

EUROPEAN HOCKEY FEDERATION
REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CLUB COMPETITIONS
(CLUB TROPHY AND CHALLENGE - WOMEN)
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A. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

A.1 Authority

The competition shall be held under the authority of EHF.

A.2 Entry

(a) Club Champions Cup (Women) and Euro Hockey League (Men)

See separate regulations for Club Champions Cup (Women) and for Euro Hockey League (Men).

(b) Club Trophy and Challenge (Women)

Each National Association affiliated to EHF is entitled to enter up to 2 clubs (Women), for such divisions as they shall be qualified, in the Club Trophy or Challenge. The first of the clubs entered must be the current national champion (unless that club is already participating in the Club Champions Cup (Women)).

(c) Club Trophy and Challenge (Men)

Each National Association affiliated to EHF is entitled to enter up to 2 clubs (Men), for such divisions as they shall be qualified, in the Club Trophy or Challenge. The first of the clubs entered must be the current national champion (unless that club is already participating in the Euro Hockey League).

(d) Wherever there is an obligation to enter a champion club, EHF is entitled to call for documentation from a National Association to establish that a club is indeed the current champion at the time of entry. National Associations are free to decide their own procedure for selecting their second club entry.

(e) Those National Associations wishing to enter any EuroHockey Club Competition for the coming season must send their correctly completed **Entry Form(s)** to the EHF Office by the deadline date of **15 July** in the year preceding the competition. If such details are not received by the deadline, then entry may be refused.

(f) Where a National Association does not conclude its national club competition until after the deadline date stated above, they must enter the club who is the current champion club at the time of entry and will not be allowed to submit a different club name at a later date.

A.3 Qualification and Pools

The tournaments will normally be played in Divisions of up to 8 teams. The format for an 8 team tournament shall be 2 pools of 4 (3 matches per team), followed by classification matches.

Women

(a) Initial qualification and starting positions for the **Club Champions Cup, Club Trophy and Club Challenge (Women)** will be based on the **Ranking Points Table (Women) 2007-09**, available from the EHF website.

(b) National Associations ranked 1-4 will be entitled to enter 2 clubs in the **Club Champions Cup**, those ranked 5-8 will be entitled to enter their champion club in the **Club Champions Cup**.

(c) Qualified for the **Club Trophy (Women)** will be the second club of those National Associations ranked 5-8, and the champion clubs of those National Associations ranked 9-12.

(d) Qualified for the **Club Challenge I (Women)** will be the second club of those National Associations ranked 9-12, and the champion clubs of those National Associations ranked 13-16.

(e) Qualified for the **Club Challenge II (Women)** will be the second club of those National Associations ranked 13-16, and the champion clubs of those National Associations ranked 17-20.

- (f) Qualified for the **Club Challenge III (Women)** will be the second club of those National Associations ranked 17-20, and the champion clubs of those National Associations ranked 21-24.
- (g) Qualified for the **Club Challenge IV (Women)** will be the clubs of those remaining National Associations who have entered. If there are more than 8 entries, then there may, at the discretion of EHF, be further **Club Challenge (Women)** tournaments organised. EHF will decide, after taking into account the numbers of entries and offers to host, the composition of additional Challenge tournaments.
- (h) In future years, qualification for the **Club Champions Cup (Women)** will be based on positions achieved by National Associations in the **Ranking Points Table (Women)** from points earned the previous three seasons in **Club Champions Cup (Women)** and **Club Trophy (Women)** tournaments, and for the first two years, in Cup Winners Cup (Women) and Club Champions Cup (Women). The EHF shall have absolute discretion over the preparation, justification and interpretation of the ranking table.

Men

- (i) Qualification for the **Euro Hockey League** and the **Club Trophy (Men)** will be determined by the **EHL Ranking Points Table 2007-09** available from the EHF website.
- (j) Qualified for the **Club Trophy (Men)** will be the second club of those National Associations ranked 9-12, the clubs of those 2 National Associations promoted from the previous year's Club Challenge I, plus the clubs of the next two lowest ranked nations in the ranking table.
- (k) Qualified for the **Club Challenge I (Men)** will be the clubs of those National Associations who finished ranked joint 3rd and joint 5th in the previous year's Challenge I and the clubs of those 2 National Associations relegated from the previous year's Trophy, plus the clubs of those 2 National Associations promoted from the previous year's Challenge II.
- (l) Qualified for the **Club Challenge II (Men)** will be the clubs of those National Associations who finished ranked joint 3rd and joint 5th in the previous year's Challenge II and the clubs of those 2 National Associations relegated from the previous year's Challenge I, plus the clubs of those 2 National Associations promoted from the previous year's Challenge III.
- (m) Qualified for the **Club Challenge III (Men)** will be the clubs of those National Associations who finished ranked joint 3rd and joint 5th in the previous year's Challenge III and the clubs of those 2 National Associations relegated from the previous year's Challenge II, plus the clubs of those 2 National Associations promoted from the previous year's Challenge IV.
- (n) Qualified for the **Club Challenge IV (Men)** will be the clubs of those National Associations who finished ranked joint 3rd and joint 5th in the previous year's Challenge IV and the clubs of those 2 National Associations relegated from the previous year's Challenge III, plus the clubs of those 2 National Associations promoted from the previous year's Challenge V.
- (o) Qualified for the **Club Challenge V (Men)** will be the clubs of those remaining National Associations who have entered. If there are more than 8 entries, then there may, at the discretion of EHF, be further **Club Challenge (Men)** tournaments organised. EHF will decide, after taking into account the numbers of entries and offers to host, the composition of additional Challenge tournaments.

General

- (p) It is a condition of playing in the **EHL (Men)** or **Club Champions Cup (Women)** or in the **Club Trophy (Men)** or **Club Trophy (Women)** (and therefore of earning points in the ranking tables) that not less than 2 clubs from a National Association must be entered in EuroHockey Men's or Women's club competition in the season.
- (q) If 8, 7 or 6 teams play in a Challenge tournament, then 2 will be promoted. If 5 or less teams play then only 1 will be promoted and the relegation adjusted accordingly.

- (r) Notwithstanding anything else in these regulations, which tournament clubs shall be entitled to play in, and the ranking of the pools within that tournament, shall be a matter entirely within the discretion of EHF.

A.4 Entry Fees

National Associations are responsible for payment of entry fees on behalf of their club(s) and will receive from the Hon Treasurer of EHF an invoice for the entry fee shown on the Responsibility Chart (Appendix C). **Entry fees are non-refundable once the official entry form has been received by EHF.**

A.5 Withdrawal

- (a) Any club which withdraws from a tournament for which it is entered by its National Association **before** the deadline date of **31 October** in the year preceding the tournament, will cause the team next entered by that National Association to be automatically relegated to the next lower division of the competition.
- (b) Any club which withdraws from a tournament **after** the deadline date of **31 October**, will cause the team next entered by that National Association to be considered as a new entry in the lowest division of the competition.
- (c) Any National Association whose club(s) have been banned for one year (or more) will be considered as a new entry in the lowest division of the competition when they return.
- (d) The EHF may, at its discretion, impose on the withdrawn club and/or its National Association such additional penalty as it considers appropriate, which may include a ban in respect of future club competitions whether for that club or for any clubs from that National Association. If a club is banned, then, unless EHF decides otherwise, such club may, during its ban, be replaced by the runner-up in its national club championship.

A.6 Dates and Format

- (a) The Club Trophy and Club Challenge (Women) tournaments will normally be played from Friday to Monday inclusive at Whitsun (Pentecost). Alternatively, tournaments can be held Thursday to Sunday inclusive at the request of the host National Association and with approval of EHF. The EHF reserves the right to change these dates in exceptional circumstances.
- (b) The Club Trophy (Men) tournament will be played at Easter, and the Club Challenge (Men) tournaments will be played at Whitsun (Pentecost). The same conditions apply to playing days as for the Women's tournaments.

A.7 Applications to Host

- (a) Clubs who wish to be considered as hosts, whether for the Cup, Trophy or Challenge tournaments must, before the closing date fixed by EHF for such application, submit through their National Association to the EHF Office the appropriate EHF **Application to Host** form.
- (b) If there is no offer to host a tournament which is acceptable to EHF from the clubs qualified or entered for a Cup, Trophy or Challenge tournament, then EHF may call upon the National Association of one of those clubs to organise the tournament (on the same basis as set out below). If that National Association fails to agree to do so, then EHF may relegate or remove the club of that National Association from the Division for which it was otherwise qualified in order to allow another club the opportunity to be promoted and organise the tournament. EHF has the authority to determine in its absolute discretion which National Association shall be called upon to organise in such circumstances.
- (c) EHF has the authority to allow the host club of any tournament to qualify automatically if not already qualified. EHF may also award the hosting of a tournament to a club which is not participating.
- (d) In submitting an application to host a Cup, Trophy or Challenge tournament the National Association agrees to host in accordance with these Regulations (including the

Responsibility Chart) and with the Guidelines for Tournament Organisers (Clubs) published by EHF, copies of which are available from the EHF website.

- (e) Should any tournament not be played in any year then EHF may, for the next year, in its discretion, relegate the teams of the two National Associations ranked joint 5th (or 5th and 6th) in that tournament when it was last played in order to make room for the participation of the clubs from the 2 nations promoted from the tournament below.

A.8. Appointment of Technical Officials and Umpires

- (a) EHF will appoint the Tournament Director, Judges, Umpires Manager, Neutral Umpires and other umpires.
- (b) EHF will appoint suitably qualified and experienced national umpires for each tournament from the list of those nominated for that season by participating National Associations. The EHF has the right to refuse a nominated umpire, or request a National Association to consider an alternative nomination, or appoint an umpire from another National Association. The cost of travel to the tournament host city of those national umpires appointed will be met by their own National Association, or by the participating National Association if an umpire is appointed on their behalf by EHF.
- (c) For Neutral Umpires see Regulation B.2 (a), below.
- (d) The host National Association shall nominate to EHF suitably experienced judges to assist the Tournament Director as outlined in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix C). The appointment of such officials is subject to EHF approval.
- (e) The host National Association (or host Club) shall appoint a suitably qualified Medical Officer. The EHF will appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer, although may delegate this responsibility to the host National Association or host Club.

A.9 Trophies and Medals

- (a) For the Trophy (Men) and Trophy (Women) tournaments the host club shall be responsible for producing 22 medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold, silver and bronze for the 3 highest ranked clubs in the tournament as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix C).
- (b) For each Challenge (Men) and Challenge (Women) tournaments the host club shall be responsible for producing 22 medals portraying the EHF logo in base metal but coloured gold for the 2 clubs winning promotion from the tournament as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix C).

A.10 Responsibilities of National Associations

- (a) A National Association that enters a club for any EHF competition will be held responsible for any default by its club in respect of a financial obligation arising out of its entry or participation in a tournament. The National Association may be required by EHF to make good any such financial default by its club.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the National Association of the organising host club to monitor the organisation of the tournament by that club, to provide technical assistance and guidance, and to ensure that the organising host club fulfils its obligations under these Regulations and under the EHF Guidelines for Tournament Organisers (Clubs).

A.11 General Powers of EHF

For any breach of these Regulations or for any conduct which it considers unacceptable and in breach of the spirit of the competition and the regulations, whether by an individual or a team or National Association, EHF shall have the power to impose such penalties as it thinks fit, including a fine or suspension of an individual, or of a team, or of the right of a National Association to enter a team in one or any EHF competition.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST CLUBS AND PARTICIPATING TEAMS

B.1 Licence Fee

There is no licence or hosting fee payable to EHF for Club Trophy or Challenge tournaments.

B.2 Officials Travel and Accommodation

The host club is responsible for payment of:

- (a) the cost of travel and full board hotel accommodation for those EHF tournament officials and neutral umpires as set out in the Responsibility Chart (Appendix C). Travel costs are payable only from the port of departure (airport or railway station) in the officials home country. Tournament officials must travel by the cheapest method/route reasonably available. The official's own National Association is responsible for all travel costs from home to port of departure, and also for the cost of any visa required by the official for entry into the host country;
- (b) the cost of full board hotel accommodation for the appointed national umpires and appointed EHF judges.
- (c) the host club may, if they prefer, offer a per diem payment to officials to cover the cost of lunch and dinner. The level of such payment must be agreed in advance with the EHF Competitions Manager and must reflect actual costs in the host city.
- (d) Accommodation requirements run from lunch (where applicable) on the day prior to the start of the tournament, or from dinner the evening previous to that for the Tournament Director and Umpire Manager, or for any other officials from another continent and/or those officials whose travel time (home to the tournament city) takes more than 8 hours (door to door), until breakfast on the day after the tournament.

B.3 Teams Travel and Accommodation

- (a) The host club shall provide participating teams with details of a range (minimum 3) of appropriate accommodation (the designated hotels) for the players and officials of each participating team. However, participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their accommodation and meals. The host club must provide EHF with details of all designated hotels which are proposed to be used.
- (b) The host club should recommend reasonably priced and located eating facilities for the participating teams.
- (c) Participating teams are responsible for the full cost of their return travel from their home to the designated arrival airport or railway station of the host club.
- (d) All participating teams must be present with their full squad, subject to emergencies, in their hotel by, at the latest, 19.00hrs on the evening before the first match of the tournament. **Failure to arrive on time may result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.** (Also see regulation D.11).
- (e) Teams may delay their arrival until the first day of the tournament if they are not drawn to play on the first day, subject to prior approval from EHF. **However, it is still necessary for the Team Manager and Stand-in Manager to attend the tournament briefing meeting at the required time** (see regulation D.4).
- (f) All participating teams are required to remain at the tournament until **after the Prize-giving Ceremony** on the final day. This will normally take place no later than 17.00hrs. Teams must make their travel arrangements accordingly. **Any team which is not present at the Prize-giving Ceremony will be subject to a penalty to be decided by EHF.**

B.4 Local Transport for Teams and Tournament Officials

- (a) The host club shall provide at their cost local transport from and to the designated airport or railway station and the team's chosen hotel. The host's responsibility is for a single journey in each direction only, not multiple journeys. Any additional journeys will be the

responsibility of the participating team.

- (b) Teams transport (where provided) shall be available up to 3 days before and no more than 2 days after the end of the tournament. Any transport requirements outside these dates is the responsibility of the participating team.
- (c) Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host club (and agreed by EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their hotel.
- (d) For teams staying at one of the designated hotels, the host club shall provide at their cost local transport from and to the designated hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s).
- (e) Any teams who choose to stay in accommodation other than the designated hotels recommended by the host club are responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from the hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s).
- (f) The host club shall provide at their cost local transport for all EHF representatives, technical officials and umpires as set out in the Guidelines for Tournament Organisers (Clubs) from and to the designated airport or railway station and the officials' hotel, and from and to the officials' hotel and the playing venue(s), including practice venue(s).
- (g) Transport arrangements by car(s) must be provided for any EHF Representative(s) and for the Tournament Director.

B.5 Training Facilities

- (a) The host club shall provide suitable playing and training facilities.
- (b) Each participating team is entitled, at the organiser's expense, to practice on the tournament pitch for at least 1 hour during the day prior to the start of the tournament. Available practice times will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis.
- (c) If a team requests additional practice/training facilities, over and above that specified above, then organisers shall use their best endeavours to assist them but, if the organisers have to hire an alternative venue for this purpose then this shall be at the expense of the team requiring the additional facilities.

B.6 Publicity

- (a) EHF requires that the host club and the local Organising Committee shall:
 - (i) Include in the official programme a photograph of, and a message by, the President of EHF which will be issued by the EHF office;
 - (ii) Ensure that the EHF logo and/or EuroHockey branding is used on all publicity, programmes and all official tournament papers;
 - (iii) Entitle EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 5) to one full-page advertisement in the tournament programme free of charge. Advertisements and artwork will be issued by the EHF Office.
 - (iv) Where required, permit EHF and each of the EHF partners (up to a maximum of 5) to place one 6 metre perimeter advertising board on the main pitch and in the TV arc, or in such other place as designated by EHF, free of charge. The advertising boards will be issued directly by the EHF's partners and it is the responsibility of the host club to ensure that the advertising board is returned to the EHF partner or EHF office after the event. (Only applicable to certain tournaments);
 - (v) List in the official programme the names of the members of the EHF Executive Board and members of EHF Outdoor Competitions Committee, as well as the names of the Technical Officials appointed under Regulation A.8 together with details of rankings in the previous year's tournament. All this information will be issued by the EHF office or is available from the EHF website (www.eurohockey.org);
 - (vi) Ensure an efficient system of communicating the results and match details immediately (by fax, email or SMS) to the Tournament Results Co-ordinator nominated by EHF;

(vii) Ensure that the EHF flag is displayed in a prominent position. It is the responsibility of the local organiser to obtain the EHF flag from its own National Association.

(b) Where required EHF shall also be entitled to advertise at no cost on:

- (i) Umpires uniforms;
- (ii) Ball boys/girls uniforms;
- (iii) Front of technical officials table (event title and/or EHF logo);
- (iv) Press conference and interview backdrops;
- (v) Tournament results board;
- (vi) Tournament website;
- (vii) Posters accreditations, tickets, leaflets;
- (viii) Such other areas as may be mutually agreed between the host club and the EHF.

B.7 Protocol and Ceremonies

Ceremonies are organised by the host club but are subject to the prior approval of EHF. Matters of protocol must be approved in advance by the official Representative of EHF and shall be in line with the protocol regulations contained in the Guidelines. In the absence of any appointed official representative, the TD acts as the representative of EHF. The protocol for the presentation of the teams before each match, and for the Closing Ceremony, are set out in separate guidelines.

B.8 Insurances

- (a) The host club shall effect at their cost and with a reputable insurance office, all the necessary insurances to cover any liabilities of themselves and of EHF in respect of the tournament and shall, if called upon to do so, produce evidence of such insurance to EHF.
- (b) It is the responsibility of each participating team to arrange insurances in respect of travel, personal injuries to players, hospital expenses and other risks, which are not the responsibility of the hosts/organisers or of EHF.

C. PLAYERS REGULATIONS

C.1 Players' Qualifications

A player shall be eligible to play for a club in the EuroHockey Club Competitions **ONLY** if:

- (a) S/he is and has been since **1 November** prior to the tournament a bona fide regular playing member of that club and eligible according to the Regulations of that club's National Association to play for that club in its **national club competition** for that season, and;
- (b) Her/his name is included in the list of 24 players required by C.4 (below), and;
- (c) S/he has not played (outdoor) for another European club since **1 November** in that season, and (see also Note 2, below);
- (d) S/he has not played (outdoor) since **1 November** in that season for any club or in any league competition anywhere else in the world (i.e. outside Europe), **except** during the period **15 December - 28 February**.

(Note 1: Under EHF Regulations a player is allowed to play **indoor** hockey for a club different from that for which s/he plays outdoor hockey.)

(Note 2: a player cannot play for another club in EHF Club Competitions if they have already played in the Euro Hockey League (Men) that season.)

C.2 Responsibility of National Associations

Each National Association which enters a club for the EuroHockey Club Competitions, shall be responsible for certifying the eligibility of the players on the list submitted by their club and for ensuring its club plays only those players eligible to play for that club in accordance with Regulation C.1 above.

C.3 Confirmation of Identity

For the purpose of identification, all players must have available at the tournament, and produce to the Tournament Director upon request, their passport or national identity card (including photograph) or National Association hockey registration card (including photograph).

C.4 List of Players

- (a) Team lists must be sent to EHF by the National Association, who must confirm that all the players listed are eligible. Team lists must be received by EHF at least 30 days before the start of the tournament. **For failure to send the team list to EHF by the 30th day before the start of the tournament, the National Association shall pay a fine to EHF of €500.**
- (b) To allow for injuries and late changes, teams should submit an entry list of up to **24 players**. Teams are advised to ensure that the list includes **3 goalkeepers** (who shall be indicated on the list). **Once submitted, additions or amendments to the list will not be permitted except in the most exceptional circumstances (as determined by EHF), or as covered by (e) below.**
- (c) The list must also contain details of the team manager, the stand-in team manager (not being the team coach) who will take over the duties and responsibilities of the team manager if the latter is incapacitated or suspended, the team coach and team physiotherapist. It shall also contain details of the team medical doctor, if present and wishing to be authorised to sit on the team bench, and the assistant coach.
- (d) The list shall also contain details of the first choice set of colours and alternative colours (shirts, shorts/skirts and socks, and goalkeepers' shirts) and must indicate the number to be worn by each player (which must be between 1 and 32). That number must remain the same throughout the tournament. See regulation D.5 for details.
- (e) Clubs are allowed to make **amendments to their entry lists**, provided that such amendments are certified by their National Association and received by EHF not later than **7 days before the first day of the tournament**.
- (f) The team manager must submit a final list of 18 players plus team officials at the Tournament Director's Briefing Meeting at the latest. **Only those players who have been included on the original entry list of 24 (or any subsequent permitted amendment), and certified by the National Association, will be allowed to play in the tournament.** See also regulation C.5.

C.5 Ineligible Players

If it is found that a player has played for a club in EuroHockey Club Competitions but is ineligible under these Regulations, then EHF **will penalise (by fine, disqualification, suspension or otherwise) the player and/or the club and/or the National Association who entered that club and certified the Entry Form**. Such penalty may include relegation and/or the deduction of ranking points where appropriate.

D. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

D.1 Rules and Regulations

- (a) The EuroHockey Club Trophy and Challenge tournaments shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Hockey and these Regulations. A copy of these Regulations is also available on the EHF website.
- (b) The EHF Code of Conduct (Club Competitions), established to create awareness of and accountability for the promotion of the game of hockey amongst the participants of the

tournament, will apply and an acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct must be signed by the team manager before the end of the Briefing Meeting and submitted to the Tournament Director.

D.2 Pools and Match Pattern

- (a) Club Challenge (Men) and Club Challenge (Women) tournaments shall be played in accordance with Appendix A1 of these Regulations. The Club Trophy (Men) and Club Trophy (Women) tournaments shall be played in accordance with Appendix A2. Any tournament in which there are less than 5 teams shall be played on a round robin basis in accordance with Appendix B of these Regulations.
- (b) The ranking of teams into divisions is the responsibility of EHF, in its absolute discretion.
- (c) The arrangement of the pools will be the responsibility of EHF and will be based on the final rankings of teams immediately after the previous year's EuroHockey club competitions.

D.3 Match Schedule

EHF will produce a standard match schedule for the tournament. Certain amendments may be requested by the host club regarding timing of matches. Such requests must be submitted to the EHF for approval no later than 4 months before the tournament. EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances. For every tournament, the match schedule must consider the following:

- (a) there shall be a minimum of 22 hours between the start times of matches played on consecutive days by the same team, **except** between the final two days; the schedule must also take into account any requirements of TV.
- (b) there shall be a minimum of 2 hours time interval between the start time of two successive pool matches;
- (c) there shall be a minimum of 2 hours 15 minutes time interval between the start times of two successive classification matches.
- (d) the final match on the last day should normally be played no later than 15.30hrs (or 14.30hrs for a single pool tournament).

For the programme of Pool A and B matches and classification matches see Appendix A1 or A2. For the programme of matches in a one pool tournament, see Appendix B.

D.4 Briefing Meeting

- (a) Each participating team manager must attend the pre-tournament briefing meeting at the time fixed by the organisers and the Tournament Director. **For failure to attend this meeting a team shall be liable to pay a fine to EHF of €300.** The team coach and/or assistant team coach may also attend the briefing meeting, but unlike the team manager, his/her attendance is optional.
- (b) In case a team coach does not choose to attend the briefing meeting, then that coach must sign a Team Coach Declaration declaring to have received all relevant information from the team manager as communicated during the briefing meeting. The team manager shall deliver the signed document to the Tournament Director before the first match in which the team plays in the tournament.
- (c) Before their first match, team managers must bring a sample of their team clothing (first choice colours and alternative colours) as well as the leg guards, kickers and hand protectors of their goalkeepers to this meeting or to any other meeting as required by the Tournament Director.

D.5 Team Clothing and Colours

- (a) Each team must wear the colours of its club (either first choice or alternative, as directed by the Tournament Director) as specified on the list of players (see Regulation C.4

above). Each team must have both sets of kit (in first choice and alternative colours) available at each match in which they play.

- (b) The alternative set must be of a colour completely different to the dominant colour in the primary set for each of shirts, shorts/skirts and socks. Any additional items of clothing worn by a player during a match **must be of the same colour** as specified for the adjoining corresponding piece of clothing if any part of the garment can be seen.
- (c) The decision as to which colours each team shall wear for a match shall be entirely within the discretion of the Tournament Director (who will take into account any colour clashes, and any TV requirements).
- (d) For clear vision of the ball the following rules apply:
 - (i) Players must not wear white socks.
 - (ii) Shoes must be predominantly dark in colour, but not green. Shoes containing white manufacturer's logos, white lace-hole trims and/or white bottoms and sides of the soles will be permitted.
 - (iii) Goalkeepers must wear a shirt of a colour different from that of their own team and that of their opponents. The shirt must not be white. Leg guards and kickers and hand protectors must not be white.
 - (iv) The stick, including any tape added to it, may not be coloured white over the lowest 100mm, as measured from the lowest part of the stick.
- (e) **Each player's number must remain the same throughout the competition** and must be the same as that submitted on the List of Players (see regulation C.4). This number must appear in filled (not outline) distinctive figures, and be of a contrasting colour to the shirt, and must not be less than 16cms and not more than 20cms in height, on the back of each player's shirt.
- (f) Each goalkeeper must also wear a number on the front of their shirt which must be not less than 7cms and not more than 20cms in height.
- (g) Two spare sets of (outfield) players' clothing should be with each team involved in a match, including a shirt without number, plus suitable material for numbering in an emergency.
- (h) All players must be uniformly and neatly dressed at all times during a match.
- (i) In relation to playing equipment used/worn by field players they must:
 - (i) wear shin guards, worn inside of socks, at all times when on the field during a match.
 - (ii) wear any body protection (including leg protection) underneath/inside normal playing clothing.
 - (iii) be permitted to wear a face mask while defending a penalty corner provided that the face mask has a smooth surface and fits flush with the face.
 - (iv) be permitted to wear a soft face and head protection throughout the match for medical reasons subject to an appropriate medical certificate being submitted to the Tournament Director.

Advertising on Players' Uniforms

- (j) No advertisement in the form of a company's name, logo or trademark may appear on any item of clothing used by any player except as may be permitted by these Regulations. Any advertising must be the same for all players in a team. EHF currently permits advertisements (of up to 4 different sponsors) in 4 locations on the playing strip as follows.
 - (i) Advertising in the form of a company's name, logo or trademark is permitted on the front of the player's shirt - size not exceeding 350 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.

- (ii) Uniforms **with** shirts with sleeves - on the upper arm of each sleeve - size not exceeding 80 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.
- (iii) Uniforms **without** sleeves - on the side panel of each shirt - not exceeding 80 sq cm.
- (iv) On the front of the collar (one side) - not exceeding 40 sq cm.
- (v) On men's shorts/women's skirts - on the back below the waistline not exceeding 100 sq cm.

Advertising is not permitted on any other location on playing strip.

- (k) Temporary skin tattoos are not permitted as advertising media.
- (l) If the advertising regulations of the National Association of the participating club are more restrictive than those laid down by EHF then the National Association's regulations will prevail. No advertising will be permitted which is deemed by EHF to be detrimental to the positive image of the game.

Umpires/Officials' Uniforms

- (m) It is recommended that host clubs should provide appropriate shirts for tournament officials and umpires in colours approved by EHF.

Advertising in the form of a company's name, logo or trademark is permitted on any uniforms for umpires or officials only when expressly authorised by EHF as follows:

On the front and/or back of the umpires' shirts/blouses - size not exceeding 350 sq cm measured as the area within a rectangle drawn around the advertisement.

Other Clothing and Equipment

- (n) Advertising is permitted on training clothing (tracksuits), sports bags, medical bags etc.

Manufacturer's Identifications

- (o) An article of clothing or equipment may, when worn or used by a player, official or umpire whilst playing or officiating in any event, display the name, trademark, logo, or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer which must not exceed an overall size of 20sq cm per article.

The display may appear **once** only on any article of clothing, except on the shirt of a player when it may be repeated in the one or two figures of the player's number on the back of the shirt.

- (p) There are no restrictions on equipment, headgear or shoes.

D.6 Composition of Teams

- (a) A maximum of **18 players** may be entered by each club, taken from the list of 24 players submitted to EHF (see regulation C.4).
- (b) At a time and place to be agreed upon by the Tournament Director during the pre-tournament briefing meeting, each team manager must nominate before every match from the players whose names appear on the team list, excluding any player who may have been suspended from playing in the match by the Tournament Director:
 - (i) the 11 players who will be on the field of play at the start of the match;
 - (ii) up to 5 additional players who will start on the team bench (subject to suspensions);
 - (iii) the captain and goalkeeper(s) for the match;
 - (iv) the name of the manager or stand-in manager and the name of the coach or assistant coach who will be on the bench for that match.
- (c) The remaining players, with the exception of any suspended players, may warm-up and practice with their teams up to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match. The team manager shall ensure that these players, and any suspended players, are then

removed from the pitch and remain outside the technical facility areas surrounding the field of play until the match is finished.

- (d) A nominated player who becomes incapacitated during warm-up or practice may be replaced by a player whose name appears on the team list, up to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match. The team manager must notify the Technical Officer on duty accordingly, who will inform the team manager of the opposing team and the media.
- (e) Each team must have a captain who is responsible for the behaviour of the team players on the field of play and who must wear a distinctive arm band or ribbon on the field of play or the team bench at all times during a match. Upon suspension of the captain, a team player on the field of play or the team bench must take over the armband or ribbon and assume the role of team captain.
- (f) Each team must have a minimum of 8 players, on the field of play for a match to be started or continued. In case a team does not fulfil this condition, the opposing team will be considered as having won the match by a score of 5-0, or by the score when the match was discontinued, whichever of the two scores will be more advantageous for the winning team.

D.7 Duration of Matches and Timekeeping

- (a) A match shall consist of the regulation time of two periods of 35 minutes each, in accordance with the Rules of Hockey, separated by an interval of 10 minutes. **No extra time shall be played.** Should the result of a classification match be a draw at the end of the regulation time, then the teams will play a penalty stroke competition in order to decide a winner of the match (see *Appendix A1* or *A2*).
- (b) Timekeeping will be controlled by the technical officials on duty, whose responsibility it will be to signal the end of any period of regulation time at half time and full time. However, in the case of an extension of any period of regulation time to permit the completion of a penalty corner the umpires will signal the end of that period.
- (c) The umpires shall blow a whistle to start or restart the game; they shall also signal to the technical officials every stoppage they may order and the subsequent re-start.

D.8 Interruption of Match

If the umpires decide to interrupt a match (e.g. because of bad weather or field of play conditions etc) or the technical officials because of thunderstorm with lightning, that match must be resumed as soon as possible, not necessarily on the same field of play or on the same day, under the following conditions:

- (a) The match must be completed up to the agreed regulation full time (see Regulation D.7), the score on the resumption being that at the time the interruption took place.
- (b) On resumption, the players of both teams who were on the pitch at the time the game was stopped shall restart the game. Thereafter, substitutions may take place in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

D.9 Team Benches and Substitution of Players

- (a) Team benches shall be situated near to, and on the same side of the field of play as, the technical officials table.
- (b) The team manager, team coach or assistant team coach (but not both), the physiotherapist and substitute players registered on the team list, up to a maximum of eight persons, plus the team medical doctor, if registered, must remain seated on the team bench during regulation time, including time stoppages, unless the technical official on duty or umpire(s) direct otherwise, or when following substitution procedures. The team manager, who is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the bench, must be present at all times during the match and occupy the seat nearest to the technical officials table.

- (c) The substitution of players during the match must be in accordance with the Rules of Hockey. The substitute player(s) will be chosen from amongst the players nominated for that match.
- (d) Any player nominated by the team manager to enter as a substitute, having been given a board bearing the number of the player coming off, will go in the vicinity of the centre line of the field of play, not in front but not more than 3 metres from the technical officials' table. If a field player, (s)he will attract the attention of the player to be substituted, and the substitution will be carried out under the supervision of a technical official on duty, without stoppage of time. If a goalkeeper, the substitution will be supervised by the umpire(s) and time must be stopped.
- (e) The substitute player may not enter the field of play until the player in the same team being substituted has left it. When substituted, a player must immediately go to the team bench.
- (f) The team manager of the players concerned is responsible for the proper application of the substitution procedure.
- (g) In accordance with the Rules of Hockey (2.3.a) substitution is permitted at any time except within the period from the award of a penalty corner until after it has been completed; during this period substitution is only permitted for injury to or suspension of the defending goalkeeper. However, if a team has decided not to put a reserve goalkeeper (in goalkeeping equipment) on the bench then no time will be allowed to pad up another player.
- (h) A player, upon being suspended, may not be substituted and may not be used as a substitute during the period of suspension.
- (i) Vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not in any way be directed at the technical officials on duty, the umpires and/or the players of the opposing team. The Technical Officer on duty, after warning a team manager of acts of misconduct by a person or persons on that team bench is empowered, should misconduct continue, to order that person or persons involved to leave the bench and remain in the team changing room for the remainder of the match. The Tournament Director may take further disciplinary action after the match, depending upon the circumstances.

D.10 Admission to the Field of Play

- (a) The team officials and reserve goalkeepers need the permission of the umpires to enter the field of play. This rule is obligatory even in the event of a player or an umpire becoming incapacitated. The team coach or assistant team coach **may not** enter the field of play at any time under any circumstance (for the purposes of this rule relating to injuries).
- (b) No incapacity treatment is allowed on the field of play, except for goalkeepers or in a medical emergency to a field player.
- (c) If a player becomes incapacitated on the field of play, one of the umpires may stop the match and assess whether or not the player requires attention.
- (d) In the case of an injury to a field player, the umpire may authorise the registered team medical doctor and/or physiotherapist or, if a team does not have such registered officials, the on-duty doctor and/or team manager, to enter the field of play to assist and remove the player concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so. The umpire may also authorise, if necessary, the stretcher-bearers to enter the field of play.
- (e) In the case of an injury to a goalkeeper, the umpire may authorise the registered team doctor and/or physiotherapist or, if a team does not have such registered officials, the on-duty doctor and/or team manager, to enter the field of play - *with material for treatment* - to assess and as appropriate provide brief treatment or remove the goalkeeper concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so. The umpire may also authorise, if necessary, the stretcher-bearers to enter the field of play.

- (f) If any person from the team bench and/or the on-duty doctor enters the field to attend to a player other than the goalkeeper, that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of 2 minutes. The 2 minute period will be managed by the technical officials on duty. The player required to leave the field may be substituted, subject to the provisions of the Rules of Hockey.
- (g) If a player sustains an injury which causes bleeding, then that player must leave the field of play as soon as possible and shall not re-enter until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is adequately covered. Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re-entry to the field of play.
- (h) If blood staining to the field of play occurs then immediate cleaning must take place by using a non-acid disinfectant surface cleaner which is effective against anti-biotic resistant bacteria, or, if such material is not available then by an 80% alcohol solution. During this operation there will be a time stoppage of play.
- (i) No liquid or other refreshment may be consumed on the field of play. Any player wishing to take refreshment during a match, including during time stoppages, must leave the field of play and is permitted to re-enter as specified in the Rules of Hockey (not between 23 metres lines and the back lines). A goalkeeper may leave and re-enter the field of play only near the goal.
- (j) Goalkeepers must wear protective headgear at all times during a match, including when defending a penalty stroke. When required to take a penalty stroke, then the protective headgear may be removed. Field players acting as goalkeepers must wear protective headgear when defending penalty corners and penalty strokes. (The Rules now also permit an additional field player to be on the field, with none of the privileges of, nor the equipment of, a goalkeeper.)
- (k) Team officials and players may leave the area surrounding the field of play during half time only with prior permission of the technical officer on duty but, in doing so players must leave their sticks and goalkeepers their hand protectors and headgear at or near the team bench, and must return not less than two minutes before the match is due to be restarted.

D.11 Disqualification or Failure/Refusal to Play

Any team which fails to start its first match in the tournament (albeit that it may have been rearranged for a later time), shall be treated as withdrawn and shall not be allowed to participate further in the tournament.

During pool matches:

- (a) a team either disqualified or refusing/failing to play or to complete a Pool A or Pool B match shall be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament;
- (b) if a team so withdraws from the tournament then the results of any matches already played by that team shall be removed from the records and the pool points table shall be corrected accordingly.

During classification matches:

- (c) a team either disqualified or refusing/failing to play or to complete a classification match shall be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament at that stage and to have lost that match;
- (d) in the case of any such withdrawal the offending team will be ranked last in the tournament (and all teams ranked below the team will be advanced by one place in the rankings). The withdrawn team will thus be relegated (but subject to any further penalty which EHF may see fit to impose, including relegation to the foot of the total rankings for the next championship competition).

D.12 Protests

- (a) No protest can be lodged from a field of play decision made by the umpires (including the video umpire).

- (b) If a team manager wishes to lodge a protest at the end of a match or at the end of a penalty stroke competition, then (s)he must:
 - (i) declare the intention to do so immediately under his/her signature when signing the match report or penalty stroke competition report;
 - (ii) submit the protest in writing to the Technical Officer on duty within 15 minutes of the completion of the match or of the penalty stroke competition;
 - (iii) deposit €500, or equivalent in freely convertible currency, with the same Technical Officer within 30 minutes of the completion of the match or penalty stroke competition.

Failure to comply with any part of this regulation will result in the dismissal of the protest.

- (c) The Tournament Director must make a decision in writing and publish this at the latest 2 hours after the end of the match or of the penalty stroke competition in question. The team manager is obliged to make arrangements with the Tournament Director to be available to receive the decision when made.
- (d) In the case of there being no Appeal Jury, this decision is final.
- (e) The deposit may be refunded if the protest is allowed, at the discretion of EHF Executive Board, who will consider the matter at an appropriate time after the match or the event.

D.13 Suspensions

- (a) The Tournament Director shall ensure that all participants abide by the EHF Code of Conduct (Club Competitions).
- (b) The Tournament Director shall have authority to suspend for one or more matches of the tournament, players, team officials or other officials who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director are guilty of misconduct before, during or after a match wherever that misconduct occurred. Such suspended persons may not enter the field of play or the technical facility areas surrounding it during any match(es) played whilst under suspension, including at half time.
- (c) In deciding on the length of any suspension the Tournament Director is not limited to the remaining matches in the tournament but may impose a suspension that has effect for matches beyond the conclusion of the tournament.
- (d) It is the duty of the Tournament Director to adjudicate upon, and if appropriate to impose penalties in respect of any disciplinary matters which may occur during the tournament *before* the Tournament Director and the participants leave the tournament venue (in accordance with the powers granted to a TD by the FIH - which powers are endorsed by EHF for the purposes of these Regulations).
- (e) During the period of any suspension of a player by the Tournament Director, the squad for a match of the team of that player shall be reduced to reflect the suspension(s) (if 1 player is suspended to 15, if 2 players suspended to 14 and so on).
- (f) Following any suspensions, when the Tournament is over, the Tournament Director, the National Association of the person concerned and, in the case of a permanent exclusion (red card) of a player from the field of play, the umpire involved, must send a detailed report on the facts to EHF.

D.14 Tournament Officials

- (a) The Tournament Director shall appoint the umpires and judges for each match from amongst those previously selected to officiate at the tournament. An umpire may not be appointed for a match in which a club from their country is playing. Whenever possible, the same principle will apply to any official on duty for such a match.
- (b) A team official of a participating team is not permitted to be a technical official of the tournament (Tournament Director, Technical Officer, Judge, Umpire Manager or Umpire).

D.15 Forms

Match Report Forms, Team Entry Forms, Appointment Sheets and other documentation must be in accordance with FIH/EHF standard format and be approved by EHF. The host National Association is free to add a translation of the forms headings in the host's language as well as to place logos on the documents, on condition that the content laid down for the document continues to appear.

D.16 Anti-Dope Testing

- (a) Anti-dope testing will take place if the National Association, National Olympic Committee, national Anti-Doping body, or other national organisation of the country where the event is being held, requires it. It is the host club's responsibility to investigate whether any such requirement exists and to inform EHF at the latest one month before the start of the event.
- (b) Anti-dope testing must be carried out strictly in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code 2009 (and as further amended and updated) and the FIH Anti-Doping Policy 2009 (and as further amended and updated).
- (c) Team managers will be advised by the Tournament Director of details of the anti-dope testing procedure.
- (d) Any player nominated for a selected match may be subjected to a dope test after the match even if that player has remained on the team bench throughout that match. A player may be subjected to more than one dope test during a tournament.
- (e) A positive test or a refusal to submit to a test will render the player concerned and the player's team and officials subject to the disciplinary provisions as to sanctions and penalties, and the procedures and rights as stated in the FIH Anti-Doping Policy.

D.17 Unforeseen Events

If during a tournament circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Regulations, they will be determined by the Tournament Director after consulting the representative of the EHF, if any.

**REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CLUB COMPETITIONS
(CLUB CHALLENGE - MEN AND WOMEN)**

APPENDIX A1 - TWO POOL COMPETITION PLAN AND RANKING

(See Appendix A2 for Club Trophy (Men and Women), or Appendix B for a One Pool Competition)

1. Plan of Competition

1.1 In each tournament, the 8 teams shall be drawn into two pools. Teams will be placed in pools in accordance with the ranking for the previous year (subject to Regulation A.3) as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

1.2 In case of non-participation of one or more team(s) any reserve team(s), if called upon, will in principle, automatically take the place of the defaulting team(s) without changing the pools of the match programme. However, EHF reserves the right to re-arrange the composition of the pools before the pre-tournament briefing meeting.

1.3 When there are no rankings available or teams are ranked equally then rankings will be decided by one of the following procedures:

- (a) If teams finishing 1st equal, 3rd equal, 5th equal or 7th equal played in the same pool in the previous tournament then the team which finished ranked higher in the pool will be placed 1st, 3rd, 5th or 7th and the team which finished below in that pool will be placed 2nd, 4th, 6th or 8th.
- (b) If the teams have not played in the same pool then the rankings will be decided by EHF taking into account the records of the 2 teams (both averaged if necessary to allow for any difference in the number of matches played) following section 3 below. Where this does not produce a clear ranking then their rankings will be decided by EHF.
- (c) Where teams have been drawn 1st or 2nd reserve for the previous year but did not play in a tournament then those teams shall be placed 7th and 8th respectively in the appropriate tournament the following year. Where there were more than 2 reserve teams, the teams drawn 3rd and 4th etc. shall be placed 1st and 2nd etc. reserve the following year. Teams relegated from the lowest tournament will be placed after those teams who are left as reserves from the previous year.
- (d) Where 2 teams have been promoted from a Trophy or Challenge tournament following crossover matches, as set out in section 4 below then the teams will be ranked according to their record in the pool matches and the crossover matches.

1.5 If there is a pool of 3 teams instead of 4 then the same order of matches will apply as in section 2.1 below. Any references to matches involving teams 8 and/or 7 should be ignored.

2. Programme of pool matches and match schedule

2.1 Matches in each of the two pools will be played as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1 v 5	2 v 6
4 v 8	3 v 7
5 v 8	6 v 7
4 v 1	3 v 2
1 v 8	2 v 7
5 v 4	6 v 3

- 2.2 The proposed schedule of matches must be approved by EHF.
- 2.3 EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

3. **Ranking in the pools**

3.1 In each pool, all the teams will play against each other and the following points shall be awarded for each match:

Win:	5 points
Draw:	2 points
Loss with goal difference of no more than 2:	1 point
Loss with more than 2 goals between the teams:	0 points

In each pool teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.

- 3.2 (a) If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- (b) If there remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means "goals for" less "goals against"). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- (c) If there still remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of "goals for".
- (d) Should there still remain equality between 2 teams, then the result of the match played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.
- (e) If more than 2 teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches between (only) them shall determine their respective position (see Paragraph 3.1, above).
- (f) Should there still remain equality between 2 or more teams then the matter will be settled by a penalty stroke competition between those teams (see Paragraph 5, below).
- (g) If more than 2 teams are involved, then each team will play a penalty stroke competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the tournament, in accordance with Paragraph 5, below (but with 5 strokes only to be taken compulsorily by each team).
- (h) A ranking will then be established based on the results of the round of penalty strokes only, with the award for each play of 3 points to the team having been awarded the highest number of goals, 1 point to each team having been awarded an equal number of goals and 0 points to the team having been awarded the lowest number of goals.
- (i) If equality remains then the teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Paragraphs 3.2 (a), (b), (c), and (d) as applied to goals recorded during the penalty stroke competition.
- (j) If an equal position of 3 (or more) teams still remains thereafter, then the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. A draw shall take place to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of penalty strokes are required.

4. **Programme of Classification Matches**

4.1 After completion of the pool matches, the classification matches will be played as follows:

4.2 In the **Club Challenge tournaments (Men and Women)** the teams ranked 1st in Pool A will play the team ranked 2nd in Pool B and the team ranked 1st in Pool B will play the team ranked 2nd in Pool A. The winners of these two matches will be in joint 1st place. The losers of these two matches will be ranked in joint 3rd place.

- 4.3 In all tournaments, the teams ranked 3rd in Pool A will play the team ranked 4th in Pool B and the team ranked 3rd in Pool B will play the team ranked 4th in Pool A. The winners of these two matches will be in joint 5th place and the losers of these two matches will be in joint 7th place.
- 4.4 If there is a 7 team tournament, the bottom teams in each pool will play for 6th/7th place and the team ranked 3rd in the pool with 4 teams will be ranked 5th.
- 4.5 If there is a 6 team tournament, the teams ranked 3rd in each pool will play for 5th/6th place.
- 4.6 If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, then a penalty stroke competition shall be played to establish an outright winner of the match for the purpose of the competition.

5. Penalty stroke competition

- 5.1 (a) 5 players from each of the 2 teams, chosen by their respective team manager from the players listed on the team list for that particular match, except as excluded hereunder, shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team, unless the latter has been incapacitated and replaced, making a total of 10 penalty strokes, 5 for each team. The players must take the penalty strokes in the same sequence as the list of 5 players nominated and communicated by the team managers to the Technical Officer on duty before the start of the penalty stroke competition.
- (b) No player who has been suspended by the Tournament Director or, in the case of a classification match, has been excluded permanently (red card) from the field of play during that same match by the umpires, shall take part in a penalty stroke competition.
- (c) If during a penalty stroke competition a player (either a stroke taker or a goalkeeper) is suspended, then that player shall take no further part in that penalty stroke competition and, unless a defending goalkeeper, cannot be replaced. If a stroke taker, any stroke the player should have been entitled to take will be counted as no goal. If a defending goalkeeper, the replacement may only be from one of the nominated stroke takers. The player replacing the goalkeeper may continue to take penalty strokes but, when required to defend penalty strokes, must wear protective headgear. This player may also wear other approved protective equipment.
- 5.2 The umpires, after consultation with the Technical Officer on duty, shall choose the goal to be used, and shall toss a coin with the captains, the winner having the choice to take or defend the first penalty stroke. The team having scored or been awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner and the competition will cease once an outright winner has been established.
- 5.3 In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, a second series of penalty strokes shall be started with the same players, subject to incapacitated goalkeeper(s) being replaced, and shall cease after a team shall have scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of strokes (no minimum, no maximum) have taken by each team. That team shall be the winner of the second series. The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team manager has the freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In this (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke.
- 5.4 The team whose player has taken the first penalty stroke of the first series must defend the first penalty stroke of the second (unlimited) series.
- 5.5 During a penalty stroke competition all persons who appear on the team entry form, and are entitled to sit on the team bench for that match, are permitted on the field of play **only in an area designated by the TO on duty**, which shall be outside the 23m area used for the penalty stroke competition. A player who is authorised by an umpire or technical official on duty to take or defend a penalty stroke may enter the 23 metre area for that purpose.

**REGULATIONS FOR
EUROHOCKEY CLUB COMPETITIONS
(CLUB TROPHY - MEN AND WOMEN)**

APPENDIX A2 - TWO POOL COMPETITION PLAN AND RANKING

(See Appendix A1 for Club Challenge (Men and Women), or Appendix B for a One Pool Competition)

1. Plan of Competition

1.1 The 8 teams shall be drawn into two pools. Teams will be placed in pools in accordance with the ranking as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

1.2 The two teams promoted from the Challenge I will be ranked 7 and 8.

1.3 If there is a pool of 3 teams instead of 4 then the same order of matches will apply as in section 2.1 below. Any references to matches involving teams 8 and/or 7 should be ignored.

2. Programme of pool matches and match schedule

2.1 Matches in each of the two pools will be played as follows:

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1 v 5	2 v 6
4 v 8	3 v 7
5 v 8	6 v 7
4 v 1	3 v 2
1 v 8	2 v 7
5 v 4	6 v 3

2.2 The proposed schedule of matches must be approved by EHF.

2.3 EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

3. Ranking in the pools

3.1 In each pool, all the teams will play against each other and the following points shall be awarded for each match:

Win:	5 points
Draw:	2 points
Loss with goal difference of no more than 2:	1 point
Loss with more than 2 goals between the teams:	0 points

In each pool teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.

- 3.2 (a) If at the end of the pool matches 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- (b) If there remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means "goals for" less "goals against"). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- (c) If there still remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of "goals for".

- (d) Should there still remain equality between 2 teams, then the result of the match played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.
- (e) If more than 2 teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches between (only) them shall determine their respective position (see Paragraph 3.1, above).
- (f) Should there still remain equality between 2 or more teams then the matter will be settled by a penalty stroke competition between those teams (see Paragraph 5, below).
- (g) If more than 2 teams are involved, then each team will play a penalty stroke competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the tournament, in accordance with Paragraph 5, below (but with 5 strokes only to be taken compulsorily by each team).
- (h) A ranking will then be established based on the results of the round of penalty strokes only, with the award for each play of 3 points to the team having been awarded the highest number of goals, 1 point to each team having been awarded an equal number of goals and 0 points to the team having been awarded the lowest number of goals.
- (i) If equality remains then the teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Paragraphs 3.2 (a), (b), (c), and (d) as applied to goals recorded during the penalty stroke competition.
- (j) If an equal position of 3 (or more) teams still remains thereafter, then the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. A draw shall take place to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of penalty strokes are required.

4. Programme of Classification Matches

4.1 After completion of the pool matches, the classification matches will be played as follows:

The teams ranked first in each pool will play for 1st and 2nd place (the Final)
 The teams ranked 2nd in each pool will play for 3rd/4th place (bronze medal)
 The teams ranked 3rd in each pool will play for 5th/6th place
 The teams ranked 4th in each pool will play for 7th/8th place

4.2 If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, then a penalty stroke competition shall be played to establish an outright winner of the match for the purpose of the competition.

5. Penalty stroke competition

- 5.1 (a) 5 players from each of the 2 teams, chosen by their respective team manager from the players listed on the team list for that particular match, except as excluded hereunder, shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team, unless the latter has been incapacitated and replaced, making a total of 10 penalty strokes, 5 for each team. The players must take the penalty strokes in the same sequence as the list of 5 players nominated and communicated by the team managers to the Technical Officer on duty before the start of the penalty stroke competition.
- (b) No player who has been suspended by the Tournament Director or, in the case of a classification match, has been excluded permanently (red card) from the field of play during that same match by the umpires, shall take part in a penalty stroke competition.
- (c) If during a penalty stroke competition a player (either a stroke taker or a goalkeeper) is suspended, then that player shall take no further part in that penalty stroke competition and, unless a defending goalkeeper, cannot be replaced. If a stroke taker, any stroke the player should have been entitled to take will be counted as no goal. If a defending goalkeeper, the replacement may only be from one of the nominated stroke takers. The player replacing the goalkeeper may continue to take penalty strokes but, when required to defend penalty strokes, must wear protective headgear. This player may also wear other approved protective equipment.

- 5.2 The umpires, after consultation with the Technical Officer on duty, shall choose the goal to be used, and shall toss a coin with the captains, the winner having the choice to take or defend the first penalty stroke. The team having scored or been awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner and the competition will cease once an outright winner has been established.
- 5.3 In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, a second series of penalty strokes shall be started with the same players, subject to incapacitated goalkeeper(s) being replaced, and shall cease after a team shall have scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of strokes (no minimum, no maximum) have taken by each team. That team shall be the winner of the second series. The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team manager has the freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In this (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke.
- 5.4 The team whose player has taken the first penalty stroke of the first series must defend the first penalty stroke of the second (unlimited) series.
- 5.5 During a penalty stroke competition all persons who appear on the team entry form, and are entitled to sit on the team bench for that match, are permitted on the field of play **only in an area designated by the TO on duty**, which shall be outside the 23m area used for the penalty stroke competition. A player who is authorised by an umpire or technical official on duty to take or defend a penalty stroke may enter the 23 metre area for that purpose.

6. **Ranking Points**

Ranking Points for the EHF Club Ranking Lists (from which qualification for EHL (Men) and Club Champions Cup (Women) for the following year is calculated) will be awarded to teams competing in the Club Trophy (Men and Women) tournaments as follows:

1 st place:	12 points
2 nd place:	10 points
3 rd place:	8 points
4 th place:	6 points
5 th place:	4 points
6 th place:	3 points
7 th place:	2 points
8 th place:	1 point

Ranking points will be included in the appropriate Ranking Table together with points awarded to other clubs from the same National Association in either EHL (Men) or Champions Cup (Women) in order to determine ranking positions and qualification for the following year's competitions.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the points awarded after a match for the purposes of calculating the ranking in the pool competition in the Trophy **will not** count towards the Ranking Table. Only the points based on the final positions as set out above will be included in the Ranking Table.

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APPENDIX B - ONE POOL COMPETITION PLAN AND RANKING

1. Plan of Competition

1.1 All the teams will play against each other.

2. Programme of matches and match schedule

2.1 Matches will be played as follows:

1 v 3

2 v 4

3 v 4

1 v 2

1 v 4

2 v 3

2.2 The proposed schedule of matches must be approved by EHF.

2.3 EHF has the right to vary the programme of matches in special circumstances.

3. Ranking

3.1 The following points shall be awarded for each match:

Win: 5 points

Draw: 2 points

Loss with goal difference of no more than 2: 1 point

Loss with more than 2 goals between the teams: 0 points

Teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the tournament.

- 3.2
- (a) If at the end of the tournament 2 or more teams have the same number of points for any place, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
 - (b) If there remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means "goals for" less "goals against"). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
 - (c) If there still remains equality between 2 or more teams then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of "goals for".
 - (d) Should there still remain equality between 2 teams, then the result of the match played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.
 - (e) If more than 2 teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches between (only) them shall determine their respective position (see Paragraph 1.1, above).
 - (f) Should there still remain equality between 2 or more teams then the matter will be settled by a penalty stroke competition between those teams (see Paragraph 5, below).
 - (g) If more than 2 teams are involved, then each team will play a penalty stroke competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the tournament, in accordance with Paragraph 5, below (but with 5 strokes only to be taken compulsorily by each team).

- (h) A ranking will then be established based on the results of the round of penalty strokes only, with the award for each play of 3 points to the team having been awarded the highest number of goals, 1 point to each team having been awarded an equal number of goals and 0 points to the team having been awarded the lowest number of goals.
- (i) If equality remains then the teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Paragraphs 1.3 (a), (b), (c), and (d) as applied to goals recorded during the penalty stroke competition.
- (j) If an equal position of 3 (or more) teams still remains thereafter, then the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. A draw shall take place to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of penalty strokes are required.

4. Programme of Classification Matches

4.1 If there are only 4 teams in a tournament then, after playing 3 matches each in a single pool, there shall be classification matches as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ v } 4^{\text{th}} \\ 1^{\text{st}} \text{ v } 2^{\text{nd}} \end{array}$$

4.2 The results of these classification matches shall decide any promotion or relegation. If the score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match is a draw, then a penalty stroke competition shall be played to establish an outright winner of the match for the purpose of the competition.

5. Penalty stroke competition

5.1 (a) 5 players from each of the 2 teams, chosen by their respective team manager from the players listed on the team list for that particular match, except as excluded hereunder, shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team, unless the latter has been incapacitated and replaced, making a total of 10 penalty strokes, 5 for each team. The players must take the penalty strokes in the same sequence as the list of 5 players nominated and communicated by the team managers to the Technical Officer on duty before the start of the penalty stroke competition.

(b) No player who has been suspended by the Tournament Director or, in the case of a classification match, has been excluded permanently (red card) from the field of play during that same match by the umpires, shall take part in a penalty stroke competition.

(c) If during a penalty stroke competition a player (either a stroke taker or a goalkeeper) is suspended, then that player shall take no further part in that penalty stroke competition and, unless a defending goalkeeper, cannot be replaced. If a stroke taker, any stroke the player should have been entitled to take will be counted as no goal. If a defending goalkeeper, the replacement may only be from one of the nominated stroke takers. The player replacing the goalkeeper may continue to take penalty strokes but, when required to defend penalty strokes, must wear protective headgear. This player may also wear other approved protective equipment.

5.2 The umpires, after consultation with the Technical Officer on duty, shall choose the goal to be used, and shall toss a coin with the captains, the winner having the choice to take or defend the first penalty stroke. The team having scored or been awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner and the competition will cease once an outright winner has been established.

5.3 In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, a second series of penalty strokes shall be started with the same players, subject to incapacitated goalkeeper(s) being replaced, and shall cease after a team shall have scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of strokes (no minimum, no maximum) have taken by each team. That team shall be the winner of the second series. The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team manager has the freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In this (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke.

- 5.4 The team whose player has taken the first penalty stroke of the first series must defend the first penalty stroke of the second (unlimited) series.
- 5.5 During a penalty stroke competition all persons who appear on the team entry form, and are entitled to sit on the team bench for that match, are permitted on the field of play **only in an area designated by the TO on duty**, which shall be outside the 23m area used for the penalty stroke competition. A player who is authorised by an umpire or technical official on duty to take or defend a penalty stroke may enter the 23 metre area for that purpose.

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APPENDIX C - RESPONSIBILITY CHART

Competition/ Division	No of Teams	EHF Rep	Tournament Director	Technical Officers	Umpires Manager	Neutral Umpires	National Umpires	Judges	Media Officer	Medical Officer	No of Medals	Entry Fees	Licence Fee
Trophy (Men & Women)	8	-	1	-	1	2	8 (1)	6 (3)	1 *	1 (1)	22 x 3	M: €550 W: €550	-
		-	T+FB	-	T+FB	T+FB	FB	FB	T+FB	T+FB			
Challenge (Men & Women)	8/7	-	1	-	1	2	8/7 (1)	6 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	22 x 2	M: €550 W: €550	-
	6	-	1	-	1	2	6 (1)	4 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	22 x 2	M: €550 W: €550	-
	5/4	-	1	-	-	1	5/4 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	22 x 2	M: €550 W: €550	-
		-	T+FB	-	T+FB	T+FB	FB	FB	T+FB	T+FB			

Key:

- T: return travel (economy class) from port of departure
- FB: full board (room and all meals)
- 4 (2): 4 people of whom 2 may be from the host nation
- : no appointment, or no provision to be made by the host country/club
- *: EHF may request the host NA or Club to appoint a suitably experienced Media Officer