1 **Qualifications and Pools**
Qualified for the Cup will be the champion club of those nations who finished ranked 1 to 6 in the previous year’s Cup and the champion clubs of those 2 nations promoted from the previous year’s Trophy.

2 **Licence Fee**
A licence fee, as set out in Responsibility Chart (Appendix D), is payable for the Cup tournament only (not for the Trophy or Challenge). The payment of this fee entitles the hosts to sell all commercial aspects of the event. Where a licence fee is payable this must be paid to the EHF within 30 days of the end of the tournament.

3 **Prize Giving Ceremony**
3.1 In Club Cup events, only the teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd are required to remain at the tournament until after the Prize Giving Ceremony on the final day; failure to do so will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.

3.2 The ceremony will normally take place no later than 16.00hrs and the EHF would encourage other participating clubs to remain if possible with teams making their travel arrangements accordingly.

4 **Trophies and Medals**
4.1 The winner of the EuroHockey Indoor Club Cup will receive a trophy, which they will retain for 1 year. The club shall ensure that such trophy is engraved and returned to the EHF on request, or is sent by its National Association to the venue at which the tournament is next held.

4.2 The trophy must be insured by the holding club against all risks for an amount of €3000.

4.3 The host club shall be responsible for producing 18 medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold, silver and bronze for the 3 highest ranked clubs in the tournament as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix D).

5 **Advertising on Umpires/Officials Uniforms**
Advertising in the form of a company’s name, logo or trademark is permitted on the front and/or back of umpires’ shirts/blouses only when expressly authorised by the EHF and must be of a size not exceeding 500 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.

6 **Plan of the Competition**
6.1 All tournaments of 8 teams shall be played as a two-pool competition. Teams will be placed in pools in accordance with the ranking for the previous year (subject to Regulation A.3) as follows:
In case of non-participation by one or more team(s) any reserve team(s), if called upon, will in principle, automatically take the place of the defaulting team(s) without changing the pools of the match programme. However, the EHF reserves the right to re-arrange the composition of the pools before the pre-tournament Event Briefing Meeting.

7 Programme of pool matches and match schedule
7.1 Matches in each of the two pools will be played as follows:

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7.2 The proposed schedule and timing of matches shall be submitted to the EHF for approval in accordance with regulation D.3.

7.3 The EHF prefers to have the following number of matches per day: 8 matches on Friday, 8 matches on Saturday and 4 matches on Sunday.

7.4 The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

8 Ranking in the Pools
8.1 In each pool, all the teams will play against each other and the following points shall be awarded for each match:

- Win: 5 points
- Draw: 2 points
- Loss with goal difference of no more than 2: 1 point
- Loss with more than 2 goals between the teams: 0 points

In each pool teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.

8.2 If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, the ranking of these teams will be determined according to the procedure (not the FIH points system) set out in Appendix 3.2 of the current FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions).

9 Programme of Classification Matches
9.1 The semi-finals will be as follows:
9.2 The winners of these matches will play for the 1st and 2nd places (the final) and the losing teams will play for 3rd and 4th places.

9.3 If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, a shoot-out competition in accordance with the FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions) shall be played to establish the winner of the match.

9.4 After completion of the initial pools (A and B), the bottom 2 teams from each of those pools will be placed in Pool C (the ‘relegation pool’).

9.5 Each team in Pool C will carry forward to the new pool the result of the match against that other team (only) in their original pool (A or B) who also goes forward with them into Pool C.

9.6 Each team will play the other 2 teams in Pool C (being the teams which they have not already played in Pools A or B) - thus 2 further matches for each team.

9.7 The matches will be played in the following sequence:
   4A v 4B
   3A v 3B
   and then:
   3B v 4A
   3A v 4B

9.8 After the completion of these matches the bottom 2 teams in Pool C will be relegated.

9.9 If at the end of the Pool C matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, then regulation 8.2 (above) shall be applied.