

IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

An Overview of Operations Benefiting Game Officials

Mandate

The International Ice Hockey Federation is dedicated to the worldwide growth and development of ice hockey, providing leadership and governance by diligently observing the principles of democracy, fairness, solidarity and transparency for its member national associations.

Objectives

The objectives of the IIHF are:

- **To govern, develop and promote ice hockey throughout the world**
- **To promote friendly relations among the member national associations**
- **To develop and control international ice hockey**
- **To operate in an organized manner for the good order of the sport.**

Game Official Responsibilities

- A game official must be prepared mentally and physically for a very demanding but enjoyable schedule of hockey games and activities
- Game officials should be in excellent physical condition and fully prepared to perform at the highest level.
- A game official is expected to apply himself and be a positive influence on fellow game officials.
- A game official is expected to conduct himself professionally at all times.
- Game officials will be expected to maintain the same high level of officiating that they carried out when officiating for their national association and to maintain these standards in each and every game
- Once a game official confirms his/her participation in an event, it is suggested that they contact their national association to discuss their particular assignment with the Referee-in-Chief, and that they visit the IIHF web site www.iihf.com to learn more about the specific competition.

Championship Participants

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Players
Head Coaches
Assistant Coaches
Team Managers
Directorate Members
Team Equipment Managers
Electronic and Written Media
Television Broadcasters
Broadcast Technicians
Cameramen
Goal Judges
Security Personnel
Player Agents
Player Scouts & Team Scouts
Team Physicians
Timekeepers
Scorekeepers
Announcers
Clerical Staff
Anti-Doping Staff
Directorate Chairman
Team Services Personnel

Penalty Box Attendants
Statisticians
Organisers
Marketing Representatives
Sponsors
Suppliers
Advertisers
Team Hosts
Photographers
Writers
Ushers
Concession Workers
Ticket-Takers
Parking Attendants
Ambulance Attendants
Cleaning Staff
Restaurant Staff
IT Technicians
Game Supervisors
Referee Supervisors
Medical Supervisors
Medical Staff

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Organization & Management

Part I

Pre-Event Preparations

Background Information

- 63 member national associations within the federation
- Meet twice a season with all members during our Annual and our Semi-Annual Congresses
- 45 active members operate national championships and qualify to participate in the IIHF Championship Program
- The IIHF operates championships in Men's Senior, Women's Senior, Junior Men's Under 20 and Junior Men's Under 18 categories
- IIHF operate 21 committees mandated with specific responsibilities for proposals to IIHF Council
- Asian Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Evaluation Committee, Marketing Committee, Medical Committee, Referee Committee, Rules Committee, Sport Committee, Women's Committee have impact on the IIHF Championship Program
- Six IIHF Sport Department staff members are responsible for the IIHF Championship Program organisation and operations
- In the 2004/2005 season the IIHF operated 466 games in 33 championship events in 27 countries assigning 204 Linesmen and 121 Referees, 35 Directorate Chairmen, 29 Medical Supervisors, 33 Statisticians, and 39 Referee Supervisors

IIHF Championship Program

- All IIHF competitions are organised and operated using IIHF Statutes, Bylaws, Regulations and use IIHF Playing Rules
- All events are approved and awarded during the Annual Congress with participants and seeding
- IIHF decides playing formats with each event having a promotion and relegation formula
- IIHF corresponds directly with organisers to supply organisational details and guidance
- During the Semi-Annual Congress meetings are held for each championship involving organiser, participants and IIHF
- IIHF performs site inspections to ensure that organisers comply with standards

Venue Set-up

- Facility Exclusivity
- Team Dressing Rooms
- Team Medical Rooms
- Team Storage Areas
- Athlete Warm-Up and Cool Down Areas
- Team Medical Centres
- Game Officials Dressing Rooms
- Game Official Warm-Up and Cool Down Areas
- Ice Surface Access
- Media, Television, VIP and Spectator Areas
- Meeting and Function Rooms

Venue Standards

- Each facility must have secured dressing rooms for game officials
- Require dressing rooms large enough for one Referee, two Linesmen, a stand-by Referee and the IIHF Referee Supervisor
- Require dressing room space for all assigned game officials and Referee Supervisors for daily practice sessions
- Require Referee Hosts to work with assigned game officials and IIHF Referee Supervisors
- Require game service for towels, soap, shampoo, fruit, drinks, meals, medical attention, and security
- Require meeting rooms at hotels, separated from teams
- Meal plans vary according to game schedule and travel distances
- Referees are supplied with single rooms, Linesmen are accommodated in double rooms

Pool of Suppliers

- IIHF controls logos and manufacturer marks on all equipment worn and used at IIHF championships
- IIHF contracts with a 17 member Pool of Equipment Suppliers with specific support in various categories
- Includes equipment for goalkeepers and players; sticks, gloves, skates, pads, helmets and facial protection
- IIHF has an arrangement with Nike for supplying jerseys, pants and socks to all teams each season
- Currently renegotiating a supplier arrangement for Referee and Linesmen equipment
- IIHF controls the design and colours of game official uniforms
- IIHF controls all advertising on official uniforms

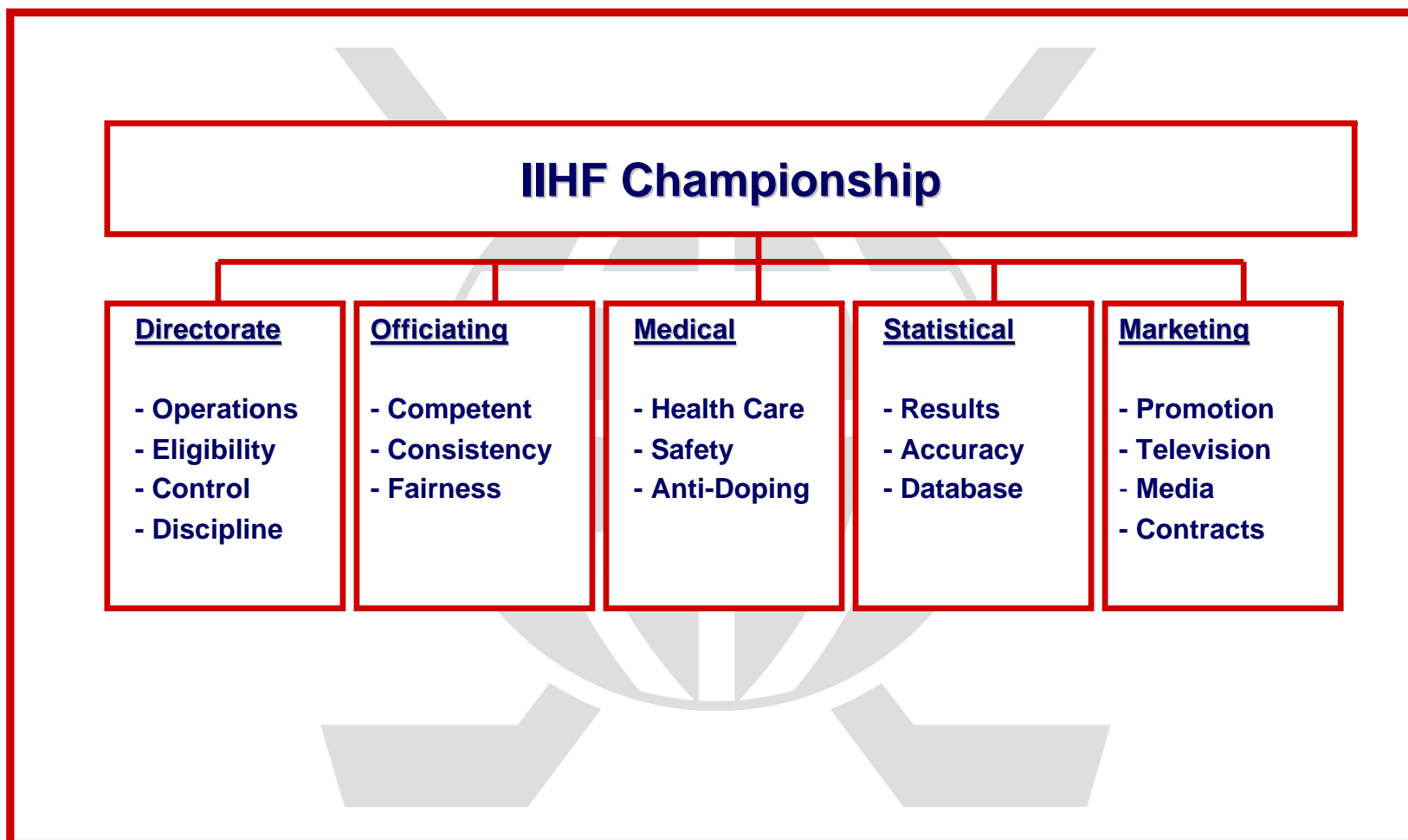
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Part II

The Game

Competition Management



Game Management

The IIHF uses the three-man system (one Referee and two Linesmen) to officiate all IIHF operated games.

The following Off-Ice Officials are assigned to all IIHF games:

- Scorekeeper
- Timekeeper
- Announcer
- Goal Judges
- Penalty Bench Attendants

The Video Goal Judge System is utilised at the Olympic Winter Games Competition and the IIHF World Championship. The Referee Video Support System is mandatory for top events in each category and optional for all other events

Referee and Linesman Support

Support services for all IIHF assigned game officials:

- On-line information and resource material
- Travel arrangements internationally and locally
- Accommodation and meals in quality standard hotels
- Medical and hospitalisation insurance coverage
- Assigned IIHF Referee Supervisor and Game Officials Host
- Daily scheduled practices and meetings
- Game supervision and feedback sessions
- Meeting rooms and operations
- Access to video replay (Video Goal Judge System or Referee Video Support System)
- Daily fees at all events plus game fees at World Championships

Referee and Linesman Support

In each IIHF game the following persons are assigned:

- IIHF Referee Supervisor
- IIHF Game Supervisor
- Off-Ice Officials
- Video Goal Judge (where system is operated)
- Medical Supervisor or Physician
- Statisticians
- Security
- Translators (where required)

Referee & Linesman Support

- Prior to the start of each IIHF Championship the IIHF Referee Supervisor must conduct a Team Rule Information Meeting (TRIM) with the attendance and participation of the head coaches of each of the competing teams
- It is the organizer's responsibilities to leave the space in the program to accommodate this function before the first Directorate Meeting.
- It is possible that a second such meeting might be arranged during the Competition.
- It is strongly recommended that the Head Coach of the team attend these meetings.

Team Rule Information Meeting

A - Rule Interpretations

Review of Annual IIHF Championship Rule Emphasis

Checking to the head
Checking from behind
Clipping
High Sticks
Slashing
Interference
Female Hockey Guidelines (where applicable)

Rules Review

Puck deflecting off a skate/kicked puck
Protection of goalkeeper
Goal crease infringement
Shot puck contacting goalkeeper's helmet/face mask
Attacking player(s) standing/skating through the crease
Obstruction of the goal line

Player Conduct

Abusive/profane language, gestures, personal comments
Diving
Fisticuffs, roughing, scrums after whistle
Protective – dangerous equipment

B - Game Procedures

Face-off standard
Change of players
Injured players
Captains coming off the bench
Team entrance and departure from the ice
Calling time-outs
Penalty Shot Procedure
Pre-game count down procedures
Pre-game Coach Visitation by Referee Supervisor

C - Special Championship Procedures

Goalkeeper measurements (where applicable)
Video Goal Judge System (where applicable)
Referee Video Support System (where applicable)
Overtime/Game Winning Shots Procedure
Television commercial stoppages (where applicable)

Contact with Competing Teams

Game officials and competing teams are managed by the IIHF during Championships using the following methods:

- Seperate hotels and meal plan and arrangements
- Seperate and secured dressing room area
- Separate transportation services
- Seperate ice access for games
- Seperate ice sessions
- Prohibited access to bars and night clubs
- Neutral dress code
- Controlled media access with Referee Supervisor support

Contact with Competing Teams

Referee Supervisor Responsibilities:

- Independent contact between team coaches and game officials
- Meets with game officials daily at supervision sessions or scheduled meetings
- Meets with team head coaches one hour prior to each game to discuss and review issues
- The Referee Supervisor is the contact for team coaches following games to review any issues or questions which occurred during a game
- Attends the Directorate meetings on behalf of game officials to meet with team representatives
- First contact for media regarding officiating questions

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Part III

Referee & Linesmen Monitoring

Assigning & Supervision

The IIHF uses the following documents or services to assign and supervise the performance of game officials working games within the IIHF Championship Program:

- IIHF Bylaws
- National Association Ranking Lists
- IIHF Ranking Lists
- Previous performances and reports
- Career Path Program
- IIHF Referee Supervision Program

The IIHF Career Path Program provides the IIHF with a tool that allows the game official nomination procedure to be much more accurate and to ensure that IIHF licensed Referees and Linesmen assigned to the different events are capable to perform at a level in the best interests of the sport and are in the best interests of the development of the Referees and Linesmen themselves.

Educational Services

The IIHF operates a worldwide educational program providing national associations with instructor courses, instructor manuals, participant manuals, development camps, referee clinic support, on-line support materials, Referee-in-Chief Seminars plus the following resources:

- IIHF Officiating Procedures Manual
- IIHF Officiating Instructor Manual
- IIHF Referee Supervisors' Handbook
- IIHF Game Official Handbook
- IIHF Off Ice Officials' Handbook
- IIHF 2002-2006 Rule Book
- IIHF Case Book
- IIHF Rule Emphasis Bulletin
- IIHF Rule Interpretation Bulletin

Summary

An IIHF Championship is structured to permit our member countries to showcase the talent and the ability of their players, coaches and game officials in a very competitive setting. The systems and organisational requirements that have been interwoven into the planning and operation of our IIHF events is done so to allow our sport to be performed at a very high level on the world stage while supplying support to these participants. This is done in the best interest for the development of our sport and to foster the principles of Fair Play and Respect.