



TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

THE INTERNATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

MARCH 3rd to 5th 2023

A PAN AMERICAN HOCKEY FEDERATION SANCTIONED EVENT

AN FIH SANCTIONED EVENT

1. **THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

- 1.1 This FIH sanctioned event shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey (<http://www.fih.ch/media/13556720/fih-rules-of-indoor-hockey-dec-2022.pdf>) and the FIH Tournament Regulations for Indoor Competitions (<http://fih.ch/media/13546877/fih-tournament-regulations-indoor-september-2022.pdf>), except as modified below.

2. **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

- 2.1 Tournament Officials are appointed by Big Apple Hockey.
- 2.2 The Technical Delegate has the full authority in relation to all matters concerning the conduct of the tournament in accordance with the Regulations; appoints the officials to each match; and ensures that all participants abide by the Code of Conduct.
- 2.3 The Umpires Managers shall appoint the Umpires for each match from among those selected to officiate in the tournament.

3. **TEAM ENTRY**

- 3.1 Team Entry requirements as described on "BAHF ENTRY FORM" deadline 5 January 2023 and general information provided in "Big Apple Hockey Presents its Annual International Indoor Championship"

4. **PRETOURNAMENT BRIEFING MEETINGS**

- 4.1 There are no pretournament briefing meeting requirements.

5. **COMPOSITION OF A TEAM**

- 5.1 Team Rosters are to be submitted by 15 February 2023. The team roster must include Team name, Division, Team Manager name, phone number and email along with first and last name of all players and their respective shirt number.
- 5.2 Final Team Roster, including player names and unique uniform number, is to be presented on the form "BAHF TEAM ROSTER" at the "Tournament Registration" area a minimum of one hour before the team's first match.
- 5.3 Participants are limited to those listed on this final TEAM ROSTER submittal.
- 5.4 A maximum of twelve (12) players may be used by a team in a match.
- 5.5 Up to four (4) team officials may be on the team bench during the match.
- 5.5.1 Team Manager
 - 5.5.2 Coach
 - 5.5.3 Assistant Coach
 - 5.5.4 An appropriately qualified Physiotherapist/ATC
 - 5.5.5 There must be a team official designated as the Team Manager who will be expected to liaise with the tournament Technical Officials on all matters regarding their team's participation and conduct during the event, and in particular must be present for each match on the team bench
 - 5.5.6 In consideration of the limited team bench and sideline space, all Team Officials are requested to remain seated as much as possible and not to impede the view of the Technical Officials or the movement of the Umpires

6. TEAM CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND COLORS

- 6.1 Each team will wear the colors of its club (either primary or alternative) as specified on the BAHF Team Roster.
- 6.2 Shirts must be numbered and a player must retain the same number throughout the tournament as listed on the Team Roster.
- 6.3 Team listed first will wear light color shirt.
- 6.4 If in the opinion of the Technical Officer the colors of two opposing teams might lead to confusion, one of the teams must change colors. This team will be the team that is listed first on the schedule, if an amicable settlement is not possible.
- 6.5 Players wearing face masks or head coverings for medical purposes, as described in FIH Rule 4.2 and FIH Regulation 6.10, must present the equipment to the Technical Delegate and Tournament Medical Staff for approval at least 1 hour prior to their team's first match.

7. DURATION OF MATCHES/TIME-KEEPING

- 7.1 Pool matches are as described in FIH Rule 5.1 and shall consist of four quarters of 10 minutes, an interval of 1 minute between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4 and a half-time interval of 3 minutes. The score at the end of the regulation time will be registered as the result of the match.
- 7.2 Crossover and classification matches follow the same timing rules but must have an outright winner.
 - 7.2.1 In order to establish an outright winner in the crossover and classification matches for the purpose of selecting a winner, the teams go straight into a "Shoot Out Competition". Shoot-Out Competition is as described in FIH Regulations, Appendix 7.
- 7.3 The Umpires start and re-start the match; they also signal to the Technical Officials on duty every time stoppage they order and the subsequent re-start.
 - 7.3.1 Time will be stopped by the Umpires as according to the FIH Rules, except the clock will not be stopped on penalty corners.
- 7.4 Time-keeping is controlled by the Technical Officials on duty; they are responsible for signaling the end of each quarter. If a match, however, is prolonged at the end of a quarter to allow for the completion of a penalty corner as specified in the Rules of Indoor Hockey, the Umpires will signal the end of that quarter.

8. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

- 8.1 As described in the FIH Indoor Regulations Section 8 & the FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey

9. ADMISSION TO THE FIELD OF PLAY

- 9.1 Admission to the Field of Play is as described in the FIH Indoor Regulations Section 9 with the only exception that a Coach may not enter the Field of Play during playing time under any circumstances but may do so during a shoot-out competition and to attend to an emergency medical situation if Tournament Medical Staff needs assistance.

10. INTERRUPTIONS OF A MATCH

- 10.1 If a match is interrupted by the Technical Delegate (eg because of Field of play conditions), this 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:
 - 10.1.1 the match must be completed up to the regulation full time unless otherwise stated by the Technical Delegate. The score on the resumption being that at the time the interruption took place;
 - 10.1.2 Regulation 8 relating to the substitution of players shall apply as though there had been no interruption to the match.
- 10.2 The Technical Delegate has authority to modify the match schedule, including postponing, reducing the duration, or cancelling a match due to weather, forfeits, or other unforeseen circumstances.
 - 10.2.1 This includes, but is not limited to changing the match schedule, adjusting match lengths, finding

replacement teams, scheduling friendly matches, etc

11. DISQUALIFICATION OR FAILURE TO PLAY

11.1 Matches will start promptly as stated on the schedule. If a team fails to take the field after five minutes of the scheduled time, the umpires will officially call the match off, and award the win to the team that is ready. The record will reflect a forfeit and a 5 – 0 result.

11.1.1 In a case where neither team is ready to play after five minutes of the scheduled start, the match will be recorded as “Did Not Play (DNP)” and zero points awarded.

11.1.2 The final determination regarding Regulation 11.1 will be made by the Technical Delegate.

11.2 A team willfully refusing to play or to complete a match shall be considered as withdrawing from the tournament.

11.3 If a team is withdrawn from the tournament, all matches played until then will be considered as not having been played. The points table and/or classification rankings shall be corrected accordingly as described in Section 13.1 & 13.2 of the FIH Indoor Regulations.

11.3.1 The final determination on whether to designate a team as withdrawn and whether the team is still required or eligible to compete in their remaining matches will be made by the Technical Delegate in consideration of Section 13 of the FIH Indoor Regulations.

12. MATCH REPORTS

12.1 As described in FIH Indoor Regulations Section 12

13. CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

13.1 As described in FIH Indoor Regulations Section 14

14. PROTESTS

14.1 As described in FIH Indoor Regulations Section 15, however due to the timing and resources available at the event, the decision of the Technical Delegate or his designate, is final and no Appeals will be entertained

15. UNFORESEEN EVENTS

15.1 As described in FIH Indoor Regulations Section 19

16. GREEN CARD/YELLOW CARD SUSPENSIONS

16.1 As described in FIH Indoor Regulations, Appendix 1

17. PLAN OF COMPETITION

17.1 After pool play, teams will be ranked within their pool according to Section 18 - Plan of Ranking (below). Classification & crossover matches as described in the official Tournament Schedule will determine final standings.

18. PLAN OF RANKING

18.1 Teams will be ranked as according to FIH Regulations Appendix 3 – Ranking in a Pool.

18.2 All teams will play against each other in their respective pool, and the following points will be awarded for each match:

- Three points to the winner;
- One point to each team in the event of a draw;
- No points to the loser.

18.3 Teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition, then as follows:

- 18.3.1 Number of wins
- 18.3.2 Goal Difference
- 18.3.3 Goals For
- 18.3.4 Result of Match(es) Played between those Teams
- 18.3.5 Field Goals in Pool Matches
- 18.3.6 Shoot-Out Competition between Teams involved

19. **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

- 19.1 Big Apple Hockey would like to remind participants of the following FIH Indoor Rules and Regulations that will be enforced.
- 19.1.1 FIH Guidance to FIH Indoor Rule 14.1, published [here](#) 20 January, 2020:
 - 19.1.1.1 *...no suspended player will be permitted to re-enter the pitch until **after the penalty corner is completed.***
 - 19.1.1.2 This add-on wishes to make it clear that suspended players are not allowed to take part in a penalty corner (PC) unless their suspension time ends before the award of the PC.
 - 19.1.1.3 If the awarding of a PC and the end of suspension time happen at the same time, the player cannot re-enter the match before the end of the PC.
 - 19.1.2 FIH Rule 3: Each team must have an appointed captain who must wear a distinctive arm band or ribbon.
 - 19.1.3 FIH Rule 4.2: Field players are highly recommended to wear shin guards & mouth protection.
 - 19.1.4 FIH Regulations 6.9: All players must be uniformly and neatly dressed at all times.
 - 19.1.5 FIH Regulation 9.6: No incapacity treatment is permitted on the Field of Play unless the Tournament Medical Staff or Team Physio reasonably believes that a player requires medical attention and for that reason they may enter the Field of Play without permission.
 - 19.1.6 FIH Regulations 9.7: Players attended to on the field of play, must leave the field of play for at least 1 minute. This player may be substituted in accordance with the substitution rules.
 - 19.1.7 FIH Rule 2.7: A player who is injured or bleeding must leave the pitch unless medical reasons prevent this and must not return until wounds have been covered; players must not wear blood-stained clothing. Play shall be stopped by the umpire in case of head injury to allow for the assessment by a team official or doctor prior to play resuming. In the case of possible concussion then the player shall leave the field of play and be substituted to allow for a concussion assessment to be completed.
 - 19.1.8 Regulation 9.2: The Team Manager and substitute players nominated for that match must remain near or within the team bench during playing time, including time stoppages, or when implementing the substitution procedures. The Team Coach nominated for the match must remain in an area designated by the Technical Officer on duty but need not be seated. Substitutes may leave their seats to warm up in an area designated by the Technical Officer on duty. The team Physio may leave their seats to treat players; wherever possible treatment should take place at the end of the team bench.
 - 19.1.9 Regulation 9.3: The nominated Team Manager for a match is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the team bench.
 - 19.1.10 Regulation 9.4: Vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not be directed at the technical officials seated at the table, the Umpires and/or the players of the opposing team.
 - 19.1.11 Regulation 9.5: If misconduct occurs after a Team Manager has been warned about acts of misconduct on his / her team bench, the Technical Officer on duty is empowered to order the person or persons involved to leave the team bench for the rest of the match. After the match, the Technical Officer will report the circumstances to the Technical Delegate who may take further disciplinary action.