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# ERSTE LIGA

## COMPETITION RULES

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## **Chapter I – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **1. § Scope**

These Competition Rules are an organised summary of the regulations governing the sport activity pursued within the context of the Erste League (hereinafter referred to as: “League”) pursuant to Section 77.r) of Act I of 2004 on Sports (hereinafter referred to as: “Sports Act”) and all directly related professional activities, including matters regarding the organisation and hosting of the League, the rights and obligations of the participants of the League, the rules used in the games of the League and the rules of procedure of the sports association operating the competition system.

### **2. § The organiser of the League**

(1) The League is organised by the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation (in Hungarian: “*Magyar Jégkorong Szövetség*”, hereinafter referred to as: “HIHF”).

(2) Official contact details of the HIHF:

- address: H-1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei street 1-3
- phone: +36 1 460 6863
- fax: +36 1 460 6864
- e-mail: info@icehockey.hu

### **3. § Bodies of the League**

(1) Decision making bodies of the League:

- a) the Board of the HIHF;
- b) the Board of the League;
- c) the board consisting of the members of the Men’s League (hereinafter referred to as: Men’s League working group);
- d) the chosen bodies of the League;
- e) the League’s Board of Referees (hereinafter referred to as: BoR);
- f) the Disciplinary Committee of the League;
- g) the Disciplinary Committee of the HIHF;
- h) the HIHF Competition Office.

(2) The administrative and other tasks – as herein detailed – related to the operation of the League shall be performed by the Competition Office of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation (hereinafter referred to as: “Competition Office”).

### **4. § Division of powers**

All fundamental decisions related to the operation of the League shall be made by the Board of the HIHF, the League and the Men’s League working group.

### **5. § Working language**

The official working languages of the League shall be Hungarian and English language. In the event of dispute, the text of the documents and announcements issued in Hungarian shall prevail.

## **6. § Statement of the sports associations**

The sports association entering a team – simultaneously with the submission of the application for entry – expressly declares that it has familiarized itself with the contents of these Competition Rules, and agrees to comply – and cause its members to comply – with it in the course of its participation in the League.

## **Chapter II – GENERAL RULES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE**

### **7. § Winner and podium finalists of the League**

(1) The sports club winning the championship held by the League each year shall be entitled to use the title “..... Erste League Champion”.

(2) The League champion shall be awarded a gold medal, and – for one year, until the next championship’s award ceremony – the challenge cup and the champion’s banner.

(3) The second place winner shall be awarded a silver medal; the third place winner a bronze medal.

### **8. § Winner and podium finalists of the Hungarian Championship**

(1) Unless the Board of the HIFH decides otherwise, the games of the League played by two sports clubs that are member organisations of the HIFH shall also be Hungarian Championship games.

(2) The HIFH-member sports association achieving the highest position in the championship held by the League each year shall also be entitled to use the title “..... Hungarian Champion”.

(3) The Hungarian Champion team shall be awarded a gold medal.

(4) The second place winner of the Hungarian Championship shall be awarded a silver medal; the third place winner a bronze medal.

### **9. § Awardees of the League**

(1) The teams participating in the League shall receive the following awards:

- a) Winner of the League’s regular season: Bíró László Challenge Cup;
- b) 1st place winner of the League: Challenge Cup and 40 gold medals; champion’s banner
- c) 2nd place winner of the League: 40 silver medals;
- d) 3rd place winner of the League: 40 bronze medals;
- e) 1st place winner of the Hungarian Championship: 40 gold medals;
- f) 2nd place winner of the Hungarian Championship: 40 silver medals;
- g) 3rd place winner of the Hungarian Championship: 40 bronze medals.

(2) If the teams achieve the same position both in the League and the Hungarian Championship, then – due to the fact that the League’s medals are at the same time also the medals of the Hungarian Championship – the medals set out in (1) e)-g) shall not be handed out.

(3) The players participating in the League shall receive the following awards:

- a) Best scorer (scoring leader of the regular season);
- b) Best goalkeeper;
- c) Best defenseman;
- d) Best forward;
- e) MVP of the League (regarding the decision of the HIFH Hockey Operations Department).



(4) Players' individual awards are granted by the League and the IIHF based on the recommendations of the coaches of the teams participating in the League.

## **10. § Settling championship rankings**

(1) In the League and the Hungarian Championship, the rank of the teams shall be determined by the points obtained by the teams.

(2) A winner shall be announced in each game, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(3) In the regular season, the winning team receives 3 points for a win achieved within the normal time and 2 points for a win achieved during the overtime or the penalty shots, while the losing team receives 1 point for a loss suffered during the overtime or the penalty shots, and no point for a loss suffered within the regular playing time.

(4) If a mid-season is conducted as part of the championship, the provisions of (3) shall apply with respect to points regarding that.

(5) The League and Hungarian Championship playoff shall be conducted in accordance with the competition announcement.

(6) In the playoff, with respect to positions that are not decided by direct duels, the ranks shall be decided by the championship points obtained during the regular season.

(7) If two or more teams have an equal amount of points, their rank shall be determined as follows:

- a)* the team(s) obtaining more points in the ranking determined based on the result of the game(s) these teams played against each other shall come before the other team(s);
- b)* if pursuant to item *a)*, there is still a draw, the ranking of the teams shall be determined based on the score difference of the games these teams played against each other;
- c)* if pursuant to item *b)*, there is still a draw, the higher score achieved by these teams against each other shall determine the rank of these teams;
- d)* if the ranking cannot be determined based on item *c)* either, the score difference of all games shall determine the rank of these teams;
- e)* if the ranking cannot be determined based on item *d)* either, the higher total score achieved in all games shall determine the rank of these teams;
- f)* if there is still a draw after the above, then the ranking of these teams shall be determined pursuant to the rankings of the previous competition season.

(8) For the playoff, the classification of the teams and the advantage of choosing the arena shall be determined pursuant to the competition announcement.

(9) In the pairs' finals, the pairs shall be matched pursuant to the competition announcement; the points obtained shall have no further significance.

## **11. § Making players available for the national team**

(1) Players drafted to national teams shall comply with the requirements of Section "11 Release of a Player for National Team Games" of the International Ice Hockey Federation's (hereinafter referred to as: IIHF) International Transfer Regulations.

(2) Any sports organisation that has a contract with any player who is invited by the Federation to its national team shall make that player available to the national team.

(3) The sports organisation shall make the player available for the national team:

- a)* 72 hours before an international game;
- b)* 72 hours before an IIHF world championship qualification tournament;

- c) 72 hours before an Olympics qualification game;
- d) 14 days before the IIHF world championship;
- e) 7 days before the Olympics.
- f) during the international breaks determined by the IIHF.

(4) In addition to the duration of the world championship, the Olympics and the continental events, the maximum duration of availability for the national team for any event where the international team plays shall – in a single year – not exceed

- a) 18 days with respect to adult players;
- b) 12 days with respect to junior players.

(5) Written agreements between the national federations and the sports organisations concerned may set the maximum duration of availability differently from paragraph (4).

(6) If a sports organisation does not make a player drafted to a national team available as required by paragraphs (2)-(5), the concerned player's right to play shall be suspended for the duration for which the player's federation requested his/her availability, and disciplinary action shall be initiated against the sports organisation as per Section 70.

(7) The intention regarding a player's drafting into the national team shall be communicated to his/her current sports organisation and the competent national federations by the IIHF in writing at least 14 days before the start of the event on which the national team will play.

(8) The sports organisation making a player available for the national team shall not be entitled to claim any compensation, including for the amount of the insurance taken up for the player.

(9) If a player is available for the national team for a period longer than set out in paragraphs (3)-(5), the sports organisation concerned shall be entitled to claim compensation.

(10) If – pursuant to the professional plan approved by the General Assembly – the IIHF drafts a player for an event where the national team plays, it shall – unless otherwise agreed in writing – bear the costs of that player's accommodation.

(11) The sports organisation at which the player is eligible for play shall take up an insurance for the player for injuries, sickness and any consequences thereof for the period for which the player is released to the national team.

(12) Any player who is unable to comply with the draft request of his/her national federation due to sickness or injury may – at the drafting federation's discretion – be examined by the doctor selected by the drafting federation.

(13) If the player does not comply with the request to play in an event due to sickness or injury, he/she shall request an examination by the national team's sports doctor. If the sports doctor finds that the player is healthy, the player shall not play in any game in his/her own sports organisation in the 2 days before and 10 days after the event concerned.

(14) Any sports organisation that refuses to release a player in a condition appropriate for playing invited by the player's national organisation and/or hinders the availability of such player shall be subject to disciplinary penalty, which may be:

- a) warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) fine;
- d) disqualification from the championship.

## 12. § IIHF rules

The rules set out in the official rulebook published by the IIHF shall apply for the games of the League, with the differences provided herein.

### 12/A. § Differences from the IIHF rules

(1) In case of a fight the players should be sanctioned differently from the official rule book published by the IIHF.

(2) The player who gets engaged in a fight with an opponent shall be sanctioned:

- a) minor penalty,
- b) double minor penalty, or
- c) major penalty and automatic game misconduct.

(3) At every case of fighting where a 5-minute penalty is given to a player, an automatic game misconduct should be called as well, except if

- a) there are only two players involved and both equally wanted to fight,
- b) there isn't a third player who would cause the fight,
- c) the players stop fighting as soon as the linesmen intervene,
- d) once the fight is stopped, there are no further punches, or resistance against the referees and the players go straight to the penalty box.

(4) If all of the conditions set in point (3) are met the fighting players must be penalized a 5-minute major penalty each, following whom they are allowed to return to the ice.

(5) Any other penalty should be awarded that was about to be called before the fight.

(6) The player who gets his second 5-minute penalty of the game for fighting must be penalised an automatic game misconduct.

(7) The player who keeps fighting despite the warning to stop, or resists against the linesmen, or tries to stop him, should be penalized an additional misconduct or game misconduct.

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(9) The players engaged in a fight must wear their helmets as intended. If a player isn't wearing his helmet or he takes it off before a fight, should be penalised a 2-minute and a 10-minute minor penalty.

(10) If the helmet falls off the players' head during the fight, no penalty should be called.

## 13. § Mandatory protective equipment

(1) For players under the age of 18, the use of

- a) a helmet with a full face protection cage or full face protection perspex and
- b) a neck guard

is mandatory.

(2) In the case of players who enter the U18 championship, the contents of paragraph (1) shall apply also if they turn 18 during the championship season concerned.

(3) For players who are 18 years of age or older, the use of

- a) a helmet with full face protection cage, or
- b) a helmet with full or half face protection perspex

is mandatory, with the exception set out in paragraph (5).

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<sup>1</sup> Repealed by Amendment 1 – Board decision 71/2018. (09.11.)

- (4) For players under the age of 21, the use of a gum-shield is also mandatory.
- (5) For players born before 1974, the use of a face protection cage or perspex is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

#### **14. § Team equipment**

(1) All players of any one team shall wear equipment (helmet, jersey, pants and socks) that are identical in appearance.

(2) At the games, any whole number between 1 and 99 shall be permitted on the jerseys. Any jersey number differing from the above shall only be permitted pursuant to the written approval of the Presidency of the League. The administration fee set out in Annex 1 of these Competition Rules shall be paid with respect to the application submitted in relation to the above.

(3) Each player shall wear the same jersey number in each game of the session in the same team, with the exceptions set out in paragraphs (10)-(11).

(4) The player's name shall also be indicated on the jersey. The name inscription and the numbering shall be in compliance with the provisions of the IIHF Rulebook. If – except for those set out in paragraphs (10)-(11) – there is no name indicated on a jersey or the wrong name is indicated, the team shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of these Competition Rules.

(5) The mark "C" shall be indicated on the jersey of the player listed in the game's minutes as captain. Should that be omitted, the player may not exercise his/her rights as captain.

(6) The mark "A" shall be indicated on the jersey of the player listed in the game's minutes as deputy captain. Should that be omitted, the player may not exercise his/her rights as deputy captain.

(7) The referee shall record in the event log the lack of the marks specified in paragraphs (5) and (6), and the team at fault shall pay the penalty specified in Annex 2 of the Competition Rules.

(8) All teams shall have one light and one dark set of jerseys and one light and one dark set of socks. The two sets shall be significantly different from each other. The numbering of the jerseys shall be identical in the two sets of jerseys.

(9) The team choosing the arena shall wear dark jerseys.

(10) Each team shall have three light and three dark jerseys that have no name inscription on them (the light and dark ones numbered identically). The numbers indicated on these jerseys shall be numbers that are not used by any player as their permanent jersey number. Players signed on during the season shall enter the rink in these jerseys – each time with the same jersey number – until their permanent jersey bearing their name and permanent jersey number is issued to them. This period shall not be longer than 2 weeks as from the issuance of the player license.

(11) Players occasionally playing up from the U18 or U20 championship may also use the jerseys specified in paragraph (10) with no name inscription on them. If a player plays up more than 5 times, a permanent jersey with a name inscription and permanent jersey number on it shall be issued to them too.

(12) Teams shall have a numbered jersey with no name on it in each game. The number indicated on this jersey shall be a number that is not used by any player as their permanent jersey number. If a player's jersey is damaged and he/she has no reserve jersey, he/she shall change into this jersey. The change of jersey shall be indicated to the jury and announced to the audience via loudspeaker.

(13) Sports organisations shall send the design of both sets of jerseys to the Presidency of the League for approval. The Presidency of the League shall decide about the approval within 2 business days. At the games, teams shall enter the rink dressed in jerseys corresponding to the jersey designs

approved in accordance with the above. During the championship season, jerseys may only be altered pursuant to the prior approval of the Presidency of the League.

### **15. § Playing time, warm-up**

(1)<sup>2</sup> The net playing time of each game shall be 3x20 minutes. There shall be **17**-minute intermissions between game periods. Any divergence from this shall only be possible pursuant to the prior approval of the Presidency of the League.

(2) 20 minutes of warm-up time shall be provided 40 minutes before the start time of each game.

(3) The team choosing the arena shall provide at least 40 pucks for the away team for the warm-up specified in paragraph (2). The omission of this shall be recorded in the event log, and the team choosing the arena shall pay the penalty specified in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

### **16. § Ice resurfacing**

(1) The ice shall be resurfaced after the warm-up and before the start of each period, however the referee shall be entitled to order a resurfacing any time he/she deems it justified. An event log shall be recorded with respect to the omission of the ice resurfacing(s). In the case the ice resurfacing is omitted, the sports organisation choosing the arena shall pay the administration fee specified in Annex 2 of the Competition Rules.

(2) The referee shall punish with a 2-minute minor technical penalty the team the player of which stays on the ice during the ice resurfacing or hinders the ice resurfacing in any other manner.

### **17. § Rules of “sudden death” overtime**

(1) In each game of the regular- and mid-season of the League in which the outcome is a draw after the third period of the game, an overtime shall take place, with a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

(2) In each game of the playoff and finals of the League in which the outcome is a draw after the third period of the game, additional periods should take place.

(3) The overtime specified in paragraph (1) shall be played with 3 players and 1 goalkeeper, the overtime specified in paragraph (2) shall be played with 4 players and 1 goalkeeper.

(4) The detailed rules of overtime and sudden death are set out in Annex 2 of the Competition Rules.

### **18. § Video goal judge**

(1)<sup>3</sup> The use of the mandatory video goal judge system shall only be permitted for the purposes of deciding the following questions:

- a) whether the puck crossed the goal line;
- b) whether the puck entered the goal before the position of the goal changed;
- c) whether the puck entered the goal before or after the end of the period’s playing time;
- d) whether the puck was directed or kicked into the goal with hand or feet, or whether the player on the offense directed the puck into the goal with any of his/her body parts intentionally;

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<sup>2</sup> Modified by Amendment 1 – Board decision 71/2018. (09.11.)

<sup>3</sup> Modified by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

- e) whether the puck entered the goal from the referee;
- f) whether the puck was stricken by the player on the offense above the crossbar (high-sticking) before the puck entered the goal;
- g) whether the puck crossed the goal line because the goalkeeper was obstructed.
- h) An attacking player, either by his positioning or by contact, impairs the goalkeeper's ability to move freely within his crease or defend his goal.

(2) If the images recorded by the video goal judge system do not provide a clear answer, the referee's original decision shall prevail.

(3) The video goal judge system may only be used for the decision of the issues set out in paragraph (1) during the game interruption after the occurrence of the issue concerned. After the puck drop, it shall not be possible anymore.

(4) In games that are broadcast live on TV and where the material of the broadcast is available at the jury and there is direct contact between the jury and the technical centre of the television broadcast, the images of the television broadcast may also be used to decide the issues set out in paragraph (1).

(5) In all cases, the referee shall decide about the use of the video goal judge system (or the television review described in paragraph (4)).

(6)<sup>4</sup> Any team that deems it necessary to use the video goal judge system may request the use thereof (Coach's challenge), provided that they still have their timeout available. Rules of coach's challenge are detailed in Annex 5. In such a case, the team shall specify to the referee regarding which issue or foul the video goal judge system is to be used.

(7) If regarding the debated issue,

- a) the team requesting the use of the video goal judge system proves to be right, it shall remain eligible to request time-off;
- b) the team requesting the use of the video goal judge system proves to be wrong, the team shall lose its right to request time-off.

(8) The referee may review the issue regardless of the option of the teams specified in paragraph (6) if

- a) one of the teams scores or
- b) the goal is questionable.

(9)<sup>5</sup> Ensuring the continuous and uninterrupted operation of the video goal system as well as its regular and, if necessary, emergency maintenance is the responsibility of the organizing sport association. If the video goal system is unavailable or malfunctioning for reasons that can be traced back to negligence on the part of the organizing sport association, a fine shall be levied according to the section „The technical conditions of the game are inadequate” in Annex 1.

## 19. § Statistics

(1) The following statistics shall be recorded at the games of the League:

- c) scorers and passes;
- d) plus/minus statistics;
- e) penalties;
- f) goal shots;

<sup>4</sup> Modified by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

<sup>5</sup> Inserted by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

- g)* goalkeeper substitutions;
- h)* time-outs.

(2) The minutes submitted in connection with the games shall be continually checked, registered and statistically processed by the Competition Office of the IIHF (hereinafter referred to as: Competition Office). The IIHF shall continually update the status of the championship, bans and other statistics at the official IIHF website ([www.jegkorongszovetseg.hu](http://www.jegkorongszovetseg.hu)).

(3) The Competition Office will revise and identify the goal scorers and assistants of each goals of each games of the League.

(4) If on game video the goal scorer and the assistant(s) can be identified without a doubt and they differ from those entered to the game sheet, then according to the game video and the IIHF Case Book Annex 1 the Competition Office will change the game sheet within 48 hours after the game without any additional fees to be paid.

(5) The revision mentioned in paragraph (3) and the correction mentioned in paragraph (4) is only ensured by the game videos taken and made available according to the 28.§.

(6) If the outcome of a game is determined posteriorly by the Jury Committee, but at least 75% of the official playing time was played, the following shall be applicable with respect to individual statistics:

- a)* goals scored and assists performed shall be taken into account for each player concerned;
- b)* the plus/minus statistics shall be recorded in accordance with the events of the game;
- c)* the statistics of the goalkeepers shall be recorded in accordance with the events of the game;
- d)* penalty statistics shall be recorded in accordance with the events of the game;
- e)* any game misconduct penalties and match penalties imposed during the game shall remain in effect.

(7) If the outcome of a game is determined posteriorly by the Competition Office, but less than 75% of the official playing time was played, the following shall be applicable with respect to individual statistics:

- a)* shots scored and assists performed shall be deleted for each player concerned;
- b)* plus/minus statistics shall be deleted;
- c)* the statistics of the goalkeepers shall be deleted;
- d)* penalty statistics shall be deleted, with the exception of game misconduct penalties and match penalties;
- e)* any game misconduct penalties and match penalties imposed during the game shall remain in effect.

## **20. § Commercial break**

(1) During the games of the League broadcast by television, two commercial breaks may take place during each period.

(2) The commercial breaks shall take place at the time of the first game interruption after 14:00 and 8:00.

(3) The duration of the commercial break shall be 70 seconds.

(4) No television break may take place:

- a)* after an icing;
- b)* when one team is in power-play, except if it is due to the 5-minute major penalty imposed on a player of the team at fault;
- c)* after a goal is scored;

d) if the line of the game is stopped due to the imposition of a penalty shot.

(5) If the first commercial break can only take place during the second time strip set for commercial breaks due to the continuity of the game or the reasons specified in paragraph (4), then only one commercial break shall take place during the game period concerned. The omitted commercial break does not need to be made up for in the remaining part of the game.

(6) No television breaks shall take place during the overtime.

## **Chapter III - ANTI-DOPING, FAIR PLAY**

### **21. § Anti-doping**

(1) The sports association entering a team – simultaneously with the submission of the application for entry – agrees to the World Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Doping Regulations of the IIHF and the provisions thereof on behalf of itself and its players.

(2) It is required for all sports associations participating in the League that their policies, rules and programs be in compliance with the regulations specified in paragraph (1).

(3) With respect to each game of the League, the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that the conditions are appropriate for the enforcement of Government Decree No. 43/2011. (III. 23.), on the rules of anti-doping activities.

(4) The Secretary General of the IIHF may – upon consultation with the Competition Office – order a doping check any time, without prior notice, in accordance with the international rules.

### **22. § Integrity of the sport**

(1) Players and sports experts shall refrain from betting frauds and from influencing the outcome of the game or the events thereof in any prohibited manner. Players and sports experts shall also not make bets at national or international bet organisers with respect to games in which their team will participate and shall not accept any benefits offered by the opposing team or any team participating in the same tournament system, or the representative thereof.

(2) Players and sports experts against whom criminal proceedings are in progress or initiated due to the reasonable suspicion of the committal of a publicly prosecuted, intentional crime relating to the unlawful influencing of the outcome or events of an ice hockey game shall not perform any activity in the tournament system of the IIHF until the final and binding completion or termination of the proceeding. If the person subject to the criminal proceeding is sentenced in a final and binding decision of the court, this shall be deemed as a misconduct, and disciplinary action shall be initiated against him/her.

(3) Any player or sports professional heard by a competent body in a case relating to the unlawful influencing of the outcome or events of an ice hockey game shall inform the Competition Office regarding that in writing within 5 days.

(4) In the case that pursuant to the player' or sports professional's deposition or any other fact, it is proven that that player or sports professional participated in the unlawful influencing of the outcome or events of an ice hockey game, this player or sports professional shall not perform any activity in the



tournament system of the IIHF for 2 years. The period of the earlier suspension shall be deducted from this.

(5) With the intention of maintaining the integrity of the ice hockey sport, the IIHF provides data to Szerencsejáték Zrt. pursuant to the cooperation agreement between them and Act CXII of 2011 on the Right of Informational Self-Determination and on Freedom of Information (hereinafter referred to as: "Information Act").

(6) The data are provided to Szerencsejáték Zrt. with the following purposes:

- a) maintaining the integrity of the ice hockey sport;
- b) screening for suspicious activity in connection with abuses;
- c) preventing betting frauds and increasing the protection against the unfair influencing of the outcome of games;
- d) taking the legal and other measures necessary for the enforcement of legal interests arising in connection with the above.

(7) Scope of those concerned by the cooperation agreement:

- a)
  - aa) all players indicated on the start list;
  - ab) coaches;
  - ac) sports organisers and
  - ad) sports professionals
- b) of the teams playing in the League, and the referees active in the games of the League.

(8) The IIHF provides the below personal data to Szerencsejáték Zrt.:

- a) the concerned person's name, place and date of birth and his/her mother's name;
- b) the position held in the sports association;
- c) the name of the sports association.

(9) The sports associations participating in the League and the Hungarian Hockey Referee Association (Magyar Jégkorong Játékvezetők Egyesülete) shall ensure that all persons specified in paragraph (7) give their written consent for the handling and transmission of data and shall promptly deliver these statements to the Competition Office. In the case the above is omitted, the Jury Committee shall be entitled to impose an administration fee on the omitting party – the amount of which shall not exceed 10% of the entry fee of the League at the time –, and/or – if the omitting party is a participating sports association – a sanction.

(10) The statement of consent regarding the data handling and data transmission is available from IIHF's website or at the Competition Office.

(11) The handling of personal data shall be carried out in accordance with Section 6(5) of the Information Act.

## **Chapter IV - REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE RINK AND HOSTING**

### **23. § Location of the games**

(1) The games of the League shall only be hosted on indoor rinks with artificially cooled ice that are available during the entire championship season, and that have a valid rink license issued by the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF.

(2) Any divergence from the above shall only be possible pursuant to the individual decision of the Presidency of the League, in games organised with the purpose of popularising ice hockey.

(3) If the game is held on an outdoor ice rink, the teams shall change halves at the time of the first game interruption after the 10th minute of the third period has lapsed.

(4) All teams that enter the championship shall register the ice rink to be used for hosting home games. Registration is done by sending the ice rink data sheet to be submitted simultaneously with the application for entry.

(5) The games of the league may only be hosted in locations that have been subject to a safety technology inspection in accordance with Section 13 of Government Decree No. 54/2004. (III.31) on the Safety of Sports Events (hereinafter referred to as: "Gov. Decree on Safety"), the minutes and the written statements of the authorities regarding which are available to the Competition Office.

## **24. § Hosting a game in a location other than the "home ground"**

(1) If a sports association wishes to host a game in a location other than its home ground specified in the course of the procedure set out in Section 23(4), that shall only be possible with the prior written authorisation of the Presidency of the League, which needs to be requested via an application delivered to the Competition Office at least 14 days prior to the day of the game. In the absence of a written authorisation, the outcome of the game shall be recorded as 0-5 for the away team.

(2) The written authorisation specified in paragraph (1) may only be granted if the ice rink chosen as the location of the game has a valid rink license issued by the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF and was subject to a safety technology inspection in accordance with Section 13 of Government Decree No. 54/2004. (III.31) on the safety of sports events (hereinafter referred to as: "Gov. Decree on Safety"), the minutes and the written statements of the authorities regarding which are available to the Competition Office.

(3) A sports association may host a game in a location other than its home ground 5 times at maximum in the course of a single championship season.

(4) If all conditions set out in the laws and the Competition Rules regarding the location other than the home ground are fulfilled, the away team shall agree to the location of the game without any compensation (whether financial or otherwise).

(5) All expenses regarding the hosting of the game shall be borne by the organising sports association even if the location differing from its home ground is the away team's home ground, in the same manner as if the game were hosted on its own home ground.

(6) Any breach of paragraphs (1)-(5) shall result in the imposition of the fine set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

## **25. § Revoking the right to choose the arena**

(1) If the sport's material interests require it, the Presidency of the IIHF – after requesting the opinion of the Presidency of the League – shall be entitled to order for the revocation of the right to choose the arena, and to set the location of one or more games.

(2) In the case specified in paragraph (1), if possible, the IIHF shall ensure the fair indemnification of the team choosing the arena.

## **26. § Rink license**

- (1) The Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF shall inspect the rinks registered in accordance with Section 23(4) and the technical and safety eligibility thereof 45 to 15 days before the starting date of the championship season.
- (2) The inspection shall be attended by the representative of
  - a) the sports organisation;
  - b) the registered operator and
  - c) the safety organisation commissioned for the ice hockey games.
- (3) The Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF shall draw up minutes of the inspection, one copy of which it shall send to
  - a) the sports organisation;
  - b) the registered operator
  - c) and the Competition Officeeach.

(4) At the time of the rink inspection, the rink shall be in operation, and shall be furnished with ice appropriate for playing ice hockey.

(5) At the inspection, the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF grants a permit (rink license) to the rinks that are deemed appropriate for hosting games.

(6) The Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF records in the minutes drawn up in accordance with paragraph (1) the deficiencies of the rinks deemed inappropriate for hosting games. After remedying the deficiencies recorded in the minutes, the operating organisation and the hosting organisation may apply for the repeated technical and safety inspection of the rink and the issuance of the rink license, and shall pay the fee set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(7) The host and the operator of the rink shall fulfil the requirements set out by the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF in the rink license for the entire duration of the championship season.

(8) The inspection of the rinks shall cover:

- a) compliance with the relevant provisions of the IIHF Rulebook;
- b) the technical conditions of the operation of the ice rink;
- c) the facilities for medical care;
- d) safety conditions;
- e) the working conditions of the press;
- f) the facilities for serving the audience;
- g) the rink's IT system;
- h) the zones established in the facility.

(9) A rink shall not be granted a rink license if:

- a) it is not in operating condition at the time of the rink inspection, that is, it does not have an at least 2cm-thick ice surface appropriate for playing ice hockey;
- b) it is deemed by the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF to be inappropriate for conducting games in a safe manner – including the personal safety of the players, officials, spectators or any group thereof.

(8) The Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF shall be entitled to inspect the rinks within its own competence or upon the initiative of the Presidency of the League, the Secretary General of the IIHF, the Competition Office, the referee or the inspectors, and if it detects deficiencies, it may

- a) instruct the operator and the hosting organisation to remedy them within a set deadline;

b) revoke the rink license with immediate effect.

(9) If paragraph (8)a) applies, after the lapse of the deadline, the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF shall inspect the rink again, the fee of which shall be as set out in Annex 2 of the Competition Rules. If the deficiencies have not been remedied, the rink's license shall be revoked.

(10) The revoked rink license may be granted again subject to the procedure set out in paragraph (6).

## **27. § Technical conditions of the games**

(1) No game may be conducted in the scope of the League without a clock measuring the playing time, amplification and a device displaying penalty times.

(2) The progress of game time, the score, time-outs and penalties shall be displayed on the scoreboard so that they can be clearly seen by the teams and the spectators, and events shall also be announced via loudspeaker.

(3) Minutes shall be drawn up in the format determined by the Competition Office, both via computer and in hand-written form. The technical facilities required for this (computer with an operating system, printer, scanner, photocopier, constant wire-internet connection and a browser appropriate for completing the online minutes) shall be provided and kept in working condition by the sports organisations.

(4) Only official pucks may be used at the games of the League. For each game during which an unofficial puck enters the rink, the hosting team shall pay the penalty specified in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules. In case a team does not have a sufficient number of pucks to play a game, the team may order new official pucks only and exclusively from the League.

## **28. § Recording the game**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall record the games of the League with at least 1 camera. This obligation may be taken over by the League Board pursuant to a separate agreement concluded with the sports organisation.

(2) With the exception set out in paragraph (4), the recording shall start latest at the time when the referees enter the ice, and shall not be stopped during the breaks and at the end of the game until the referees have left the ice. The events of any one game period shall be recorded uncut (starting from the time when the referees enter the ice and ending when they leave it), and therefore the events occurring on the ice during the game interruption shall also be recorded.

(3) During each game interruption, the recording shall show the status of the clock display for a short time.

(4) The footage shall also cover the warm-up period, starting from the time when the first player enters the ice and ending when the last player leaves the ice and the ice making begins.

(5) At the end of the game, the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall – pursuant to the preliminary request of the concerned party, and against a receipt note – hand over the game footage to the head referee and the away team in DVD-R format or on an USB pendrive provided by the head referee or the away team.

(6) If the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – fails to hand over the footage on DVD or USB pendrive within the deadline despite having been requested to do so preliminarily, it shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(7) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall upload the game footage to the video server of the League latest until 10 am on the day following the game. The Competition Office shall make the information necessary for the above available to all sports associations that enter the championship.

(8) If the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – fails to record the game, records incomplete footage or fails to upload the footage to the video server within the deadline, it shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

### **29. § Medical care conditions**

(1) Cultured rooms with adequate equipment for medical examinations and on-site care shall be provided. These rooms shall not be accessible to the spectators. The Hockey Operations Committee of the IIHF shall be responsible for checking the medical care conditions.

(2) On rinks where this is justified due to the equipment and devices used, a permanent, certified carbon monoxide meter shall be installed at an appropriate location in order to ensure the safety of the participants.

### **30. § Conditions to be provided for away teams**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall make available to the away teams at least 120 minutes before the game a securely lockable locker room meeting the requirements set out in the rink license.

(2) If the away teams officially request this in writing at least 1 week before the day of the game, it shall be made possible for them to train for at least 50 minutes on the morning of the day of the game, between 8:30 and 12:00 am (local time), the costs of which the away teams shall bear.

(3) For the purposes of the away teams' training taking place in accordance with paragraph (2), an appropriate, lockable locker room meeting the requirements of the rink license shall be made available to the away teams 30 minutes before the start of the training.

(4) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall provide at least 40 pucks for the away teams for the training taking place in accordance with paragraph (2).

(5) The ice shall be resurfaced for the away teams before they start their training taking place in accordance with paragraph (2). The ice resurfacing shall not be deemed as part of the training time.

(6) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that no unauthorised persons access the locker rooms of the teams or disturb the team during the preparation and rest.

(7) The locker room shall be set up in a manner so that the rink can be accessed safely wearing skate or the skate protectors provided by the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation.

### **31. § Conditions to be provided for referees**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall make available to the referees at least 120 minutes before the game a securely lockable locker room meeting the requirements set out in the rink license.

(2) Before the game, a 1.5-litre bottle of water shall be provided at the referees' locker room.

(3) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that the referees' locker room and the corridor section where the locker room is located may be accessed in the 60 minutes before the game, during the game and for 30 minutes after the game only by the representative of the BoR, the federal inspector, the representative of the Competition Office and the members of the association jury involved.

(4) The locker room shall be set up in a manner so that the rink can be accessed safely wearing skate or the skate protectors provided by the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation.

## **32. § Organisers, security services and essential security requirements**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall be responsible for the safety of all players; referees; coaches; leaders; federal, League and sports association officials; spectators and journalists and facilitate the cultured enjoyment of the spectators prior to, during and after the game.

(2) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall be responsible for conducting the event in compliance with the requirements set out in the laws and other regulations and policies. In order to ensure that the game is conducted smoothly and without disturbances, the organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that host staff with distinctive markings, security service staff and police officers authorised to take measures are present in a number appropriate for the expected number of spectators, in accordance with the laws.

(3) Organisations that enter the championships shall use their best efforts to ensure that the games of the League may be held in safe environments.

(4) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that it fulfils all requirements regarding the headcount and location of the security staff.

(5) All members of the host- and security staff on duty at the game shall wear easily distinguishable clothing with clearly visible individual IDs.

(6) The organisation providing security services shall be a registered company contracted for the performance of the task and having the necessary liability insurance.

(7) The regulations regarding conduct in the arena and the pictographic summary thereof prepared in accordance with the League's consolidated markings – provided to the sports associations by the Competition Office – shall be displayed in a clearly visible manner near the ticket offices at the location of the game and near all entry points, in the official languages of the countries participating in the League and also in the English and German language.

(8) The regulations regarding conduct in the arena shall be displayed in a manner as to allow the spectators to familiarize themselves with them before purchasing the tickets or entering the location of the game.

(9) The floor plan of the establishment showing the escape routes shall be displayed at all entry points at the location of the game, the viewing area and all entrances leading to the spectators' terrace.

(10) The location of the game shall be divided into zones. Each zone may only be entered into by persons authorised to do so.

### **33. § Protection of the teams**

(1) Locker rooms shall be closed to spectators. In the 120 minutes before the start of the game, during the game and for 30 minutes after the end of the game, only the players, the officials of the teams and the game and the inspectors of the game may enter the locker rooms.

(2) The route used by the players to access the locker room shall be established and protected in a manner that ensures that the players cannot be attacked there by the audience.

(3) The substitutes' benches and penalty benches shall be established and protected in a manner that ensures that the players cannot be attacked there by the audience.

(4) The players shall be provided appropriate escort on their way to and from the locker room designated for them and from the locker room to the ice in order to prevent any eventual attack directed against them. For the away team's bus, a guarded or otherwise protected parking space from where the arena can be directly accessed shall be provided near the arena.

### **34. § Protection of referees**

(1) Disciplinary action shall be taken against any unauthorised person entering the referees' locker room – and if that person is an official, his/her sports association – and – due to the deficiencies of organisation – the organising sports association. Such cases shall be promptly reported by the head referee to the Competition Office.

(2) The referees shall be provided appropriate escort on their way to and from the referees' room and from the locker room to the ice in order to prevent any eventual attack directed against them. A guarded or otherwise protected parking space near the arena from where the arena can be directly accessed shall be provided for referees.

(3) Any person physically assaulting (hurting) the referee or throwing objects at the referee shall be banned from all sports events organised by the organiser. The duration of the ban shall be at minimum 6 months and at maximum 2 years.

(4) If the referee is physically assaulted or objects are thrown at him/her, disciplinary action shall be taken against the organiser.

### **35. § Entry and exit rules**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure

*a)* the away team's and the game's officials'

*aa)* free entry to the sports event;

*ab)* free movement within the establishment; and

*ac)* personal safety.

*b)* and the secure parking and accessibility of the vehicles of the away team, the referees, the members of the association jury and the federations' commissioners.

(2) The League issues an accreditation card with a serial number for each representative of the sports associations, each representative and officer of the federations and each representative and officer of the League. The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall in all circumstances and without any further requirements let the holders of accreditation cards enter the locations of the games of the League and allow them to access the zones specified on their card. The League Board shall send the list of issued cards to all sports organisations concerned. The

organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall ensure that the security service staff and the hosting staff are familiar with and able to handle the cards.

(3) The League Board revokes the accreditation cards of any person misusing them.

(4) Sports associations shall disclose and send to the Competition Office for approval their preliminary registration and entry and exit rules before the start of the championship season (latest on 30 August). If the entry and exit rules change during the season, the new entry and exit rules shall be sent to the Competition Office for approval 15 days before the change takes effect. The Competition Office makes the approved entry and exit rules of the sports organisations publicly available on its website.

(5) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall provide a ticket to the referee inspector and the federal inspector assigned to the game. Inspectors shall be provided with a designated area located in the line of the centre third of the rink and offering clear view to the rink. The free movement of the inspectors shall be ensured in the entire area of the rink.

(6) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall – pursuant to preliminary registration – provide the following tickets free of charge, provided that it is officially notified of the intention to attend the game at latest 24 hours before the start of the game:

- a) to the highest-category spaces, with VIP service and reserved parking space (if possible)
  - aa) 3 tickets for the away team;
  - ab) 4 tickets for the League Board;
  - ac) at maximum 2 tickets each for the presidents, presidency members and secretary generals of the federations of the participating countries (but in total no more than 10 tickets per game);
  - ad) a number of tickets (determined by contract) for the presenting sponsor and main sponsor of the League.
- b) for 1 person accompanying each referee, linesman, reserve referee and referee inspector of the game.

(7) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall provide the option for segregated entry and designate segregated viewing areas for the fans of the away team. The number of spots to be reserved for fans of the away team shall be at least 10% of the full capacity of the arena, except in the case of games played behind closed gates. Hospitality and sanitary facilities (with male and female ones separated) shall be available to the fans of the away team even if they are segregated.

(8) If the away team cancels a part of its spot reservations in writing 2 business days before the date of the game at the hosting sports organisation, the hosting sports organisation shall be entitled to sell tickets for the cancelled spots.

(9) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall check all entering spectators (in particular searching for objects appropriate for injuring others or affray and sound-producing devices operating with compressed air, and in order to screen out intoxicated persons).

### **36. § Affray**

(1) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall be responsible for the undisturbed safety of the official areas near the rink constituting parts thereof (substitutes' bench, penalty bench, scorekeepers' cabins), and to keep the spectators at an appropriate



distance from the fence in order to ensure the undisturbed flow of the game and to prevent direct injuries.

(2) The organiser – or if a hosting organisation is engaged, the hosting organisation – shall continually observe the behavior of the spectators, and shall promptly take all measures necessary to keep the order at its own initiative or upon the instruction of the referee, the association jury or the federal inspector.

(3) In the case of repeated or serious affray during a game, the referee

a) suspends the game until order is restored; or

b) obligates the organisers or hosts to expel the spectators and continues the game behind closed gates; or

c) calls off the game permanently.

(4) The referee shall record the reasons, description and time of the event described in paragraph (3) in the event log.

(5) If any affray occurs before the game, after the gates have been opened for spectators or after the game, before the arena has been vacated, the Disciplinary Committee of the IIHF shall take disciplinary action.

### **37. § Prohibited items**

(1) Items suitable for endangering others shall not be brought inside the arena. In particular it is prohibited to bring pointed or edged items, weapons or items that appear to be weapons, pyrotechnic devices or glass bottles inside the arena. Such items shall be confiscated at the entrance, and measures shall be taken if necessary.

(2) Whistles and horns operating with gas or compressed air shall not be brought to the game.

(3) Starting from the time when the gates are opened for the spectators, drinks may only be sold in plastic cups at the location of the games. Any senior officer of the League Board, the members of the Competition Office, the members of the Management Committee's Technical Working Group of the IIHF, the officers of the ice hockey federation of the country concerned or the inspector of the game shall be entitled to check the above.

### **38. § Ban from attending sports events**

(1) The organiser shall – with respect to sports events organised by it – refuse to sell tickets to persons removed from the sports event, and prevent such persons from attending the event (hereinafter jointly referred to as: ban from attending sports events).

(2) The duration of the ban from attending sports events shall not be less than 6 months, and shall not exceed 2 years in the case of a ban from attending all sports events organised by the organiser, and shall not exceed 4 years in the case of a ban from attending sports events at a specific sports facility.

(3) The spectator may appeal to a court against the organiser's decision regarding the ban from attending sports events.

(4) A person may also be banned from attending sports events if he/she should have been removed due to his/her behavior, but was not removed because the organiser's (host's) intervention could have caused the spectators to act in a manner that would have endangered the safety of the sports event disproportionately.

(5) The organiser shall forward within 3 days to the sports policing registry the banned person's name and place and date of birth, the duration of the ban the name of the sports facility and the scope of sports events to which the ban extends to.

(6) The organiser shall provide information regarding the possibility of being banned from attending sports events in an announcement displayed both outside and inside the sports facility.

## **Chapter V - TIME AND DATE OF GAMES**

### **39. § Competition season and championship season**

(1) With respect to the League, the competition season starts on 1 August of the year concerned, and ends on 31 July of the year after the year concerned.

(2) The championship season starts on 1 September of the year concerned, and ends on 10 April of the year concerned.

### **40. § The competition schedule**

(1) The competition schedule contains the participants, dates, starting times, locations and serial numbers of the games.

(2) The competition schedule shall be prepared by the Competition Office, which shall – after the team entries have been closed – send it to the sports organisations that entered the championship within the deadline determined by the Professional Committee of the HIHF.

(3) The sports associations finalize the competition schedule at the competition schedule conciliatory meeting convoked before the start of the championship.

(4) The games shall start between 17:00 and 19:00 (local time). This may only be diverged from in justified cases, pursuant to the specific decision of the League Board.

### **41. § Changing the time or date of games**

(1) The competition schedule may only be modified in justified cases, with the approval of the Presidency of the League. The team requesting the modification shall apply for the approval in writing, specifying the reasons. The Presidency of the League may grant its approval after considering the reasons for the modification and requesting the opinion of the other team concerned by the modification. An administration fee shall be paid for the modification of the competition schedule pursuant to the request of a team, the amount of which is specified in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(2) If the competition schedule needs to be modified, this may only be carried out by the Competition Office, pursuant to the decision of the Presidency of the League made in accordance with paragraph (1). The latest deadline for this decision shall be the day 14 days prior the games concerned.

(3) Keeping the interests of the League in mind, the Competition Office shall be entitled to change the time of games broadcast by television:

a) if pursuant to the change, the game is to be played on a different day, or is to be played on the same day but the difference is more than 3 hours, the time may be changed latest 8 days prior to the start time of the game;

a) if pursuant to the change, the game is to be played on the same day, and the difference is not more than 3 hours, the time may be changed latest 4 days prior to the start time of the game.

(4) In the case the game is broadcast by television, the Competition Office shall consult with the sports association organising the game regarding the broadcast date and the start time proposed by the television. If the representative of the organising sports association accepts the game date and/or the modified start time, and the Presidency of the League also agrees to these changes, the time and date of the game may be changed without the approval of the away team.

(5) The Competition Office shall notify the League, the teams concerned and the League's Board of Referees regarding the change of the start time of the game, and it shall also record the change in the competition schedule displayed on the League's official website.

## **42. § Cancelled and called-off games**

(1) If a team is unable to host or attend a game, it shall promptly notify the opponent, the League, the Competition Office, the League's Board of Referees and – if possible – the referees appointed for the game, specifying the reasons. The Competition Office shall examine the reason(s) of the cancellation, and shall – upon the agreement of the Presidency of the League – decide regarding holding the game.

(2) If the referee of the game deems that the game cannot be appropriately conducted due to force majeure or technical problems (in particular due to the damage of the ice surface or broken lighting, scoreboard, amplification or clock display), the game shall not be started or continued.

(3) If the referees deem that the rink is unsuitable for play due to the weather or technical or public health-related reasons, the game shall not be started. In such a case, the referees shall order a 2x20 minutes waiting period. If the rink becomes suitable for play before the lapse of the waiting period, the game shall be started within 30 minutes. If upon the lapse of the waiting periods, the rink remains unsuitable for play, the game shall be called off. The referee shall record the start of the waiting period ordered and the game's new start time or cancellation in the event log.

(4) If the rink becomes unsuitable for play due to the weather or technical problems during the game, the referee

*a)* may suspend the game and order an ice resurfacing or a 2x20 minutes waiting period.

*b)* may call off the game permanently if he/she deems that it is not possible to continue the game or if the rink remains unsuitable for play after the lapse of the waiting period described in point *a*).

(5) In the case of the call-off specified in paragraph (4)b), the referee shall record the reason and time of the call-off in the event log.

(6) Cancelled games and games called off before the start of the third period of the game shall be replayed. The Competition Office shall – simultaneously with its decision regarding liability – decide about the new location, time and date of the replay and about who shall bear the costs incurred.

(7) In the game held at a new time pursuant to paragraph (6), only the players who were entitled to play at the original time shall be entitled to play, however any misconduct penalty imposed in the meantime shall be effective with respect to the game held at the new time.

(8) In the case of games called off after the start of the third period of the game,

*a)* the playing time remaining at the time when the game is called off shall be played at a time and place determined by the Competition Office, or

*b)* if at the time when the game was called off, one of the teams was in the lead and there was no reasonable chance that the outcome could change (that the losing team could achieve a draw or take the lead), the Competition Office may decide that the missing playing time need not be played, and declare the outcome.

In the case of paragraph (8)*b*), the winning team shall be the team that was in the lead, and the final score of the game shall be the score at the time when the game was called off.

(9) When playing out the playing time remaining in accordance with paragraph (8)*a*), only the players registered in the minutes of the called-off game shall be entitled to play, however any misconduct penalty imposed in the meantime shall be effective with respect to playing out the remaining time.

## **Chapter VI – TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES**

### **43. § Team entries**

(1) For team entries, the following documents shall be delivered to the IIHF's address:

- a*) the entering organisation's certificate of incorporation and the court order regarding registration in the company registry;
- b*) specimen signature of senior officers;
- c*) name, official contact details (phone, fax, email, mail address) and name, contacts and sample signature of the official contact person of the team to be entered by the organisation;
- d*) fully completed entry form signed by the senior officer and the official contact person;
- e*) bank certificate regarding the transfer of the entry fee and the deposit payment;
- f*) the data sheet of the ice rink to be registered as home ground;
- g*) the written authorisation provided by the national sports federation of the IIHF-member sports association that wishes to enter, authorising the sports association to compete in the League with the terms and conditions set out in these Competition Rules;
- h*) the certificate of incorporation of the security service providing guard duty at the games of the League;
- i*) copy of the contract concluded with the security service providing guard duty at the games of the League.

(2) The team entry shall be deemed valid if the documents specified in paragraph (1) and the entire amount of the entry fee and the deposit payment have been delivered to the IIHF within the deadline.

(3) If the organisation fails to attach any of the documents listed in items *a*)–*f*) to its entry or attaches any of them with inappropriate content, and fails to submit or correct them within the deadline available for remedying the deficiencies, its entry shall not be accepted.

(4) If the organisation submits its entry and the necessary documents after the lapse of the deadline, the entry shall not be accepted.

(5) Team entries shall only be accepted from organisations that have debts neither towards the IIHF, the League Board and the Board of Referees nor any sports association or player specified in a decision of the IIHF.

(6) The sports associations shall promptly notify the Presidency of the League and the Competition Office regarding any change in their data disclosed pursuant to paragraph (1).

### **44. § Entry of foreign teams**

(1) Foreign teams may enter the League. The Presidency of the IIHF shall decide regarding this before each competition season, also taking into consideration the opinion of the Professional Committee and the League Board. Foreign teams shall – simultaneously with the submission of the

entry application – present the approval given by their national ice hockey federation allowing them to participate in a foreign championship.

(2) By entering the League, foreign teams agree to fulfil their obligations arising from the competition schedule, regardless of whether they participate in their national competition system.

#### **45. § Entry of Hungarian teams to foreign and international regional championships**

(1) Hungarian teams may enter foreign and international regional championships in addition to their participation in the League. The Presidency of the IIHF shall decide regarding this before each competition season, also taking into consideration the opinion of the Hockey Operations Committee and the League Board.

(2) By entering the League, Hungarian teams agree to fulfil their obligations arising from the competition schedule.

#### **46. § Registration of players**

(1) A player may only participate in the games of the League if he/she was registered by its sports organisation in IIHF's consolidated registration system. The registration takes place when a new player is signed on by the team or when a foreign player is loaned or transferred to Hungary.

(2) The registration described in paragraph (1) shall take place pursuant to the completion of the registration form issued by the IIHF. The registration form shall be signed by the sports organisation's manager in charge, the player and – in the case of players under the age of 18 – the player's legal representative.

(3) The following shall be attached for the purposes of the registration described in paragraph (1):

- a) the copy of the document certifying the player's date of birth regardless of the player's age;
- b) the fully completed and signed registration form specified in paragraph (2);
- c) the photo allowing for the player's identification submitted electronically; and
- d) the copy of the player's passport in order to certify his/her nationality.

(4) The administration fee of the registration is specified in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(5) If the application does not fully comply with the requirements of paragraph (3) or if the administration fee set out in paragraph (4) is not paid, the registration shall be rejected without consideration.

(6) After the registration, the player shall be a signed on player of the sports organisation that initiated the registration.

(7) A player shall be deemed to be a foreign player if he/she participates in the championship while not being a national of the country to the national federation of which the team concerned belongs. The player's nationality shall be determined pursuant to the player's passport presented at the time of registration.

(8) In the course of the championship season, the nationality to be taken into account with respect to each player shall be the nationality with which the player was registered in the League.

(9) The rules for the transfer and loan of native and foreign players are set out in the Transfer Regulations issued by the IIHF.

## **47. § Recognising players as “hockey natives”**

(1) Any player who is deemed to be a foreign player pursuant to Section 46(7) may apply to be recognized as a “hockey native” if he/she meets the conditions set out in paragraph (2).

(2) A player may be deemed to be “hockey native” if he/she:

- a) has been residing in the country to the national federation of which the player’s team belongs (hereinafter referred to as: “host country”) for at least 5 years;
- b) was a registered athlete of the host country’s national federation in all championship seasons during the period set out in item a);
- c) has a registered place of residence or stay in the territory of the host country.

(3) The application for being recognized as a “hockey native” shall be delivered to the Competition Office, executed in one of the working languages specified in Clause 5. The following shall be attached to the application:

- a) the applicant’s statement regarding the duration of his/her uninterrupted residence in the host country;
- b) the certificate issued by the host country’s national federation certifying the uninterrupted period during which the applicant has been a registered athlete of the host country’s national federation;
- c) the copy of the document certifying the applicant’s nationality;
- d) the copy of the document certifying the applicant’s residential address.

(4) The Competition Office checks the authenticity of the contents of the application pursuant to the documents submitted, the databases available and – if necessary – consultation with the national federation of the host country.

(5) If the documents submitted support the authenticity of the contents of the application, the Competition Office procures that the player be recognized as a “hockey native”.

(6) If a player does not meet the requirements set out in paragraph (2) in full, he/she may apply to the Presidency of the IIHF to be recognized as a “hockey native” for equitable reasons. The Presidency of the IIHF shall decide regarding the request after considering the circumstances.

(7) Any player recognized as a “hockey native” may participate in the games of the championship with the same conditions as native players.

## **48. § Entry of players, submission of start lists**

(1) Sports organisations shall also enter their registered players to the League individually on the start list, regardless of whether they are playing up from other championships.

(2) The fully completed start list shall be submitted to the Competition Office within the deadline specified in the competition announcement. The start list shall be signed by the sports association’s representative authorised to issue estreats, and in the case of players under the age of 18, the approval of the legal representative shall also be attached.

(3) The teams entering the League shall enter 1 goalkeeper and 9 players from among their signed on and registered players within the deadline for the submission of the start list, of whom at least 5 must be of the adult age group (above the age of 20). The start list shall be completed by the start of the championship season to include at least 2 goalkeepers and 20 players. At least half of the players on the start list shall be of the adult age group. The start list shall include at least 20 players and 2 goalkeepers during the entire championship season. At least half of the players on the start list shall be of the adult age group.

(4) If the sports association misses the deadline for the submission of the start list or is unable to enter a sufficient number of players on the start list as required, the Competition Office deletes the team's entry, and it shall be deemed as if the deleted team had withdrawn from participation in the League.

(5) A foreign player may only be entered to the championship if he/she has previously been signed on by the sports organisation in accordance with the international rules of the IIHF. The restriction regarding the number of foreign players to play simultaneously in the same game is set out in the competition announcement.

(6) The players' permanent jersey number shall also be indicated at the time of the entry.

#### **49. § Players listed on the start list**

(1) Only the sports organisation's signed on players may be listed on the sports organisation's start list. This shall be checked by the national federation competent in the country of the team's registered office, which national federation shall certify the above by countersigning the start list. If the player resigns from the sports organisation, he/she shall become ineligible to play in the team of the sports organisation concerned on the day when he/she resigns, and shall be automatically removed from the start list. This shall apply also if the Competition Office becomes aware of the resignation late.

(2) Each player may only be listed on a single start list, with the exception of players who have a double player license. If a player has a double player license, this shall be indicated on the start list, together with the name of the sports association and championship to where the player's other player license applies. In the lack of such indication, the player shall be deemed to have no double player license. The player who has a double player license shall only be taken into account in his/her parent association with respect to the minimum headcount on the start list.

(3) The sports organisation shall promptly notify the Competition Office if any of its players indicated on the start list resigns or receives a double player license.

(4) If a player is listed on the start list of a team other than the team of the sports organisation that listed the player on its start list, and the sports organisation fails to indicate that the player has a double player license – with which the player may compete also in the team and championship concerned –, the player shall be deemed to have resigned from the sports organisation at the date of the game concerned.

#### **50. § Additional entries (modification of the start list during the season)**

- (1) Additional entries shall be possible in the following cases and at the following times:
- a) players whose certification is held by their sports organisation may be entered additionally during the entire competition season;
  - b) at least one native player skipping the entire season (not listed on any team's start list in the skipped season) may be entered additionally during the entire competition season, provided that the player's contractual relationship with his/her previous sports association has terminated or his/her contract allows this; any other scenario – such as the dissolution of the sports association – shall fall into the competence of the Competition Office;
- native players whose nationality is different or who have a player license abroad may be entered additionally in the competition season concerned within the deadline set out in Section 52, provided that the player has been signed on previously in accordance with the international rules;

- c) players may be transferred, loaned or played by another sports organisation during the championship in accordance with the Transfer Regulations;
  - d) a player shall be entered additionally if he/she is issued a double player license as described in Section 49(2) during the competition season;
  - e) in the case of the transfer of a junior-age player with an amateur contract, the player license may be issued and the player be entered to games by another sports organisation if the player's resignation has been approved by his/her previous sports organisation (the transferor) on a transfer sheet; junior-age players having an amateur status and no contract may freely be transferred during the transfer period.
- (2) For each additional entry, a supplementary start list shall be submitted and a new player license shall be issued.

## **51. § Player license**

(1) The Competition Office shall issue electronic player licenses for the players pursuant to the start list and the annexes submitted simultaneously with it.

(2) If the application meets all requirements, the Competition Office shall have 5 business days to issue the electronic player license.

(3) Requirements for the issuance of the electronic player license:

- a) 1 passport photo;
- b) the sports association delivers the fully completed documents regarding the player's transfer (transfer sheet, ITC, LOA) to the Competition Office;
- c) deposition of the original copy of the contract between the player and the sports association entering the player signed by both parties.

(4) The contract described in paragraph (3)c) shall be deposited at the Competition Office or a solicitor in a sealed envelope signed by the representative of the sports association and the player. In the case of deposition at a solicitor, the copy of the certificate evidencing the deposition shall be required for the issuance of the player license. The deposited contract may only be looked into in the case there is a debate between the player and the sports association.

(5) If the requirements set out in paragraph (3) are not met, the player concerned shall not be issued an electronic player license.

(6) The electronic player license shall be valid for one competition season.

(7) The fee set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules shall be paid for the issuance of the electronic player license. The fee shall be paid again if a new player license is issued due to the change of the data contained in the player license (in particular in the case of transfer or loan during the season or the issuance of a double player license).

## **52. § Deadline for transfers**

Players may be transferred during the season until the end of the 14th day before the last game day of the regular season.

## **53. § Withdrawal, disqualification**



(1) If the Competition Office has accepted the entry of an organisation, and this organisation resigns from the championship or is disqualified from the League any time after that, this organisation shall pay to the IIHF the fine set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(2) If a team resigns during the championship season, the League may – taking the League Board's opinion into consideration – decide not to accept that team's entry in the next two competition seasons.

(3) If a team fails to engage in play on more than one occasion, it shall be disqualified from the further games of the League with respect to the championship season concerned without further consideration.

(4) In the case of resignation or disqualification, all results of the team concerned shall be deleted.

## **Chapter VII - PARTICIPANTS OF THE GAME**

### **54. § Players**

Only persons meeting the requirements set out in Section 60(2) of these Competition Rules and registered at the Competition Office in accordance with Section 46(1)-(6) may enter the rink as players in the games of the League.

### **55. § Unauthorised players**

(1) If during the game, a player who has no valid player license or sports medical certificate or who is not listed on the game entry form enters the rink, the game jury or the referee shall immediately stop the game due to the player's unauthorised participation. The player shall be removed from the ice and the substitutes' bench, and the game shall be continued. An event log shall be drawn up with regard to the issue.

(2) If more than the allowed number of foreign players is indicated in the game's minutes for a team, the Competition Office shall examine the case for unauthorised participation.

(3) In the cases set out in paragraphs (1) and (2), or if it is discovered only during the posterior inspection of the minutes that a player has participated in a team unauthorised, the Competition Office shall examine the case and decide about who is/are responsible. In the case a guilty party is found, the points awarded for winning – with a score of 5:0 or the result achieved in the game (whichever is more favourable for the team that was not at fault) – shall be registered for the team that was not at fault.

### **56. § Banned players**

(1) Players against whom the League Board or the Disciplinary Committee of the IIHF has initiated proceedings or made a legally binding negative ruling shall not play in the games of the League. The player shall be banned from playing from the date of the receipt of the notification regarding the initiation of the proceeding until the termination of the proceeding or the misconduct penalty is served.

(2) If a player is banned from a game or games of the League, pursuant to the Disciplinary Code and the Competition Rules the penalty shall be served at the game(s) that is/are next in line according to the competition schedule in effect at the date of the imposition of the penalty.

(3) If a game is cancelled, the ban imposed shall be served at the next game.

(4) The registry of players under the effect of a major penalty and/or ban is kept by the Competition Office. The IIHF shall ensure that the records are accessible at its website.

(5) Game misconduct penalties are cumulative, regardless of whether they were imposed on the player as a member of his/her team participating in the League or – via a double player license – an age group championship game. Penalties received as a player shall not be cumulative with penalties received as an official.

(6) Automatic bans or bans imposed by the League Board or the IIHF Disciplinary Committee during the games of the League shall be served by the player at the games of the League. Players playing up shall not be entered to games in their own age group until they have served their penalty.

(7) Bans imposed shall not be deleted at the end of the current season of the League, and the remaining part of the ban shall be served at the next competition season's game(s) organised by the IIHF.

## **57. § Coaches**

(1) The participation of coaches is mandatory in the games of the League. In the absence of coaches, the game shall not be started. Only professionals with "B" class sports coach or "A" class professional coach qualifications shall be entitled to act as coaches.

(2) The existence of the coach license shall be checked by the referee or the jury before the game, simultaneously with the checking of the eligibility of the teams' players.

(3) The eligibility of the person indicated on the game entry form shall be checked in the database available on the IIHF's website (similarly to player licenses).

(4) Any unsportsmanlike conduct displayed at the games as a coach or official shall entail a game misconduct penalty or a match penalty, which shall – in addition to the penalty set out in the Disciplinary Code – automatically result in disciplinary action.

## **58. § Officials**

(1) In addition to the players in attire, a maximum of 6 officials delegated by the sports association (including the coaches) may be present at the players' substitutes' bench during games, which persons shall be listed on the game entry form. Persons against whom disciplinary action is in progress or who have been banned by a disciplinary resolution shall not be listed as officials.

(2) Any person officially delegated by the team may complete a comment form. If the comment form is not completed during the game, the officials delegated by the teams may notify the Competition Office about their observations regarding the game in writing within 2 business days after the game.

(3) In the games of the League, only the members of the game's jury and the authorised commissioners of the federation (federal inspector, managers of the BoR, members of the Competition Office) shall be present in the jury's cabin and at the penalty benches.

(4) The away team may delegate an observer to the game's jury in order to monitor the work of the sports organisation's jury. The observer shall only be entitled to perform his/her monitoring activity in possession of a valid tournament referee license and with the written authorisation of his/her sports organisation. The observer shall not disturb or hinder the work of the referee and the jury, and shall not claim tournament referee fee. The observer may – in addition to evaluating the jury's work – make comments regarding the deficiencies of the rink's state on the comment form, which shall be delivered to the Competition Office within 2 days after the game.

(5) The provisions of Section 56(2)-(5) shall apply mutatis mutandis with respect to the limitation of the activity of officials.

## 59. § Federal inspector

(1) The secretary general of the IIHF may appoint federal inspectors to the games of the League, however the presence of a federal inspector shall not be required in order to hold the game.

(2) The federal inspector shall sign the minutes of the game at the start and at the end of the game.

(3) The federal inspector shall not be entitled to take operational action at the game, and may communicate any comments he/she may have to the secretary general of the IIHF within 2 business days.

## 60. § Entry to games

(1) The representatives of each team shall submit to the game's jury the list of players and officials (at least 1 coach is mandatory) entered to the game – indicating their jersey numbers, first and last names and the captain ("C") and deputy captain(s) ("A") – 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the game, on an electronically completed and signed game entry form.

(2) A player may be entered to the game if:

- a) his/her player license belongs to the sports organisation concerned (the player is listed on the sports organisation's start list);
- b) his/her age is appropriate for participating in an adult game,
- c) he/she is not banned and – if the date and/or time of the game changes – could have been entered at the original time of the game (the transfer of the right to choose the arena shall not be considered as a change of the game's date or time);
- d) he/she has a valid sports medical certificate (with a photo) adopted by the IIHF issued by a sports doctor (sports medical certificates issued by non-EU based doctors shall only be valid with the certified Hungarian translation attached, which can be substituted by a statement issued by the national federation of the country concerned regarding the validity of the player's sports medical certificate): Validity of sports medical certificates under the age of 18: 6 months, from the age of 18: 1 year. If the player delivers the original copy of the sports medical certificate to the Competition Office, the certificate shall be registered and its validity shall be displayed on the electronic player license. Upon the expiry of the validity of the sports medical certificate, the original copy shall be sent to the Competition Office again so that the deadline can be modified. Until the deadline is modified, an original, fully completed sports medical certificate furnished with a photo taken in the year concerned is also acceptable when presented at a game. An event log shall be drawn up with regard to the issue;
- e) he/she has not participated in any game in the scope of any international invitation-based league, championship, cup or event between national teams held for any age group announced/organised/supported by the national or other IIHF member federation or the IIHF itself (hereinafter referred to as: official game) on the same day,
- f) if he/she will not participate in any official game on the same day after the game that is subject to these Competition Rules. (if the player participates in an official game on the same day after the game that is subject to these Competition Rules, then at the posterior checking of the minutes, the player shall be deemed to be an unauthorised player with respect to the game that is subject to these Competition Rules.)

(3) Before the start of the game, the jury of the game and the referee shall check the eligibility and headcount of the players participating pursuant to the game entry form and the documents available electronically, after which they issue the minutes.

(4) Together with the game entry form the representative from each team must confirm the 5 skaters and 1 goalkeeper that will start the game on the ice (hereinafter: starting lineup). The starting lineup must be confirmed first by the visiting team. The home team can confirm its starting lineup knowing the opponent's already.

(5) The confirmed starting lineups can only be changed if a player on the starting lineup gets injured during warm-up. In this case an injury register need to be filled and the opponent needs to be told about the change.

(6) If a team starts the game with a lineup different from the confirmed starting lineup, or the injured player mentioned in paragraph (5) steps on the ice before the 2<sup>nd</sup> face-off in the 1<sup>st</sup> period, the respective team needs to be financially penalised according to the Competition Rules Annex 2.

(7) Supervising the cases mentioned in paragraphs (5) and (6) is the off-ice officials' duty. Any deviations from the rules should be noted in the event register.

## **61. § Minimum headcount**

(1) The minimum starting headcount of the teams entering the rink in the games of the League shall be set out in the competition announcement.

(2) If at the start of the game, the headcount of a team is below the minimum set out in the competition announcement, it shall be considered as if the team had not engaged in play, and the penalty specified in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules shall be imposed on it.

(3) When calculating the headcount of a team, only players who are actually ready to play at the start time of the game shall be taken into account.

(4) If during the game, the number of players of one of the teams, falls below the minimum headcount as defined in paragraph (1) due to injury, match penalty or any other reason, the referee shall call off the game. When determining the minimum headcount of a team at a game, players on whom a personal 10-minute misconduct penalty has been imposed shall be taken into account regardless of whether he/she can rejoin the game or not.

## **62. § Playing in other championships**

(1) If a sports organization enters a team to another championship for the same age group, it shall indicate the players of its team that will enter another championship for the same age group separated from those entering the League on its entry list (with 20+2 names) submitted to the Competition Office.

(2) The sports organization concerned shall keep the entry list separated in accordance with paragraph (1) updated. In the event of dispute, the separation indicated on the last entry list submitted shall prevail.

(3) The players listed on the League's entry list shall be entitled to play in games of other championships held for the same age group.

(4) The players listed on the entry list of the team entering another championship for the same age group are allowed to play without limitation in the League's regular and middle season games.

(5) Further U23 players listed on the entry list of the team entering another championship for the same age group shall be allowed to play in the playoff games of the League without limitation.

(6) Further players listed on the entry list of the team entering another championship for the same age group, but don't meet the category mentioned in paragraph (5) shall be allowed to play in the League playoffs only if they played in at least 30% of the regular and middle season games. In case of players entered by the sports organization after the start of the League's regular season, the mentioned 30% should be completed by the player regarding the time interval between his players' licence's date of issue linked to the respective sports organization and the date of the last game in the League's middle season.

(7) In counting of the number of games participated in mentioned in paragraph (6) the official game sheets should be taken in consideration.

(8) The start lists separated in accordance with paragraph (1) may be modified until the players transfer deadline.

(9)<sup>6</sup> If an existing farm team cooperation agreement between two sports organizations (heretofore: farm team cooperation agreement) allows it, then players listed on the entry list of a farm team of the League (heretofore: farm team) shall be allowed to play in another championship for the same age group.

(10) The interested parties shall present the farm team cooperation agreement existing between them to the Competition Office prior to presenting their entry lists. They are allowed to block out what is considered sensitive information.

(11) Players on the start list of a farm team shall have to be loaned to be able to play in another championship for the same age group. The team receiving the player is liable to inform the Competition Office of the loan via the form in Appendix 3. by 12 AM of the working day previous to the day of the game.

(12) If a player is loaned based on the farm team agreement between two teams, the team receiving the player shall be expressly informed of the expected terms and conditions in derogation of his employment agreement.

(13) Article 12. of the Transfer Rules shall only be applied to player loans based on farm team cooperation agreements with the exceptions set out in the present Regulations.

(14) Player loans based on farm team cooperation agreements shall be denied only if

- a) the farm team cooperation agreement has not been presented to the Competition Office,
- b) the form in Appendix 3. has been incompletely filled, missing the signature of the those entitled to represent the sports organizations loaning and receiving the player in question, missing the seal of the sports organizations in questions, missing the signature of the player (or, if necessary, his parent or legal guardian), or
- c) the Competition Office receives the necessary form after the deadline set out in Section 11.

(15) A player is loaned to another team for a fixed term. After that he is automatically assigned back to the farm team run by the sports organization loaning him.

(16) At any time during the fixed term of the loan a player can return to the farm team run by the sports organization loaning him by a „quick transfer” via the form in Appendix 4.

(17) The transfer deadline does not apply to player loans based on farm team cooperation agreements. These loans are also exempt from administration fees.

(18) Players on the entry list of teams entering another championship for the same age group can play in the farm team with the conditions set out in Sections 4-6.

(19) Players of a team in another championship for the same age group are not allowed to play in a team of the League if they are under a disciplinary ban. Players from a team of the League are

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<sup>6</sup> Paragraphs (9)-(19) inserted by Amendment 1 – Board decision 71/2018. (09.11.)

similarly not allowed to play on a team of another championship for the same age group if they are under a disciplinary ban. The breach of this rule will result, an administration fee equivalent to the effective entry fee set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules shall have to be paid.

### **63. § Waiting period**

- (1) The local team shall be provided no waiting period, while teams arriving from another locality shall be provided a 30-minute waiting period.
- (2) If the team is not ready to play by the time specified in paragraph (1), then with the exception set out in paragraph (4), the team shall be deemed not to have attended, and
  - a) if the non-attendance is attributable to the team, the win shall be registered for the team that was not at fault, with a score of 5:0;
  - b) if the non-attendance is not attributable to the team, the game shall be replayed in accordance with Section 42(6)-(7).
- (3) The team that did not attend shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.
- (4) If the teams concerned and the referees agree to conduct the game despite the delay, the late team shall pay an administration fee, the amount of which is set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.
- (5) The team arriving late shall promptly notify the other team regarding any expected delay and the reason(s) and extent thereof. If the team was late due to reasons not attributable to it, the game shall be held despite the delay.

### **64. § Referees**

(1) With the exception of invited foreign referees, only referees who are part of the League's team of referees may participate in the games of the League as referees. Only persons who have participated in the pre-season referee training and completed the theoretical and practical tests successfully may be admitted to the team of referees.

(2) The requirements regarding the delegation of referees and the remuneration of the referees shall be set out before the season in a separate agreement between the League Board and the League's Board of Referees. The referee's fee shall always be paid by the organising sports association.

(2a)<sup>7</sup> Organizing sport associations who choose to pay the referee's fee in cash are required to do so 30 minutes before the official start of the game. If an organizing sport association fails to pay the referee's fee, the Board of Erste Liga shall fine the organization EUR 100 per referee per incident. In case of a late payment, a fee of EUR 50 per referee per incident shall have to be paid by the organizing sport association.

(3) The League's Board of Referees shall appoint the referees for each game of the League.

(4) 4 referees shall participate in each game of the championship.

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<sup>7</sup> Inserted by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

<sup>8</sup> Paragraphs (5)-(10) overruled by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

(11) The referees of the game shall be present at the location of the game 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.

(12) At the start of the warm-up, the referees shall check the rink's suitability for play and decide about holding the game.

(13) The referee shall draw up a separate event log in each case when this is required by the IIHF Rulebook (and in particular in the case of the imposition of a match penalty or game misconduct penalty), and in the case of injuries.

(14) The referee shall authenticate via his/her signature the event log drawn up by the keeper of the minutes as mandatory.

(15) The organising sports organisation shall pay the referees' fee for cancelled games, except if it notified the BoR about the cancellation of the game at least 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the game. If the notification is given 12-24 hours before the game, the BoR shall be entitled to claim 50% of the referees' fee. If the game is cancelled later than that, the entire referees' fee shall be due to the BoR.

(16) If the game is cancelled for a reason attributable to the away team, the provisions of paragraph (15) shall be applied *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the away team.

(17) If a referee (or referees) is (are) late, the teams shall wait for 30 minutes as from the scheduled start time of the game. If due to the lateness of the referee(s), the game cannot be started at the originally scheduled time, the League's Board of Referees shall pay an administration fee with the amount set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(18) If not all referees arrive to a game of the League, but at least 2 referees are present, the game may be conducted with fewer referees if both team agrees on that. Showing up at the starting face-off is considered an irrevocable consent regarding the game to be played with fewer referees. After the consent of both teams no protest can be handed in regarding the game to be played with fewer referees.

(19) The jury shall draw up an event log with respect to the lateness or non-attendance of referees, which it shall deliver to the Competition Office together with the minutes.

(20) The costs of the game to be replayed due to the non-attendance of the referee in accordance with Section 42(6) shall be paid by the BoR.

## **65. § Referee-inspectors**

(1) The responsibilities of the referee inspectors shall be determined by the BoR.

(2) The referee inspector shall sign the game's minutes at the game's jury before the start and after the end of the game.

(3) The remuneration of referee inspectors shall be determined by the League Board and the BoR in a separate agreement.

(4) The deadline for sending the referees' and inspectors' reports to the Competition Office shall be 12:00 (Hungarian time) on the day after the game.

## **66. § The League's Board of Referees**

(1) The BoR shall be responsible for the activity of the referees and the referee inspectors at the games of the League.

(2) In particular, the BoR shall be responsible for:

- a) appointing referees and goal judges for the games;
- b) appointing referee inspectors for the games;

- c) the continuous observation and professional supervision of the activity of referees and the evaluation of their performance;
- d) the continuous information of the League Board regarding the operation of and decisions made by the Board of Referees.

## **67. § Off-ice Officials**

(1) The managers of each sports organisation shall appoint the members of the off-ice officials, the off-ice officials' head and his/her deputy, regarding which the sports organisations shall notify the Competition Office until the starting date of the competition season. The appointed head shall be responsible for the composition and proper performance of work of the participating association's off-ice officials, and for providing the technical conditions necessary for the operation thereof. The appointed head shall keep continuous contact with the Competition Office during the competition season.

(2) The League Board may organise informatory meetings and trainings for the members of the association off-ice officials. At least 1 member of the association off-ice officials shall be present at such events per sports organisation. If the association off-ice officials of a sports organisation fails to attend such an event, this sports organisation shall pay the fine set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules. After the third such absence during a single competition season, the sports organisation shall be disqualified from the League.

(3) Only off-ice officials with a valid tournament license may participate in the games of the League. This shall be checked by the referee at the start of the game, however the representative of the Competition Office and the opponent's team manager shall also be entitled to check it.

(4) The below officials shall be present in the association jury at the games of the League:

- a) 1 person measuring the time;
- b) 1 scorekeeper and a maximum of 2 assistants;
- c) 1 announcer;
- d) 2 persons measuring the time of penalties.

(5)<sup>9</sup> The operator of the video goal judge system 's operator shall also be a member of the association's off-ice officials. In this case, a line- and a shot statistician may also participate in the association jury described in paragraph (4).

(6) The members of the association off-ice officials shall be provided by the home team (organiser). If the headcount of the jury is 1 person short of the headcount required by paragraph (4), the game may be held, but the organising sports organisation shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(7) If the members of the association off-ice officials are not present in the number required by paragraph (6) at the time of the scheduled start of the game, the team choosing the arena shall be deemed not to have attended the game (as described in Section 63(2)).

(8) All costs incurred in connection with the operation of the off-ice officials shall be borne by the organising sports organisation.

(9) If a game's costs are borne by the IIHF, that game's off-ice officials shall be appointed by the Competition Office.

(10) The members of the association off-ice officials shall be present at the location of the game latest 60 minutes before the start of the game.

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<sup>9</sup> Modified by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)



(11) The responsibilities of the game's off-ice officials are set out in the Off-ice Officials Manual (*Versenybírói kézikönyv*) and the IIHF Off-ice Officials Handbook.

(12) The electronic (online) game sheet required by the IIHF or printed game sheets used at IIHF events shall be used at the games of the League.

(13) The original copies of the games' minutes and any event logs and injury registration forms (furnished with all necessary signatures) shall be delivered in scanned form within 30 minutes of the end of the game to the IIHF to the address [versenybirok@icehockey.hu](mailto:versenybirok@icehockey.hu) and any other storage space determined by the League Board.

(14) The jury shall deliver the documents specified in paragraph (12) to the Competition Office within 8 days by post (as preferential, registered letter), using a delivery service or in person. 1 copy of each of the official documents executed at the game fully identical to the original – attested by the authentic signature of the scorekeeper – shall be handed over to the team manager of each team participating in the game.

(15) If the game's official documentation is delivered late, the organising sports organisation shall pay a penalty, the amount of which is set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules. The fee to be paid by the organising sports organisation in the case of the late delivery of the original game sheets is also set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

(16) Unless agreed otherwise, the fees of the off-ice officials shall be paid by the organising sports organisation before the end of the game.

## **68. § Persons providing medical care services**

(1) At the games of the League, the organiser shall be responsible for providing a doctor (paramedic) and an ambulance car, except if the League Board takes over this responsibility pursuant to a separate agreement between the IIHF and the medical care service provider.

(2) A doctor or paramedic with the appropriate professional experience (orthopedic, surgeon, oxyology) and an ambulance car shall be present 40 minutes before the game's official start time. The pre-game warm-up on the ice and the game itself shall not be started in the absence of a doctor. This shall be checked by the jury.

(3) If the game's official doctor (paramedic) is not present at the game's official start time, a 30-minute waiting period shall be ordered. If no doctor (paramedic) is present at the end of the waiting period, the game shall be cancelled.

(4) If the game is cancelled due to the absence of the doctor (paramedic), the team choosing the arena shall be deemed not to have attended the game (as described in Section 63(2)), except if the doctor (paramedic) should have been provided by the home team pursuant to an agreement concluded in accordance with paragraph (1).

(5) If the game is cancelled due to the absence of the doctor (paramedic) provided in the scope of an agreement concluded in accordance with paragraph (1), the game shall be rescheduled to a new date. In such a case, the costs of hosting the replayed game shall be borne by the IIHF.

(6) During the game, the doctor (paramedic) shall stay at a location from where he/she can enter the rink with all the equipment necessary for immediate care as soon as possible.

(7) The doctor shall examine and provide care for all players who request or need it during the warm-up and the game. An injury registration form shall be completed with respect to each such case, even if no actual injury occurred or no care was needed.

(8) The doctor notifies the Hockey Operations Committee regarding the injuries he/she attended to via the online injury register. The injury register is the inseparable part of the official game sheet.

The game's scorekeeper shall be responsible for warning the doctor to complete the injury registration form.

(9) During the breaks and at the end of the game, the doctor shall consult with the team managers in person to make sure that no player of the team has been injured or needs care.

(10) The doctor (paramedic) may only leave the location of the game after the manager of each team has signed the minutes after the end of the game, certifying that all players in need of care has been attended to, there are no further players who need care and each event has been recorded in an injury registration form.

(11) The doctor's remuneration and responsibilities and the medical conditions of holding the game are set out in Government Decree No. 215/2004. (VII. 13.), on the Rules of Medical Care in Sports and the Sports Medical Care Network.

(12) Unless agreed otherwise between the organising sports association and the League Board, the organising sports association shall pay the contributor's fee to the doctor before the end of the game.

## **69. § Insurance**

The players, coaches, team managers, the persons providing medical care and the tournament referees shall attend the game at their own risk, and the insurance taken up by them or by their sports organisation for them shall apply with respect to them.

## **70. § Spectators**

(1) By buying the ticket or season ticket or applying for entry, the person attending the sports event agrees to be bound by the regulations regarding conduct in the arena. In addition to the regulations regarding conduct in the arena, the spectator shall comply with the regulations determined by the organiser and the instructions of the organiser, the police and the hosts.

(2) At public games, the spectators shall only be allowed to stay within the area designated for them (viewing area).

(3) The referees call the spectators to comply with paragraph (1) and (2) and to behave in an acceptable manner (in particular: to root for their team in a sportsmanlike manner and to refrain from any kind of racism) via the jury (loudspeaker). If necessary, the referees shall take measures as required through the organisers or the hosts. The hosts' failure to take action shall be attributed to the team choosing the arena, and shall be deemed to be a deficiency in the hosting, resulting in disciplinary action.

## **Chapter VIII – DISCIPLINARY ISSUES, APPEALS, OBJECTIONS**

### **71. § Disciplinary actions**

(1) In disciplinary matters, the provisions of the Disciplinary Code of the League and the IIHF shall apply.

(2) The League's Disciplinary Committee shall decide about matters that took place on the rink in connection with the game. All other matters shall fall into the competence of the Disciplinary Committee of the IIHF.

## **72. § Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee**

(1) The Disciplinary Committee of the HIHF shall make its decisions pursuant to the procedure set out in the HIHF's Disciplinary Code.

(2) The League's Disciplinary Committee shall make its decisions via accelerated procedure after evaluating the video footage of the case.

(3) The League's Disciplinary Committee shall notify those concerned, the League's Body of Referees, the Presidency of the League and the Competition Office in the form of a resolution issued in the official language(s) specified in Section 5. The disciplinary resolutions shall be published on the HIHF website without delay after they are declared.

(4) The decisions of the League's Disciplinary Committee shall not be appealed against, and they shall be enforceable immediately after they are declared.

### **72/A. § Penalty point system<sup>10</sup>**

(1) In addition to the disciplinary action taken by the Disciplinary Committee of Erste Liga and of HIHF, players, coaches or official (hereinafter referred to as: person concerned) on whom a major penalty, game misconduct or match penalty is imposed will also receive a certain amount of penalty points according to the weight of the offence committed.

(2) Penalty points received shall be:

- a. 1 point for a major penalty;
- b. 2 points for a game misconduct;
- c. 3 points for a match penalty.

(3) Points referred to in point a) of subsection (2) shall be given only if no other penalties but a major penalty is given (fair fight).

(4) Points referred to in point b) of subsection (2) shall be given for every game misconduct penalty either given separately or combined with any minor or major penalties (for example: 20, 10+20, 2+20, 2+2+20, 2+5+20 or 5+20).

(5) Points referred to in point c) subsection (2) shall be given for every match penalty.

(6) If a person concerned has previously received penalty points, but refrains from further offences punishable by penalty points for 5 games in a row, 0.5 points shall be deducted from their total penalty points. The total number of penalty points cannot be reduced to a number below 0 (zero).

(7) Penalty points received shall be kept on record by the Competition Office.

(8) Penalty points shall be recorded according to the entries of the official game sheets, against which no recourse may be sought afterwards.

(9) Players, coaches or officials who are given more than one penalty during a game shall only receive penalty points for their most serious offence at the game.

(10) During the championship season penalty points shall be adding up regardless of the person concerned receiving them as a player, a coach or an official. At the end of the season, however, the collected penalty points shall be annulled.

(11) If the total of penalty points collected by a player, coach or official reaches a number divisible by three (3), the Competition Office shall levy an automatic fine of EUR 200 to the sport association concerned.

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<sup>10</sup> Inserted by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

(12) If the contract existing between the player, coach or official and their sport association allows this, the sport association may pass on the payment of the fine to the person concerned. However, if the total amount of the fine increases 20% of the monthly net income the person concerned is receiving from the sport association, the difference between the two amounts shall be paid by the sport association.

(13) If any debate arises during the application of subsection (12) between the person concerned and the sport association, the person concerned has the right to seek help from the Player's Association.

(14) If further sanctions are imposed on a player by the Disciplinary Board, that does not annul the penalty points received for the original offence.

(15) Fines for penalty points shall be collected on a separate bank account by HIHF. At the end of the championship season the Board of the league shall decide how the collected funds shall be used.

### **72/B. § Automatic fines accompanying bans<sup>11</sup>**

(1) With exception of the cases detailed in subsection (1) of section 73, in any case when the Disciplinary Committee of HIHF or Erste Liga sanctions a misconduct with a ban, an automatic fine shall be levied against the sport association concerned.

(2) Automatic fines accompanying bans shall be the following:

- a) EUR 100 for a 1-game ban
- b) EUR 150 for a 2-game ban
- c) EUR 250 for a 3-5 game ban
- d) EUR 500 for a ban of 6 games or above.

(3) If, during one championship season, a player, coach or official is banned by the Disciplinary Committee of HIHF or Erste Liga multiple times for the same type of misconduct (as judged by the referees during the game), the fine for these bans shall be calculated using the multipliers detailed in subsection (4).

(4) Multipliers in case of repeated misconducts of the same type:

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> ban for the same misconduct: 1.5
- b) 3<sup>rd</sup> ban for the same misconduct: 2.0
- c) 4<sup>th</sup> ban for the same misconduct: 3.0
- d) every additional ban after that: 5.0

(5) Sport associations may pass on the payment of the fine by the same terms and conditions as described in subsections (12)-(13) of section 72/A.

(6) Fines accompanying bans shall be collected by HIHF on the same, separate bank account on which the fines for penalty points are collected. At the end of the championship season the Board of the league shall decide how the collected funds shall be used.

### **73. § Automatic bans**

(1) Any player, coach or official

- a) on whom a game misconduct penalty is imposed for the 2nd time in the championship season concerned; or
- b) on whom a match penalty is imposed in a game of the League

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<sup>11</sup> Inserted by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

shall automatically be banned for 1 game.

(2) The cumulation of game misconduct penalties shall start over for the purposes of paragraph (1)a) at the start of the playoff. Game misconduct penalties imposed during the regular season shall not be taken into account in the playoff.

(3) The League Board or – in justified cases – the Disciplinary Committee of the IIHF may impose further sanctions in addition to the automatic bans.

## **74. § Appeals**

The decisions of the Men's League Working Group – except for the cases set out in Section 72(4) – and the IIHF's bodies competent in the matters of the League may be appealed against within 2 business days at the secretary general of the IIHF, provided that the payment of the appeal fee set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules is certified. The IIHF Hockey Operations Committee shall decide regarding the approvals.

## **75. § Objection**

(1) Objections regarding the game may be submitted to the Competition Office by the sports organisation concerned latest until the lapse of the 36th hour after the time of the end of the game as indicated in the minutes.

(2) In the objection, the sports organisation may request that the result of the game be deleted and the game be replayed, or that the championship points (win) be awarded to it.

(3) The objection fee set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules shall be paid to IIHF's account simultaneously with the submission of the objection. The copy of the certificate regarding the payment or the transfer of the objection fee shall be attached to the objection. If the payment is not made, the objection shall be denied.

(4) The Competition Office shall decide regarding the objection within 5 business days of its submission.

(5) The Competition Office may initiate disciplinary action in connection with any violation identified in the course of the evaluation of the objection (regardless of the objection).

(6) If the Competition Office finds that the objection is justified and accepts it, the objection fee shall be repaid to the account of the sports organisation that submitted the objection.

(7) If the objection is denied, the IIHF shall issue an invoice regarding the objection fee after a legally binding decision is made.

## **76. § Complaint**

(1) Complaints against the activity of the referees may be made at the League within 24 hours after the end of the game. The League Board and the BoR shall examine the complaint within 8 days, and shall take measures or disciplinary action if necessary. The complainant and all other persons concerned shall be notified in writing regarding the outcome of the proceeding.

(2) Complaints against any issue observed during the games – excluding those set out in paragraph (1) – may be made at the League or the Competition Office within 48 hours after the end of the game. The League Board shall examine the complaint within 15 days, and shall take measures or disciplinary

action if necessary. The complainant and all other persons concerned shall be notified in writing regarding the outcome of the proceeding.

## **Chapter IX – FEES, EXPENSES**

### **77. § Expenses related the games**

(1) Expenses incurred in connection with hosting the games (in particular: renting the rink, jury, referees, doctor, amplification) – except for the exceptions set out in these Competition Rules – shall be borne by the team choosing the arena.

(2) If a game is cancelled, the team at fault shall pay compensation to the team not at fault within 15 days of the legally binding decision of the Competition Office, unless the team not at fault waives the compensation.

(3) If the compensation set out in paragraph (2) is not paid within the deadline, the Presidency shall initiate disciplinary action against the team at fault. Until the debt is settled, 1 point shall be deducted from the team at fault after each game played in the regular season, while in the playoff, the team shall be considered to have lost all games held (without actual play) until the debt is settled.

(4) The expenses incurred in connection with the repeated hosting of a game shall be borne by the organising sports association, except if the replay is necessary due to the referee's negligence. In such a case, the expenses shall be borne by the BoR. The IIHF Presidency may decide to bear the expenses incurred in connection with a game for equitable reasons.

### **78. § Missed payment deadlines**

(1) Sports organisations shall pay all costs and fees imposed on them within the deadline.

(2) If a sports organisation has a debt towards the organiser, the League Board or the BoR that is more than 15 days overdue, 1 point shall be deducted from it after each game in the regular season until it credibly certifies at the Competition Office that the debt has been paid.

(3) If during the playoff, a sports organisation has a debt towards the organiser, the League Board or the BoR that is more than 15 days overdue, the sports organisation shall be considered to have lost all games held (without actual play) until the debt is settled.

## **Chapter X – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **79. § Official events of the League**

(1) The official events of the League are as follows:

- a) TRIM Meeting;
- b) season-opening press conference;
- c) press conference before the playoff;
- d) press releases after the games.

(2) The presence of the following persons of each team shall be mandatory at the events specified in paragraph (1):

- a) at the event specified in paragraph (1)a): 1 coach, 1 player;
- b) at the event specified in paragraph (1)b): manager of the sports association, head coach, captain or alternate captain;

c) at the event specified in paragraph (1)c): to be determined by the League Board in each case;

d) at the event specified in paragraph (1)d): head coach.

(3) In the case of its failure to attend the official events of the League or inadequate representation, the team at fault shall pay the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules.

## **80. § Press releases**

(1) Players, officials and referees participating in the games and persons in any contractual or labour relationship with or having a right of representation in any sports organisation that entered the tournament shall not make any representations in public forums that may harm the interests of the League. The breach of this provision shall result in disciplinary action, to be conducted by the Board of the League.

(2) Coaches, players and officials shall not criticize the actions of the referees in their statements within 24 hours of the game. The breach of this provision shall result in disciplinary action.

(3) In domestic games that are broadcast live, interviews may only be made in front of the official statement wall approved by the IIHF and adopted exclusively for the tournament concerned. The secretary general and the League Board shall monitor the observance of this provision during the term of the entire competition season. In case this provision is breached, the penalty set out in Annex 1 of the Competition Rules shall be paid.

## **81. § Matters not regulated in the Competition Rules**

(1) In matters not regulated in the Competition Rules, the applicable laws, the IIHF Rulebook and its addendums, the other regulations of the IIHF and the decisions made by the bodies specified in Section 3 shall apply.

(2) The IIHF shall be entitled to lay down further rules with respect to matters not regulated in the Competition Rules (in particular regarding marketing rights and obligations).

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX 1 – FEES AND SANCTIONS

Fees and sanctions							
Subject	Reference	Type	Min. amount	Max. amount	Against whom?	Note	Who decides?
Team entry fee		administration fee	EUR 2,000.00		club		automatic
Supplemental administration fee in the case of entry in the additional entry period		administration fee	EUR 1,000.00		club		automatic
Deposit payment for entry		administration fee	EUR 3,000.00		club		automatic
Withdrawal, disqualification after the acceptance of the entry		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club		Competition Office
Modification of the competition schedule due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 200.00		club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 2,000.00		club	in the regular season, on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 5,000.00		club	in the playoff, except for the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club	in the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office



Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		disciplinary action	revocation of the right to choose the arena for the number of games specified by the Disciplinary Committee	disqualification of the club	club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		suspension	0 games	for an indefinite term	the club's officer		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		compensation			club	up to the amount of the expenses demonstrated by the opponent	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Modification of the competition schedule due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 200.00		club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 2,000.00		club	in the regular season, on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 5,000.00		club	in the playoff, except for the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club	in the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		disciplinary action	revocation of the right to choose the arena for the number of games specified by the Disciplinary Committee	disqualification of the club	club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee

Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		suspension	0 games	for an indefinite term	the club's officer		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Refusal to play due to other commitments with respect to the championship		compensation			club	up to the amount of the expenses demonstrated by the opponent	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Player registration (player license) fee		administration fee	EUR 4.00		club	per player and per procedure	automatic
The player takes to the ice in the jersey of another entered player		fine	EUR 200.00		club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Late submission of start list		Supplemental administration fee	EUR 10.00		club	per player	automatic
Change of the game's start time requested by the teams		administration fee	EUR 50.00		the club initiating the change		automatic
Participation of a team in a tournament organised by a third party without the authorisation of the League		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Participation of a player in a tournament organised by a third party without the authorisation of the League		fine	EUR 2,000.00		player	on each occasion	Competition Office
Supplemental administration fee in the case of the late submission of the ice rink data sheet:		Supplemental administration fee	EUR 200.00		club		automatic
Fee of rink license procedure		administration fee	EUR 500.00		club		automatic
Fee of repeated rink license procedure		administration fee	EUR 2,000.00		club		automatic

Fee of repeated rink inspection		administration fee	EUR 1,000.00		club		automatic
The technical conditions of the game are inadequate		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 1,000.00	club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
The game is not played with an official puck		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Price of official game puck		administration fee	EUR 1.30		club		automatic
The game is not recorded		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The footage is not uploaded to the server within the deadline.		fine	EUR 50.00		hosting club	on each occasion if less than 12 hours late	automatic
The footage is not uploaded to the server within the deadline.		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion if more than 12 hours late	automatic
The footage is not handed over to the opponent		fine	EUR 50.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Inadequate locker room for the away team		warning			hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate locker room for the away team		fine	EUR 300.00	EUR 3,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate locker room for the away team		revocation of rink license	until the error is remedied		hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
The locker room is made available to the away team late		fine	EUR 500.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The training opportunity required by the regulations is not provided to the away team		fine	EUR 500.00		hosting club	on the first occasion	automatic
The training opportunity required by the regulations is not provided to the away team		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on the second occasion	automatic

The training opportunity required by the regulations is not provided to the away team		fine	EUR 3,000.00		hosting club	on the third occasion and each occasion after that	automatic
Inadequate locker room for the away team		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on the first occasion	automatic
Inadequate locker room for the away team		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on the second occasion	automatic
Inadequate locker room for the away team		fine	EUR 3,000.00		hosting club	on the third occasion and each occasion after that	automatic
The locker room is made available to the away team late		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The away team is not provided the number of pucks prescribed for training and/or the warm-up		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Omission of ice resurfacing before the arrival of the away team		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Unauthorised persons in the locker room		fine	EUR 200.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		warning			hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		revocation of rink license	until the error is remedied		hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate referees' locker room		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
No drinking water in the referees' locker room		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on the first occasion	automatic
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 2,500.00		hosting club	on the second occasion	automatic

Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 5,000.00	EUR 10,000.00	hosting club	on the third occasion and each occasion after that	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		disciplinary action			hosting club	on each occasion	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		disciplinary action			unauthorised person	on each occasion if the person concerned is an official	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		disciplinary action			the unauthorised person's club	on each occasion if the person concerned is an official	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised persons in on near the referee's locker room		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club	on each occasion	Disciplinary Committee
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		warning			hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Inadequate accessibility of the locker room		revocation of rink license	until the error is remedied		hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Deficiently equipped medical room		warning			hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
Deficiently equipped medical room		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
Deficiently equipped medical room		revocation of rink license	until the error is remedied		hosting club	on each occasion	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
The doctor does not arrive to the location in time		fine	EUR 10.00		hosting club	per minute if the hosting club provides the doctor	automatic
The doctor does not arrive to the location in time		fine	EUR 10.00		medical care provider	per minute if another organisation provides the doctor pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic

The doctor leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		hosting club	if the hosting club provides the doctor	automatic
The doctor leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		medical care provider	if another organisation provides the doctor pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic
No ambulance car at the location in due time		fine	EUR 10.00		hosting club	per minute if the medical care services are provided by the hosting club	automatic
No ambulance car at the location in due time		fine	EUR 10.00		medical care provider	per minute if medical care is provided by another organisation pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic
The ambulance car leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		hosting club	if the medical care services are provided by the hosting club	automatic
The ambulance car leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		medical care provider	if the medical care services are provided by another organisation pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic
No doctor (paramedic) is present at the game		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on each occasion	Competition Office
No doctor (paramedic) is present at the game			refusal to play		hosting club	on each occasion, if the medical care services are provided by the hosting club	Competition Office
No doctor (paramedic) is present at the game		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club		Competition Office
No ambulance car		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club		Competition Office
The security personnel does not wear distinguishing clothing		fine	EUR 200.00		hosting club	on each occasion, for each person	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
The security personnel does not wear distinguishing clothing		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club	in the case of repeated perpetration	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee

The members of the security personnel have no unique IDs		fine	EUR 50.00		hosting club	on each occasion, for each person	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
The members of the security personnel have no unique IDs		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club	in the case of repeated perpetration	IIHF Hockey Operations Committee
The regulations regarding conduct in the arena are not displayed at the entry points in at least the official language of the country and English		fine	EUR 30.00		hosting club	per game and per entry gate	Competition Office
The escape routes are not displayed at the entry points and the entrances to the viewing area		fine	EUR 30.00		hosting club	per game and per entry gate / entrance to the viewing area	Competition Office
Unauthorised person in a zone		fine	EUR 1,000.00			on each occasion, for each person	Competition Office
Unauthorised person in a zone		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting team	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in a zone		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in a zone		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person's club	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on the first occasion	automatic
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 2,500.00		hosting club	on the second occasion	automatic
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		fine	EUR 5,000.00	EUR 10,000.00	hosting club	on the third occasion and each occasion after that	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting team	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person's club	Disciplinary Committee

Unauthorised person in the referee's locker room		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club	on each occasion	Disciplinary Committee
No escort for the referees		fine	EUR 100.00			on each occasion	Competition Office
No protected parking space is provided for the referees' vehicle, and the vehicle is attacked		fine	EUR 500.00			on each occasion	Competition Office
No protected parking space is provided for the referees' vehicle, and the vehicle is attacked		compensation			hosting club	on each occasion, against the hosting team	Competition Office
The referee is attacked		ban	5 years	for life		against the perpetrator	Disciplinary Committee
The referee is attacked		disciplinary action				against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Disciplinary Committee
The referee is attacked		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00		against the perpetrator or against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Presidency of the League
The referee is attacked		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting club	Disciplinary Committee
The referee is attacked		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
Objects are thrown at the referee		ban	6 months	for life		against the perpetrator	Disciplinary Committee
Objects are thrown at the referee		disciplinary action				against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Disciplinary Committee
Objects are thrown at the referee		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00		against the perpetrator or against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Presidency of the League
Objects are thrown at the referee		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting club	Disciplinary Committee
Objects are thrown at the referee		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League



Unauthorised person in the locker room of one of the teams		fine	EUR 1,000.00			on each occasion, for each person	Competition Office
Unauthorised person in the locker room of one of the teams		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting team	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the locker room of one of the teams		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person (if he/she is an official)	Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person in the locker room of one of the teams		disciplinary action				against the unauthorised person's club (if he/she is an official)	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked		ban	5 years	for life		against the perpetrator	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked		disciplinary action				against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00		against the perpetrator or against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Presidency of the League
A player of one of the teams is attacked		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting club	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		ban	1 year	for life		against the perpetrator	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		disciplinary action				against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00		against the perpetrator or against the perpetrator's club, if the perpetrator is an official	Presidency of the League

A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		disciplinary action			hosting club	against the hosting club	Disciplinary Committee
A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		fine	EUR 2,000.00	EUR 15,000.00	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
A player of one of the teams is attacked or insulted while sitting on the substitutes' bench or the penalty bench		close of the viewing area or a part thereof	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Presidency of the League	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
No escort for the players		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	against the hosting club	Competition Office
No protected parking space is provided for the away team' bus, and the bus or the players are attacked		compensation				on each occasion, against the hosting team	Competition Office
No protected parking space is provided for the away team' bus, and the bus or the players are attacked		fine	EUR 3,000.00	EUR 6,000.00	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
No protected parking space is provided for the away team' bus, and the bus or the players are attacked		game behind closed gates	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Presidency of the League	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League

No protected parking space is provided for the away team' bus, and the bus or the players are attacked		revocation of the right to choose the arena	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Presidency of the League	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
Hindering the entrance or free movement of the away team or officials		fine	EUR 1,000.00	EUR 10,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
Hindering the entrance or free movement of the away team or officials		revocation of the right to choose the arena	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Presidency of the League	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
The official League accreditation cards are not accepted		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion	Competition Office
The official League accreditation cards are not accepted		revocation of the right to choose the arena	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Presidency of the League	hosting club	against the hosting club	Presidency of the League
No approved entry and exit rules		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club		Presidency of the League
No approved entry and exit rules		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group

Inappropriate placement of the fans of the away team		fine	EUR 50.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club		Competition Office
Inappropriate placement of the fans of the away team		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Deficiencies with respect to the checking of fans at entry		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 2,000.00	hosting club		Competition Office
Deficiencies with respect to the checking of fans at entry		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Affray at the game		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 3,000.00	the club concerned		Presidency of the League
Affray at the game		disciplinary action			the club concerned		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Affray at the game		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Prohibited items at the game		fine	EUR 0.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club		Competition Office

Prohibited items at the game		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
Illegal selling of drinks		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Illegal selling of drinks		revocation of rink license	0 games	for the term or until the fulfilment of the conditions determined by the Technical Committee	hosting club		IIHF Management Committee Technical Working Group
The association jury's representative's failure to attend the tournament referee training		fine	EUR 350.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
The jury's headcount is 1 person less during the game than prescribed		fine	EUR 1,000.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Failure to perform the pre-game inspections		fine	EUR 200.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The members of the jury are not present at the location of the game in time		fine	EUR 4.00		hosting club	per person and per minute	automatic
The headcount of the jury is below the minimum at the time of the start of game		declared outcome	0-5		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The headcount of the jury is below the minimum at the time of the start of game		fine	EUR 2,000.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Failure of the jury to perform its tasks						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 14 of the Competition Rules	

Honorarium for the members of the jury		fee			hosting club	on each occasion, for each person	automatic
The association jury's representative's failure to attend the tournament referee training (keepers of the minutes)		fine	EUR 350.00		club	on each occasion, for each person	automatic
No announcing in English		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	in each case	automatic
Announcing sponsors and sponsorships when a goal is scored		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	in each case	automatic
Transmission of advertisements at times other than when permitted		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	in each case	automatic
The announcer makes a non-neutral announcement		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	in each case	automatic
Commenting on the results of other games		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	in each case	automatic
Referees						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	
Responsibilities of referees						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	
Referees' fees						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	
Referee-inspectors						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	
Lateness and non-attendance of referees						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	
the League's Body of Referees						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 15 of the Competition Rules	

The doctor does not arrive to the location in time		fine	EUR 10.00		hosting club	per minute if the hosting club provides the doctor	automatic
The doctor does not arrive to the location in time		fine	EUR 10.00		medical care provider	per minute if another organisation provides the doctor pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic
The doctor leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		hosting club	if the hosting club provides the doctor	automatic
The doctor leaves early		fine	EUR 150.00		medical care provider	if another organisation provides the doctor pursuant to a contract concluded with the club	automatic
Checking coaches' license online		administration fee	EUR 30.00		club	in each case	automatic
No coach is indicated on the entry form or the coach indicated has no license		administration fee	EUR 75.00		club	on the first occasion	automatic
No coach is indicated on the entry form or the coach indicated has no license		administration fee	EUR 150.00		club	on the second occasion	automatic
No coach is indicated on the entry form or the coach indicated has no license		administration fee	EUR 150.00		club	On the third occasion and each occasion after that	automatic
No coach is indicated on the entry form or the coach indicated has no license		disciplinary action			club	On the third occasion and each occasion after that	HIHF Disciplinary Committee
Unsportsmanlike conduct as coach or official		disciplinary action			the official		Disciplinary Committee of the League;
More than 6 persons at the substitutes' bench		fine	EUR 175.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
More than 6 persons at the substitutes' bench		disciplinary action			club		HIHF Disciplinary Committee

Unauthorised person at the Jury's cabin or the penalty benches		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 2,000.00	the unauthorised person or his/her club		Presidency of the League
Unauthorised person at the Jury's cabin or the penalty benches		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 2,000.00	hosting club		Presidency of the League
Unauthorised person at the Jury's cabin or the penalty benches		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club		Presidency of the League
Unauthorised person at the Jury's cabin or the penalty benches		disciplinary action			unauthorised person		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Unauthorised person at the Jury's cabin or the penalty benches		disciplinary action			hosting club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Spectators in locations where they are not allowed		fine	EUR 300.00	EUR 3,000.00	hosting club		Presidency of the League
Spectators in locations where they are not allowed		revocation of rink license	0 games	for an indefinite term	hosting club		Presidency of the League
Spectators in locations where they are not allowed		disciplinary action			hosting club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Entry to the game						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 14 of the Competition Rules	
Checking the eligibility of players online		administration fee	EUR 20.00		club	per player and on each occasion	automatic
refusal to play		fine	EUR 2,000.00		club	in the regular season, on each occasion	Competition Office
refusal to play		fine	EUR 5,000.00		club	in the playoff, except for the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
refusal to play		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club	in the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office



refusal to play		disciplinary action	revocation of the right to choose the arena for the number of games specified by the Disciplinary Committee	disqualification of the club	club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
refusal to play		suspension	0 games	for an indefinite term	the club's officer		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
refusal to play		compensation			club	up to the amount of the expenses demonstrated by the opponent	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
non-attendance		fine	EUR 2,000.00		club	in the regular season, on each occasion	Competition Office
non-attendance		fine	EUR 5,000.00		club	in the playoff, except for the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
non-attendance		fine	EUR 10,000.00		club	in the finals, on each occasion	Competition Office
non-attendance		disciplinary action	revocation of the right to choose the arena for the number of games specified by the Disciplinary Committee	disqualification of the club	club		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
non-attendance		suspension	0 games	for an indefinite term	the club's officer		IIHF Disciplinary Committee
non-attendance		compensation			club	up to the amount of the expenses demonstrated by the opponent	IIHF Disciplinary Committee

being late after the lapse of the waiting period, the game has been played to its end		administration fee	EUR 0.00	EUR 2,000.00	club	in the regular season, on each occasion	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
being late after the lapse of the waiting period, the game has been played to its end		administration fee	EUR 0.00	EUR 5,000.00	club	in the playoff, except for the finals, on each occasion	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
being late after the lapse of the waiting period, the game has been played to its end		administration fee	EUR 0.00	EUR 10,000.00	club	in the finals, on each occasion	IIHF Disciplinary Committee
Playing time, warm-up, overtime						for matters not regulated herein, see Annex 14 of the Competition Rules	
The away team is not provided the number of pucks prescribed for training and/or the warm-up		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
The duration of the break is different from the prescribed without the authorisation of the League		fine	EUR 300.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Omission of ice resurfacing		fine	EUR 100.00		hosting club	on each occasion	automatic
Request for the use of a jersey number that is not in compliance with the regulations		administration fee	EUR 100.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
The reuse of an already assigned jersey number for another player		fine	EUR 100.00		club	per player and on each occasion	automatic
A player wears more than one jersey numbers in the same team		fine	EUR 100.00		club	per player and on each occasion	automatic
Inappropriate name inscription or numbering		fine	EUR 100.00		club	per player and on each occasion	automatic
The mark is missing from the captain's (vice captain's) jersey		fine	EUR 100.00		club	per player and on each occasion	automatic
No two sets of jerseys with identical numbering and different colour		fine	EUR 1,500.00		club	on each occasion	automatic

The club has no temporary jerseys		fine	EUR 500.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
No reserve jersey for the replacement of the damaged jersey		fine	EUR 500.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
The team enters the rink in unapproved jerseys		fine	EUR 3,000.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
Having an ineligible player participate		declared outcome	0-5 or result achieved in the game		club at fault	on each occasion	Competition Office
The game is cancelled or called off due to a reason attributable to one of the teams concerned		declared outcome	0-5 or result achieved in the game		club at fault	on each occasion	Competition Office
The game is cancelled or called off due to a reason attributable to both of the teams concerned		declared outcome	0-5		both clubs	on each occasion	Competition Office
Objection fee		administration fee	EUR 100.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
Appeal fee		administration fee	EUR 200.00		club	on each occasion	automatic
The game is cancelled or called off due to a reason attributable to one of the teams concerned		compensation			club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Compensation is not provided in time		point deduction			club at fault	in the regular season, each game until the payment of the compensation	automatic
Compensation is not provided in time		declared outcome	win		club at fault	in the playoff, each game until the payment of the compensation	automatic
Compensation is not provided in time		disciplinary action			club at fault		Disciplinary Committee
debts due for more than 8 days		point deduction			club at fault	in the regular season, each game until the payment of the compensation	automatic

debts due for more than 8 days		declared outcome	win		club at fault	in the playoff, each game until the payment of the compensation	automatic
a player is not released to the national team by its club		suspension of the right to play			player	for the term of the invitation to the national team	Competition Office
a player is not released to the national team by its club		disciplinary action			club		Disciplinary Committee
Representation harming the interests of the league		disciplinary action					Presidency of the League
Representation harming the interests of the league		fine	warning	EUR 3,000.00	club of the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Representation harming the interests of the league		fine	warning	EUR 3,000.00	the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Representation harming the interests of the league		suspension	warning	for an indefinite term	the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Criticizing the referees within 24 hours of the game		disciplinary action					Presidency of the League
Criticizing the referees within 24 hours of the game		fine	warning	EUR 1,000.00	club of the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Criticizing the referees within 24 hours of the game		fine	warning	EUR 1,000.00	the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Criticizing the referees within 24 hours of the game		suspension	warning	for an indefinite term	the person making the statement		Presidency of the League
Making a statement in a place other than in front of the approved statement wall		fine	warning	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
Absence or partial absence from the TRIM Meeting		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 500.00	club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League

Absence or partial absence from the season-opening press conference		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 1,000.00	club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
Absence or partial absence from the press conference before the playoff		fine	EUR 200.00	EUR 1,000.00	club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
Refusal to make a press statement at the end of the game		fine	EUR 400.00		club	on each occasion	Presidency of the League
Deviation from the Competition Rules when hosting a game in a location other than the "home ground"		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 1,000.00	hosting club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Deviation from the Competition Rules with respect to the recording of the game (e.g.: failure to record the game or hand over the footage)		fine	EUR 100.00	EUR 1,000.00	club	on each occasion	Competition Office
Failure to send the minutes to the Competition Office		fine	EUR 50.00		club	on each occasion	Competition Office

## **ANNEX 2 – OVERTIME OPERATIONS AND GAME WINNING SHOT PROCEDURE**

### **OVERTIME OPERATIONS AND GAME WINNING SHOT PROCEDURE**

#### **1. Regular rules**

##### **a) Regular- and mid-season**

During the regular- and mid-season, if the teams are at a draw after the 3rd period of the game, both teams receive 1 point. After that, the teams play an overtime with 3 players and 1 goalkeeper, the duration of which shall be 5 minutes. The team that scores first during the overtime wins the game (hereinafter referred to as: sudden death) and receives an additional point.

The overtime begins after a 3-minute break. The players stay on their own substitutes' benches during the break. The teams do not change sides for the overtime, the defending zones are the same as in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods. During the breaks, the goalkeepers must stay at their substitutes' bench. Penalized players must stay on the penalty bench. If a penalized player leaves the penalty bench, the referee shall send him/her back to the penalty bench, but does not need to impose further penalties if no other fouls are committed by the player.

##### **b) Playoff and finals**

During the playoff, if the teams are at a draw after the 3rd period of the game, the game shall continue with an overtime with a maximum duration of 10 minutes. The rules of sudden death shall apply during the playoff too. The overtime is played by 4 players and 1 goalkeeper per team.

In other matters, the rules governing overtime in the regular- and mid-season shall apply for overtime in the playoff.

##### **c) Finals**

During the finals, if the teams are at a draw after the 3rd period of the game, the game shall continue with an overtime with a maximum duration of 20 minutes. The rules of sudden death shall apply during the finals too. The overtime is played by 5 players and 1 goalkeeper per team.

The overtime begins after a regular 15-minute break. The ice shall be resurfaced before the overtime starts. The teams change halves for the overtime.

The headcount of the teams shall be identical to the number of players on the ice at the end of the 3rd period, in accordance with any effective penalties.

## 2. Penalties

### a) Regular- and mid-season

If the players play 5 vs 3 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 5 vs 3. If the headcount of players reaches 5 vs 4 or 5 vs 5, the number of players shall be adjusted to 4 vs 3 or 3 vs 3 (according to the game situation) at the next game interruption.

If the players play 4 vs 4 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 3 vs 3.

If the players play 3 vs 3 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 3 vs 3. If the headcount of players reaches 4 vs 4, 5 vs 4 or 5 vs 5, the number of players shall be adjusted to 3 vs 3 or 4 vs 3 (according to the game situation) at the next game interruption.

Each team shall always have at least 3 players present on the ice. This may make it necessary for a 4th and/or 5th player to enter the ice, having regard to the penalties imposed during the course of the game. (see: *Reference table 1*)

If a penalty is imposed on a team during the overtime, the teams shall play 4 vs 3. If a minor penalty is imposed on both teams during the same game interruption (and no other penalty is imposed), the game continues 3 vs 3.

In the overtime, if as a result of a penalty imposed on it, a team is left short-handed by 2, the team at fault shall have 3 players on the ice, while a 5th player may enter the ice on the side of the other team.

At the first game interruption after the lapse of one team's short-handedness by the players, the headcount of teams is adjusted to 4 vs 3 or 3 vs 3 according to the game situation (see: *Reference table 2*)

Overlapping penalties have no effect on the number of players on the rink in the overtime.

### b) Playoff

If the players play 5 vs 3 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 5 vs 3. If the headcount of players reaches 5 vs 4 or 5 vs 5, the number of players shall be adjusted to 4 vs 3 or 4 vs 4 (according to the game situation) at the next game interruption.

If the players play 4 vs 4 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 3 vs 3.

If the players play 3 vs 3 at the end of the regular playing time, the overtime shall begin with 3 vs 3. If the headcount of players reaches 4 vs 4, 5 vs 4 or 5 vs 5, the number of players shall be adjusted to 3 vs 3, 4 vs 3 or 4 vs 4 (according to the game situation) at the next game interruption.

Each team shall always have at least 3 players present on the ice. This may make it necessary for a 4th and/or 5th player to enter the ice, having regard to the penalties imposed during the course of the game. (see: *Reference table 3*)

If a penalty is imposed on a team during the overtime, the teams shall play 4 against 3. If a minor penalty is imposed on both teams during the same game interruption (and no other penalty is imposed), the game continues 4 vs 4.

In the overtime, if as a result of a penalty imposed on it, a team is left short-handed by 2, the team at fault shall have 3 players on the ice, while a 5th player may enter the ice on the side of the other team.

At the first game interruption after the lapse of one team's short-handedness by the players, the headcount of teams is adjusted to 4 vs 3 or 4 vs 4 according to the game situation (see: *Reference table 4*)

Overlapping penalties have no effect on the number of players on the rink in the overtime.

### **3. Penalty shot shootout procedure**

During the games of the League, if after the 5-, 10- or 20-minute overtime there is still a draw, the game shall continue with a penalty shootout in accordance with the following:

- 1) The penalty shot shootout begins immediately after the end of the overtime, no ice resurface takes place prior the shootouts.
- 2) The penalty shot shootout begins with the penalty shots of 5 different players of each team. The players taking the penalty shots need not be named beforehand. All players listed on the game entry form shall be entitled to participate in the penalty shootout, with the exceptions set out in item 3).
- 3) Players whose penalty is still in effect when the term of the overtime ends shall not be entitled to take penalty shots, and shall stay on the penalty bench or in the locker room during the penalty shootout. Players serving their penalty imposed on them during the penalty shootout shall also stay on the penalty bench or in the locker room.
- 4) The home team decides whether it wants to take penalty shots first or second.
- 5) During the penalty shootout, the goalkeepers guard the same goal which they guarded during the overtime. The goalkeepers may stay at in the area of their own goal crease during the opponent's penalty shot.
- 6) The goalkeeper may be substituted after any penalty shot.
- 7) The players of the teams take penalty shots until one of the teams misses its shot and the other one scores. No more penalty shots need to be taken after that.
- 8) If the result is still a draw after the 5 penalty shots of each team, the penalty shootout continues with players who have either taken penalty shots before or take penalty shots for the first time. The sequence of penalty shots shall be exchanged before this part of the penalty shootout. It is possible even for all penalty shots of a team to be taken by the same player. The game ends when in the course of a pair's shot, one team misses and the other one scores.
- 9) Only the winning goal shot shall be taken into account in the game's result, and it shall also be taken into account in the individual statistics of the scoring player and the losing goalkeeper.
- 10) If a team does not participate in the penalty shootout, the game – and the points resulting from it – shall be registered as the other team's win.



**Reference table 1)**

Penalties in effect before the start of the overtime – Regular- and mid-season

E.g.	Time in the 3rd period	Team "A"	"B" team	Solution
1)	19:10	A5 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	The penalties displaced on the scoreboard remain in effect, the overtime starts with 3 against 3. The players shall be let back on the ice after their penalty has lapsed, thus the number of players is 4 vs 4. The number of players has to be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption.
2)	19:10 19:50	A5 – 2 minutes A7 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	The teams begin the overtime with 3(A) against 4(B). Upon the lapse of the penalties of players A5 and B17, they shall be let back in the rink, thus the number of players on the ice will be 4(A) vs 5(B). At the first game interruption, the headcount shall be adjusted to 3(A) vs 4(B) (if A7's penalty has not lapsed yet). When A7's penalty expires, he has to be let back on the ice, and the number of players has to be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption.
3)	19:10 19:25 19:40	A5 – 2 minutes A7 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	The overtime starts with 3(A) against 4(B). When the penalties expire as normal, the players shall be let back on the rink. It is possible that the game continues 5 vs 5, however the number of players on the rink shall be adjusted at the next game interruption in accordance with the rules of overtime.
4)	19:10 19:30 19:40	A5 – 2 minutes A7 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes B36 – 2 minutes	The overtime starts with 3 against 3. When the penalties expire as normal, the players shall be let back on the rink. It is possible that the game continues 5 vs 5, however the number of players on the rink shall be adjusted at the next game interruption in accordance with the rules of overtime.
5)	19:10 19:20 19:30 19:40	A5 – 2 minutes A7 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes B36 – 2 minutes	The overtime starts with 3 against 3. When the penalties expire as normal, the players shall be let back on the rink. It is possible that the game continues 5 vs 5, however the number of players on the rink shall be adjusted at the next game interruption to 4(A) vs 3(B) or 3 vs 3, according to the current game situation.

Reference table 2) Penalties imposed during the overtime – Regular- and mid-season				
E.g.	Time in the overtime	Team “A”	“B” team	Number of persons on the ice
1)	0:30	A23 – 2 minutes		Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 4 players
	1:00		B17 – 2 minutes	Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 3 players
	1:30	A7 – 2 minutes		Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 4 players
<p>When team “A” is receives a second minor penalty, the number of team “B’s” players shall be completed with one additional player. After the lapse of the penalty of player A23, the number of players present on the ice shall 4 vs 4, which shall be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption. If at the game interruption, the penalty of player B17 has lapsed (before the penalty of player A7 would lapse), the number of players present on the ice shall be 3(A) vs 4(B). If no game interruption takes place before both (B17, A7) players could return after the lapse of their penalty, the number of players on the ice shall be 4 vs 4, to be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption. When players B17 and A7 return, the number of players on the ice shall be 4 vs 4 again, which shall – in accordance with the total number of players in the overtime – be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption.</p>				
2)	0:30	A23 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 3 players
	Overlapping penalties have no effect on the number of players on the rink in the overtime.			

Reference table 3) Penalties in effect before the start of the overtime – Finals				
E.g.	Time in the 3rd period	Team “A”	“B” team	Solution
1)	19:10	A5 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	The overtime starts with 3 against 3. At the first game interruption after the lapse of the penalties of players A5 and B17, the players shall be let back in the rink, however the number of players on the ice remains 3 vs 3. This makes it possible for the players serving their penalties (A7, B36) to return to the ice after the lapse of their penalties, and as such for the headcount of teams to be adjusted to 4 vs 4. It is possible that the game continues 5 vs 5, however the number of players on the rink shall
	19:30			
	19:40	A7 – 2 minutes	B36 – 2 minutes	

				be adjusted at the next game interruption in accordance with the rules of overtime.
2)	19:10 19:20 19:30 19:40	A5 – 2 minutes  A7 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes  B36 – 2 minutes	The overtime starts with 3 against 3. After the penalties lapse as normal, the players may return to the ice. It is possible that the game continues 5 vs 5, however the number of players on the rink shall be adjusted to 4 vs 3 or 4 vs 4 at the next game interruption in accordance with the situation of the game.

<b>Reference table 4)</b> Penalties imposed during the overtime – Finals				
E.g.	Time in the overtime	Team “A”	“B” team	Number of persons on the ice
1)	0:30  1:00  1:30	A23 – 2 minutes   A7 – 2 minutes	  B17 – 2 minutes	Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 4 players  Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 3 players  Team “A” – 3 players “B” team – 4 players
<p>When team “A” is receives a second minor penalty, the number of team “B’s” players shall be completed with one additional player. After the lapse of the penalty of player A23, the number of players present on the ice shall 4 vs 4, which shall be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption. If at the game interruption, the penalty of player B17 has lapsed (before the penalty of player A7 would lapse), the number of players present on the ice shall be 3(A) vs 4(B). If no game interruption takes place before both (B17, A7) players could return after the lapse of their penalty, the number of players on the ice shall be 4 vs 4, to be adjusted to 3 vs 3 at the next game interruption. When players B17 and A7 return, the number of players on the ice shall be 4 vs 4, in accordance with the total number of players in the overtime.</p>				
2)	0:30	A23 – 2 minutes	B17 – 2 minutes	Team “A” – 4 players “B” team – 4 players
Overlapping penalties have no effect on the number of players on the ice in the overtime.				

## ANNEX 3 – PLAYERS LOAN FORM



# ERSTE LIGA

## KÖLCSÖNADÁSI LAP



FARMCSAPAT-MEGÁLLAPODÁS ALAPJÁN TÖRTÉNŐ KÖLCSÖNADÁSRÓL

Az átvevő (fogadó) sportszervezet:	
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Az átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet:	
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A sportoló									Fiatalkori (18 év alatti) sportoló esetén a szülő/gondviselő aláírása*
Pos.	Regisztrációs szám	Vezetéknéve	Keresnév	Állampolgársága	Jogcíme (Am./Hiv.)	Jogviszonya (Tag, Szabadújs, Sportoló)	Kölcsönzési határozott időtartama	Aláírás	
1									
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\*Fiatalkori (18 év alatti) sportoló esetén a szülő/gondviselő aláírásával hozzájárul a sportoló átvevő (fogadó) sportszervezethez történő kölcsönadásához.

Alulírott átvevő (fogadó) sportszervezet kérem a két sportszervezet között fennálló farmcsapat-megállapodás alapján a fent megjelölt sportolók határozott időtartamra történő kölcsönadását.

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Az átvevő (fogadó) sportszervezet  
képviselőjének jogosult aláírása

p.h.

Alulírott átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet hozzájárulok a fent megjelölt sportolók határozott időtartamra történő kölcsönadásához.

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Az átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet  
képviselőjének jogosult aláírása

p.h.

Kérjük, hogy a kitöltött, alát és lepecsézett kölcsönadási lapot az MJSZ Versenyirodához eljuttatni szíveskedjen a versenybiro@icehockey.hu e-mail címen.

## ANNEX 4 – QUICK TRANSFER FORM



# ERSTE LIGA

## VILLÁMIGAZOLÁSI LAP



FARMCSPAT-MEGÁLLAPODÁS ALAPJÁN TÖRTÉNŐ KÖLCSÖNADÁS MEGSZÜNTETÉSÉRŐL

Az eredetileg átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet:	
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Azon sportszervezet, amelyik a kölcsönadási lapon átadó (elengedő) sportszervezetként került feltüntetésre.

A sportoló								Fiatalkori (18 év alatti) sportoló esetén a szülő/gondviselő aláírása*
Pos.	Regisztrációs száma	Vezetéknéve	Keresztnéve	Állampolgársága	Jogállása (Am./Hiv.)	Jogviszonya (Tagoló, Szervező, Sportoló)	Aláírás	
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\*Fiatalkori (18 év alatti) sportoló esetén a szülő/gondviselő aláírásával hozzájárul a sportoló átvevő (fogadó) sportszervezethez történő kölcsönadás megszüntetéséhez.

Alulírott átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet kérem a két sportszervezet között fennálló farmcsapat-megállapodás alapján a fent megjelölt sportolók határozott időtartamra történő kölcsönadásának azonnal hatálytalanná történő megszüntetését.

Dátum

Az átadó (elengedő) sportszervezet  
képviselőjének jogosult aláírása

p.h.

Kérjük, hogy a kitöltött, aláírt és lepecsételt kölcsönadási lapot az MSZ Versenyirodához eljuttatni szíveskedjen a versenyirok@icehockey.hu e-mail címen.

## ANNEX 5 – COACH’S CHALLENGE<sup>12</sup>

### COACH’S CHALLENGE

A coach’s challenge can be initiated by the head coach of a team if they wish to have a game play reviewed using the video goal judge system, and if the team still has their timeout available.

A coach’s challenge can be initiated for the purposes of deciding the following questions:

- i)* whether the puck crossed the goal line;
- j)* whether the puck entered the goal before the position of the goal changed;
- k)* whether the puck entered the goal before or after the end of the period’s playing time;
- l)* whether the puck was directed or kicked into the goal with hand or feet, or whether the player on the offense directed the puck into the goal with any of his/her body parts intentionally;
- m)* whether the puck entered the goal from the referee;
- n)* whether the puck was stricken by the player on the offense above the crossbar (high-sticking) before the puck entered the goal;
- o)* whether the puck crossed the goal line because the goalkeeper was obstructed.
- p)* an attacking player, either by his positioning or by contact, impairs the goalkeeper’s ability to move freely within his crease or defend his goal.

A coach’s challenge can be initiated by the head coach of a team by handing the plate marked „Coach’s challenge” to the referee on ice. The referee shall keep the plate until the video review of the situation is completed.

Only one coach’s challenge per team per stoppage shall be permitted.

Coach’s challenge shall be initiated before the stoppage of play ends. If, after the coach’s challenge, the original call on the ice is confirmed, the team which initiated the challenge shall lose their one allowed timeout. If, however, the original call on the ice is overturned as a result of the challenge, the team initiating the challenge shall still have their one allowed timeout. The official scorekeeper is tasked with recording the exact time of all coach’s challenges in the event diary of the game.

Once a coach’s challenge has been initiated by the head coach, the referee (linesman) responsible for the original call on the ice shall immediately consult with the other referees (linesmen), and prior to examining any video, discuss the following:

- a)* the referee’s (linesman’s) final call on the ice; and
- b)* what the referee (linesman) observed on the play.
- c)* during this consultation the referees immediately has to decide which shall be their final call should the results of the video review prove to be inconclusive. This final call shall be shared with the teams by the linesman. This will be the call that, as a result of the video review, shall be either overturned or confirmed.

The play then shall be examined by the referees together on the ice, then in the jury booth using the video goal judge system. For this, they shall use all replays at their disposal. After reviewing the play

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<sup>12</sup> Inserted by Amendment 2 – Board decision 57/2019. (09.17.)

and the material available from the video goal judge system, the referees shall make a final decision whether to uphold or overturn the original call on the ice. Once the decision is made, the referee will inform the official scorekeeper and will then make the announcement from the ice.

The original call on the ice is to be overturned if, and only if, a determination is made that the original call on the ice was not correct. If a review is not conclusive and/or there is any doubt whatsoever as to whether the call on the ice was correct, the original call on the ice will be confirmed.

If the original call on ice is overturned, the referee (linesman) shall hand back the plate marked “coach’s challenge” to the head coach of the team initiating the challenge so they can initiate another challenge again if necessary. If the original call on the ice is upheld, the referee (linesman) shall leave the plate in the jury booth. The plate shall be handed back to the team after the game.

A coach’s challenge initiated by one of the teams shall be based on information received from the coaching staff.

If a team requests a coach’s challenge but the referee orders a video review of a play by their own power regardless of the challenge, then the challenge shall be deemed not to have been made and the team’s timeout will be preserved.

Any aspects of the coach’s challenge not regulated in the present Competition Rules shall be dealt with according the provisions set out in the IIHF Official Rule Book and in the IIHF Sport Regulations in force.