



# **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

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## **§ 1 GENERAL**

- 1.1. IFF Championships (Championship) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2. All IFF Member Associations are entitled to apply to organise IFF Championships.
- 1.3. The organisers of IFF Championships are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from the IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4. The duties and responsibilities of the organisers are laid down in the IFF Organisers Regulations.
- 1.5. 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 where their own team participates.
- 1.6. Further, their 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.
- 1.7. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.8. Participants in IFF Events 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 for national representative teams in principle:
  - a) the final round for adults in the week involving the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of December every year, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
  - b) the qualifications for adults in the week involving the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of February every year, in odd years for Women and in even years for Men
  - c) the final round for juniors in the week involving the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of May every year, in odd years for Men Under 19 and in even years for Women Under 19
  - d) the qualifications for juniors in the week involving the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of September every year, in odd years for Women Under 19 and in even years for Men Under 19
- 2.2. All IFF Member Associations which are not under suspension may apply to participate in a Championship.
- 2.3. Registration shall be made on the official IFF form. Registration and payment of the participation fee shall be submitted to the IFF as follows:

### 2.3.1. **Adult WFC**

- a) 7000 CHF for directly qualified and 3000 CHF for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than 31<sup>st</sup> of December two years before the year of the Championship.
- b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification, the fee is set to 1500 CHF, to be paid before the event.
- c) The teams qualifying for the WFC final round shall pay an additional fee of 2500\* CHF within 30 days from having qualified to the final round.

### 2.3.2. **U19 WFC**

- a) 5000 CHF for directly qualified and 3000 CHF for teams in the qualification shall be at the IFF Head Office not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of December two years before the year of the Championship
- b) Further, the referee costs in the qualification and the final round respectively shall be equally shared by all teams. The cost is set to 1500 CHF per team, and event, to be paid before the event.

2.4. 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.

2.5. Costs for travel to and from the arrival city, board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team. The arrival city of a tournament shall be the city with the nearest harbour, railway station or international airport to the main city of the competition. The organiser shall take the cost of transport from the arrival city onwards. In case of any doubts, it is the IFF Central Board/RACC which defines the arrival city of the tournament.

2.6. The host shall pay for no more than 30 persons (20 players and 10 officials) per team for travelling from the airport, harbour or railway station in the arrival city to their respective accommodation. The host shall also pay for the participating teams for travelling from their accommodation to the official venues and to training sessions according to the official program and to the airport, harbour or railway station in the departure city.

2.7. The responsibility for the organiser to transport the teams starts two days before the first match and ceases the day after the last match of each team. The teams must use the local transport provided by the organiser.

2.8. Teams may select their own hotels in the competition city or the immediate vicinity, however, when accommodation not listed by the organiser or outside the designated radius is chosen, extra costs for transportation and other LOC services may be charged.

2.9. Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

## **§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

3.1. Only players with nationality of their own nation, having not participated earlier for another adult national representative team in a Championship, shall be eligible to represent the nation in the Championship.

3.2. A player may represent one nation in a recognised junior (U17, U19) international match and another in a recognised adult (U23, adult) international. Once a player has

represented a nation in a recognised adult international match this rules out the possibility to play for another nation at any international level (junior or adult).

- 3.3. It is the responsibility of each National Association to ensure that all players and team officials registered to their own national representative teams &/or a Club team from their association meet all eligibility requirements.
- 3.4. Eligibility must be finalised prior to the submission of an official team list. No applications for Sporting Nationality will be processed after the team list submission.
- 3.5. Nationality can be confirmed as follows:
  - 3.5.1. **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

- 3.5.2. **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.

- 3.6. 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:
  - 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;
  - The player never represented their current association in any international event after the association which they wish to represent was admitted to membership;
  - 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

- 3.7. All players in the WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round to be eligible to participate.
- 3.8. All players in the U19 WFC (qualification and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in the same year of the final round and turn 19 years old no earlier than the 1st of January in the same year of the final round to be eligible to participate.
- 3.9. All team officials must be at least 18 years old before the start of the event in which they will participate
- 3.10. Teams participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the Championship.
- 3.11. 30 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. This list may consist of up to 20 players, 7 officials, 3 extra officials, 10 emergency players and 2 Team Media Attachés. Only players included on the emergency list will be eligible to be substituted to the final team list in case of injury or other reasons.
- 3.12. Together with the list, the teams shall send a photo of each team member (players and officials) and a picture of the team jerseys showing both the front and the back.
- 3.13. Passports or other internationally accepted ID card may be checked in connection with the accreditation.
- 3.14. Every player and official must have signed the IFF Event Participant Acknowledgement & Agreement form before they will be provided with accreditation.
- 3.15. A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The signed list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match. At the same time the team line-up form shall be handed in. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone. The printed match record shall be signed by team officials after the match.

#### **§ 4 RELEASE OF PLAYERS**

- 4.1. For the WFC & U19 WFC Final rounds players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event.
- 4.2. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends in February, April, September (1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of February, 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend of April, 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of September) players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of the event or at the latest, Wednesday at noon, to be present in the team concerned.
- 4.3. For Friendly Internationals and training camps during IFF International weekends in October and November (3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend of October and the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of November), the players shall be freed on Monday at noon, to be present in the team concerned.
- 4.4. In addition, players should be freed for national training camps the last weekend before the WFC / WFC Qualification / Multisport event. Information of such training camps shall be

informed to the IFF no later than 30th of June for the WFC and 4 months before a WFC Qualification / Multisport Event.

## § 5 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR ADULT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (WFC)

- 5.1. The Adult World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.
- 5.2. The final round shall consist of 16 teams.
- 5.3. The WFC final round shall be played in 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the two previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

### Group A and B:

Basket 1: Ranking 1-4

Basket 2: Ranking 5-8

### Group C and D:

Basket 3: Ranking 9-12

Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

- 5.4. Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule):

Play-off 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> group A - 2<sup>nd</sup> group D

Play-off 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> group B - 2<sup>nd</sup> group C

Play-off 3: 4<sup>th</sup> group A - 1<sup>st</sup> group D

Play-off 4: 4<sup>th</sup> group B - 1<sup>st</sup> group C

Quarter-final 1: 1<sup>st</sup> group A - Winner PO4

Quarter-final 2: 1<sup>st</sup> group B - Winner PO3

Quarter-final 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> group A - Winner PO2

Quarter-final 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> group B - Winner PO1

Semi-final 1: Winner Q1 - Winner Q4

Semi-final 2: Winner Q2 - Winner Q3

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Loser Semi - Loser Semi

Final: Winner Semi - Winner Semi

- 5.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match

- 5.6. Ranking matches between 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> place shall be played as follows:

13-16:1 3<sup>rd</sup> group D - 4<sup>th</sup> group C

13-16:2 3<sup>rd</sup> group C - 4<sup>th</sup> group D

9-12:1 Loser PO2 - Loser PO3

9-12:2 Loser PO1 - Loser PO4

5-8:1 Loser Q1 - Loser Q4

5-8:2 Loser Q2 - Loser Q3

Match for 15<sup>th</sup> place Loser 13-16:1 - Loser 13-16:2

Match for 13<sup>th</sup> place Winner 13-16:1 - Winner 13-16:2

Match for 11<sup>th</sup> place Loser 9-12:1 - Loser 9-12:2

Match for 9<sup>th</sup> place Winner 9-12:1 - Winner 9-12:2

Match for 7<sup>th</sup> place Loser 5-8:1 - Loser 5-8:2

Match for 5<sup>th</sup> place Winner 5-8:1 - Winner 5.8:2

- 5.7. Qualification for the Adult World Championships is played with continental tournaments. The model of the qualifications and the number of places will be based on the number of qualifying teams per continent. The system of the qualification will be decided by the RACC.

## § 6 PLAYING SYSTEM FOR U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19 WFC)

- 6.1. The U19 World Championships shall be played with qualifications and a final round.
- 6.2. The final round shall consist of 16 teams
- 6.3. The U19 WFC shall be played 4 groups of 4 teams each. The forming of the groups shall be decided in a ballot based on the final rankings of the previous Championships of the same category, where each group will be allotted two teams from each basket as follows:

### Group A and B:

Basket 1: Ranking 1-4

Basket 2: Ranking 5-8

### Group C and D:

Basket 3: Ranking 9-12

Basket 4: Ranking 13-16

- 6.4. The continued play after the group matches shall be as follows (the exact numbering of the matches may differ for each event depending on the order of play in the final match schedule):

Semi-final 1:	Winner of group A	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> of group B
Semi-final 2:	Winner of group B	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> of group A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Loser Semi	–	Loser Semi
Final:	Winner Semi	–	Winner Semi

- 6.5. A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final and the bronze match.
- 6.6. Ranking matches for 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> place shall be played as follows:

Qualifying to top 8:	4 <sup>th</sup> group A	–	1 <sup>st</sup> group D (Q1)
	4 <sup>th</sup> group B	–	1 <sup>st</sup> group C (Q2)
Match for 5 <sup>th</sup> place:	3 <sup>rd</sup> group A	–	3 <sup>rd</sup> group B
Match for 7 <sup>th</sup> place:	Winner Q1	–	Winner Q2
Match for 9 <sup>th</sup> place:	Loser Q1	–	Loser Q2
Match for 11 <sup>th</sup> place:	2 <sup>nd</sup> group C	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> group D
Match for 13 <sup>th</sup> Place:	3 <sup>rd</sup> group D	–	3 <sup>rd</sup> group C
Match for 15 <sup>th</sup> Place:	4 <sup>th</sup> group C	–	4 <sup>th</sup> group D

## § 7 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ADULT & U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 7.1. The matches within each group shall be organised so that each team play each other once.
- 7.2. In the group matches 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 7.3. The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
- 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.

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.

7.4. All matches of the continued play after the group matches shall, when ending with a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots. This shall be valid also for qualifications involving two teams only playing two matches where the qualification, if a draw after two matches, shall be decided by extra time and possible penalty shots following directly after the second match.

7.5. The match schedule of a Championship shall be done such that there is least 2hrs 45mins between the start of matches being played on the same rink. In principle, a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day. A minimum of 3hrs should be allowed for matches that require a result and could be decided by extra time and penalty shots.

7.6. The organisers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.

7.7. Teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

## **§ 8 PLAYER'S OUTFITS**

8.1. 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 regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the Championship.

8.2. 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.

- 8.3. In the final round of the Adult World Championships, players must have the surname written in the back of the player's shirt. The name must be written with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high. Players with the same surname should be identified with the addition of the initial of their first name.
- 8.4. 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 / Jury.
- 8.5. If two teams have the same colour the IFF shall decide which team shall change.
- 8.6. 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.

## **§ 9 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS**

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

## **§ 10 PROTESTS**

- 10.1. The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2. When taking decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 10.3. The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the Jury within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 10.4. Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 10.5. A protest must be written, signed, and accompanied by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

## **§ 11 ANTI-DOPING**

- 11.1. All players using medication that is on the Prohibited List must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to participate in an IFF Championship.
- 11.2. TUE applications must be submitted to the IFF at least 30 days prior to the start of the event. Alternatively, a player may submit, no later than a NADO-approved TUE for confirmation by the IFF.
- 11.3. All doping matters during an IFF event shall be referred to the applicable deciding body, and all decisions will be based on the valid IFF regulations and the applicable IFF Anti-Doping regulations.

- 11.4. All players registered for participation in an IFF Event agree to undergo doping control testing. Refusal of a player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result.
- 11.5. In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Any decision about punishment shall be taken after the investigation is over, according to the IFF Anti-Doping regulations.

## **§ 12 BETTING**

- 12.1. It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own Floorball matches and Floorball competitions
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 12.5. It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- 12.6. Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 12.7. 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.
- 12.8. 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.
- 12.9. Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

## **§ 13 REFEREES**

- 13.1. All matters concerning referees in IFF National Team competitions shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 13.2. All International matches between two national teams (Adults, U23, U19) shall be refereed by an international referee pair who shall be appointed by the IFF Referee Committee.

- 13.3. The Referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees. In some events, the IFF Referee Committee may appoint referees from the IFF Referee Development Group
- 13.4. Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principle be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 13.5. Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their on-court decisions.

## **§ 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 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

- 16.1. The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding disciplinary matters during the Championship.
- 16.2. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 16.3. When a disciplinary matter is reported by any of the teams playing in a match or by the IFF, then the decision shall be made by the Event Disciplinary Function of the event.
- 16.4. A suspension decided by the Event Disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches and applies only to matches in the said event.

- 16.5. When taking disciplinary decisions, the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 16.6. The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in latest 09:00 the morning after the match. The disciplinary function shall decide and inform of the decision no later than 15:00 the day after the match, or no later than 2hrs prior to the player's / team's next match in the event, whichever occurs first.
- 16.7. 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
- 16.8. When handling a disciplinary matter during an IFF event the IFF Disciplinary function may use video recording only if the recording is from the official filming of the event, as defined by the IFF.
- 16.9. The Disciplinary function of the event will be comprised of representatives from the Jury, Referee management and IFF staff of the event.
- 16.10. All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the CB or the RACC of IFF shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies

## **§ 17 WALK OVER**

- 17.1. 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.

## **§ 18 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 18.1. A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team to hold for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup and shall bring it to the next Championship in perfect condition. The holder shall be responsible for engraving of its name according to the guidelines laid down by IFF.
- 18.2. A replica of the cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team.
- 18.3. The challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times.
- 18.4. The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 18.5. The 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.
- 18.6. A maximum of an additional 10 medals (gold, silver, bronze) may be produced, the cost of which is the responsibility of the respective medal winning team.
- 18.7. The referees in the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees in the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.
- 18.8. Each participating player and team official in the teams placed 4<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, and referee shall be presented one IFF Memory medal each.

## **§ 19 THE RINK**

19.1. The rink shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

## **§ 20 PRACTICE SESSIONS DURING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 20.1. Teams are entitled to one practice session, of at least 45 minutes, in the competition venue, on the official training day, usually the day before their first official match in an event.
- 20.2. During the event, teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a regulation playing area or a playing area of the same size as the competition arena. Where possible, the playing surface and rink should be the same as in the competition arena.
- 20.3. In Adult WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session plus one daily training session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser.
- 20.4. In U19 WFC, the cost of the official pre-event practice session, including transport to/from the training, is the responsibility of the organiser. The costs for all other training sessions, including transport, is the responsibility of the teams.
- 20.5. Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.
- 20.6. Teams shall bring their own balls and other training equipment to practice sessions.
- 20.7. The event organiser is responsible for ensuring that the training venue equipment (flooring, rink, goal cages) are prepared and in place for each training session.

## **§ 21 OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

- 21.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captain's & Technical meeting shall be held where the organising committee, the head of delegation of each team, the team captain, the head of referees and the IFF Jury shall be present.
- 21.2. A second technical meeting may be held after the group matches.
- 21.3. A third technical meeting may be held after the play-off matches.
- 21.4. The organisers are responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 21.5. The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the Jury or the organising committee.
- 21.6. During an event, all meetings that IFF informs as Official Meetings, shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

## § 22 TICKETS

### 22.1. Participating Teams

22.1.1. Each participating team is entitled to, free of charge, a maximum of 30 tickets/reserved seats, in the form of accreditations, for the players and officials of the team. Only those on the Final team list will receive accreditation/reserved seats.

22.1.2. For Adult WFC these are valid for the time the team is playing in the Championships. The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition.

22.1.3. For U19 WFC these are valid for the duration of the event.

22.1.4. The organiser of the Championship must reserve the needed number of reserved seats for all the participating teams for the group rounds. For the play-off rounds the organiser needs to reserve the same number of reserved seats equal to the number of teams still participating in the tournament.

22.1.5. For the Adult WFC, the participating teams are entitled to reserve and purchase tickets for the play-off phase of the tournament in the lowest price category, no later than **three** months prior to the start of the Championships. If a team, which has reserved and paid for tickets for the play-offs, would qualify for the play-offs, the organiser shall reimburse the price of the tickets.

### 22.2. Participating Associations

22.2.1. Each Member Association with a team participating in a Championship is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire event, free of charge.

22.2.2. Each participating Member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

22.2.3. The ticket quota of each participating member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organiser, and shall be divided as follows:

- a) For their own team's matches in the group
- b) For matches played by other teams in the same group
- c) For matches in other groups
- d) For their own team's matches in continued play after group matches
- e) For other matches in continued play after group matches

### 22.3. Associations attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting

Each Member Association, without a team taking part in the Championship, but attending the IFF General Assembly / Associations Meeting is entitled to 2 VIP accreditations for the Championships, valid only for the time defined in the specific meeting invitation/registration information.

## § 23 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

23.1. 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.