



International Inline Skater Hockey Federation

**Some comments/reflections from the
IISHF Technical Committee**

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IISHF Official Rule Book 2022/2023

All proposals for changes to the IISHF Rules Book at General Meetings shall be only submitted by the IISHF Technical Committee in writing to the Presidium no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting.

Please find attached the updates rules document including the changes requested. This proposal document prepared by the IISHF Technical Committee is now distributed to all member NMAs in preparation for this years AGM.

License for Bench Officials

Some views on the requirement for a license for Bench Officials. It should be considered to be changed in the Rulebook (Technical Committee) and also in IISHF Regulations. The ITC 2021-version also requires a license for officials, but this is not specifically mentioned anywhere. It could, however, be interpreted as a requirement – especially when you read the Rule Book 4.2.6, but 4.2.5 opens for the interpretation that it is sufficient to be a member of the National Federation.

In practice, all players' passports but not licenses are checked at all IISHF championships. There is no inspection of officials. In any case we need a review and clarification of our procedures.

The two main reasons for requesting a license

1. If a bench official were to receive a red or black card, such as that which occurred in Switzerland 2019 at the U16's we would potentially have difficulties in assigning a suspension to an unlicensed \ unregistered official who in technical terms would not be held accountable under our rules.
2. If a bench official were to be injured or involved in an incident, IISHF may be held at a greater risk of liability having allowed an unregistered person direct access to a game in progress

By ensuring that we have fully licensed officials on the bench, ensures that the person is registered, insured and sanctioned to be directly involved in the game.

IISHF Regulations

3.4. e) Regulations:

...A fine for any Bench Official on team bench or named on ITC who is found to be under sixteen (16) years of age. Also any bench official on a team bench or named on an ITC who is found to be under eighteen (18) years of age where there is no official over eighteen (18) years of age present.

Fine: 100 Euros per each person on offending team

17.2. An individual Player of a Club Team participating in an International event is only eligible to play if he/she shall possess a valid playing pass (membership card) or valid permission issued by the parent National Member Association or valid passport (National Identity card) and is able to produce it for inspection when required to do so by the IISHF or the referees before a game. An individual

player listed on the International Team Certificate (ITC) can produce his/her valid passport or valid National identity card instead of his/her playing pass, membership card, or letter of permission to verify their identity.

Regulation 20.3.f states “Each player has a licence or membership card or permission letter with the specified number on it”.

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4.2.3 Each team, with the exception of men’s, old-boys and women's teams, must have at least one bench official.

4.2.4 All Team Bench Officials Must Be 18 years or older.

4.2.5 All players and team officials must be registered members of their National Member Association

4.2.6 states “At least 30 minutes before the start of each game, a team official or the captain of a team shall submit, to the Technical Director or the Technical Director’s office, all license cards (only for the first game of a tournament) and a list of players who shall be eligible to play in that game indicating all jersey numbers and license/membership card numbers, in the following order:

- ▶ Captain and assistant captain,
- ▶ Goalkeepers,
- ▶ Outfield players,
- ▶ Team bench officials.

Summary

In our Regulations we speak of 16 years and 18 years respectively. The Rulebook states 18 years and requires that officials are registered members of the National Federation, but elsewhere requires license for all. No matter what something must aligned/changed. Physical licenses would be nice to avoid - otherwise it must be enforced.