

REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDOOR)

SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP II, III & IV (MEN AND WOMEN)

September 2019

TWO POOL COMPETITION PLAN AND RANKING

1. Plan of Competition

- 1.1 All tournaments of 8 teams shall be played as a two-pool competition. Teams will be placed in pools (subject to Regulation A.3) as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

For the Indoor Senior Championship II-III-IV tournaments the arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of the FIH (using the appropriate World Ranking positions at the time the match schedules are prepared).

For the Indoor Junior Championship II-III-IV 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 (at the time the match schedules are prepared).

- 1.2 In case of non-participation of 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 Event Briefing Meeting.
- 1.3 Any tournament in which there are less than 8 teams shall be played on a round robin basis.

2. Programme of Pool Matches and Match Schedule

- 2.1 Matches in each of the two (2) pools will be played as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1 v 5	2 v 6
4 v 8	3 v 7
5 v 8	6 v 7
4 v 1	3 v 2
1 v 8	2 v 7
5 v 4	6 v 3

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

- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

3. Ranking in the Pools

- 3.1 In each pool, all the teams will play against each other and the following points shall be awarded for each match:
 - 3 points to the winner;
 - 1 point to each team in the event of a draw;
 - 0 points to the loser.
- 3.2 In each pool teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.
- 3.3 If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to the process set out in the relevant **Appendix** of the **FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions)**.

4. Programme of Classification Matches (Championship II, III & IV)

- 4.1 After completion of the initial pools (A and B), the top 2 teams from each of these pools will be placed in Pool D (the 'promotion pool') and the bottom 2 teams from each pool will be placed in Pool C (the 'relegation pool').
- 4.2 Each team in Pool C and in Pool D 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 or Pool D.
- 4.3 Each team will play the other 2 teams in the new Pool (being the teams which they have not already played in Pools A or B) - thus 2 further matches for each team.
- 4.4 The matches will be played in the following sequence:

<u>Pool D</u>	<u>Pool C</u>
2A v 2B	4A v 4B
1A v 1B	3A v 3B

and then

1B v 2A	3B v 4A
1A v 2B	3A v 4B

- 4.5 The final tournament rankings will be based on the ranking of the teams in Pool D (who will be ranked 1-4) and in Pool C (who will be ranked 5-8).
- 4.6 If at the end of the Pool C and Pool D matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, then regulation 3.3 (above) shall be applied.

5. **Shoot out Competition**

Any shoot out competition will be played according to the procedure laid down in the **FIH Tournament Regulations (Indoor Competitions)** current at the time of the competition.