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DEFINITIONS

Authorised disciplinary body	the disciplinary body which by virtue of the Disciplinary Procedures is authorised to deal with the infringement
Club	club, school or other group, affiliated to a national organisation
Competition rules	Regulations or resolutions concerning the way a match series or tournament has to proceed.
Council	the Council of the IKF
Event	an IKF match, match series or tournament
Exco	the Executive Committee of the IKF.
Friendly match	a match not organised by, or on behalf, of the IKF
IKF match	a match organised by, or on behalf, of the IKF
International club match	a match between club teams affiliated to two national organisations
International inter-league match	a match between teams belonging to two national organisations, selected by their national organisation or one of its regional sections, but not authorised to bear their country's name
International match	a match between teams belonging to two national organisations, selected by their national organisation and authorised to bear their country's name
Irregularities	non-play, abandonment of play, late start, participation of unauthorised players, doping of players
Juniors	persons with a maximum age of 19 years
Match rules	regulations or resolutions concerning the way a match has to proceed. This includes misbehaviour according to the Rules of the Game
Match series	a series of matches played with additional separate rules or regulations, in which each participating team plays one or more matches, (the results of which can determine the number of matches played by the participating teams)
Matches	international matches, international inter-league matches and international club matches as defined below
National organisations	members and associate members of the IKF as referred to in Article 8 of the Statutes
Players, captains, referees, assistant referees, coaches, team managers	both male and female players, captains, referees, assistant referees, coaches and team managers
Referees Committee	a Committee set up to deal with refereeing matters in accordance with Article 10.3 (ii) of the Statutes
Tournament	a match series in which the matches are played on one or more days within a period of, in general, no more than 10 days, at one or more venues, usually within the borders of one country

Notes on the definitions:

1. A national organisation may allow a team selected by one of its regional sections to bear its country's name in an international match.
2. All matches are to be played in accordance with the Rules of the Game referred to in Article 25 of the Statutes.

Article 1

INSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION OF IKF MATCHES

1. The Council of the IKF is the sole body authorised to institute international championships and other IKF matches organised at regular intervals.
2. The Exco shall establish separate competition rules for each IKF match or IKF match series. The rules for each of these matches or match series shall be listed in an appendix to these Competition Regulations.
3. The Exco is empowered to commission a national organisation, with that national organisation's agreement, to organise one or more IKF matches or an IKF tournament in accordance with conditions laid down by the Exco. In the event of one or more IKF matches or an IKF tournament being played as part of an event comprising other sports, the Exco can commission the organisation of those matches to be carried out in co-operation with the organisers of that event.
4. The conditions laid down in clause 3 above may concern:
 - a) the liability of the national organisation to bear the costs of the organisation, of IKF officials and of participants and the payment to the IKF of a set sum and/or a part of the takings of the national organisation;
 - b) the IKF's complete or partial retention of sections of the organisation and the profits and losses attached to it;

- c) other items connected with the organisation, such as accommodation, advertising and publicity, equipment, ceremonies and facilities for the benefit of participants, officials, spectators and the publicity media.
5. The Exco is empowered to appoint a technical delegate, or coordination officer, who shall assist the organisers in their preparations and ensure that the conditions laid down for the organisation are adhered to.
 6. The Exco is empowered to withdraw a commission as defined in clause 1.3 above if it is of the opinion that either
 - a) the conditions laid down are not being, or will not be, adhered to or
 - b) that an insufficient number of entries has been received, or
 - c) that other urgent reasons require it to take this action.
 7. When a commission has been withdrawn or a commissioned match or tournament has not taken place or is abandoned, the organising national organisation can make no claims against the IKF or demand any financial compensation for expenses incurred in connection with the organisation.

Article 2

PARTICIPATION IN IKF TOURNAMENTS AND MATCH SERIES

1. The IKF Exco shall decide who shall be eligible to participate in any IKF Tournament or Match Series.
2. The Exco may delegate its powers under this article to a continental federation or the Competitions Committee.
3.
 - a) The Exco determines the date by which an entry for an IKF match, IKF match series or Tournament must be received and also the date(s) by which further information must be provided.
 - b) When the entry is in respect of club teams, the national organisations concerned are obliged to pass on immediately all the information received from the Exco to all the clubs eligible for participation; entries must be submitted through the national organisation.
 - c) The Exco may determine that an entry only becomes effective after the IKF has received an entry fee and/or deposit. The deposit will be reimbursed when the team has played the match or has participated in the match series until the end.
4. The Exco may accept an entry received after the date as referred to in clause 2 a) above on the understanding that the national organisation concerned, or its club, is liable to pay a fine as laid down in article 12 of the Disciplinary Procedures.
5. A national organisation or club, when cancelling an entry, is liable to pay a fine, as laid down in article 12.4 (b) of the Disciplinary Procedures. If an entry is cancelled, any entry fee paid, or scheduled to be paid, by the national organisation or club shall be forfeited.
6. When the entry cancellation occurs less than one month before the match date, or the start of the match series, the fine liable is as laid down in article 12.4 (c) of the Disciplinary Procedures.
7. A national organisation or club withdrawing from a match series after the starting date is liable to pay a fine as laid down in article 12.4 (d) of the Disciplinary Procedures.
8. In addition to the fine which shall be imposed as per clauses 6 and 7 of this article, the national organisation or club concerned may be banned by the Exco from participation in one or more future matches or match series.
9. When a match or match series has not taken place or is abandoned, the participating teams can make no claims against the IKF, the organising national organisation or other parties, for expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with their participation.
10. All arrangements concerning the payment of the travelling and lodging expenses of the participating teams and their accompanying officials participating in an IKF match or match series, together with the payment of any costs of participation, will be made by the participating teams unless the Exco decides differently.
11. Neither the IKF nor the organisers can be held responsible for the consequences of illnesses, accidents or unforeseen circumstances which may occur on the occasion of matches.
12. Any team playing matches outside its own country's borders shall ensure that it has taken out medical insurance to cover any illness or accident that may occur whilst its team(s) or representatives are visiting another country for the purpose of participating in matches whether as a player, coach, team manager or other official.

Article 3

PLAYERS' RIGHT OF PLAY

1. With due observance to clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this article, each national organisation determines the right of its players to play in teams belonging to that national organisation and its member clubs. In this respect a national organisation's regulations shall be recognized by the IKF and the other national organisations.
2. Any team taking part in an international match may only include players who, according to the laws of the country to which the team belongs, bear the nationality of that country. Players in possession of dual-nationality may only play in such matches for one of those countries. Players who do not bear the nationality of that country, but who comply with the provisions of clause 6 (for Junior players), 7 (for Youth players) or 8 (to participate in a senior selection) are also eligible.

3. a) Any team taking part in an international (or international inter-league) match or match series may only include players who have attained the age of 16 years on the day of the match or, if the match is part of a match series, on the first day of that series.
- b) If the match or match series is for Juniors, the age mentioned under a) is lowered to 14 years.
4. In friendly international matches an exception to the restrictions mentioned in clause 2 may be made for up to two players per team, provided that those players have been resident and active players in the country concerned for at least six months and both national organisations have agreed to the exception beforehand.
5. When a player has played in an international match in a team of a national organisation, he is not allowed, at a later date, to play in a match in a team of another national organisation. The Exco may, on explicit request, grant dispensation from this rule.
6. A Junior player may play for a country in an international match or match series for Junior players provided that:
 - the player is eligible to obtain the citizenship of that country and
 - the player has been resident in that country for a minimum period of two years and has been playing regularly in that country for more than 12 months

The National Organisation concerned must apply for permission to the IKF, at least three months before the player wishes to play for the first time, and shall provide the IKF with the necessary proof of qualification mentioned above.

7. A Youth player (defined as someone who is no older than 23 years) may play for a country in an international match or match series for Youth players provided that:
 - the player is eligible to obtain the citizenship of that country and
 - has previously played in an international match or match series as a Junior player as per clause 6 or
 - the player has been resident in that country for a minimum period of three years and has been playing regularly in that country for more than 24 months

The National Organisation concerned must apply for permission to the IKF, at least three months before the player wishes to play for the first time, and shall provide the IKF with the necessary proof of qualification mentioned above.

8. A player may play for a country in an international match or match series for senior national selections provided that
 - the player is eligible to obtain the citizenship of that country and
 - has previously played in an international match or match series as a Junior player as per clause 6 or Youth player as per clause 7 or
 - the player has been resident in that country for a minimum period of five years and has been playing regularly in that country for more than 36 months

The National Organisation concerned must apply for permission to the IKF, at least three months before the player wishes to play for the first time, and shall provide the IKF with the necessary proof of qualification mentioned above.

Article 4

MATCHES AGAINST TEAMS OF UNAFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

1. Previous Exco permission is required for the organisation and the playing of a match against a team of an unaffiliated organisation.
2. If this permission is not obtained and the match is nonetheless organised or played, the Exco may report the matter to the authorised disciplinary body.

Article 5

REPORTING OF FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

1. A national organisation planning to organise a friendly international match, is obliged to report to the Exco the date, place and time of the match at least three months before the date of the match.
2. In the event of such reporting not being done on time, the organising national organisation may be liable to a fine as laid down in article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

Article 6

LIST OF PLAYERS FOR IKF MATCHES

1. The Exco determines in respect of each IKF match or IKF match series whether a list of players qualified to take part in the match or match series is required and to whom it should be sent. If a list is required, the permitted maximum number of players and team officials that may be listed shall be specified.

2. If required as per clause 1 of this article, each participating team must submit on an official ***IKF Information Form*** the names of the players in their anticipated team, together with the names of any emergency replacements. The list should include each player's surname, first name, country of passport (except for a club event) and the number(s) in which they will play together with the colours of the two or more sets of costumes to be worn. (see article 9 below). The form may request that the colours are also shown by means of photographs. The name of the trainer/coach and team manager shall also be included. This ***IKF Information Form*** must be returned to the IKF Office by the date set down as per clause 1 of this article.
3. A ***Final Players' Declaration Form***, which will normally be given to team managers at the pre-tournament meeting, must be returned to the Jury by the time set in the rules of the tournament. This form shall list each team's final selection, the numbers in which they will play, the names of the coach, team manager, any other officials accompanying the team (maximum 3) who may wish to sit on the team bench and the colours of all of the sets of costumes (see article 9). The players named on the ***Final Players' Declaration Form*** must appear on the list of those included on the ***IKF Information Form*** (article 5.2 above) as either an anticipated player or emergency replacement. Only those players named on the list are entitled to play in the team for the match or match series in question.
4. Prior to the start of the match, the Jury shall compare the names on the match form with those on the players list and record any discrepancies on the match form. In the absence of a Jury this task shall be undertaken by the referee.
5. Any national organisation or club infringing the provisions of this article is liable to pay a fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
6. The Exco or the Jury will report any unauthorised players taking part in a match to the authorised disciplinary body.

Article 7 MEETINGS

1. Before any IKF event a meeting shall be held between the Jury and the team managers or representatives of the participating teams. Apart from clause 6.2 below, the main purpose of the meeting shall be to brief the teams about the rules of the competition and any other matters that will assist the smooth running of the event. Attendance by a team's manager or representative at this, or any subsequent, meeting is obligatory and any failure to attend shall incur a fine as per article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
2. At the pre-tournament meeting of the team leaders with the Jury, teams shall mutually agree contrasting colour choices for each game. If necessary a contrast of colours must be in both shirts and shorts/skirts. Should they be unable to mutually agree their colours then the chairman of the Jury will toss with the winner choosing their colour first. The other team must then choose a contrasting colour.
3. A pre-event meeting shall also be held between the Chairman of the Jury and the appointed referees and assistants.
4. Further meetings may be held during the event should this be deemed to be necessary by the Jury.

Article 8 MATCH FORM

1. At friendly international matches, the team managers or team captains are obliged to ensure that a match form, available from the IKF secretariat, is completed correctly and in full and is shown to the referee before the match. The match form shall show the starting players and the names of any possible substitutes.
2. In IKF matches or match series, every team is obliged to fill up an official IKF form and submit it to the Jury not later than half an hour before a game is to be played by that team. The form must list the names of each of the starting players (4 male and 4 female) and the names of the substitutes. Against the name of each player a team will need to indicate A, D or S depending upon whether the player is in the first attack (A), first defence (D) or a substitute (S). The numbers of the shirts in which they will play and the name of the coach and other officials wishing to sit on the team bench must also be listed. The names of all of these players must appear on the final declaration form mentioned in article 5.3 above.
3. Within five minutes after the end of the match, the team captain is obliged to complete both fully and accurately his part of the match form, before handing it to the referee.
4. The referee then completes his part of the match form and writes down all match rule infringements and irregularities which have occurred before, during or after the match. He is obliged to follow up this annotation with a more detailed statement. This statement shall be sent to the Exco within 48 hours or - in the case of a match in an IKF tournament - handed to the Jury within one hour of the end of the match. For a yellow card, encoding the match form with the appropriate disciplinary code shall be deemed sufficient.
5. The team captain and the members of his team concerned are deemed to have noted the referee's annotation. Through the annotation of the referee the infringements and irregularities mentioned in clause 3 are submitted for consideration by the authorised disciplinary body.

6. The referee hands the match form, after having put his signature to it, to the team manager or team captain of the opposing party or to the technical delegate or the Jury, who will then ensure that the form is in the hands of the IKF secretariat no later than two weeks after the match.
7. A fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the Disciplinary Procedures, shall be levied on any national organisation or club failing to comply with the provisions of this article.

Article 9

COSTUMES

1. For an IKF match or match series, each team shall have at least 2 sets of costume (shirts and skirts/shorts) **in different basic colours** and each set shall be numbered as required below in clause 2. All members of the teams shall wear matching costumes. Garments worn visibly under the team strip must be of the same basic colour as the shorts or skirts.
2. Each participating organisation shall notify the IKF secretariat no later than the time laid down in article 2.3 of the major and reserve colours of its team. This shall normally be done by using the relevant section on the IKF Information Form referred to in article 5. Digital photographs of each of the team colours shall be submitted with the form.
3. At IKF matches each player of a team must wear a shirt bearing a number on the back which is specific to him/her. Shirt numbers must be clearly visible and shall contrast sufficiently from the basic shirt colours. At IKF matches each player must also wear the same number (at least 10 cm high) on the front of the shirt or on the front of the shorts/skirt. During an IKF match series, players may only wear the number declared to the Jury prior to the start of the match series and this number must be the same for all shirt colours.
4. Sponsorship advertising may be permitted on the shirt in accordance with article 20. This advertising must also comply with the rules and conditions of the host broadcasters and the Government of the organising country.
5. In the event of a reasonable request by TV personnel concerning the teams' colours, the Jury may instruct one or both teams to comply with such a request.
6. A fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the Disciplinary Procedures, shall be levied on any national organisation or club failing to comply with the provisions of this article.

Article 10

ARBITRATION

1. For every IKF match, match series and friendly international match, the IKF Referees Committee shall appoint a referee or referees from the IKF list of referees.
2. The Exco may, in consultation with the Referees Committee, allow the organisers of a friendly international match to themselves invite an IKF referee and assistant referee, followed by notification to the Exco.
3. No referee from one of the two countries directly concerned in a friendly international match can be appointed as the referee for that match unless this is requested by both national organisations involved.
4. If requested to do so, the Referees Committee shall also appoint from the list of IKF referees an assistant referee for an IKF match or friendly international match.
5. In a match series, the Exco will invite referees to control one or more games during the series.
6. When the Referees Committee so requests, the Exco shall call upon one or more national organisations to appoint an assistant referee for an IKF match, or friendly international match, from the IKF list of referees and/or from that/those national organisation(s)' list of referees. In the case of a match series, more than one assistant referee may be requested and such assistants may be required for more than one day.
7. The Exco shall inform the referees and assistant referees of their appointment and shall notify the organisers accordingly.
8. In a match series, the IKF Referees Committee shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for each game from the above lists of invited referees and assistant referees. The committee will also appoint a reserve referee whose task shall be to oversee the team benches and supervise time-outs and substitutions in cooperation with the Jury. In the event of the match referee or assistant referee being unable to continue through illness, injury or other cause, the reserve referee shall take his place.
9. If it depends on the results of earlier games in the tournament which teams will play a particular game and only one representative of the Referees Committee is present, then the appointments of the referee and assistant referees for that game shall be made by this representative in consultation with the Jury mentioned under article 13. If no representative of the Referees Committee is present then the Jury shall appoint. In principle a neutral referee will be appointed for each game. The IKF Referees Committee and the Jury may, however, deviate from this rule. All referees and assistant referees shall be informed of their appointments at the earliest opportunity.
10. If IKF matches or friendly international matches are played in a tournament, the Referees Committee may confine itself to drawing up a list of appointed referees and assistants, leaving the final choice for each individual match or a number of matches, to the Jury (or in the case of friendly matches to the organisers) in consultation with any members of the Referees Committee then present.

Article 11

REFEREES' AND ASSISTANT REFEREES' EXPENSES

1. In respect of IKF matches or match series, unless stated otherwise in the regulations governing the match or match series, the travel expenses incurred by referees will be reimbursed by the IKF in accordance with any guidelines laid down by the Exco. Claims must be submitted to the IKF secretariat within one month of the end of the match or match series. As soon as the accounts have been approved the secretariat will arrange payment.
2. In the case of IKF matches or match series, local travel, food and accommodation of referees shall be provided and paid for by the organisation hosting the matches or match series.
3. In the case of a friendly international match the travel and accommodation expenses of referees and any assistant referees will be reimbursed by the national organisation responsible for the organisation of the match. The IKF Exco may adopt a resolution stating that a part of these expenses shall be borne by the IKF.
4. With respect to the expenses of assistant referees, all travel and accommodation expenses of assistant referees shall be provided and paid for by the organisation hosting the matches or match series. Different arrangements for the payment of travel expenses may be made by the Exco if the assistant referees were requested by the IKF under article 8.6 above and are not from the same national organisation as the organisers of an event.

Article 12

REPLACEMENT OF REFEREE OR ASSISTANT REFEREE

1. In the event of an appointed referee for an IKF match or friendly international match not being present fifteen minutes before the stipulated hour of commencement of the match, or at some time during the match is not able to continue his task, he will be replaced successively by:
 - a. the appointed reserve referee;
 - b. an appointed assistant referee who is an IKF referee;
 - c. another IKF referee;
 - d. another referee acceptable to both team captains.
2. Except in the case where a reserve referee is appointed, when an appointed assistant referee has to be replaced, the referee appoints the replacement.
3. In the event of a situation, as referred to in clauses 1 and 2, occurring at an IKF match at which a Jury functions, then the Jury is responsible for the replacement procedure in consultation with any Referees Committee members then present.

Article 13

JURY AT IKF TOURNAMENTS

1. The Exco shall appoint a Jury for all final rounds of an IKF tournament. Where possible each Jury member shall be appointed from the IKF list of qualified Jury members. The appointment shall be made as early as possible and should be completed no later than 1 month prior to the event concerned. Where possible, at least 3 countries should be represented on the jury.
2. For preliminary rounds of IKF tournaments the Exco may request or require a national organisation to provide a Jury member.
3. Appointed referees or assistant referees or club officials who are declared on the Final Declaration Form (article 5.3) as participating in the tournament may not be members of the Jury.
4. Jury members' travel expenses, unless determined otherwise by the Exco, will be reimbursed by the IKF. Their local transport, food and accommodation shall be provided and paid for by the national organisation responsible for hosting an event.
5. In the case of a Jury member not being present or unable to continue his task, he shall be replaced by another member appointed by the chairman of the Jury following consultation, if at all possible, with the national organisation concerned if that organisation was responsible for his nomination.
6. The Jury shall act in accordance with a task description drawn up by the Exco.
7. The chairman of the Jury determines, in consultation with the Jury members, how the various tasks will be divided amongst the Jury members.
8. The Jury's task is to ensure that conditions laid down for the organisation of the event and the competition rules themselves are fully adhered to. The Jury assumes, with relation to the tournament, all the authority vested in the Exco. Where a reserve referee is not officiating in a match the Jury may delegate one of its members to assist the referee in controlling substitutions, requests for time-outs and the situation concerning the team benches.
9. At each match, a Jury table is placed in the immediate vicinity of the field of play with sufficient chairs for all the Jury members. The table shall have provision for the following: -
 - a) Access to the timing clock and preferably the scoreboard itself.
 - b) Access to a laptop computer and a printer (including stationery) with sufficient electric power to operate both.

- c) Access to a signalling system (hooter, klaxon etc) to indicate to the referee that a time-out or substitution has been requested.
- 10. All those connected with the tournament are obliged to give the Jury all the information it requires and to carry out all its instructions.
- 11. The Jury decides in all cases not covered by the competition rules and in all disputes in which the Jury is asked to issue a decision.
- 12. In a situation where less than two representatives of the Referees Committee are present the jury may be involved in the appointment of referees and assistant referees as set out in article 8.9.
- 13. In the event of a tournament not being able to be played according to the rules then in force, the Jury determines how to decide the winner, or whether to abandon or cancel the tournament.
- 14. The Jury shall call instruction meetings with referees and with team managers and/or representatives in advance of the tournament (article 6) and may call further meetings with the referees and assistants and/or with the team managers and/or representatives during the tournament as it deems necessary. If a team fails to send a representative to any meeting referred to in this clause then it shall be deemed to be in breach of these IKF Match Regulations and may be liable to a fine as laid down in Art. 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
- 15. The Jury must present a report to the Exco no later than three months following the end of the tournament using the report form supplied by the IKF secretariat.

Article 14

TECHNICAL DELEGATE/COORDINATION OFFICER

- 1. The IKF Exco may appoint a Technical Delegate (TD) or Coordination Officer (CO) who will assist the organisers in their preparations and ensure that the conditions laid down for the organisation are adhered to.
- 2. The travelling costs of the TD or CO will be borne by the IKF. The organising country for the event concerned shall arrange and pay for his local transport, food and accommodation.
- 3. In the case where a Jury has not been appointed, or is constituted under the provisions of article 11.2, the TD/CO shall take the role of Chairman of the Jury. He may, however, appoint someone from the IKF qualified Jury members list to undertake this role on his behalf.

Article 15

TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINARY PANEL

- 1. Whenever a match series or tournament takes place where a team is required to play more than one match in the event, a tournament disciplinary panel (TDP) shall be appointed by the Exco in accordance with article 3.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
- 2. The TDP consists of a chairman and at least two other members. Members of the jury may be appointed members of a TDP. Members of the Council or Exco may not be appointed members of a TDP.
- 3. A TDP is authorised to examine infringements of the match rules and irregularities in respect of matches in the IKF tournament for which the Panel has been specifically appointed.
- 4. A TDP shall act according to the provisions of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures and shall have the power to take the specific disciplinary measures as laid down in article 9.4 of those regulations.
- 5. The TDP will deal with misconduct and any red cards awarded occurring prior to a team's last match in the event concerned. The panel shall also be responsible for imposing punishments under the "bookings" system should a participant either
 - (a) have to serve a punishment due to previous bookings or
 - (b) be awarded a yellow card that earns that individual any punishment in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures (articles 5 and 9.6), either from bookings carried forward or from a second or subsequent yellow card at the tournament.

Misconduct occurring during or after a team's final match in an event will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the IKF.
- 6. The TDP may, at its discretion, refer any disciplinary matter to the IKF Disciplinary Committee.
- 7. In accordance with the IKF Disciplinary Procedures (article 10.2), a decision of the TDP shall be final.

Article 16

COACH

- 1. A coach at a match is either
 - a) required to be a member of the national organisation of the team concerned or
 - b) be a member of a different national organisation but have the permission of that national organisation to act as a coach for a team from a different national organisation.

Article 17

TEAM MANAGER

1. Only one person may function as team manager for a team taking part in an IKF match or friendly international match.
2. A team manager at a match is either
 - a) required to be a member of the national organisation of the team concerned or
 - b) be a member of a different national organisation but have the permission of that national organisation to act as a team manager for a team from a different national organisation.
3. The team manager is the team's representative outside the field of play. He has the right to approach any officials involved in the organisation of a match when he feels this is in the best interests of his team.
4. The team manager is responsible for the provision of all information required by officials involved in the organisation and ensures that the team adheres to all arrangements made in respect of the match.

Article 18

ANTI-DOPING

1. The participants in any IKF match or match series must adhere to, and conform with, any anti-doping measures required of them under the Anti-Doping Regulations and Bye-laws of the IKF.

Article 19

IRREGULARITIES AT IKF MATCHES

1. When an IKF match, not part of a match series, is not played or is abandoned, the Exco shall decide whether or not the match must be re-scheduled.
2. If the authorised disciplinary body has decided against any disciplinary measures in the event of an IKF match in a match series not being played, or being abandoned, the match is re-scheduled. If the result of the match carries no influence in determining the winner of the match series, or the teams entitled to participate in a following match or matches, the Exco or the Jury may decide not to re-schedule the match.
3. If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in the event of an IKF match in a match series not being played, or being abandoned, the team not guilty of the irregularity is deemed to have won the match with a 10-0 score.
4. If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in respect of one or more unauthorised players taking part in an IKF match, not part of a match series, the Exco shall decide whether to leave the score unchanged or declare the match invalid and decide whether or not the match must be re-scheduled.
5. If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in respect of one or more unauthorised players taking part in an IKF match in a match series, the team not guilty of the irregularity is deemed to have won the match with a 10-0 score.
6. If one player of a team at an event is found guilty of an Anti-Doping Rule violation (as defined in the IKF Anti-Doping Regulations) then any sanctions taken with respect to the offence shall only affect the individual concerned. However, if two or more players from the same team at an event are found guilty of an Anti-Doping Rule violation (as defined in the IKF Anti-Doping Regulations), then in accordance with clause 11.1 of those regulations the team concerned may be disqualified or have other disciplinary action taken against them.

Article 20

ADVERTISING

1. **General**
 - a) Advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by players and team officials at a match or match series.
 - b) Limited advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by IKF referees and other officials at a match or match series.
 - c) Advertising at a match or match series is permitted on the field of play, on the posts and on the korfs.
 - d) All advertising mentioned under a), b) and c) is subject to the conditions laid out in clauses 2, 3 and 4 below.
 - e) Irrespective of clause 2 and/or 3 below, should the match or match series be televised, all advertising should be in conformity with the laws of the country in which the match or match series is played and with the regulations of the host broadcaster.
2. **Types of advertising**
 - a) The use of company and product names, trademarks and classes of goods is permitted, provided that they do not offend common decency. The advertising may not be of a political, confessional, racist or ideological nature. Advertising for tobacco or alcohol products is not permitted.

- b) The IKF Council may, at its sole discretion, exclude other products either permanently or for a specific event.

3. **Dimensions and location of advertising space**

a) **Clothing**

- i) Admissible advertising space on clothing worn during a match is on the front and back of the shirts, the outer sides of the sleeves and on the short/skirts. Advertising may also be placed on track suits and other training gear.
- ii) The maximum admissible advertising space on the front and the back of the shirt is 550 cm² each.
- iii) The legibility of the players' number on the shirt and on the short/skirt must not be affected by the advertising. Should this be the case then the referee and/or the jury may instruct the players to change their outfit.
- iv) The maximum admissible advertising space on sleeves and shorts/skirts is 80 cm² for each sleeve and 80 cm² for the shorts/skirt.
- v) There shall be no restriction on size with respect to clothing not actually worn during a match.
- vi) The brands and label of origin of clothing manufacturers are not regarded as advertising provided that they do not exceed 20 cm².

b) **Posts**

- i) Admissible advertising space on posts shall be in the space between the floor and 2.50 m from the floor.
- ii) If protective padding is placed around the post, then advertising may be placed on this instead of directly on the post.

c) **Korfs**

- i) Admissible advertising on the korfs may be painted directly on the outside of the korf (or be integrated in their design). Alternatively, it may also be affixed to the outside of the korf in such a way that the vertical dimensions of the korf remain unchanged and the thickness of the korf does not increase by more than 5 mm.
- ii) The advertising must not cover more than two thirds of the circumference.
- iii) When painted on the korfs (or integrated into their design) the advertising shall be in black characters whose height shall be no higher than 15 cm. If the advertising is affixed to the outside of the korf then the background colour of the advertisement must be the same colour as the korf.
- iv) The lower horizontal axis of the advertising must be parallel to the ground and 5 cm above the lower rim of the basket.

4. **Permission for advertising**

- a) For all IKF matches, as defined in the IKF Competition rules, the permission of the Exco is needed for all advertising on clothing, posts or korfs.
- b) The Exco must be notified by the national organization of the specification of all of the proposed advertising not later than ten days prior to the date of the match or the starting date of the period as per clause 4 (g). For all advertising, whether on clothing, posts or korfs, each request must be accompanied by a digital photograph clearly showing the proposed advertising.
- c) If the advertising concerns the clothing of an IKF official then the person concerned must undertake the notification.
- d) The Exco must approve or otherwise refuse permission for such advertising not less than five days prior to the date of the match or the starting date of the period as per clause 4 (g), failing which approval will be deemed to have been given.
- e) The Exco has absolute discretion in deciding on the request. No appeal is possible against an Exco decision.
- f) Permission for advertising may be made dependent on the payment of a specific sum to the IKF. The amount to be paid is fixed by the Exco and may be made dependent on whether or not the match is televised.
- g) The Exco may decide to give permission for advertising for a specific period of time which may exceed the period of a specific match or match series.
- h) The Exco may decide that for a specific match or match series no advertising at all shall be allowed, should this be in the interest of the IKF or be prescribed by the organisers of a (multi-sport) event. If this should be the case then the Exco must notify all those concerned at least six months in advance.

Article 21

ITEMS FROM THE PLAYING RULES APPLICABLE TO IKF EVENTS

- 1. All of the rules listed in the IKF Playing Rules shall apply.
- 2. Where in the Playing Rules an allowance is given to amend a rule then the text that applies to IKF events is shown below.
- 3. The **playing area** shall be 40 m x 20 m unless such dimensions are impossible.
- 4. Any **equipment** that shall be used specifically in an event, e.g. synthetic korfs, particular make of ball etc., will be listed in the rules specific to the event (rule 1.2).

5. The **number of players per team** that may participate in an event shall normally be 16. Any variance in this overall total shall be mentioned in the rules specific to the event (rule 1.2).
6. **Substitutes** Up to 4 players per team may be substituted without the approval of the referee.
7. **Team bench** - The people allowed to sit on the team bench shall be the substitute players, the coach and no more than 4 other persons. At an event all those people eligible to sit on the team bench must be listed in advance to the jury.
8. In IKF events each team may be allowed two **time-outs** during a match. Should this be varied in a particular event, then this will be listed in the rules specific to the event (rule 1.2).
9. All **time-out and substitution requests** must be made through the jury table
 - to make a substitution the team manager shall fill in an IKF substitution form and hand it to the jury who will arrange a signal to be made to the referee at the next break in play. The player must be ready to start and the change will be controlled by the reserve referee.
 - to request a time-out the coach should ask the jury who will arrange a signal to be made to the referee at the next break in play
10. Only the named coach will be permitted to give instructions to the team from positions away from the bench.
11. **Treatment of injured players**
 Treatment of players who become injured during a match must be done in line with the regulations and procedures set out below. Whenever a player becomes injured during the match and needs medical help, the following procedure should be adopted: -
Medical assessment/treatment
 - a) It is assumed that this will be done by a physiotherapist, doctor or medical attendant attached to the team but could be the First Aid team that is provided by the organisers.
 - b) The referee shall signal to the team bench of the player concerned that he would like a medical person to enter the field to examine the player. From the moment this person enters the field of play then s/he shall be allowed two minutes to assess/treat the injury.
 - c) Only medical personnel may enter the field.
 - d) If, within the two minute period, the player is deemed fit to resume playing then the medical personnel shall leave the field and play shall continue.
 - e) If after two minutes the player is deemed not to be fit to immediately continue then, provided the injury is such that it is safe to move the player, the player should be immediately removed from the field for further assessment/treatment and play shall be re-started as soon as the player is clear of the field of play.**Place of the coach and other players during assessment/treatment**
 - a) The coach must remain on his bench (unless he is the declared medical attendant).
 - b) The players must remain in their zones.
 - c) Under no circumstances shall the situation be allowed to become an (extra) unofficial time out. (Of course players in the zone opposite their team bench may take instructions from the coach at this time provided that they, and the coach, fulfil the conditions laid down – i.e. they remain within their zone and the coach remains on the bench.)
 - d) The situation around the benches should be clearly monitored and controlled by the reserve referee (or jury if the reserve is not available).
12. The **length of a match** shall be 2 x 30 minutes with 10 minutes break at half time. Should this be varied in a particular event, then this will be listed in the rules specific to the event (rule 1.2).
13. **Choice of line up** - In IKF tournaments the teams shall toss to decide which team will attack which korf in the first half. In IKF friendly matches, the home team shall choose.
14. **Reserve Referee** - In any IKF event a reserve referee shall be appointed for each match. The role of the reserve referee shall be
 - to be first in line to take over a match should the appointed referee be injured or otherwise be unable to officiate
 - to be prepared to take over from an assistant referee if the assistant becomes injured, is otherwise unable to officiate, or is removed from his duties by the referee in accordance with rule 2.5 of the Rules of Korfball
 - in cooperation with the jury, supervise substitutions, time-outs and the behaviour of the coaches and persons on the team benches.
15. **Protests** – In IKF events the only protests that will be permitted shall be those relating to the equipment, the condition of the playing area and any medical aids worn by players. Any protests of this nature must be presented to the jury before the referee's starting signal. No other protests will be allowed and the decision of the jury is final.
16. **Rankings and results of matches** – In all IKF events each match is played so that a winner is determined. When the scores are level after 60 minutes the winner is determined by the use of a 'golden goal' as described in the appendix. If there is no winner after the 'golden goal' period then the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalties. The procedure for this is also shown in the appendix.

If group matches are used in a Tournament, the ranking within a group shall be determined as follows: -

- For a win in normal time the winning team shall earn 3 points.
- For a win after a “golden goal”, or penalties following a “golden goal”, then the winning team shall earn 2 points and the losing team 1 point.
- Ranking shall be determined according to the number of points earned (highest to lowest).

17. **Determination of ranking when teams are level on points**

- Whenever 2 teams are equal on points the result of the match between those teams shall determine the ranking.
- Whenever 3 or more teams are equal on points, a new ranking table based on matches between those teams shall be used.
- If this results in more than two teams still equal on points then goal difference within this new ranking table shall apply. If goal differences are the same then goals scored shall be used.
- If teams still cannot be ranked following the use of points, goal difference and goals scored in this new ranking table, then the goal difference (and then, if necessary, goals scored) in the original ranking table, i.e. involving all teams in the group shall be used.
- Whenever goal difference is used, then goals scored in penalties following a “golden goal” period shall not count.
- Whenever goals scored is used then any goals scored after the end of normal time in a match shall not count.
- If after applying all of the above teams still cannot be ranked then the equal teams will be asked to take penalties to determine their ranking.

APPENDIX

Method of obtaining a result when the scores are level after normal time

If a game has ended in a draw a decision will be obtained by use of a 'golden goal' as described below.

1. If in order to reach a decision a ‘golden goal’ period has to be played the game will be re-started after a 3-minute interval. Except where any substitutions are made at this time in due accordance with the rules of the game, the players must be those who were playing at the final whistle.
2. The ‘Golden goal’ period shall operate as follows:
 - (i) The teams shall line up in the same zones and shall attack the same ends as at the start of the match.
 - (ii) A toss will be made to determine which team shall start the ‘golden goal’ period. For the purposes of this section of the rules the winners of the toss will be referred to as the *starting team* and the losers of the toss will be referred to as the *opposing team*.
 - (iii) Provided both teams have had an opportunity to attack (i.e. had possession in the attack zone) then the first team to score shall be the winners.
 - (iv) If the *starting team* scores in their first attack (i.e. with the *opposing team* not having had possession in their attack zone) then the *opposing team* shall have an opportunity to attack and score. The *opposing team’s* attack is considered to be over when possession is obtained by an attack player of the *starting team* who is standing in his/her own attack zone. In this case the requirement that both teams have had an opportunity to attack has been met with the *starting team* being declared the winners.
 - (v) If the *starting team* scores in their first attack and this is matched by the *opposing team* in their first attack then the game continues with the teams changing zones and the *starting team* restarting the match. The above provisions about having an opportunity to attack still apply and the game will continue in a similar manner until a winner is achieved.
 - (vi) If there is no winning score after ten minutes of ‘golden goal’ play then penalties will be taken as set out below.
3. If in order to reach a decision penalties have to be taken, the **8** players of each team who were playing at the end of the ‘golden goal’ period shall each take a penalty. Substitutions may still be made provided they are made in due accordance with the rules of the game. The referee will toss a coin to determine which team will start. The winners of the toss will start. All 8 players of the teams concerned will alternately take one penalty each. If both teams have scored an equal number of goals from these penalties, further series of 8 penalties will be taken **by the same eight people and in the same order**, until a decision has been obtained. If it is clear that a winner has been determined before a complete series of 8 penalties per team has been completed, then the taking of penalties can be terminated.