

**INTERNATIONAL INLINE SKATER HOCKEY
FEDERATION**



**DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS
PROTEST AND APPEALS
PROCEDURES**

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1. EXECUTION OF PROCEEDINGS

- 1.1 If a player receives a Black Card at an International event, the Player shall be suspended automatically for the remainder of that event. Furthermore, the Player shall be suspended from all International events after receiving the Black Card.
Each Player awarded a Black Card at an International event will be subject to an IISHF Disciplinary Committee hearing and cannot play in an International Event until the verdict of the Disciplinary Committee hearing has been decided and any fines have been paid and any punishments have been met.
- 1.2 If a player receives a Red Card at an International event, the player shall be suspended automatically from playing his/her next two games. The player can then play again. Each player awarded a Red Card at an International event must pay a fixed fee of 100 Euros.
- 1.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall write the National Governing Body of the Player who has been awarded a Black Card stating that the Player is subject to disciplinary Action and that an Official Hearing will be convened. A protest as defined in 3 against the awarding of Card is possible.
- 1.4 In all cases other than those involving a Black Card, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the accused in writing that proceedings have been instituted and offer the accused the possibility to attend in person or to forward a written statement. The accused's statement or intent to attend in person must be sent to the IISHF Disciplinary Officer within 3 weeks of receipt of the information.
- 1.5 Penalties according to 6 will apply.

2. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Disciplinary Officer, Vice Disciplinary Officer and two other persons. All Four persons must be from different member Countries and will be appointed by the IISHF Presidium.
- 2.2 Disciplinary Committee hearings shall comprise of three persons from different Member Countries who shall be chosen by the Disciplinary Officer.
- 2.3 The Disciplinary Officer shall nominate two deputies to represent him/her should a conflict of interests arise.
- 2.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on offences against good sportsmanship, fair play, rules, discipline, honesty and any other offence which may bring the sport of Inline Skater Hockey into disrepute.
- 2.5 The Disciplinary committee will also adjudicate on any Black Card offence being awarded at any IISHF sanctioned event (Titled or non-titled).

- 2.6 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on offences and to impose penalties against any of the following:
- National Associations
 - Clubs
 - Teams
 - Officials (Referees, Timekeepers, Coaches, Assistants)
 - Players
 - Individual Persons (Spectators, others)
- 2.7 A Disciplinary Hearing must be convened by the Disciplinary Officer with a minimum of two weeks notice to the selected members of the Committee.
- 2.8 A Disciplinary Hearing must be chaired by the Disciplinary Officer or his/her Deputy
- 2.9 Decisions of a Disciplinary Hearing must be made within three months from the date of the incident.
- 2.10 Each member of the Disciplinary Committee selected for duty at a hearing will have one vote and the Chairman of the hearing shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie, In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman will have the casting Vote.

3. PROTEST PROCEDURE

- 3.1 A protest or application claiming 'An Act of God (force majeure), is only valid if it is sent by registered letter and postmarked within fourteen days of the relevant International Event together with proof of payment of the protest fee of 200 Euros and addressed to the IISHF Disciplinary Officer. Each protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' must be accompanied by any relevant proof or evidence.
- 3.2 A verbal hearing may be requested at the same time as the protest is lodged with proof of payment of hearing fee of 1000 Euros.
- 3.3 A valid protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' will defer any fine or penalty until the application is heard and closed.
- 3.4 An appeal against a verdict awarded as a result of a protest or application claiming 'An Act of God' is possible as defined in 4 below.
- 3.5 If a protest or application against an 'Act of God' shall be successful then a reimbursement of 70 Euros shall be made to the accused.

4. DISCIPLINARY HEARING

4.1 A Disciplinary Hearing will be convened in respect of the following:

- Offences against the Constitution
- Offences against the Regulations
- Offences against the Rules of the Game
- Applications claiming an Act of God
- Occurrences requesting An Act of God.

5. VERBAL HEARING

5.1 A Verbal Hearing must take place within six weeks of the request being received, provided that the request has been accompanied by proof of payment of the Hearing Fee of 1000 Euros.

5.2 All parties concerned must be informed by registered mail at least two weeks before the date of the verbal Hearing. This must include the date, the time and the venue of the Hearing.

5.3 Should any party concerned fail to attend the Verbal Hearing, the proceedings shall be discussed and decided in their absence.

5.4 The accused may be accompanied to the Verbal Hearing by a representative of their choice.

5.5 The Chairman of the relevant IISHF Body will chair the Verbal Hearing.

5.6 Verbal Hearing proceedings will be as follows:

1. The Chairman shall open the hearing and shall state the offences.
2. The Chairman shall state the names of those present and the quorum required for a hearing.
3. The Chairman shall remind the parties concerned and their witnesses of their duty to speak the truth.
4. The evidence from the Defendant shall then be heard
5. The evidence from any witnesses shall then be heard.
6. The evidence from any Officials shall then be heard
7. The evidence from any other party concerned shall then be heard
8. The members of the IISHF may ask questions.
9. The witnesses shall be dismissed
10. Written evidence shall be read out
11. The Defendant may give any further and final statement
12. The other party/ies may give any further and final evidence
13. All persons other than the IISHF Committee shall leave the room
14. The IISHF Committee shall consider the evidence and discuss and agree any action to be taken (these deliberations shall remain confidential)
15. The Defendant or the Representatives shall return to the hearing

16. The IISHF committee shall inform the Defendant or representatives of the verdict along with a short justification of the actions taken.
17. The IISHF Committee shall confirm the verdict in writing to the defendant or representatives within 2 weeks of the hearing date.
- 5.7 A written record of the proceedings (minutes) shall be taken in every Verbal Hearing and a copy of these minutes sent to the IISHF President.
- 5.8 If a verbal hearing shall be successful, there will be no reimbursement of fees to the accused.
- 5.9 The accused and any representatives of the accused or witnesses of the accused must pay for their own expenses to attend a Verbal Hearing.

6. PENALTIES

- 6.1 The following penalties are authorised: (excluding Red Cards)
- Reprimand
 - Fine: Individual persons up to 700 Euros
 - Fine: Associations/Clubs /Teams up to 7000 Euros
 - Ban on participation at International events for up to five (5) years
 - Ban on holding office for up to five (5) years
 - Loss of points gained at an International Events
 - Loss of Titles gained at International Events (including return of trophies or cups)
- 6.2 Secondary penalties may also be imposed.
- 6.3 The following penalties for Black Cards are authorised:
- Fine up to 700 Euros
 - Ban on participation at International events for up to five (5) years.
- 6.4 The following penalties are authorised against Host Clubs/ Teams /Associations with regard to International tournaments and events.
- Failure to provide items listed in IISHF Rules of the game rule 2.3
Fine: 40 Euros per missing item up to a maximum of 200 euros per day
 - Failure by a referee to comply with IISHF Rules of the Game rule 3.3.4 (referee equipment)
Fine: On Parent National Association 40 Euros up to a maximum of 150 Euros for each incorrect or missing item, for each referee.
- 6.5 The following penalties are imposed automatically for all International Tournaments and Events
- a) Failure to provide a Pitch in good working condition
Fine: 200 Euros
 - c) Failure to provide to the IISHF within 2 weeks of an International event all details of non-participation, occurrences etc.

Fine: 70 Euros

- d) Participation of an ineligible, banned, or suspended player
Fine: 150 Euros per game on Offending team.
- e) Failure to provide International Travel Document to the IISHF within 1 week of any International Tournament.
Fine: 40 Euros on the Parent National Association.
- f) Failure of a Team to play in an A class event without matching equipment in contravention of Rule 5.2.2.
Fine: 30 Euros per item, per player to a maximum of 300 Euros per team.
- g) Bench Official on Team Bench or named on ITC who is found to be under 18 years of age.
Fine: 100 Euros
- h) More than the permitted amount of Bench Officials on a Team Bench, (any person not kitted up to play will be deemed to be a bench official)
Fine: 100 Euros per additional person
- i) Any player or Bench Official found to have consumed alcohol other than at permitted times
Fine: 100 Euros
- j) Failure to provide the IISHF on Jan the 15th of each year the names of the two qualifying teams for the European Cups (all ages).
Fine: 50 Euro fine per week for each missing team.

6.6 Non Participation in an International Non Title Event by a team following written confirmation of participation unless proven force majeure.

- Fine:
- a) If the Team gives notice of non participation less than 4 weeks prior to the event:
500 Euros plus 6 months ban from entering any International Non Title events
 - b) If the Team gives notice of non participation up to 4 weeks prior to the event:
250 Euros plus 6 months ban from entering any International Non Title events
 - c) If the Team gives notice of non-participation up to 4 weeks prior but offer a replacement team (this team does not have to be accepted by the Host):
100 Euros plus 6 months ban from entering any International Non Title events.

In the above situations (6.6) 50% of the fine will be reimbursed to the Host or Organiser.

6.7 Non-Participation by a team in an International Title Event unless proven force majeure.

European Cup

- a) If a team has cancelled its participation after the 3 week deadline but up to 6 weeks before the event. Fine: 300 Euros plus a ban from all International events for the remainder of that year.
- b) If a team cancels its participation after the above 6 week deadline.
Fine: 500 Euros plus a ban from all International events for the remainder of that year and 1 further year.

European Championships

- a) If a Member Country cancels its participation after the 3 week deadline but up to 6 months before the event. Fine: 4000 Euros
- b) If a Member Country cancels after the above 6 month deadline.
Fine: 6000 Euros

- 6.8 Failure by any Country, Club or Team to meet an IISHF published deadline.
50 Euros per week until deadline is met.
- 6.9 The parent club or team of an individual person awarded a fine shall be responsible for the payment of any fines made against that individual.
- 6.10 The parent National Association shall be responsible for any fines levied against National Teams.
- 6.11 Several penalties can run concurrently.

7. APPEALS PROCEEDURE

- 7.1 An appeal against decisions or verdicts made by IISHF Bodies shall only be valid if it is sent by registered letter and postmarked within four weeks after receiving the relevant decision or verdict together with proof of payment of the Appeals fee of 500 Euros addressed to the IISHF Headquarters. Each Appeal must be accompanied by any relevant proof or evidence.
- 7.2 A verbal Hearing may be requested at the same time as an Appeal is lodged and must be sent together with proof of payment of the Hearing Fee of 700 Euros.
- 7.3 A Valid Appeal application will defer any fine or penalty until the appeal has been heard and closed.
- 7.4 An appeal against a decision of the Appeals Committee is not possible and appellants have no right of Appeal to a civil or other Court.
- 7.5 Should an appeal be successful, then a reimbursement of 500 Euros shall be made to the Appellant.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Appeals Committee shall consist of a Chairman a Vice Chairman and one person all from different Nations and will be elected by the Council of Members at the AGM.
- 8.2 The Appeals Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on appeals against decisions and penalties imposed by any of the IISHF's bodies.
- 8.3 Meetings of the Appeals Committee shall be convened by the Chairman or his/her deputy with a minimum of two weeks notice to the selected Committee Members.

- 8.4 An Appeals Committee hearing shall consist of three Committee members and shall be chaired by the Chairman or one of his/her deputy.
- 8.5 Each Appeals Committee Member shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes, in the event of the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 8.6 Should a vacancy occur on the Appeals Committee the Presidium may co-opt a replacement until the following AGM, provided that 8.1 applies.
- 8.7 The Appeals Committee shall not be empowered to increase any penalty awarded by any IISHF body nor shall it disadvantage the appellant with regard to the original decision.
- 8.8 The Appeals Committee is the supreme judicial authority of the IISHF and its decisions are final and binding.

9 GENERAL PROCEDURE

- 9.1 The following regulations concerning proceedings of IISHF Bodies are mandatory
- a) Verdicts shall be given and explained in writing and countersigned by the Chairman of the relevant Body, a statement of rights of redress must be given.
 - b) Decisions made in error by any IISHF Body shall not give rise to claims for compensation.
 - c) A member of an IISHF Body may not take part in proceedings in which he himself/she herself/ or his/her Club or Nation is involved or by which he/she is affected. Should this situation arise, the Chairman of the relevant Body must appoint a substitute.
 - d) Properly conducted proceedings closed by verdict of an IISHF Body can be re opened if new, previously unknown facts or evidence are discovered or Officially brought to the notice of that Body concerned. New evidence required for re opening proceedings may be submitted by any party, the accused, or a member of the body involved. The Body involved shall decide whether proceedings shall be reopened. An appeal against this decision is possible. An application for re opening proceedings must be made within six weeks of discovering new evidence, but not later than two years after the relevant decision (verdict) has come into effect.
- 9.2 Any correspondence between the IISHF Bodies and Member Countries may be done by electronic mail, but in the case of announcements and other official documents then a confirmation of receipt must be requested by the IISHF and sent by the member.
- 9.3 All correspondence belonging to National Associations relating to International matters must pass through the IISHF unless specifically agreed otherwise.
- 9.4 All correspondence belonging to the IISHF relating to National matters must pass through the headquarters of the National Associations at the address notified to the IISHF.
- 9.5 All communications to individual members, Clubs or Teams must be forwarded to them without delay by the relevant National Association.

9.6 All National Governing Bodies must ensure that they can communicate electronically using the agreed programmes as published by the IISHF and listed in the Appendix.

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