



**International Inline Skater Hockey Federation**

## **Communication 2020-13**

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## **1. Age Years for IISHF Title Events 2021 postponed from 2020**

The IISHF Presidium has decided that for the IISHF U13, U16 and U19 Title Events cancelled in 2020 the following will apply for the age years limit: The same age years that were valid for 2020 will also apply for 2021 so here is a concrete example for the IISHF U19 European Cup 2020 (original text) and then what will be valid for the IISHF U19 European Cup 2021 (exception due to Corona Covid-19).

### **The IISHF U19 European Cup 2020 (original text):**

The upper age limit for players participating at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020 is generally any male player born in 2002 (oldest) and is any female player born in 2001 (oldest). As exception participating teams may participate any player who was part of the previous year's squad if the male player is one year too old (born 2001) and/if the female player is two years too old (born 2000) – the relevant male player born in 2001 and/or female player born in 2000 must have been part of the previous year 2019 squad (only based on the written confirmation of each National Member Association as delivered at latest as per 31.12.2019 and must still be registered in the year 2020 (as well as at the date of the Junior (U19) European Cup) with the same club taking part at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020. If any player of the previous year 2019 squad has changed the club in the new season 2020, then he/she cannot play at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020.

The lower age limit for participating players at the Junior (U19) European Cup 2020 is any player born in 2007.

### **The IISHF U19 European Cup 2021 (exception due to Corona Covid-19):**

The upper age limit for players participating at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021** is generally any male player born in 2002 (oldest) and is any female player born in 2001 (oldest). As exception participating teams may participate any player who was part of the previous year's squad if the male player is one year too old (born 2001) and/if the female player is two years too old (born 2000) – the relevant male player born in 2001 and/or female player born in 2000 must have been part of the previous year **2020** squad (only based on the written confirmation of each National Member Association as delivered at latest as per 31.12.**2020** and must still be registered in the year **2021** (as well as at the date of the Junior (U19) European Cup) with the same club taking part at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021**. If any player of the previous year **2020** squad has changed the club in the new season **2021**, then he/she cannot play at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021**.

The lower age limit for participating players at the Junior (U19) European Cup **2021** is any player born in **2008**.

For the IISHF Men Title Events cancelled in 2020 and postponed to 2021 no changes will be made in regard to the age years limits. The normal age requirements will apply.

## **2. About participation and referee fees for cancelled IISHF Title Events**

With IISHF Communication Letter 2020-12 IISHF Presidium announced to give in short term an official statement about the payment of the participation and referee fees for cancelled IISHF title events 2020.

The IISHF Finance Director will send until tomorrow an email directly to each NMA who confirmed participation on title events 2020. In this email all financial issues of 2020 shall be explained in detail and in a full transparent way – please treat these figures confidentially. In this email also all further details for the handling of this issue shall be mentioned.

In general, as the IISHF has already incurred significant expenses for the Title Events in 2020 it offers all NMA's and participating teams two options. Either a partial reimbursement in two steps for their payment of referee and participation fees (with giving up the relevant spot) or, alternatively, a full transfer to the equivalent IISHF Title Event in 2021 incl. guarantee of no additional payment in 2021.

It will also be explained in that email that IISHF will implement strict own measurements in order to fulfil both options by saving expenses in all areas (e.g. no physical Working Meeting 2021, less costs at AGM 2021, transfer all equipment order to later years,...).

The IISHF Presidium would like to express its deep desolation over the cancelled Title Events and the inconveniences and challenges the COVID-19 pandemic brought to all participants at these events as well as our international skater hockey community.

## **3. IISHF Communication with NMA's**

In § 17 IISHF Constitution the general procedure for communication between IISHF and the NMA's is regulated. As general practice all communication to a member country should pass through the headquarters of the National Member Associations.

IISHF will however in some special circumstances decide that communication directly with the hosting clubs and the participating teams is needed in order to obtain essential information for example in the current situation with the coronavirus. IISHF will, of course, at the same time ensure that the NMA's are informed and consulted accordingly.

This management decision was latest practiced and published in the IISHF Communication Letter 2020-11 as of 23.04.2020 were we stated that **“we are currently in communication with the hosting clubs and participating teams”** in regard to the participation in the IISHF Men European Cup 2020 and the IISHF Men European Championships 2020 in due to the coronavirus situation and the possible impact on the hosting of these two IISHF Title Events.

#### **4. IISHF Men European Championships 2020 cancelled – to be postponed to 2021**

The Men European Championships 2020 in Duisburg (Germany) on 6-8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020 has to be cancelled due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This event will be postponed to 2021 – date to be fixed later – same host and location in 2021 as in 2020.

On behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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