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## IMPLEMENTING RULES

### FOR COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT (IFI)

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AfC = Africa Cup; AmC = America Cup; EC = European Cup;  
WCh = World Championships; ECh = European Championships;

The implementing rules regulate the readjustment of all IFI competitions. They concern the stipulations not contained in the **International Icestock Rules (IER)** and the **International Rules of Play (ISpO), 10th edition** and are updated in accordance with the decisions taken at each Congress.

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## General remarks

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### 1.1 Holding events

**1.1.1 European Championships (ECh)** are held every two years between the World Championships.

**1.1.2 World Championships (WCh)** are held every four years. The WChs take place for Women, Men and Juniors (U23), with separate U23 Men's and Women's Junior competitions (Target Competitions – individual and team evaluation). Youth EChs also take place (U16 and U19). EChs in the individual categories only take place if at least four countries take part in each game category. The Women's and Men's WChs are held jointly for all competitions. Women's and Men's EChs (except Distance Competitions) are held jointly, and Junior and Youth WChs and EChs are also held jointly. A "major ECh" for all these categories is possible, playing areas and schedule permitting. A joint ECh in the Distance Competition is held for all participating categories.

- a) The following competitions are held for **women**:  
Team Game (TG), Target Competition (TC) as individual competitions (IC) and with team evaluation (TE), Distance Competition (DC) (as IC and TE).
- b) For **Men**:  
TG, TC (IC and TE), Distance Competition (DC) (as IC and TE)
- c) For **Youth U16 and U19 and Junior Men U23**:  
TG, TC (IC and TE), DC (IC and TE)
- d) For **Junior Women U23**:  
TC (IC and TE)



e) **EURO Youth Grand Prix U16** (EYGP U16):

TG, TC (IC and TE)

Extra evaluation of Women U16 in the TC with at least five participants.

In addition, the following are held each year:

For **Men and Women** only:

**1.1.3 European Cup (EC) in the Distance Competition** (IC and TE) on summer surfaces

**1.1.4 European Cup (EC) in the Team Game for association teams**

**1.1.5** All competitions with the exception of Distance Competitions are held in indoor rinks on **artificial ice**. Distance Competitions (except the European Cup) take place on **natural ice** in principle; WChs and ECh may also take place on artificial ice (fast skating track).

**1.1.6** **Scratched ice** must be produced in accordance with the guidelines in “Efficient preparation of artificial ice for ice sports, item 2, 2018 edition“. A hydraulically adjustable scratching device mounted on the ice processing machine should be used for all IFI competitions. The production of ice is to be decided upon in each individual case before each competition by a competent IFI technician and the competent ice specialist.

For final games (Team Game, Target Competition), the target fields should be coloured in accordance with the model (see annex 1).

## **1.2 Announcement**

**1.2.1** Announcements of IFI competitions must be issued no later than 10 weeks before the date of the competition. They are drawn up by the Vice President for Sport together with the IFI President and sent to all national federations by the IFI Office.

Announcements and all the important schedules are also available on the Internet at [www.icestocksport.com](http://www.icestocksport.com).

**1.2.2** Stock bodies and winter sliding soles (WSS for the countries that have requested them upon nomination) are provided by the IFI at the official training times stated in the announcement.

## **1.3 Eligibility to take part**

The following are eligible to take part from each national federation:

**1.3.1** 1 team each in the Women’s, Men’s, Youth (U16 and U19) and Junior (U23) categories in the **Team Game**.



- 1.3.2 In the **Target Competition**: 4 players in EChs in individual competitions as well as teams of 4 each in WChs and EChs in the Men's and Women's team evaluation; 4 players each in the Youth (U16 and U19) and Junior (U23) competitions and 1 team of 4 in the team evaluation.
- Eligibility to take part in the individual competition in the Men's and Women's WCh depends on the results of the team evaluation in the preceding WCh as follows:
- Places 1-8: 3 players  
Places 9-20: 2 players  
All other national federations: 1 player.
- Female athletes are eligible to take part in the Youth and Junior Competitions specified in items 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 above.
- Sliding soles appropriate to the category must be used for target stocks.
- 1.3.3 In the **Distance Competition**: 4 players each in the Men's, Women's Youth (U16 and U19) and Junior Men's and Junior Women's (U23) competitions.
- 1.3.4 In the **Distance Competition European Cup** on summer surfaces for Men and Women: 6 players per national federation
- 1.3.5 In the **Speed Competition**: 4 players per team in the Men's competition
- 1.3.6 In the **European Cup for association teams**: up to 4 teams per country.
- The implementing nation is allowed **one additional starting place** in the EC Women's Competition and **one additional starting place** in the EC Men's Competition; this place is given to the organising association/federation.
- If the number of participants exceeds 28 (men's competition) or 22 (women's competition), the number of teams is reduced to 3 per country.
- 1.3.7 A national federation may take part once in a WCh or ECh before joining the IFI. However, before doing so, the federation must recognise the provisions applying to the member countries and must have submitted its application for IFI membership.
- 1.3.8 In the team competition, a sixth player may play if evidence is provided by an IFI doctor that two players are ill. If necessary, the additional player may be nominated no later than one hour before the start of the competition.
- In the (individual and team) Target Competition as well as in the Distance Competition, a substitute player may be nominated no later than one hour before the start of the competition.



## 1.4 Schedule

1.4.1 The ECh, with the exception of Distance Competitions, and the WCh must be held between mid-February and mid-March.

The Distance Competition ECh is to be held during the fifth calendar weekend of the year. Starting in 2015 the date of the Distance Competition EC is the 22nd calendar weekend of the year.

The date for holding the European Cup for Men's association teams is the last weekend in November; for women, the set date is the third weekend in November.

1.4.2 The schedule must be drawn up in such a way that the WCh and ECh Competitions must be completed by 7.00 p.m. on Saturday evening. The prize-giving ceremony should be held immediately after each competition.

1.4.3 Any amendments of an organisational nature during IFI Competitions are to be presented to all participating national federations in writing by the competition manager and the national federations must sign to confirm receipt.

1.4.4 Protocol for the opening ceremony and the prize-giving ceremony at IFI Competitions

### **Opening:**

- Nations enter with flag-bearers – IFI event flag
- IFI festive fanfare
- national federations are welcomed
- Festive opening speech and social events (country/municipality/sports federations/IFI)
- Athletes' Oath
- Official opening by the IFI President
- Nations exit

### **Prize-giving ceremony:**

- All medals must be presented immediately after the competition on the ice (fanfares and national anthems)
- IFI festive fanfare
- Welcome of athletes and officials
- Festive speeches and social events (country/municipality/sports authorities)
- Presentation of gifts of honour
- Speech by the IFI President
- Prize-giving ceremony (individual/team competitions)
- After the presentation of the last award, the IFI event flag is taken down
- Farewell to the national federations



## **1.5 Drawing lots**

- 1.5.1 The starting numbers for all participants are drawn by lot by the competition manager after their registration. In the individual competitions, lots with the starting numbers are drawn for the individual countries. In the starting order, the country with the highest starting number is followed by the country with the starting number 1 (the first in group 2) etc. Each country determines the order of its players itself (allocation to the individual groups). This must be decided before the lots are drawn.
- 1.5.2 In such case as a country does not have a full contingent of players in individual competitions, it must decide before the lots are drawn in which group the participants are to play. If no such decision is taken, the participants are allocated to groups in numerical order starting with group 1.
- 1.5.3 The stock bodies provided by the IFI for the team competitions (with the exception of the Cups) are distributed to the individual houses.

## **1.6 Rooms and facilities**

The organiser of IFI Competitions must provide the following:

- 1.6.1 Rooms for:
- the athletes, separated by country
  - the IFI President
  - IFI officials, competition managers and referees
  - the press
  - accreditation
  - first aid service (facilities in accordance with the obligations in DIN 18036 for ice sports centres)
  - material examination
  - issue and storage of winter sliding soles and stock bodies
  - evaluation
  - doping controls



### 1.6.2 Facilities:

- Stability devices (in accordance with diagrams 15.1 and 15.2 of the IER, 10th edition), but base plates only in accordance with diagram 15.2 (Congress decision 2020)!
- scoreboards at each house (preferably electronic)
- suitable lighting (250 lux)
- radio microphone with a suitable loudspeaker system
- Internet, fax and telephone connection for the press and IFI officials

1.6.3 In addition, the organiser must ensure that spectators at WChs and EChs do not use any loud, particularly pneumatic, fanfares.

## 1.7 Examination of materials

1.7.1 The examination of materials (final control) is the task of the Technical Committee (TC). The members must be appointed to the Examination Committee in good time; it shall comprise the Vice President for Sport, the Head of the Examination Office and further competent members.

1.7.2 In WChs and EChs, winter sliding soles belonging to athletes may be used in all categories of the team competition. If such sliding soles are used, a maximum of 20 winter sliding soles per team must be submitted for examination in a clean condition. They must be labelled.

Winter sliding soles will be provided by the IFI if necessary. Requests must be made at the time during nomination, however.

Each player may submit up to 2 handles for examination.

The following items will be examined for all participants in Target Competitions: 2 handles and 8 winter sliding soles.

**At international and top national competitions an expiry period of 15 years applies to stock bodies and winter sliding soles** (see annual list of sports equipment, last sentence).

*It is pointed out that material subjected for examination must have already undergone prior examination by an A-referee from the respective national federation. A record of such examination must be submitted at the final control. Winter sliding soles must be submitted in a clean and orderly fashion in the order given in the record of examination.*

1.7.3 Athletes' own stock bodies and winter sliding soles may be used in Target Competitions. They must be submitted to the Examination Committee. Stock bodies and winter sliding soles are provided by the IFI if necessary.

1.7.4 If items of sports equipment are rejected upon examination (final control), the following maximum number of items may be subsequently submitted:



2 winter sliding soles per team, 2 winter sliding soles per individual player

2 handles per team, 1 handle per individual player

If a stock body does not fulfil the examination criteria, the player must use one of the stock bodies provided by the IFI.

1.7.5 Athletes playing in the Men's and Women's EC in the Team Game may use their own sports equipment. (Sections 1.7.1, 1.7.2 and 1.7.4 also apply).

## **1.8 Referees**

1.8.1 The referee organisation of the national federation selected by the Vice President for Sport proposes referees for IFI competitions. The Vice President for Sport makes his selection from this proposal.

1.8.2 The organising national federation may not be designated to provide a referee.

## **1.9 Advertising**

1.9.1 In WCh and ECh finals, only advertising in the form of banners provided by the IFI is allowed as a boundary behind the 4 playing areas.

1.9.2 Advertising on players' clothing:

- a) Advertising on players' outerwear is allowed.
- b) The only surfaces that may be used for advertising are the front or back or an upper arm of players' clothing.
- c) When using any kind of company emblem and
- d) when using any kind of written advertising, the size of the advertising area may not exceed 625 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- e) When using an item of player's clothing that carries advertising, the national emblem may not be larger than 80 cm<sup>2</sup> and it must be a significant distance away from the advertising area.
- f) The name of the player or the country may also be put on the back of the player's clothing. The letters may be a maximum of 10 cm in height.
- g) Advertising is only permitted on jerseys, pullovers and anoraks. Advertising on other items of equipment used as playing garments is prohibited.
- h) Players wearing garments that contravene the regulations are not to be allowed to play.
- i) Advertising on starting numbers is only allowed in the spirit of these regulations. The size of the advertising area on starting numbers must be in accordance with either section c or section d of these regulations and may not exceed the measurements quoted there.





1.9.3 Advertising on stock bodies:

- a) Advertising on stock bodies is permitted.
- b) The half of the stock body surface opposite the official seals may be used for advertising purposes. Attention shall be paid to the fact that advertising for nicotine, alcohol and anything indecent is not allowed.
- c) Advertisements may only be painted on or attached in the form of PVC stickers

## 1.10 Results

1.10.1 Lists of results of all IFI competitions must be sent to the individual national federations.

## 2 Team Game - World Championship, European Championship

2.1 Implementation

2.2 Provision of material

### Implementation

2.1.1 The WChs and EChs in all categories take place in 2 groups if at least 12 teams are taking part. If there is an even number of teams, they are divided equally into groups A and B. If there is an odd number, one team more shall play in group A than in group B.

A double round robin is played in each group, which is played as single rounds. The results of the two rounds are added up. The teams in places 1 to 4 in Group A qualify for the finals (**Page play-off**).

The winner in group B is the B World Champion or the B European Champion and plays in group A at the next WCh or ECh.

The further composition of the groups derives from the placements in the previous WCh or ECh (group A, then group B).

2.1.2 The championship comprises a double round (multiple rounds). Rule 304 of the IER applies only to the last round. In the individual rounds, the teams must take part no later than in the third game in order for this round to be evaluated for them. If a team leaves the competition prematurely, all its games are excluded from the evaluation.



2.1.3 In the case of Youth U16 and U19 and Junior U23 competitions with 4 countries taking part (= 4 teams), the European Champion and World Champion are determined in a four-fold round. If there are 5 participating nations (= 5 teams), the European or World Champion is determined in a first and second round, followed by finals (with just one game each round) played simultaneously for all categories in the horizontal houses using the Page play-off system.

2.1.4. Men's and Women's finals using the Page play-off system.

Teams in positions 1 to 4 after the double rounds continue to play in the Page play-off system. The teams in third and fourth place play against each other in a knock-out game, while the teams in first and second place play against each other in a first qualifying match. The loser of the knock-out game is the first team to leave the play-off and takes fourth place in the final evaluation. The winner of the knock-out game plays the loser of the first qualifying match in a second qualifying match to decide who is to go through to the final. The winner of the first qualifying match has already been determined as one of the teams in the final. The loser of the second qualifying match takes third place in the final evaluation. In the final, the winner of the second qualifying match plays the team that qualified in the first qualifying match.

If the score is level after the second game, the game continues into extra time. In this extra time, the 4 players take turns to have 1 attempt to reach the middle target rings (by analogy to IER rule 403). The total number of points won by all four of a team's players determines the winner. If both teams have the same number of points, just one player at a time from each team (who may be freely chosen in succession) continues to play until the winner is established.

IER rules 402 and 455 apply in full!

In final games, the team better placed in the preliminary round (lower starting number) has the choice of whether to play first.

2.1.5 In European and World Championship Team Games for Men and Women, a coaching zone is created in the Page play-off system; it is located behind the footmark and the triangular banderole (advertising banner). At any one time, 1 coach and the substitute player from each team are allowed to be in this coaching zone. Within the double round, the Team Captain can make use of a maximum of one minute of time out for his/her coach before a try by his/her own team.



2.1.6 In all finals, a team that is behind may ask the referee to end the second game of a double round prematurely without penalty.

This must be done at the end of a run.

## **2.2 Provision of material** (please note section 1.7.2)

2.2.1 Specifications of the stock bodies:

Only stocks provided by IFI manufacturers may be used; in each house, only stock bodies from the same factory and of the same type may be used. Lots shall be drawn to decide which stock bodies are to be allocated to the individual houses and they must remain there.

In both Youth and Junior competitions as well as in Men's and Women's competitions, stock bodies weighing approx. 3.70 kg (**IFI type L**) are provided.

2.2.2 Specifications of winter sliding soles:

In WCh and ECh Team Games, teams' own winter sliding soles may be used. A maximum of 12 winter sliding soles per team are provided by the IFI upon request; other sliding soles belonging to the teams may be used (up to a total of 20 sliding soles). Any request to the IFI for winter sliding soles must be made upon registration. This rule applies to all categories of play.

2.2.3 The receipt and return of the sports bag containing winter sliding soles must be confirmed in writing in a record of issue and return.

2.2.4 The winter sliding soles are to be returned in perfect and clean condition. If any damage has been incurred, this is to be reported upon return. If winter sliding soles are not returned, it is to be assumed that they have been illicitly manipulated.

In such a case, a decision may be taken in accordance with IER rules 460c and 807a.

2.2.5 If an item of sports equipment is used that has not been provided or has not been labelled by the competent Examination Committee, 2 game points are deducted from the team concerned.

2.2.6 In the final rounds, a team's stock bodies are retained in a house for all games.



### 3 Target Competition, individual evaluation - WCh, ECh

- 3.1 Implementation
- 3.2 Provision of material

#### 3.1. Implementation

3.1.1 The 4 runs, each comprising 6 tries per player, are played in one house in all categories. Each player has 8 minutes' warm-up time in this house for test tries which will in no case be evaluated.

In the preliminary round (two-part round), up to 12 players play simultaneously in 12 houses. The final, for which the top 12 players in the preliminary round qualify, is also played as a two-part round for everyone at the same time.

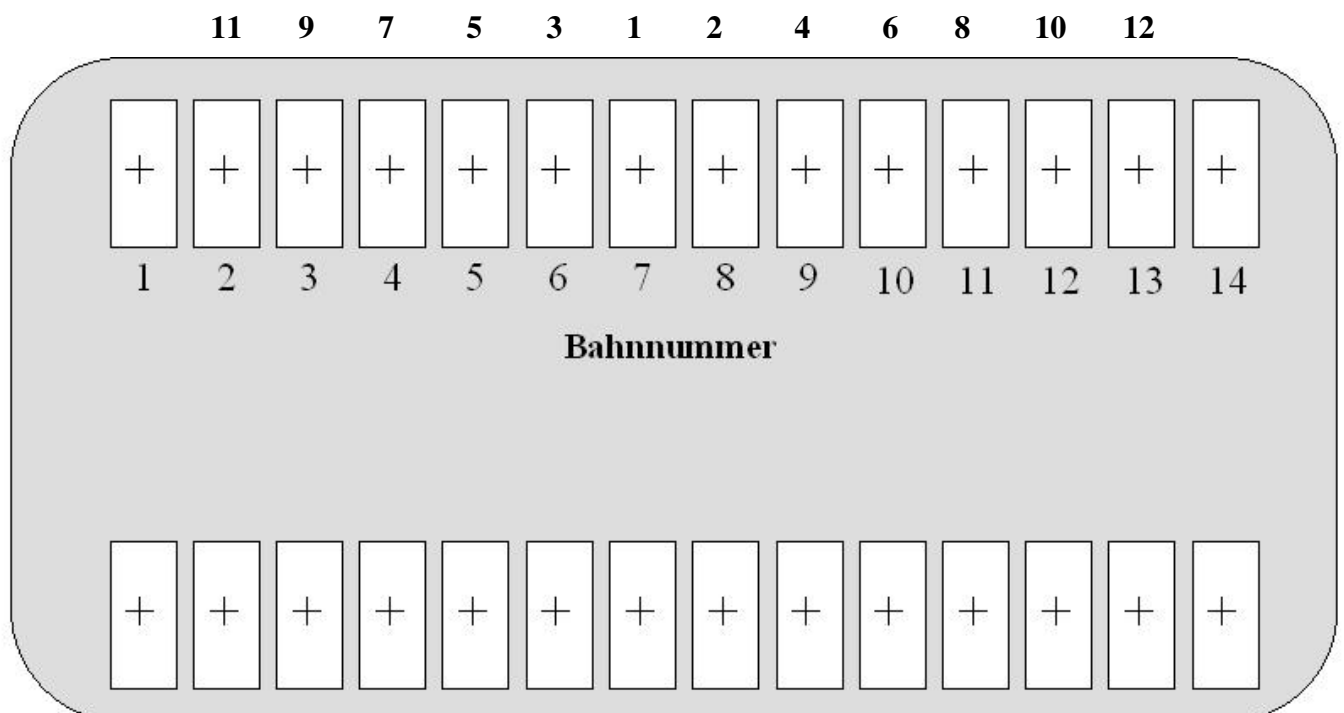
The second round starts simultaneously. Each of the rounds lasts a maximum of 18 minutes. Tries after the time limit are not evaluated.

The starting numbers correspond to players' places in the preliminary round.

The final result derives from the sum of the final results of the preliminary round and the final.

3.1.2 The houses are to be allocated to players with starting numbers as shown in the diagram below (Bahnnummer = house number):

**In the final rounds, houses are occupied by players with the starting numbers shown:**





3.1.3 Every player may appoint someone during the entire competition to return the stocks. However, this person may not be the following player in this competition (in case of violation, the player(s) concerned will be disqualified).

### 3.2 **Provision of material** (please note section 1.7.2)

3.2.1 Specifications of the stock bodies:

Athletes' own stock bodies may be used; see section 1.7.3.

The stock bodies provided to the IFI by manufacturers may also be used if required, however.

The target stocks are provided by the IFI.

## 4 **Target Competition, team evaluation - WCh, ECh**

4.1 Implementation

4.2 Provision of material

### 4.1. **Implementation**

Each country's four players are placed successively in a house according to their consecutive starting numbers. Each player has six test tries for his/her run, which shall in no case be evaluated, and plays his/her run twice in this house immediately afterwards. No more than 12 houses may be played in at any one time, however. Teams are allocated to groups in accordance with the results of the last ECh or WCh, with the top-ranking country being given the lowest starting number. The starting number of countries that are new participants is decided by drawing lots. Every player may appoint someone during the entire competition to return the stocks. However, this person may not be the following player in this competition (in case of violation, the player(s) concerned will be disqualified).

### 4.2 **Provision of material**

4.2.1 Section 3.2.1 applies in full.



## **5. Distance Competition, individual and team evaluation - WCh, ECh**

5.1 Implementation

5.2 Provision of material

### **5.1 Implementation**

**5.1.1 Categories U16, U19 and U23**, in that order, determine who will be the 6 participants in the final round in a preliminary round comprising 5 runs. The team evaluation of the WCh or ECh is also compiled from these results. After completing the preliminary rounds, the final rounds take place in the same category order.

### **5.1.2 The next categories to take place are the Women's and Men's competitions:**

When there are 9 or more countries taking part, two groups, A and B, are formed on the basis of the results of the last WCh/ECh.

Group A: 3 seeded countries (place 1 – 3 of the previous ECh/WCh), 2 promoted countries (directly promoted countries), 2 individual players (directly promoted players) who do not come from the promoted countries = 22 players

Group B: The other countries.

#### **Implementation**

- 1) Group B plays for the title of World/European Champion in the B category with 6 countries in the team and individual evaluation. The best 2 countries are promoted to the next A-category World Championship. They are joined by the best 2 individual players from the B-category WCh/ECh who are not from the promoted countries.
- 2) Group A plays for the title of World/European Champion in the A category with 5 countries and 2 individual players = 22 players for the team evaluation and qualification for the final with 12 participants.

After 3 rounds, the players in 9th to 12th place are eliminated. The players in places 1-8 play for the title in the remaining two rounds.

**5.1.3** The starting numbers are allocated so that the top-ranking player in the preliminary round has the last try in the first run. No distances may be carried over from the preliminary round. If it is not possible to hold the final round, the results of the preliminary rounds also apply for the individual evaluation. This applies to all categories.



**5.1.4** Any cancellation or postponement of the ECh on account of the weather or of technical problems with artificial ice must be announced 72 hours before the start of the competition. If the athletes have already arrived, alternative sports facilities or other sports surfaces may be used. The competition must definitely be held on the next scheduled dates. The WCh competition, too, must definitely be held.

In both cases, the decision is to be taken only by the competition manager.

**5.1.5** In the cases of the WCh or the Youth and Junior ECh, prize-giving ceremonies for the team evaluation take place only if at least 4 countries take part. Medals are only awarded to countries sending at least 3 players.

**5.1.6** A team evaluation takes place when at least 4 countries with at least 3 players each take part. In the team evaluation, medals are awarded to all participating players in the teams attaining positions 1 to 3.

**5.1.7** A player may not cross or touch the front boundary and if he/she does so, the try is invalid. If a try is valid (white flag), the player may also leave the house by crossing the side boundary.

## **5.2 Provision of material**

**5.2.1** The organiser provides a type E pupils' stock body for the U16 category and for Women, and a type P stock body for all other categories.

The organiser must keep a reserve stock body at the ready.

**5.2.2** The winter or summer sliding soles are provided by the IFI.

Players' own handles may only be used if they have been examined and labelled at the competition venue.

**5.2.3** A stability device complying with diagram 14 of the IER (page 117 of the German version) is used as a foot-mark.



## **6 Distance Competition, individual and team evaluation** **EC on summer surfaces**

- 6.1 Implementation
- 6.2 Provision of material

### **6.1. Implementation**

- 6.1.1. The participants in the final round are determined in a preliminary round comprising 5 runs. In addition, these results are used to determine the European Cup winner in the team evaluation.

The 3 top-ranking players per country in the preliminary round qualify for the final round. If fewer than 4 countries are participating, the 4 top-ranking players from each country qualify for the final round.

In addition, the provisions of item 5.1.3. apply to the individual evaluation.

- 6.1.2 In the case of the team evaluation, medals are awarded to 3 three evaluated players in the teams in places 1 to 3.
- 6.1.3 Two lists of results must be drawn up – one for the preliminary round and one for the final round.

### **6.2 Provision of material**

- 6.2.1 Sections 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 apply in full.

## **7 Speed Competition, individual and team evaluation– WCh, ECh**

(Not to be included in the programme of events for the time being)

### **7.1. Implementation**

- 7.1.1 Implementation is described in rules 651 to 691 of the IER.
- 7.1.2 Section 5.1.6 applies in full.

### **7.2 Provision of material**

- 7.2.1 Sections 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 apply in full.

### **7.3 Measurement equipment**

- 7.3.1 The IFI provides the timing equipment and the staff using it.





## **8 Team Game - EC for association teams**

The players eligible to take part are specified in section 1.3.6.

### **8.1 Mode of play for men**

2 groups, A and B, are formed. Before lots are drawn for allocation to groups, each country taking part must provide notification in writing of the members of its teams.

In the case of countries with 5 teams, 3 named teams are allocated by lot to group A and the other two teams play in group B.

In the case of countries with 4 teams, 2 named teams are allocated by lot to group A and the other two teams play in group B.

For countries with 3 teams, the first team from the country given first place by lot is allocated by lot to group A and the second team to group B.

For the next country with 3 teams, two teams are allocated by lot to group A first and the third team to group B.

Countries with 2 teams or 1 team are given analogous treatment.

The starting numbers are then allocated by lot; teams from one country must play the first game against one another (or, when a country has three teams, in accordance with the game schedule).

#### **First day of play - preliminary round**

A round robin is played within each of the groups A and B (i.e. every team plays every other team). The first eight in each group qualify for the final round. Groups A and B are ranked jointly to establish which teams play first in the final round (knock-out round). All starting numbers derive from the results in the two groups and are retained to the end. The first team in the group with the “better result” has starting number 1; the first team in the other group has starting number 2; the second team in the group with the “better result” has starting number 3 etc.

For equally-placed teams in the two groups, the following criteria are taken into account for determining which team has the “better result”: the number of game points achieved, the quotient, the difference and lots (in that order).

If a team is not evaluated in the first run, all the other teams in this group receive an additional game point to determine their starting numbers in the intermediary round.



### **Second day of play - final round**

The final round is played using a knock-out system. The teams ranking 1 to 8 are seeded. Two pools are used for the draw; the teams in places 9 to 12 in the preliminary round comprise pool 1 and the teams in places 13 to 16 comprise pool 2.

The pairs for the first knock-out round are determined as follows:

The teams in places 1 to 4 in that order draw from pool 2 to select their opponents; the teams in places 5 to 8 draw from pool 1 to select their opponents. All final rounds are decided in 2 games. If a round of sixteen game or quarter-final ends in a draw, the team better placed in the first run is declared the winner. This corresponds to the starting number.

If in a semi-final, in the game to decide on the third and fourth places, or in the final, each team has the same number of game points, the stock points must be taken into account as well; if these are also equal, play is conducted analogously with paragraph 2.1.4. (penultimate paragraph).

The team with the lower starting number has the choice of whether to play first. In the second game, the other team plays first.

The losers of the round of 16 play for 9th place (1 game).

The losers of the quarter-final play for 5th place (1 game).

The game to decide on the third and fourth places and the final are played at the same time.

The teams that do not reach places 1 to 16 in the preliminary round play a tournament (special single round for the IFI Trophy) to determine places 17 and below.

(see also annex 2).



## 8.2 Mode of play for women

Lots are drawn in analogy to the Men's EC.

### **First day of play - preliminary round**

A round robin is played within each of the groups A and B (i.e. every team plays every other team).

### **Second day of play – final round**

The teams that have achieved the same position in the two groups play against each other in the house with the number of their position in the “up and down” system. This involves the winner of a game going to the house with a lower number and the loser to the house with the higher number.

If a game ends in a draw, the team that was better placed in the first run is declared to be the winner. That corresponds to the starting number. The team with the lower starting number in each case plays first. All starting numbers derive from the results in the two groups and are retained to the end.

The first team in the group with the “better result” has starting number 1; the first team in the other group has starting number 2; the second team in the group with the “better result” has starting number 3 etc. For equally-placed teams in the two groups, the following criteria are taken into account for determining which team has the “better result”: the number of game points achieved, the quotient, the difference and lots (in that order). If a team is not evaluated in the first run, all the other teams in this group receive an additional game point to determine the starting number in the intermediary round.

Six games are played. After the sixth game, teams playing in houses 1 to 3 move again.

Two games are then played in houses 1 and 2 to determine places 1 to 4.

*The team with the lower starting number has the choice of whether to play first.*

*In the second game, the other team plays first.*



*The winner of the placement games in houses 1 and 2 is determined on the basis of the number of game points and then on the number of stock points. If each team has the same number of points, play is conducted analogously with section 2.1.4 (penultimate paragraph).*

If there is an odd number of starting teams, the 5 teams in the lowest positions (3 teams from the larger group and 2 teams from the smaller group) play a special round robin for the IFI Trophy. See above for all other teams.

- 8.3** Every item of sports equipment for the Men's and Women's European Cup must be examined by a licensed Icestock referee before it may be used in a competition. Sections 1.7.1, 1.7.2, 1.7.4 and 1.7.5 of the Implementing Rules also apply to the Women's European Cup. Competition managers and referees examine the sports equipment before and during the competition. Any necessary regulatory measures must be carried out in accordance with the IER and ISpO or the IFI's Federation Court Rules.

## **9 Team Game - AfC and AmC for national teams**

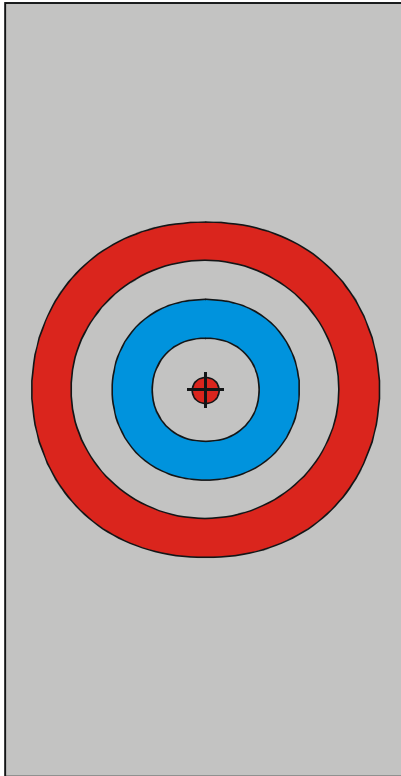
These are held every two years. The mode of play is determined in each case by the IIF President together with the Vice President for Sport, depending on the number of participating national federations.

The AfC always takes place during the last weekend of July.



## Annex 1

### Examples of coloured target fields



Coloured target fields at the ECh in Garmisch

Target fields for the houses in finals



Coloured target fields at the ECh in Regensburg -

All final rounds are decided in 2 games.

