

International Floorball Federation



REGULATION FOR ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONS CUP

Responsibilities and regulations
for organising IFF Champions Cup

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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 2011-2014 the four top nations are Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland. Additionally there is an agreement between the CC stakeholders determine the way the CC is played and organised
- 1.2 The IFF member associations qualified to participate in the CC, are entitled to apply to organize the CC. For the period of 2011 – 2014 the organisers are set, in accordance with the signed agreements.
- 1.3 The organizers of the CC 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 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 build 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.

The IFF Champions Cup shall have 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.
- 1.8 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 Champions Cup (CC), Men and Women, during the week involving the first weekend of October each year, during 2011 – 2014 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.
- 2.3 Registration to participate and payment of the participation fee shall be the IFF by hand not later than the 31st 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 15th of November 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) and a picture of the team jerseys.

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, 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, form the groups of the CC. The forming of groups shall be according to the ranking based on the results obtained during the last three years of the same category. The seeding shall be based on the ranking list, starting in 2011 with a ballot. The decisive order for building the match program is as follows; 1) The needs of TV and 2) the local spectators needs.

The 2nd team from the organizing Association shall be placed in the opposite group as the champion of the Association. The reigning EFC champion shall be placed in the group opposite of the 2nd team from the organizing Association.

Group A	Group B
Seeded 1 st	Seeded 2 nd
Seeded 4 th	Seeded 3 rd
2nd team of organizer/EFC champion	2 nd team from organising country/EFC champion

- 4.3 The order of play in a group shall be as follows: 1-2, 3-1, 2-3.
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 shot 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 is 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 affect 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 Continued play after the group matches shall be as follows:

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

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.

- 4.7 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.

4.8 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.

In the semi-final and final stages the period intermission is 15 minutes, instead of the ordinary 10 minutes.

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 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 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.

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 one day before the start of the first match of the tournament and ceases the day after the last match of the tournament. 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 the Champions Cup until breakfast the day of the final for the teams not qualified for the final day and until breakfast the day after the final for the teams playing the final day. Teams which decide to stay on until the day after the Final and are not playing in the final are responsible for the board and lodging costs of the last day, starting after breakfast on the 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.

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 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 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 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.