

ITHF Extraordinary Delegates' Conference (September 2018)

Minutes

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Members eligible to participate: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA

Votes

Vote 1

Change to the rule on goals scored after a face-off

Information

Some players have complained that the rule on goals scored after a face-off is inconsistent.

The main purpose of this rule is to prevent players from getting an easy goal or goal-scoring opportunity from a lucky bounce at the face-off. Here is the current rule (Game Rule 5.7):

Before a goal can be counted after a face-off, one of the following must occur:

(a) The puck touches a sideboard.

(b) The puck touches a playing figure other than the attacking center or defending goalkeeper at least 3 seconds after the face-off.

(c) A deliberate pass is made to the center. If it is unclear whether the center receives the puck from a deliberate pass or by accident, the defending player (or referee, if present) can decide whether the center is allowed to score a direct goal. If it is decided that the center cannot score a direct goal, the center can then only score by complying with (a) or (b).

Parts (a) and (b) allow goals to be scored once the puck has touched a sideboard or figure.

In part (b), the phrase "at least 3 seconds after the face-off" eliminates easy scoring opportunities that arise from a lucky bounce against a figure at the face-off.

But this phrase was never added to part (a), so a lucky bounce against the sideboard at the face-off can give a player an easy scoring opportunity.

Some players have said they find this difference between parts (a) and (b) confusing.

So to serve the rule's purpose better and to make it more consistent, the EC proposes adding the following **bold** text to Game Rule 5.7:

Before a goal can be counted after a face-off, one of the following must occur:

*(a) The puck touches a sideboard **at least 3 seconds after the face-off**.*

(b) The puck touches a playing figure other than the attacking center or defending goalkeeper at least 3 seconds after the face-off.

(c) A deliberate pass is made to the center. If it is unclear whether the center receives the puck from a deliberate pass or by accident, the defending player (or referee, if present) can decide whether the center is allowed to score a direct goal. If it is decided that the center cannot score a direct goal, the center can then only score by complying with (a) or (b).

Question

Should this change be made to Game Rule 5.7?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, USA
NO	4	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ukraine

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 2

More players in women/junior/veteran individuals' competitions at championships

Information

At European and World Championships, countries can send up to 5 players to each of the women's/juniors'/veterans' team events. However, only 3 (at World Championships) or 4 (at European Championships) of those players are allowed to compete in the women's/juniors'/veterans' individuals' events.

It has been suggested that those players who travel to compete in these team events should also be allowed to compete in the individuals' events.

Question 2a

Should the maximum number of players per country in the women's individual competition at European and World Championships be increased to 5?

Options

YES
NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Question 2b

Should the maximum number of players per country in the juniors' individual competition at European and World Championships be increased to 5?

Options

YES
NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Question 2c

Should the maximum number of players per country in the veterans' individual competition at

European and World Championships be increased to 5?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	11	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	2	Estonia, Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 3

Fourth day at European/World Championships

Information

The schedule is often very tight at European and World Championships.

The EC suggests that organisers bidding to host these championships could be given the **option** of extending the championships to 4 days, instead of the usual 3, to reduce time pressure.

However, as this could inconvenience some players or national teams, the bidding country would have to state their intention to add a 4th day during the bidding process, before the ITHF Delegates Conference approves the bid.

The final detailed schedule would also have to be approved by the ITHF Executive Committee before the championships.

Question 3

Should organisers of European and World Championships have the option of holding the championships over 4 days instead of 3?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	4	Denmark, Slovakia, Ukraine, USA
NO	10	Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden

Result: Proposed change **isn't accepted**.

Vote 4

Alternative play-off system on the World Tour

Information

In Denmark, a special play-off system is sometimes used, whereby the 5-minute time limit is removed and each match is won by the player who first scores a certain number of goals (e.g. 7 goals). This means that matches can be longer or shorter than 5 minutes, depending on how long it takes for a player to score the required number of goals.

Currently, alternative tournament systems are allowed if approved by the Executive Committee and announced in advance of the tournament, but there is some disagreement as to whether this play-off

system should be allowed on the World Tour.

Question 4

Should this alternative play-off system be allowed on the World Tour?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	4	Denmark, Finland, Slovakia, USA
NO	9	Canada, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine

Result: Proposed change **isn't accepted**.

Vote 5

Points limit for number-of-players-beaten method

Information

A problem has been found in the current world ranking algorithm: In very large beginners' tournaments, the beginner who wins will receive a very high number of points, despite having only a low skill level. This gives them an inflated world rank, which does not accurately reflect their ability.

This is because, in such tournaments, the "number-of-players-beaten" method is applied, which means that each player gets at least 1 extra point for every player who finishes below them, regardless of their world rank.

To fix the problem, the EC suggests introducing a **maximum limit of 80 points** that can be obtained from the number-of-players-beaten method.

As the winner always gets 10 extra points, this would affect tournaments with 70 players or more.

The points calculated for each player with this method would be as follows:

$$1 + (70-1) * (\text{TotalPlayersBelowPosition}) / (\text{TotalPlayers}-1)$$

For example, if 400 beginners play a tournament, the points would be as follows:

Place	Points received in current system	Points received in proposed new system
1st	410	80
2nd	399	69.827067669
3rd	398	69.654135338
...
398th	3	1.3458646617
399th	2	1.1729323308
400th	1	1

As always, decimal points would not be displayed on the website and the player's points would be shown as whole numbers.

Question 5

Should this 80-point limit be introduced for the number-of-players-beaten method?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	9	Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	4	Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Norway, Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 6

ITHF election

Information

Since July 13, 2018 Simon Thomas and Martin Arenlind are both standing down from the ITHF Executive Committee.

The following candidates are running for election to the ITHF Executive Committee for the next one season.

President ITHF

Candidate: Bjarne Axelsen (DEN)

Member of ITHF Executive Committee

Candidate: Igor Saveljev (EST)

Question 6a

Should Bjarne Axelsen be a President ITHF?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	14	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	-	-

Result: Bjarne Axelsen is **elected** President ITHF for a period of up to the end of a season 2018/2019.

Question 6b

Should Igor Saveljev be a Member of the Executive Committee?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	14	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	-	-

Result: Igor Saveljev is **elected** Member of the Executive Committee ITHF for a period of up to the end of a season 2018/2019.