



# TOURNAMENT RULES

## MEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 IN LUGANO (SWITZERLAND)

### **1. PLAYING RULES**

- 1.1 The Men European Championships 2009 will be played according to the official IISHF Rules of the Game "Official Version 2009".
- 1.2 All Players must wear the correct players dress and equipment as per point 5.1 – 5.9 IISHF Rules of The Game which means identical shirts, shorts (trousers) and helmets. Please be aware that failure of a team to play without matching equipment in contravention of rule 5.2 "players uniform" and 5.3 "players numbers" will result into IISHF disciplinary action. Any jewellery or metal objects attached to a player`s body must be removed where possible, if it is not possible to be removed it must be taped. All junior outfield players must wear a helmet with full face cage/visor, neck and throat protector and a shoulder and chest protector.
- 1.3 All players including goalkeepers must have all equipment checked before playing. One Kit Check will be carried out on each team before their first game of the tournament. Following this no further Kit Checks will be carried out. It is the players` responsibility to wear the correct equipment for each game; failure to comply will result in a Yellow Card (Misconduct) being awarded by the referees.
- 1.4 The maximum number of players that may be registered as members of a Team for any game is 18 (as listed in the Match Report). All teams must have a minimum of 8 players – these players must be kitted up and be on the players bench or on the pitch for the first game of the tournament (an exception is only possible if under proven force majeure where as Red and/or Black Card are not considered as force majeure).
- 1.5 Each team must have at least one Bench Official. All persons except players kitted up and listed on the Match Report will be deemed to be a Bench Official. Only players listed on the Match Report and a maximum of 5 Bench Officials (with a minimum age of 18 years) are allowed to be on the bench.
- 1.6 Team Managers are responsible for providing a valid passport or valid national identity card of each player to the Technical Director prior to the start of the Managers Meeting (Remark: Without valid passport or national identity card a player is not eligible).
- 1.7 At least 30 minutes before each game, a Team Official or the Captain of a team shall submit to the Technical Director or the Technical Director`s office a list of players who shall be eligible to play in that game indicating all shirt numbers. If no list is produced by a team before a game, the team list of the previous game will be taken as official list of all players for this game. If a player is taking part in a game although he is not listed on the game sheet (according to the before mentioned players list), a player is ineligible to play. Any team found to be playing an ineligible player will face disciplinary action as described under point 3.1.
- 1.8 Teams must not go onto the Pitch until they have permission from the Team Steward or Referee and until all members of the Teams competing in the previous game have completely left the Pitch Area.

- 1.9 The games will be played according to the Official Time Schedule of 09.08.2009 in continuous time (with running clock). The interval between periods will be 5 minutes. The last 2 minutes of each game (and of extra time) will be played in stoppage time. All Penalties and Cards are completely served.
- 1.10 Each team will be allowed one Time Out in each period of each game.
- 1.11 In the first round, if there are 2 or more teams equal after all the games have been played, the places will be decided on the following:
1. Head-to-head-results
  2. Goals difference of the head-to-head games
  3. Goals `for` of the head-to-head games
  4. Goals difference of all games
  5. Goals `for` of all games
  6. Total Penalty time of all games
  7. If both teams (in the case that only 2 teams are equal) are on the pitch, then a penalty shoot-out will take place; if not, a coin will be tossed to determine which team will take which place.
- 1.12 If a game needs to have a winner, then one period of 5 minutes extra time will be played. If both teams are still equal after extra time, then a penalty shoot-out will take place.
- 1.13 In any game where in the opinion of the referee, the colours of the competing teams are so alike that there is a risk of a miscall by the referee, the away team or second named team on the match sheet (according to the Official Time Schedule of 09.08.2009) must change their shirts. Thus each team must bring two sets of shirts with different colours to the Men European Championships 2009.
- 1.14 If because of unforeseen reasons there is a delay of more than 60 minutes during the final day (Sunday 25.10.2009), the Technical Director (after consultation with IISHF Presidium) is allowed to modify the Time Schedule of the remaining games by shortening the time periods.

## **2. CHANGING ROOMS**

- 2.1 There are 7 changing rooms. Please leave rooms clean, tidy and undamaged.
- 2.2 The host will take EUR 50 as deposit for a locker key (of the changing room). In the case of damage to lockers and the changing room, the team will be liable to a claim for compensation. The key has to be returned to the Event Director for return of deposit after the changing rooms have been left in a proper way at the end of the tournament.
- 2.3 The address of the pitch is "Palamondo Rink, Via Industria, 6814 Cadempino-Lugano (Switzerland). The rink has a size of 20 x 40 meters.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY**

- 3.1 Each player is only eligible to play if he posses (produces) a valid passport or national identity card and if the player is listed on the International Team Certificate (ITC) approved by IISHF. No copy, no fax and no other document shall replace an original passport or national identity card. The relevant document (passport or national identity card) must be produced by the Team Manager to the IISHF Technical Director at latest before the Team Manager Meeting. The lower age limit for participating players is any player born in 1993 (youngest). Any team found to be playing an illegal/ ineligible player will face a fine imposed by the IISHF and the non-offending team shall win the game and gain 2 points. The score will be as follows: The non-offending team shall keep their score + 5 goals, while the offending team shall have a score of 0 (zero).

## **4. VENUE RULES**

- 4.1 Each player and official listed on the ITC will be issued with a free entry pass. In case of loss a new entry pass will have to be bought from the host. In the case of any abuse the entry pass will be confiscated and additionally disciplinary action will be taken by IISHF.
- 4.2 Only players and team officials (as listed on the ITC) will be allowed into the 'Players (Pitch) Area'. Access to the Pitch Area and to the Pitch is only allowed for the relevant players and officials (not for spectators).
- 4.3 Players must not play with balls or sticks anywhere in or around the Pitch or in the Changing Rooms or Kit-Check-Area. Teams must not take kit bags to the team benches or into the Pitch Area and Spectator Area. No (water) bottles are allowed on top of the goals.
- 4.4 There is no smoking and alcohol allowed within the hall in the Pitch Area and Spectator Area.
- 4.5 Skates must not be worn outside the Playing Hall and Changing Rooms (except direct way to the Pitch). There is no access to the Spectator Area with skates. Skates need to be covered with white cotton tape that needs to be approved by the Event Director or the Technical Director.
- 4.6 Teams (incl. players and officials) and spectators must obey any Venue Rules and Tournament Rules. Failure to attend the Venue Rules will result in IISHF Disciplinary Action.
- 4.7 The spectator (entry) fees are fixed as follows:
  - Ticket for Friday CHF 7 for adults / CHF 5 for children 7-16 years
  - Ticket for Saturday CHF 8 for adults / CHF 5 for children 7-16 years
  - Ticket for Sunday CHF 10 for adults / CHF 5 for children 7-16 years
  - Ticket VIP arena (only Sunday) CHF 40 per each person
  - Children until 6 years are free.

## **5. LEGAL INFORMATIONS**

- 5.1 Any player who receives a Game Misconduct (Yellow and Red Card) during the Men European Championships 2009 is not allowed to take any further part in the remainder of the game, but shall not be suspended from playing in any further games of this event. A player who has received a Game Misconduct during this event may play in the successive games of this event but will receive a fixed fine of EUR 100 from the IISHF.
- 5.2 Any player who receives a Match Penalty (Red Card) during the Men European Championships 2009 will not be able to play in his next two international games. He may then play again but will receive a fixed fine of EUR 100 from the IISHF.
- 5.3 Any player who receives a Gross Match Penalty (Black Card) during the Men European Championships 2009 will not be able to play again in this event. Any player receiving a Black Card cannot play again in following international matches until he has had a disciplinary hearing and any fines have been paid and bans served.
- 5.4 During a title event a protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' can be handed over to the Technical Director together with cash payment of the protest fee of EUR 200 no later than sixty (60) minutes after the end of the relevant game. Each protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' must be accompanied by any relevant proof or evidence. The Technical Director (in coordination with the IISHF Presidium) will decide about any protest or application claiming 'An Act of God'.
- 5.5 In the case of any problem/dispute, the Technical Director (in coordination with the IISHF Presidium) has the authority to make any final decision.

- 5.6 In the case that any point of these Tournament Rules is contradictory to IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Rules of the Game, these Tournament Rules (with version of 09.08.2009) are binding and official for the Men European Championships 2009.
- 5.7 The sport of inline-skaterhockey is subjected to actively battle doping, the use of any illegal substances and the abuse of alcohol. Therefore the World Anti-Doping Code 2009 published by the World Anti-Doping Agency and being in effect as of January 1, 2009 is an integral part of the "IISHF Regulations" including all corresponding implementation rules, annotations and standards in their respective most current version. Thus all clubs/teams/players/officials taking part on the Men European Championships 2009 completely accept the mandatory articles and principles of the valid WADA code. Any player or Official must, if requested by IISHF or WADA (NADA), submit to any form of doping control test at any time. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result has been obtained (doping violation) and will be dealt with accordingly.
- 5.8 During the Men European Championships 2009 any player, team official or game official must, if requested by an IISHF official, submit to a drug test or an alcohol control test. Failure to do so will be taken as if a positive result has been obtained and will be dealt with accordingly. Any player, team official or game official who has obviously and evidently in the opinion of the referees and/or Technical Director, consumed alcohol or narcotic substances (incl. drugs)
- a) before or during a game
  - b) between the manager's meeting and the team's last game on Friday 23.10.2009
  - c) between the team's first game and the team's last game on Saturday 24.10.2009
  - d) between the team's first game and the presentation ceremony on Sunday 25.10.2009
- will be banned from participating of the remainder of the Men European Championships 2009 and from further attending this event by the Technical Director or the referees. Additional penalties will be imposed by the IISHF.
- 5.9 Each National Governing Body (NGB) is responsible for all property/liability damages which are caused of players and/or officials of the National Team taking part in the Men European Championships 2009. Each NGB must have relevant insurance that protects the team and all players and officials against those property/liability damages.

## **6. GENERAL**

- 6.1 Teams incl. all players must be present at the Opening Ceremony as well as Presentation Ceremony and stay until the end of the Opening Ceremony as well as Presentation Ceremony.
- 6.2 It is not allowed to take tins, cups, bottles, plates or other dishes made of heavy materials (e.g. glass, bone china of any kind, metal,...) within the hall in the Spectator Area and Pitch Area.
- 6.3 First Aid will be provided by qualified First Aid persons; should any further treatment be required, then an Ambulance will be called. Teams are advised to carry any necessary medical insurance that they may require.
- 6.4 There will be a Team Managers' meeting held at the pitch on **Friday 23 October 2009 at 8.00 o'clock (morning)**. One English speaking Manager (Person) from each team must be present, but as maximum 2 persons per Team. Please pay attention to point 1.6 of these Tournament Rules.

## **7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 7.1 Failure to comply to the before mentioned points 1 -6 Tournament Rules will result in IISHF disciplinary action according to IISHF Regulations and/or IISHF Rules of the Game.

## **8. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 8.1 The Organizer shall be the hosting club "IH Sayaluca Lugano" (<http://www.sayaluca.ch>).
- 8.2 The Event Director (according to article 22 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mr. Viero FOGLIA** (Tel. +41 79 4238316 / E-Mail: [viero.foglia@bluewin.ch](mailto:viero.foglia@bluewin.ch)).
- 8.3 The IISHF Technical Director (according to article 23 IISHF Regulations) shall be **Mr. Jean-Daniel MULLLER** (Tel. +41 79 2133513 / E-Mail: [jdmuller@netplus.ch](mailto:jdmuller@netplus.ch)).

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