

# International Floorball Federation



## REGULATION FOR ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONS CUP

Responsibilities and regulations  
for organising IFF Champions Cup

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Regulations for Champions Cup Edition 2019

## **§ 1 GENERAL**

1.1 The Champions Cup (CC) shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game, for the period of 2019-2022 with the four nations Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland organising the Events.

1.2 The organizers of the CC are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) in accordance with the Contract for the arrangement of the 3rd Edition of the Floorball Champions Cup.

1.3. The IFF member associations qualified to participate in the CC, are entitled to apply to organize the CC. For the period of 2019 – 2022 the organisers' are set to be, in order, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Finland in accordance with the signed agreements.

The CC shall be organised in a City proposed by the organizing country and then approved by the Champions Cup Steering Group (CCSG), with broad enough spectator capacity for floorball and preferably nearby an international airport.

1.4 The duties and responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in primary this regulation and secondly in the IFF Organizers Regulations, IFF Event Handbook and the contract between IFF and the organizer.

1.5. The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF has signed a separate agreement on the structure and responsibilities of the organisation of the CC

1.6. The stakeholders of the CC, the four national associations and the IFF are fully committed to continue building an own unique identity for the competition, by finding and implementing a maximum possible number of new marketing elements for the CC. The marketing and sales related work will be coordinated by the CCGS and the operational work will headed by the IFF Marketing function and an possible appointed CC Brand Manager.

The IFF Champions Cup has its own specific logo for all events, in-line with the IFF Corporate Identity.

1.7 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 the 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 The Champions Cup (CC), Men and Women, is played preferably in the first full week of January each year, during 2019 – 2022 in accordance with this regulation.

2.2 The National Champions of the 4 associations in question, of each category, may apply to participate in the CC.

If a qualified team, due to reasons beyond control, can't participate, the national Association may apply to the RACC for the runner-up or the winner of the NA Cup to participate. The IFF CB shall decide, based upon the proposal of the RACC. The decision is final.

2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee shall be the IFF by hand not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of August preceding the CC. Registration shall be made on the official IFF

form. The teams participating in the Champions Cup are obliged to hand in the information required by the organiser before the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year, in order not to lose the right to any specific service.

- 2.4 A registered team that has entered the competition and withdraws from the CC shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Juridical Regulations.

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

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than the date for handing in the first list of team delegation shall be eligible to represent the club in the CC.
- 3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the CC are eligible to participate.
- 3.3 Clubs participating are entitled to register and use a maximum of 20 players and 7 officials in the CC. The Clubs are entitled at their own cost to use additional personnel in the Event, but these are not included in the official team.
- 3.4 30 full days before the first match of the CC 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).

21 full days before the first match of the CC 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 CC.

Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after a written application to the IFF RACC/Jury, the substitute shall however 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.

- 3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A signed list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 60 minutes before the match.  
At the same time the team line-up form shall be handed in. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone. Should in IFF events the printed match record system be used the Match record shall be signed by team officials also after the match.
- 3.6 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegation.
- 3.7 A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the CC per season.

### **§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM**

- 4.1 The Champions Cup is played as a final-4 event.

4.2 The IFF RACC shall, after the dead-line for registration, build the fixture list of the CC.

The CC can be played either as a two-day or a three-day tournament as follows, based on the decision of the Champions Cup Steering Group.

The three-day tournament is played as follows:

Day 1: Semi-Finals of one gender or

Day 2: Semi-Finals of the other gender and bronze match for the Day 1 losing teams

Day 3: Finals for both genders and bronze match for the Day 2 losing teams

4.3 The CC shall be played as follows, if the organizer chooses to play the CC as a two day Event, the Semi-Final pairing decided by a ballot for both genders (the ranking is based on the IFF WFC ranking):

Semi-Final 1	1 <sup>st</sup> ranked – 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked
Semi-Final 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked – 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked
Bronze match	loser SF – loser SF
Final	winner SF – winner SF

A drawing of lots shall decide which teams shall be the home teams in the medal matches. 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.

4.4. The match schedule of the CC shall be done so that there is at least 2 ½ hours between the start of matches being played on the same rink.

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

The period intermission is 15 minutes in the CC, instead of the ordinary 10 minutes.

4.6 The teams are entitled to warm up at least 15 minutes on the rink before the start of a match.

## § 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 CC shall have one dark and one light colored jersey to with the players' surname printed with clearly visible Latin letters, which are at least 80 mm high, on the back of the jersey to play with, in order to avoid problems on internet and TV.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colors and advertisements on the player's outfit & equipment and the team official's outfit & equipment, to be in charge during the CC.

5.1.1 The main color of the outfit must be dominating. Any personal equipment worn under the shirt and/or shorts must be of the same color as the shirts or shorts.

5.2 A player taking part in the CC shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition.

- 5.3 If two teams have the same colour the RACC /Jury shall decide which team shall change.
- 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.

## **§ 6 RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADVERTISING RIGHTS**

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit, but shall leave space for possible IFF advertisement according to 6.2. The main colour of the outfit must be dominating.
- 6.2 IFF is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit. The space reserved for the IFF shall not exceed 10 x 15 cm. IFF shall inform about any possible advertisements in connection to the registration of the Champions Cup/no later than 60 days prior to the event. IFF is to bear all costs related to the attaching of the advertisement to the teams outfits, based on the best possible solution.
- 6.3 The stakeholders of the CC have agreed to a minimum standard (2-3 star hotels) for the accommodation and food for the participating teams arriving from abroad. The board and lodging shall preferably take place in one venue, organised by the organiser. The organiser is to build an accommodation and food package.
- 6.4 The duties of the participating teams are to pay the participation fee for the CC and the travel to the arrival city airport, harbour or railway station on their own costs.
- The arrival city is to be defined by the host nation, in agreement with the CCGS, following the IFF WFC principles.
- 6.5 The duties of the organiser is to cover all organisational costs of the Event, this including the travel, accommodation and food of the IFF Jury, IFF Referees, IFF Referee Observers and Staff.

The organizer is responsible for the costs related to domestic transportation from/to the arrival city airport, harbour or railway station. The organizer is in charge of the transportation to/from the venues to the hotels on arrival/departure of the participating teams. The organizer is responsible for the travel costs of the participating teams related to transportation from/to the hotel to/from the arena and between the different venues for official training and matches according to the official program of each team. The teams are to provide this information at least one month prior to the start of the tournament.

The responsibility for the organizer to transport starts the day before the start of the first match of each team and ceases on the day of the last match of the tournament. The fixture of the tournament shall be built so that the teams are able to leave home on the last day of the tournament, if possible. The organiser is to cover the accommodation of the Final teams, if the timing of the final does not make it possible to travel home on the day of the Final.

The organizer shall inform the participating teams of the transportation responsibilities of the organizer and the system for the domestic transportations, if the competition city and arrival city are not the same.

The organiser shall organise and cover all costs for a CC accommodation and food for the six (6) participating foreign teams in accordance with the agreement for one centralized service solution. The organiser is responsible for Board and lodging for the teams from lunch the day before the start of their Champions Cup until lunch on the day of the final.

Teams which are forced to stay on until the day after the Final, due to lack of travel options, are responsible for the board and lodging costs of the last day, starting after lunch on the day of the Final, if the Final is not played so late that the team can't leave the tournament city on the Final day.

- 6.6. The organiser is to cover the costs of the production of Internet-TV from all matches and the TV production of both the Men's and Women's final for distribution.

The organizer doesn't pay any organiser's fee to the IFF, but will hand over a part of the marketing rights to the IFF (Floorball Manufacturer, CC Title Sponsor, etc). The organiser owns all other marketing rights of the Event, in accordance with the organization agreement.

- 6.6. The duties of IFF are to provide Prize money for the CC winners and to produce the TV-signal for both Men's semifinals.

Further IFF is to provide the playing surface for the event, including flooring, rink, goal cages and balls.

IFF owns all international TV rights, all internet rights and a part of the marketing rights.

## **§ 7 REFEREES**

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the CC 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 CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 8.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.
- 8.3 The intention to protest shall be noted in the Match Record directly after the match and the protest shall be handed to the Jury within 60 minutes from the end of the match concerned.
- 8.4 Protests concerning qualification of players shall be handed in before the start of the match concerned.
- 8.5 A protest must be written, signed and followed by the amount of 100 CHF, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

## **§ 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 CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

- 9.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations and the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.
- 9.3 All players registered for competition of IFF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.
- 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 CC.

**§ 10 BETTING**

- 10.1 Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including cell phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 10.2 Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principal be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 10.3 Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their field decisions.
- 10.4 Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5
- a) It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
  - b) It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions in their sport.
  - c) It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting
- 10.6 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited. Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.7 The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they and their clubs fulfil their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).
- 10.8 Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.
- 10.9 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing;

10.10 To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed in cooperation with the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.

10.11 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9

## **§ 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 Champions Cup. Exemption from this is when a disciplinary matter is reported of any of the playing teams in a match or by the IFF, then the decision shall be made by the disciplinary function of the event. A suspension decided by the Event disciplinary function may not exceed 3 matches. Sanctions imposed are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

11.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations are applicable.

11.3 All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the CB or the RACC of IFF shall be dealt with by the IFF Disciplinary Bodies.

11.4 The report in a disciplinary matter shall be handed in latest 09:00 the morning after the match. The disciplinary function shall decide and inform of the decision 15:00 the day after the match.

11.5 A disciplinary report handed in by a team must be written, signed and followed by the amount of 500 CHF, which will be returned only if the decision is in favour of the reporter. If the report refers to a Video clip this shall be included in the report

11.6 When handling a disciplinary matter during an IFF event the IFF Disciplinary function may use video recording only if the recording is from the official filming of the event (LOC, IFF YouTube, TV).

## **§ 12 WALK OVER**

12.1 When a Walk Over (W.O) is at hand, meaning when a team does not line up to a match, the match is forfeited and the opponent shall be considered having won the match with the result 5-0.

## **§ 13 PRIZES IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP**

13.1 A cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team, for both genders. Additional medals shall not be produced.

In addition the winning team shall receive prize money, 10,000 CHF.

13.2 The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals. In addition the runner-up shall receive prize money, 5,000CHF

13.3 The referees refereeing the finals shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each.



**§ 14 THE RINK**

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

**§ 15 PRACTISE SESSIONS**

15.1 Teams are entitled to practice at least once a day during the competition on a regular playing area on their own cost, including the transportation to the practice. The teams must inform the organizer at least four weeks in advance of this.

15.2 Teams are entitled to at least one practice free of charge, in the official tournament venue before their first match at said venue, on the day before an official match. The teams are offered the opportunity to practice in tournament venue, in accordance how the playing schedule permits. The practice is between 30 – 45 minutes in this venue.

15.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.

15.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

**§ 16 MEETINGS IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP**

16.1 Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the Captains' and technical meeting shall be held where the organizing committee, the team Captains', the head of delegation and coach of each team, the referees' representative and the IFF RACC shall be present.

16.2 The organizer is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms for the Captain's meeting, the Technical meetings and the Referee meetings.

16.3 The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the RACC or the organizing committee.

16.4 Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

**§ 17 TICKETS**

17.1 Participating Teams

17.1.1 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 27 accreditations/reserved seats automatically valid for the complete CC, free of charge and included in the accreditation, for the players and officials of the team.

The teams must inform the organiser no later than 30 days in advance of the start of the CC which tickets they will use.

17.1.2 The organiser of the CC must reserve the needed amount/reserved seats of 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 Champions Cup, free of charge.

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

17.3 Each participating member Club/member Association is entitled to purchase tickets.

The ticket quota of each participating Club/member Association shall be fixed by IFF in consultation with the organizer.

**§ 18 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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