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ALL RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF IPCH COMPETITIONS



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ARTICLE A: IPCH COMPETITION

A.1. GENERAL

A.1.1. IWAS Powerchair Hockey, called the IPCH, is responsible for the organisation of IPCH Competitions in general.

A.1.2. By IPCH Competitions are meant: World Championships, (Open) Regional Championships, Qualification Tournaments, World Cup/League for National Teams, Regional Cup/League for National Teams, World Cup/League for Club Teams, Regional Cup/League for Club Teams and other competitions sanctioned by the IWAS/IPCH.

A.1.3. IPCH Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the IPCH Competition Regulations, the IPCH Game Rules, the IPCH Organisers Regulations and decisions made by the IWAS/IPCH.

A.1.4. The Organiser of an IPCH Competition shall be appointed by the IWAS/IPCH. The Organiser shall have the endorsement of their national member organisation of the IWAS.

A.1.5. The IPCH shall be informed of all international matches and tournaments involving National Teams and/or Club Teams at least six month in advance.

A.1.6. IPCH Competitions shall stage in date accepted by the IWAS/IPCH, in order to prevent any case of contemporary event with other IPCH competitions or with competitions considered with priority by the

IPCH.

A.1.7. IPCH Competition, including opening and closing ceremonies, shall not be used as a forum for political protest of any kind.

ARTICLE B: PARTICIPATION

B.1. GENERAL

B.1.1. In case of the IPCH World Championships IWAS/IPCH member organisations shall be allocated according the IPCH World Championships Qualification System.

B.1.2. In case of the IPCH (Open) Regional Championships IWAS/IPCH member organisations shall be allocated according the IPCH Regional Championships Qualification System.

B.1.3. Only IWAS national member organisations which are up-to-date with payment of their annual fee may take part in IPCH competition.

B.1.4.. Nations may apply to participate in an IPCH Competition with one (1)Team Delegation.

B.1.5. In IPCH World Championships, (Open) Regional Championships, Qualification Tournaments and World Cup/League for National Teams, only National Teams are allowed to participate.

B.1.6. In IPCH World Championships the minimum number of participating teams is 6 and the maximum number is 8 teams of at least 2 different regions.

B.1.7. In IPCH (Open) Regional Championships the minimum number of participating teams is 6 and the maximum number is 8 teams.

B.1.8. In IPCH Qualification Tournaments the minimum number of participating teams is 3 and the maximum number is 5 teams.

B.1.9. In IPCH World Cup/League for National Teams or Club Teams, the minimum number of participating teams is 6 of at least 2 different regions.

B.1.10. In IPCH Regional Cup/League for National Teams or Club Teams, the minimum number of participating teams is 6.

B.2. ENTRIES

B.2.1. The Organising Committee, together with the IWAS/IPCH, shall decide the dead line of entering time. The entering time shall be no more than 14 months or less than 7 months before the actual IPCH Competition.

B.2.2. Entries to the IPCH Competitions shall be sent to the Organising Committee by the official Entry Form before the stated dead line.

B.2.3. The participating nations shall be accepted in the order of entries with payment received by the Organising Committee, taking article B.1. into account.

B.3. PARTICIPATION FEE

B.3.1. The amount of Participation Fee per person of the Team Delegation shall be up to Organising Committee and IWAS/IPCH.

B.3.2. At least 2 months before the first day of the IPCH Competition the Participation Fee shall be paid to the Organising Committee.

B.3.3. Participation Fee will be used for the organising expenses and covers the accommodation, 3 meals per day (including at least 1 warm meal), venues and officials during the dates of the event and transportation of all members of the Team Delegation from the nearest airport or railway station to their respective accommodation (and visa versa) and from the accommodation to the venues (and visa versa).

B.4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS

B.4.1. Nations participating are entitled to use a Team Delegation of a maximum of 26 members, with the following restrictions:

- A maximum of 1 Team Manager
- A maximum of 1 Coach and 1 Assistant Coach
- A maximum of 10 Players
- A maximum of 13 Team Assistants (including Personal Assistants, Medical Staff, Technical Staff and other Team Assistants). Exception can be requested to IPCH on grounded basis.

B.4.2. Members of the Team Delegation (except players) must be at least 15 years old latest on the official arrival day of the competition.

B.4.3. Each participating nation has to cover its own means of transportation to the nearest international airport or railway station of the event for its Team Delegation.

B.4.4. Each participating nation is responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover each member of the Team Delegation.

B.4.5. Each participating nation shall inform the Organising Committee, at least 2 months before the first day of the event, of their travelling plans, by the

official Registration Form.

B.4.6. At least 2 months before the first day of the event the official Registration Form of all members of the Team Delegation, completed on the form, together with a digital team photograph (minimal 800x600 pixels) of the registered Players, Coach(es) and Team Manager in uniform and separate single passport photographs (minimal 800x600 pixels) of the Players, Coach(es), Team Manager, shall be sent by the IWAS Member Organisation to the Organising Committee. This list shall consist of up to the maximum of 26 people as described in art. B.4.1

B.4.7. At the event Team Managers shall show the Final List to the Jury before the competition starts (at the Day of Control) and inform the Jury Members about changes of members of the Team Delegation compared with the Registration Form. Only the persons included in the Final List are entitled to participate in the IPCH Competition concerned. This list shall consist of up to the maximum of 10 Players, Team Manager, Coach(es) and Team Assistants.

B.4.8. A registered member of a Team Delegation that withdraws from the competition and is not replaced less than 2 months before the first day of the event or during the IPCH competition concerned, shall pay the Participation Fee to the Organising Committee.

B.4.9. Any registered participant found to be affected by alcohol or a prohibited doping substance will immediately be removed from the playing area.

B.5. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

B.5.1. A Player shall be citizen of the nation of the IWAS National member organisation (NOSD).

B.5.2. If a player is not a citizen of the nation mentioned in article B.5.1., the player must have been a resident for at least 12 months and must have requested and received an authorisation from the organisation of the own nation of origin, taking B.5.3. into account.

B.5.3. An authorisation from the organisation of the own nation of origin is not required if the player has been resident for more than 3 years in another nation or if there is no organisation in the own nation of origin.

B.5.4. At the IPCH Event each participating player shall provide the own legitimate passport, identity card or received authorization (or copies of these) of that particular nation. Those documents will be checked by the IPCH Jury before the first match (on the Day of Control).

B.5.5. Each participating player shall provide medical information of the diagnosed disability and prognosis, by using the IPCH Medical Form. This medical information shall be no more than one year old, shall be signed by a licensed medical doctor and the athlete, and shall be send at least 6 weeks before the event to the IPCH Classification Committee as described in the IPCH Classification Manual

B.5.6. Each participating player shall meet the IPCH Players Eligibility criteria. Each player will be controlled by IPCH Classifiers before the first match (on the Day of Control) and during the IPCH Competition.

B.5.7.. Each participating player shall show playing equipment (powerchairs, sticks, jerseys and identification plates) as ruled in the valid IPCH Game Rules. The equipment will be controlled by IPCH Referees

before the first match (on the Day of Control) and during the IPCH Competition.

B.6. PLAYER'S OUTFITS

B.6.1.. The player's outfit shall be according to the IPCH Game Rules.

B.6.2. The main colour of the jerseys and the reserve jerseys of the players and the goaltenders shall be mentioned on the official Registration Form (see article B.2.2.).

B.6.3. An player participating in an IPCH competition shall wear the same player's number throughout the whole competition, according to the Final List of players (see article B.4.6.).

B.6.4. A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's uniforms and powerchairs. The main colour of the jersey must be dominating.

B.6.5. The IPCH may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment.

B.6.6. If the jerseys of two teams, which play against each other, are (nearly) identically coloured, the latter mentioned on the match form shall play in jerseys with another colour.

ARTICLE C: PLAYING SYSTEM

C.1. GENERAL

C.1.1. PCH Competitions shall be played by the IPCH Game Rules.

C.1.2. The drawing of the participating teams into groups shall be conducted by lottery. The IPCH will perform the lottery draw.

C.1.3. In case of IPCH World Championships, respectively IPCH (Open) Regional Championships, the winner of the previous IPCH World Championships, respectively IPCH (Open) Regional Championships, shall play in group A as number 1 and the runner up of the previous IPCH World Championships, respectively IPCH (Open) Regional Championships shall play in group B as number 1, if more than 7 teams are participating. In case of less than 8 teams the winner and runner up of the previous IPCH World Championships, respectively IPCH (Open) Regional Championships shall play as number 1, respectively as number 2.

C.2. PLAYING SYSTEM

C.2.1. In competitions of 2 participating teams the teams play 3 times against each other. All matches shall be played.

C.2.2. In competitions of 3 participating teams the teams play 2 times against each other. All matches shall be played.

C.2.3. In competitions of 4 up to and including 8 participating teams, the teams of the group play one time against each other in the First Round. After the first round Play Offs will be played.

C.2.4. If there are 2 up to and including 7 participating teams all teams play together in one group. Teams shall be divided into two groups (A and B) if there are 8 participating teams.

C.2.5. Teams shall be awarded:

- 2 match points for a winning match.
- 1 match point for a drawing match.
- 0 match points for a losing match.

C.2.6. THE ORDER OF THE MATCHES IN GROUPS:

- 2 teams in a group (3 matches):
1-2, 2-1, 1-2
- 3 teams in a group (6 matches):
1-2, 2-3, 3-1; 3-2, 1-3, 2-1
- 4 teams in a group (6 matches):
1-4, 3-1, 2-4; 3-2, 1-2, 4-3;
- 5 teams in a group (10 matches):
1-4, 3-2, 5-4, 3-1, 2-5;
4-3, 2-1, 5-3, 4-2, 1-5;
- 6 teams in a group (15 matches):
1-6, 5-2, 3-4, 5-6, 2-4, 3-1;
4-5, 6-3, 1-2, 3-5, 6-2, 1-4;
2-3, 4-6, 5-1;
- 7 teams in a group (21 matches):
1-6, 3-4, 5-2, 6-7, 4-1, 2-3, 7-5;
4-2, 6-3, 1-5, 7-4, 3-1, 5-6, 2-7;

5-3, 7-1, 2-6, 4-5, 3-7, 1-2, 6-4;

C.2.7. The ranking within a group shall be decided in the following order:

- a) The total number of match points.
- b) If the total number of match points of two or more teams is equal, the result(s) of the internal matches of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- c) If the ranking can not be decided by b), the internal goal difference shall be decisive.
- d) If the ranking can not be decided by c), the most scored goals internally shall be decisive.
- e) If the ranking can not be decided by d), the total goal difference overall of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- f) If the ranking can not be decided by e), the most scored goals overall of the teams concerned shall be decisive.
- g) If the ranking can not be decided by f), penalty-shot-series will be taken by the teams concerned to settle the ranking. Technical Delegates will inform the involved teams about the schedule.

C.2.8. Play Offs shall always be finished until the match is not tied. If a match ends with a draw after the regular playing time, the match will be decided according to the IPCH Game Rules concerning extra-time and, if necessary, penalty-shot-series.

C.2.9. In case of 4 participating teams, the Play Offs (4 matches) shall be conducted in the following order:

- a) Semi-Final 1 for placing 1 – 4:
1st of the First Round - 4th of the First Round.
- b) Semi-Final 2 for placing 1 – 4:
2nd of the First Round - 3rd of the First Round.
- c) Bronze Match for places 3 and 4:
loser of Semi-Final 1 - loser of Semi-Final 2.
- d) Final Match for places 1 and 2:
winner of Semi-Final 1 - winner of Semi-Final 2.

C.2.10. In case of 5 participating teams, the Play Offs (4 matches) shall be conducted as follows:

The ranking for the places 3, 4 and 5 will be decided as follows:

Of the First Round 3rd, 4th and 5th will form a new group. This results in 3 more matches in the following order: 3-4, 4-5, 5-3. The ranking shall be decided according article C.3.9.

- a) 1st match for placing 3 - 5:
3rd of First Round - 4th of First Round
- b) 2nd match for placing 3 - 5:
4th of First Round - 5th of First Round
- c) 3rd match for placing 3 - 5:
5th of First Round - 3rd of First Round
- d) Final Match for places 1 and 2:
1st of the First Round - 2nd of the First Round

C.2.11. In case of 6 participating teams, the Play Offs (5 matches) shall be conducted in the following order:

- a) Semi-Final 1 for placing 1 – 4:

1st of the First Round - 4th of the First Round.

b) Semi-Final 2 for placing 1 - 4:
2nd of the First Round - 3rd of the First Round.

c) Match for places 5 and 6:
5th of the First Round - 6th of the First Round

d) Bronze Match for places 3 and 4:
loser of Semi-Final 1 - loser of Semi-Final 2.

e) Final Match for places 1 and 2:
winner of Semi-Final 1-winner of Semi-Final 2.

C.2.12. In case of 7 participating teams, the Play Offs (7 matches) shall be conducted as follows:

The ranking for the places 5, 6 and 7 will be decided as follows:

Of the First Round 5th, 6th and 7th will form a new group. This results in 3 more matches in the following order: 5-6, 6-7, 7-5.

The ranking shall be decided according article C.2.7.

a) 1st match for placing 5 - 7:
5th of First Round - 6th of First Round

b) Semi-Final 1 for placing 1 - 4:
1st of the First Round - 4th of the First Round.

c) 2nd match for placing 5 - 7:
6th of First Round - 7th of First Round

d) Semi-Final 2 for placing 1 - 4:
2nd of the First Round - 3rd of the First Round.

e) 3rd match for placing 5 - 7:
7th of First Round - 5th of First Round

f) Bronze Match for places 3 and 4:
loser of b) - loser of d)

g) Final Match for places 1 and 2: winner of b) -
winner of d)

C.2.13. In case of 8 participating teams, the Play Offs
(8 matches) shall be conducted in the following or-
der:

a) 1st match for placing 5 - 8:
3rd of group A - 4th of group B

b) 2nd match for placing 5 - 8:
3rd of group B - 4th of group A

c) Semi-Final 1 for placing 1 - 4:
1st of group A - 2nd of group B

d) Semi-Final 2 for placing 1 - 4:
1st of group B - 2nd of group A

e) Match for places 7 and 8:
loser of a) - loser b)

f) Match for places 5 and 6:
winner of a) - winner of b)

g) Bronze Match for places 3 and 4:
loser of c) - loser of d)

h) Final Match for places 1 and 2:
winner of c) - winner of d)

C.3. MATCH SCHEDULE

C.3.1. The Technical Delegates appointed for each
IPCH competition are entitled to modify and adapt
the final match schedule for media purposes and in
the aim of making it more fair towards all participating

teams.

C.3.2. Matches are allowed to be played simultaneously on several playing fields.

C.3.3. The match schedule shall be set up such that, in the First Round, there is at least 1½ hours between the start of matches being played on the same playing field, in the Play Offs at least 2 hours.

C.3.4. In the first rounds, a team shall be scheduled no more than one time as first team of a playing day.

C.3.5. A team shall have no more than 2 matches during one day.

C.3.6. Between 2 matches of a team there shall be an intermission of at least 1½ hours.

C.3.7. Teams are entitled to warm up at least 10 minutes on the match field before the start of a match.

C.4. PRACTICE SESSIONS

C.4.1. Teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on an officially sanctioned playing area.

C.4.2. On the day before their first official match, teams are entitled to have at least one practice session in the official competition venue.

C.4.3. A practice field should be reserved for the use of one team at a time suiting the competition program.

C.4.4. Practice sessions shall be conducted accord-

ing to the official practice schedule.

C.4.5. Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

ARTICLE D: ORGANISATION

D.1. RESPONSIBILITIES

D.1.1. The duties and responsibilities of the Organiser and the Organising Committee are laid down in the IPCH Organisers Regulations.

D.1.2. The Organising Committee is responsible to share the necessary information of all practical arrangements of the IPCH Competition concerned, according the IPCH Organisers Regulations.

D.1.3. Team Managers are responsible for sharing the information with all members of the Team Delegation.

D.1.4. The responsibility for the Organising Committee to transport the Team Delegation and Officials starts one day before the official arrival date and ceases one day after the official departure date.

D.1.5. The Organising Committee is responsible for accommodation and board for the Team Delegations and Officials, as well as for transportation from the nearest airport or railway station to their respective accommodation (and visa versa) and from the accommodation to the official venues (and visa versa).

D.2. CUPS AND MEDALS

D.2.1. The winning team shall receive a cup and 12 IPCH Gold medals for players and coach(es).

D.2.2. The runner-up shall receive a cup and 12 IPCH

Silver medals for players and coach(es).

D.2.3. The 3rd ranked team shall receive a cup and 12 IPCH Bronze medals for players and coach(es).

D.2.4. Each team ranked 4th and lower shall receive 12 IPCH Memory medals for players and coach(es).

D.2.5. Each Official (Jury Member, Classifier and Referee) shall be presented a memory gift.

D.2.6. Each volunteer of the Organising Committee and each assistant of the Team Delegations shall be presented a memory gift.

D.3. MEETINGS

D.3.1. A first Technical Meeting shall be held prior the control of players.

D.3.2. A second Technical Meeting shall be held prior the First Round.

D.3.3.. A third Technical Meeting shall be held prior the Play Offs.

D.3.4. The Team Manager of each Team Delegation, the Chief Referee, the Chief Jury, the Chief Classifier, the IPCH Technical Delegate and a member of the Organisation Committee shall attend all Technical Meetings and other meetings scheduled by the IPCH or the Organising Committee.

D.3.5.. Technical Meetings shall be chaired by the IPCH Technical Delegate.

ARTICLE E: IPCH OFFICIALS

E.1. GENERAL

E.1.1. IPCH Officials are Technical Delegates, Jury Members, Classifiers and Referees who have signed the IWAS/IPCH Code of Conduct and are appointed by IWAS/IPCH.

E.1.2. IPCH Officials shall have one official function per competition.

E.1.3. IPCH Officials shall have achieved the age of 18 before the first day of the competition.

E.1.4. IPCH Officials shall have sufficient command of speaking, reading, writing and understanding of the English language.

E.1.5. IPCH Officials are not allowed to be any part of any participating Team Delegation.

E.1.6. The IWAS/IPCH may decide about regulations regarding colours and advertisements on the IPCH Official's outfit, to be in charge during the IPCH Competition.

E.1.7. Each participating IPCH Official has to cover its own means of transportation to the nearest international airport or railway station of the event.

E.1.8. Each participating IPCH Official is responsible for taking out an own appropriate insurance.

E.1.9. Each participating IPCH Official shall inform the Organising Committee, at least 2 months before the first day of the event, of the travelling details, by the official Registration Form. The completed Registration Form shall be delivered to the Organising Committee together with a separate, recent, digital single passport photograph of minimal 800x600 pixels.

E.1.10. A registered Jury Member, Referee or Classifier may only be withdrawn from an event for "force majeure" or medical reasons. During the event notification must be made to the (Assistant) Technical Delegate of that event two hours prior to its scheduled commencement.

E.2. TECHNICAL DELEGATES

E.2.1. The Technical Delegate (TD), together with the Assistant, is the technical representative of the IWAS/IPCH before, during and after the event and acts as such to ensure that all IWAS/IPCH instructions are applied and obeyed.

E.2.2. Technical Delegate together with the Assistant Technical Delegate, shall represent the IWAS and IPCH as the key sport advisor for the PCH-sport and shall be responsible for ensuring that the IPCH Events correctly interpret, implement and enforce the rules & regulations of IWAS and IPCH.

E.2.3. The Technical Delegate shall advise the LOC on the technical requirements to ensure a safe, quality and dignified sports environment.

E.2.4. When especially instructed the Technical Delegate may also be the general representative of the IWAS and IPCH and be entrusted with public rela-

tions, supervising all arrangements for awarding of prizes and medals according the IPCH Organizers Regulations, expressing the appreciation and thanks of the IWAS/IPCH to the LOC, VIPs, Officials, Team Delegations, audience etc. The IWAS Representatives and the Technical Delegate are the two most senior people at IPCH Competitions.

E.2.5. Technical Delegates are appointed by the IPCH Sport Executive Committee (SEC), on advise of the IPCH Technical Commission and IPCH Competition Commission in acknowledgement of his/her experience, expertise and accreditation and in compliance with the criteria established by IPCH and the LOC.

E.2.6. IPCH Technical Delegates are responsible:

- To act as the link between the IWAS, the LOC, the IPCH SEC, the Chief Classifier, Chief Jury and Chief Referee (and their Assistants).
- To supervise and guide the LOC before, during and after the event.
- To make sure that all necessary detailed information is send in time to the LOC, Chief Officials, IPCH SEC, IPCH Secretary, IWAS and the participating nations before the event.
- To supervise the Course Days, Control Days, Competition Days and Officials Exams.
- To inform about the Technical Meetings and how the formalities at the event are to be handled.
- To chair all Technical Meetings to give possibility to LOC, Chief Classifier, Chief Jury, Chief Referee (and their Assistants) to spread necessary information to the teams and to answer questions

from Team Managers.

- To supervise IPCH Officials Courses.
- To help the Chief Officials (and their Assistants) to improve their performance through coaching.
- To approve the scheduling of Jury Members, Referees and Classifiers for the Control Days, on proposal of the Chief Officials (and their Assistants).
- To approve the scheduling of Jury Members and Referees for the First Rounds and Play Offs, on proposal of the Chief Jury and Chief Referee (and their Assistants).
- To supervise, and if necessary to assist with, the theoretical and practical examination of Referees, together with the Chief Jury.
- To supervise the handling of protests by the Jury.

E.2.7. IPCH Technical Delegate has to meet all the requirements and follow all the instruction listed in the Technical Delegate Handbook.

E.3 JURY MEMBERS

E.3.1. Jury Members shall be certified by IPCH and shall have a good knowledge of the IPCH Competition Regulations, IPCH Game Rules and Jury Handbook.

E.3.2. Before each IPCH Competition the IPCH shall appoint one Chief Jury Member, responsible for the Jury Team, and one Assistant Chief Jury Member.

E.3.3. Each match shall be supervised by at least 2

Jury Members of different nations.

E.3.4. A Jury Member is not allowed to supervise a match of the own nation, nor to judge a Referee of the own nation.

E.3.5. In case of protest, majority shall be counted by voting of the two Jury Members of the concerned match and the Chief Jury. In case of protest of a match of the own nation of the Chief Jury, a Jury Member of a non-playing nation shall be asked to vote (instead of the Chief Jury), together with the two Jury Members of the concerned match.

E.3.6. From the Official's arrival day of the IPCH Competition until 1 hour after the last match, the Jury Members shall be responsible for:

- **Checking the Final List of each Team Delegation (see article B.4.6.).**
- **Checking the (copies of) passports/received authorisation (see article B.5.5.).**
- **Supervising that the matches shall be played in accordance with the IPCH Competition Regulations.**
- **Supervise and observe the Referees.**
- **Settling protests.**
- **Being present at all scheduled IPCH Jury Meetings.**

E.3.7. When taking decisions, the valid IPCH Rules & Regulations are applicable.

E.3.8. The Jury is allowed to take decisions on all

matters regarding other disciplinary matters, not provided for in the IPCH Competition Regulations, as well as in unforeseen circumstances.

E.3.9. Sanctions imposed by the Jury are final and shall not be subject to appeal, as far as the duration of the IPCH Competition to which they apply is concerned.

E.4 CLASSIFIERS

E.4.1. IPCH Classifiers shall be certified by IPCH shall have good knowledge of the IPCH Classification and of the IPCH Classification Manual.

E.4.2. Before each IPCH Competition the IPCH shall appoint one Chief Classifier, responsible for the Classifiers Team, and one Assistant Chief Classifier.

E.4.3. Before each IPCH Competition the IPCH shall appoint three (3) IPCH Classifiers per panel, which shall consist of (para)medical and EWH sport technical persons of different nations.

E.4.4. IPCH Classifiers are responsible for:

- **Checking and observing the Players Eligibility and the functional class of all participating according the IPCH Classification rules, regulations, systems and procedures, before and during the IPCH Competition.**
- **Being present at all scheduled IPCH Classifiers Meetings during the actual IPCH event.**

E.5. REFEREES

E.5.1. Referees shall be certified by IPCH shall have good knowledge of the IPCH Game Rules, IPCH Competition Regulations and Referee Handbook.

E.5.2. Before each IPCH Competition the IPCH shall appoint one (1) Chief Referee, responsible for the Referees Team, and one Assistant Chief Referee.

E.5.3. Referees are not allowed to whistle a match in which a participating team is of the same nation as the referee concerned.

E.5.4. Referees outfits: The referee's shall wear grey shirts, shorts, socks and sports shoes.

E.5.5. REFEREES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Controlling the playing sticks and powerchairs of all players of the Final List before the competition starts, according the IPCH Game Rules.
- Controlling the playing area and playing field before each match, according the IPCH Game Rules.
- Controlling the playing sticks and powerchairs of each participating player before each match.
- Conducting all matches according the IPCH Game Rules.
- Signing the IPCH official competition forms; Match Form, Penalty Stroke Form, Protest Form.
- Being present at all scheduled IPCH Referee Meetings during the actual IPCH event.

E.6. CONTROLS BEFORE THE COMPETITION STARTS

E.6.1. Chief and Assistant Chief Referee and Technical Delegate and Assistant Technical Delegate are responsible for controlling the playing area and playing field, according the IPCH Game Rules, before the competition starts.

E.6.2. Chief and Assistant Chief Classifiers together with Technical Delegate and Assistant Technical Delegate are responsible for controlling the rooms that will be used by Classification Panel for the Classification of the athletes before the controls starts.

E.6.3. Chief and Assistant Chief Jury together with Technical Delegate and Assistant Technical Delegate are responsible for controlling that all necessary tools, materials and documents are ready and working at the match table.

ARTICLE F: PROTESTS

F.1. TO SUBMIT A PROTEST

F.1.1. A participating team has the right to submit a protest to the (Assistant) Chief Jury within 45 minutes from the end of the match concerned. The Match Form shall not be signed by the team concerned, but the intention to protest shall be noted by the captain of the team on the Match Form directly after the match.

F.1.2. A protest must be written and signed by the Team Manager of the team on the official Protest Form. The Protest Form shall be handed over by the Team Manager to the (Assistant) Chief Jury together with the Protest Fee of 100 Euro.

F.2. TO HANDLE A PROTEST

F.2.1. A protest Committee will be installed to handle the protest. A decision has to be made before the beginning of the next match of the concerned teams. As soon as the final decision is made Team Managers of the concerned teams will be informed by the Protest Committee.

F.2.2. The foundation of the decision of the Protest Committee will be the valid IPCH Competition Regulations and IPCH Game Rules.

F.2.3. Decisions imposed by the Protest Committee are final as far as the duration of the IPCH Competition to which is applied is concerned.

F.2.4. In case of protest of a match that may influence the next match, the match schedule will continue as planned.

F.2.5. The credit of the Protest Fee of 100 Euro will only be returned if the protest is approved by the Protest Committee.

F.3. TO APPEAL A PROTEST

F.3.1. Any player, official or team member has the right of appeal through their IWAS national member organisation to the IWAS Executive Committee.

F.3.2. The appeal should be made in writing, in English, with the support of the applicant's organisation in membership with IWAS. The appeal shall be directed via the IWAS Secretariat to an Ad Hoc Appeal Committee appointed by the IWAS Executive Committee.

ARTICLE G: PUNISHMENT INFLICTION

G.1. PUNISHMENT

G.1.1. On the basis of a report of the referees, coaches and/or captains or by itself, the Jury is allowed to order punishments to a team, to a player, to another team member or to audience.

G.1.2. The Jury can order a team a lost match with the result of 0 – 5 and reduce 2 points, if:

- A team has played with an ineligible player.
- A team was not present on the playing field, ready to play, in time, according the Match Form.
- The match is forfeited and a Walk Over (W.O.) is at hand.
- A team has left the playing field during play without the senior referee's permission.
- A player, coach, other team member or own audience causes that a match cannot start or causes a strike of a match.

G.1.3. If a team is ordered a lost match with the result of 0 – 5, as mentioned in article G.1.2., the opposing team shall be considered as having won the match with the result of 5 - 0.

G.1.4. If a player or another team member has received a 'Red Card' during the match, the person concerned shall be disqualified for the further dura-

tion of the match and shall be suspended for the first next match. The Jury can extend the punishment (see art. E.2.9. and G.1.1.).

G.1.5. Any registered participant who:

- fails to comply with the rules governing the competition,
- contravenes the spirit of fair play,
- manifestly offends official(s), referee(s) or members of any IWAS/IPCH Committee or the Organising Committee in the course of his/her/their official duties,
- behaves in a manner which discredits the IWAS/IPCH or the Organising Committee,
- shall be penalised by the IPCH Jury in the form of a fine and/or suspension/disqualification, determined by the IPCH Jury.

ARTICLE H: FRIENDLY MATCHES

H.1. OFFICIAL FRIENDLY MATCH

H.1.1. A friendly match is considered an official friendly match, if all following conditions are fulfilled:

- match takes place between two national teams
- match is played on a field that meets all requirements for an official IPCH competition match
- match is played according to the official IPCH Game Rules
- match is observed by two accredited IPCH Jury Members
- match is officiated by two licensed IPCH Referees
- IWAS/IPCH regulations will be monitored and approved by one Technical Delegate
- IPCH SEC has been informed about the match at least 2 month before the match takes place, officially assigning requested referees and jury members and the technical delegate to officiate and observe the match

In case the organizers do not request specific referees and/or jury members, they will be appointed by the IPCH Referee Commission and IPCH Jury Commission respectively

H.1.2. The following guidelines should be followed in connection to the official friendly matches:

- IPCH referees from the playing nations are allowed to officiate the match
- jury members cannot observe a referee from its own nation
- jury members shall, after the end of the match, send the referee observation report to the Head of IPCH Jury Commission
- in case of misconduct by the participants or serious organizational issues, referees and jury members shall send a written report to IPCH SEC
- if the referees and/or jury members have been appointed by IPCH committees, it is the duty of the organizers to cover all their travel and accommodation expenses

