



Extraordinary Delegates' Conference of ITHF (August 2023) Minutes

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Minute keeper: Mykhaylo Shalomayev, ITHF Secretary General

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

Votes

Vote 1

About sanctions for players from Russia and Belarus

Information

After the invasion of Ukraine, the members of ITHF earlier decided about sanctions meaning that players from Russia and Belarus are not allowed to play on the World Tour, or in International Championships, until the sanctions are removed. Players from Russia and Belarus are however allowed to organize and play national tournaments within their own countries. And other federations can also welcome players from Russia/Belarus to participate in national tournaments not belonging to the WTHT. We have received a request to vote if the sanction should still be kept as today, or if it should be removed.

Question

What to do with sanctions for players from Russia and Belarus?

Options

1. Keep the sanctions against players from Russia and Belarus as they are right now.
2. Remove the sanctions against players from Russia and Belarus in tournaments belonging to the ITHF WTHT. However, national federations are allowed to keep sanctions in their national tournaments.

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
1	10	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine
2	1	Kazakhstan

Result: sanctions against players from Russia and Belarus **were kept** as they are now.

Vote 2

Change to Tournament Rule 2.5

2a Information

In order to potentially increase the number of teams in the international championships, it is proposed to reduce the minimum number of women's team member, the minimum number of veteran team member and the minimum number of junior team member to two.

2a Question

In the paragraph 2.5 viii) of the Tournaments Rules, in the sentence "*The minimum number of women's team members is three and the maximum is five*" the words "**three**" should be replaced by the word "**two**".

In the paragraph 2.5 viii) of the Tournaments Rules, in the sentence "*The minimum number of veteran team members is three and the maximum is five*" the words "**three**" should be replaced by the word "**two**".

In the paragraph 2.5 viii) of the Tournaments Rules, in the sentence "*The minimum number of junior team members is three and the maximum is five*" the words "**three**" should be replaced by the word "**two**".

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	14	Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Belarus

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

2b Information

In order to return to table hockey players who have ever won international championships, as well as in connection with changes to paragraph 2.5 iv) of the Tournament Rules, paragraph 2.5 v) of the Tournament Rules is proposed to be reworded.

2b Question

Paragraph 2.5 v) of the Tournament Rules shall be stated as follows:

"v) Defending champions in each category can participate (the only exception is the juniors and the kids categories, where the defending champion can participate only if he/she fulfils the age requirement). All former champions in the Open category can participate in the Open category".

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	14	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Norway

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

Vote 3

Change to Game Rule 6.1.

Information

In order to prevent an ambiguous interpretation of a goal in the situation depicted in the figure, it is proposed to amend paragraph 6.1. Game Rules.

Question

Paragraph 6.1. of the Game Rules shall be stated as follows:



"6.1. A goal is scored when the puck was directed between the goal posts in front of and below the crossbar, completely crossed the red line drawn from one goal post to the other, and did not fly back out of the goal, crossing this red line or remaining on it".

Options

YES
NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	13	Belarus, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	1	Germany

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

Vote 4

Host of the European Championship - 2024

Information

The tournaments organized by the Latvian table hockey federation were always held at a very high level. The LTHF representatives met with the city major and got his blessings and funding for organizing the European Championships 2024 in Valmiera. This city is Latvia's capital of sport and last year won the award of "friendliest city towards sport in Latvia".

Taking into account that there is no airport in Valmiera, the organizers can arrange a transfer Riga - Valmiera depending on the demand.

With the major of Valmiera the organizers agreed to book the venue with 130 places to sleep just upstairs in this modern sport arena (<https://shorturl.at/lowCJ>) for the June 13-16th, they also serve dinner and have great surroundings. In addition, there are hotels nearby.

Question

Should Valmiera (Latvia) host the European Championship - 2024?

Options

YES
NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	15	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, USA
NO	0	

Result: The European Championship - 2024 will be held in **Valmiera (Latvia)**.

The Executive Committee of ITHF, Sunday the 20th of August 2023

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