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## **PART IV - CIRILH ORGANIZATIONAL RULES**

### **Article 1. TITLE AND HEADQUARTERS**

The name of this organization is the **Comite International de Roller Inline Hockey (CIRILH)**. This organization is one of the technical committees governing a roller skating discipline of the **International Federation of Roller Sports (FIRS)**, which is the world governing body for all competitive roller sports. The central office of the CIRILH shall be at the residence of the CIRILH President or such other location chosen by the President and approved by the CIRILH Executive Committee.

### **Article 2. PURPOSES**

The CIRILH has the following objectives:

- a) To preside over and promote all roller inline hockey activities throughout the world in its two different specialties of hockey played with either puck and ball, and to establish and maintain that all affiliated FIRS Federations observe these Organizational Rules and the mandatory requirements of the Rules of the Game for their specific programs of roller inline hockey.
- b) The Technical Committees of the International Federation of Roller Sports are responsible for issuing, changing and/or amending the technical rules of their own disciplines. (FIRS Statutes)  
The General Assembly of the CIRILH shall have the authority to approve changes to the Organizational Rules and Rules of the Game when amendments are proposed which bear the recommendation of the CIRILH Executive Committee or when requested by affiliated members at the appropriate time and format as required for placement on the agenda of the Assembly.
- c) To ensure that all international events have the authorization of the CIRILH as stipulated by current Organizational Rules.
- d) To ensure that player and team eligibility rules for the game of Roller Inline Hockey receive full compliance in accord with the CIRILH Rules of the Game, the Financial, Medical and World Championship Regulations of FIRS and the Statutes of the International Olympic Committee.

### **Article 3. MEMBERSHIP**

All National Federations, Associations and Confederations affiliated with the FIRS are also members of the CIRILH providing that their FIRS statutory membership obligations are in order.

### **Article 4. GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

The **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** of the CIRILH is the supreme legislative authority in all matters concerning the sport discipline of Roller Inline Hockey. Between meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee shall be entrusted with the management of the CIRILH.

**Article 5. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- a) The CIRILH General Assembly shall regularly take place every two years at the time and in the city of the FIRS World Roller Inline Hockey Championship.
- b) The President will inform the National Confederations, Federations and Associations of the meeting at least ninety (90) days in advance and will give particulars regarding the site, date and agenda chosen for the meeting.
- c) All requests to include items for debate on the agenda of the Assembly must be submitted via registered mail to the President at the headquarters of the CIRILH at least six weeks before the date of the Assembly. The Executive Committee has the right to include its own items on this agenda.
- d) All validly submitted requests to be included in the agenda, other subjects for discussion and the call to order will be sent by the President to all the National Confederations, Federations and Associations so registered and/or active with CIRILH. This must be posted or emailed at least one month (30 days) before the Assembly is due to meet. Additional items cannot be entered for discussion or be debated unless two-thirds of those present at the Assembly vote in favor.
- e) The agenda will include the following compulsory items:
  - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call, including a Review of Accreditation
  - 2. Legalization of the Assembly and Designation of Scrutineers
  - 3. Confirmation of the minutes from the preceding General Assembly
  - 4. Presidential Report of Actions taken by the Executive Committee
  - 5. Review and approval of CIRILH Financial Condition, including current balance Sheet.
  - 6. Proposed amendments to the CIRILH Organization Rules or The Rules of the Game.
  - 7. Offers to organize future World Championships or other International events.
  - 8. Unfinished Business
  - 9. New Business for which due notice has been received.
  - 10. Elections when appropriate
  - 11. Adjournment
- f) THE VOTE - At a CIRILH General Assembly, each Federation with FIRS membership currently in good standing, shall have the right to one (1) vote, provided that they have competed with a team in a FIRS World Roller Inline Hockey Championship within two years preceding the year of the General Assembly.
- g) QUORUM - One-third (1/3) of the affiliated members authorized to vote, as described in Article 5.(f), above, must be present to form a quorum and validate an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly.

**Article 6. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- a) The Executive Committee has the right to call an Extraordinary General Assembly whenever it is deemed necessary.
- b) An Extraordinary General Assembly can be requested with the consent of at least fifty percent (50%) of the member National Federations within the CIRILH that are entitled to vote according to Article 5., f., above. This

**Assembly must take place within six months of the originating petition. All requirements of notice to the membership must be in keeping with Article 5.**

**Article 7. CIRILH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**The Executive Committee of the CIRILH shall be comprised of the following:**

- 1 President**
- 1 Vice-President**
- 4 other Committee Members as a maximum.**

**The CIRILH President works in close cooperation with the members of his Executive Committee composed of one Vice President appointed by the President and a maximum of four members, possibly belonging to different continents. These Executive Committee appointments may be proposed by and shall have the confidence of their Federations of origin at their initial nomination to office, which lasts four years. These members of the Executive Committee are selected by the President, who is elected by the General Assembly. The members of CIRILH Executive Committee are selected by the President from among those proposed by affiliated Federations and/or are directly chosen by the President, except in the case where there is formal opposition by the Federation of origin. During the term of office, the President may withdraw his confidence to a member of the Executive Committee and substitute another for the remaining term of office. The Federation of the withdrawn committee member, however, may propose a replacement. In the case of withdrawal of a President, the Vice President automatically takes over this position and a new member is nominated. (FIRS Gen. Reg. Para 4.2)**

**The President presides over all the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee, and is responsible for the administration and financial affairs of the Committee. He has the deciding vote to break a tie and represents the CIRILH in all legal matters.**

**The Vice-President will perform for the President whenever it is necessary and will replace the President when called upon to do so. The Vice-President will be the principal assistant of the President and will supervise compliance by the Organizing Committee of the World Championships and by the host National Federation with all applicable CIRILH rules and with terms of their contract for the World Championships.**

**The other CIRILH Executive Committee members have their individual duties to perform as defined by the President during the first meeting of the Executive Committee, which are to include:**

- a) Preside over the selection, education, appointment and supervision of the CIRILH international commissioned referees.**
- b) To give assistance to the President in all administrative matters.**
- c) To give their assistance to the President in all sporting technical and ruling matters.**

**The President may name a CIRILH Secretary, who must then be ratified by the Executive Committee. The Secretary may receive payment for services but is not allowed to vote. It is this person's duty to attend to all the secretarial work, take the minutes of the Assembly and meetings of the Executive Committee, and publish these to the membership. The Secretary may also keep the CIRILH financial accounts.**

**Article 8. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

For the performance of meetings of the CIRILH Executive Committee at least three members, including the President or the Vice President must be present. Between world championships, the CIRILH Executive Committee may meet by conference telephone call and/or make decisions by email. All FIRS Technical Committees are obliged to hold one meeting before the beginning of each World Championship for the purpose of checking all preparations and during the last day of the Championship for the purpose of evaluating the present Championship and discussing the next one.

FIRS Technical Committees shall finance their activities themselves and are authorized to maintain their own bank accounts. These bank accounts shall be named in accordance with Article 5 of the FIRS Statutes. The responsibility for these finances lies with the CIRILH President. (FIRS Gen. Reg. Para. 4.7 & 8)

**Article 9. FILLING VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In accord with Article 7 above, the President is responsible for filling all vacancies on the Executive Committee. Should the President need to be replaced by the Vice-President, resulting from the President's resignation, prolonged illness, expulsion or death, the Vice-President in turn will be replaced by the most senior member of the Committee until the next World Championship, where an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly will include an election to replace the missing President. Should there not be 90 days time existing to give proper notice of such an election, according to the requirements of Article 5 above, then this election shall be deferred to the next World Championship.

**Article 10. FEES**

No annual membership fee is paid to CIRILH by validly registered FIRS National Federation practicing roller inline hockey. FIRS membership shall prevail for inline hockey world and continental championships when the appropriate annual FIRS discipline fee has been paid to FIRS headquarters.

A participation entry fee shall be paid to CIRILH for each team entered into the World Championships by the sponsoring national federation. The amount of the team participation fee is equivalent of 1000 Swiss Francs to be paid in USA dollars at the exchange rate applicable at the time of payment, as was approved by the CIRILH General Assembly.

**Article 11. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the CIRILH ends on the 31st of December, and within 90 days the Secretary must send the financial balance report to all members of the CIRILH Executive Committee and the FIRS General Auditor.

**Article 12. FUNDS**

- a) The President is responsible for the funds of the CIRILH. All money belonging to CIRILH and not invested shall be deposited into a separate account in the name of the Comite International de Roller Inline Hockey at a bank to be

approved by the Executive Committee.

- b) The funds collected and administered by the CIRILH must be accounted for and reported to the FIRS Central Committee for acknowledgment and inclusion in the consolidated accounts of the FIRS or as requested by the Central Committee.
- c) At the conclusion of the President's term, the funds will be transferred to the custody of the new President within ten (10) days.

#### Article 13. DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the CIRILH can be initiated by majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting National Federations (Article 5, f.) present during the General Assembly where a quorum is present. Such dissolution must be ratified by the Congress of the FIRS at a later date. In the event of the general resignation or dissolution of the CIRILH, all funds collected will be transferred to the FIRS account.

## PART V – CIRILH GENERAL RULES

#### Article 1. Authority of CIRILH

The Comité International de Roller Inline Hockey (CIRILH) is an organization of the International Federation of Roller Sports (FIRS) which according to Article 18 of the Statutes of the FIRS is autonomous in regard to the administration and the regulation of this approved technical discipline, however, such autonomy must not conflict with the FIRS Statutes and Regulations.

CIRILH's aims are to develop, establish, control and disseminate the Rules of the Game and all other rules enacted by the CIRILH, to solve all disputes of a technical nature arising between the National Confederations, Federations and Associations; to train, certify and nominate referees for all the inline roller hockey international events and to prepare all amendments to the Rules, when deemed necessary.

#### Article 2. Scope of CIRILH Rules

The same World Championships rules enacted by the CIRILH are to be observed for all the Continental Inline Hockey Championships by the National Confederations, Federations and Associations affiliated to the International Federation of Roller Sports.

## CHAPTER 1. EVENTS



### **Article 3. International Event Approval**

- a) **National Championships, tournaments or matches played between clubs within the same Continent do not require the written approval of the CIRILH. Tournaments or matches organized by a Continental Confederation and played between teams under their jurisdiction also do not require CIRILH permission.**
- b) **International tournaments or matches between teams of different Continents always require the authorization of the CIRILH, which must be requested by the National Federation of the host club. Summaries of the Match Reports for each such international tournament must be sent to the CIRILH.**

### **Article 4. Official Championship Reports**

**National Federations and Continental Confederations are requested to send the final qualifications of their Official Championships to the CIRILH as soon as the results are known.**

### **Article 5. Uniform Observance of CIRILH Rules of the Game**

- a) **All international events must be played with the Rules of the Game and the Organizational Rules, as adopted by the CIRILH. Any National Confederation, Federation and Association, Club or Continental Confederation electing to play under different rules can be held liable and be suspended or even expelled indefinitely from CIRILH and FIRS membership if violations of CIRILH rules are repeated.**
- b) **However, any Federation or Association wishing to play its own domestic matches and tournaments with differences in the duration of playing time and extra time, as laid down in the Rules of the Game, may do so. All national and international matches of an official nature will be played in accordance with the CIRILH Rules of the Game. Any Confederation, Federation, Association, Club or Continental Confederation wishing to deviate must first obtain the permission in writing of the CIRILH.**

### **Article 6. Written Application for International Events**

**The CIRILH will provide an official form that must be filled out by all the National Confederations, Federations, Associations and Continental Confederations when applying for an international event, giving the CIRILH at least thirty days notice. This form must be sent to the CIRILH headquarters and must include the name of the organization requesting the event, the names of the participating teams, and the date, time and place of the matches.**

### **Article 7. International Competitions Limited to FIRS Membership**

**Only the CIRILH, the Continental Confederations, National Confederations, Federations, the Associations and the clubs affiliated with them are permitted to stage official international events. All Federations or Clubs, which are in any way affiliated through the FIRS structure, are strictly prohibited from participating in an international event of any description organized by any private entity or by any group not affiliated with the FIRS or in any International Roller Inline Hockey tournament which does not have the official authorization of the CIRILH.**

**Article 8. International Event Applications to CIRILH**

- a) Any affiliated National Confederation, Federation, Association or Club wishing to stage the World Roller Inline Hockey Championships or other international championship or tournament must first officially request the event and then obtain the consent of the CIRILH.**
- b) In all international games and tournaments, whether official or not, when participating teams belong to different Continents, CIRILH is responsible for supervising the organization, refereeing and disciplinary action.**

#### **Article 9. Calendar of Events Priority**

- a) Any affiliated National Confederation, Federation or Association may request CIRILH recognition of any world class international event which they organize regularly, on the condition that they agree to play under the Organizational Rules and Rules of the Game in force at the time.
- b) Having gained the “recognition” of the CIRILH, the event then has top priority on the international calendar, enabling the organizing federation to have first choice of dates. Once chosen, the dates can only be altered by formal request from the organizing Confederation, Federation, Association or Continental Confederation.

#### **Article 10. Annual Inline Hockey Census**

In additional to the results, the National Confederations, Federations, Associations and Continental Confederations must submit to the CIRILH by no later than 31 January of each year, a compiled record for the prior year of their national and international matches, both friendly and official events, along with a census of teams and players.

#### **Article 11. Withdrawals from Competitions**

- a) Any affiliate organization, after organizing an international match, tournament or championship and receiving entries from various clubs, that takes action to cancel or postpone the event, may be fined in according to the financial loss suffered by the clubs which accepted the invitations.
- b) If a team which is playing in a tournament or friendly match decides to withdraw before the schedule of matches has been completed, then such a team will be required to reimburse the organizers IN FULL for all expenses which may have been paid to them for travel, food, and accommodation.
- c) If it deems necessary, the CIRILH may elect to take further disciplinary action against an offending club, depending on the amount of the financial losses involved. In the event prepaid expenses are not returned, the CIRILH may give a disciplinary and/or economic sanction to the affiliated organization at fault.

#### **Article 12. Responsibility for Accidents**

Any affiliated organization that is involved with an international match, whether it be a cup, championship, official or friendly match, is not morally or financially responsible for any accidents which may occur during the event. All expenses resulting from such accidents are the responsibility of the injured player or affiliated participant (or their insurers).

#### **Article 13. Emergency First Aid**

The organizers of all international events must provide a first-aid kit, containing all the necessary items required in an emergency in case accidents do occur. A doctor or qualified emergency medical personnel must be in attendance at each event.

#### **Article 14. Reserved Seating**

Any National Confederation, Federation or Association staging an international event must take the necessary measures to ensure that reserved seating at the side of the rink is available for the members of the Executive Committee of the CIRILH and Officials of FIRS.

## **CHAPTER 2 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATION FEES**

### **Article 15. World Championship Sanction Fee**

The organizers of FIRS Inline Roller Hockey World Championships are responsible for the payment to CIRILH of a sanctioning fee of 20,000 Swiss Francs, payable in USA Dollars at the international exchange rate at the time of payment. All fees must be paid to CIRILH at the time of applying for the permit or according to terms of a mutually signed contract. Under no circumstances will a permit be granted until the fee has been satisfied.

## **CHAPTER 3. FOREIGN PLAYERS**

### **Article 16. Nationality of Players for World Championship**

All players must possess a valid passport for the country they will represent at a World or Continental Championships. Other than World Championships, all players in international matches between clubs should normally be of the same nationality as the team for which they are playing. ~~Clubs may have a maximum of two foreign players playing for them except for World or Continental Championships, but only if such players have a special permit allowing them to play in the country of the club, providing that the player's own National Federation has given its prior consent.~~

### **Article 17. Requirement for Certified International Referees**

All international matches will be conducted with CIRILH certified international referees.

## **CHAPTER 4. DISCIPLINE**

### **Article 18 Due Process Procedures**

- a) All persons or organizations directly involved with roller inline hockey who fail to carry out their duties or fail to abide by all rules will be subjected to disciplinary action.
- b) The CIRILH Executive Committee is empowered to take disciplinary action and punish all Continental Federations, National Federations, Associations, Clubs, officials, referees or players who violate the CIRILH Organizational Rules or the Rules of the Game. All decisions taken by the Executive Committee concerning disciplinary action will be taken by majority vote. In case of an equal number of votes, the President will have the casting or deciding vote.
- c) Any appeal against the decisions of the Executive Committee on these matters must be lodged with the General Assembly of the CIRILH, and subsequently with the Ordinary Congress of FIRS, whose decision will be final and binding.

## **CHAPTER 5. APPEALS**

### **Article 19 Appeals to FIRS**

- a) Appeals against decisions of the CIRILH General Assembly can only be made by National Federations to the FIRS Central Committee. Such appeals, stating all the reasons and evidence, must be lodged with the FIRS Secretary General within 60 days from the day that the appropriate decision was made public. The FIRS Central Committee can refer such appeals to an Appeal Board they will appoint consisting of one of the FIRS Vice Presidents and two independent persons involved in the sport of roller skating with the necessary knowledge to properly evaluate the special circumstances.
- b) The same procedure can be adopted in the event that arbitration between Member Federations becomes necessary.
- c) The Appeal Board must take all necessary action in order to ensure that the case before it has been thoroughly and fairly investigated. Decisions must be reached and communicated to the parties involved within six months from the date of appointment of the Appeal Board.
- d) Any appeals by the interested parties against the decision of the Appeal Board must be made to the Congress. The appropriate information in regards to such appeals must be lodged with the FIRS Secretary General within sixty (60) days from the date the Board's decision was announced to the parties concerned.
- e) All appeals are subject to fees as decided from time to time by the FIRS Central Committee.
- f) The decision of the FIRS Congress is final.
- g) The handling of all appeals is subject to guidelines as formulated by the Central Committee. (FIRS Gen. Reg. Para. 5 – Appeals)

### **Article 20. Applicable Fees for Appeals**

Appeals must always be in writing and accompanied by the appeal fee of US\$ 200.

## **CHAPTER 6. RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES**

### **Article 21. CIRILH INCOME SOURCES**

The FIRS Statutes authorize CIRILH the following sources of income:

- a) For the issuing of permits in their discipline, including the hosting of World Championships.
- b) Recommend to the Central Committee licenses to establish officially endorsed floors, skates and specific equipment.
- c) For training, seminars, tests, certification of officials
- d) For the participation in competitions and organization of competitions authorized by the Technical Committees.
- e) For disciplinary actions.
- f) For protests and appeals.
- g) To receive appropriate donations and allocations.

## **Article 22. CIRILH FINANCAL OBLIGATIONS**

The CIRILH has the obligations to finance the following expenses:

- a) The organizational and administrative costs of the Technical Committees.
- b) The costs for business trips of the President, Secretary General and members of the Technical Committees.
- c) Purchase and donation of equipment to promote the sport discipline in developing countries and support the participation in championships and/or sending coaches to developing countries.
- d) Prizes, medals, badges and trophies.

## **Article 23. Annual Audit**

All the financial transactions of the CIRILH will be recorded by the President and/or the Secretary in special account books, and an annual audit of the accounts must be submitted to the General Assembly, as well as the FIRS Auditor.

# **CHAPTER 7. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

## **Article 24. File and Document Retention**

All CIRILH files, letters and copies of administrative and technical documents will be kept by the President. They are not his private property, and must be handed over to his successor.

## **Article 25. Event Information Requirements**

The organizers of international events, whether they are Championships, tournaments, cups, matches, etc., must send photographs and programs of those events to the CIRILH for purposes of world-wide publicity. All National and Continental Confederations, Federations or Associations who publish their own magazines or brochures on skating, are obligated to send one issue of each edition to the CIRILH Headquarters.

## **Article 26. Final Authority**

All cases not provided for in the present Rules will be settled by the Executive Committee of the CIRILH, whose decisions must later be ratified by the next General Assembly of the CIRILH.

# **PART VI – CIRILH RULES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **Article 1. World Championship Eligibility**

The World Inline Roller Hockey Championships are open to the National Teams of all the National Federations, Confederations and Associations that have their Inline Hockey Discipline affiliated with the FIRS, provided that they confirm their entry prior to the closing date for entries laid down by the CIRILH and forward payment of the appropriate entry fee.

## **Article 2. Assigning Annual World Championships**

- a) The World Inline Roller Hockey Championship is currently held annually, always in covered rinks, in compliance with the Rules of the Game established by the CIRILH.
- b) CIRILH shall conduct annual World Championships for Men's Inline Roller Hockey; for Women's Inline Roller Hockey and for Junior Inline Roller Hockey, according to the individual event eligibility criteria as set forth for each division in CIRILH Rules of the Game. Otherwise, the conditions for competitions and the playing rules shall uniformly apply to all divisions.
- c) The General Assembly of the CIRILH selects each Federation to organize the World Championships, taking into consideration any proposals put forward by the Executive Committee of the CIRILH. When awarding a World Championship, priorities shall be given to applicants for:
  - 1. The evaluation of organizing skills expressed by the President of CIRILH.
  - 2. Those Federations located in a continent which has not hosted a World Championship in inline roller hockey for the longest period of time.
  - 3. Those National Federations, who have never or for the longest period of time not hosted an Inline Roller Hockey World Championship. (FIRS WC Reg. A, Para I 3.)

## **Article 3. World Championship Placement Priority**

- a) Based on the applications received, and upon the recommendation of the CIRILH Executive Committee, the General Assembly shall determine the dates, locations and conditions where World Championships shall be held. The awarding of the World Championships will take place after due consideration of all relevant matters.
- b) If the CIRILH Executive Committee is of the opinion that the necessary requirements for the performance of a World Championship can not be fulfilled at any of the proposed places, they must contact other suitable Member Federations and award the World Championship.
- c) If necessary, the CIRILH Executive Committee can undertake the organizing of a World Championship in a place it shall determine. (FIRS WC Reg. A, Para I 4.)

## **Article 4. World Championship Written Confirmation**

- a) Once the organization of a World Championship has been allocated to a

Federation, the details shall be worked out between the designated Federation and the Executive Committee of the CIRILH with the specific conditions of the Championships included in a mutually signed contract. All decisions reached will be circulated to all National Federations, Confederations or Associations.

- b) Federations which are qualified to enter must confirm their entries in writing to CIRILH and the organizing Federation, and such entries must be received by the established closing date. The day following the closing date, the organizers must provide the CIRILH with the names of the National Federations which have submitted entries.
- c) At the minimum, all World Championships must consist of five different Federations from at least two continents. (FIRS WC Reg. A, Para I 6.)

#### **Article 5. Obligation of Host Federation**

- a) The organizing Federation accepts and assumes total responsibility on behalf of the CIRILH relative to the venue preparations and physical organization of a World Championship, financial and otherwise. It must also comply with all the technical specifications laid down by the CIRILH.
- b) No other matches of roller skating of any kind are permitted to be played in the country of the organizing Federation during the period when the World Championship matches are being played.

#### **Article 6. Reassignment Limitations**

The organizing Federation may assign the organization of the World Championship to any of its cities, clubs or members, but in doing so they must still accept all responsibility, without exception, for anything unforeseen which may happen. The organizing Federation remains totally responsible to the FIRS, the CIRILH and all participating Federations.

#### **Article 7. Fee Payments to CIRILH**

- a) Upon receiving official notification from the Executive Committee of the CIRILH that its application to stage the World Championship has been approved, the organizing Federation must pay the organization fee of twenty thousand Swiss Francs (20,000 SFr), payable to the CIRILH in USA dollars at the international exchange rate in effect at the time of such payment, on a timetable mutually acceptable in writing to both parties. If such payment is not received in a timely fashion, the designated National Federation shall relinquish the right to stage the World Championship.
- b) The entry fee is to be paid directly to the CIRILH by each participating national team in the amount of one thousand Swiss Francs (1,000 SFr) payable in USA dollars at the international exchange rate in effect at the time of payment. This fee shall be applied separately for each male and female team participating in the World Championships.

#### **Article 8. Men and Women World Championships**

- a) The World Championship will be presented as separate competitions for men and women's teams that have been qualified by their National Federations and the winning team will be the WORLD ROLLER INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPION.
- b) CIRILH shall endeavor to hold both men and women's championships together



at the same time and city, either consecutively in the situation of only a single rink being available, or simultaneously in the event of two or more rinks.

- c) If this arrangement is not possible, then the men and women's championships may, as a secondary option of the CIRILH Executive Committee, be separately conducted in different cities and dates.

#### **Article 9. Pool Play Balance after Team Withdrawal**

Should a team withdraw from the Championship after the schedule of pool (round-robin) games has been drawn up, the Executive Committee of the CIRILH may proceed with the necessary alterations, keeping in mind the balancing of the pools and the results and placements from the previous World Championship for the purpose of seeding teams.

#### **Article 10. Championship Deadlines**

- a) The closing date for entries will always be made official by the Executive Committee of the CIRILH.
- b) The organizers are under strict obligation to give at least eight months notice to the CIRILH of the opening date of the Championship, thereby making it possible for the CIRILH to give correct and proper entry notification to those countries interested in participating.

#### **Article 11. Financial Obligations for World Championships**

The financial conditions of the Championship are the following:

- a) Each participating Federation national team will be responsible for its own traveling, lodging and living expenses.

Concerning travel:

- 1. From its own country by road, railway, sea or air to the country where the Championship is being held.
  - 2. If the participants are traveling by road, railway or sea, then they are responsible for all their traveling costs all the way to their hotel in the town where the Championship is being held. They will also be responsible for all expenses incurred on the trip back.
  - 3. If the participants are traveling by air, then they are responsible for their own traveling costs to the nearest airport to the town where the Championship is being held. They will be met by coach, cars or taxis sent by the Organizing Committee and paid for by the host country, which will transport these participants from the airport to the hotel.
- b) In addition to the above, the host country will be responsible for the following:
    - 1. Room and food for eight World Championship Inline Hockey referees, making a total of sixteen referees when both women and men world championships are combined within the same world championship charter. The Referees shall be certified by CIRILH as "A" class, and selected by CIRILH from the qualified referees proposed by the eight highest placing National teams participating in the previous World Championship. These referees will be accommodated no more than two to a room, in separate beds, with private bathrooms, in the hotel designated by the organizers and

- approved by CIRILH. The referees' own National Federation will be responsible for any airline expenses beyond the amount for air travel allowance contributed by CIRILH.
2. Providing hotel accommodation and food (no extras) for the CIRILH Executive Committee members, at same class international standards (single rooms with private bathrooms) beginning two days before the start of the Championship until the day following the conclusion of the Championship.
  3. The fee of 20,000 Swiss Francs, payable in USA dollars due to the CIRILH for the staging of the Championship will be paid according to Article 7.
  4. Any Federation, National Confederation or Association withdrawing from the organization of the World Championship after its application to stage the event has been accepted by the CIRILH will forfeit the sum of five thousand Swiss Francs (5,000 SFr) by this action. The forfeited money, when received and at the option of the CIRILH, may be used to reduce the subscription fee of the new host Nation for the Championship.

#### **Article 12. Hotel Recommendations Non-compulsory**

At a minimum of six months prior to the start of the Championship the organizers are required to provide the participating countries with a description and a list of the prices for the hotels they will be using. In the interest of obtaining reasonable hotel rates for the participating teams, under no circumstances can lodging in their designated hotels be made compulsory by the organizers as being a requirement of World Championship participation. Ground transportation need not be provided by the organizers to and from the World Championship venue for teams choosing to stay in hotels which are outside the area for the chosen accommodations.

#### **Article 13. World Championship Entry Cancellation**

- a) Any country wishing to cancel its entry after application has been accepted, must inform the Executive Committee of the CIRILH and the organizing Federation officially of its decision at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the Championship.
- b) Withdrawal will only be tolerated in the most exceptional circumstances. If the organizers doubt the credibility of any withdrawal, they have the right to refer the matter to the Executive Committee of the CIRILH who is then required to investigate the circumstances alleged to be responsible for the decision to withdraw from the Championship.
- c) When the results of the investigation are known, and if the case is proven that the withdrawal was unnecessary, the CIRILH will fine the offending Federation for the infraction of the Regulations. Any fine will be proportionately increased depending on how close the withdrawal notification was presented in relation to the opening date of the Championship.

#### **Article 14. Referee Selection Authority**

CIRILH is responsible for all invitations extended to World Championship referees and shall be the sole judge of who is best qualified for these duties. CIRILH will provide a fixed contribution as an air travel allowance for the "A" category referees appointed to conduct a World Championship. This amount will be calculated annually from the funds available and will be specified in the invitations to these referees. (See Article 11 (b) 1.)

#### **Article 15. Duration of World Championships**

- a) **The duration of the games for the World Championship (not to include practice days) may not exceed ten (10) days.**
- b) **Throughout the event, teams may be required to play more than one match per day, however, if they are required to play 2 matches on the same day, there should be at least seven (7) hours between matches.**

#### **Article 16. Obligation to Follow Rules**

**All matches will be played in strict accordance with the Rules of the Game accepted and established by the CIRILH and currently in force at the time of the Championship.**

#### **Article 17. Rink Specifications**

**The World Championship is to be played on a surface as close as possible to a maximum size as specified in the Rules of the Game, with rounded corners so as to maintain continuous movement of the puck or ball. The rink dimensions and playing surface must be specified before approval of the championship bid. Goal cage dimensions, condition and size of the rink boards, floor markings and puck or ball must meet CIRILH specifications according to the Rules of the Game.**

#### **Article 18. World Championships Limited to “A” Referees**

**International Roller Inline Hockey referees designated “Category A” by the CIRILH, are the only referees permitted to referee World Championship matches.**

#### **Article 19. Referee Appointments**

**World Championship referees will receive notice of their appointments to the various matches from the CIRILH on the day prior to the matches in question. They may receive notice of appointment to only one of their games or to all of their games, but in any event they cannot refuse their appointments under any circumstances.**

#### **Article 20. World Championship Scheduling Authority**

**The schedule of games for the World Championships will be established by CIRILH using the seeding of teams based on placement at the previous World Championships, distributing one per group or pool according to the serpentine method as specified in the Rules of the Game. Matches incorporating this formula, along with the seeding of teams new to the World Championships, will be supervised and approved by the CIRILH.**

#### **Article 21. Team Roster Eligibility**

- a) **Only players registered with Federations affiliated with the FIRS and with the CIRILH prior to the expiration of the entry deadline announced by the CIRILH**

- are allowed to play in the World Championships.
- b) Each Federation may enroll on their team roster a maximum of sixteen (16) players, to include two (2) goalies, all of whom must present passports corresponding with the nation represented and furnished to the Executive Committee of the CIRILH at the appointed place, day and hour.
  - c) Fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time of each match, the names and playing number of no more than sixteen (16) appointed players for each team will be required to be entered on the referee's official match report form. Team rosters must be no less than six (6) floor players and two (2) goalies.

#### **Article 22. Advance Notice for World Championships**

The organizing country must notify CIRILH headquarters of the starting date for the World Championship at least eight months prior, together with all other necessary rink particulars including the exact size of the playing area, type of surface and seating capacity.

#### **Article 23. Protests**

- a) Each participating Federation has the right to lodge protests against any incidents (arbitrary or otherwise) which may arise during the course of the Championships. Should the incident occur during a match, the protest must be filed by the team captain to the referee as laid down in Part II - 13 "Protests" of CIRILH Rules of the Game.
- b) For a protest to be valid at other times during the course of the Championships, it must be in writing and presented to the President of the CIRILH or in his absence at the rink, another member of the Executive Committee of the CIRILH not later than three hours (3 hours) after the incident.
- c) Once the Referee in charge of the match has ruled on a protest arising from an incident occurring during the course of the match, an official letter of appeal may be lodged with the President of the CIRILH along with a protest fee of 200 USA dollars).
- d) The CIRILH will then investigate the protest. If it is upheld, the fee will be returned in full to the complainant. However, should the CIRILH choose not to uphold the protest then the complainant will forfeit the fee, and this will go directly to the CIRILH Treasury.

#### **Article 24. Appeals**

Appeals from protest decisions by the CIRILH Executive Committee shall be made in full conformity to the procedures and specifications set forth in Part V – CIRILH General Rules, Chapter 5 Appeals, Article 19.

#### **Article 25. CIRILH Committee is Sole Technical Authority**

In view of the fact that the CIRILH Executive Committee are the Championship's only technical advisers, being solely responsible for all matters pertaining to the running of the Championship, it is of the utmost importance that the President of the CIRILH is kept fully and personally informed about all matters, however trivial, which may arise from time to time, from players, managers, press, television and broadcasting, etc. The President and his Executive Committee are empowered to make decisions that

they feel are necessary to resolve any matters, regardless of the source of the incident, including the press and television.

#### **Article 26. Championship Ground Transportation**

The organizers are obliged to provide transportation for the teams from the hotels designated by the organizers to the site of the Championship. The organizers must also provide a permanent means of transportation for the officials of the CIRILH who are on constant call throughout the duration of the Championship.

#### **Article 27. Anti-Doping Control**

Anti-doping control shall be adopted and will be carried out by the organizers under the supervision of the CIRILH and according to the dispositions laid down by the WADA Code and the International Olympic Committee and as specified in the Medical Regulations of FIRS "Anti-Doping Control."

#### **Article 28. Final Rulings Made By CIRILH**

Any occurrence not accounted for in these Rules will come under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the CIRILH whose decision will be final and binding.

## **PART VII - INTERNATIONAL INLINE HOCKEY REFEREES**

### **CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION**

The International Federation of Roller Sports (FIRS) created an organization to administer and control Roller Inline Hockey, entitled the Comite International de Roller Inline Hockey (CIRILH), in which one of its major functions is to appoint and control all International Referees and direct them to the various international events.

#### **Article 1 Requirement for the use of International Referees**

- a) All affiliated National Federations, Confederations and Associations must apply to the CIRILH for its authority and approval of any international referee required to participate in tournaments involving national teams, i.e., Continental Championships, etc.
- b) All National Federations, Confederations and Associations must apply to the CIRILH when International Referees are to be used to referee international tournaments.
- c) No National Federation, Confederation or Association may appoint any International Referee to referee any international tournaments unless the referee holds a valid up-to-date CIRILH International Referee license. The

organizing body when inviting any International Referee to officiate must ask the referee to confirm that:

1. He is registered with the CIRILH and holds current valid license.
  2. That his or her fees have been paid to the CIRILH.
  3. This referee is physically able and proficient on inline skates to the extent necessary to properly referee on skates and maintain control of the game. If any doubts prevail, reference should be made to the CIRILH for confirmation.
- d) All international matches must be controlled by only International Referees. This is a right earned by International Referees throughout the World. Any International Referee discovering that any Federation or club is not strictly applying this rule should immediately draw this breach of the rules to the attention of the CIRILH.

#### **Article 2. Annual Nomination and Registration of International Referees**

- a) The CIRILH year coincides with the calendar year of 1st January to the 31st of December.
- b) Each year a National Federation, Association or Confederation may propose all its International Referees to be enrolled as such by the CIRILH. Only International Referees nominated this way will be valid with CIRILH as International Referees during that year.
- c) Nominated International Referees must send their registration through their respective National Federation, Confederation or Association to CIRILH which will issue the appropriate credential and annual stamped license.
- d) Each National Federation, Confederation or Association has a moral obligation to ensure that the referees nominated for registration are active in their own countries and have maintained international standards. National Federations may seek the registration of their selected referees for CIRILH certification as "FIRS National Inline Hockey Referee" according to CIRILH standards.
- e) Each National Federation, Confederation or Association must inform the CIRILH at the end of each year of its list of International Referees noting if they are active or not.
- f) If an International Referee of Category "A" ceases to be active in his or her own country for two years, that referee will be downgraded to Category "C" or dropped altogether, according to the recommendation of the National Federation.
- g) Under the same circumstances, an International Category "B" Referee will be required to undergo a retest with CIRILH to regain such recognition.
- h) If an International Referee of any grade ceases to be active in his or her own country for three years, then this license will be revoked. Should the referee wish to resume international activities, this will only be considered if so nominated by his or her own Federation, National Confederation or Association as a candidate for an International Referees license along with the other candidates. In such cases that referee must then be retested and pass the written, oral and practical tests.

#### **Article 3. Categories of Referees**

There are three categories of International Referees:

1. FIRS World Championship Referees, Category "A"
2. FIRS International Competition Referees, Category "B"
3. FIRS Certified National Referees, Category "C"
4. FIRS Honorary Referees

## **ACTIVE REFEREES**

- a) For both “A” and “B” Categories the minimum age is 25 years and the maximum age 60 years.  
Active Category “A” and “B” referees who have had their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday must undergo a physical examination at a site arranged by CIRILH to evaluate their physical condition in order to ascertain if they are capable of continuing as a FIRS Inline Hockey Referee. The results of this must be sent to the CIRILH for their acknowledgment and approval.
- b) Active referees must attend all meetings to officiate at any Championships, Tournaments or Matches when summoned to do so. They must possess their own inline skates, safety equipment and be in physical condition to use these while refereeing games.
- c) National Federations may request that their national referees undergo a CIRILH Inline Hockey Referee training course and become certified as a FIRS National Inline Hockey Referee Category “C”. Not only will this provide excellent training, but will be an initial stage toward their development as an International Referee. The age requirement is a minimum of 21 years, with no maximum other than the one set by the National Federation. Such courses can be arranged by contacting CIRILH Referee-in-Chief.

## **HONORARY REFEREES**

- d) Honorary Referee is a title the CIRILH may wish to bestow upon a distinguished International Referee for exceptional services to the CIRILH and this sport. Normally this title will not be bestowed upon any referee who is under 55 years of age. However, extraordinary circumstances do exist under which the CIRILH can bestow this honor on an International Referee who is under the age of 55.
- e) All International Referees in any category, including Honorary Referees, will have free entry to all the rinks where competitions are taking place either National or International. They will also receive all CIRILH publications free of charge.
- f) International Honorary Referees may continue their activities within the framework of their own National Federations, Confederations or Associations and may referee international inter-club matches, but must abstain from refereeing full international matches.

## **Article 4. Registration Fees for Referees**

All active referees nominated to the CIRILH for certification as an inline hockey referee must pay directly or through their National Federation, Association or Confederation the following fees:

- a) **ENROLLMENT AND TEST FEE** - fifty USA dollars (US\$50) which is payable upon application for the international test and before being awarded their first international license. This license fee covers the cost of materials and a resulting referee certificate remains valid through the conclusion of the year in which it is first issued, and if less than 6 months remains, through the following year.
- b) **ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE** - fifteen USA dollars (US\$15) payable by the National Federation, Association or Confederation after January 1st of each calendar year. Payment of fees entitle the referee to receive from

**CIRILH the following:**

- 1. International Referee license.**
- 2. International Referee crest for his or her shirt upon initial enrollment.**
- 3. A copy of the current edition of CIRILH Rules with all amendments.**

**Article 5. Referee Attire**

- a) The International Referee must always appear in the rink suitably dressed befitting this position.**
- b) All working inline hockey referees are required to wear inline skates and be competent skaters. Referees must furnish their own inline skates, helmet, shin guards, elbow pads, and other CIRILH required safety equipment, as well as a referee's uniform. They shall be dressed in dark blue or black full length trousers and a black and white striped shirt or such other attire as approved by the CIRILH.**
- c) The International Referee's crest will be worn on the left breast shirt pocket. International Referees under sanction, suspension, or who cease to be active, must no longer wear the International Referee crest.**
- d) Replacement crests can be purchased from the CIRILH headquarters for US\$15 each.**

**Article 6. Traveling and Maintenance Expenses**

**Organizers are responsible to International Referees for the payment of legitimate travel and accommodation expenses. Referees are permitted to accept an agreed stipend for professional services, but not to exceed the World Championship gratuity of US\$ 50 total for each day in which they referee.**

**Article 7. Functions of the Referees**

**International Referees must have committed to memory and scrupulously observe the CIRILH Organizational Rules and The Rules of the Game for Roller Inline Hockey**

**Article 8. Disciplinary Action**

- a) In the event that the CIRILH is required to sanction an International Referee, either by a warning, temporary or permanent suspension, the CIRILH must notify the referee's affiliated organization in writing, with an accompanying statement of charges and supporting evidence.**
- b) The sanctioned referee may appeal the CIRILH disciplinary action through his or her affiliated organization. The first appeal will be heard by the Executive Committee of the CIRILH within thirty (30) days after its presentation. The next appeal will be heard by the CIRILH Assembly and the third or final appeal before an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress of FIRS.**
- c) If an International Referee is sanctioned by his or her National Federation, Confederation or Association, this organization must send to the CIRILH its decision with detailed information concerning the cause of action. Should the penalty appear justified, CIRILH will uphold this action of the National Federation, Confederation or Association, and/or take what ever action that appears appropriate at the international level.**



**Article 9. Testing of International Referee Candidates**

- a) **The Roller Inline International Referee tests can only be conducted for the highest category of National referees and are to be held at a pre-arranged date and venue where at least one member of the CIRILH is present. A written, oral and practical demonstration test will be administered.**
- b) **The CIRILH will conduct the International Referee tests at least once a year. Candidates for the test must be nominated by their respective Federation to the President of the CIRILH.**
- c) **The National Federation, Confederation or Association staging the tests will be responsible for the hotel accommodation and meal costs for the examiners for two days, plus economy class round trip transportation.**
- d) **The results are sent directly to the affiliated organization. In order to pass the test, the candidate International Referee must obtain 85 per cent correct answers on the oral and written tests. For the practical demonstration, the candidate must obtain a 90 per cent correct performance.**

**.Article 10. Miscellaneous Rules**

- a) **The moment the International Referee receives notice to officiate from the CIRILH, this referee must reply immediately, confirming acceptance. In the event of refusing the appointment, a written reply must clearly state a valid reason for this refusal.**
- b) **An International Referee must always be in possession of a valid passport, and a visa when necessary, in order to be ready to referee events as appointed by the CIRILH within any of its affiliated countries.**
- c) **International Referees who officiate at any International Championship, Tournament or match, are not permitted to participate in any other team or organizational function, other than exclusively refereeing.**
- d) **All cases not provided for in the present CIRILH Organizational Rules or Rules of the Game which may arise, will be settled by the CIRILH in accord with FIRS Statutes and Regulations. Modifications to the rules can only be made valid by proper discussion and action at the General Assembly of the CIRILH.**

# **CIRILH REFEREE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

## **Article 11.**

**All official international matches will be controlled by neutral referees. In certain unavoidable circumstances, a non-neutral referee may control an international match, but only if both Federations engaged in the match have reached a mutual agreement which has been approved by the CIRILH.**

## **Article 12.**

**It is the unquestionable responsibility of the organizing club, National Federation, Confederation or Association to provide any referee with whatever protection from bodily harm is necessary, before, during and after a match. Referees shall be accommodated and housed separated from the players.**

## **Article 13.**

**An International Referee must have the CIRILH international license in his or her possession whenever officiating at a match.**

## **Article 14.**

**In the event of adverse weather or playing conditions at the rink, or if there is a definitive lack of discipline, the question of whether a match is playable or not is the sole responsibility of the appointed referee. The Referee must immediately inform CIRILH of the reason for the suspension of the game and when it will be rescheduled.**

## **Article 15.**

**Referees will ensure that discipline is maintained throughout all matches and that they are played in a correct manner, free from all forms of rough, violent or improper play.**

## **Article 16.**

**The International Referees must be provided with a private changing room that is apart from the players, coaches or spectators.**

## **Article 17.**

**It is the International Referee's right to collect any expenses due for travel, board and lodgings, prior to the start of the match.**

**Article 18.**

**International Referees have the following responsibilities:**

- a) Referees must be dressed and ready 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the match.**
- b) Referees must furnish their own inline skates, helmet, shin guards, elbow pads, and other CIRILH required safety equipment, as well as a referee's uniform as an official.**
- c) It is their responsibility to ensure that the rink and goals are in order.**
- d) Referees must assure the presence of a doctor or paramedic with a first aid kit to deal with the possibility of injuries.**
- e) Referees are to communicate in a friendly manner with the timekeepers.**
- f) Referees must write any comments or protests on the Match Report, which will then be handed personally to the CIRILH and the organizers.**

# **PART VIII - FIRS STATUTES & BYLAWS**

*Applicable sections relating to Inline Hockey Competition*

## **CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITOR RULES**

The vast majority of FIRS athletes compete for the love of roller sports and to seek their own personal excellence, often under very difficult circumstances. This devotion applied to roller inline hockey merits all our appreciation and the guarantee from FIRS, their international organization, that they will compete in our competitions in an atmosphere of good will and sportsmanship, a fundamental idea of all sports.

The following rules must be observed by all competitors representing the member Federations of FIRS, to assure that the highest level of sportsmanship is achieved at FIRS World Championships and its other intercontinental sport events. We have as our example the grand sporting traditions of FIRS and the Olympic Games. Regardless of one's personal commitment to these principles, every athlete, competing in a FIRS Championship, is expected to deport themselves accordingly.

All athletes are required to know and understand the rules of eligibility for their events, the rules of the game and the meaning of good sportsmanship as exemplified by the Olympic spirit and defined in the rules manuals of the FIRS Technical Disciplines. Athletes are required to understand and observe IOC and WADA anti-doping regulations. Failure to so comply may result in suspension or expulsion from current or future roller sports competitions.

- a) Commercial contracts between athletes and advertisers must be negotiated by National Federations, which may establish their own limitations.
- b) Competing for salary, prize money, coaching and teaching roller skating shall have no adverse affect on qualification for international roller skating competitions.
- c) The loss of competitive status imposed by a National Federation on one of its citizens must be observed by all FIRS nations and this condition would affect the eligibility of that person to compete everywhere in the world

## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS OF THE FIRS**

### **A. General**

#### **Paragraph I – Choice of site**

1. Applications from National Federations for the organization of a World Championships in roller sports (speed skating, inline downhill, artistic skating, roller hockey, roller in-line hockey) have to be submitted to the corresponding FIRS Technical Committees.
2. All candidatures received will be communicated by the President of the Technical Committee to the next Assembly as an inclusion on that agenda. The questionnaire of the FIRS shall contain all necessary details shall be attached to these applications. The National Federation has to declare its willingness to accept and comply with the World Championships Regulations of FIRS and the Special Regulations of the respective Technical Committee without reservations and sign a written agreement

with the FIRS governing terms and conditions under which the World Championships will be allotted to the particular applicant.

3. When awarding a Championship priorities shall be made over other applicants for
  - a) The evaluation of organizing skills expressed by the Presidents of the Technical Committees.
  - b) Those Federations of a continent not having hosted a World Championship in the particular discipline for the longest period of time.
  - c) Those National Federations, who have never or for the longest period of time not hosted a Championship.
4. Based on the applications received, and upon the recommendation of the Technical Committee, the General Assembly of that particular discipline shall determine the dates, locations and conditions where World Championships shall be held. The awarding of the Championships will take place after due consideration of all relevant matters. If the discipline's Executive Committee is of the opinion that the necessary requirements for the performance of a World Championship can not be fulfilled at any of the proposed places, they must contact other suitable Member Federations and award the World Championship. If necessary, the Discipline's Executive Committee can undertake the organizing of a World Championship in a place to be determined.
5. It is preferred that the dates and places of World Championships shall be determined four calendar years in advance. Recognized Regional Confederations must not organize Championships or other activities that may interfere with the World Championships or other activities organized by FIRS in regards to sites and dates. The same caution must be exercised with regard to other world events in which FIRS is participating or supporting.
6. At the minimum, all World Championships must consist of five different Federations from at least two continents.

#### Paragraph 2 – Principles

1. A National Federation applying for a World Championship shall guarantee
  - a) A smooth procedure with respect to the entry permit for the countries–involved and the timely issue of visas for all skaters, officials and sports journalists, if such is necessary.
  - b) That no racial, religious or political reasons shall hinder any of the above persons or groups to enter into the country. However, possible sanctions of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) must be observed.
  - c) That, in addition to the separate regulations for World Championships by the International Technical Committees, all other regulations of FIRS, such as the Medical Regulations are to be observed for the World Championships.
  - d) Liability insurance is contracted for the protection of FIRS, the Technical Committee involved, and the organizing Federation.
  - e) World Championships and other world events are subject to telecast for the international benefit of the sport and all technically required lighting and spot lights can be used.

2. The athletes of a National Federation participating in a World Championship shall only be allowed to participation if they have the nationality of the respective country as evidenced by possession of valid national passports.
3. The respective International Technical Committees of the FIRS shall be responsible for all preparations and the conduct of a World Championship. Members of the Executive of a Technical Committee are not allowed to act as managers or officials of their national teams during Championships. Should they decide to accept the position of manager of their national team, they are to be temporarily suspended from the Executive for the duration of the Championships in question.
4. The members of the various bodies of the FIRS shall wear the official FIRS dress during the official part of the FIRS events, i.e. dark-blue blazer, grey pants, black shoes.
5. Smoking is prohibited during official functions in sports events for referees, judges and all other officials.

#### Paragraph 3 – Time Schedule

1. The Federation organizing a World Championship must forward to the appropriate Technical Committee a signed agreement containing all details relevant to the Championship at least 240 days prior to the Championship for approval.
2. All member Federations active in the appropriate discipline must be advised of the Championship details as approved by the Technical Committee at least 180 days prior to the Championship.
3. Member Federations, who decide to participate in World Championships must inform the Technical Committee and the organizing Federation of their decision at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the Championship or according to an earlier deadline as set by the Technical Committee.
4. The Technical Committee and the organizing Federation must inform all participating Federations of the dates and competition details at least 90 days prior to the beginning of the Championship and the actual games schedule 30 days prior.
5. All publications must be made in the two official languages of the FIRS which are English and Spanish. The language of the organizing country can be added as another language.
6. Within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the official start of a world event, the Technical Committees shall hold a meeting with the delegation heads of the participating National Federations and the members of the organizing committee of the particular world event. Place and time of this meeting must be included in the time schedule of the event and announced in advance. During this meeting all questions referring to the particular event shall be answered. Furthermore, matters referring to the next world event shall also be discussed.

#### Paragraph 4 – Television and Advertisements

1. All television rights to international events and World Championships belong to FIRS, and only the Central Committee has the right to authorize any telecast, either national or international in scope. Telecast by a single station, limited to city-wide or local area, can be established at the discretion of the organizers provided that such broadcasts are not in conflict with the written agreements executed by FIRS for national or international television rights.
2. The organizer and/or host federation shall share in the proceeds of television contracts authorized by FIRS according to paragraph 6 of the financial regulations.

3. The organizing Federation shall make available the necessary working places for equipment and staff of television companies. Furthermore, the Federation shall permit the installation of additional lighting fixtures. The only cost reimbursed to this Federation would be that of the electricity used.
4. In the event that FIRS has no international television obligations or contracts and the organizing Federation has available an opportunity for international telecast, then all contracts and obligations should be to the satisfaction of FIRS and the organizing Federation.
5. FIRS shall have the right to enter into temporary advertising contracts for the duration of the World Championships. The proceeds resulting from such contracts as negotiated shall be shared between the FIRS and the organizing Federation according to written agreement, executed no later than six months prior to the event. In the absence of such contracts, or prior waiver of these rights by the FIRS Central Committee, the organizers and/or host federation shall have full rights to arrange all advertising agreements.
6. Naming rights to any international event in which an advertiser or commercial enterprise is identified in the title, shall be subject to written approval by the FIRS Central Committee.

#### **Paragraph 5 – Sports Equipment**

The amount of sports equipment with or without the official approval of FIRS or the FIRS Logo to be used on the occasion of a World Championships shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Technical Discipline. The organizing Federation shall accept such a decision.

#### **Paragraph 6 – Other Competitions**

1. The sports installations chosen for the performance of the World Championship shall be reserved exclusively for this event during the time of the Championship.
2. The organizing Federation shall further make sure that no other events in the respective sports discipline are performed in its area during the performance of the Championships.

### **B. ORGANIZATION**

#### **Paragraph 7 – Flag**

1. The organizing Federation or its Organizing Committee shall assure that the FIRS flag is hoisted from the beginning of the Championships until the end of the closing ceremony in the center of all flags of the participating nations.
2. It is left to the discretion of the organizing Federation, whether they shall also hoist the flag of the city hosting the World Championship. In this case the three flags of the FIRS, the country and the city shall be hoisted in this order from left to right, separate from the other flags.

#### **Paragraph 8 – Accidents**

1. The organizers of World Championships are not obliged to take responsibility for skaters, referees or other participants as well as other persons for accidents of any nature occurring before, during or after a Championship.

**2. To safeguard against unforeseen circumstances or gross negligence by assisting persons, it is recommended that insurance contracts be concluded as protection for the organizers and the FIRS.**

**Paragraph 9 – Accredited representatives**

- 1. The organizer shall establish an office with an accredited representative, who shall issue ID-Cards to all officials and participants of the World Championship.**
- 2. These ID-cards shall be issued in the following categories:**

**Card A:**

**Members of the Central Committee of the FIRS; Members of the International Technical Committees; Members of the Organizational Committee of this World Championship; and three Members of the Executive Committee of the organizing Federation.**

**Card B:**

**Issued to the Presidents of the Continental Confederations of the FIRS; the Presidents of the National Federation of the FIRS; the Delegation Heads of the participating Nations; and Sponsors of the world event as guests of the FIRS.**

**Card C:**

**The Trainers, Officials and participating Skaters in accordance with the basic regulations of the Technical Committees; the Staff of the Organizational Committee of this event; and three persons representing the Organizational Committee of the next World Championship.**

**Card D:**

**Sport Journalists, Press Photographers, Television Reporters, Camera-Men, and Technical Staff.**

- 3. The issue of ID-Cards shall be done upon presentation of the passport and a certificate stating the particular function of its holder during the Championship.**
- 4. By means of these ID-cards the organizer can establish certain rules for entering the different areas of the sports installations in accordance with the varying competences of the card holders.**

**Paragraph 10 – Reservation of Seats.**

- 1. Reserved seats shall be available for all accredited persons. Holders of cards A and B are entitled to a second admission ticket free of charge for the neighboring seat, provided that they request such a ticket at the time of issue of the ID-card.**
- 2. The seats in the Honorary Box shall be reserved for:**
  - High ranking political representatives of the organizing country;**
  - Members of the International Olympic Committee of the organizing country;**
  - Presidents and Vice Presidents of the highest sports authority of the organizing country;**
  - Honorary members of the FIRS and the President of the Continental Confederation;**



- The FIRS President and the members of the Central Committee of the FIRS.
3. Seats with good view shall be reserved for the Press. Press Photographers shall receive a distinguishing sign to be worn around their arms and shall be permitted to enter the inner area.
  4. The number of seats to be reserved for the holders of card C shall always be in accordance with the number of skaters not participating at the time.

#### Paragraph 11 – Opening and Closing Ceremony

1. The welcome address of World Championships is delivered by the highest ranking political representative of the organizing country. He shall be announced and introduced by the President of the National Roller Sport Federation. After formation of the National Teams in English alphabetical order, with the team of the hosting country last, a brief version of the National or Delegation Anthems (15-20 seconds each) of all participating nations shall be played in the above order. This will be followed by the official opening of the World Championships by the President of the FIRS or his available representative. March-past, opening speeches and National or delegation Anthems during the opening ceremony shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
2. On the occasion of the final ceremony the FIRS President expresses thanks to the organizers and skaters. After that he shall present the FIRS flag to the President of the organizing Federation, who shall point out that the World Championship is over and, indicating the place of the next World Championship, shall pass the flag to the representative of the Federation hosting the Championships the following year. Thereafter, the National Anthem of the organizing country shall be played closing the ceremony.
3. Speeches other than the ones mentioned above shall not be delivered at the opening or at the closing ceremonies.

#### Paragraph 12 – Awarding of Medals

1. The awarding of medals to the World Champions and the winners of 2nd and 3rd place may only be done by holders of class A or B ID-cards or by guests seated in the Honorary Box. The official FIRS medals shall be presented at the cost to the Organizers.
  - a) Immediately before, during and after the presentation of medals, the announcer must limit his announcements to the results of the competition in question.
  - b) The preparation of the presentation ceremony is the responsibility of the respective Technical Committee President. He must assign the persons for the presentation of the medals (maximum three). One member of the Executive of the Technical Committee must be assigned the responsibility of assuring that the awarding of the medals proceeds without any undue delay.
  - c) The awarding of prizes to skaters during the closing ceremony is not permitted. Loudspeaker advertisement and other information shall only be permitted during pauses.

#### Paragraph 13 – Program

1. The organizing Federation shall be responsible for the issue of a program for the World Championship. Advertisements and proceeds from sales of programs, after deducting the cost for printing, shall belong to the organizer.

2. On the first page of the program a welcome address of the President of the FIRS shall be printed. At the request of the Central Committee, advertising space in the program for FIRS sponsors must be made available by the organizers at the normal rates charged to other advertisers.
3. Indications with respect to favorites of the World Championships shall not be permitted, neither photographs nor texts. Permitted is the publication of pictures of the present World Championships or pictures showing the teams of all participating Federations. The description of single skaters or single teams is not allowed.

#### Paragraph 14 – Availability of Rooms and Working Places

1. The following rooms shall be required and be made available in the respective site of the World Championships if possible:
  - a. an office for International Technical Committee;
  - b. a room for anti-doping controls;
  - c. a medical treatment room;
  - d. a room for referees, judges;
  - e. an adequate number of toilets and showers, separated by sexes; (
  - f. a room for the Press and information service, with adequate computers and access to email.

#### Paragraph 15 – Hotel Accommodations

1. If contracts with the International Technical Committees require that a certain number of hotel accommodations shall be provided by the organizer, it is to be considered that
  - a. participating skaters are accommodated according to the quality of housing that they indicate can be afforded.
  - b. Participating referees and judges are accommodated in international standard hotels Class B (double rooms with individual beds and a shower/ WWC);
  - c. Members of the International Technical Committees are accommodated in international standard hotels Class A (single rooms with shower WWC).
2. Upon request single rooms for a physician of the Medical and Research Committee and a maximum of three members of the Central Committee, in hotels of Class A have to be made available. The Central Committee members referred to are ones that are requested to be present in connection with specific tasks that they must perform during the World Championship. Meals will be paid by the individuals concerned.
3. Referees and judges shall be accommodated separated from the skaters.
4. The hotels for the visiting skaters shall not be further away from the rink than those of the skaters of the host Federation.
5. In cases where participants are entitled to accommodation and or board, they can request the organizer for payment of the appropriate value in order to make their own arrangements for accommodation and or meals. This request must be made to the organizer at least four months prior to the event. The organizer has to include in the information in accordance with Paragraph 3, subparagraph 2, the cost of accommodation and or board which is provided for the participants.
6. The organizer is not responsible for the arrangement of accommodation for supporters, however, he must appoint a reliable agent who will assist the national organizations in obtaining the necessary accommodation. The details

of the appropriate agent must be included in the announcement referred to in Paragraph 3, sub-paragraph 2.

#### Paragraph 16 – Transportation

1. The organizer has to assure that public or hired transport shall arrive to and depart from the sports installations in regular intervals. A respective schedule shall be put up to this effect both in the sports area and the accommodations.
2. These bus services shall be in operation from at least one hour before opening the sports installations (arriving time there) until one hour after the closing of the event.
3. At the same time it shall be arranged that taxis can be hired and such a place be temporarily established at the sports center.

#### Paragraph 17 – Duration of Daily Events

1. Daily events of a World Championship may not commence before 8.00 a.m. and end later than 12.00 o'clock midnight in southern latitudes or 11.00 p.m. in northern latitudes without special permission from the Technical Committee.
2. Skaters must have a minimum rest period of 12 hours between the ending of a daily event and the starting of a daily event the following day exempting special circumstances with the permission of the Technical Committee.

#### Paragraph 18 – Interpreters

1. If possible, interpreters for the mother language shall be placed at the disposal of teams or groups of skaters coming from overseas, if such is requested. Continental teams of different languages are expected to bring their own interpreters, however, the organizing Federation is responsible for interpreters in English and Spanish.
2. For meetings of the bodies of the FIRS the organizer is obliged to arrange a simultaneous interpreting in English and Spanish language.
3. The cost for interpreting and translation services shall be that of the organizing Federation.

## **MEDICAL REGULATIONS OF THE FIRS**

### **A. ANTI DOPING CONTROL**

#### Paragraph 1 – Principles

1. The International Federation of Roller Sports (FIRS) expressly forbids the use of drugs, prohibited substances and methods, before or during the competition, which improve artificially the player's physical and or mental condition and thus augment his or her athletic performance. The principles of these regulations shall be in continuous compliance with the WADA Code and Rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
2. The list of banned substances and methods prohibited by the Organizations listed in 1. above of these regulations is based on the

findings of leading sports physicians, and agrees with the valid list of forbidden products compiled by the International Olympic Committee. A current listing of WADA banned substances and methods can be obtained on the web sites of your own National Olympic Committee or that of WADA which may be accessed via the FIRS web site.

#### **Paragraph 2 – Definitions**

- 1. Doping is the attempt to augment the athletic performance by using non-physiological substances.**
- 2. Doping substances, for the purpose of this rule, include the following: phenylaethylamine derivates (Psychomotor stimulants, ephedrine, adrenaline derivates), narcotics, analeptica (camphor-and strychnine derivates), sedatives, and psychopharmaca.**
- 3. Doping is the use (taking, injecting, distributing) of doping substances.**
- 4. The distribution to an athlete of the substances mentioned above by officials, coaches, trainers, physicians and masseurs or by any other people is also considered as doping.**

#### **Paragraph 3 – Restriction of Use and Possession of Drugs**

- 1. The use of drugs according to Paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 3, as well as the possession of drugs by athletes or by persons assisting them during a competition, except for the physicians, are forbidden and shall be penalized.**
- 2. The drugs mentioned in Paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 2, shall not be used by athletes taking part in a competition. An exception can be made for medicaments (local anesthesia) in case of injuries; the physician in charge is obliged to report at once the use of such substances to the organizer.**

#### **Paragraph 4 – FIRS Doping Staff**

- 1. In the event of any competition for which the doping control is compulsory, one or several athletes from each team, group or single event of every National Federation shall be designated by ballot to undergo the doping control. An athlete who sets a world record will be tested, and FIRS may designate additional tests at their discretion.**
- 2. A physician, with competency recognized by the National Olympic Committee of the host country, shall be appointed by the organizing country, and approved by the FIRS, and will at the same time be considered the head of the Doping Control Group. Members of this group shall include a representative of the FIRS. Athletes who have to undergo the doping control shall be designated by ballot and tested immediately after their participation in the competition. All tests will be conducted in full compliance with WADA and the results sent to a WADA approved laboratory according to their regulations.**

#### **Paragraph 5 – Subjection to Control**

**FIRS shall establish a policy for the number of athletes tested within each discipline's competitions that will be submitted to WADA for their approval. This policy will recognize the differences between the individual and team events of the disciplines and shall provide adequate sampling for anti-doping control.**

#### **Paragraph 6– Violation Against Doping Regulations**

- 1. If the examination result is positive, the counter analysis has to be made with the second urine sample in the same laboratory, if such is requested by the athlete concerned immediately after announcement of the result. It is at the athlete's or his or her Federation's discretion to engage an expert of their choice for the counter analysis.**
- 2. If an athlete is found guilty, he or she shall be subject to the penalties proscribed for such violations by WADA or the IOC.**
- 3. If an athlete of a team is found guilty, the athlete shall be disqualified from the whole competition and all wins or points accumulated by the team in which the disqualified athlete participated shall be forfeit.**
- 4. Athletes of single events shall lose all qualifications and points reached so far.**
- 5. The hearing panel will impose sanctions in accordance with the WADA Code, and FIRS Anti-Doping Policy which have to be observed by the respective National Federations. Furthermore, these penalties and disciplinary punishments shall be published internationally and nationally and be observed by all Member Federations.**
- 6. The penalties to be imposed for a positive test result shall follow the guidelines of the FIRS Anti-Doping Policy as approved by WADA.**

## **FEMALE GENDER VERIFICATION**

#### **Paragraph 1 – Principles**

- 1. Female participants of all age groups nominated or taking part in World Championships or Intercontinental competitions under the patronage of the IOC are subject to possible female gender verification.**

#### **Paragraph 2 – Exceptions**

- 1. In cases of justifiable doubt of female gender, as reported to the discipline's Executive Committee, the protesting team or federation is required to file a written complaint which specifies the reasons, as well as submit a US\$ 250 bond that shall be forfeit should the complain prove groundless. If the discipline's Executive Committee accepts the protest, the female in question must submit to a gender verification examination performed by a female nurse with gynecological experience or a physician appointed by the FIRS.**
- 2. The results of such an examination shall be treated strictly confidential and will be given by the appointed physician or nurse to the official FIRS representative in a sealed envelope. The FIRS representative shall inform the National Federations about the results.**

#### **Paragraph 3 – Procedure**

- 1. The female participants being subject to a female gender verification test shall appear at the place and time determined by the FIRS appointed testing physician or nurse. They may be accompanied by their team's physician or the female coach of their team. The following documents have to be presented: a) National passport of the athlete. b) The individual's Sports-Pass for the World Championship.**

# FIRS – CIRILH - MEDALISTS

## WORLD ROLLER IN-LINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1995 – CHICAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – ODEUM ARENA

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Canada  
Bronze Medal – Finland

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Italy, Great Britain, Mexico and South Africa.

1996 – ROCCARASO, ITALY – PALACHIACCIO

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – France  
Bronze Medal – Italy

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Ecuador, Great Britain, and Spain.

1997 – ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA – HALLE ZELL AM SEE

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Canada  
Bronze Medal – Austria

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Great Britain, Mexico, Spain and Switzerland.

1998 – WINNIPEG, CANADA – MAX BELL ARENA

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Austria  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, Mexico, Spain and Switzerland.

1999 – THUN AND WICHTRACH, SWITZERLAND

Gold Medal – Switzerland  
Silver Medal – United States of America  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Germany, Mexico and Spain.

2000 – AMIENS, FRANCE – COLISEUM

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Switzerland  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Mexico and Spain.

2001 – TORREVIEJA, SPAIN – EL PALACIO MUNICIPAL

Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Czech Republic  
Bronze Medal – Switzerland

Other Participating Teams: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Columbia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

2002 – ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, USA – ESL SPORTS CENTER

Men: Gold Medal – Canada  
Silver Medal – United States of America  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

Other Participating Teams: Australia, France, Israel, Japan, Mexico, and Sweden.

Women: Gold Medal – Canada  
Silver Medal – United States of America  
Bronze Medal – Australia

Other Participating Teams: Great Britain, Japan, and Mexico

2003 – PISEK, CZECH REPUBLIC – ZIMNI STADION

**Men:** Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Czech Republic  
Bronze Medal –Canada

**Other Participating Teams:** Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

**Women:** Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal –Canada  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

**Other Participating Teams:** Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico and Singapore.

#### 2004 – LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA – WESTERN FAIR AND THOMPSON ARENAS

**Men:** Gold Medal – United States of America  
Silver Medal – Canada  
Bronze Medal –Italy

**Other Participating Teams:** Australia, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

**Women:** Gold Medal – Canada  
Silver Medal –United States of America  
Bronze Medal – Czech Republic

**Other Participating Teams:** Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain.

#### 2005 – PARIS, FRANCE

#### 2006 – DETROIT, USA

#### 2007 –BILBAO, SPAIN

#### 2008 – DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

**Revised Men’s Seeding of Teams into Round-robin**

When the number of teams entered into the World Championships makes it necessary to use modified “round robin” pool play, teams will be seeded into pools based on their final placement at the previous year’s FIRS World Championships. These teams will be divided into two groups.

**GROUP 1** - The teams finishing 1 through 8 placements will be named to be in GROUP 1 and arranged therein by two pools of 4 each, according to serpentine positioning as shown below.

**GROUP 2** - The remaining teams with placements from the previous year (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and so on) will be situated into GROUP 2, also arranged into two pools so that each pool, as nearly as possible, has equal strength, according to the serpentine positioning shown below.

Teams from the previous year’s World Championship that do not enter will have their positions closed up and the serpentine will continue with those teams that have competed in both the last and current championships.

**Modifications:**

National teams that enter the World Championship that did not compete in the previous year will be arranged in alphabetical order according to the English spelling of the country’s name and added to the serpentine of GROUP 2, which continues until all teams are assigned to a pool.

Exception: should there be one or more vacancies in the 8 teams assigned to GROUP 1, created by the absence of teams that finished in the top eight from the previous World Championship, these open positions in GROUP 1 will be filled by any national team reentering the World Championship which had finished in the top 8 placements during any of the previous 3 World Championships. If there are more eligible teams than there are open pool positions in GROUP 1, priority will be given to that team with the highest previous placement, and if more than one team is similarly positioned, then the most recent of these shall be selected. There will never be more than 8 teams in GROUP 1, but should there be a vacancy remaining, the CIRILH Executive Committee is authorized to seed an entirely new team into GROUP 1, if in their opinion, such nation has the hockey tradition and player talent necessary to compete successfully at the GROUP 1 level. Teams that finished 9<sup>th</sup> or higher last year shall not be forced by vacancies into GROUP 1.

For example, assume that 20 teams are competing. The teams would be grouped as shown after seeding has been determined from their placement at the previous World Championship:

<b>GROUP 1</b>		<b>GROUP 2</b>	
<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>	<u>Pool C</u>	<u>Pool D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	
4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	
5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	
8 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	
	A		B
	D		C

**Revised Women’s Seeding of Teams into Round-robin** - The Women’s matches will follow the same dual competition philosophy as the men’s teams. Because of fewer teams involved, the schedule will be modified as follows: The top five (5) national teams finishing in the previous world championships will be placed in GROUP 1, however in a single pool designated Pool A. The remaining teams from the last world championships will be positioned in GROUP 2, consisting of Pools B & C, seeded by the serpentine method. New teams will be added to the serpentine in order by the English spelling of their country’s name.

**Round-Robin Game Scoring and Tie Breakers**

In compiling the results of pool play, games within the pool that finish tied, shall remain tied and points for each game awarded as follows:

Two (2) points to the game winner

One (1) point for a tie game

Zero (0) points to the loser

Minus (-2) points for a forfeit



The resulting placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the most number of points accumulated in round-robin play. If after addition of points, two or more teams are determined to possess an equal amount of points during pool play, the team's position is determined as follows:

The victor of the head-to-head competition in the round-robin shall be awarded the higher placement position.

If a tie still results, the team with the lowest total number of goals-allowed for the entire play-off round shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.

If a tie remains, the lowest total of goals-allowed in common wins among the tied teams, during all games in the group competition, will determine the group positions.

If a tie still results, the highest total of goals scored in common losses among the tied teams will determine their positions.

If teams are tied after applying the above criteria, a shoot-out will take place as defined in Rule 73(c).

### **Medal Round Competition**

**Single Elimination:** The pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semi finals and final games of World Championship and National Team World Cup medal round competition will be conducted as single elimination matches. If a team loses a game in the pre-quarter finals and quarter final, they are eliminated from any further advancement in medal play. Ties are to be decided by sudden death overtime according to provisions of Rule 73b. The two losing teams in the semi finals will play for the Bronze Medal; and the semi-final winners play for the Gold Medal, with the loser of this match receiving the Silver Medal.

**Medal Competition - Quarter Final teams selection from Four Pools:**

**Men's World Championships –** In GROUP 1, the highest finishing three (3) teams from each of the two Pools A & B will advance to the quarter finals, a sum of six (6) from GROUP 1. There will be an addition of one (1) team from each of the two C and D pools in GROUP 2, making the total Quarter Final entry eight (8) teams. These teams will be placed in the quarter finals bracket according to the seeding determined by round-robin play, with placements in GROUP 1 considered superior to GROUP 2. The first place finisher plays the last qualifying place, and so on through the remaining qualifiers, matching first place in one pool with last place in the other.

**Men's National Team World Cup –** The teams eliminated from GROUP 1 World Championship medal play, will join as top seeds with the highest finishing three (3) teams remaining in each of pools C & D in GROUP 2 for a total of eight (8) teams, which will comprise the National Team World Cup Quarter Finals in single elimination competition. These teams will be placed in the quarter finals bracket according to the seeding determined by round-robin play, with placements in GROUP 1 considered superior to GROUP 2. The highest place team will be paired with the last qualifying place, and so on through the remaining qualifiers, matching top place in one pool with last place in the other.

**Women's World Championships –** In GROUP 1, the highest finishing four (4) teams from Pool A will advance to the quarter finals. There will be an addition of two (2) teams from each of the two B and C pools in GROUP 2, making the total Quarter Final entry eight (8) teams. These teams will be placed in the quarter finals bracket according to the seeding determined by round-robin play, with placements in GROUP 1 considered superior to GROUP 2. The first place finisher plays the last qualifying place, and so on through the remaining qualifiers, matching first place in one pool with last place in the other.

**Women's National Team World Cup –** The team eliminated from GROUP 1 World Championship medal play, will join as top seed with the highest teams remaining in each of pools B & C in GROUP 2. This will comprise the competition for National Team World Cup Quarter Finals in single elimination competition. The highest place team will be paired with the last qualifying place, and so on through the remaining qualifiers, matching top place in one pool with last place in the other. Should more than 8 teams remain, before beginning the National Team World Cup, the surplus teams over 8 shall leave the competition and enter placement games to determine their final position.

### **Placement Games for World Championships Final Position**

Those teams not continuing to advance in medal competition, or after a loss in single elimination competition, will play additional matches to determine their overall Championship positions. These games will take place in increments of 2, 3 or 4 team units based upon the number of teams of similar status. The placement games will determine their ultimate position

within their selected group strata. The losers of these four team match-ups play for the lower of the open placements and the winners for the two higher positions. In a three team match, each team will play the other in a mini-round robin to fill these open positions. This procedure of layered competition will be repeated until all teams from the round-robin that are no longer competing for championship medals have been placed.

#### **REVISION TO CIRILH RULES OF THE GAME – Edition 2005 RELATING TO FIGHTING AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

##### **RULE FIFTY – FIGHTING (Page 30)**

**Final World Championship Games:** During the final match that a team plays at the World Championship, the instigator of a closed-fist punch that leads to a fight on the rink, will result in the initiator being assigned a match penalty should this fight require the insertion of referees between the affected players in order to stop it. Under the foregoing conditions, the attacked player from the other team will also get a match penalty if he persists in retaliating after attempts for restraint or a warning by the referee. It is unrealistic to think that a player who is punched, will not attempt to retaliate in self defense. This is noted in Rule 50(b) of the CIRILH Playing Rules. If the initiating player claims to be reacting in retaliation for a foul that preceded the fight, it is the responsibility of the referee to have promptly punished this occurrence, be it major or minor penalties, but otherwise does not excuse a player initiating a fist-fight.

A match penalty for fighting which occurs in the final game for that team at the World Championships, whatever the team's final position in the standings, will automatically carry with it a suspension of the player for the balance of the World Championship and from the next world championship, following a confirming review of the circumstances by the CIRILH Committee. The National Federation affected will be informed that this player is suspended from FIRS international competitions for one year for conduct detrimental to the sport of inline roller hockey.

No World Championship, World Cup or Continental Championship medal will be awarded to a team member that receives a Match Penalty, regardless of how the team finishes in the competition. Organizers of such tournaments are restricted under these circumstances to assign medals only to those players who remain in good standing. To prevent later unauthorized distribution, all surplus medals will be collected and be retained by the organizers or CIRILH. If a brawl had produced this situation, (more than one simultaneous fight), the team coach and team manager will also be denied medals. Should the team achieve a placement, they will also be held culpable.

#### **AMENDMENT TO CIRILH ORGANIZATIONAL RULES – 2005 Edition PART VII – INTERNATIONAL INLINE HOCKEY REFEREES CIRILH REFEREE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS – Article 18 (Page 64)**

##### **(g) The Burden of Responsibility by Game Referees:**

A competent referee must establish his or her authority early in the game and demonstrate unbiased and uniform observance of the rules, not permitting game discipline to get out of control. A referee who is hesitant to apply the rules, out of intimidation by star teams or players, or who is unsure of his own knowledge of the game and the rules, will often prefer not to act when he sees anything but the most obvious and overt foul. Such performances of this type by a referee at the world championships leaves everyone with the impression that they have been mostly idle throughout the preceding year or are not accustomed to an intensity of competitions much beyond that of club level CIRILH sometimes enters the medal finals at World Championships, acknowledging the fervor and high player skill level in such games, handicapped with a selection of referees who may not be properly qualified by experience to deal with these greater challenges, since the more experienced referees at the world championships come from countries that are usually playing in the medal rounds. An effort to place neutral referees into these games, may sometimes mean use of referees who are less qualified from an appropriate experience standpoint.

##### **(h) World Championship Referee Assignment Criteria:**

- 1. CIRILH will provide greater emphasis to those countries that are nominating referees for the World Championships, to only name those proven to be most experienced and who can**

demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge of CIRILH playing rules, and by their temperament and force of personality are able to adequately control world class hockey games.

2. Referees must establish control of the game from the outset. Bad conduct must be discouraged from the first minute of the game. Once the evil genie gets out of the bottle, it is impossible to return the cork and regain control.
3. Referees will be expected to be prompt, decisive and completely even-handed in assessing penalties and made to understand that like the "Mikado", "the punishment must fit the crime." When a referee is inconsistent or seemingly partial with the application of the rules during a game or engages in vocal arguments with the players or the bench, he or she inspires retaliation on the part of that team, which may adopt the belief that only through violence can the team obtain "justice."
4. Any world championship referee that fails to observe these tenets, will be first given a cautionary warning by the Referee-in-Chief, reported to the CIRILH Committee, and on the next such occurrence could be removed from the competition by CIRILH.