

REGULATIONS FOR EUROPEAN JUNIOR (U.21) CHAMPIONSHIPS
(NATIONS) (MEN AND WOMEN)

A/ ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

A.1 Authority

The competition shall be held under the authority of F.I.H. and E.H.F.

A.2 Entry

Entry shall be open to all European countries whose National Association are properly affiliated to E.H.F. and F.I.H. Nations wishing to enter must send their letters of application to the Hon. General Secretary of E.H.F. by the deadline date.

For events which are also qualifying tournaments for World level events letters of applications must also be sent to the Hon. General Secretary of F.I.H. when requested.

A.3 Qualifications and Pools

For the Junior European Nations Cup (Men and Women) the tournament will be played in Divisions of up to 8 teams. In Division A will be those countries who finished ranked 1 - 6 in the previous A Division and the 2 countries promoted from the previous B Division.

In Division B will be those countries who finished ranked 3 to 6 in the previous Division B plus those 2 countries relegated from the A Division and the 2 countries promoted from the C Division.

In C Division will be the remaining countries (including the 2 relegated from B Division). If there are more than 8 then there may be qualifying tournaments or there may be more than one C Division. In the event of less than 8 teams playing in C Division then E.H.F will decide on the numbers to be promoted from C Division and relegated from B Division.

A.4 Entry Fees

Countries will receive from the Hon. Treasurer of E.H.F. an invoice for the entry fee shown on the Responsibility Chart (Appendix A).

A.5 Withdrawal

If a nation withdraws before the start of a tournament for which it is entered then it will be subject to penalty to be decided by E.H.F in conjunction with F.I.H.

A.6 Qualifying Tournaments

If the entries for a competition exceed those which can be accommodated in the C Division tournament then E.H.F. may organise qualifying tournaments or matches. The venues, dates and pools for such tournaments shall be in the absolute discretion of the E.H.F.

A.7 Applications to Host

National Associations applying to act as hosts of A, B, or C Division Tournament or qualifying tournaments should, before the closing date fixed by E.H.F. for such application, submit the to Hon. General Secretary the appropriate "Application to Host" form.

A.8 Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires

E.H.F. will appoint the Tournament Director, Technical Officers, Media and Medical Officers, Judges, Umpires Manager and Neutral Umpires in consultation with and with the approval of F.I.H.. However, F.I.H. will appoint the Tournament Director, the Umpires' Manager and the Neutral Umpires for the "A" Division of the tournament, when that tournament is a qualifier for the next World Cup. The Neutral Umpires will normally be from another Continent for that tournament (only).

The cost of travel of the umpires appointed to tournaments will be met by their own National Association (except in the case of neutral umpires appointed - see B.1 a)(ii)).

A.9 Trophies and Medals

The winner of the European Junior Cup (A Division) will receive a trophy which it will retain until the trophy is next awarded, and shall ensure that such trophy is returned to E.H.F. on request or is sent to the venue at which the tournament is next held. The trophy must be insured by the holding nation against all risks for an amount of two thousand Euro (€ 2,000) (or equivalent in freely convertible currency).

For each tournament the host country shall be responsible for producing 22 medals (portraying the EHF logo) for each of the three (3) highest ranked countries (in base metal but coloured gold, silver and bronze) as set out in the Responsibility Chart - Appendix A.

A.10 Age Qualification

The age of qualification for participation in JUNIOR tournaments will be that players are under the age of 21 years on 1st January in the year of that tournament.

B/ Responsibilities of Host Nations

B.1 Organisation Fee, Travel Costs and Accommodation Costs

(a) The host nation shall be responsible for payment of:

- (i) any organisation fee payable to E.H.F. for the tournament
 - (ii) those travel costs and accommodation costs of officials and neutral umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart - Appendix A. Accommodation requirements run from 2 days prior to the start of the tournament (or with dinner the previous evening for officials from another continent and/or those officials whose travel time takes more than 5 hours) until breakfast on the day after the tournament.
- (b) The host country shall organise accommodation in designated tournament hotel(s) for

the players and officials of each participating team (but the teams are responsible for their own hotel costs).

- (c) The host country should also recommend reasonably priced and located eating facilities for the teams.

B.2 Local Transport

- (a) The host country shall provide local transport for all participating teams, umpires and officials from and to the designated airport or railway station and the designated hotel and from and to the designated hotel and the playing ground(s) (and practice ground(s)).
- (b) Transport arrangements by car(s) must be provided for any F.I.H. and/or E.H.F. Representative(s) and the Tournament Director.

B.3 Publicity

The E.H.F. requires that the host Nation and the local Organising Committee shall:-

- (a) Include in the official programme a photograph and a message by the President of E.H.F. (issued by the E.H.F. office).
- (b) Ensure that the E.H.F. and F.I.H. logo is used on programmes, publicity and official Tournament papers.
- (c) Entitle each of the E.H.F. sponsors (maximum 3) to one full page advertisement in the Tournament programme free of charge (N.B. lithography to be issued by the E.H.F. Office).
- (d) Permit each of the E.H.F. and each of its sponsors (maximum 3) to place one six (6) meter advertising board on the main pitch and in view of any television cameras or in such other dominant place designated by E.H.F. again free of charge (the advertising boards will be issued directly by the E.H.F. sponsors and it is the responsibility of the host Nation to ensure that the advertising board is returned to the E.H.F. sponsor after the event.)
- (e) List in the official programme the names of the Members of EHF Competitions Committee, as well as the names of the Technical Officials appointed under Regulations A.7 and A.8. together with details of previous rankings in that Tournament (all this information will be issued by the E.H.F. office).
- (f) Ensure an efficient system of communicating the results and match details immediately (by fax or by email) to the Tournaments Results Co-ordinator nominated by the E.H.F.
- (g) Ensure that the F.I.H. and E.H.F. flag is displayed in a prominent position. (It is the responsibility of the organiser to obtain the F.I.H. and E.H.F. flag from its own National Association).

B.4 Commercial Rights

The F.I.H. owns the television and radio rights and all other commercial rights relating to international hockey competitions. The host nation must make appropriate arrangements with E.H.F. and F.I.H. concerning these rights.

B.5 Protocol/Ceremonies

Ceremonies are organised by the host country but subject to prior approval of E.H.F.

Matters of protocol have to be approved by the Representative of E.H.F. and shall be in line with the protocol regulations of F.I.H.

B.6 Insurance's

The organisers shall effect (at their cost and with a reputable insurance office) all the necessary insurance's to cover any liabilities of the organisers (or of the EHF) in respect of the tournament and shall, if called upon to do so, produce evidence of such insurance to the EHF.

C. Tournament Regulations

- C.1 The competition shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of hockey and in accordance with the current F.I.H. tournament regulations.

The appropriate regulations will be sent by E.H.F. to all participating countries in good time prior to the start of the tournament.

C.2 Pools

Countries shall be place in pools according to their ranking in the previous tournament as follows:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

The ranking in the tournament shall be decided in accordance with the FIH Regulations for 2 Pool competitions.

Classification Matches

- (a) 3rd placed team in pool A v 4th placed team in pool B
- (b) 3rd placed team in pool B v 4th placed team in pool A
- (c) 1st placed team in pool A v 2nd placed team in pool B
- (d) 1st placed team in pool B v 2nd placed team in pool A

Finally, the losers of matches (a) and (b) shall play for 7th/8th place
The winners of matches (a) and (b) shall play for 5th/6th place
The losers of the semi-finals (matches (c) and (d)) shall play for 3rd/4th place
The winners of the semi-finals (matches (c) and (d)) shall play the final.
The nations ranked 1 and 2 in Division B and C will be promoted.
The 2 nations ranked 7 and 8 will be relegated.

C.3 Duration of the Tournament

- (a) The duration of an 8 nation tournament will be 7 days.
- (b) For any tournament the draft match schedule must take into account the following constraints:
 - (i) a maximum of 2 matches for a team within a time period of 72 hours
 - (ii) a minimum of 22 hours rest between the start times of matches played on consecutive days by a same team

- (iii) a rest day between pool matches and classification matches in a 2 pool competition
- (iv) a minimum of 2 hours time interval between the start of 2 successive pool matches
- (v) a minimum of 2 hrs 30 mins time interval between the start of 2 successive classification matches.

C.4 Match Programme Schedule

The proposed schedule and timings of matches must be submitted to E.H.F. for approval by F.I.H. and E.H.F. and must follow F.I.H. regulations in relation to rest days and the minimum rest period between a team's matches.

C.5 Forms

Match Report Forms, Team Entry Forms, Appointment Sheets and other documentation will be in accordance with F.I.H. standard format and be approved by E.H.F. (The host nation is free to add a translation of the forms headings in the host's language as well as to place logos on the documents on condition that the content laid down for the document continues to appear.)