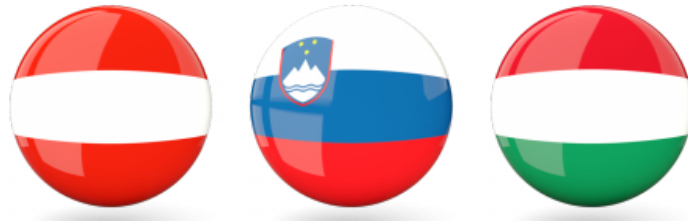


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INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL LEAGUE



COMPETITION REGULATIONS



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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The International Floorball League (IFL) is an international floorball sport league for club teams organized by the joint IFL Committee of the Austrian Floorball Association, the Slovenian Floorball Federation and the Hungarian Floorball Federation.
- 1.2 The International Floorball League shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.3 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 Team participates. Further their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party. Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.
- 1.4 Participants in IFL events are obliged to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines from the IFL Committee and the IFL event organizer.
- 1.5 The IFL Committee member federations all have the right to issue other and/or more rules for their respective teams for their home games.

§ 2 QUALIFICATION OF THE TEAMS

- 2.1 The IFL Committee shall organize the International Floorball League for Men, in the timeframe from September 2025 to February 2026.
- 2.2 The IFL shall be organized with nine teams according to the following.
- 2.3 The IFL Committee member federations shall nominate teams for the IFL with the restriction of every member country can only have three teams participating in the league at once.
- 2.4 The IFL Committee reserves the right to fulfill the roster if one and/or more teams cannot participate due to reasons beyond control. In this case those Committee member federation(s) have the priority to nominate team(s) that doesn't have all three teams nominated.
- 2.5 The participating teams have the right to also participate in their country's national leagues and cups during the IFL.
- 2.6 The IFL does not have a general list of fees. Every IFL Committee member federation has the right to set fees for their respective teams.
- 2.7 Registration to participate and payment of the participation and other fees shall be sent and paid by the teams to their respective federations. The federations have the right to set a deadline for the payments.
- 2.8 A registered team that has entered the competition and withdraws from the IFL shall be sanctioned according to their respective federation's disciplinary regulations.
- 2.9 All costs regarding to organizing a game shall be paid by the home team.
- 2.10 All costs such as travelling, local transports included, and board and lodging shall be borne by each participating team.

§ 3 QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Players licensed for the club not later than date for sending the official list of team delegation shall be eligible to represent the club in the IFL. A player having participated in the IFL shall have the right to transfer to another Club but not until 30 days after the competition started.

- 3.2 National regulations shall be in charge for the national transfers and international regulations for international transfers.
- 3.3 Only players having achieved the age of 15 and officials the age of 18 are eligible to participate. All players participating in the IFL (regular and/or final round) must be aged at least 15 years old before the start of the final round. Clubs participating are entitled to unlimited number of players and 7 officials in the IFL.
- 3.4 30 full days before, latest, the first match of the IFL a list of delegations completed on the official form shall be sent to IFL Committee member federations by the clubs.
- 3.5 Clubs participating are entitled to apply for adding more players and/or officials, due to unforeseen circumstances, to the list after the list has been submitted.
- 3.6 Passports or any other internally accepted ID card shall be checked in connection with the official list.
- 3.7 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 30 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.
- 3.8 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegation.
- 3.9 A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the IFL and other official IFF events during the same season.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM

- 4.1 The International Floorball League is played with a regular season and a final round. The regular season shall be played with nine teams. In the regular season all teams are playing with each other and after the regular season has been completed the first four teams shall play at the final round called 'Final Four'.
- 4.2 The regular season ranking is decided by each team playing each other twice, one home and one away game.
- 4.3 Single team is awarded with points in dependance of the match result:
 - a) 3 points for a win during the ordinary game time (3 x 20 minutes).
 - b) 2 points for a win when scoring a "golden goal" in 10 minutes overtime or for a win in the penalty shoot-out (performed according to the game rules for penalty shots after overtime – at least 5 shoots per team) if the game ended in a draw after ordinary time.
 - c) 1 point for a loss in the overtime or in the penalty shoot-out.
 - d) 0 points for a loss in the ordinary game time.
- 4.4 The ranking within the regular season shall be decided in the following order:
 - a) The total number of points.
 - b) 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.
 - c) If the internal matches according to b), are not decisive, most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
 - d) If the ranking cannot be decided by the internal matches the total goal difference of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
 - e) If the total goal difference is not decisive most scored goals of the teams concerned shall be decisive.

- f) 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.
- 4.5 In the IFL, continued play after the regular season shall be as follows:
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| Semi-final 1 | Winner of regular season | – | 4th of regular season |
| Semi-final 2 | 2nd of regular season | – | 3rd of regular season |
| 3rd 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 ranking match for 3rd place and for 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.
- 4.6 The season calendar and the match schedule of the IFL shall be done before July 31st, 2025, and the schedule shall not affect the teams participation in the IFF club events (EFC, EFCh and future versions).
- 4.7 The matches shall be played with local starting times according to the following:
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| On Saturdays | 12:00 – 20:00 |
| On Sundays | 10:00 – 16:00 |
- 4.8 The match organizers are entitled to request to the IFL Committee 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 date and time of the matches can be changed if both teams agree on the modified schedule and none of the other parties' interests are harmed.
- 4.10 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 IFL shall have one dark and one light colored jersey to play with, in order to avoid problems on internet and TV.
- 5.2 IFL committee may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colors and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment, and the team official's outfit and equipment, to be in place during the IFL.
- 5.3 A player taking part in the IFL shall wear the same number throughout the whole competition (according to the list of players § 3.3).
- 5.4 If two teams have the same color the IFL Committee shall decide which team shall change according to registration.
- 5.5 All teams are required to present their two playing shirts (one light and one dark) for inspection if the IFL Committee asks for it. Shirts should be the same color on both front and back, and the main color of the outfit must be dominating. Visible parts of undershirts, undershorts, tights and compression wear shall be of the same color as the main color of the match uniform shirt or the shorts. For leg wear black is also allowed.

§ 6 ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS, MARKETING

- 6.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit but shall leave space for possible IFL advertisement according to 6.2. The main color of the outfit must be dominating.
- 6.2 IFL is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit. The space reserved for the IFL shall not exceed 10 x 15 cm.

§ 7 REFEREES

- 7.1 All matters concerning referees in the IFL shall be dealt by the IFL Committee member federations respective Referee Committees (RC) according to valid regulations and decisions.
- 7.2 Each federations RC has the right to set the referee fee and shall nominate referees for the matches that are being played on their home soil.

§ 8 PROTESTS

- 8.1 The IFL Committee (IFLC) shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding protests during the IFL. Sanctions imposed by the Committee are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- 8.2 When taking decisions, the valid IFL and 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 Committee within three working days 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 transferring the amount of money set by the national regulations by the team's respective federation, which will be returned only if the protest is approved.

§ 9 ANTI-DOPING

- 9.1 The IFL Committee shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding anti-doping during the IFL. 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 IFL, IFF, national regulations and the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.
- 9.3 All players registered for competition of IFL 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 within 30 days after the Committee got the official result.

§ 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 IFL 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 organizations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
 - 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
 - c) support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions in their sport
 - d) 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
- 10.5 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 10.6 Unauthorized betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFL Committee or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.7 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).
- 10.8 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.
- 10.9 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing;
- 10.10 To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organizers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a "betting right" of an IFL event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFL Committee, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.11 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFL's other rules and regulations.

§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 11.1 The IFL Committee shall act as the jury and decide in matters regarding other disciplinary matters during the IFL. 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 IFL, national and IFF regulations shall apply.
- 11.3 All disciplinary matters which are not in the competence of the IFL Committee shall be dealt with by the respective nations Disciplinary Committee.

§ 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. It also takes effect when the opponent is unable to travel due to the restrictions, related to Covid-19 pandemic.

§ 13 CUPS AND MEDALS

- 13.1 In the IFL, a cup and 35 IFL Gold medals shall be awarded to the winning team. Additional medals may not be produced.
- 13.2 The IFL runner-up shall receive a cup and 35 IFL Silver medals.
- 13.3 The IFL 3rd placed shall receive a cup and 35 IFL Bronze medals.
- 13.4 The referees refereeing the EFC 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 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.
- 15.3 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official schedule and shall be agreed on with the organizing team.
- 15.4 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

§ 16 MEETINGS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL LEAGUE

- 16.1 Prior to the start of the tournament the technical meeting shall be held at every member country where the team manager, and coach of each team, the referees' representative and the IFL Committee shall be present.
- 16.2 In the IFL, a second technical meeting shall be held before the final round if needed.
- 16.3 The organizer is responsible for arranging the meeting rooms.
- 16.4 The heads of delegations shall attend other meetings scheduled by the IFLC or the organizing committee.
- 16.5 Such meetings shall be compulsory for the participating teams.

§ 17 TICKETS

- 17.1 Each match organizer team has the right to sell tickets. If so, the organizer has to advertise the ticket prices well in advance.
- 17.2 Each participating team is entitled to a maximum of 10 tickets/reserved seats per game, free of charge, for the officials of the team.
- 17.3 The teams must inform the organizer no later than 3 days in advance of the start of the game which tickets they will use.
- 17.4 The organizer of the matches must reserve the needed amount/reserved seats of tickets for all the participating teams and the IFL officials.

§ 18 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 18.1 The IFL Committee 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.