



COMPETITION REGULATION OF THE HUNGARIAN ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

FOR GAMES OF THE FIRST CLASS OF THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ICE HOCKEY
CHAMPIONSHIPS (OB I.) AND THE INVITATIONAL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Budapest, 31 July 2012

Revised by Péter Kerey

Reviewed by the Professional Committee of HIHF

Approved by the Board of HIHF

Table of Contents

Referenced acts, legal regulations, rule books	4
List of annexes	4
Introduction	4
I. General provisions	5
Article 1: Organizer	5
Article 2: Official language.....	5
II Team and individual entry	5
Article 3: Team entry	5
Article 4: Deadline for team entry	6
Article 5: Entry of foreign teams	6
Article 6: Entry of Hungarian teams to foreign and international regional Championships	7
Article 7: HIHF registration and certification of players	7
Article 8: Championships entry of players.....	7
Article 9: Submission of the Championships Entry List.....	8
Article 10: Players on the Championships Entry List.....	8
Article 11: Subsequent entry (modification of the Championships Entry List and the competition license during the season)	8
III. Competition license.....	9
Article 12: Conditions of issuing the competition license	9
Article 13: Replacement Competition License	9
IV Schedule of the games.....	9
Article 14: Season and championship season	9
Article 15: Championship schedule	10
Article 16: Games organized by sport organizations	10
Article 17: Cancelled or interrupted games	10
Article 18: Games interrupted or cancelled due to force majeure or technical problems	11
V. Ice rink and organization requirements	12
Article 19: Venue of the games.....	12
Article 20: Arena license.....	12
Article 21: Technical conditions at the games	13
Article 22: Video recording of games.....	13
Article 23: Circumstances to be provided to the guest teams	14
Article 24: Circumstances to be provided to the referees	14
Article 25: Medical requirements.....	14
Article 26: Organizers, security service.....	15
Article 27: Protection of referees	15
Article 28: Protection of the teams.....	16
Article 29: Access	16
Article 30: Disturbance	17
Article 31: Prohibited objects	18
Article 32: Banning from games	18
VI. Participants at the game	18
Article 33: Jury.....	18
Article 34: The responsibilities of the Jury of the Game	19
Article 35: Remuneration of the Jury of the Game	20
Article 36: Scorekeepers	21
Article 37: Responsibilities of the announcer	21
Article 38: Referees	21
Article 39: Responsibilities of the referees	22

Article 40: Fee of the referees.....	22
Article 41: Referee supervisors.....	22
Article 42: Late appearance or failure to appear by the referees.....	23
Article 43: The Board of Referees of the League	23
Article 44: Physician.....	23
Article 45: Medical fees.....	24
Article 46: Delay or failure to appear by the physician	24
Article 47: Game supervisors.....	24
Article 48: Coaches.....	24
Article 49: Other officials at the players’ bench	25
Article 50: Officials at the penalty bench or the Jury of the Game.....	25
Article 51: Spectators.....	25
VII. Players at the game	25
Article 52: Registration to the game	25
Article 53: Minimum number	26
Article 54: Younger players.....	27
Article 55: Waiting time	27
VIII. Rules of the game.....	27
Article 56: IIHF rules.....	27
Article 57: Timing of game, warm-up	27
Article 58: Resurfacing of the ice	27
Article 59: Rules of the ‘sudden death’.....	28
Article 60: Mandatory protective equipment, insurance.....	29
Article 61: Game jerseys and player numbers	29
Article 62: Unauthorised players	30
Article 63: Banned players, officials.....	30
IX. Championship ranking	31
Article 64: The result of games (championship points).....	31
Article 65: Cancelled or interrupted games	31
Article 65: Final result of championship (ranking).....	31
Article 67: Withdrawal and exclusion.....	32
X Disciplinary issues, protest and appeal.....	32
Article 68: Disciplinary issues	32
Article 69: Protest, appeal, complaint	32
XI. Fees and costs	33
Article 70: Costs of the games	33
Article 71: Payment due dates, failure to pay by due date.....	33
XII. Miscellaneous	33
Article 72: Release players to the national team.....	33
Article 73: Withdrawal of the home right	34
Article 74: Anti-doping.....	34
Article 75: Public statements	34
Article 76: Issues not regulated in the Competition Regulation	35

Referenced acts, legal regulations, rule books

- Act I of 2004 on Sport
- Transfer Regulation, 2011
- Competition Announcement (IIHF 2011-2012)
- IIHF Official Rule Book 2010-2014
- Government Decree 54/2004 (III. 31.) on the safety of sports events
- Government Decree 55/2004 (III. 31.) on anti-doping rules
- Government Decree 215/2004 (VII. 13.) on the rules of medical care for athletes
- Government Decree 157/2004 (V. 18.) on the list of qualifications necessary for the exercising of certain professions in the field of sports
- Release of a Player for National Team Games (IIHF)

List of annexes

Team entry form (Annex 1)
 Registration form* (Annex 2)
 Tournament Entry List (Annex 3)
 Dual competition license of players (Annex 4)
 Photo certificate containing medical license* (Annex 5)
 Ice Rink Data Sheet (Annex 6)
 Event Register (Annex 7)
 Injury register* (Annex 8)
 Comments sheet (Annex 9)
 Game record (Annex 10)
 Game entry form (Annex 11)
 Arena license requirements (Annex 12)

* Paper-based printed form available at IIHF

Introduction

The Board of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation prepared this Competition Regulation on the basis of Article 23, Paragraph (1), point a) of Act I of 2004 on Sport.

This Competition Regulation applies to the persons competing in the Hungarian National Championships (OB I) and the Invitational International Championships announced by the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation (hereinafter: the athletes), official participants of the games, the organizers, the sports associations and sports enterprises employing these persons on a membership basis or based on other legal relationships (hereinafter: sport organizations) and the officers and employees of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation (hereinafter: IIHF). It regulates the organization of Class I of the Hungarian National Ice Hockey Championships (hereinafter: OB I.) and the Invitational International Championships.

As a supplementation of this Competition Regulation, IIHF publishes the Competition Announcement each year, which contains all deadlines and fees relating to entries etc. (entry, protest etc.).

For the matters not regulated or for which room for consideration is left in this Competition Regulation or the annual Competition Announcement, the general IIHF Competition Regulation and the IIHF Rule Book and its supplementary provisions shall apply and these matters shall be

judged in the first instance, based on the IIHF Casebook, by the IIHF Jury and the League. In the case of an appeal, the decision shall be made by the Board or the Professional Committee created by the Board and no appeal may be submitted against this decision in IIHF.

I. General provisions

Article 1: Organizer

(1) The organizer of OB I and the Invitational International Championships is the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation.

(2) The official contact details of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation for the purposes of OB I and the Invitational International Championships are as follows:

Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation
address: H-1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei út 1-3.
phone: +36 1 460 6863
fax: +36 1 460 6864
e-mail: info@icehockey.hu

Article 2: Official language

(1) The official languages of the Invitational International Championships are Hungarian and English. In the case of disputes, the Hungarian versions of the relevant texts shall prevail at all times.

(2) The official language of OB I is Hungarian.

II Team and individual entry

Article 3: Team entry

(1) The team entries shall be submitted to the address of the organizer of the Championships.

(2) The following documents shall be submitted with the team entries:

a) Extract from the trade register and court ruling on the registration of the organization entering the team or player;

b) Specimen signatures of the senior officer;

c) Name and official contact details (telephone, fax, e-mail, mail address) of the team to be entered by the entering organization and name, contact details and specimen signature of the official contact person of the team;

d) Completed entry form signed by the senior officer and the official contact person (Annex 1);

e) Bank certificate on the transfer of the entry fee;

f) If the sport organization is obliged to pay a late entry penalty, the bank certificate on the transfer of the late entry penalty shall also be attached to the entry form;

g) Data sheet of the ice rink to be registered as the home rink of the team (Annex 2);

h) Written authorization from the national sports federation of the entering organization licensing the participation of the organization in the Invitational International Championships under the terms and conditions defined in this Competition Regulation;

i) Extract from the trade register of the organization in charge of security at the games of the Championships;

j) A copy of the contract concluded with the organization in charge of security at the games of the Championships;

(3) If the organization fails to attach any of the documents defined in point a)-j) above or the content of the attached documents is not appropriate, the entry will not be accepted.

(4) If the organization submits the entry and the required documents after the prescribed deadline, the entry will not be accepted.

(5) A team entry may only be accepted from an organization that has no outstanding liabilities to the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation, the League and the Board of Referees or to any club or player based on a resolution of HIHF.

(6) Sport organizations may only take part in the Championships if the senior officer or the official contact person of the organization signs the declaration on the acceptance of the Competition Announcement and this Competition Regulation (Annex 4) without remarks and sends the declaration to the organizer of the Championships **until the deadline prescribed in the Competition Announcement.**

(7) If the League Jury accepted the entry of the organization and, at any time after this acceptance, the organization withdraws or is disqualified from the Championships, it shall pay a penalty of EUR 10,000 to the organizer of the Championships.

(8) Should there be any changes in the submitted data of the organisations detailed under (2) a)-j) of this article, the organisation is required to inform the League and the Organiser about it without any delay.

Article 4: Deadline for team entry

(1) The sport organizations shall submit their Team Entries to the Organizer until the deadline prescribed in the Competition Announcement (Article 1)

(2) The League Jury shall examine the Team Entries submitted until the prescribed deadline and if necessary, call the sport organization to submit any additional documents or data required. The deadline for the submission of such additional information shall be defined in the Competition Announcement. Additional information can be submitted free of charge within the relevant deadline.

(3) After the expiry of the entry deadline, the League publishes the list of the sport organizations submitting entries in a press release. This announcement shall also include a list of the sport organizations ordered to submit additional information specifying the reason for such order.

(4) Sport organizations may submit Team Entries after the expiry of the entry deadline subject to the payment of a late entry penalty until the deadline for late entry defined in the Competition Announcement.

(5) The late entry penalty is payable for each team in the amount defined in the Competition Announcement.

(6) Submission of additional information is not possible in the case of Team Entries submitted after the expiry of the entry deadline but before the expiry of the late entry deadline.

(7) The League Jury shall not accept Team Entries submitted after the expiry of the late entry deadline irrespective of the payment of the late entry penalty.

(8) After the expiry of the late entry period, the League publishes the list of accepted entries and the list of unaccepted entries specifying the reason of rejection.

Article 5: Entry of foreign teams

(1) Foreign teams may also be entered to take part in the Invitational International Championships. A decision in this matter shall be made before the commencement of each Championships season by the Board after consulting the Professional Committee and the League.

Together with their team entries, the foreign teams shall also submit their approval from the ice hockey federation of their country for participation in foreign Championships.

Article 6: Entry of Hungarian teams to foreign and international regional Championships

(1) Hungarian teams may enter to take part in foreign and international regional Championships. A decision in this matter is made before the commencement of each Championship season by the Board after consulting the Professional Committee and the League. Participation in foreign Championships is always subject to the given association's participation in the Hungarian Championships in the relevant age group.

Article 7: IIHF registration and certification of players

(1) Each player that a sport organization intends to enter into a IIHF sports event shall be registered in the standard registration system of IIHF. Registration is also required upon the signing of a new player and the lending or transfer of a foreign player to Hungary.

(2) Players are registered on the basis of the completed IIHF registration form (Annex 2). The registration form shall be signed by the responsible manager of the sport association, the player and, in the case of a player below the age of 18, the player's Parent or Guardian.

(3) To the registration, the sport organization shall attach a copy of the document certifying the date of birth of the player irrespective of the age of the player, the completed registration form mentioned in point (2) and the certificate of payment of the administration fee.

(4) If there is a player contract (professional or amateur) between the player registered for the Championship and the sport organization, an original of the contract in question signed by both parties and carrying the initials of both parties on each page shall be deposited with IIHF. If the sport organization fails to deposit the contract, a competition license may not be issued for the athlete.

(5) The administration fee of registration is defined in the Competition Announcement.

(6) The registration shall be rejected without consideration if the request does not comply fully with the requirements set forth in points (3) and (4).

(7) As a result of the registration, the player in question will be a certified player of the sport organization that initiated his/her registration.

(8) All players are regarded domestic players whose citizenship was certified at time of registration of the player by presenting his/her passport issued by the country to the national federation of which the organization registering the player belongs.

(9) The citizenship under which a player was registered for the Championship will be considered throughout the Championships season.

(10) The rules of transferring and lending of domestic and foreign players are defined in the Transfer Regulation issued by IIHF.

Article 8: Championships entry of players

(1) The sport organizations shall also enter their registered athletes by name on the Championships Entry List (Annex 3) for the Invitational International Championships and for OB I.

(2) The teams entering the Invitational International Championships and OB I shall enter at least 2 goaltenders and 15 players by the deadline for the submission of the Championships Entry List from their registered players from whom at least 9 must be in the senior age group.

(3) If until the prescribed deadline the organization is unable to enter on the Championships Entry List the prescribed number of players, the League Jury shall cancel the team entry and the entry fee shall not be refunded to the cancelled team.

(4) The Championships Entry List shall be completed entirely (leaving no field empty) and it shall be signed by each player. In the case of players under the age of 18, the permit from the player's parent (guardian) shall also be attached to the Championships Entry List. The organization shall also attach the documents required for the competition license of the listed players and certification of making the prescribed payments (see Article 7, point (3)).

(5) Non-domestic players may be entered into the Championships without restriction if he/she has previously been registered by the sport organization in accordance with the international rules of IIHF.

Article 9: Submission of the Championships Entry List

(1) The Championships Entry List shall be submitted to the League Jury until the deadline defined in the Competition Announcement.

(2) The sport organization missing the deadline for the submission of the Championships Entry List, shall pay a late entry penalty to IIHF. The amount of the late entry penalty shall be defined in the Competition Announcement.

(3) In the case of Championships Entry Lists received after the extended deadline defined in the Competition Announcement, IIHF shall not issue a competition license irrespective of whether the late entry penalty is paid.

(4) The Championships Entry List shall only be regarded complete if it includes at least the number of players (meeting all relevant requirements) prescribed in the Competition Announcement for the given age group. If a sport organization does not have the required number of players in a given age group until the deadline defined in the Competition Announcement, the group entry request of the team shall be cancelled by the League Jury.

Article 10: Players on the Championships Entry List

(1) The Championships Entry List may only include registered players of the sport organization.

(2) A specific player may only be included in one Championships Entry List, with the exception of the players having double competition licenses. The players having double competition licenses may only be considered for their home club for the purposes of fulfilment of the minimum required headcount on the Championships Entry List.

(3) Non-Hungarian citizen players may be entered to the Invitational International Championships and to OB I without restriction provided that they have previously been registered by a Hungarian team in accordance with the international rules.

Article 11: Subsequent entry (modification of the Championships Entry List and the competition license during the season)

(1) Late entry may take place in the following cases and by the following times:

a) During the entire Championship season, any player may be entered subsequently for whom the player's sport organization has the relevant certificate.

b) During the entire Championship season, the sport organization may subsequently enter a domestic player not playing for at least an entire season – not included in any entry lists in a season

(if the player's contractual relationship with his/her previous club was terminated or the relevant contract allows such subsequent entry; in all other cases (e.g. the termination of the club) the Transfer Committee shall decide.)

c) Non-home players or players having a competition license abroad may be entered subsequently (provided that they have previously been registered in accordance with the international rules) until January 31 of the given Championship season.

d) If a sport organization enters two (or more) teams, it may exchange during the Championship season 5 players of these team during the period specified in the Competition Announcement. In such cases, the entry lists of both teams shall be modified and the new competition licenses shall be issued to the players.

e) Players may also be transferred or lent to play for another sport organization during the Championships (until January 31) in accordance with the provisions of the Transfer Regulation.

f) The player having an amateur contract and falling in the junior age group may only receive a competition license in the case of his/her transfer and may only be entered as a player of another sport organization if his/her original (transferring) sport organization gives its consent to his/her leaving on the transfer form. Amateur, junior players not having a contract may be transferred freely during the transfer period (until January 31).

g) Each subsequent entry shall imply the submission of a new Championships Entry List and the issuing of a new competition license.

III. Players' license

Article 12: Conditions of issuing the players' license

(1) On the basis of the Championships Entry List and the simultaneously submitted attachments, the League Jury issues Players' Licenses for the players.

(2) The League Jury has 5 (five) working days for the issuing of the Players' License if the request fulfils all relevant requirements.

(3) Conditions of issuing the Players' License:

a) 1 ID photo,

b) payment of the Players' License fee (see: Competition Announcement),

(4) The Players' License shall be valid for one Championship season.

(5) The procedural fee shall be paid again if a new Players' License needs to be issued due to a change of data (transfer, lending of players during the season, double competition license etc.).

Article 13: Replacement of the Players' License

In the case of the loss, damage or destruction of the Players' License, a request shall be submitted for the issuing of a new Players' License and the relevant procedural fee shall be paid again.

IV Schedule of the games

Article 14: Season and championship season

(1) The Season shall commence on August 1, 2011 and shall end on July 31, 2012.

(2) The championship season shall commence on September 1, 2011 and shall end on April 30, 2012.

Article 15: Championship schedule

(1) The Championship schedule shall contain the participants, the date, the starting time, the venue and the number of the games.

(2) The Championship schedule is prepared by the League Jury and it is sent to the sport organizations entered into the championships after the closing of the team entries until the prescribed deadline determined by the Professional Committee of HIHF.

(3) The sport organizations finalize the championships schedule at the scheduling meeting organized before the start of the championships.

(4) The final schedule of the championships, which is issued by the organizer HIHF and the League forms an integral part of this regulation.

(5) The games shall start between 5:00 and 7:00 PM local time.

(6) The Championship schedule shall only be modified upon the request of the teams in justified cases subject to the special permit of the League. The team requesting the modification shall apply for the change in writing to the president of the League stating the reason for the requested change. The League shall issue the permit after careful consideration of the reasons for the requested change and after consulting the other club concerned by the modification. A procedural fee is payable for the modification of the Championship schedule upon the request of a club. The rate of this fee is defined in the Competition Announcement.

(7) If necessary, the Championship schedule may only be modified by the League Jury taking the decision of the League into account. The League Jury shall notify the League and the clubs concerned of the modifications and shall revise the Championships schedule published on the official website of the League accordingly. The schedule may not be modified later than the 14th day before the game concerned.

(8) The League shall have the right to set the timing of games in the case of live television coverage. If this implies the changing of the day of the game or an at least 3-hour modification of the starting time of the game, the deadline for modification shall be the 8th day before the original starting time of the game. If the starting time of the game is modified by less than 3 hours, the deadline for the modification shall be the 4th day before the day of the game.

Article 16: Games organized by sport organizations

(1) The teams and individual players of the teams entered into the Invitational International Championships, the Hungarian National Ice Hockey Championship and the Hungarian Cup shall only participate in domestic or foreign tournaments organized during the championship season by other organizations subject to the prior consent of the League.

(2) The sport organizations shall, at the time of submission of their team entry forms, submit to the League and the League Jury the list of the events organized by them and the times of the participation of their teams in international and other tournaments for the purpose of the reconciliation of the Championship schedule.

(3) The sport organizations shall report to the League and the League Jury the times of invitations received after the reconciliation of the Championship schedule at least 20 calendar days before the starting date of the event. The Championship schedule shall be modified as defined in Article 15, points (6)-(7).

Article 17: Cancelled or interrupted games

(1) If a team is unable to organize the game, it shall immediately notify the opponent team, the League, the League Jury, the referees appointed for the game and the Board of Referees of this

stating the reasons. The League Jury shall decide in the matter of the game in agreement with the League after the examination of the reason(s) for the cancellation of the game.

(2) If a team is unable to attend a game, it shall immediately notify the opponent team, the League, the League Jury, the referees appointed for the game and the Board of Referees of this stating the reasons. The League Jury shall decide in the matter of the game in agreement with the League after the examination of the reason(s) for the cancellation of the game.

(3) If the referee of the game finds that the game cannot be properly staged due to a force majeure or technical problems (e.g. damaged ice or lighting), the starting or continuation of the game shall be prohibited.

(4) If, at the commencement of the game, the referees find the rink not to be suitable for the game for weather or technical reasons, the game shall not be started. In this case, a waiting time of 2x20 minutes shall apply. If the rink becomes suitable for the game by the expiry of the waiting time, the game shall be started within 30 minutes at the latest. If the rink is still not suitable for the game after the expiry of the waiting periods, the game shall be cancelled. The referee shall record the starting time of the ordered waiting period and the new starting time of the game or the cancellation of the game in the Events Log (Annex 7).

(5) If the rink becomes unfit for the game for weather or technical reasons during the game, the referee may stop the game at any time and order the resurfacing of the ice or order a waiting period of 2x20 minutes. If the circumstances of the game do not improve or if the continuation of the game seems impossible, the referee shall permanently stop the game. The referee shall record the reason and the time of the interruption in the Events Log.

Article 18: Games interrupted or cancelled due to force majeure or technical problems

(1) The games cancelled or interrupted before the start of the third period due to force majeure or technical problems shall be played again. The location and time of the new game shall be determined by the League Jury.

(2) The same players shall be entitled to play at the game organized at the new time who were entitled to play at the original time of the game. However, the disciplinary penalties imposed during or since the original game shall also apply to the repeated game.

(3) In the case of games interrupted due to force majeure or technical problems after the start of the third period, the remaining game time of the interrupted game shall be played at the time and place determined by the League Jury.

(4) The same players shall be entitled to play at the playing of the remaining game time who are listed in the record of the interrupted game. The disciplinary penalties imposed during or since the original game shall also apply to the playing of the remaining playtime.

(5) If, at the time of interruption of a game interrupted in the third period one of the teams was leading and there was no chance based on reasonable judgment for the changing of the result of the game (equalize or turn the game around), the League Jury may decide not to order the playing of the remaining game time but to declare the result of the game. In this case, the winner shall be the team that was leading at the time of interruption of the game and the declared result of the game shall be the score of the game at the time of the interruption.

V. Ice rink and organization requirements

Article 19: Venue of the games

(1) Championship games may only be organized at indoor ice-rinks with artificially cooled ice available throughout the championship season, which have a valid ice-rink license.

(2) Exemption from the above provision is only possible in the case of games serving the promotion of ice hockey and only based on the special decision of the League and IIHF.

(3) All teams entered into the championships shall register the ice-rink they intend to use for staging their local games. For the purpose of this registration, the sport organizations shall submit the Ice Rink Data Sheet (Annex 2) until July 15.

Article 20: Arena license

(1) At least 15 and maximum 30 days before the starting date of the championship season, the League and the Technical Committee of IIHF shall inspect the registered ice-rinks and their compliance with technical and security requirements. This inspection shall be attended by a representative of the sport organization, a representative of the registered operator of the ice-rink and a representative of the security organization engaged for the ice hockey games. The Technical Committee shall take written record of the inspection a copy of which shall be provided to the sport organization and the registered ice-rink operator while the original shall be sent to IIHF.

(2) The ice-rink shall be in operation at the time of the rink inspection; i.e. ice suitable for playing ice hockey shall be created on it.

(3) A permit (ice-rink license) shall be issued for the ice-rinks found suitable by the inspection.

(4) The Technical Committee shall record the deficiencies identified during the inspection in the record taken of the inspection of ice-rinks found inappropriate for the staging of ice-hockey games. After the elimination of the deficiencies recorded in the minutes, the operator and the organizer may request the repeated technical and security inspection of the ice-rink and repeatedly apply for the issuing of an ice-rink license. The fee of the inspection shall be defined in the Championship Announcement.

(5) The conditions defined by the Technical Committee in the ice-rink license shall be ensured continuously by the organizer and the ice-rink operator throughout the championship season.

(6) The inspection of the ice-rinks shall cover the following:

- a) compliance with the provisions of rules 100-170 of the IIHF Rule Book;
- b) technical conditions of operation of the ice-rink;
- c) circumstances of medical attendance on the ice-rink;
- d) security circumstances;
- e) working circumstances of the media;
- f) catering.

(7) The license shall not be issued to an ice-rink

a) that was not in operable condition at the time of the ice-rink inspection (there was no ice with a thickness of at least 2 cm suitable for playing ice hockey on it);

b) that does not comply with the criteria defined in Annex 7;

c) that is not suitable based on the judgment of the Technical Committee for the safe staging of games, including the personal safety of the players, official persons, spectators or certain groups of spectators.

(8) The Technical Committee may, at its own discretion or upon the request of the League, the League Jury, the referees or the inspectors, also inspect ice-rinks during the season and if

deficiencies are identified during such an inspection, the Technical Committee may order the ice-rink operator and the organizer to eliminate the deficiencies with a specific deadline in order not to lose the ice-rink license or may withdraw the ice-rink license with immediate effect.

(9) A withdrawn ice-rink license may be issued again after the completion of the procedure described in point (4).

(10) In the case of the deficiencies to be eliminated by a certain deadline, the Technical Committee shall perform a repeated ice-rink inspection after the expiry of the deadline the fee of which shall be defined in the Championship Announcement. If the deficiencies were not eliminated, the license of the ice-rink shall be withdrawn.

Article 21: Technical conditions at the games

(1) Invitational International Championships, OB I and Hungarian Cup games shall not be organized without public audio system and an equipment showing the penalty time.

(2) At Invitational International Championships, OB I and Hungarian Cup games, the teams shall be able to follow the score of the game, the result, the time-outs and the penalties on the scoreboard and they shall also be announced through the speakers.

(3) At Invitational International Championships, OB I and Hungarian Cup games, the game sheet shall be taken by computer in the form prescribed by the League Jury. The provision and maintenance of the technical conditions for this purpose (computer with the required operating system, printer and permanent internet connection) shall be the responsibility of the sport organizations.

(4) Parallel with the on-line game sheet, a game sheet shall also be kept manually.

Article 22: Video recording of games

(1) The sport organization hosting Invitational International Championships and OB I games shall record the game using at least one camera. The recording shall be started at the time when the referees enter the ice at the latest and shall not be paused or stopped until the referees leave the ice in the brakes and at the end of the game. The recordings shall include the events of each period (from the referees time of entering the rink to their leaving of the ice-rink) without editing and accordingly, it shall also contain the events taking place on the ice during the interruptions of the game.

(2) During each interruption of the game, the recording shall show for a short time the current game time.

(3) At the end of the game, the organization hosting the game shall, without a request in this regard, provide the head referee and the guest team a copy of the video recording of the game on DVD-R against a certificate of receipt.

(4) **Until 12:00 AM** on the day following the game at the latest, the organization hosting the game shall upload the video recording of the game (in a breakdown by the three periods) to the video server of the League. The League shall provide each participating team with the information required for this purpose.

(5) If the hosting club does not record the game or makes an incomplete recording of the game, it shall pay a penalty to the League in the amount defined in the Championship Announcement.

(6) If the hosting club fails to upload the recording to the video server by the prescribed deadline, it shall pay a penalty in the amount defined in the Championship Announcement.

Article 23: Circumstances to be provided to the guest teams

(1) At least 90 minutes before the starting time of the game, the organization hosting the game shall make available to the guest team a safely lockable changing room meeting the requirements defined in the ice-rink license.

(2) Upon an official request submitted at least a week before the date of the game, the guest team shall be provided training opportunity of at least 50 minutes against payment on the morning of the date of the game (between 8:30 and 12:00 AM at local time).

(3) For the training of the guest team, a lockable changing room meeting the requirements set out in the ice-rink license shall be provided to the guest team 30 minutes before the start of the training.

(4) The host organization shall provide the guest team with at least 40 pucks for the training and for warm-up before the game.

(5) The ice shall be resurfaced for the guest team before the start of the guest team's training. The time required for the resurfacing of the ice shall not be included in the training time.

(6) The host sport organization shall ensure that unauthorized persons do not enter the changing rooms of the teams and do not disturb the preparation and the rest of the teams.

(7) The changing rooms shall be located so that the teams may approach the ice-rink safely on skates or wearing the skate protectors provided by the organizer of the game.

Article 24: Circumstances to be provided to the referees

(1) At least 1 hour before the starting time of the game, the organization hosting the game shall make available to the referees a safely lockable changing room meeting the requirements defined in the ice-rink license.

(2) 1.5 litres of bottled water per referee shall be made available in the referee changing room before the game.

(3) The host sport organization shall ensure that only the representative of the Board of Referees, the supervisor of the federation, the representative of the League Jury and members of the Jury of the game delegated by the organisation may enter the referee changing room and the corridor leading to the referee changing room in the 60 minutes before the start of the game, during the game and in the 60 minutes following the game.

(4) The changing rooms shall be located so that the referees may approach the ice-rink safely on skates or wearing the skate protectors provided by the organizer of the game.

Article 25: Medical requirements

(1) For the purposes of potentially required medical inspection and on-site attendance, properly equipped rooms shall be provided at a location that is not accessible for the spectators. The checking of compliance with the medical requirements is the responsibility of the Medical Committee of IIHF.

(2) 40 minutes before the start of the game, a properly qualified physician (orthopaedist, traumatologist, oxyologist) having appropriate professional experience shall be present at the venue of the game. During the game, the physician shall stay between the two players' benches. The physician may only leave the site of the game when the team leaders of both teams have attested by signing the game record after the end of the game that all of their players needing medical attendance were attended to and there are no further **players** requiring medical attendance and an injury register was prepared of every such event.

(3) 40 minutes before the start of the game, a properly equipped ambulance car shall be present at the venue of the game. The ambulance car may leave the venue of the game 15 after the end of the match at earliest, if the physician approves it.

(4) The organization hosting the event shall be responsible for the availability of a physician **and the ambulance car.**

(5) In the absence of a physician, the game shall not be started. If the official physician of the game is not present at the official starting time of the game, a waiting period of 15 minutes shall be ordered. If the physician is still not present after the 15 minutes, the game shall be cancelled.

(6) If the game is cancelled due to the absence of the physician it shall be considered as if the host team did not attend the game.

(7) In the cases defined in points (5) and (6), the host organization shall pay a procedural fee in the amount defined in the Championship Announcement.

(8) In the absence of an ambulance car the game shall only be started if both teams agree to do so in writing.

(9) The organizer shall ensure the conditions for the execution of the provisions of Government Decree 43/2011 (III. 23.) on anti-doping rules.

Article 26: Organizers, security service

(1) It is the responsibility and liability of the hosting sport organization to ensure the safety of all players, referees, coaches, managers, federation, league and club officers, spectators, journalist and reporters and to ensure the integrity of their properties as well as to ensure proper and convenient enjoyment of the sport by the spectators.

(2) The following rules shall be overwritten by the requirements of local authorities (if these prescribe stricter conditions).

(3) To ensure seamless staging of the game, the host club shall make sure that organizer and security staff carrying proper identification signals in a number appropriate to the expected number of spectators is available and shall make sure that police officers authorized to take action are present as prescribed by law.

(4) The organizations entered into the championship shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the championship games take place in a safe environment.

(5) It is the responsibility and the duty of the host organization to comply with all relevant requirements in respect of the headcount and the position of the security staff.

(6) Each organizer and security guard serving at the game shall wear special, distinct clothing (e.g. a jacket or vest of a special colour) carrying easily recognizable identification signals (e.g. numbers).

(7) The host organization may only employ a security service consisting of properly trained persons for the games.

(8) The organization providing the security service shall be a registered company and shall have a contract for the assignment and the required liability insurance.

Article 27: Protection of referees

(1) Unauthorized persons entering the referee changing room shall undergo a disciplinary procedure. The head referee shall immediately report any such incidents to the League.

(2) The referees shall be escorted from the parking lot to the referee changing room and from the changing room to the ice-rink and back by proper security staff to prevent potential attacks against them. A guarded or otherwise protected parking space shall be provided to the referees near the ice-rink.

(3) The persons physically attacking (harming) the referees shall be banned from all ice-rinks. The period of such ban shall be at least 5 years. For the purpose of banning, the photographs and other personal data of the persons concerned shall be provided to the League and a disciplinary procedure shall be initiated against the organization hosting the event.

(4) Any persons throwing objects at the referees shall be banned from the ice-rink. The period of such ban shall be at least six months. In the case of the reoccurrence of this offence, the persons concerned shall be banned from all ice-rinks for a period of at least 5 years. For the purpose of banning, the photographs and other personal data of the persons concerned shall be provided to the League and a disciplinary procedure shall be initiated against the organization hosting the event.

Article 28: Protection of the teams

(1) The changing rooms shall not be accessible by the spectators. Beside the players and officials of the teams and the game, only the game supervisors may enter the changing rooms from 120 minutes before the start until 30 minutes after the end of the game.

(2) The route used by the players to the changing rooms shall be created and protected so that the spectators may not attack the players.

(3) The players' benches and the penalty bench shall be placed and protected ensuring that the spectators cannot attack the players.

(4) The players shall be escorted from the parking lot to the team changing room and from the changing room to the ice-rink and back by proper security staff to prevent potential attacks against them. A guarded or otherwise protected parking space shall be provided to the bus of the guest team from which the rink can be approached directly.

Article 29: Access

(1) The host of the game shall ensure free access of the guest team and the game officials to the game and shall ensure their free movement and personal safety within the arena. The host of the game shall also ensure the safe parking and approach of the rink of the guest team(s), the referees, members of the Jury of the game delegated by the clubs and the federation officers.

(2) The League issues numbered accreditation cards for the representatives of the clubs, the representatives and officers of the federation and the representatives and officers of the League. The sport organizations hosting the games shall under all circumstances and without further obligations being prescribed, allow access to the holders of the accreditation cards to the venues of the games of the League as well as access to the zones defined in their cards. The League shall send the list of the cards issued to all sport organizations concerned. It is the responsibility of the host organization to make sure that the organizers and the members of the security service recognize the cards and are able to manage them.

(3) The League shall withdraw the accreditation cards of the persons abusing the cards.

(4) Upon request, the League shall issue numbered arena access cards with photo for the holders of Jury, referee or coach licences. Based on preliminary appointments, the host sport organization shall ensure free places at the lowest price category seats for the holders of such access cards. The League shall send the list of the access cards issued to each sport organization concerned. The sport organizations shall publish their rules of accreditation and access for the holders of such passes before the start of the season and shall send them to the League for approval. If the access rules are modified during the season, the new access rules shall be sent to the League for approval 15 days before their entry into force. The League shall publish the approved access rules of the sport organization on its website.

(5) The League shall withdraw the access cards of the persons abusing them.

(6) The organization hosting the game shall provide one ticket each for the referee supervisor appointed for the game and for the game supervisor. The organization shall provide tickets to the supervisors in the middle third of the rink from which they have a proper view of the entire rink. The supervisors shall be allowed to move freely in the entire area of the arena.

(7) Based on preliminary appointments, the host sport organization shall provide the following tickets free of charge:

a) 3 tickets for the guest team to seats of the highest category with VIP service and a reserved parking space (if possible) provided that these are officially requested at least 24 hours before the start of the game.

b) 4 tickets for the League to seats of the highest category with VIP service and a reserved parking space (if possible) provided that these are officially requested at least 24 hours before the start of the game.

c) maximum 2 tickets each for the presidents, members of the Board and secretaries general of the federations of the countries participating in the League but a maximum of 10 tickets by game to seats of the highest category with VIP service and a reserved parking space (if possible) provided that these are officially requested at least 24 hours before the start of the game.

d) 4 tickets each to the name sponsor and distinguished sponsors of the League to seats of the highest category with VIP service and a reserved parking space (if possible) provided that these are officially requested at least 24 hours before the start of the game.

e) one ticket each for one accompanying person of the referees of the game, the line referees, the reserve referees, the referee controller provided that these are requested at least 24 hours before the start of the game.

(8) The sport organization hosting the game shall ensure separate access and separate seating for the fans of the guest team. The number of seats to be separated for the fans of the guest team shall be 10% of the total seating capacity of the arena. (Games played behind closed doors are exempt from this rule.). Catering and lavatories (separate for men and women) shall also be provided to fans of the guest team if they are seated separately. If at least two working days before the game the guest team waives in writing a part of the seats, which is to be provided to it, the sport organization hosting the game shall have to right to sell the tickets to these seats.

(8) At the time of access, the organizer shall check the spectators (to prevent the taking in of objects suitable for causing injury or disorder, compressed air horns and the entry of persons under alcoholic influence etc.).

Article 30: Disturbance

(1) The sport organization hosting the game shall ensure the safety of the official places - forming a part of the rink – (players' benches, penalty bench, jury and goal judges' benches) and the keeping of the spectators at a proper distance from the rink in to ensure that the game is not interrupted and in order to avoid direct injuries.

(2) The organizer shall also continuously monitor the behaviour of the spectators and shall immediately take the necessary actions to ensure safety – either at its own initiative or based on the order of the referee, the members of the Jury of the game or the federation supervisor.

(3) If a repeated or severe disturbance takes place at the game, the referee may temporarily interrupt the game until order is restored or oblige the organizer to ban spectators and to end the game behind closed doors or permanently interrupt the game. The cause of the event and the description and the time of the event shall be recorded by the referee in the Events Log.

(4) If any disturbance takes place at the game before the start of the game but after the entry of spectators or after the game but before the spectators leaving the hall, the Disciplinary Committee of IIHF shall initiate a disciplinary procedure and the Technical Committee shall review the ice-rink license.

Article 31: Prohibited objects

(1) Objects suitable for threatening the safety of others shall be prohibited from the ice-rinks. These shall include especially stabbing and cutting instruments, arms or objects looking like arms, pyrotechnical instruments, glass and bottles. Such objects shall be taken from the persons entering the rink at the entrance and, if necessary, a procedure shall be initiated.

(2) Whistles or gas or compressed air horns shall be prohibited from the ice-rinks.

(3) At the games (from the time of the start of entry of the spectators) drinks shall only be sold in plastic cups.

Article 32: Banning from games

(1) Both IIHF and the League have the right to ban certain persons from certain or all ice-rinks.

(2) The sport organizations staging games shall also have the right to ban certain persons from their local games.

(3) The data of the persons banned from certain or from all ice-rinks shall be recorded by the organization ordering such ban and shall be submitted to the database of the League.

(4) The League shall ensure that the concerned sport organizations staging events are informed of the whereabouts of the persons banned from certain or from all ice-rinks.

VI. Participants at the game

Article 33: Jury

(1) Each sports organisation (club) shall appoint the members of the local jury, its acting head and his deputy for the Championship season, and shall inform about this the head of the Jury of the League before the start of the Championship season. The appointed head will be responsible for the composition of the local jury officiating at the games and for the technical conditions necessary for its operation. The appointed head of the jury will liaise with the Jury of the League in the course of the Championship season.

(2) The League may arrange briefings and training sessions for the members of the juries of the clubs. At least one person of the local juries for each sports organisation (club) shall be present at the above events. The sports organisation (club) whose Jury fails to attend those events shall pay a penalty identified in the Championship Announcement. A sports organisation that fails to attend three such events within the same season will be excluded from the League and from the championship.

(3) The jury members at championship and cup games shall have valid jury license issued by the League. This shall be checked at the beginning of the game by the referee and it may be checked by the Jury of the League or by an official of the opponent present.

(4) The following officials shall be nominated to the Jury of the Game who will be present at the games of the Invitational International Championships, the OB I and of the Hungarian Cup:

- one timekeeper
- one scorekeeper with not more than three additional assistants
- one announcer
- two penalty bench attendants, in total minimum five people.

If there is a video goal-judge at the game, the operator of the system shall also be a member of the Jury of the Game. The Jury of the Game may be supplemented with a goal-judge, line and shoot-statistician and assistant to the scorekeeper (on-line gamesheet).

(5) The members of the jury of the game are provided by the hosting team (organiser). If the number of the jury of the game is one person less than the minimum requirement, the game may be played but in such a case the organiser team shall pay the League a penalty identified in the Competition Announcement.

(6) All costs related to the operation of the jury of the game shall be borne by the organiser of the game.

(7) If the costs of a game are borne by the IIHF, the head of the League Jury shall nominate the jury of the game.

(8) The members of the Jury of the Game shall report at the site of the game 60 minutes prior to the start of the game the latest.

(9) If the Jury of the Game is not present at the announced start of the game in the minimum number allowed in the Competition Regulation, the host team shall be regarded as if it had not turned up for the game.

Article 34: The responsibilities of the Jury of the Game

(1) The juries shall act in compliance with the rules and requirements of the IIHF regarding issues not regulated therein.

(2) The head of the jury of the game is the scorekeeper at all times, who shall liaise with the referee and the team leaders regarding the management and administration of the game.

(3) The members of the jury of the game shall particularly include the following:

a) 60 minutes before the start of the game:

- Collects the Game Entry Forms completed and signed by the team leaders from the teams participating at the game
- Opens the gamesheet and the online gamesheet in accordance with the Game Entry Forms
- Supervises the players nominated on the Game Entry Form with particular attention to the players' licences, the validity of the medical certificates and the restrictions regarding the number of players to be entered. Calls the attention of team leaders if the number of players identified on the Game Entry Form fails to comply with the above requirements, then checks the corrected document again

b) 45 minutes before the start of the game:

- Enters the players in the official gamesheet and the online gamesheet
- Hands over the official gamesheet to the team leaders who validate the roster on the gamesheet by signing the copy of the Jury of the Game.
- Opens the event log

c) During the game:

- Keeps the gamesheet and the online gamesheet at the same time
- Keeps the following records:
 - goalscorers and assists
 - penalties
 - goalkeeper changes
 - +/-
 - Shots on goal
 - time-outs
- Controls the penalty benches and allows players back into the game according to the rules
- Assists the referees if necessary
- Operates the video-goal-judge system if there is one

d) After the game

- Collects the injury registers prepared about medical assistance
- Enters the official number of viewers on the gamesheet
- Prepares other statistics
- Arranges that each copy of the gamesheet (including the manual and the online gamesheet) is signed by the referee, the team managers, the physician and the referee supervisor

(4) A handwritten copy of the gamesheet complete with all the necessary signatures shall be forwarded by fax to the HIHF not later than 30 minutes after the end of the game at the following fax number: +36 1 460 6864. The on-line gamesheet shall be forwarded by e-mail by the same deadline to the address: info@icehockey.hu. The Jury of the Game shall forward the original copy of the gamesheet to the League Jury by mail (as a priority registered mail) or by courier or personally. The original copy of the gamesheet shall be received by the League Jury within 8 days.

(5) If the gamesheet is faxed late, the host organisation of the game shall pay a fine in the amount identified in the Competition Announcement. If the original gamesheet is delayed, the organising sports federation shall pay a fine identified in the Competition Announcement.

(6) The deadline of submitting the injury registers, the Event log and the reports by the referee and the supervisors is 12:00 hours on the day following the game (by Hungarian time)

(7) Making use of the possibilities available to it, the Jury of the game shall check the licenses of the players and report to the head referee immediately if some problem has arisen regarding it or if a team is not present in the necessary number. If the physician is not present in time, it shall be indicated as well.

(8) The Jury of the Game shall check whether the players identified in the Game Entry Form or in the gamesheet are present at the warm-up before the game. If a player is not present, the Jury of the Game shall report this to the team officials (coach, team manager) informing him that the player in question can only enter the game if the Jury of the Game has been separately informed about it. If a player enters the game without submitting a formal report by a team official to the Jury of the Game, the game will be stopped when the player in question enters the rink. The name of a player indicated in the gamesheet but failing to appear at the game shall be deleted from the gamesheet.

(9) If the number of the field players of either team falls below the required number in the course of the game, the Jury of the Game shall be informed.

(10) An Event Log shall be compiled in the cases described under (7) and (8), which will be completed by the scorekeeper.

(11) The scorekeeper shall prepare an Event Log about any delay exceeding 5 minutes (Jury of the Game, referee, physician, teams) and it shall be signed by the persons involved.

(12) The scorekeeper, the referee or the supervisor of the game may initiate taking an Event Log also in other justified cases.

(13) The Jury of the Game shall inform the teams through the arena audio system about the last minute of the first and the second periods, the change of ends on an outdoor rink, the last two minutes of the third period, as well as the goals, the time-outs, the icing, the offside, goals unaware and the penalties and their expiry.

(14) The Jury of the Game shall inform the referees and the teams 5 minutes before the starting time of warm-up or of the game and 3 minutes before the end of the break.

Article 35: Remuneration of the Jury of the Game

(1) The Competition Announcement shall identify the proposed amount of remuneration for the Jury at the events organised by the HIHF.

(2) Lacking any other agreement, the organising sports federation shall pay the remuneration of the Jury before the completion of the game.

Article 36: Scorekeepers

(1) Electronic (on-line) and printed gamesheets in compliance with IIHF requirements shall be kept parallel at the championship games, series of games and cup games organised by the IIHF.

(2) The gamesheets and the on-line gamesheets can only be kept by persons having attended the training held for scorekeepers.

(3) The training for scorekeepers is held before the championship season and every sports federation (club) shall send at least two people for the training. Clubs failing to send their scorekeepers to the training shall pay a fine identified in the Competition Announcement.

Article 37: Responsibilities of the announcer

(1) 3 minutes before the start of the game, the lineups of the two teams shall be announced through the arena audio system

(2) During the game, he will announce the following events through the arena audio system:

- names of the goalscorer and assisting players
- penalties
- expiry of penalties
- the start of the last minute of the first and second period
- start of the last 2 minutes of the regular time
- time-outs
- in the event of the use of a video goal-judge, the review of a situation and the decision made in accordance with it

(3) During the entire event, it is not permitted to announce the sponsors of or bonuses for goals or assists.

(4) Advertisements may only be made before and after the game, during the breaks and the game interruptions.

(5) All announcements must be made in a neutral manner; they may not include comments or judgement on the performance of the teams, players, official persons or others.

(6) Interim or final results of other games may be announced but no comments shall be made on them.

Article 38: Referees

(1) The games of the invitational international championship, the OB I and of the Hungarian Cup may only be led by referees (except for international referees invited) that are members of the League referees' roster. The roster will only include referees that have taken part at the referee training camp before the season and pass the tests.

(2) The Board of Referees of the League (League JT) nominates the referees for each game of the championship

(3) 3 referees work at the games of the regular season of the championship. It is also permitted to use 4 referees on regular season games but it can not cause any further costs for the teams.

(4) 4 referees work at the games of the playoff of the championship.

(5) Goal-judges shall also participate at the playoff games of the championship

(6) The League identifies the fee of the referees at the games of the championship in accordance with the recommendation made by the Board of Referees of the League. The amounts are identified in the Annex to these Competition Regulation. The referees' fee is always paid by the host organisation.

(7) The teams may request international head referees who are not members of the League Referees' Roster for certain games of the regular season.

(8) The teams may request international head referees who are not members of the League Referees' Roster for the games of the playoff, but in that case, it must be requested for all remaining games of the championship to ensure identical circumstances.

(9) In the playoff, games will be led by four referees even if an international referee participates. The team requesting an international referee has the right to decide whether both head referees or only one of them shall be international.

(9) The additional expenses of the international referees per person and per match is identified in the Annex to this Competition Regulation, and shall be covered by the team that has requested the participation of a foreign referee. The amount shall cover their fee, travel expenses, accommodation and board. The Board of Referees of the League is responsible for organising the above.

(10) If an international referee works at certain games, but not on the request of either of the teams but due to the initiative of the League, the Board of Referees of the League or the IIHF (e.g., an exchange programme or training), the teams will not be liable for paying any additional expenses in that regard; in terms of the fee, the game will be regarded as if it had been led by a member of the League referee roster.

Article 39: Responsibilities of the referees

(1) The referees shall be present on the site of the game minimum 45 minutes before the official start of the game.

(2) At the start of the warm-up, the referees shall check if the rink is proper for playing and decide on having the game.

(3) At the start of the warm-up, the referee shall check the licence of the players, the qualification of the members of the Jury of the Game and the qualification of the coaches.

(4) The referee shall prepare an Event Log in every case identified in the IIHF rulebook (e.g., match penalty or game misconduct penalty, etc.).

(5) The referee shall verify the mandatory Event Log taken by the scorekeeper by adding his signature.

Article 40: Fee of the referees

(1) The **Annex of the** Competition Announcement includes the fees of the referees.

(2) The host organisation shall pay the fee of the referees for cancelled games except if the Board of Referees of the League has been informed of the cancellation minimum 24 hours in advance. The Board of Referees will be eligible for 50% of the fee if notification of failure occurred 12 – 24 hours prior to the game.

(3) The fees of the referees shall be settled in accordance with the invoice issued by the Board of Referees by the identified due date.

(4) In playoff, the fees of the referees shall be paid in advance.

Article 41: Referee supervisors

(1) A referee supervisor shall be present at every game of the championship.

(2) The responsibilities of the referee supervisors are identified by the Board of Referees of the League.

(3) The referee supervisor shall sign the gamesheet before and after the game. If any of the signatures are missing from the gamesheet, the host organisation will not be obliged to pay the fee of the referees.

Article 42: Late appearance or failure to appear by the referees

(1) The teams shall wait for the referees 30 minutes from the official starting time of the game. If the game cannot be started at the official time because of the delay of the referee(s), the Board of Referees shall pay a procedural fine the amount of which is identified in the Annex to the Competition Announcement.

(2) The Jury of the Game shall take an Event Log about the delay of the referee or his failure to turn up and to forward it to the Jury of League together with the official gamesheet.

(3) The expenses of a game to be re-played due to the failure of the referee to turn up shall be covered by the Board of Referees.

Article 43: The Board of Referees of the League

(1) The Board of Referees of the League is responsible for the operation of referees and official referee supervisors at the games of the Invitational International Championship, the OB I and the main round of the Hungarian Cup.

(2) The responsibilities of the Board of Referees of the League particularly include the following:

- a) appoints referees and goal judges for the games
- b) appoints official referee supervisors for the games
- c) monitors the operation of the referees, provides professional control over them and evaluates their performances.
- d) continuously informs the League about the operation of the Board of Referees and about the decisions made

Article 44: Physician

(1) The home organisation is responsible for arranging medical care at the games of the Invitational International Championship and of the OB I. The physician will identify himself before the start of the warm-up by placing his seal on the official gamesheet. The Medical Committee will check the participation of the physician on the game based on the gamesheet submitted.

(2) The physician shall report to the referee and to the Jury of the Game before the start of the warm-up the latest and shall stay on-site for at least 15 minutes after the end of the game. The warm-up on the ice and the game may not be started without the presence of the physician. The Jury of the Game is responsible for checking his presence.

(3) The physician shall stay immediately next to the rink during the game (near the Jury of the Game, next to the penalty bench or the players' bench) and monitor the events of the game.

(4) The physician shall inspect and treat all players who so request or for whom it is necessary during the warm-up or the game. An injury register shall be completed of all such incidents even if no injury occurred and it shall be attached to the gamesheet.

(5) The physician shall inform the Medical Committee about injuries treated during the game on an Injury Register. The original copy of the 2-copy-form of the Injury Register will be held by the player (team) involved, while the other belongs to the HIHF that shall be forwarded as an attachment to the Gamesheet. The scorekeeper of the game will be responsible for calling the physician's attention to complete the Injury Register.

(6) In the breaks and at the end of the game the physician shall personally consult with the team leaders to make sure that there are no injured players and/or players requiring treatment.

(7) After the game, the physician can only leave when the team leaders have verified on the gamesheet with their signatures that all players requesting treatment have been examined and

treated and all such incidents have been entered into the Injury Register. No Injury Register may be filed in connection with a given game after the managers of the teams have signed the gamesheet.

Article 45: Medical fees

(1) The remuneration and responsibilities of the physician and the health care criteria of the organisation are regulated by effective legal provisions of the given country. In Hungary, it is the Government Decree 215/2004. (VII. 13.) Korm. on the rules of medical care for athletes.

(2) The organiser team shall pay the physician the relevant fees before the end of the game.

Article 46: Delay or failure to appear by the physician

If the physician is not present prior to the official starting time of the game at the beginning of the warm-up (he/she has failed to report to the Jury of the Game or to the referees), the home organisation will be obliged to pay a procedural fee the amount of which is included in the Competition Announcement. If the physician fails to turn up on the site of the game by the initial starting time of the game, the team shall be regarded as not having appeared.

Article 47: Game supervisors

(1) The General Secretary of the HIHF may appoint game supervisors of the federation for the games of the Invitational International Championships and of the OB I, however, the presence of a game supervisor is not a prerequisite of holding a game.

(2) The General Secretary shall prepare the appointment and schedule of the game supervisors of the federation by day 15 of each month. The list shall be published as an announcement of the HIHF on the official Internet website and the persons involved shall be informed in writing.

(3) The game supervisors of the federation do not receive a fee.

(4) The game supervisor of the federation shall sign the game record at the beginning and at the end of the game.

(5) The game supervisor of the federation is not authorised to take operational measures at the game; any remarks shall be reported in writing on the Comments Sheet addressed to the General Secretary of HIHF within 2 workdays after the game (Annex No. 9).

Article 48: Coaches

(1) The referee or the Jury of the Game shall check the existence of the necessary coach license before the game when the licence of the players is checked.

(2) Nominating the 'coach' is mandatory on the Game Entry Form submitted at the games organised by the HIHF. The lack of nominating the 'coach' shall be recorded in the Events Log.

(3) If, at a game the person named as coach on the Game Entry Form cannot present his coach license (or a copy thereof), it shall be reported to the head referee of the game and an Event log shall be completed of it that shall be signed by the referee. The eligibility of a person identified on the Game Entry Form as coach who could not present a Coach license may be checked from the database on the website of the HIHF, similarly to the Players Licence. A Procedural Fee shall be paid for checking the license on the Internet.

(4) In accordance with the Event Log on the lack of nominating a coach or the lack of the coach's eligibility received by the Jury of the League, the sports federation naming a coach illegally for the game shall pay a Procedural Fee on the first occasion. Its amount shall be identified in the Competition Announcement. HUF 20,000 (twenty thousand HUF) on the first occasion and HUF 40,000 (forty thousand HUF) on the second occasion

(5) On the third occasion, the Disciplinary Committee of the IIHF shall discuss the incident and pass a decision. The game can be played in the event the coach's license is missing.

(6) Any unsportsmanlike conduct during the game by a coach or by another official resulting in major penalty (MATCH) or misconduct penalty (GM) will also involve an automatic disciplinary action in addition to the penalty identified in the Disciplinary Regulation.

Article 49: Other officials at the players' bench

(1) In addition to the players dressed for the game, not more than six people, including the coaches, can stay at the players' bench during the games as 'officials' delegated by the club that shall be named on the Game Entry Form. Persons under disciplinary action as officials or persons banned by disciplinary resolution may not be nominated.

(2) Any of the persons officially delegated by the team may complete a Comments Sheet. If the Comments Sheet is not completed during the game, the officials delegated by the teams may report to the League Jury their comments regarding the game in writing within 2 workdays following the game.

Article 50: Officials at the penalty bench or the Jury of the Game

(1) During championship and cup games, the members of the Jury of the Game and the federation's appointees (supervisor of the federation, heads of the Board of Referees and the members of the League Jury) may stay in the box of the Jury of the Game and at the penalty benches.

(2) The visiting team has the right to delegate an observer into the Jury of the Game to supervise the work of it. An observer may only perform his supervising activity in possession of a valid Jury license and a written authorisation by his/her club. An observer may not disturb the referee or the Jury of the Game; he/she may not hinder them in their actions and may not be eligible for remuneration as a Jury of the Game. In addition to evaluating the actions of the Jury of the Game, the observer may comment on the organisation of the game or on the deficiencies in the state of the ice rink using the Comments Sheet that shall be forwarded to the League Jury within 2 workdays.

Article 51: Spectators

(1) Spectators may only stay at the places designated for them (spectator stands) at public games.

(2) The referees will call spectators' attention to observe the above rule via the Jury of the Game (announcements). If necessary, the referees shall take appropriate measure via the organisers. Failure of the organisers to act shall be regarded a deficiency of organisation chargeable to the host team, which will result in a disciplinary procedure.

VII. Players at the game

Article 52: Registration to the game

(1) 60 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the game, the representatives of the teams shall submit the list of the players and officials registered for the game (minimum 1 coach is mandatory) including jersey numbers, first and family names, team captain ('C') and assistants ('A') on the game entry form completed carefully and signed (Annex No. 11). The original license

of the players participating at the game and the valid Medical license shall be attached to the Game Entry Form.

(2) A player may only be registered for a game if:

- his/her license is included on the competition entry list of the sports federation,
- his/her age corresponds to the given age group or to the rules of up/down playing,
- he/she is not banned and could have been registered at the initial date of the game if the date of the game has changed (a change of the team selecting the rink will not be regarded as changing the time of the game),
- he/she possesses a valid medical license used by the HIHF and complete with a photo (Annex No. 5). A sports medical license issued by a non-EU physician will only be valid together its authenticated Hungarian translation, which may be substituted by a declaration issued by the national federation of the given country on the validity of the sports medical certificate of the given player.
- The validity of sports medical certificates below the age 18 is 6 months, and beyond the age 18 it is 1 year,
- He/she has not yet played at a championship or Hungarian Cup game on the same day.

(3) Only the number of international players identified in the Competition Announcement may be included on the Game Entry Form for a given game.

(4) A player shall be regarded as an 'international player' if the player participates at championships organised by the HIHF in a Hungarian team as a foreign citizen or in an international team as a citizen of another country. His/her inclusion on the Game Entry Form is governed by the restrictions applying to international players.

(5) In accordance with the documents submitted, the Jury of the Game and the referee shall check the players' license of the participating players, their number and open the Gamesheet before the start of the game (Annex No. 10).

(6) If the players' License of one or several players is missing at a game but it can be verified authentically (player register of the HIHF on the Internet), the player(s) may participate at the game. An Event Log shall be prepared on the incident. The federation/club involved shall pay a procedural fee on the player(s) participating in the game in accordance with an Internet inspection. Its amount is identified in the Competition Announcement.

Article 53: Minimum number

(1) The minimum number of the players of the teams entering the ice at the start of the games of the Invitational International Championship, the OB I and the Hungarian Cup is included in the Competition Announcement.

(2) If the number of the players of a team at the start of the game fails to reach the minimum identified in the Competition Announcement, the team shall be regarded as not present.

(3) In terms of the numbers of a team, the number of players actually ready for play at the starting time of the game shall be taken into account.

(4) If in the course of the game the number of the players of a team is reduced to below the minimum number as a result of injury, match penalty or due to any other reason, the referee shall stop the game. Players under a misconduct penalty only (10') irrespective of whether they may or may not return to the game shall be included in the minimum number of a team for the game. Players shall stay on the penalty bench until their penalty is over or until the end of the game unless prevented by an injury.

Article 54: Younger players

(1) The rules of nomination of younger players on the Game Entry Sheet are included in the Competition Announcement of age groups and classes.

Article 55: Waiting time

(1) There is no waiting time for a local team while it is 30 minutes for a team arriving from another town. If the visiting team fails to be ready for the start of the game 30 minutes after the initial start of the game, the team shall be regarded as not present. If the teams involved and the referees agree in playing the game despite the delay, the delaying team shall pay a procedural fine. Its amount is identified in the Competition Announcement

(2) The team to arrive late shall inform the other party about the expected delay, its reason and time as soon as possible.

VIII. Rules of the game

Article 56: IIHF rules

(1) At the games the rules identified in the Official Rule Book 2010-2014 issued by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) shall apply with the variations identified in this regulation.

Article 57: Timing of game, warm-up

(1) 40 minutes before the start of the game a warm-up of 20 minutes is provided. After the warm-up and before the start of the game the ice shall be resurfaced.

(2) The home team must provide minimum 40 pucks for the visiting team for the warm-up. Failure to do so shall be recorded in the Event Log and a fine identified in the Competition Announcement shall be paid.

(3) The regulation time of the games is 3x20 minutes stop time. **A 15-minute break shall be held after the end of each periods.** In the regular season, if a game is tied after the Regulation Time, it continues with 5 minutes' overtime. If the game is still tied, game winning shots (penalty shootout) follows. A 2-minute break shall be held between the end of the normal playing time and the start of the 5-minute overtime; during that time the teams may stay at their own players' bench.

(4) **In the playoff, if a game is tied after the Regulation Time, it continues with 10 minutes' overtime. If the game is still tied, game winning shots (penalty shootout) follows. A 2-minute break shall be held between the end of the Regulation time and the start of the 5-minute overtime; during that time the teams may stay at their own players' bench.**

(5) On outdoor ice rinks the teams shall change ends at the half of the third period.

(6) For games broadcast live by television, one commercial break is possible for each period, during which the referee stops the game for 1 minute in accordance with a preliminary agreement but at an interruption resulting from the nature of the game.

Article 58: Resurfacing of the ice

(1) The ice shall be resurfaced before the start of the game and before each period, but the referee may order a resurfacing of the ice at any other time if justified. Failure to resurfacing the ice

shall be recorded in the Event Log. If the resurfacing of the ice has failed, the home team shall pay a procedural fine identified in the Competition Announcement.

(2) The referee shall impose 2-minute technical minor penalty on the team whose player is staying on the ice during the resurfacing of the ice or if the player hinders the resurfacing of the ice in any other way. The Jury of the Game is obliged and has the right to inform the referee of the game about irregularities occurring during the breaks.

Article 59: Rules of the 'sudden death'

(1) At every game in the regular season where the game is tied after the regulation time the game shall be prolonged with a death overtime period. There shall be no resurfacing of the ice after the regulation time and no change of ends. There shall be a 2-minute break between the regulation time and the overtime period and the overtime shall be 5-minute long stop time.

(2) At every game in the playoff, if the game is tied after the regulation time, the game shall be continued without resurfacing of the ice and change of ends following a 2-minute break with a 10-minute overtime of stop time.

(3) In the regular season and in the playoff the overtime shall be played with four players and one goaltender.

(4) If the normal time of the game ends in a power play, the power play shall be applied in the overtime, as well.

- If there was a 5 against 4 powerplay, the overtime shall be started 4 players against 3.
- If the regulation ended with double power play (5: 3), the teams shall continue the overtime at 5:3.
- If the regulation ended at 3:3, the overtime shall be played at 3:3, as well.
- If the regulation ended at 4:4, the overtime shall be continued at 4:4, as well.
- If the players are spending their non-identical penalties, they will return to the game step-by-step as their penalties are over. On such occasions, the number of players may change to 5:4, then to 5:5. The number of players shall be adjusted to 4:3 or 4:4 at the first stoppage of the game.
- For imposing a penalty, the same rules shall apply as in the regulation time.
- If a team is imposed a penalty, the game is continued at the rate of 4:3. For identical penalties, the rules of the rulebook shall apply.
- If either team becomes double short-handed in the course of the overtime, the game shall be continued at the rate of 5:3.
- Players under penalty may return to the game as their penalties are over. On such occasions, the number of players may change to 5:4 or to 5:5. After their return, at the first stoppage, the number of players on ice shall be adjusted to 4:4 or 4:3 subject to the number of penalties expired.

(5) The team scoring the first goal in the overtime shall win the game.

(6) In the regular season if no goal is scored during the overtime, game winning shots (penalty shootout) will take place as follows:

- The game winning shots starts with three-three players from each team who shoot in turns. The players need not be named in advance. All four goaltenders and all players may participate in the procedure except for players whose penalty has not been over until the end of the overtime or if they have been imposed a penalty during the game winning shots.
- The goaltender may be changed after either shot.

- Players of the two teams shoot penalties in turns until a winning goal is scored. On such occasions, the remaining shots need not be made.
- If the game is still a tie following 3-3 shots, the game winning shots continue with one shot by both teams in turns. The players may be new or may be the same that have already shot a penalty. Even the same player may shoot all the penalties. The team having finished the previous round will start shooting. The game ends when shooting of any pair of player ends with a game winning goal.
- The gamesheet will only include the game winning goal. The goal shall be credited to the player scoring the goal and it will appear in the statistics of the goaltender involved, as well.

(7) If there is no goal scored in the playoff during the overtime, a 15-minute break shall be held with the ice resurfaced, and then another 20-minute overtime is played until one of the teams scores a goal.

Article 60: Mandatory protective equipment, insurance

(1) Players of age 18 and younger shall wear helmets with full cage or full plexi cage and neck protectors.

(2) Players born after 1974 and those older than 21 may play wearing half-protective cages or plexi, but a mouth guard is also mandatory until the age of 21.

(3) Women players may only compete wearing full protective cages or plexi. Below the age of 18, wearing a neck protector is also mandatory.

(4) Players, coaches and managers as well as referees, physicians and tournament judges participate at the games at their own responsibility and insurance taken out by themselves or by their clubs will be valid.

Article 61: Game jerseys and player numbers

(1) Any number from one to 99 is allowed for numbering the jerseys at the games. Any additions to those numbers require the prior consent of the League and a procedural fee identified in the Competition Announcement shall also be paid.

(2) Only one player in a team may wear one jersey number in the same championship season.

(3) A player in a team shall wear the same jersey number at all games of the season.

(4) The name of the player shall also be displayed on the jersey. The name and the number shall comply with rule 240 of IIHF. If the name is missing from the jersey, or the name is incorrect, the team shall pay a penalty identified in the Competition Announcement.

(5) The player identified in the gamesheet as the team captain shall wear letter 'C' on his/her jersey in accordance with Rule 201 of IIHF. If the 'C' is missing from the jersey, it shall be recorded in the Event Log by the referee, and the violating team shall pay a penalty identified in the Competition Announcement.

(6) The player identified as assistant team captain in the gamesheet shall wear letter 'A' on his/her jersey in accordance with Rule 201 of IIHF. Lacking the indication, he/she cannot enforce the rights of the assistant captain.

(7) Each team shall have a set of light and a set of dark jerseys. The two sets must be significantly different from each other. Numbering of the jerseys must be the same on the jerseys of both sets. The home team always plays in the dark-colour jersey.

(8) Teams at all games shall have a numbered jersey with no name displayed on it. The number on the jersey may not be the permanent jersey number of any player. If the jersey of any player is damaged and the player has no reserve jersey, he/she will change into that jersey. The change of jerseys shall be reported to the Jury of the Game and it must also be announced to the spectators.

(9) Before the start of the season, sport federations shall submit their jersey design to the League for approval. The deadline is August 8, 2011. The League will approve the jersey designs within 3 days. The teams shall enter the rink for the games in the jerseys in accordance with the approved jersey designs. During the championship, the preliminary approval of the League is required for changing the jersey.

Article 62: Unauthorised players

(1) The Gamesheet shall only include players that have submitted their valid Players' Licence and valid Medical License at the site of the game to the Jury of the Game and are displayed on the Game Entry Form.

(2) If during the game, a player enters the rink with no valid players' licence or with no valid medical license, or else a player not displayed on the Game Entry Form enters the rink, the Jury of the Game or the referee shall stop the game immediately due to the presence of an unauthorised player. The player shall be removed from the ice and from the players' bench, and then the game can be continued. The incident shall be recorded in the Event Log.

(3) In the above event or if it turns out later in the course of reviewing the gamesheet that an unauthorised player participated in one of the teams, the League Jury shall examine the incident and decide about responsibilities in possession of all the relevant facts. If the decision is punishment, the match shall be forfeited with 5-0 or (if it is more favorable) the result achieved on the ice for the opponent.

Article 63: Banned players, officials

(1) If a game is re-played because it has been missed, interrupted or for any other reasons, the players participating at the game must be registered players of the club with a players' license at the times of both the initial and the re-played game (and they are not under disciplinary action and have a valid medical license).

(2) If a game is cancelled, a ban imposed against a person shall be effective at the next game.

(3) Players penalized and banned or those automatically banned after two misconduct penalties are recorded by the League Jury. The records are available on the website of IIHF.

(4) Misconduct penalties are added up irrespective of whether a player was imposed in his/her own team (where he/she was originally nominated) or as a result of playing – due to a double competition license - in another team or in another class, age group or in another championship/cup. However, penalties imposed on persons as players are not added to penalties imposed on persons as officials.

(5) Penalties imposed at the games of the Invitational International Championships or at the games of OB I as well as misconduct penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee shall be served in the Invitational International Championships or in OB I. In this regard, the two series are not separated from each other. A junior player may not be nominated for a game in his/her own age group until his/her penalty in the Invitational International Championships or in the OB I. is over.

(6) The provisions of (2), (3) and (4) shall apply for restricting an official accordingly.

(7) Penalties will not be cancelled after the end of the championship or the Hungarian Cup or other cup game; they must be served at the game/games in the next competition season organised by the IIHF.

(8) If a player is imposed misconduct penalty from one (or two) games, the penalty shall be served in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulation and the provisions of the Competition Regulation, at the next game(s) according to the game calendar valid at the time of imposing the penalty. If the next game is cancelled, the penalty shall apply to the following game(s).

IX. Championship ranking

Article 64: The result of games (championship points)

(1) Ranking at the invitational international championship and in OB I will be decided according to the points received at championship games.

(2) In the event of winning in the invitational international championship and in OB I during the regulation time, the winning team receives three points, while the losing team receives zero points. If a game in regulation time ends in a tie, it will be decided by 'sudden death' or if it is unsuccessful, by game winning shots in accordance with the provisions of (3) and (4) Article 57 and of Article 59. In such an event, the winner receives two points and the other team receives one point.

(3) The playoff of the invitational international championship and the OB I shall be managed in the order identified in the Competition Announcement. The winner of the game shall be determined every time in accordance with the provisions of Article 57 and 59 of this regulation.

(4) In the event of ranking not decided by direct match-ups in the playoff, the final result shall be decided by the points obtained in the regular season.

(5) The League Jury continuously checks, records and statistically processes the gamesheets received. The standing of the championship is continuously updated on the official Internet website of the IIHF (www.icehockey.hu) as well as cup results, penalties and other statistics.

Article 65: Cancelled or interrupted games

(1) Following the examination of the circumstances, the Jury of the Game will decide about cancelled or interrupted games.

(2) In the event the cancellation or interruption of the game is not due to violations of the rules by either team, the decision will be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.

(3) If the game was cancelled or interrupted due to violation by one of the teams, the game shall be forfeited with 0-5 (or if the result at the time of the interruption was more favourable, with that result) in favor of the opponent, and the 3 points of the game shall also be credited to the opponent.

(4) If both teams are responsible for the cancellation or interruption of the game (for instance, neither team turns up or both teams play negligently), neither team receives a point with a score of 0-5.

Article 65: Final result of championship (ranking)

(1) In the course of the championship, the ranking of the teams will be decided by their points.

(2) If two or more teams are equal in points, their ranking shall be decided as follows:

- the result of their games against each other (obtained points on direct matches)
- the goal difference of games against each other
- the more goals scored on the direct matches
- the goal difference of all games played with the same teams
- the more goals scored on all games played with the same teams
- ranking in the previous season

(3) For the playoff, the ranking of the teams and the home advantage shall be decided in accordance with the Competition Announcement.

(4) In the finals and semi-finals the pairing of the teams shall be decided in accordance with the Competition Announcement, the points obtained previously have no more significance.

Article 67: Withdrawal and exclusion

(1) If a team withdraws during the championship, the Board taking into account the opinion of the League may decide that the entry of the team will not be accepted for the next one or two seasons.

(2) If the withdrawing team is either of the two junior teams required as the minimum for entering in OB I, the Board - taking into account the opinion of the League - may decide to exclude the team from OB I.

(3) If a team fails to turn up to play twice in the course of the championship or the Hungarian Cup, it will be automatically excluded from the championship.

(4) In the event of withdrawal or exclusion, all former results of the team involved shall be cancelled.

X Disciplinary issues, protest and appeal

Article 68: Disciplinary issues

(1) The provisions of the Disciplinary Regulation of the League shall be applied in disciplinary issues.

Article 69: Protest, appeal, complaint

(1) A protest against a game shall be submitted in writing by the sports federation affected to the League Jury not later than on day two following the game.

(2) In a protest, the annulment of the result of a game and re-playing the game or crediting the game points (victory) may be requested.

(3) A protest fee identified in the Competition Announcement shall be paid to the account of the HIHF at the same time as the protest is submitted. Failure of payment results in rejection of the protest.

(4) The League Jury shall decide about the protest within five workdays from receipt of submission.

(5) The League Jury may initiate disciplinary action – irrespective of a protest - in connection with rule violations revealed in the course of examining the protest.

(6) The decision of the League Jury may be appealed within two workdays to the general secretary of the HIHF verifying the payment of the appeal fee identified in the Competition Announcement.

(7) If the protest or appeal is judged for the protesting or appealing party, the HIHF will immediately return the fees paid.

(8) The teams may submit a complaint in writing to the League in accordance to any circumstances experienced during a game within two days from the end of the game. The League shall examine the complaint within 15 days and if necessary, initiate disciplinary procedure or any other actions. The party submitted the complaint and any other parties concerned shall be informed in writing about the outcome of the procedure.

(9) The teams may submit a complaint in writing to the League in accordance to the refereeing during a game within 24 hours from the end of the game. The League and the Board of Referees shall examine the complaint within 8 days and if necessary, initiate disciplinary procedure or any other actions. The party submitted the complaint and any other parties concerned shall be informed in writing about the outcome of the procedure.

XI. Fees and costs

Article 70: Costs of the games

(1) The home team shall cover the costs related to the organisation of the games (rent of the ice rink, jury, referees, physician, announcement, etc).

(2) In the event of a cancelled game, the team to be in fault – in accordance with the decision of the League Jury – shall pay flat rate compensation to the opponent (cf. Competition Announcement), except if the other team waives this in writing. Unless the compensation is paid, the Board shall initiate disciplinary action against the violating team, and the violating team shall be punished by one score deducted from each game played in the regulation or by losing all its games in the playoff until the debt is settled.

(3) The cost of the games to be played again shall be covered by the organising team, except if re-playing occurs as a result of the neglect of the referee. In that case, the Board of Referees will cover the costs. Under the principles of equity, the Board may decide on organising the game at the cost of the IIHF.

Article 71: Payment due dates, failure to pay by due date

(1) Sports federations shall pay the fees imposed on them by due date.

(2) If a team is indebted to the Organiser or to the Board of Referees of the League for more than eight days, one point shall be deducted from the team in the regular season at each game until it can verify the settlement of the debt to the League Jury.

(3) In the playoff, the games of a team owing to the Organiser or to the Board of the Referees for more than eight days shall be forfeited without playing the game until the sports federation can verify the settlement of its debt to the League Jury.

XII. Miscellaneous

Article 72: Release players to the national team

(1) Players invited to play in the national team and their relevant sports federations shall comply with the provisions identified under 10, 11 and 12 of the 'Regulation on releasing players to play in the National Team' by the IIHF.

(2) Players of the Hungarian national team shall take into consideration the marketing rights of the IIHF under all circumstances and they may conclude contracts with IIHF accordingly.

(3) A club having concluded a contract with a player shall make that player available to the national federation if the player has been invited to play in the national team.

(4) Federations shall make players available for the national team according to the following rules:

- 72 hours before an international game,
- 72 hours before an IIHF world championship qualifying round,
- 72 hours before an Olympic qualifying round,
- 14 days before a IIHF world championship,
- 14 days before Olympic games.
- At the time of international break periods identified by IIHF

(5) In addition to the world championship, the Olympic games and continental events (e.g., European championship), the period of releasing a player for any major game is maximum 18 days for adults and maximum 12 days for junior players within the same year.

(6) National federations and the affected clubs may conclude written agreements of content at variance with the above.

(7) The IIHF shall inform the affected club and the relevant national federations about invitation to the national team at least 14 days before starting an event of the national team.

(8) A club releasing a national team player to the national team may not claim any remuneration including the amount of insurance spent on the player. However, it may claim compensation if the player is available for the national team for a period longer than that described above.

(9) When the IIHF invites a player to an event of the national team in accordance with a programme approved by its General Meeting, it shall bear the costs of the player's accommodation unless a written agreement at variance has been concluded.

(10) The club where a player has registered shall take out insurance on behalf of the player providing coverage for injury, illness and any resulting damages for the period when the player has been allowed to play in the national team.

(11) A player who cannot respond to the invitation of his/her national federation due to illness or injury, may be examined by a physician selected by the federation involved if the federation so requests.

(12) If a player fails to respond to an invitation for an event due to illness or injury, he is obliged to request medical examination by the physician of the national team. If the physician of the national team finds the player to be healthy, the player may not play at any games of his own club two days before and ten days after the event in question.

(13) If the player were still to play at any game in his/her own club, he/she shall be banned from playing in his club for six months by the IIHF.

(14) A club refusing or hindering to allow a player invited by the national federation, if the player is otherwise suitable to play, shall be punished in disciplinary action as follows:

- warning,
- reprimand,
- fine,
- exclusion from the championship.

Article 73: Withdrawal of the home right

(1) If material interests of the sport so require, the IIHF Professional Committee – after consulting with the League – has the right to appoint the venue of one or several games.

(2) In that case, the IIHF will ensure appropriate compensation for the home team as far as possible.

Article 74: Anti-doping

(1) The General Secretary — in agreement with the League Jury – may order a doping test at any time without preliminary notice in accordance with the international rules.

Article 75: Public statements

(1) Players, officials, referees may not make any statements harming the interests of the League on any public forums. Violating this rule results in a disciplinary procedure.

(2) Players, coaches, officials may not criticise the refereeing in their public statements within 24 hours after the end of a game. Violating this rule results in a disciplinary procedure.

(3) All television interviews must be carried out in front of the official logo wall of the League which is approved by the IIHF. The General Secretary and the League shall check that this rule is permanently observed. Violating this rule results in a fine identified in the Competition Announcement.

Article 76: Issues not regulated in the Competition Regulation

(1) In terms of issues not regulated in this Competition Regulation, other regulations of the IIHF, the rulebook of IIHF and its annexes as well as regulations and the legislative provisions referred to shall apply.

(2) The IIHF has the right to draft further regulations regarding issues not regulated in this Competition Regulation (e.g., marketing rights and obligations).

This Competition Regulation was approved by the Board of IIHF at its session held on **31.07.2012**.

The earlier Competition Regulation shall lose effect.

Záradék

Ezennel igazolom, hogy a dokumentum bizalmas jellegét tiszteletben tartva készült a fordítás, amely a magyar eredeti szövegnek teljesen megfelel.

Dr. Mészáros Júlia
Vice Versa Kft.

Clause

I hereby certify that the confidential nature of the document was fully respected and that this English language translation is fully identical with the Hungarian text.

Dr. Júlia Mészáros
Vice Versa Kft.