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Seniors (11v11 & Hockey5s), Juniors, U18 & U16 Hockey5s (Men & Women)

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**INTRODUCTION**

In 2012, the EHF established a Working Group to review the regulations for all EHF competitions in order to reduce the potential for misunderstanding by nations competing in both European and World level events and to recognise that different levels of compliance are relevant to teams competing at the top level of hockey from those competing at a more basic level.

The number of different regulations produced by the EHF has been reduced to four, namely:
- Nations Championships (Indoor)
- Nations Championships (Outdoor)
- Clubs Championships (Indoor)
- Clubs Championships (Outdoor)

These EuroHockey Championships (Outdoor) Regulations set out the general administrative parameters and responsibilities of host associations and participating teams together with separate Appendices which set out any specific rules or requirements for Seniors and Juniors, Men and Women (Appendix A), U18, Boys and Girls (Appendix B), U16 Hockey5s, Boys and Girls (Appendix C) and Senior Hockey5s, Men and Women (Appendix D).

The regulations do not, however, include the Tournament Regulations as all EuroHockey Outdoor Championships will be played in accordance with the current Rules of Outdoor Hockey together with the FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions) current at the date of the competition, except in so far as these regulations specifically provide.

It is essential therefore that, in preparation for any event, National Associations and Team Managers read these regulations in conjunction with the current FIH General Tournament Regulations for Outdoor Competitions.

**A ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

A.1 **Authority**
The competition shall be held under the authority of the EHF and the FIH.

A.2 **Entry**
(a) Entry into all EuroHockey Outdoor Championships and U18/U16 Championships shall be open to those National Associations properly affiliated to the EHF and the FIH.

(b) Those National Associations wishing to enter any EuroHockey Outdoor Championships or U18/U16 Championships must send their correctly completed Entry Form(s) to the EHF Office by the deadline date of 31 October two years preceding the year of competition. If such details are not received by the deadline, then entry may be refused.

(c) If a National Association is for any reason suspended by FIH or the EHF, any teams from that National Association are withdrawn from all EuroHockey tournaments with immediate effect.
Any National Association which does not enter a EuroHockey competition for which it is qualified, will automatically be relegated to the lowest division of the competition at re-entry.

A.3 Qualifications and Pools
The tournaments will normally be played in Divisions of up to 8 teams. The format for an 8-team tournament shall be 2 pools of 4 (3 matches per team), followed by classification matches. For U16 Hockey5s events, the format is specified in Appendix C. For Senior Hockey5s events, the format is specified in Appendix D.

The qualification process for the Senior, Junior and U18/U16 Championships is set out in the relevant Appendix to this document, that is:

APPENDIX A: Senior & Junior Men and Women
APPENDIX B: U18 Boys and Girls
APPENDIX C: U16 Hockey5s Boys and Girls
APPENDIX D: Senior Hockey5s Men and Women

The minimum number of teams in any tournament must be three (3).

A.4 Entry Fees
National Associations will receive from the Hon. Treasurer of the EHF an invoice for the entry fee shown on the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E).

Entry fees are non-refundable once the official entry form has been received by the EHF.

NB Where a team in a Championship II, III or IV event withdraws before the deadline date for withdrawals, the team only has to pay 50% of the entry fee.

NB Where a team in a 2021 Senior Hockey5s Tournament withdraws before the deadline date for withdrawals, the team only has to pay 50% of the entry fee.

A.5 Withdrawal
(a) If after 15 January in the year the tournament is due to take place a National Association withdraws from the tournament for which it is entered, it will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.

(b) Any National Association that withdraws a team from a tournament after 15 January in the year the tournament is due to take place, will cause the team next entered by that National Association at the same level of competition (senior, junior or U18/U16) to be automatically relegated to the next lower division of the competition the next time the relevant tournament is played. In addition that team will not be eligible for promotion in the year of its relegated participation.

NB Where a team is relegated more than one division by the EHF after a late withdrawal the team next entered by the National Association in the relevant division will be eligible for promotion.

(c) If, as a result of a team withdrawing from a tournament, fewer neutral officials are required, then the National Association of the team withdrawing shall be liable for any travel or hotel costs already incurred by the official or the hosts.
Where the host National Association can clearly demonstrate that a late withdrawal has resulted in them incurring any additional costs or loss of income, a claim for damages against the team that withdrew can be submitted for consideration to the Disciplinary Commissioner.

A.6 Applications to Host

(a) National Associations who wish to be considered as hosts for any tournament must, before the closing date fixed by the EHF for such application, submit to the EHF Office the appropriate EHF Application to Host form.

(b) If there is no offer to host which is acceptable to the EHF from a National Association qualified for a specific tournament, then the EHF may call upon one of those qualified National Associations to organise the tournament (on the same basis as is set out below). If that National Association fails to agree to do so, then the EHF may relegate or remove that National Association from the Division for which it was otherwise qualified in order to allow another National Association the opportunity to be promoted and organise the tournament. The EHF has the authority to determine in its absolute discretion which National Association shall be called upon to organise in such circumstances.

(c) In submitting an application to host a Senior Championship tournament, the National Association offers to host on the terms set out in the detailed Licence Agreement for organisers (a copy of which is available on request from the EHF), and agrees that in the event of a conditional award for hosting being made by the EHF it will, within 21 days, sign and deliver the said Licence Agreement document to the EHF.

(d) In submitting an application to host a Senior Championship II, III or IV tournament or any tournament in the Junior, U18/U16 and Senior Hockey5s Championships, the National Association agrees to host in accordance with these Regulations (including the Responsibility Chart, Appendix E) and with the respective Event Manual (Outdoor), copies of which are available from the EHF website.

(e) A licence fee, as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E), is payable to the EHF for certain tournaments, details to be decided. 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.

(f) Should any tournament not be played in any year, then the EHF may, for the next year, in its discretion, relegate the teams of the two nations ranked 5th and 6th in that tournament when it was last played in order to make room for the participation of the teams from the 2 nations promoted from the tournament below.

A.7 Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires

(a) The EHF will appoint the Technical Delegate (TD), Technical Officer, Judges, Umpires Manager, Neutral Umpires and National Umpires in consultation with, and with the approval of, the FIH. (NB The FIH may appoint the TDs, the UMs and the Neutral Umpires for the Senior Championship tournament)
(b) The EHF will appoint suitably qualified and experienced National Umpires for each tournament from the list of those nominated for that season by participating National Associations. The EHF has the right to refuse a nominated umpire, or request a National Association to consider an alternative nomination, or appoint an umpire from another National Association. The cost of travel to the tournament host city of those national umpires appointed will be met by their own National Association, or by the participating National Association if an umpire from another National Association is appointed on their behalf by the EHF.

NB For the EuroHockey Championship only, no National Umpires will be appointed.

(c) For travel costs of Neutral Umpires see Regulation B.2 (a), below.

(d) The host National Association shall nominate to the EHF a suitably experienced Technical Officer and Judges to assist the TD as outlined in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E); the appointment of such officials is subject to EHF approval.

NB For most tournaments no local Technical Officer has to be nominated (see Responsibility Chart).

NB A team official of a participating team is not permitted to be a technical official of the tournament.

(e) The EHF will appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer to the Senior, Junior and U18 Championship only, although it may delegate this responsibility to the host National Association. The host National Association shall appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer for all Championship II, III and IV tournaments and the EuroHockey5s (U16) Championship tournaments.

The EHF will appoint an EHF Photographer to Senior, Junior and U18 Championships only.

(f) The EHF will appoint a suitably experienced Medical Officer to the Senior Championship tournaments only, although it may delegate this responsibility to the host National Association. The host National Association shall appoint a suitably experienced Medical Officer for all Senior Championship II, III and IV tournaments and all Junior, U18/U16 and Senior Hockey5s Championship tournaments.

A.8 Trophies and Medals

(a) The winner of the EuroHockey Championship, the EuroHockey Junior Championship and the EuroHockey U18 Championship will receive a trophy, which it will retain until the trophy is next awarded. It shall ensure that such trophy is engraved and returned to the EHF on request, or is sent to the venue at which the tournament is next held.

(b) The trophy must be insured by the holding National Association against all risks for an amount of €3000.

(c) For each tournament the host National Association shall be responsible for producing medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold, silver and bronze for the 3 highest ranked nations, as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E). For the number of medals, see the Responsibility Chart.
A.9  Responsibilities of National Associations
(a) A National Association that enters any EHF competition will be held responsible for any
default by its team in respect of a financial obligation arising out of its entry or
participation in a tournament. The National Association may be required by the EHF to
make good any such financial default by its team.

(b) It is the responsibility of any host National Association to organise the tournament, to
provide technical assistance and guidance, and, if appropriate, to ensure that the
appointed organising committee fulfils its obligations under these Regulations and
under the respective Event Manual (Outdoor).

A.10  General Powers of the EHF
For any breach of these Regulations or for any conduct which it considers unacceptable and in
breach of the spirit of the competition and the regulations, whether by an individual or a team
or National Association, the EHF shall have the power to impose such penalties as it thinks fit,
including a fine or suspension of an individual, or of a team, or of the right of a National
Association to enter a team in one or any EHF competition.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTICIPATING TEAMS
(For tournaments which are not the subject of a separate Licence Agreement)

B.1  Licence Fee
The host National Association is responsible for payment of any licence or hosting fee payable to
the EHF for the tournament as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E).

B.2  Officials Travel and Accommodation
The host National Association is responsible for payment of:

(a) The cost of travel and full board hotel accommodation for those EHF tournament officials
and neutral umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E). Travel costs are
payable only from the departure airport, bus or railway station in the officials’ home
country. Tournament officials must travel by the cheapest method/route reasonably
available. The officials own National Association is responsible for all travel costs from
home to the point of departure, and also for the cost of any visa required by the official
for entry into the host country;

NB For the EuroHockey Championship only, the EHF will arrange and fund travel provision
for the umpires.

(b) The cost of full board hotel accommodation for the appointed national umpires and
appointed EHF judges. NB See the Responsibility Chart (Appendix E) with regards to
national umpires at U18/U16 events.

(c) The host National Association may, if it prefers, offer a per diem payment to officials to
cover the cost of lunch and dinner (to include dinner on the day of arrival). The level of
such payment must be agreed in advance with the EHF Competitions Manager and must
reflect actual costs in the host city.

(d) Accommodation and transport requirements:
Technical Delegates (TDs) and Umpires Managers (UMs)
• Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision.
• TDs and UMs are **required** to arrive between mid-day and midnight 2 days prior to the start of the tournament and are entitled to stay until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

**Technical Officers (TOs)**
• Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision for TOs at Senior Championships; for U18/U16 and Junior Championships the EHF is to pay the TOs’ travel costs (after having given approval of the cost).
• TOs are entitled to arrive from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the tournament until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

**Neutral Umpires, EHF Media Officer and Medical Officer**
• Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision. (For the EuroHockey Championship only, the EHF will arrange and fund travel provision for the umpires)
• EHF Media Officer is entitled to arrive from mid-day 2 days prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.
• Neutral Umpires are entitled to arrive from dinner 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends. Neutral umpires travelling from another continent (or where travel time is greater than 10 hours door to door (home to the tournament city)) can arrive the previous evening i.e. from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the event.
• Medical Officer is entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

**National Umpires and Judges**
• Travel costs are the responsibility of their home National Association.
• All are entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends unless travel time is greater than 10 hours door to door (home to the tournament city) in which case they can arrive the previous evening i.e. from dinner 2 days prior to the start of the event.

**EHF Photographer (at Senior, Junior and U18 Championship only)**
• Travel costs are the responsibility of the EHF Photographer.
• Is entitled to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and depart after breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

**NB** Accommodation requirements at the EuroHockey Senior Championship Only (not Championship II-III-IV) can be found in the agreed Event Manual.

**B.3 Teams Travel and Accommodation**
(a) All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their hotel by, at the latest, **19.00 hrs** on the evening before the first match of the tournament. Failure to arrive on time may result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.

(b) Teams may delay their arrival until the first day of the tournament if they are not drawn to play on the first day, subject to prior approval from the EHF. **However, it is still**
necessary for the Team Manager to attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the required time.

(c) In ALL Championship tournaments, only those teams receiving medals/trophies are required to remain at the tournament **until after the Prize Giving Ceremony** on the final day. The ceremony will normally take place no later than 17.00hrs and teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. Failure to attend, if required, will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF. The EHF would strongly encourage all other participating clubs to remain until after the Prize Giving Ceremony with the only acceptable reason not to attend being that the team’s travel arrangements require them to depart early.

(d) Prize Giving will normally take place no later than 1 hour after the end of the final match and teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. **Any team which is not present when required at the Prize Giving Ceremony will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

B.4 **Local Transport for Tournament Officials**

(a) For all tournaments the host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport for all EHF representatives, technical officials and umpires as set out in the respective **Event Manual (Outdoor)** (or in Annex 1 of the **Licence Agreement**, for contracted events) from and to the designated airport(s) or railway station and the officials’ hotel, and from and to the officials’ hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s).

(b) Transport arrangements by car(s) must be provided for any FIH and/or EHF Representative(s) and for the TD.

B.5 **Training Facilities**

(a) The host National Association shall provide suitable playing and training facilities.

(b) Each participating team is entitled, at the organiser’s expense, to practice on the tournament pitch(es), during the 2 days prior to the start of the tournament, for at least 1 hour per day. Practice times will be reserved on a “first come, first served” basis.

(c) In addition, each team is entitled, at the organiser’s expense, to one further hour of practice/training time during the tournament. This will be either on the tournament pitch, if the match schedule allows, or on a practice pitch in the area. The practice pitch should be as similar as possible to the tournament pitch.

(d) If a team requests additional practice/training facilities, over and above that specified above, then organisers shall use their best endeavours to assist them subject to payment by the team making the request of any actual costs incurred by the host club for water, lights etc. **NB** If the organisers have to hire an alternative venue for this purpose then this shall also be at the expense of the team making the request.

B.6 **Publicity**

(a) Publicity requirements for tournaments which are the subject of separate Licence Agreements will be incorporated in the agreement between the EHF and the organisers.
For all other tournaments, the EHF requires that the host National Association and the local Organising Committee shall:

(i) Include in the official programme a photograph of and a message by the President of the EHF which will be issued by the EHF office;

(ii) Ensure that the EHF logo and/or EuroHockey branding is used on all publicity, programmes, and all official tournament papers;

(iii) Entitle the EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 6) to one full-page advertisement in the tournament programme free of charge. Advertisements and artwork will be issued by the EHF office;

(iv) Where required, permit the EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 6) to place one 6 meter perimeter advertising banner on the main pitch and in the TV arc, or in such other place as designated by the EHF, free of charge (only applicable to certain tournaments). The advertising banners will be issued directly by the EHF office and it is the responsibility of the host NA to ensure that the banners are returned to the EHF office after the event. The host NA will be invoiced by the EHF for the cost of any banners not returned, or returned damaged.

Where an NA decides to use a LED Board system then the time allocated to EHF partners should be equivalent in nature and agreed with the EHF.

(v) List in the official programme the names of the members of the EHF Executive Board and members of the EHF Competitions Committee Outdoor, as well as the names of the Technical Officials appointed under Regulation A.7. All this information is available from the EHF website (www.eurohockey.org);

(vi) Ensure that the blue EHF flag and the FIH flag are displayed in prominent positions at all Senior, Junior and U18/U16 Championships.

Non-compliance with official EuroHockey branding will result in a fine (amount to be determined by the EHF).

NB It is not mandatory to produce an official programme (book) for the event, but the EHF recommends hosts to do so.

Where required, the EHF shall also be entitled to advertise at no cost on:

(i) Umpires uniforms;

(ii) Ball boys/girls uniforms;

(iii) Front of technical officials table (event title and/or EHF logo);

(iv) Press conference and interview backdrops;

(v) Tournament results board;

(vi) Tournament website;

(vii) Posters accreditations, tickets, leaflets;

(viii) Such other areas as may be mutually agreed between the host venue and the EHF.

B.7 Protocol and Ceremonies

(a) Ceremonies are organised by the host National Association but are subject to the prior approval of the EHF. Matters of protocol must be approved in advance by the official
Representative of the EHF and shall be in line with the protocol regulations contained in the **Licence Agreement** or as contained in the respective Event Manual (Outdoor). In the absence of any appointed official representative, the TD acts as the representative of the EHF.

(b) Tournament organisers and team managers should note that Prize Giving Ceremonies must be conducted in accordance with the **EHF Guidelines on Prize Giving Ceremonies** available from the EHF website.

### B.8 Insurances

a) The host National Association shall effect at its cost and with a reputable insurance office, all the necessary insurances to cover any liabilities of themselves and of the EHF in respect of the tournament and shall, if called upon to do so, produce evidence of such insurance to the EHF.

(b) It is the responsibility of each participating team to arrange their own insurances in respect of travel, personal injuries to players, hospital expenses and other risks which are not the responsibility of the host organisers or of the EHF.

### B.9 Internet

The host must provide Internet access at the technical table, in the TD/UM offices and in the officials relax room (preferably LAN or else wifi with dedicated speed and password).

### B.10 Communication Between Host Federation and Participating Teams

Where, following a reminder from the EHF Competitions Manager, a participating Federation does not respond to the host Federations’ request for information by the stated deadline, it will be subject to a penalty of up to €50 per day to be decided by the EHF. The same applies when a host does not respond to questions from participating Federations.

### C. PLAYERS REGULATIONS

#### C.1 Age Qualification

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.

The age qualification for participation in EuroHockey **U18 Championship** tournaments will be that players are under the age of 18 years on **31 December** in the year preceding that tournament. Please see this [link](#) to the EHF website.

The age qualification for participation in EuroHockey5s **U16 Championship** tournaments will be that players are under the age of 16 years on **31 December** in the year preceding that tournament. Please see this [link](#) to the EHF website.

In all EuroHockey **Senior** and **Junior Championship** (including Senior Hockey5s) tournaments, no player or staff member shall be under the age of 15 on the first day of the tournament.
In all EuroHockey **U18** and **U16 Championship** tournaments, no player shall be under the age of 13 on the first day of the tournament and no staff member shall be under the age of 15 on the first day of the tournament.

**C.2 Nationality**
All players must be nationals of the country they represent and will be required to provide proof of identity and nationality (and for Junior and U18/U16 tournaments, proof of age) to the TD when required. A **valid passport is the only acceptable document for this purpose.**

**C.3 Team Entry**
(a) Team Entry Lists (with names and dates of birth of players, staff members and the kit colours) must be entered into the FIH TMS system ([www.tms.fih.ch](http://www.tms.fih.ch)) by the National Association who must confirm that all the players listed are eligible. A PDF of the **Team Registration Report**, which can be downloaded as soon as the team is entered into FIH TMS, should be used to check if the team is uploaded correctly.

Either the TMS Organisation Manager of the NA needs to add the Team Entry List into FIH TMS or the Team Manager can do this. In case of the latter, the EHF Competitions Manager needs to be informed.

**For failure to enter the team list into the FIH TMS system by the 14th day before the start of the tournament, the National Association will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

**NB** The NA needs to send the name of the Team Manager (including gender, nationality and email address) to the EHF Competitions Manager ([competitions@eurohockey.org](mailto:competitions@eurohockey.org)) at least 14 days before the start of the tournament.

**NB** For U18 and U16 events the AltiusRT system ([https://eurohockey.altiusrt.com](https://eurohockey.altiusrt.com)) is used. However, where a U16 Championship is a direct qualifier for an FIH Tournament, FIH TMS is used.

(b) Details of the information to be included on the Team Entry Form can be found in the **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)** current at the time of the competition.

(c) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **Senior, Junior and U18/U16 Championships** (including Championship II-III-IV and Hockey5s tournaments) complete an anti-doping education program as part of hockey’s commitment to anti-doping. All participants must complete the WADA ALPHA course or a NADO course and the certificates and the list of players who have completed the course must be sent by the National Association to the EHF. The deadline date for submitting the certificates to the EHF is the same date as that for submitting the team entry list. Please note that the failure of any player(s) to complete an education programme will result in a sanction for the National Association and the player(s) not being allowed to participate until they have submitted the form.

A certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of completion.
(d) The EHF requires that all participating athletes in **Outdoor Senior, Junior and U18/U16 Championships** (including Championship II-III-IV and Hockey5s tournaments) complete the IOC Prevention of Competition Manipulation education course as part of hockey’s commitment to uphold the integrity and credibility of the sport. The course can be accessed at [https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/courses/preventing-competition-manipulation/](https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/courses/preventing-competition-manipulation/). The certificates and the list of players who have completed the course must be sent by the National Association to the EHF. The deadline date for submitting the certificates to the EHF is the same date as that for submitting the team entry list. Please note that the failure of any player(s) to complete an education programme will result in a sanction for the National Association and the player(s) not being allowed to participate until they have submitted the form.

C.4 **Ineligible Players**

If it is found that a player has played in the EuroHockey Senior (including Senior Hockey5s), Junior or U18/U16 Championship competitions but is ineligible under the FIH or EHF Regulations, then the EHF will penalise (by fine, disqualification, suspension or otherwise) the player and/or the National Association who entered that player and certified the Entry Form, such penalty to be determined by the EHF.

D. **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

D.1 **Rules and Regulations**

(a) The **EuroHockey Outdoor Championships** (Senior and Junior) and **U18 Championship competitions** shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey together with, except in so far as these regulations specifically provide, the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor)** including the **Schedule of Variations to the Rules of Hockey** set out in the relevant **Appendix** of the FIH Regulations.

The **EuroHockey5s U16 Championship** and **EuroHockey5s Senior Championship competitions** shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey5s together with, except in so far as these regulations specifically provide, the current **FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations**.

(b) By virtue of a Team submitting a Team Entry Form to an International Event, all Team members are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the FIH General Tournament Regulations, EHF Tournament Regulations, EHF Code of Conduct, Media Policy and Uniform Advertising Policy. Players under 18 years of age for an U18 event and players under 16 years of age for an U16 event may not participate in EHF competitions unless a parent or guardian of such a player has consented to such participation subject to the provisions identified above. For the purposes of these EuroHockey regulations such consent shall be deemed from the fact that the player’s name has been included on the Team Entry Form submitted and signed on behalf of the relevant Federation in each case.

(c) The EHF adopts the FIH General Tournament Regulations save that references to “FIH Chief Executive Officer” and “FIH Disciplinary Commissioner” shall be respectively to “EHF Director General” and “EHF Disciplinary Commissioner” except for article 19 (Anti-Doping Rules) of the current FIH General Tournament Regulations where any matters relating to these Regulations will be dealt with by the FIH. **(For U18/U16 events ONLY)**
D.2 Pools and Match Pattern

(a) All Senior, Junior and U18 tournaments shall be played in accordance with the relevant Appendix of the FIH General Tournament Regulations except that any tournament in which there are 6 or less teams will be played on a round-robin basis in accordance with the relevant Appendix of the FIH General Tournament Regulations. (In U18 tournaments a 6-team event can be played in 2 pools of 3)

(b) The competition plan and ranking for U16 Hockey5s tournaments is set out in Appendix C together with the FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations. The competition plan and ranking for Senior Hockey5s tournaments is set out in Appendix D together with the FIH Hockey5s Tournament Regulations.

(c) The ranking of teams into divisions is the responsibility of the EHF, in its absolute discretion.

(d) For the Senior Championships tournaments the arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the FIH (using the appropriate World Ranking positions on the moment the match schedules are prepared).

(e) For the Junior Championships tournaments the composition of the pools will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based upon the World Ranking of the participants’ senior teams (on the moment the match schedules are prepared).

(f) For the U18/U16 Championships the arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after completion of the previous EuroHockey Championships (U18 or U16 Hockey5s).

NB Where a U16 Championship is a direct qualifier for an FIH Tournament, the pools will be based upon the World Ranking of the participants’ senior teams (on the moment the match schedules are prepared).

(g) For the Senior Hockey5s Championships tournaments the arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after completion of the previous EuroHockey5s Championships.

(h) NB When applying the new FIH Regulation which takes Field Goals into account to determine rankings in a pool, field goals scored in a preliminary round do not count when determining positions in any subsequent promotion/relegation pool.

D.3 Match Schedule

(a) The EHF will produce a standard match schedule for the tournament. Certain amendments may be requested by the host National Association regarding timing of matches. Such requests must be submitted to the EHF for approval no later than 6 months before the tournament. The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

(b) The programme of Pool A and B matches and Classification/Pool C matches are set out in the Appendices to the FIH General Tournament Regulations.
D.4 **Event Briefing Meeting**

(a) In accordance with FIH Regulations, each team manager must attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the time fixed by the organisers and the TD. **For failure to attend this Meeting a team will be subject to a penalty to be decided by the EHF.**

The team coach and/or assistant team coach may also attend the Event Briefing Meeting, but unlike the team manager, his/her attendance is optional. **NB** A separate Medical and/or Coaches Meeting with the Umpire Managers will only be held in the EuroHockey Championship event (i.e. not in Championships II-III-IV or in Junior, U18/U16 or Senior Hockey5s Championships).

(b) Before their first match, team managers must bring a sample of their team clothing (first choice colours and alternative colours including GKs shirts) as well as the leg guards, kickers and hand protectors of their goalkeepers and all personal equipment for defending penalty corners (eg. masks, gloves, etc) to this meeting or to any other meeting as designated by the TD. **NB** Sponsors’ advertising is not permitted on any playing equipment – sticks, helmets, hand protectors, leg guards, kickers, sweatbands, mouth protectors, knee protectors, shin pads, chest protectors, elbow protectors, throat guards etc.

(c) The Team Manager must submit the final list of 18 players plus team officials attending the tournament to the TD at the Event Briefing Meeting. For U16 and Senior Hockey5s the final list of maximum 10 players must be submitted.

D.5 **Forms**

For Senior (Hockey5s) and Junior Championships: All tournament forms are available for download from the EHF/FIH website and also from the FIH TMS System ([https://tms.fih.ch/](https://tms.fih.ch/)).

For U18 and U16 Championships: All tournament forms are available for download from the EHF website and also from the AltiusRT TMS System ([www.eurohockey.altiusrt.com](http://www.eurohockey.altiusrt.com)).

D.6 **Clothing**

(a) The EHF adopts the FIH General Tournament Regulations in respect of Team Clothing, Equipment and Colours with the exception that in 6.13 regarding black armbands where references to the “FIH Chief Executive Officer” and “FIH Event Director” shall be respectively to the “EHF Director General” and “EHF Competitions Manager”. Where neither of the above can be reached, the TD shall have discretion to make a decision.

(b) Where a national team (Senior/Junior/U18/U16) has new sponsors, the advertising must be approved by the FIH not less than 3 weeks prior to the event in accordance with the Event Resources page on the FIH website (Uniform Advertising section).

**Umpires/Officials’ Uniforms**

(c) The host must provide 2 shirts for umpires in colours approved by the EHF which shall normally be either bright yellow, bright pink or turquoise blue (unless these are supplied directly by the EHF). **NB** Shirts provided for female umpires should be women’s fit.
Advertising in the form of a company’s name, logo or trademark is permitted on umpires shirts only when expressly authorised by the EHF on the front and/or back of the umpire’s shirt - size not exceeding 350 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.

Logos: The EuroHockey logo **must** be placed on the left or right sleeve of the umpires’ shirt. The Tournament logo can be placed on the front left or right of the shirt. Any sponsor logo that has been approved by the EHF may also be placed on the shirt in accordance with the regulations. It is expressly forbidden for the Organiser to print the logo of their Federation on the Umpires’ shirts.

Tournament Officials are to wear EuroHockey Officials Uniform whilst on duty.

**D.7 Team Video**
Video filming may only take place from designated areas outside the field of play as identified at the Event Briefing Meeting.

**D.8 Unforeseen Events**
If during a tournament circumstances arise (including changes to the match schedule) which are not provided for in these Regulations, they will be determined by the TD after consulting the representative of the EHF, if present.