

**REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (OUTDOOR)
SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN AND WOMEN)**

November 2019

1 Dates and Duration of Tournaments

- 1.1 The **Senior** Championship tournaments will normally be played over a maximum of 9 consecutive days (including rest days) during the last two weeks of July and the first four weeks of August every two years in odd numbered years (2019, 2021, 2023). Most 8-team Senior Championships will however be played in 7 days (including rest days).
- 1.2 The **Junior** Championship tournaments will normally be played over 7 days (including rest days) during the last 3 weeks of July every two years in odd numbered years (2017, 2019).
NB The 2019 Women's Junior Championship was played in 9 days (**see also 2.6 below**).
NB The 2019 EuroHockey Junior Championship events were the qualifying events for the 2021 Junior World Cup.

After 2019, the **Junior** Championship tournaments will be played in the even years (2022-2024, 2026).
Regarding 2020:

- Shortly after the 2019 EuroHockey Junior Championships were played, all European National Associations were invited to apply to enter and/or host a series of U21 Invitational events in 2020.
- The 2019 EuroHockey Junior Championships determined which teams would play in which Invitational event in 2020.
- The number of days and number of teams per event depend on the entries and applications to host that were received.
- There is no promotion/relegation at stake in these 2020 Invitational events.
- The final rankings of the 2019 EuroHockey Junior Championships did determine where teams will play in the 2022 EuroHockey Junior Championships.

- 1.3 In exceptional circumstances EHF reserve the right to change the dates on which any tournaments are held.

2 Qualification

- 2.1 Qualified for the **Championship** will be those nations who finished ranked 1 to 6 in the previous Championship and the 2 nations promoted from the previous Championship II.
- 2.2 Qualified for the **Championship II** will be those nations who finished ranked 3 to 6 in the previous Championship II and those 2 nations relegated from the Championship (see also note above) plus the nations promoted from the Championship III.
- 2.3 Qualified for the **Championship III** will be those nations who finished ranked 3 to 6 in the previous Championship III and those 2 nations relegated from the Championship II plus the nations promoted from the Championship IV.
- 2.4 In the **Championship IV** will be the remaining nations who have entered, including those relegated from the Championship III. If there are more than 8 entries, then there may, at the discretion of EHF, be a **Championship V**.
- 2.5 If 8, 7 or 6 teams play in a tournament, then 2 will be promoted. If 5 or less teams play then only 1 will be promoted and the relegation adjusted accordingly.

- 2.6 **NB** Please note the following regarding the **Women's EuroHockey Junior Championships 2019**:
- For 1 time only the Women's EuroHockey Junior Championship was played with 9 teams (see the [EHF's Executive Boards decision](#)).
 - The Women's EuroHockey Junior Championship II was played with a maximum of 8 teams.
 - From the Junior Championship event, 3 teams were relegated to the Junior Championship II.
 - From the Junior Championship II event, 2 teams were promoted to the Junior Championship.
 - From the Junior Championship II event the number of teams that were relegated to the Junior Championship III was depended on the number of participants in Junior Championship II and the number of reserve teams, so in the next event cycle 8 teams will play in the Junior Championship and 8 teams in the Junior Championship II.
- 2.7 Notwithstanding anything else in these regulations, which tournament nations shall be entitled to play in, and the ranking of the pools within each tournament, shall be a matter entirely within the discretion of EHF.

3 **Teams Travel and Accommodation**

- 3.1 For all **Senior and Junior Championship** tournaments the host National Association shall assist participating teams by providing details of a range of appropriate accommodation for players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their accommodation and meals.
- 3.2 The host National Association should recommend reasonably priced and located eating facilities for the participating teams.
- 3.3 Participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their return travel from their home to the designated arrival airport(s) or railway station in the host country.

4 **Local Transport for Teams**

- 4.1 For ALL **Senior and Junior Championship** tournaments the host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport for all participating teams from and to the **designated** airport(s) or railway station and the **designated** tournament hotel(s). The host's responsibility is for a single journey in each direction only, not multiple journeys.

Apart from being collected from the designated airport(s)/railway station and taken to the designated tournament hotel(s), and taken back to the designated airport(s)/railway station at the end of the tournament, teams are responsible for their own internal transport, including transport from and to their hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s), and the collection of any additional players from the airport or railway station who did not travel with the main group.

Any teams who choose to stay in accommodation other than the designated hotel(s) recommended by the host National Association, are responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from the hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) (including airport-hotel v.v.).

A host is responsible for the transport to/from the designated tournament hotel(s) to the location of the Event Briefing Meeting. Moreover the host is responsible for the transport to/from the designated tournament hotel(s) to the venue of all players and staff members who are involved in Anti-Doping tests.

- 4.2 Teams transport (where provided) shall be available up to 3 days before and no more than 1 day after the end of the tournament. Any transport requirement outside these dates is the responsibility of the participating team.
- 4.3 Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host National Association (and agreed by EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their hotel.

5 **Age Qualification**

5.1 The age qualification for participation in EuroHockey **Junior Championship** tournaments will be that players are under the age of 21 years on **31 December** in the year preceding that tournament. Please see this [link](#) to the EHF website.

NB For the 2020 EuroHockey Junior Invitational Events only, each team can use up to 5 U23 players in their squad, so these 5 players must be born on, or after, 1 January 1997.

5.2 In all EuroHockey **Senior and Junior Championship** tournaments, no player shall be under the age of 15 on the first day of the tournament.

6 **Players' Uniform**

For **Senior Championship** tournaments only (so not Senior Championship II-III-IV or Junior Championships), all players are required to display their family name above their number on the back of their playing shirts in accordance with FIH regulations.

NB In any Senior Championship II-III-IV or Junior Championship where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all players' shirts.

NB Players must have a number on the front of the shorts/skirts. A number on the short/skirt always needs to be displayed without any nation or advertising logo on that side of the garment! A manufacturers logo can be displayed beside the number.

7 **Match Schedule**

The match schedule must follow FIH regulations in relation to rest days and the minimum rest period between a team's matches as follows:

7.1 there shall be a maximum of 2 matches for any team within a time period of 72 hours;

7.2 there shall be a minimum of 2 hours time interval between the start of 2 successive pool matches;

7.3 there shall be a minimum of 2 hours 15 minutes time interval between the start of 2 successive classification matches, and also after the final Pool C match;

7.4 there shall be a rest day between preliminary pool matches (Pool A and B) and classification matches (Semi-finals and Pool C) in a 2 pool tournament.

8 **Officials 2020 Junior Invitational events**

The host National Association is responsible for the collection of all technical officials (including umpires) from the designated airport(s) or railway stations and to bring them to their hotel (including return after the tournament) and to/from the accommodation and the stadium/playing ground(s), including practice ground(s). The national umpires appointed will stay in twin rooms, booked by the host NA. However, the national umpires' own NAs are responsible for the payment of their full board accommodation.

NB Where in this Appendix (or in the Master Document) is spoken about the Junior Championships, this can also be read as being the 2020 U21 Invitational events. This counts for transport, travel, accommodation and clothing.