

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).
- 1.4 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 their own Club participates. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.6 Participants in IFF Events are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFF and the IFF Event organiser

§ 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
- 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, 2000 CHF for the EFC and 1000 CHF for teams in the 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.

§ 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 shall not be granted a transfer to another Club 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.

- 3.5 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. The list of players and officials taking part in a match shall be written into the Match Record and 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.
- 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/EFch during the same season.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 4.1 The EuroFloorball Cup and EuroFloorball Challenge are played as a final round.
- 4.2 The forming of groups in the EFC & EFch 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	Group B
Seeded 1 st	Seeded 2 nd
Seeded 4 th	Seeded 3 rd
2nd team of organizer/EFch champion	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,

- 4.3 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 3 points are awarded for a win during ordinary game time, 2 points are awarded for a win in a Penalty shoot-out (performed according to the game rules for penalty shots after extra time), if the game ended in a draw after ordinary time, and one 1 point for a loss after a Penalty shoot-out 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 are not decisive a drawing of lot with the teams concerned shall settle the ranking unless the ranking concerns only the two teams playing a last round match deciding about promotion or relegation when extra time and, if needed, penalty shots shall decide the ranking.

The results of all matches versus a team which has missed a match or matches, and lost these by walk over 5-0, shall not have an effect on the final ranking between teams having ended up in the same amount of points, unless the team having missed the match or matches is itself involved.

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

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.

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. 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 place during the EFC and/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).

5.3 If two teams have the same colour the RACC shall decide which team shall change according to registration.

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. Any personal equipment worn under the shirt and/or shorts must be of the same colour as the shirts or shorts.

§ 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. The space reserved for the IFF shall not exceed 10 x 15 cm.

§ 7 REFEREES

7.1 All matters concerning referees in the EFC and/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 and/or EFch. 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 & EFch. 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 EFC or EFch.

§ 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 fulfill 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 EFC and EFch. 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 CUPS AND MEDALS

- 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 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 and, when participating in the EFC, receives a sum equivalent to the EFC participation fee.

§ 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.
- 15.2 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.
- 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 EUROFLOORBALL CUP & EUROFLOORBALL CHALLENGE

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

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.

17.3 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

§ 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.