

IISHF Rules Committee

Report and Rules of the Game
2024/2025



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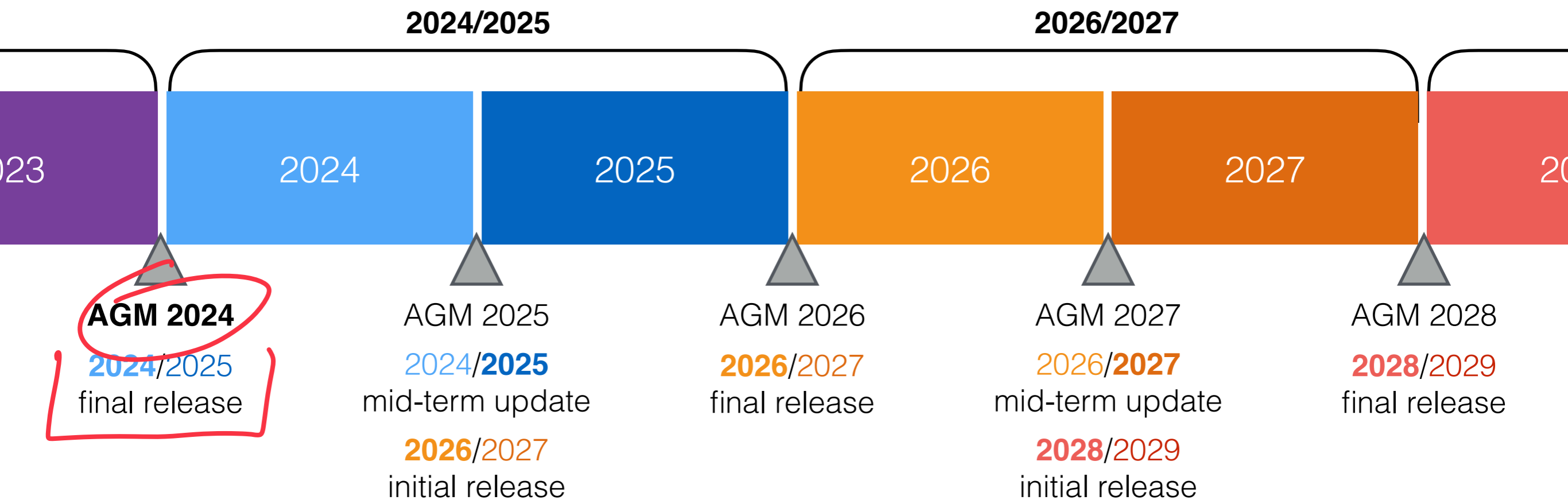
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Rules of the Game

release process





- rule changes only every **even** year
- mid-term updates every **odd** year - just clarifications and error corrections
- rule book releases one year in advance (**initial release**)
- „last minute“ clarifications and error corrections on rule book possible prior to release (**final release**)



Rules of the Game

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final release for 2024



Starting Ends

- 1.5.3

1.5.3 Each team must use the same team bench for the whole of the game. The first named team on the match sheet has the right to choose the bench. **The teams will start the game on the same end where their team bench is located.**

- 6.1

6.1 Starting Ends

6.1.1 The teams will start the game on the same end where their team bench is located (see 1.5.3).

6.1.2 Teams shall change ends for each period.

- 8.24.10

8.24.10 **Teams shall change ends for each period.**



Elevated sentences based on recklessness of an infraction

- 8.10
- 8.10.2 b) Charging
- 8.10.4 b) Cross Checking
- 8.10.7 b) Slashing
- 8.10.8 b) Tripping
- 8.10.9 b) Hooking
- 8.10.10 b) High Sticking
- 8.10.11 b) Elbowing
- 8.10.12 b) Checking from Behind
- 8.10.13 b) Boarding
- 8.10.15 b) Kneeing
- 8.10.17 b) Checking to Head and Neck Area



8.10 Foul Play

Certain rules allow the referees to base their discretion on the **recklessness** of an action. Such assessment of **reckless endangerment** shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.



8.10.x b) . . .

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by slashing shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of boarding must be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent as a result of checking from behind shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent by elbowing shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent or an official as a result of High Sticking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of charging shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by hooking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent as a result of kneeling must be given a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by cross-checking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of a check to the head and neck area must be given a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by tripping shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:



And that's it for 2024!



A word about rule
changes.



Who can propose changes?

- Every member of the Rules Committee
- Every NGB through the Chairman of the Rules Committee (or the IISHF office)
- The IISHF presidium



The rule change...

- Is relevant in the context of the Rules of the Game
- Is implementable in the proposed way
- Can be enforced by the referees and/or proper authorities
- Clarifies current rule and/or procedures
- Simplifies current rule and/or procedures
- Does not contradict any other rule not mentioned for change in the proposal
- Is consistent with the notion of the game
- Meets the current standards of the Rules of the Game
- Makes playing the game more secure for all participants



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thank you for your attention and
your confidence in our work!



Questions?



Thank you again for
your support.

