

# COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE RINK HOCKEY

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## ALTERATION OF THE RULES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR

**JUNIOR – SENIOR "B" – LADIES**

### ANNOTATIONS AND ALTERATION OF THE TEXTS

All the work presented has had as basis the existing Rules for WORLD "B" CHAMPIONSHIPS with small changes and adaptations, which are duly indicated in the articles concerned.

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

We will therefore present our proposal.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

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

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

#### **SCHOOLBOYS**

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

#### **JUNIOR**

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

#### **SENIOR**

From 14 years old, onwards.

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## ARTICLE 2

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

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

## ARTICLE 3

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 4

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

4.1 – No other international matches of any kind will be allowed in the country of the Organizing Federation, during the period in which the World Championship matches are played.

## ARTICLE 5

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

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## ARTICLE 6

Upon receiving the official notification from the Executive Committee of CIRH that its application to stage the World Championship has been approved, the Organizing Federation must pay, to the Executive Committee of CIRH the Organization Fee, for the amount of 2.000,00 USD (two thousand US dollars) and 1.000,00 USD (referees extras 10x 100,00 USD) within 30 days, and at least one year before the date of the opening of the Championship or relinquish the right to stage the World Championship.

6.1. - Each of the participant Federations, Associations and National Confederations will have to pay to CIRH the Championship Entry Fee, for the amount of USD 500,00 (five hundred dollars) upon sending their entry for each Championship, up to 45 days before the beginning of each Championship. Payments will be made by bank transfer (transfer bank expenses on account of each country).

## ARTICLE 7

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

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

7.2 – The minimum number of entries necessary to organize a World Championship is of 8 (eight) Teams.

## ARTICLE 8

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

1. by the 4<sup>th</sup> qualified of the "B" Group
2. by the 14<sup>th</sup> qualified of the "A" Group
3. by the 5<sup>th</sup> qualified of the "B" Group
4. by the 15<sup>th</sup> qualified of the "A" Group

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## ARTICLE 9

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

The Organizers are under strict obligations to give at least 18 months notice to CIRH of the opening date of the Championship, thus making it possible for CIRH to give correct and proper attention to the entries of those countries interested in participating.

## ARTICLE 10

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

10.1 – This withdrawal will only be accepted if is due to exceptional circumstances.

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 11

### A – THE ORGANIZATION

11.1 – The financial conditions of the Championship are the followings:

11.1.1 – The participating Federations will be responsible for its own travel, lodging and living expenses.

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

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

11.1.4 – The Organizing committee has to send CIRH 180 day (six months) before the Championship's opening date, information about the Hotels and their localization where the participant Delegations will be accommodated.

11.1.5 – The Organizing Committee has to guarantee to CIRH the payment of the travel expenses (air tickets only) and accommodation and meals for a minimum of 10 International Referees, appointed by CIRH / CIA. The Organizing Federation has the right to nominate 3 international referees from the federation of origin.

11.1.6 – The Organizing Committee will be responsible for the payment of the travel expenses (air tickets) from the place of origin up to the city where the competition will take place and return, accommodation and meals for a maximum of 4 CIRH/CIA Committee members.

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

11.1.8 – The Organizing Committee has the right to book the flights (tourist class) for all the invited referees and CIRH/CIA members.

### **B - COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE RINK HOCKEY**

11.2.1 – CIRH is responsible for the coordination of the technical organization of the Championship, approve all of the sportive structures and supervising of the games.

11.2.2 – The technical coordination of CIRH / CIA will require the presence of a minimum of 3 Members, including the President, appointed by the President of CIRH.

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

11.2.4 – CIRH is responsible for the medals of each Championship, consisting of:  
51 Medals: 17 Golden; 17 Silver; 17 Bronze.  
CIRH must provide the "World Cup" and the expenses have to be paid by the Organizers.

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## **C – PARTICIPANT DELEGATIONS**

11.3.1 – Each Delegation will be responsible for its own travel, lodging and living expenses.

11.3.2 – The minimum composition of each Participant Delegation to a World Championship should be:

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

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

11.3.4 – The Organizing Committee will try to support the Federations giving them free and/or cheap lodging and living expenses.

## **ARTICLE 12**

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

## **ARTICLE 13**

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

## **ARTICLE 14**

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

## **ARTICLE 15**

International Referees, according to CIA in agreement with CIRH are the only referees allowed to referee World Championship matches. The Federations wishing to nominate further referees already nominated in accordance with rule 12.1.7, in agreement with CIRH the Federations have the right to propose further referees to the Junior, Senior "B" and Ladies World Championships. If CIRH accepts the nomination, all costs must be covered by the proposing Federation.

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

### **ARTICLE 16**

Referees will receive notice of their appointments for the various matches from CIA and CIRH on the day prior to the matches in question. They may receive notice of the appointments for some of the games or for all the games but the appointments may not be refused, under any circumstances.

### **ARTICLE 17**

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

### **ARTICLE 18**

Each Federation may appoint up to 11 players (3 of them must be goal-keepers) who have to be accredited by the Executive Committee of CIRH, through identity papers of national origin, before the date of the beginning of the Championship and during the meeting with the Delegates.

### **ARTICLE 19**

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

### **ARTICLE 20**

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

For a protest to be valid, it must be written and presented to the President of CIRH or his legal representative, no more than 3 (three) hours after the incident. Should the incident occur during a match, the protest must be filed as indicated in article n° 30 of the Rules of the Game.

Once the Referee in charge of the match has ruled whether or not the protest arises from an incident occurred during the course of the game, an official letter of protest must be filed with the President of CIRH, along with a protest fee of 300,00 USD (or equivalent in any other currency).

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

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## ARTICLE 21

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

Should a question arise which is not contemplated by any rule or if a difference of opinion arises over the imposition of sanctions, then any such matter will be decided by the President of CIRH or his legal representative, whose decisions in all matters will be final and binding.

## ARTICLE 22

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

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

## ARTICLE 23

The Organizers must provide the transportation for the teams, from the Hotels (used by the Organizers) to the venue of the Championship.

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

## ARTICLE 24

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

## ARTICLE 25

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

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