

International Floorball Federation

**COMPETITION
REGULATIONS**

**EUROFLOORBALL CUP AND
EUROFLOORBALL CHALLENGE**

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The EuroFloorball Cup (EFC) and the EuroFloorball Challenge (EFch) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.2 All IFF member associations are entitled to apply to organize the EFC and EFch events.
- 1.3 The organizers of the EFC and EFch are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.5 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, self or via other person, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that i.e. players, officials, secretariat and board members may not bet on a match where their own Club participates. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

§ 2 QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 2.1 IFF shall organize the EuroFloorball Cup for national Champions (EFC), Men and Women, in the week involving the 2nd full weekend of October each year and the EFch during August. ~~Regional qualification tournaments shall be organized in the last weekend of August to determine the last two teams to enter the final round.~~
- 2.2 All national champions of IFF member associations situated in Europe, except the top 4 ranked, may apply to participate in either the EFC or the EFch depending on ranking.

If a national champion, due to reasons beyond control, can not participate, the national Association can apply to the RACC for the runner-up to participate. The IFF CB shall decide. Its decision is final.
- 2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee, 2500 CHF for directly qualified teams the EFC and 1000 CHF for teams in the qualification EFch, shall be at the headquarters of IFF not later than the 31st of May preceding the EFC or EFch. Registration shall be made on the official IFF registration form.
- 2.4 A registered team that has entered the competition and withdraws from the EFC or EFch shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.
- 2.5 All costs such as travelling, local transports included, and board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team. ~~Further the referee costs in the qualification shall be equally shared by all teams in the qualification???. This cost shall however not exceed 1000 CHF.~~

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than date for handing in the first list of team delegation shall be eligible to represent the club in the EFC/EFch. A player having participated in the EFC/EFch (Qualification and/or Final Round) shall not be granted a transfer to another Club ~~before 15th of November the same season until 21 days after the event.~~
- 3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the EFC/EFch are eligible to participate.
- 3.3 Clubs participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials in the EFC/EFch.
- 3.4 30 full days before the first match of the EFC/EFch a list of the team delegation, completed on the official IFF form and signed both by the Club and their national Association, shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. This list may consist of up to 30 players and 10 officials from which the final delegation shall be selected.
Together with the first list, the teams shall send a passport style photo of each team member (players and officials) and a picture of the team jerseys.

21 full days before the first match of the EFC/EFch the final list of a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials shall be sent to IFF and the organizer. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the EFC/EFch.

Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after a written application to the IFF RACC. The substitute shall however, if it concerns a player, be listed in the first list of 30 players.

Passports or any other internationally accepted ID card shall be checked in connection with the accreditation.

- 3.7 A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the EFC/EFch during the same season.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 4.1 The EuroFloorball Cup and EuroFloorball Challenge are divided into qualification rounds and played as a final round.

- 4.2 ~~IFF RACC shall, after the dead-line for registration, decide if qualification rounds shall be played and, according to the ranking list, which teams shall go through qualification.~~

The forming of groups in the EFC & EFch final round shall be according to the ranking list based on the results obtained during the last three years of the same category.

The 2nd team from the organizing Association shall be placed in the opposite group as the champion of the Association. The EFch champion from the lower EFch event from the previous year shall be placed in the group opposite of the 2nd team from the organizing Association.

The EFC shall be played with 6 teams divided into two groups and seeding shall be based on the ranking list

Group A
Seeded 1st
Seeded 4th

2nd team of organizer/EFch champion

Group B
Seeded 2nd
Seeded 3rd

2nd team from organising country/EFch champion

The organizer shall be directly qualified. Should the organizer not be ranked as directly qualified they shall be placed as last directly qualified team.

The EFch shall, with a maximum of 6 teams, be played with one group

- 4.6 In the EFC, continued play after the group matches shall be as follows:

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| Semi-final 1 | Winner of group A – 2 nd of group B |
| Semi-final 2 | Winner of group B – 2 nd of group A |
| Final | Winner of Semi-final – Winner of Semi-final |

A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final.

Ranking match for 5th place shall be played as follows:

Match for 5th Place 3rd of group A – 3rd of group B

The above matches shall, when ending in a draw, be decided according to the IFF Rules of the Game concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty shots.

- 4.7 The match schedule of the EFC and EFch shall be done so that there is at least 2 ½ hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink. In principal a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day.

§ 5 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 5.1 The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game. The participating teams of the EFC and EFch shall have one dark and one light coloured jersey to play with, in order to avoid problems on internet and TV.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge place during the EFC &/or EFch.

- 5.2 A player taking part in the EFC and EFch shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition (according to the list of players § 3.3).

- 5.4 All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection at the First Technical Meeting of the event. The main colour of the outfit must be dominating.

§ 7 REFEREES

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the EFC &/or EFch shall be dealt with by the IFF Referee Committee according to valid regulations and decisions.

§ 8 PROTESTS

- 8.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the EFC &/or EFch. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

§ 9 ANTI-DOPING

- 9.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding anti-doping during the EFC & EFch. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 9.4 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the EFC or EFch.

§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 11.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters during the EFC and EFch. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

§ 13 CUPS AND MEDALS ~~IN THE EUROFLOORBALL CUP~~

- 13.1 ~~In the EFC, a cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team. Additional medals may not be produced.~~
- 13.2 The EFC runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 13.3 The referees refereeing the EFC final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each.
- 13.4 ~~Cups and medals for EuroFloorball Challenge events will be decided between the IFF & local organiser.~~
- 13.5 ~~The EFC winner is qualified to next year's Champions Cup and, when participating in the Champions Cup, receives a sum of 5000 CHF.~~

~~The winner of each EFch event is directly qualified to the next level EFch event the following year, dependent on the EFch events that are organised. EFch winners will be given priority in inclusion in the available EFch events the following year. The winner of the highest EFch level qualifies to the EFC the following year.~~

§ 16 MEETINGS IN THE EUROFLOORBALL CUP & EUROFLOORBALL CHALLENGE

- 16.2 ~~In the EFC, a second technical meeting shall be held after the group matches.~~

§ 17 TICKETS

17.1 Participating Teams

- 17.1.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 27 tickets/reserved seats automatically valid for the time the team is playing in the EFC/EFch, free of charge, for the players and officials of the team. The accreditation ends on the same day when the teams have played their last match in the competition. The teams must inform the organiser no later than 30 days in advance of the start of the EFC/EFch which tickets they will use.
- 17.1.2 The organiser of the EFC/EFch must reserve the needed amount/reserved seats of tickets for all the participating teams. ~~for the group rounds.~~
~~For the play off rounds the organiser needs to reserve the same amount of tickets/places that there are teams still participating in the tournament at that stage to an equal number of the accredited teams.~~
- ~~17.1.3 The participating teams are entitled to reserve and purchase tickets for the play off phase of the tournament to the lowest price category, no later than one month prior to the start of the EFC.~~

~~17.1.4 If a team, which has reserved and paid tickets for the play-offs, would qualify for the play-offs, the
organiser would reimburse the price of the tickets.~~

17.2 Participating Clubs/Associations

17.2.1 Each participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditations and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire **EFC/EFch**, free of charge.

Each member Association with a participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP accreditation and 3 ordinary tickets) valid for the entire **EFC/EFch**, free of charge.