



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1. The IFF 3v3 World Floorball Championships (3v3 WFC) will be conducted in accordance with the rules laid out in this document as well as the IFF 3v3 WFC 2024 Rules of the Game and any other current official IFF regulations that may have relevance to the event.
- 1.2. The organisation of the 3v3 WFC by an IFF Member Association is by invitation of the IFF Central Board (CB).
- 1.3. The organiser of the 3v3 WFC is appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from the IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4. All participants in the 3v3 WFC are obliged to follow the rules, regulations, and guidelines from the IFF and the IFF Event organiser.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. IFF shall stage a World Championship annually for 3v3 teams.
- 2.2. All IFF Member Associations which are not under suspension may register team/s to participate in the 3v3 WFC.
- 2.3. Registration and payment of the participation fee shall be submitted to the IFF as follows:
 - 2.3.1. Submission of the official IFF 3v3 WFC registration form, signed by the National Association of the registering team. One form per team.
 - 2.3.2. Payment of 300 CHF per team, by the day of registration, according to the invitation
 - 2.3.3. Only registrations submitted by a National Association will be accepted
 - 2.3.4. A National Association can register up to two (2) teams which shall be accepted based on the criteria outlined in 2.4
 - 2.3.5. If a National Association registers two teams they must be identified by nationality + a second name (For example: FIN Blue / FIN White OR FIN Lions / FIN Bears etc). On the registration form they must be identified as either the #1 or #2 team from that National Association and the registrations will be handled in that order
- 2.4. Registrations from National Associations will be accepted on the following criteria:
 - 2.4.1. The first 12 registrations (one team per gender) received from National Associations will be accepted based on the order of them being received by the IFF, regardless of ranking.
 - 2.4.2. After this, registrations will be accepted in the order of receipt from countries not registered in 2.4.1, based on the adult WFC rankings, from highest to lowest, with a maximum of 24 teams per gender being accepted.
 - 2.4.3. According to 2.4.2. only one registration from each National Association will be accepted at a time. A second registration from the same National Association will be accepted only after the first registrations from all other National Association have been handled.
 - 2.4.4. If a maximum of 24 teams registered in one gender is not reached then it may be allowed to increase the number of registered teams in the other gender, up to a maximum of teams according to the available space in the match schedule. Registrations for the additional places will be accepted in a continuation of 2.4.2. & 2.4.3.

- 2.5. A team that registers for a competition and then withdraws from the championship, either prior to the start of, or during competition, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.
- 2.6. All costs for participation of a team including registration, travel to and from the event city, local transportations, accommodation, meals, and insurance, shall be borne by each participating team.
- 2.7. Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance (medical and travel) to cover their delegations.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.
- 3.2. National Associations who register teams to the 3v3 WFC are free to manage their own qualifying system to decide the teams that shall represent them at the event.
- 3.3. A player may represent one nation only in 3v3 international competition. Representing one country at 3v3 level does not impact on international eligibility for other IFF competitions.
- 3.4. Only players confirmed by the National Association shall be eligible to represent the nation in the 3v3 WFC.
- 3.5. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.6. Proof of eligibility, such as a passport or Sporting Nationality certificate, may be checked in connection with the registration of the event, as well as prior to any match in the event.
- 3.7. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:
 - 3.7.1. **Permanent Nationality**. Any person holding a permanent nationality is eligible to play for the representative teams of the association of that country.

Proof of permanent nationality:

- The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a permanent international passport that explicitly, and in Latin characters, states the player's first name(s) and surname(s), as well as their day, month and year of birth
- Identity cards or other local supporting official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification for the purpose of proving nationality

- 3.7.2. **Sporting Nationality**. In the case of a player who has not represented any country at international level, they can choose their sporting nationality based on fulfilling one of the following criteria:
 - i. born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - ii. biological mother or biological father was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - iii. grandmother or grandfather was born on the territory of the relevant association; OR
 - iv. has lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years

Proof of sporting nationality

- Birth certificate showing the player's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth; OR
- Birth certificate showing biological mother/grandmother's or biological father/grandfather's first name (s) and surname (s), date of birth, and place of birth PLUS proof of relationship to the player; OR
- Proof of having lived on the territory of the relevant association for at least five years.

3.8. A player may, only once, request to change the association for which they are eligible play at adult level, to the association of another country of which they hold the nationality. A request to change association may be granted only in the following circumstances:

- i. The player wishes to represent an association that was admitted to federation membership after they were already assigned sporting nationality by way of participation in an international event;
- ii. The player never represented their current association in any international event after the association which they wish to represent was admitted to membership;
- iii. The player, at the time of playing their first match in an international competition (at any level) for their current association:
 - held the nationality of the association which they wish to represent; or
 - in the case of a newly recognised country, obtained the nationality of the association which they wish to represent as soon as reasonably practicable after the country was recognised by the majority of the members of the United Nations

3.9. All players in the 3v3 WFC must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round to be eligible to participate.

3.10. All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the final round to be eligible to participate.

3.11. Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 10 players (8 field players + 2 goalkeepers) and a maximum of 2 officials in the event.

3.12. 21 full days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed by the National Association concerned, shall be sent to IFF.

3.13. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. Sporting Nationality must be confirmed by the IFF with the issuing of a Sporting Nationality certificate. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.

§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS

4.1. For the 3v3 WFC players shall be freed from their club team for participation in their respective 3v3 WFC team at least three days in advance of the event.

4.2. The release of players must be managed by the National Association that the player shall represent.

§ 5 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 5.1. The 3v3 WFC shall be played as a final round.
- 5.2. The final round shall consist of a maximum of 24 teams in each gender – women and men. In the case that less than 24 teams register in one gender then the number of teams in the other gender may be increased, according to section 2.4.4
- 5.3. The registered teams shall be divided into groups, the forming of which shall be decided based on the current adult national team rankings and number of registered teams.
- 5.4. Teams shall play every team in their group once. After the group stage a play-off round will determine the final placings. The playing format of the play-off round will be determined by the number of registered teams.
- 5.5. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games in the event.
- 5.6. When a Walk Over (W.O) is at hand, meaning when a team does not line up to a match, the match is forfeited, and the opponent shall be considered having won the match with the result 5-0.
- 5.7. Match time shall be 2 x 10 minutes with a 2-minute intermission, played according to the IFF 3v3 WFC 2024 Rules of the Game.

§ 6 GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 6.1. In the group matches 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 6.2. The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
 - a) The total number of points.
 - b) If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference included, if necessary, shall be decisive.
 - c) If the internal matches according to b) are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
 - d) If the ranking cannot be decided by the internal matches, the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - f) If most scored goals are not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking unless the ranking concerns only the two teams playing a last round match deciding about promotion or relegation when extra time and, if needed, penalty shots shall decide the ranking.
- 6.3. The results of all matches versus a team which has missed a match or matches, and lost these by walk over 5-0, shall not have an effect on the final ranking between teams having ended up in the same amount of points, unless the team having missed the match or matches is itself involved.

- 6.4. All matches of the continued play after the group matches shall, when ending with a draw, be decided by penalty shots according to the IFF 3v3 WFC 2024 Rules of the Game
- 6.5. The match schedule of a Championship shall be done so that there is at least 30mins between the start of matches being played on the same rink.
- 6.6. The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF Competition Department for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage &/or local spectator needs. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.
- 6.7. Teams are entitled to warm up on the rink before the start of a match only if available time in the match schedule allows.

§ 7 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 7.1. The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey. IFF may decide about further regulations for the Championship regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment.
- 7.2. Shirts should be the same colour on both front and back, and the main colour must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights, and compression wear shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.
- 7.3. A player taking part of the Championship shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition. Changes due to unforeseen circumstances, such as damage to the uniform, or blood, may be allowed with the permission of the IFF.
- 7.4. If two teams have the same colour the IFF shall decide which team shall change.
- 7.5. All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the First Technical Meeting of the event.

§ 8 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS

- 8.1. A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 9.2
- 8.2. IFF is entitled to have advertisements (10 x 15cm) on the player's outfit.

§ 9 TECHNICAL DELEGATES

- 9.1. A Technical Delegate (TD) will be appointed for each match and may come from the same country as a participating team.
- 9.2. A TD may be appointed to multiple matches being played simultaneously.
- 9.3. The TD shall ensure that the competition is run according to the 3v3 WFC Regulations and the 3v3 Rules of the Game.

- 9.4. The TD, in consultation with the IFF Competition Staff, will have the power to impose sanctions according to the guidelines set by the RACC.
- 9.5. Sanctions imposed by the TD are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

§ 10 REFEREES

- 10.1. All matters concerning referees in the 3v3 WFC shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee (RC) according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 10.2. The RC shall appoint a referee group of a sufficient number to manage the amount of matches decided for the event.
- 10.3. The referees shall, where possible, come from the hosting country and be referees at the highest league level in their respective country.
- 10.4. The referee group for the 3v3 WFC shall be announced at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event.
- 10.5. Each match will be officiated by one (1) referee and the referee may be from the same country as a participating team. Final matches may be officiated by two (2) referees.
- 10.6. The appointment of a referee to a match shall be announced, at the earliest, the day before a match.
- 10.7. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

§ 11 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 11.1. An Event Disciplinary Function (EDF) will be appointed for the 3v3 WFC, and will include representatives from the IFF Office, IFF Referee Committee & Event Technical Delegates.
- 11.2. The EDF will, in consultation with the appointed TD for a match, decide in all disciplinary matters during the 3v3 WFC.
- 11.3. Sanctions imposed by the EDF are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 11.4. A suspension decided by the EDF may not exceed 3 matches and applies only to matches in the said event.
- 11.5. When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 11.6. All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the EDF, IFF CB or the IFF RACC shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies.
- 11.7. The process for reporting a disciplinary matter shall be given to the participating teams during the 1st Technical Meeting of the event.

- 11.8. The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in at the latest two (2) hours after the end of the match in which an incident to be reported occurred.
- 11.9. A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written, signed, and accompanied by the amount of 500 CHF, which will be returned only if the decision is in favour of the reporting team. If the report refers to a video clip this shall be included in the report
- 11.10. The EDF shall decide and inform of the preliminary decision no later than one (1) hour after the report is received, or at least 30mins prior to the start of the player's / team's next match in the competition, whichever occurs first.
- 11.11. The final decision of the EDF shall be informed no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the player's / team's next match in the competition.
- 11.12. If the schedule does not allow for the times indicated in 10.8, 10.10 &/or 10.11 to be implemented, the EDF shall manage the review in such way that a decision is made prior to the player's / team's next match in the event.
- 11.13. When handling a disciplinary matter during the event the EDF may use video recording only if the recording is from is the official filming of the event, as defined by the IFF.
- 11.14. All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the EDF shall be dealt with by the relevant IFF organ.

§ 12 PROTESTS

- 12.1. The TD shall manage all matters regarding protests during the Championship, in consultation with the IFF Competition Staff.
- 12.2. When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 12.3. The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the TD within 30 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 12.4. Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed to the TD before the start of the match concerned.
- 12.5. A protest must be written, signed, and accompanied by the amount of 100 CHF (or equivalent in local currency), which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 13 BETTING

- 13.1. Those /with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, themselves or via another person/s, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match or competition where their own team participates.
- 13.2. Team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.

- 13.3. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 13.4. It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.
- 13.5. The use of electronic equipment in relation to one's own match/es is limited according to the information in Section 14 of this document.
- 13.6. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 13.7. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 13.8. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 13.9. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 13.10. To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a "betting right" of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 13.11. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

§ 14 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- 14.1. Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including mobile phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 14.2. For the purpose of statistics and player analysis only, tablets and other electronic devices may be used on team benches'.
- 14.3. Headsets may be used for communication between team staff within the competition venue. No communication connections with sources outside the competition venue are allowed during the time related to your match.

§ 15 INTEGRITY

- 15.1. The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they and their clubs, fulfil their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).
- 15.2. Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs,

associations, teams etc.

- 15.3. Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financial dealings.

§ 16 CUPS AND MEDALS

- 16.1. A cup and 12 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team
- 16.2. The runner-up shall receive a cup and 12 IFF Silver medals.
- 16.3. The winner of the B-final shall be awarded a cup and 12 medals.
- 16.4. The referees in the A-final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees in the B-final shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.

§ 17 THE RINK

- 17.1. The rink shall be according to the IFF 3v3 WFC 2024 Rules of the Game.

§ 18 OFFICIAL MEETINGS

- 18.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain's & Technical meeting shall be held where the IFF, local organising committee, the Team Manager, team captain, the Head of Referees, and the TDs shall be present.
- 18.2. Information about the play-off stage will be provided to each team via a printed document &/or delivery via an agreed communication channel.
- 18.3. The organisers are responsible for arranging the meeting room/s.
- 18.4. A representative of each team shall attend, as required, all other meetings scheduled by the IFF or event organiser.
- 18.5. During an event, all meetings that IFF informs as Official Meetings, shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 19 TICKETS

- 19.1. All participants registered to the 3v3 WFC shall receive free entry to the 3v3 WFC competition venue.
- 19.2. No special seating shall be reserved for participating teams &/or National Associations, and entry to the competition venue as spectators will be subject to availability.

§ 20 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 20.1. The CB and/or RACC of IFF shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Regulations, as well as in cases of “force majeure”. Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.