



International
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1. General

- 1.1. The goal of the international inline hockey series (IIHS) is to provide an international inline hockey event where everyone in the sport (including but not limited to players, clubs/teams, coaches, managers, and game officials) can participate, in a structured, organized, and competitive manner.

- 1.2. The IIHS will operate in accordance with their own Regulations, Guidelines and Rules, including but not limited to the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Inline Hockey Official Rulebook.

2. Organization

- 2.1. Transportation: While the IIHS organization may provide assistance or recommendations, all transportation must be organized by each participating team.
- 2.2. Accommodation: The IIHS organization may recommend accommodation for the participating teams when sending out the official invitation and listing them on the tournament website at LINK, this suggestion ideally would include reduced fares. However, the IIHS organization is not responsible for the hotel's services, and all the accommodation shall be organized by each respective participating team.
- 2.3. Food: The IIHS organization may organize food for teams. If so, the participating teams will need to prepay for a set number of players and staff in accordance with the payment terms agreed upon with the IIHS.
- 2.4. Fee: The tournament fee covers only the right to play and does not include accommodation, food, or transportation.
- 2.5. Insurance: All participants are responsible for ensuring that all individuals who are part of their teams for the tournament have taken out sufficient health insurance coverage. The IIHS organization is not responsible for any injuries, nor is it responsible for any claim whatsoever made by any participant or player. This is the sole responsibility of each and every participant.
- 2.6. Team representative: Each participating team shall assign a representative for all management duties both before and during the tournament. This person will be the team's sole representative for all decisions and tournament responsibilities.
- 2.7. Division directors: Each division will have a director assigned by the IIHS, in charge of managing, reporting on, and controlling the organization of such a division.
- 2.8. All players, coaches, team staff, and team representatives will adhere to good conduct, respect for arena staff, fair play, respect of the applicable rules & regulations, respect for on- and off-rink officials, respect for the IIHS organization, and respect for the other participants.
- 2.9. The participating teams agree that for any breach of the provisions of these the IIHS organization may, at their discretion, and in accordance with IIHS regulations, implement any sanction they deem appropriate (warning, suspension from one or more games, removal from the premises, reporting to the national authorities, among others). The IIHS organization reserves the right to update or modify the guidelines, rules, and regulations at its sole discretion.

3. Tournament participation – Guidelines and Rules

3.1. Participation

- a. Men's Pro Division: participation in this division is by invitation only.
- b. Women's Pro Division: participation in this division is by invitation only.
- c. Men's, Women's, 45&over, 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U, and 12U: participation in these divisions is open to everybody, NO invitations are required.

3.2. Player Age Eligibility

- a. Men's Divisions: The minimum age for participation is 15 years old as of January 1st of the year of the tournament.
- b. Women's Division: The minimum age for participation is 15 years old as of January 1st of the year of the tournament.
- c. 21U: Players born in 2002 and younger.
- d. 18U: Players born in 2005 and younger.
- e. 16U: Players born in 2007 and younger.
- f. 14U: Players born in 2009 and younger.
- g. 12U: Players born in 2011 and younger.
- h. 45 & over: Players born in 1979 and older.

3.3. Fees

Tournament fee are per team:

- a. Men's Pro Division: 1,350 EUR.
- b. Women's Pro Division: 1,000 EUR.
- c. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U, and 12U: 1,000 EUR.
- d. Men's and 45&over: 1,000 EUR.
- e. Format 3 on 3: 600 EUR.

3.4. Awards Prizes

- a. Men's Pro Division: 10,000 EUR prize for first place, depending on the number of participants. Minimum 8 teams.
- b. Women's Pro Division: 2,500 EUR prize for first place, depending on the number of participants. Minimum 6 teams.
- c. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U, and 12U: Trophies and medals for 1st and 2nd place.
- d. Men's and 45&over: Trophies and medals for 1st and 2nd place.
- e. Format 3 on 3: less than 6 teams participating 1200 EUR, 6 or more teams participating 1800 EUR.

3.5. Number of Games Guaranteed

- a. Men's Pro and women's Pro divisions: a minimum of five games.
- b. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U, and 12U divisions: a minimum of five games.
- c. Men's, Women's and 45&over divisions: a minimum of five games
- d. Skills competitions will be organized. The IIHS organization has sole discretion to set the rules and age eligibility of these competitions.

3.6. Schedule

- a. The competition format and game schedule will be provided to all participating teams well in advance of the start of the tournament, once the organization have confirmation of how many teams would be participating per division.
- b. The participating teams agree that the IIHS organization has sole discretion to draw up such a schedule.

3.7. Team registration

- a. Online form: Team registrations are done online at the following link <http://www.iihshockey.com/registration2024> , where a form is provided to fill in the following information:
 - i. Team Division (Men's Pro, Women's Pro, 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U, U12, Men's, Women's 45&over)
 - ii. Team Name
 - iii. Team Manager information (Name, Phone, Address, Email)
 - iv. Team Origin Country
- b. Tournament registration: By registering for the tournament, participants acknowledge that they are obligated to respect and follow all IIHS regulations, guidelines, and rules.
- c. Payment: After the form is completed, information to proceed with the payment would be sent and/or display to the team manager.
- d. Verification: Once the form and payment have been verified, an email with the confirmation of the team registration will be sent to the contact person registered.
- e. Cancellation Policy: In the event of a cancellation by the team:
 - i. More than two months prior to the competition: The participation fee will be refunded to the payer, less any applicable banking or transfer charges.
 - ii. Between two months and two weeks prior to the competition: The participation fee will be credited towards a future event, provided that the cancellation is due to a valid reason such as force majeure or a fortuitous event. No monetary refund will be issued.
 - iii. Less than two weeks prior to the competition: No refund or credit will be provided under any circumstances.

- f. Deadline: The IIHS organization would determine and publish the tournament's registration deadline.
 - i. No registrations would be allowed after this date unless the IIHS organization see it as necessary for the tournament.
 - ii. Men's and Women's Division invitations must include the registration deadline.

3.8. Teams, Roster and waivers

- a. Each team is permitted to create its own line-up with any player(s) of their choosing. Our objective is to enable each team to form their line-up with the most exceptional players available, without any limitations.
- b. Team names, jerseys, and any related materials of a derogatory nature, including obscenities or threats, are strictly prohibited. Additionally, they must not infringe on any copyrights or trademarks. The IIHS enforces a zero-tolerance policy regarding offensive behavior, including personal attacks, sexist remarks, and racist comments. If a team violates this rule, the organization will immediately require the team manager to change the offensive name or jersey. Failure to comply will result in the team being disqualified from the tournament.
- c. The team must submit its roster using the form at the LINK indicated via email by the organization committee, no later than two days before the first game. A confirmation email will be sent once the roster has been received.
- d. A physical copy of the roster, signed by each player, shall be submitted before the first game. Once the first game has started the roster is locked.
- e. No player may be added or change after the first game has started unless a player is not able to continue playing due to injury or other extreme and valid reasons.
- f. Before the first game:
 - i. Each player must fill out and sign the waiver form in order to be eligible to play. The waiver form states that each player is responsible for their own insurance and has obtained sufficient health coverage, and that the IIHS organization is not liable for any injuries or claims made by any participant or player.
 - ii. In the case of an underage player, the player's legal guardian must sign and return their registration and waiver forms.
- g. Proof of age: Each player needs to show proof of age at the on-site registration office. Any team using an illegally aged player will be forfeited out of the tournament.

- h. Pro Players in Men's Division: Each team in the Men's Division is permitted to register a maximum of three Pro players. However, no more than two Pro players may be included in the lineup for a single game. This rule applies to players currently competing in the Men's Pro Division. This regulation has been established to promote the sport and accommodate scheduling requirements.
- i. A player is strictly prohibited from playing for more than one team within the same division.
- j. Junior Players Across Divisions, to support the development of the sport, players aged 18 and under (18U) are permitted to play in multiple divisions, provided they participate in only one team per division.

4. Floor and Playing Area – Guidelines and Rules

4.1. Rinks

- a. Number of rinks: 2.
- b. Size:
 - (i) 4 on 4: 60x30 meters / 56x26 meters – Ice Hockey size.
 - (ii) 3 on 3: 40x20 meters
- c. Boards: Ice Hockey boards.
- d. Floor: rink 1 and rink 2: STILMAT floor.
- e. Faceoffs: 5 faceoff spots are marked.
- f. Lines: The center red line is marked.

4.2. Goal Nets

- a. Ice hockey size nets, 1.22m x 1.83m, 4' x 6'.

4.3. Puck

- a. STILMAT puck.

5. Playing – Guidelines and Rules

The IIHS rules incorporate the rules of the IIHF by reference. Any rules not expressly provided for in the IIHS shall be subject to the provisions set forth in the IIHF Rule Book.

5.1. Referees

- a. Two referees per game.
- b. In case of injury or illness, the organization would replace the referee.

5.2. Playing time

- a. Regulation time:
 - i. Men's Pro division: Two 18-minute periods with a stop clock.
 - ii. Women's Pro division: Two 15-minute periods with a stop clock.
 - iii. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U Divisions: Two 15-minute periods with a stop clock.
 - iv. Men's & 45&Over: Two 15-minute periods with a stop clock.
 - v. Format 3 on 3: Two 10-minute periods with a stop clock.
- b. Warm up time:
 - i. Men's Pro division: 3 minutes per game.
 - ii. Women's Pro division: 3 minutes per game.
 - iii. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U Divisions: 3 minutes per game.
 - iv. Men's, Women's and 45&Over: 3 minutes per game.
- c. Half time break:
 - i. Men's Pro division: 2 minutes per game.
 - ii. Women's Pro division: 2 minutes per game.
 - iii. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U Divisions: 2 minutes per game.
 - iv. Men's & 45&Over Divisions: 2 minutes per game
 - v. In Overtime for all divisions: 1 minute.
- d. Timeout: 1 minute, max 1 per game. max 1 per overtime.

5.3. Teams

- a. Composition:
 - i. 4 on 4: Maximum number of players per team is 14 skaters and 2 goalies.
 - ii. 3 on 3: Minimum number of players per team is 6 skaters and 1 goalie.
- b. Uniforms:
 - i. Each team should have two sets of jerseys of different colors (ideally one bright and one dark) with matching pants to participate in the tournament.
 - ii. Each player should wear the same helmet color.

- b. Captain and assistants: Per team, there should be one captain, wearing the “C” in the jerseys and two assistants wearing the “A”. Only these designated players, if not penalized, are allowed to discuss with the referees any matter regarding the interpretation of the game.
- c. Players in playoffs: A player does not need to play a certain number of games to be able to play in the playoffs, as long as the player is on the roster.

5.4. Points, tiebreakers and classification system:

- a. Round robin - Points per game:
 - i. In regulation time: The winner gets 3 points; loser gets 0 points.
 - i. After regulation time, if there is a tie both teams get 1 point.
- b. Playoffs – In case of a tie after regulation time:
 - i. Men’s Pro division: 18-minute periods with a stop clock till one team scores – Sudden death.
 - ii. Women’s Pro division: 15-minute periods with a stop clock till one team scores – Sudden death.
 - iii. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U divisions: up to 2 periods of 15-minute periods with a stop clock. Then 3 shoutouts per team.
 - iv. Men’s, 45&Over divisions: up to 2 periods of 15-minute periods with a stop clock. Then 3 shoutouts per team.
- c. Classification and tie breakers:
 - i. Number of points.
 - ii. Head-to-head.
 - iii. Goals against.
 - iv. Goals differential (score/against).
 - v. 5 Shoutouts per team.
- d. Format 3 on 3:
 - i. Round robin: 3 Shoutouts per team.
 - ii. Playoffs: up to 2 periods of 10-minute periods with a stop clock. Then 3 shoutouts per team.

5.5. Playing rules

- a. Number of players on the rink:
 - i. Regular time: 1 goalie plus 4 skaters per team at the same time. 4 vs. 4, plus goalies.
 - ii. Over time: 1 goalie plus 4 skaters per team at the same time. 4 vs. 4, plus goalies.
 - iii. Start of the game: A team should be able to put at least four skaters and one goalie on the rink at the start of the game. A minor penalty will be imposed if this is not the case.
- b. Offside in format 4 on 4: the offside line is the center red line. THIS RULE ONLY APPLIES FOR MENS, WOMENS, 21U and 18U DIVISIONS.
- c. Mercy
 - i. Men’s Pro: When the goal differential in any game is 8, the referee will terminate the game.

- ii. Women's Pro: When the goal differential in any game is 12, the referee will terminate the game.
 - iii. Men's and 45&Over: When the goal differential in any game is 12, then the clock will run and it will not be stop time again until the score is within 3 goals.
 - iv. 21U, 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U divisions: When the goal differential in any game is 12, then the clock will run and it will not be stop time again until the score is within 3 goals. The teams will play out the remainder of the game (run time & if the losing team agrees) with no stats being recorded.
- d. Game penalties:
- i. Duration:
 - Minor: 1:30 minutes.
 - Major: 4 minutes.
 - Misconduct: 10 minutes.
 - Game misconduct: The balance of the game with immediate substitution taking place on rink.
 - Match penalty: 4 minutes other player + balance of the game.
 - ii. Fighting is absolutely forbidden and will result in expulsion from the tournament.
 - iii. Attempt to injure:
 - Severe punishment will be given for any attempt to cause injury.
 - If a player deliberately tries to harm their opponents in any way, they will receive a match penalty. The tournament directors will inform of the incident to proceed with further action.
 - iv. Delayed penalty in an empty net scenario:
 - Once the non-offending team pull their goaltender for an extra attacker has thirty seconds to cross the red line otherwise the play will be whistled.
 - Once the non-offending team pull their goaltender for an extra attacker and crosses the red line, the puck may not cross back over the red line otherwise the play will be whistled.
- e. Physical Contact:
- i. The presence of body contact between two opposing players who are actively pursuing the puck is allowed and not prohibited. When a player rides an opponent off the puck or meets the opponent head-on, while making an attempt to play the puck, it is not considered roughness. Nevertheless, the rules prohibit players who do not have possession of the puck from throwing their bodies into an opponent in order to gain possession.
 - ii. Physical contact from the side and front would be allowed, but deliberate checking (slowing or hindering an opponent) from behind is forbidden.

- i. Full body check (ice hockey style), boarding, charging, checking from behind, cross checking, head contact and roughing won't be tolerated, and it will be penalized up to Match penalties or tournament expulsion.