program for both men and women.

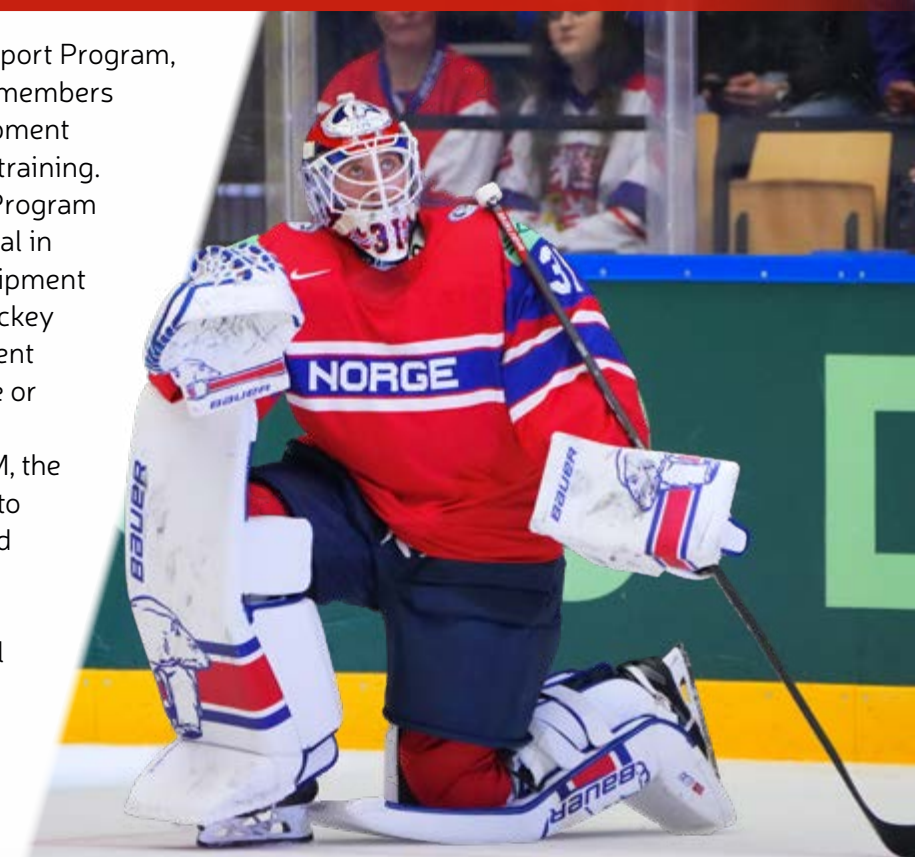


SUPPLIERS

Thanks to the IIHF Equipment Support Program, several of the federation's newest members were able to enhance their development programs in 2024-25 with on-ice training.

The IIHF's Equipment Support Program started in 1994. It has been essential in allowing the IIHF to work with equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey worldwide by distributing equipment to MNAs around the world for little or no cost.

Suppliers include Bauer and CCM, the two largest suppliers of equipment to players, as well as Oakley, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, True, and Warrior, all of which support ice hockey development around the globe at all levels of competition. Additionally, Gufex is the exclusive game puck provider of the IIHF.



IIHF ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPLIER POOL PARTNERSHIP

The IIHF is pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with AYCANE, a pioneer in innovative ice hockey apparel, for the next two seasons. Aycane will complement the IIHF Supplier Pool with their expertise and innovative products in the neck-guard-protection category.

IIHF President Luc Tardif: **“Player safety continues to be a top priority for the IIHF. As part of this commitment, the IIHF recently mandated neck protectors at all championships, a crucial step to ensure greater safety on the ice. AYCANE’s know-how fits perfectly with this vision, providing players with equipment that combines performance, safety, and comfort.”**

AYCANE is known for its bold approach to redefining ice hockey apparel, combining high-quality materials to maximize player performance and safety. This partnership underscores both organizations’ commitment to safety in our sport.

AYCANE co-founder Nico Serena: **“Joining forces with the IIHF is a significant milestone for AYCANE, and it allows us to advance our mission of enhancing safety in ice hockey. Together, we are setting new standards to help players perform at their best while benefiting from the most advanced cut-resistant protection available.”**



Portugal (white) and Greece faced each other in the 2025 Development Cup in Andorra.



THE IIHF

ALL MNAs BY DATE

October 20, 1908	France	May 6, 1992	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Estonia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Ukraine, Russia
November 15, 1908	Bohemia (Czechoslovakia)	April 28, 1993	Slovakia, Czech Republic (Czechia)
November 19, 1908	Great Britain	May 4, 1995	Andorra
November 23, 1908	Switzerland	May 2, 1996	Singapore
December 8, 1908	Belgium	September 26, 1996	Ireland
September 19, 1909	Germany	May 31, 1998	Argentina
March 18, 1912	Austria	May 13, 1999	Mongolia, Portugal
March 23, 1912	Sweden, Luxembourg	September 22, 1999	Armenia, Chile
April 26, 1920	Canada, United States	May 10, 2001	Bosnia & Herzegovina, United Arab Emirates
March 10, 1923	Spain	October 4, 2001	Liechtenstein, (North) Macedonia
January 24, 1924	Italy, Romania	May 12, 2005	Macau (China)
January 11, 1926	Poland	September 28, 2006	Malaysia, Serbia
January 24, 1927	Hungary	May 8, 2009	Georgia
February 10, 1928	Finland	May 22, 2010	Morocco
January 26, 1930	Japan	May 14, 2011	Kyrgyzstan
January 20, 1935	Netherlands, Norway	May 18, 2012	Jamaica, Qatar
February 25, 1937	South Africa	May 24, 2014	Oman
February 11, 1938	Australia	May 15, 2015	Turkmenistan
April 27, 1946	Denmark	May 20, 2016	Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines
April 1, 1952	Soviet Union	September 26, 2019	Algeria, Colombia, Iran, Lebanon, Uzbekistan
July 10, 1957	China	September 22, 2021	Tunisia
July 25, 1960	Bulgaria, Korea	September 28, 2022	Puerto Rico
August 8, 1963	DPR Korea	September 27, 2024	Kenya, Bahrain
May 2, 1977	New Zealand		
April 30, 1983	Hong Kong (China)		
September 30, 1983	Chinese Taipei		
June 26, 1984	Brazil		
April 30, 1985	Mexico, Kuwait		
April 29, 1987	Greece		
April 27, 1989	India, Thailand		
May 1, 1991	Israel, Türkiye		



Poland will be celebrating its centenary of IIHF membership during the upcoming 2025-26 season.

UNSUNG HEROES

HARIS MRKVA

took on three coaching roles with Bosnia & Herzegovina in 2024-25, leading the U20 team and both U18 teams, men and women. Previously, he had coached the WM18 team in 2023 and 2024.



DIEGO DE LA GARMA

Where would the Mexican program be without Diego de la Garma? This past year he coached three teams—Men's Worlds, Men's U18, and Women's Worlds teams. He has been the only coach in Mexico's WW history going back to their inaugural event in 2015. In Men's U18, he has coached nine times since 2008. U20? He was the coach for seven years, 2017-24, and in WM play he has been the coach since 2009 with four exceptions. Incredible.



JEAN-MICHEL VAN DOESBURGH

Jean-Michel van Doesburgh was back behind the bench with the South African WW-III-A team in 2025. Over the last decade he has coached the U20 team (once), Men's U18 (four times), and WW team (four times).



TOURNAMENT DEBUTS

The 2024-25 season saw an increase in tournament participation for four Member National Associations.

Leading the way was **THAILAND**, which played in both the Women's Worlds and the men's U20 for the first time. In the former, they finished second in WW-III-A, and in the latter they finished atop the III-B standings to earn promotion.

CROATIA also made their WW18 debut in Division III, finishing third.

ARMENIA, meanwhile, made an impressive return to the men's Worlds after an absence of nearly two decades, finishing second in WM-IV.

An Associate Member, **UZBEKISTAN** played in IIHF tournaments for the first time in its young history. In WM-IV [pictured below], they finished first and will play in WM-III-B next season, and in WM18-III-B they also finished first. Both teams were coached by former Latvian player Normunds Sejejs.



2025-26 TOURNAMENTS

MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
ZURICH & FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND
15-31 MAY 2026

Group A: Austria, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Latvia, Switzerland, United States

Group B: Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP A
SOSNOWIEC, POLAND
2-8 MAY 2026

Participants: France, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP B
SHENZHEN, CHINA
29 APRIL-5 MAY 2026

Participants: China, Estonia, Korea, Netherlands, Romania, Spain

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP A
AL AIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
20-26 APRIL 2026

Participants: Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Georgia, Serbia, United Arab Emirates

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP B
SOFIA, BULGARIA
6-12 APRIL 2026

Participants: Bulgaria, Chinese Taipei, Iceland, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, New Zealand

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP A
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
13-19 APRIL 2026

Participants: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Thailand, Türkiye, Mexico, South Africa, Turkmenistan

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP B
HONG KONG, HONG KONG, CHINA
13-19 APRIL 2026

Participants: DPR Korea, Hong Kong (China), Luxembourg, Mongolia, Philippines, Uzbekistan

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION IV
TBD

Participants: Armenia, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Singapore, Malaysia

2026 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL, UNITED STATES
26 DECEMBER 2025-5 JANUARY, 2026

Group A: Germany, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United States

Group B: Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Latvia

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP A
BLD, SLOVENIA
7-13 DECEMBER 2025

Participants: Austria, France, Kazakhstan, Norway, Slovenia, Ukraine

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP B
MILANO, ITALY
8-14 DECEMBER 2025

Participants: Estonia, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP A
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
4-10 JANUARY 2026

Participants: China, Croatia, Great Britain, Korea, Romania, Spain

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP B
BELGRADE, SERBIA
18-24 JANUARY 2026

Participants: Australia, Iceland, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Serbia

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III A
SOFIA, BULGARIA
19-25 JANUARY 2026

Participants: Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Türkiye

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III B
BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN
18-24 JANUARY 2026

Participants: Hong Kong (China), Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Mexico, South Africa

2026 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
PIESTANY & BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA
22 APRIL-2 MAY 2026

Group A: Canada, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia
Group B: Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, United States

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP A
KRYNICA, POLAND
18-24 APRIL 2026

Participants: Hungary, Kazakhstan, Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP B
TALLINN, ESTONIA
25 APRIL-1 MAY 2026

Participants: Austria, Estonia, France, Italy, Korea, Lithuania

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP A
TARGU SECUIESC, ROMANIA
12-18 APRIL 2026

Participants: China, Croatia, Great Britain, Japan, Romania, Spain

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP B
BELGRADE, SERBIA
5-11 APRIL 2026

Participants: Australia, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Mexico, Netherlands, Serbia

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP A
HONG KONG, HONG KONG (CHINA)
2-8 MARCH 2026

Participants: Bulgaria, Hong Kong (China), Israel, New Zealand, Türkiye, Uzbekistan

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP B
SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
13-19 FEBRUARY 2026

Participants: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Iceland, South Africa, Luxembourg, Thailand, Turkmenistan

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

2026 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
TBD

Group A: Austria, Czechia, Germany, Switzerland, United States
Group B: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Sweden

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP A
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
12-18 APRIL 2026

Participants: China, France, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Slovakia

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP B
PUIGCERDA, SPAIN
12-18 APRIL 2026

Participants: Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Netherlands, Spain

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP A
BLED, SLOVENIA
13-19 APRIL 2026

Participants: Australia, Chinese Taipei, DPR Korea, Iceland, Poland, Slovenia

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP B
HONG KONG, HONG KONG (CHINA)
30 MARCH-5 APRIL 2026

Participants: Belgium, Hong Kong (China), Lithuania, Mexico, New Zealand, Ukraine

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP A
ZAGREB, CROATIA
23 FEBRUARY-1 MARCH 2026

Participants: Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Thailand, Türkiye

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III GROUP B
KOHTLA-JARVE, ESTONIA
28 FEBRUARY-6 MARCH 2026

Participants: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Israel, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa

2026 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SYDNEY & MEMBERTOU, CANADA
10-18 JANUARY 2026

Group A: Canada, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland
Group B: Czechia, Finland, Slovakia, United States

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP A
TBD

Participants: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I GROUP B
KATOWICE, POLAND
5-11 JANUARY 2026

Participants: Australia, Austria, China, Great Britain, Poland, Spain

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP A
ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE
19-25 JANUARY 2026

Participants: Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Türkiye

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II GROUP B
TBD

Participants: Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Iceland, Mexico, Romania, South Africa

2026 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III
BANGKOK, THAILAND
29 JANUARY-4 FEBRUARY 2026

Participants: Bulgaria, Croatia, Iran, Lithuania, Thailand

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

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