

**REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (OUTDOORS)
UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

August 2020

1 Dates and Duration of Tournaments

- 1.1 The U18 Championships will be held every 2 years in even numbered years (2018, 2020). Unless the EHF decides otherwise, the tournaments will take place in the second week of July.
After 2020, the U18 Championships will be held in the odd years (2021, 2023, 2025).
NB The 2021 edition will for 1 time being played as a U19 event due to the cancellation of the 2020 edition because of Covid19.
- 1.2 The U18 Championships will be played over 7 days including (a) rest day(s).
- 1.3 In exceptional circumstances the EHF reserves the right to change the dates on which any tournaments are held.

2 Qualification and Pools

- 2.1 The arrangement of the pools for the U18 Championships will be the responsibility of the EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after completion of the previous EuroHockey U18 Championships.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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 plus the 2 nations promoted from the Championship III.
- 2.4 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. The final 2 places will be allocated through a draw from the remaining nations who have entered, including the 2 relegated nations (assuming they have again entered). If there are more than 8 entries for the lowest division, then there may, at the discretion of EHF, be a **Championship IV**.

General

- 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 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 Plan of the Competition

- 3.1 All tournaments of 8 teams shall be played as a two-pool competition. Teams will be placed in pools in accordance with the ranking from the previous competition (subject to Regulations A.3 and D.2) as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3

5	6
8	7

- 3.2 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 or the match programme. However, EHF reserves the right to re-arrange the composition of the pools before the Event Briefing Meeting.

4 Programme of pool matches and match schedule

- 4.1 Matches in each of the 2 pools will be played in the following order:

<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

- 4.2 The proposed schedule and timing of matches shall be submitted to EHF for approval in accordance with regulation D.3.
- 4.3 The EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

5 Ranking in the pools

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 In each pool, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.
- 5.3 If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, the ranking of these teams will be determined according to the relevant **Appendix** of the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)**.

6 Programme of Classification Matches

- 6.1 The semi-finals will be as follows:

1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B
1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A

- 6.2 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 (Bronze medal match).
- 6.3 If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, a shoot-out competition as set out in the relevant **Appendix** of the current **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)** shall be played to establish the winner of the match.
- 6.4 After the completion of Pools A and B, the 3rd and 4th placed teams from each of those pools will be placed in Pool C (the 'Relegation Pool') in order to determine 5th to 8th places.

- 6.5 Each team in Pool C will carry forward to the new pool the result (points and goals) of the match against that other team (only) in their original pool (A or B) who also goes forward with them into Pool C.
- 6.6 The four teams in Pool C will play against each of the two teams that they have not played in the original pool (A or B) - thus 2 further matches for each team.
- 6.7 The matches will be played in the following sequence:
- 4A v 4B
3A v 3B
and then
3B v 4A
3A v 4B
- 6.8 After the completion of these matches the bottom 2 teams in Pool C will be relegated.
- 6.9 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 5.3 (above) shall be applied.
- 6.10 If a tournament comprises 3 teams, the teams play 1 Round Robin. After the Round Robin the teams ranked 1st and 2nd in the pool will play for 1st place. The tournament will last 4 days. In case the teams would like to play 2 Round Robins each team plays 4 matches (no classification games are to be played) and the tournament last 6 days.
- 6.11 If a tournament comprises 4 teams, the teams play a Round Robin. After the Round Robin the teams ranked 1st and 2nd in the pool will play for 1st place and the teams ranked 3rd and 4th will play for 3rd place. The tournament will last 5 days. Between the last pool match and the classification matches, there will not be a rest day.
- 6.12 If a tournament comprises 5 teams, the teams play a Round Robin. After the pool phase, no Finals will be played. The tournament will last 6 days.
- 6.13 If a tournament comprises 6 teams in 2 equal pools, the teams placed 3rd in each pool will play against each other for 5th and 6th places in the tournament, and the teams placed 1st and 2nd in each pool will play Semi Finals. 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 (Bronze medal match). The tournament will last 6 days.
- 6.14 If a tournament comprises 7 teams played in 2 pools, the teams placed 3rd in the pool with 3 teams, and 3rd and 4th in the pool with 4 teams will compete in Pool C using the same principles as above.
- 6.15 If a tournament comprises 9 teams played in 3 pools of 3 teams, the teams placed 1st in the pools A/B/C will continue in the promotion pool D. The teams placed 2nd in pool A/B/C will compete in Pool E for places 4 to 6 and teams placed 3rd in pool A/B/C will play in the relegation pool F. All teams will play 4 matches each. The tournament will last 7 days.

7 **Team Travel and Accommodation**

- 7.1 The host National Association shall organize appropriate accommodation and make arrangements for meals for the players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their accommodation and meals.
- 7.2 The host National Association shall organize (if possible) a social event for the players and officials of each participating team, for which they may, if necessary, charge an agreed fee to the participating teams.

- 7.3 The host National Association must advise the participating teams as soon as possible such information as may be appropriate (including costs) relating to accommodation, meals, local transport, training, match schedule, a social event and any other appropriate information.
- 7.4 Participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their return travel from their home to the designated arrival airport or railway station in the host country.
- 7.5 All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their accommodation 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.
- 7.6 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 Competitions Manager. **However, it is still necessary for the Team Manager to attend the Event Briefing Meeting at the required time.**
- 7.7 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 no later than 1 hour after the end of the final match 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.

8 **Local Transport for Teams**

The host National Association shall make arrangements for transport for all participating teams (if required) to/from the designated airport(s) or railway station and the team's accommodation, and to/from the accommodation and the stadium/playing ground(s), including practice ground(s). Participating teams however are responsible for the full cost of their own local transport (airport-hotel vice versa and hotel-venue vice versa).

9 **Age Qualification**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 In all EuroHockey **U18 Championship** tournaments, no player shall be under the age of 13 on the first day of the tournament.

10 **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:

- 10.1 there shall be a minimum of 2 hours time interval between the start of 2 successive pool matches;
- 10.2 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;
- 10.3 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.

11 **Format**

The EuroHockey U18 Championships are played according to the **FIH General Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions)**. All EuroHockey U18 Championships will be played in the 4 x 15min format. The host is requested to provide a 40 seconds Penalty Corner clock.

12 **Clothing**

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.

NB It is not compulsory in any U18 Championship to display the players' family names on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, family names must appear on the back of all field players' shirts.

NB It is not compulsory in any U18 Championship to display the EuroHockey logo on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, the logo must appear on the back of all players' shirts and the logo can be found on the [EHF website](#). (FIH logo is not required at all for EHF U18 events)

13 **Officials**

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 National Association. However, the national umpires' own National Association is responsible for the payment of his/her full board accommodation.