

International Floorball Federation



REGULATION FOR ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONS CUP

Responsibilities and regulations
for organising IFF Champions Cup

Edition 2015

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§ 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 2015-2017 with the three nations Czech Republic, Finland and Sweden organising the Events.

1.2 The IFF member associations qualified to participate in the CC, are entitled to apply to organize the CC. For the period of 2015 – 2017 the organisers are set, in accordance with the signed agreements.

The stakeholders are to separately negotiate and agree upon the conditions for how the Swiss Club teams can participate in the CC. The Swiss Association has to agree to this solution in writing.

The CC shall be organised only in the vicinities of the commonly agreed EFT arrival cities, with broad enough spectator capacity and nearby an international airport.

1.3 The organizers of the CC are appointed by the IFF Central Board (CB) in accordance with the Contract for the arrangement of the 2nd Edition of the Floorball Champions Cup.

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 three/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 three 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 related work will be headed by the IFF Marketing function and the later appointed CC Product 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 in the first weekend of October each year, during 2015 – 2017 in accordance with this regulation. The aim is to avoid a clash with the EuroFloorball Cup.

2.2 The National Champions of the top 4 ranked IFF member associations in question, a 2nd team of the organizing Association and the reigning EFC champion (of the previous season) 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 to participate. The IFF CB shall decide, based upon the proposal of the RACC. The decision is final.

If any country decides not to participate in the CC, IFF shall then offer the place in question one of the 2nd or 3rd placed nations in the EFC.

2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee shall be the IFF by hand not later than the 15th of May 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 30th of June 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. A player having participated in the CC shall not be granted a transfer to another Club before 31st of October the same season.

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 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.
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 CC per season.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

4.1 The Champions Cup is played as a final round.

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

The 2nd team from the organizing Association shall be placed in the opposite side of the tournament fixture than the champion of the organizing Association. The reigning EFC champion shall be placed in the opposite side of the tournament than the 2nd team from the organizing Association.

4.3 The CC shall be played as follows:

Quarterfinal 1	3th ranked – EFC Champion/2 nd organisers team
Quarterfinal 2	4 th ranked – 2 nd organisers team/EFC Champion
5 th Place game	loser QF1 – loser QF2
Semi-Final 1	2 nd ranked – winner QF1
Semi-Final 2	1 st ranked – winner QF2
Bronze match	loser SF1 – loser SF2 *) to be applied by the organiser
Final	winner SF1 – winner SF2

A drawing of lots shall decide which team shall be the home team of the final. 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. In principal a team that plays the last match of the day shall not play the first match the following day.

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 coloured 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, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit & equipment and the team official's outfit & equipment, to be in charge during the CC.

- 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 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 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 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 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 defined, in accordance with the IFF WFC standards and the EuroFloorball Tour requirements.
- 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 eight (8) 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 decide to stay on until the day after the Final 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 last day of the Final.

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 organiser 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.

- 6.6. The duties of IFF are to provide the Prize money for the CC and produce both Men's semi-finals.

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.
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 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).

- 10.9 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.
- 10.10 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing;
- 10.11 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 upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.12 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 CC. Sanctions imposed by the Jury 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 shall apply.
- 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.

§ 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 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 CC 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 shall 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.
- In addition the winning team shall receive prize money, 10,000CHF.
- 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 reigning EuroFloorball Champion shall receive a Prize for the victory of the EFC of 5.000 CHF, if participating in the CC.
- 13.4 The referees refereeing the final 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 practise.

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 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.

16.2 A second technical meeting shall be held after the quarter finals.

16.3 The organizer is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.

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

16.5 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 tickets/reserved seats automatically valid for the complete CC, free of charge, for the players and officials of the team. The accreditation is valid for the whole competition.

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.