

International Floorball Federation

**COMPETITION
REGULATIONS**

CLUB TEAMS

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The EuroFloorball Cup (EFC) 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.
- 1.3 The organizers of the EFC are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) upon proposal from IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC).
- 1.4 The duties and responsibilities of the organizers are laid down in the IFF Organizers Regulations.
- 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 the own Club participates. Referees may not bet on a match they are part of.

§ 2 QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 2.1 IFF shall organize the EuroFloorball Cup for national Champions (EFC), Men and Women, in principal in the first two weeks of January each year. ~~Two regional qualification tournaments and one qualification tournament for the 2nd teams from the top 4 ranked countries if necessary a qualification tournament shall be organized in principal in the last weekend of August /September the preceding year to determine the last three teams to enter the final round.~~
- 2.2 All national champions of IFF member associations situated in Europe and the reigning EFC champion of each category, may apply to participate in the EFC.

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, 2000 CHF, shall be at the headquarters of IFF not later than the 31st of May preceding the European Cup. 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 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.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only players licensed for the club not later than the ~~31st of July for the qualification tournament and 31st of October for the final tournament~~ date for handing in the first list of team delegation shall be eligible to represent the club in the EFC. A player having participated in the EFC shall not be granted a transfer to another Club before 15th of November.
- 3.2 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 before the start of the EFC are eligible to participate.
- 3.3 Clubs participating are entitled to use a maximum of 20 players and a maximum of 7 officials in the EFC.
- 3.4 30 full days before the first match of the EFC 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. 20 full days before the first match of the EFC 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. Persons in the final list may, due to unforeseen circumstances, be substituted after a written application to the IFF RACC, 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 ~~before the first match.~~

- 3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat not later than 30 minutes before the match. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.
- 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 EFC.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 4.1 The EuroFloorball Cup may be divided into a qualification rounds and a final round.
- 4.2 IFF RACC shall, after the dead-line for registration, decide if a qualification rounds shall be played and, according to the ranking list, which teams shall go through qualification.

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

The seeding shall be based on the ranking list. The reigning champion shall always be seeded as number one.

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| Group A | Group B |
| Reigning Champion (Seeded 1 st) | Seeded 2 nd |
| Seeded 4 th | Seeded 3 rd |
| Seeded 5 th | Qualified from the 2 nd best team (Seeded 6 th) |
| Qualified team (Seeded 8 th) | Qualified team (Seeded 7 th) |

- 4.3 The order of play in a group shall be as follows:
3 teams: 1-2, 3-1, 2-3.
4 teams: 1-2, 3-4, 1-3, 2-4, 4-1, 2-3.
5 teams: 1-2, 3-4, 5-1, 2-3, 4-5, 1-3, 5-2, 4-1, 3-5, 2-4.
6 teams: 1-6, 5-2, 3-4, 2-1, 6-3, 4-5, 3-2, 6-4, 1-5, 4-1, 5-3, 2-6, 1-3, 2-4, 6-5.

RACC shall allot the number of each team within a group by drawing of lots.

- 4.4 The ranking of a group is decided by each team playing each other once within the group, where 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 4.5 The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:
- The total number of points.
 - If two or more teams have the same number of points the internal matches of the teams concerned, the internal goal difference if necessary included, shall be decisive.
 - If the internal matches according to b), are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
 - If the ranking can not be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - If most scored goals is not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking.
- 4.6 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 |

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| Match for 3 rd Place | Loser of Semi-final 1 – Loser of Semi-final 2 |
| Final | Winner of Semi-final 1 – Winner of Semi-final 2 |

A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final
Ranking matches for 5th and 7th Place shall be played as follows:

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| Match for 5 th Place | 3 rd of group A – 3 rd of group B |
| Match for 7 th Place | 4 th of group B – 4 th of group A |

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 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.
- 4.8 The organizers are entitled to request to the IFF RACC for changes in the timetable for reasons of television coverage. The teams shall be informed at a justified time before the start of the match concerned.
- 4.9 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.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in charge during the EFC.
- 5.2 A player taking part in the EFC shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition (according to the list of players § 3.3).
- 5.3 If two teams have the same colour the RACC shall decide which team shall change according to registration.

§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT 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.

§ 7 REFEREES

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the EFC 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. 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 EFC. 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 ~~WADA~~ 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 EFC.

§ 10 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 10.1 The IFF Rules and Competition Committee (RACC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters during the EFC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 10.2 When taking decisions the valid IFF regulations shall apply.
- 10.3 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 WALK OVER

- 11.1 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.

§ 12 CUPS AND MEDALS IN THE EUROFLOORBALL CUP

- 12.1 A challenge cup shall be presented to the winning team to hold for one year. The holder shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the cup and shall bring it to the next EFC in perfect condition. The holder shall be responsible for engraving of its name according to the guide-lines laid down by IFF. A replica of the cup and 30 IFF Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team. Additional medals may not be produced. The challenge cup shall become the final property of the team which wins the trophy three times in succession or a total of five times.
- 12.2 The runner-up shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Silver medals.
- 12.3 The 3rd ranked team shall receive a cup and 30 IFF Bronze medals.
- 12.4 The referees refereeing the final shall be presented one IFF Gold medal each. The referees refereeing the bronze match shall be presented one IFF Silver medal each.

§ 13 THE RINK

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

§ 14 PRACTISE SESSIONS

- 14.1 Teams are entitled to practice at least once a day during the competition on a regulation playing area.
- 14.2 Teams are entitled to at least one practice in the official tournament venue before their first match at said venue, on the day before an official match.
- 14.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.
- 14.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

§ 15 MEETINGS IN THE EUROFLOORBALL CUP

- 15.1 Immediately prior to the start of the tournament the technical meeting shall be held where the organizing committee, the head of delegation and coach of each team, the referees' representative and the IFF RACC shall be present.
- 15.2 A second technical meeting shall be held ~~prior to the semi-finals with the qualified teams for the play-off finals~~ after the group matches.
- 15.3 The organizer is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 15.4 The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the RACC or the organizing committee.
- 15.5 Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 16 TICKETS

16.1 Participating Teams

- 16.1.1 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, 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 which tickets they will use.
- 16.1.2 The organiser of the EFC 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.
- 16.1.3 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 ~~six~~ one month prior to the start of the Championships.
- 16.1.4 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.

16.2 Participating Clubs/Associations

~~16.2.1 Each participating member Association, in National Team Competitions, is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP and 3 ordinary) valid for the entire Championships, free of charge.~~

- 16.2.1 Each participating club is entitled to a maximum of 5 tickets (2 VIP and 3 ordinary) valid for the entire EuroFloorball Cup, free of charge.

Each member Association with a participating club is entitled to a maximum of 3 (1 VIP and 2 ordinary) valid for the entire EuroFloorball Cup, free of charge.

~~16.3 Participating Associations at the IFF General Assembly/Presidential Meeting~~

~~Each participating member Association, not taking part in the Championship, but attending the IFF General Assembly/Presidential meeting is entitled to 2 VIP tickets for the rest of the Championships after the IFF General Assembly/Presidential Meeting.~~

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

The ticket quota of each participating Club/member Association shall be fixed by IFF RACC in consultation with the organizer, and shall be divided as follows:

- a) For their own team's matches in the group

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

§ 17 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 17.1 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.