

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE RINK HOCKEY

ALTERATION OF THE RULES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR

JUNIOR - SENIOR “B” - LADIES

ANNOTATIONS AND ALTERATION OF THE TEXTS

All the work presented has had as basis the existing Rules for WORLD “B” CHAMPIONSHIP with small changes and adaptations , which are dully indicated in the Articles concerned.

It is CIRH purpose to make an Administrative Rule , based on these World Championships through a balanced system, simple and uniform , which will allow the Organising Entities and the Participant Countries to plan beforehand the interest and presence in their international sportive participations.

We will therefore present our proposal

ARTICLE 1

Rink Hockey World Championships are open to the National teams of all the Federations , National Confederations and Associations affiliated to CIRH, provided they confirm their entry prior to the entry closing date, established by CIRH and which were not qualified for Group “A”.

1.1 - Players are no allowed to play for different Clubs in different countries during the same season. Since Hockey seasons very from one country to the other, foreign players, whose permits have expired and who wish to play abroad or in their own country are subject to these changes.

At international levels, the categories and relative ages are as follows:

SCHOOLBOYS

From 13 to 16 years old and who will not complete 17 years of age up to the 31st December of the year in which the Championship takes place.

JUNIOR

From **14** to 19 years old and who will not complete 20 years of age up to the 31st December of the year in which the **Junior (U 20)** Championship takes place.

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SENIOR

From 14 years old , onwards.

ARTICLE 2

These Championships take place every two years , always in covered rinks, according to the Rules of the Game adopted by CIRH.

The Organisation is conferred by CIRH to one of the Federations who submitted their candidacy , giving priority to any Federation which has never organised a World Championship.

ARTICLE 3

Once the organisation has been allocated to a Federation , details of the organisation will be worked out between the Federation in question and the Executive Committee of CIRH, following which all decisions reached will be circulated to all Federations , National Confederations and Associations.

3.1 - The Federations, Associations and/or National Confederations must confirm their entries to CIRH in writing before the closing date that may have been established.

3.2 - The following day, CIRH must inform the Associations, Federations and National Confederations of the entries received.

Should any special agreements be arranged between the organisers and any of the Federations, CIRH must be kept fully informed thereof , at all times.

ARTICLE 4

The Organising Federation accepts full responsibility , on behalf of the Executive Committee of CIRH, in what refers to the Organisations , be it financial or otherwise. The Federation must also comply with all the technical specifications established by CIRH.

4. 1 - No other international matches of any kind will be allowed in the country of the Organising Federation , during the period in which the World Championship matches are played .

ARTICLE 5

The Organising Federation may confer the organisation of the Championship to any of its Clubs or members, but in doing so they must always accept full responsibility with no exception , for anything unforeseen that may happen . The Organising Federation will remain fully responsible.

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ARTICLE 6

Upon receiving the official notification from the Executive Committee of CIRH that its application to stage the World Championship has been approved, the Organising Federation must pay, to the Executive Committee of CIRH the Organisation Fee, for the amount of 2.000,00 CHF (two thousand Swiss Francs) within 30 days, and at least one year before the date of the opening of the Championship or relinquish the right to stage the World Championship.

6.1 - Each of the participant Federations, Associations and National Confederations will have to pay to CIRH the Championship Entry Fee, for the amount of CHF 300,00 (three hundred Swiss Francs) upon sending their entry for each Championship, up to 45 days before the beginning of each Championship. Payments will be made by bank transfer (transfer bank expenses for the account of each country).

ARTICLE 7

The World Championships are open to Federations, National Confederations and Associations of all the countries affiliated to CIRH, provided they confirm their entry prior to the closing date settled by the Executive Committee of CIRH.

ARTICLE 8

Only the "B" World Championship will be played by teams not qualified to enter the "A" Group World Championship.

8.1 - The teams qualified in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of the World "B" Championship will be up-graded to participate in the "A" World Championship the following year.

8.2 - The minimum number of entries necessary to organise a World Championship is 8 (eight) Teams.

ARTICLE 9

If any of the Teams of Group "B" qualified to be up-graded to enter the "A" World Championship decides NOT TO PARTICIPATE in the next World "A" Championship, its substitution will be made as follows:

1. By the 4th qualified of the "B" Group
2. by the 14th qualified of the "A" Group
3. by the 5th qualified of the "B" Group
4. by the 15th qualified of "A" Group

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ARTICLE 10

The closing date for the entries is one year prior to the start of the Championship, but the exact date will always be made official by the Executive Committee of CIRH.

The Organisers are under strict obligation to give at least fifteen months notice to CIRH of the opening date of the Championship, thus making it possible for CIRH to give correct and proper attention to the entries of those countries interested in participating.

ARTICLE 11

Any country wishing to WITHDRAW ITS ENTRY, after having been accepted, must inform officially, in writing, the Executive Committee of CIRH of its decision, at least 120 days prior to the opening of the Championship.

11.1 - This withdrawal will only be accepted if due to exceptional circumstances.

11.2 - If the Organisers doubt the credibility of any withdrawal, they have the right to refer this matter to the executive Committee of CIRH, who is then required to investigate the circumstances alleged to be responsible for the decision to withdraw from the Championship.

11.3 - When the result of the investigation is known, and it is proven that the withdrawal was not considered unavoidable, CIRH Executive Committee will fine the transgressor Federation for any inconvenience it may have caused.

11.4 - Any fine will be proportionally increased, depending on how close to the opening date the withdrawal notification was presented.

ARTICLE 12

A - THE ORGANISATION

12.1 - The financial conditions of the Championship are the following :

12.1.1 - The participating Federations will be responsible for **its own travel, lodging and living expenses.**

12.1.2 - If the town where the Championship will take place has no International Airport, the host country will have to supply the means of transportation from the nearest International Airport to the Hotel, to the rink and back and the expenses will be covered by the host country.

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12.1.3 - The duration of the World Championship may not exceed 7 (seven) consecutive days .

12.1.4 - The Organising Committee has to send CIRH 180 days (six months) before the Championship opening date , information on the Hotels and their localisation where the participant Delegations will be accommodated.

12.1.5 - The Organising Committee will also have to supply an enlarged list of Restaurants with the corresponding addresses indicating the variety of food served and the average price of meals.

12.1.6 - All the accommodation and meal information for the Delegations will have to be previously approved by CIRH before the Official information is sent to the participant Delegations.

12.1.7 - The Organising Committee has to guarantee CIRH the accommodation and meals for a minimum of 8 International Referees, appointed by CIRH and also the travel expenses of 4 Referees indicated by CIRH / CIA, from their countries of origin and return (two of these may be of the same nationality of the organising country).

12.1.8 - The Organising Committee will be responsible for the payment of the travel expenses (air ticket) from the place of origin up to the city where the competition will take place and return, accommodation and meals of the President of CIRH or whoever will be representing him.

12.1.9 - The Organising Committee will have to provide a car, with or without drive (according to the decision of whoever will be using it) for the trips of the President and Members of CIRH and CIA participating in the Championship.

12.1.10 - The Organising Committee will be responsible for the bookings of the accommodation and meals for each Delegation.

12.1.11 - The Organising Committee has to indicate the names of the persons in charge and guarantee urgent medical assistance to all the Delegations and also to have permanently in the sportive premises and during the competitions a first aid team.

B- COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE RINK HOCKEY

12.1.1 - CIRH is responsible for the co-ordination of the technical organisation of the Championship, approval of the sportive sub-structures and accommodation of the Delegations , as well as for the Members of CIRH / CIA , Referees and participating Teams.

12.2.2 - The technical co-ordination of CIRH / CIA will require the presence of 4 (four) Members, including the President , appointed by the President of CIRH.

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12.2.3 - Regarding travel arrangements between their local of origin and the city where the competition will take place and return, the Members may use different travel facilities provided that the value of these does not exceed the air ticket fare (tourist class).

The travel expenses are the responsibility of CIRH.

12.2.4 - CIRH will be responsible for the travel expenses from the place of origin to the city where the Championship will take place of half of the Referees appointed to take part in each Championship.

12.2.5 - CIRH is responsible for the sporting prizes of each Championship, consisting of:

- 1 Cup
- 45 Medals : 15 Golden ; 15 Silver, 15 Bronze

C- PARTICIPANT DELEGATIONS

12.3.1 - Each Delegation will be responsible for **its own travel, lodging and living expenses.**

12.3.2 - The minimum composition of each Participant Delegation to a World Championship should be:

- 2 MANAGERS (One Director , 1 Technical Director)
- 8 Players (2 Goal-keepers + 6 field players)

12.3.3 - Each Delegation should send, 30 days before the beginning of the Championship, directly to the Organisation Secretariat of the Country where the Championship will take place, with a copy to CIRH, a list of the names of the managers and participant players, confirming the entry presence.

12.3.4 - **cancelled**

12.3.4.1 - **The Organising Committee will try to support the Federations giving them free and/or cheap lodging and living expenses.**

12.3.5 - The Delegations with inter-continental flights will have the option right to 2 (two) more days - 7/9 days, as long as dully justified by the travel arrangements .

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12.3.6 - **cancelled**

12.3.7 - **cancelled**

ARTICLE 13

All the remaining expenses with the Organisation of the Championship are the responsibility of the Association, Federation and / or National Confederation of the Organising Country.

ARTICLE 14

The duration of the World Championship may not exceed 7 days. Throughout the event each team will usually be required to play one match per day, but if required to play 2 (two) matches in the same day , there will have to be at least 8 hours interval between the end of the first match and the beginning of the second , if played during the day and 12 hours if played during the night. The schedule must guarantee the maximum of games for each Federation .

ARTICLE 15

All matches will be played in strict accordance with the Rules of the Game adopted by CIRH and in force at the time of the Championship.

ARTICLE 16

International Referees “A” or “B” category, according to CIA in agreement with CIRH are the only Referees allowed to referee World Championship matches .

Federations wishing to nominate further referees already nominated in accordance with rules 12.1.7, in agreement with CIRH the Federations have the right to propose further referees to the Juniors, Senior “B” and Ladies –World Championships. If CIRH accept the nomination, all costs must be covered by the proposing Federation

Matches will always be handled by referees who do not have the same nationality of either of the countries playing.

ARTICLE 17

Referees will receive notice of their appointments for the various matches from CIA and CIRH on the day prior to the matches in question. They may receive notice of the appointments for some of the games or for all the games but the appointments may not be refused , under no circumstances.

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ARTICLE 18

Only the players duly registered in National Federations, within the term settled by CIRH may take part in World Championships.

ARTICLE 19

Each Federation may appoint up to 10 players (two of them must be goal-keepers) who have to be accredited by the Executive Committee of CIRH, through identity papers of national origin, before the date of the beginning of the Championship and during the meeting with the Delegates.

ARTICLE 20

The organising Country must inform the Executive Committee of CIRH six months before the start of the Championship of the exact dates and venue of the Championship, together with all the necessary particulars about the rink, e.g. size of playing area, type of floor surface and seating capacity.

ARTICLE 21

Each participating Federation has the right to lodge protests against any incidents (arbitrary or otherwise) which may arise during the course of the Championship.

For a protest to be valid, it must be written and presented to the President of CIRH or his legal representative, no more than 3 (three) hours after the incident. Should the incident occur during a match, the protest must be filed as indicated in article n° 81 of the Rules of the Game.

Once the Referee in charge of the match has ruled whether or not the protest arises from an incident occurred during the course of the game, an official letter of protest must be filed with the President of CIRH, along with a protest fee of 100 Swiss Francs (or equivalent in any other currency).

CIRH will investigate the protests. If it will be considered relevant, the fee will be returned, in full to the complainant. Should CIRH consider that the protest is irrelevant, then the complainant will lose the fee.

ARTICLE 22

The Board of Appeals will comprise the Members of CIRH and CIA.

Should a question arise which is not contemplated by any rule or if a difference of opinion arises over the imposition of sanctions, then any such matters will be decided

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by the President of CIRH or his legal representative, whose decisions in all matters will be final and binding.

ARTICLE 23

As CIRH and CIA are the Championships only technical advisers being solely responsible for all matter pertaining the running of the Championship , it is of the utmost importance that the President of CIRH is kept fully informed of all matters, however trivial, which may arise from time to time between players , managers, press, radio, television, etc.

The President and his Committee are empowered to take decisions they consider necessary to solve any matters , regardless of the source of the incident , including the press and television.

ARTICLE 24

The Organisers must provide the transportation for the teams , from the Hotels (used by the Organisers) to the venue of the Championship, whenever the distance between both places is 1 kilometre or more.

The Organisers must also provide a permanent means of transportation for the Officials of CIRH who are on constant call throughout the duration of the Championship.

ARTICLE 25

At the beginning of the Championship, the Executive Committee of CIRH must provide the President of the Organising Federation with the necessary Match Report Forms.

The President of the Organising Federation has to provide the President of CIRH with at least one copy of each of the photographs taken by the official photographers appointed by his Committee . The photographs may bear the word “ specimen” and are for the exclusive use of CIRH in their publicity.

Any breach of these Rules will render the Organising Federation liable to severe penalties, which will be imposed by the executive Committee of CIRH at the end of the Championship.

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ARTICLE 26

Anti-doping Control shall be adopted and will be carried out by the Organisers, under the supervision of CIRH and according to the disposition laid down by the W.A.D.A. (World Anti-Doping Association)

ARTICLE 27

Any occurrences not accounted for in these Rules will come under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of CIRH, whose decisions will be final and binding.

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