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**INTRODUCTION**

These *EuroHockey ID Championships Regulations* set out the general administrative parameters and responsibilities of host associations and participating teams.

The regulations do not, however, include the Tournament Regulations as the Outdoor EuroHockey ID Championships will be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey ID together with the *FIH Hockey ID Regulations (Outdoor)* 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 Hockey ID Regulations for Outdoor Competitions.

**A ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

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

**A.2 Entry**
(a) The EuroHockey ID Championships will normally be played over a maximum of 3 consecutive days during the last two weeks of August (during the EuroHockey Championships) every two years in odd numbered years (2021, 2023, 2025).

(b) Entry into all *Outdoor EuroHockey ID Championships* shall be open to those National Associations properly affiliated to the EHF and the FIH.

(c) Those National Associations wishing to enter any Outdoor EuroHockey ID Championships must send their correctly completed Entry Form(s) to the EHF Office by the **31 October** or by the deadline date stated in the Entry Letter. If such details are not received by the deadline, then entry may be refused.

(d) If a National Association is for any reason suspended by FIH or the EHF, any teams from that National Association are withdrawn from all EuroHockey tournaments with immediate effect.

**A.3 Qualifications and Pools**
The tournaments will normally be played in Divisions of up to 4 teams. The pool matches are followed by classification matches.

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 Hockey ID Responsibility Chart.

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

NB Where a team in a Hockey ID Championship event 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**.

NB For 2021 only, the withdrawal deadline is **15 March 2021**.

(b) If, as a result of a team withdrawing from a tournament, fewer 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.

(c) 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) By applying to host for the EuroHockey Championships a National Association also agrees to host the EuroHockey ID Championships.

(b) In submitting an application to host Hockey ID Championships, the National Association agrees to host on the terms set out in the Hockey ID Event Manual.

(c) In submitting an application to host Hockey ID Championships, the National Association agrees to host in accordance with these Regulations (including the Responsibility Chart) and with the Hockey ID Event Manual, copies of which are available from the EHF website.

A.7 **Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires**

(a) The EHF will appoint the Technical Delegate (TD), Technical Officer(s), Judges, Umpires Managers and EHF Umpires.

(b) The host National Association shall nominate to the EHF suitably experienced Judges and Umpires and the appointment of such officials is subject to EHF approval. **NB** A team official of a participating team is not permitted to be a Technical Official or umpire of the tournament.

A.8 **Trophies and Medals**

(a) The winners of the EuroHockey ID Championship, EuroHockey ID Trophy and EuroHockey ID Challenge will receive a perpetual 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 € 500.

(c) For each tournament (Championship, Trophy and Challenge) the host National Association shall be responsible for producing medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold, silver and 2 times bronze, as set out in the Responsibility Chart.
NB As each team will receive a medal, also the 4th ranked teams will receive bronze medals.

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 Hockey ID Event Manual.

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

B.1 Licence Fee
The host National Association is responsible for payment of any hosting fee payable to the EHF for the tournament. This amount is covered in the fee of the EuroHockey Championships.

B.2 Officials Travel and Accommodation
The host National Association is normally responsible for payment of the below, except if otherwise agreed between the EHF and the host:

(a) The cost of travel and full board hotel accommodation for the TD, UMs, TOs, EHF judges and EHF appointed umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart. 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;

(b) The cost of catering and km-expenses (and if needed accommodation) for the appointed national/local umpires and national/local judges.

(c) Accommodation and transport requirements:
Technical Delegates (TDs), Umpires Managers (UMs) Technical Officers (TOs) and EHF Appointed Umpires.
• Organisers will arrange and fund travel provision.
• TDs and UMs are to arrive from mid-day 1 day prior to the start of the tournament and are entitled to stay until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.
National/local Umpires and National/local 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 are entitled to stay until breakfast on the day after the tournament ends.

B.3 Teams Travel and Accommodation
(a) All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, at the host venue by, at the latest, **15.00 hrs** on the day before the first match of the tournament. Failure to arrive on time may result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.

(b) All teams 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.

(c) 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, unless otherwise agreed by the EHF and the host.

(d) 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.

B.4 Local Transport for Tournament Officials
For all tournaments the host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport for all technical officials and umpires as set out in the Hockey ID Event Manual 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.5 Local Transport for Teams
(a) The host National Association shall provide at its cost local transport 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. Any additional journeys will be the responsibility of the participating team.

Any teams who choose to stay in a hotel other than those designated by the host (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.

(b) Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.

(c) Teams transport (where provided) shall be available up to 2 days before and no more than 1 day after the end of the tournament. Any transport requirements outside these dates is the responsibility of the participating team.
(d) For teams staying at one of the designated hotels, the host shall provide at its cost local transport from and to the designated hotel(s) and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) once only each day, also for all competition related actions (eg. Shoot-outs and any meetings).

(e) Any teams which choose to stay in accommodation other than the designated hotel(s) recommended by the host are responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from the hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s) and to all other competition related actions (eg. Shoot-outs and any meetings).

B.6 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 day 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) 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 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.7 Publicity

(a) For all 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 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.

(v) List in the official programme the names of the members of the EHF Executive Board, as well as the names of the Technical Officials appointed under Regulation A.7.

(vi) Ensure that the blue EHF flag is displayed in a prominent position.
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. Another option is just to create a pdf file to send online to participants.

(b) Where required, the EHF shall also be entitled to advertise at no cost on:
   (i) Umpires uniforms;
   (ii) Posters accreditations, tickets, leaflets;
   (iii) Such other areas as may be mutually agreed between the host venue and the EHF.

B.8 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 TD and shall be in line with the protocol regulations contained in the Hockey ID Event Manual.

(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.9 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.10 Internet
The host must provide Internet access in the TD/UM offices and in the officials relax room (preferably LAN or else wifi with dedicated speed and password).

B.11 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
In the EuroHockey ID Championships, no player or 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 to the TD when required.
For the 2021 EuroHockey ID Championships a national Identity card (ID card) will also be allowed besides a passport. From 2023 onwards a valid passport is the only acceptable document for this purpose.

NB For FIH events a valid passport is the only acceptable document for this purpose and national Identity cards are NOT allowed.

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) 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 needs to be informed.

NB In 2021, 2nd teams of National Associations do not have to be added in TMS, but an excel file (to be produced by the EHF) must be submitted to the EHF.

NB The NA needs to send the name of the Team Manager (including gender, nationality and email address) to the EHF at least 1 month before the start of the tournament.

C.4 Ineligible Players
If it is found that a player has played in the EuroHockey ID Championships 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 ID Championships shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey ID together with the current EuroHockey ID Championship Regulations and the FIH Hockey ID 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 Hockey ID Regulations, EuroHockey ID Regulations, EHF Code of Conduct, Media Policy and Uniform Advertising Policy.
Players under 18 years of age 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.
D.2 **Pools and Match Pattern**
(a) The EuroHockey ID Championships shall be played in accordance with the relevant Appendix of the FIH Hockey ID Regulations.

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

(c) **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 pool.

D.3 **Match Schedule**
The EHF will produce a standard match schedule for the tournament. The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

Day 1: Divisioning Day:  
Championship/Trophy: 6 games per pool (2) = 12 games  
Challenge: 12 games per pool (1) = 12 games

Day 2: Competition Day:  
Championship/Trophy: 6 games per pool (2) = 12 games  
Challenge: 12 games per pool (1) = 12 games

Day 3: Finals Day: 2 games per pool (3) = 6 games

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.

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.

(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 10 players plus 4 team officials attending the tournament to the TD at the Event Briefing Meeting.

D.5 **Forms**
For EuroHockey ID Championships: All tournament forms are available for download from the FIH website and also from the FIH TMS System ([https://tms.fih.ch/](https://tms.fih.ch/)).

D.6 **Clothing**
(a) The EHF adopts the FIH Hockey ID 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) For EuroHockey ID Championships players are not required to display their family name above their number on the back of their playing shirts in accordance with FIH regulations.

**NB** Where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all players’ shirts.

**NB** Players do not need to have a number on the front of the shorts/skirts.

**NB** Please note that when playing in FIH events, the FIH will probably require teams to have the FIH logo on the back of the players shirts (above number) and require teams to have a number on the front of the shorts/skirts.

(c) Where a national Hockey ID team 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).

**NB** For the 2021 EuroHockey ID Championships the EHF will be lenient with the advertising measurements on team kit and playing kit. However please note that when playing in FIH events, the FIH will decide how strict they will be.

**Umpires/Officials’ Uniforms**

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.