



GAME REGULATIONS

U18/U20 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

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I | FUNDAMENTAL RULES

A | General Provisions

§ 1 Definition/Scope of Application

1. The U18/U20 International League is an official League of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation which brings together ice hockey clubs for the purpose of organizing, planning and carrying out league play. The Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (Österreichischer Eishockeyverband or ÖEHV) governs the rights and obligations.
2. The U18/U20 International League Championship is a competition in which teams from Austria, Slovenia and Hungary (referred to below as "U18/U20 International League clubs") compete for the U18/U20 International League Championship title.

§ 2 Legal Basis of League Play

In their respectively applicable versions, the following documents govern the conduct of league play:

- IIHF Statutes & Bylaws
- IIHF Integrity Book
- IIHF Sport Regulations
- IIHF Disciplinary
- IIHF Rulebook
- International Transfer Regulations

- ÖEHV Satzung
- ÖEHV Meldebestimmungen
- ÖEHV Ausbildungskosten Entschädigungs System - AKES
- ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung (DO)
- ÖEHV Durchführungsbestimmungen Österreichische Meisterschaften (DÖM)
- ÖEHV Durchführungsbestimmungen Österreichische Nachwuchsmeisterschaften (DÖNAM)
- ÖEHV Covid-19 Annex

The ÖEHV is entitled to make changes and adjustments to the respective game regulations and league format in case circumstances may change (see XI Miscellaneous § 5).

§ 3 Terms of Participation / Participants

1. The official registration for participation in the U18/U20 International League Championship must be submitted in writing (using the official registration form) to the ÖEHV Administrative Office. The originals of the participation fee required by the ÖEHV must also be submitted to the Administrative Office.
2. U18/U20 International League clubs are only eligible to participate if they fulfill the requirements of §3 (1) and send a written confirmation of the relevant season's U18/U20 International League Game Regulations to the ÖEHV Administrative Office (see the "Confirmation of U18/U20 International League Game Regulations" enclosed).
3. The written registration form and confirmation mentioned in §3 paragraphs (1) and (2) must be signed by an authorized officer of the club and sent by e-mail to the ÖEHV Administrative Office.
4. Austrian Ice Hockey Federation Administrative Office:

Österreichischer Eishockeyverband (ÖEHV)
Attemsgasse 7/D, 1. OG
A-1220 Vienna, Austria
Tel.: +43 / (0)1 / 2020020-0
E-Mail: info@eishockey.at

5. Each club is to nominate its strongest team for each game. The failure of a team to appear for a game will lead to a penalty and require the compensation of any costs incurred to the opposing club in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).
6. Rosters must be composed in accordance with the roster regulations issued by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation for the current season (U18/U20 International League Game Regulations).
7. Each club must submit the participation confirmation for the U18/U20 International League season 2023/24 of their respective national federation to the ÖEHV Administrative Office.

§ 4 Declaration of Clubs

The clubs of the U18/U20 International League declare with their signature of confirming the Game Regulations (see §3 (2)) that they fulfill all respective national statutory provisions in the respective countries of the participating clubs and to pay all incurred ancillary labor costs of players, coaches and other team employee's according to the rules.

§ 5 Conduct of U18/U20 International League Games

The organizer of ice hockey games in the U18/U20 International League championship is generally the home U18/U20 International League club. The home club is also liable for its auxiliaries and agents during league play.

1. The event organizer is required to ensure that games are carried out properly and with due attention to applicable legal and contractual requirements. Such requirements include the provision of a proper game venue, including an ice surface and locker rooms, as well as compliance with the applicable security and safety regulations.
2. The organizer is required to ensure that medical care and the appropriate first aid personnel are available at the events. The event organizer must ensure that injured players, officials or spectators are transported to a physician or hospital.

The event organizer must also ensure the availability of sufficient, educated usher personnel as well as the undisturbed entrance and departure of the teams, referees and officials (to and from the dressing rooms and transportation vehicles).

3. In general, the costs of the event are to be borne by the organizer.

§ 6 Game Venues

1. Game venues can only be approved for league play if they comply with the requirements specified in the official IIHF Rule Book.
2. The approval of a game venue represents the acceptance of that venue in terms of playing requirements, but not in terms of security requirements. This approval of a game venue for league play does not establish any liability on the part of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation vis-à-vis the event organizer or third parties.

It is the events organizer's duty to implement proper safety precautions, whereas the applicable security and safety regulations are deemed to be a minimum standard.

3. Any behavior which endangers the safety or security of the persons involved in the event or of the spectators is prohibited.

In general, it is the event organizer's responsibility to ensure the security of all persons involved. Agreements with the owner or operator of the game venue will remain unaffected by these provisions.

4. The ÖEHV may conduct inspections of the game venues approved for league play and impose requirements.

§ 7 Sponsoring

Advertising activities during the U18/U20 International League championship play are governed by the ÖEHV according to the Game Regulations for each season. Existing or future U18/U20 International League sponsorship agreements are to be considered as an integral part of the Game Regulations. Non-compliance / violations of these leaguewide obligations to sponsors will be penalized by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's Disciplinary Board in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

§ 8 Media Rights

The worldwide media rights (e.g. especially live-, highlight- and other rights for free-tv, pay-tv, internet, mobile and radio devices including all betting and data rights etc.) of the league and games belong to the ÖEHV exclusively.

Notwithstanding the comprehensive regulations, the clubs have the non-exclusive right to use audiovisual recordings exclusively on their own channels (e.g. homepage/website of the respective club) for their own purposes, i.e. to edit and distribute them (e.g. in the form of highlight cuts, reviews, etc.). However, the clubs are not entitled to transfer or sublicense rights of audiovisual recordings to third parties. Any use in return of payment by the club is also excluded. The right to broadcast live transmissions or live streams and to conclude television transmissions remains exclusively with the ÖEHV.

All games will be live-streamed on **LIVE**.eishockey.at

Until revoked, the non-Austrian clubs are entitled on a non-exclusive basis to offer the live signal of their team's home matches free of charge as a live stream on the digital platform "YouTube" exclusively in their respective home country using "geo-fencing". The non-Austrian clubs are therefore obliged to ensure by means of "geo-fencing" that the livestream or video used by them is blocked and not available outside their respective license area (= respective home country). A transfer or sub-licensing of the rights to third parties as well as an exploitation of the rights granted against payment is not permitted.

§ 9 Legal Commitment of Third Parties

1. Each U18/U20 International League club is responsible for ensuring that the persons deployed by the club in league play have acknowledged the binding nature of the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations.
2. Persons employed or assigned duties by U18/U20 International League clubs must be allowed to inspect the Game Regulations issued by the ÖEHV at any time.

B | League Play

§ 1 Game Regulations for League Play

For the conduct of league play, the ÖEHV publishes the Game Regulations each year as a complement or amendment to the U18/U20 International League Fundamental Rules.

§ 2 Championship Titles

1. The U18/U20 International League club which wins the U18/U20 International League Championship carried out each year will be awarded the title: "U18/U20 International League Champion for the season"
2. Said club will receive the U18/U20 International League champions' cup.
3. The U18/U20 International League champion will receive 30 gold medals
The 2nd placed team will receive 30 silver medals
The 3rd placed team will receive 30 bronze medals

§ 3 Game Points for League Standings

1. Each game must produce a winner.
2. The team which wins a game after regulation time will receive three points in the league standings, while the losing team will receive no points.
3. If the game is undecided at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded a point in the league standings; after a break of 3 minutes without ice resurfacing, the teams will then play a sudden victory overtime. Should the sudden victory overtime still fail to produce a winner, the game will be decided by a penalty shootout. The procedure followed in sudden victory overtime and penalty shootout is described in the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations (IV | Case Book §5 and §6) for each season. The winner (after sudden victory overtime or the penalty shootout) will be awarded another point in the league standings.
4. The ranking in the table will be decided as follows. Firstly: Number of points. If points are level, the following calculations ensue:

If teams are level on points the following tiebreakers are applied:

Should two or more teams be tied on points, then a tie breaking formula will be applied as follows, creating a sub-group amongst the tied teams. This process will continue until only two or none of the teams remain tied. In the case of two remaining tied teams, the game between the two would then be the determining tie-breaker as the game could not end as a tie.

- a) Step 1: Taking into consideration the games between each of the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the points awarded in the direct games amongst the tied teams from which the teams are then ranked accordingly.
- b) Step 2: Should three or more teams still remain tied in points then the better goal difference in the direct games amongst the tied teams will be decisive.
- c) Step 3: Should three or more teams still remain tied in points and goal difference then the highest number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.
- d) Step 4: Should three or more teams still remain tied in points, goal difference and goals scored then the results between each of the three teams and the closest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. In this case the tied team with the best result (1. points, 2. goal difference, 3. more goals scored) against the closest best ranked-team will take precedence.
- e) Step 5: Should the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied.
- f) Step 6:
Should the teams still remain tied, after Step 1 to Step 5 have been exercised, in case of a second, third, etc. phase of a regular season, the teams will automatically be ranked by the better ranking of the previous regular season phase.

Should the teams still remain tied, after Step 1 to Step 5 have been exercised, in case of first phase of a regular season, they will automatically be ranked by the final ranking of the previous season.

5. Points and league standings are calculated by the ÖEHV Administration, department Game Operations. In cases of dispute the Disciplinary Board of the ÖEHV will decide. Those decisions are binding and uncontestable, however, they need to be justified.

6. In any of the following cases, the ÖEHV Disciplinary Board has the right to decide in the best interests of the U18/U20 International League. The ÖEHV Disciplinary Board may use disciplinary measures or in severe and/or non-integral situations, based on the decision of the Disciplinary Board, a championship game may be considered as a loss. A case may be activated by the league or by a team:
 - a) Appearance of a team (at opening face-off) with an insufficient number of players (minimum 10 skaters and 1 goalie).
 - b) Non-appearance at the opening face-off or appearance delayed by more than 90 minutes due to negligence on the part of one team.
 - c) Non-appearance at the opening face-off or appearance delayed by more than 90 minutes due to negligence on the part of both teams (counted against both U18/U20 International League clubs, except Play-Off: in coordination with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation, the game must be replayed).
 - d) Deployment of a player not properly registered
 - e) Deployment of a suspended player or coach
 - f) Deployment of too many players according to §10 (2)
 - g) Violation of the roster regulations in place for this season
 - h) Abandonment of a game caused by one team
 - i) Abandonment of a game caused by both teams (counted against both U18/U20 International League clubs according to (8), except Playoff: the game must be replayed, if possible).
 - j) Use of a prohibited or an U18/U20 International League non-confirming game venue.
 - k) Cancellation or abandonment of a game due to technical problems arising on the day of the game if the game is not made up in accordance with Part II §4 (4) (counted against the home club regardless of negligence or fault).
7. In cases of paragraph (6), where the Disciplinary Board has determined negligent intent, the game may be counted as a 0:5-loss to the responsible team. The opposition will receive three points and a 5:0-goal difference for this game. If the result of the game was equally good or better for the team, the equally good or better result will be considered as the final result.
8. The assertion of damage claims, especially in accordance with Part II §4 (4), and the determination of contractual penalties will remain unaffected by game points allocated ex post.
9. If violations under paragraph (6) d) occur, the Disciplinary Board of the ÖEHV can - in cases of minor defaults - decide to announce fines against the responsible club and/or suspensions for the responsible head coach according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung), instead of a walkover.

§ 4 Delay, Interruption or Abandonment of Games

1. U18/U20 International League clubs must report cases in which the ice surface is unusable for play and any other obstructions to conducting games to the ÖEHV Office, to the referees assigned to the game, and to the opponent without delay.
2. In cases where the referees determine that a game cannot be carried out properly due to force majeure or technical problems (e.g., a defective ice surface or poor lighting), opening or continuing a championship game is not permitted.

3. In cases where the referees are forced to interrupt a previously commenced game for the reasons indicated in paragraph (2), the game cannot be abandoned fully until a 30-minute waiting period has elapsed.
4. In cases where a game cannot be started due to the delayed arrival of a team resulting from force majeure, the visiting club is required to report this by telephone. After a maximum waiting period of 90 minutes, the game is to be cancelled by the referee. Games which are not started due to technical problems must be made up in coordination with the ÖEHV.
5. In cases where a game is abandoned prior to the end of the second period (accepting abandonment of a game caused by team), a new game must be played. An abandoned game equals a completed game in terms of penalties imposed.
6. In cases where two full periods have been played and the game is abandoned prior to the start of the third period, a continuation game can be ordered. This decision is made by the ÖEHV. In such a continuation game, the third period must be played, starting with the score at the time when the original game was abandoned.
7. In cases where a game is abandoned during the third period, a continuation game can be ordered as well. This decision is made by the ÖEHV. In such a continuation game, the remaining playing time must be played starting with the score at the time when the original game was abandoned.
8. In a continuation game, only those players who appeared on the official game sheet on the day of the incomplete game will be eligible to play.
9. When a game is replayed, see paragraph (5), all players who appeared on the official game sheet at the start of the incomplete game will be considered eligible for the replay game.
10. In cases where a game is abandoned after the second period and the team leading the game at that point can no longer lose its lead (based on human judgment), the game may be certified with the outcome as of the time of abandonment.
11. In cases where it is not possible to continue a game due to threatening conduct or attacks on the part of the players or spectators, the referees must interrupt the game. The game should only be abandoned if the required security (which may even require closing the game to the public) cannot be ensured if the game is continued.
12. In cases where a game is made up or continued, the home club will remain the organizer of the event. The visiting club is to be reimbursed for the additionally incurred usual travel costs for up to 28 persons.

§ 5 Referees

1. The obligations of referees are governed by the ÖEHV.
2. The referee team for each U18/U20 International League season is to be nominated by the referee board of the ÖEHV, IIHF or HZS.
3. Referees are to be nominated by each respective national federation's responsible referent.
4. The rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) shall apply in this context in its relevant version, with eventual additions by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation.

§ 6 Disqualification from League Play

1. In case a club is not competing despite from side of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation mandatory security order, willful and without any legitimate reason, in this case unauthorized, this culpable club will be immediate suspended during the current championship. Should an U18/U20 International League club fail to appear properly at championship games twice within one season, that club will be disqualified from the current championship, unless otherwise decided by the ÖEHV.

2. If an U18/U20 International League club is disqualified from the current championship, all of that club's games in the current season in each phase of the regular season will be removed from the league standings. If the disqualification happens in the Playoff, the current round at the time of the U18/U20 International League club's disqualification will be recorded as a loss for the disqualified club.
3. If a club is insolvent respectively unable to pay salaries to players, coaches and employees or debts to other companies, the ÖEHV can decide whether the club should be expelled from the current championship.
4. If an U18/U20 International League club is switching to another league or does not play the league season for any reasons after having made an official registration for the pending season the participation fee will expire for the benefit of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation.
5. In addition to the sanctions from point 1. to 4., teams who withdraw or getting disqualified from league play for any reasons, a fine in accordance to the "ÖEHV-Tarifblatt" and the U18/U20 International League tender offer, must be paid.

§ 7 U18/U20 International League Championship Supervision

1. The ÖEHV has the right to consider any given match necessary of supervision.
2. Requests from U18/U20 International League clubs for special supervision are to be fulfilled as long as such requests are received by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation Administrative Office at least 48 hours prior to the opening face-off.

The costs of such supervision are to be borne by the U18/U20 International League club which submitted the request.

3. The supervisor is obliged to report to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation on the game under supervision immediately after the game.
4. The clubs and referees involved are to be informed in a normal case by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation that the game in question has been placed under special supervision. If a club is a repeat offender against the U18/U20 International League rules a game can be put under special supervision without any pre-notice.
5. In case of a problem situation that occurs short-term prior a game, the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation can nominate a supervisor. The supervisor has the final decision whether to start a game or abandon if necessary. The participating clubs must follow the supervisors' requirements.

§ 8 Game Dates/Times

1. Game dates/times will be set by the ÖEHV Administrative Office before the start of league play.
2. Later changes in game dates/times are only permissible if ordered by the ÖEHV or if requested by an U18/U20 International League club with the consent of the opposing team.
3. The game invitations and game re-scheduling process in the U18/U20 International League will be handled by Hockeydata's MyTeam system.

§ 9 Approval Requirements for Other Games

U18/U20 International League club games outside of U18/U20 International League championship play must be reported to the respective national federation and may only be carried out once the national federation has given its approval.

§ 10 Official Game Sheet

1. For all games in the U18/U20 International League, it is necessary to prepare official game sheets using the ÖEHV official statistics program; the home club is required to maintain the official game sheet in the U18/U20 International League's live scoring system. Only persons who attended the ÖEHV live scoring seminars may sit at the home club's officials' table. In this context, it is important to note that all official game sheets, forms and reports should be filled out using the ÖEHV electronic game report system (egrep). Clubs are required to allow the referees to send all messages pertaining to the ÖEHV using the club's e-mail accounts.
2. For each team, a maximum of 20 skaters and 2 goalkeepers may be entered on the official game sheet.
3. After the game, the official game sheet must be checked in order to verify that the period results and final result are filled in, as well as the addition of goals and penalty minutes and the number of spectators indicated. The referees are required to delete absent players from the official game sheet.
4. Objections to the accuracy of entries in the official game sheet can only be raised by the team managers and must be communicated to the referee within 30 minutes of the end of the game.
5. The referees are required to accept any additional reports or objections from team managers up to 30 minutes after the end of the game and to forward such reports and objections to the ÖEHV Administrative Office.
6. Immediately after the end of the game, the event organizer must e-mail the official game sheet to:
 - a) the office of the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (info@eishockey.at)
 - b) to the Head of Statistics (Martin Kogler - statistics@hockey-group.at)

C | Integrity of the Game

§ 1 Anti-Doping Provisions

The anti-doping provisions of the Austrian Anti-Doping Federal Act are binding and must be acknowledged and implemented in their entirety (see §19 of the ÖEHV statutes). This also applies to all non-Austrian clubs taking part in the U18/U20 International League Championship.

§ 2 Play Fair Code

1. The regulations of the play fair code are an integral part of the U18/U20 International League regulations and are compulsory and must be contently fully accepted and implemented (see §21 of the ÖEHV statutes). This also applies to all non- Austrian clubs participating in the U18/U20 International League. With the confirmation of the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations, each club subjects to the general regulations of the Play Fair Code and must make sure that the play fair code is available to all club functionaries and club employees.
2. Infringement of regulations of the play fair integrity statement will be punished by the ÖEHV Disciplinary Board in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).
3. In the case of perceptions, problems or information needs in the field of game manipulation the athlete has the possibility to get in contact with the following persons at any time:
 - a) ÖEHV Integrity Officer
Timo Gless
+43-1-20 200 20-558
timo.gless@eishockey.at

b) Play Fair Code
Mag. Severin Moritzer
+43-1-903 40
moritzer@playfaircode.at

c) Ombudsman of the Play Fair Code
www.playfaircode.at/ombudsstelle

§ 3 Prevention of Game Manipulation

Criminality in competition and match-fixing have become a global threat of sports and threaten to damage the fundamental characteristics of sports, the credibility, the fairness and the integrity of sports.

1. Ineligible sports betting:
Players and team staff must not bet on U18/U20 International League games and on games of any U18/U20 International League team in other championships.
2. Compulsory registration of possible game manipulations:
Every participant of a team (players, team staff etc.) in the U18/U20 International League must register possible game manipulations. Therefore, it is obligatory establishing a confidant within the club.
3. Commitment of instructions for prevention of game manipulation:
Especially there must be a youth program of instructions in prevention of game manipulation.
4. Bribery:
A person who offers, promises or grant an illegal advantage to any official functionary of the U18/U20 International League, the federation or a club, to a game official, a player or a third party directly or indirectly in order that this person violates the regulations will be punished according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

A person who is asking, accepts, promises or grant any kind of illegal advantage for himself or a third party or does not report any attempt immediately to the appropriate federation will be punished in the same way.

D | Player Eligibility and Player's Licenses

§ 1 Player Eligibility

All players who are registered properly with the national federations superordinate to the U18/U20 International League are eligible to play.

§ 2 Participation of Players without Player's Licenses

The participation of a player who is eligible to play per se but does not have a player's license will lead to a loss of points for the team in question and will be subject to punishment in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

§ 3 Match Penalties

According to the IIHF-Rulebook 2023/24, match penalties do not longer exist.

§ 4 Registration and Deregistration / Exchanges / Player Loan Agreements

The registration and deregistration of players with domestic citizenship, of non-domestic players with foreign citizenship, exchanges of players with domestic citizenship who play abroad and require an international transfer (even if they are registered with a national U18/U20 International League club) as well as the conclusion of player loan agreements will be permitted until the transfer deadline of the ÖEHV (31st January, 2024).

§ 5 Non-domestic Players Switching Clubs

Until the end of the transfer deadline of the respective season, non-domestic players may change from one domestic club to another within the U18/U20 International League.

§ 6 Changes of Domestic Players

Until the end of the transfer deadline of the respective season, domestic players may change from one domestic club to another within the U18/U20 International League.

§ 7 Data Protection Statement

See <https://www.eishockey.at/datenschutz>

E | Final Statement

The U18/U20 International League Game Regulations are the bases for the working format of the U18/U20 International League. On occasions, a potential issue may arise that is not otherwise covered within the rules.

In the event a potential issue may arise during a season, which is not currently covered with the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations (but pertains to), the U18/U20 International League club can request a “special request” through an application and description of the issue.

The special request will be reviewed by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation with the required recommendations based on expertise and experience.

The final decision will be based on the special request description a team has put forward and supporting information the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation provides with a final decision.

§ 1 Procedure of the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board

1. Collection of game relevant information after the games:
 - Receive reports from each set of officials
 - Receive report from referee supervisors and game delegates
 - Review game sheet
 - Coaches Incident Report
 - Video till 12:00am
 - Verdicts/suspensions / If necessary, send out suspension reports
2. Automatic review situations:
 - All major penalties
 - All game misconducts
 - All abusive of official penalties
 - Aggressive penalties (ex. hit to the head)
 - Multiple penalties at same stoppage
3. File of complaint by club automatically sent to U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board
4. The language of all proceedings and communications with international clubs from Hungary & Slovenia is English.

II | CONDUCT OF GAMES

§ 1 Basic information | Integrity of the Game

1. The participating clubs, players, coaches, attendants and all officials undertake to maintain sportsmanlike conduct and in particular to comply with all rules of the sport of ice hockey as set forth in the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations and in the IIHF rules in case they're not superseded by any U18/U20 International League Rules set forth in this Game Regulations.
2. All persons involved will carefully adhere to the principles of fairness and respect - according to the IIHF-program; FAIR PLAY & RESPECT - for opponents and officials.
3. If any of the basic principles are violated or in the case of actions against the integrity of the hockey game, against the written and unwritten rules or against the Fair Play & respect program, it is the duty of the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board to step in, to start investigations and to call out sanctions.
4. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to maintain the sportsmanship and integrity of his Coaching and Playing staff at all times. In addition to automatic fines and suspensions imposed, the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board, at their discretion, can investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any Exhibition, Tournament, League or Playoff game and may assess additional fines and/or suspensions for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a player, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club Executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee. In specific cases where the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board feels a team or player or situation is subject to a standard set forth by the Coaching staff that is not in the best interest of integrity, sportsmanship or safety of the game, the Head Coach will assume responsibility and subject to fines and/or suspensions. This is inclusive of a team's style/behavior within a game (repetitive situations against the opposing team), demanding a player play a specific role within a game that is deemed detrimental, cases where examples are set for a future game or situations where it is felt a 'payback message' is demanded, that intrude in the safety or wellbeing of the opposing team or game integrity.

§ 2 Organization - Conduct of Games

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§ 3 Game Schedule and Game Dates

1. The game schedule announced by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation is an integral part of the Game Regulations.
2. If necessary, the game schedule will be updated by the ÖEHV and announced to the clubs.
3. The start time (opening face-off) of all games can be no earlier than 12:00 and no later than 20:00. All games must be scheduled in a way which enables the visiting club adequate time to arrive for the game.
4. The starting time must be chosen in a way that the visiting club can be back at their hometown at midnight.
5. Starting times can be earlier/later than mentioned above, if both teams agree to it.
6. From Monday to Thursday the starting time must be chosen in a way so that the referees can be assigned properly (not before 16:00). Outside of the defined game time, the ÖEHV approval is required as well as concordance of both clubs involved.
7. Game invitations must be completed via the ÖEHV by Data-In-Motion's myTeam system at least 8 days in advance. Changes of game dates are only possible with approval of the opposing team and the ÖEHV.
8. The ÖEHV has the right to standardize the starting times for all games held on the last two game days of the regular season.

§ 4 Referee attendant

1. Each club must nominate a referee attendant. The referees' attendant may not have any other official function (e.g., manager) in the club and must always behave in a neutral manner vis-à-vis the referees.
2. The referees' attendant serves as the referees' contact person for communication with the club. The assistant must generally remain in the vicinity of the referees' dressing room 45 minutes before and 30 minutes after each game. The referees' attendant may only enter the referees' dressing room in order to carry out his/her duties or if asked to do so by the referees. Except for the official scorekeeper, the referees' attendant is the only club representative who may enter the referees' dressing room.
3. The Referees' Attendant is responsible to notify the Referees about the remaining time until the next period starts (5 and 3 minutes prior to the beginning).

§ 5 Player Numbers and Player Jerseys

1. All numbers from 1 to 98 are permitted as jersey numbers. A number may only be worn in play by one player during a game.
2. Player numbers and names must be applied in accordance with the IIHF Official Rule Book. Warm-up jerseys must have player numbers on the back with a height of at least 20 cm, and each player must wear the same number assigned to him on the official game sheet. The same applies analogously to the sleeves.
3. The jersey color for the home team is „dark“ and the jersey color for the visiting team is „bright“. Clubs are not permitted to change the base colors of their jerseys (light, dark) during ongoing competitions and cannot be negotiated bilateral between both teams of a game.

4. All the participating teams must have the ÖEHV Logo on their jerseys until the start of the season 2024/25 (ÖEHV Jersey Patch):

Jersey-view: Front
Logo: ÖEHV | portrait
Position: in the middle, below the collar
Size: 5 x 6 cm

Jersey-view: Back
Logo: Live.eishockey.at | landscape
Position: bottom right
Size: 15 x 5 cm

5. Before the start of each season, each U18/U20 International League club must ensure that their two jersey options (home and away jerseys) differ fundamentally in terms of color and brightness (light/dark). In cases where the same color is used in both jerseys, the main color used in one jersey must not exceed 10% of the color used in the other jersey.

§ 6 Medical Service, Security & Parking Lots

1. The home club is required to make an ambulance available or minimum a qualified emergency paramedics or qualified doctor at the arena from 30 minutes prior to the start of the game until 15 minutes after the end of the game.
2. The costs of standby medical care at the arena are to be borne by the home club. The same applies to medics.
3. The standby medical care must introduce itself 20min before the game to both teams (Home- and Away team) and the referees. Only with this introduction the referee is allowed to start the game.
4. After the game the standby medical care must check both teams (Home- and Away Team) if medical help is necessary. If not, the standby medical care gives notice to departure to the referee.
5. The home club is also required to comply with all legal and official regulations regarding the number and deployment of security and rescue personnel.
6. The home club must provide parking lots for medical care, referees and the opponent's team bus.

§ 7 Off-Ice Officials

1. In accordance with the IIHF Official Rule Book and the U18/U20 International League Fundamental Rules, the following Off-Ice officials must be present at each game:
 - One Scorekeeper
 - One Timekeeper / Announcer
 - Two Penalty Bench Attendants
 - One Live-Scoring System Operator
2. At each U18/U20 International League game, at least one scorekeeper licensed by the ÖEHV must be present. Official game sheets can only be signed by scorekeepers who have this certification. As the scorekeeper is responsible for all off-ice officials at the game, in cases where the scorekeeper is absent only his/her representatives, who must likewise have participated in the training seminar, or in exceptional cases third parties explicitly and verifiably instructed by the scorekeeper, may sign the official game sheet. Each club is required to send all scorekeepers deployed during a season to the ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars.

3. The presence of official scorekeepers will be verified by the referees officiating at the game. Should it turn out, that the present scorekeeper is not licensed by the ÖEHV, this will be penalized in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung). Likewise, the non-participation of scorekeepers in the ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars will be penalized in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).
4. The Off-Ice Officials must support the referees before, during and after the game. Off-Ice Officials must not communicate the content of discussions with referees to club representatives, coaches, players, or representatives of the media.
5. Their behavior must be neutral and objective in all cases. Especially during play, the off-ice officials must not judge or comment on the referees' decisions by means of gestures, facial expressions or verbal statements.
6. All other duties to be fulfilled by off-ice officials can be found in the IIHF Off-Ice Officials Handbook.
7. The Off-Ice Officials must be dressed neutral (no team apparel allowed).

§ 8 Official Game Sheets

1. Official game sheets are prepared by the ÖEHV Live Scoring System. For this purpose, the clubs' scorekeepers are trained and provided with a manual at ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars. The home club is required to provide the hardware necessary for the ÖEHV Live Scoring System (laptop computer with Windows XP or later, Internet Explorer 7 or higher) as well as a printer, to keep the hardware ready for operation and to make the necessary telecommunications connections (full Internet connection) available. The home club's scorekeeper is required to make the following entries in the ÖEHV Live Scoring System:
 - a) Submission of completed team rosters signed by the responsible club official with a maximum of 22 eligible players and lineups to the scorekeeper/online scorer in the team's dressing room.
 - b) During the game:
 - Goals
 - Penalties
 - Goalkeeper changes
 - +/-
 - Shots on net after each period
 - Time-out
 - c) After the Game:
 - Number of spectators
 - Time of end of game
2. In cases when the necessary technical equipment fails or the internet connection is disrupted, the schedule indicated above must be observed as closely as possible. Each home club is responsible to have a handheld stop clock in the event the game clock is experiencing technical difficulties. This handheld stop clock will be considered the official game time until the game is finished or the technical difficulties have been resolved and the game clock is fully operational.
3. The original game report including the line-ups and any additional notifications/reports must be signed by the referee, the scorekeeper and the responsible functionaries and sent via E-Mail, not later than one hour after the game, to the following:
 - a) Austrian Ice Hockey Federation Administrative Office: info@eishockey.at
 - b) Martin Kogler: statistics@hockey-group.at

The responsible functionary is to verify the timely dispatch of these reports based on the transmission report.

No additional statistics or additional notifications may be made available to third parties.

4. All other requirements regarding the completion of the official game sheet can be found in the IIHF Off-Ice Officials Handbook.

§ 9 Presentation of Video and Audio Material

1. It is important to ensure that the video and audio material presented does not include any insulting or provoking content or interfere with the sportsmanlike execution of the championship game in any other way. These media are to be deployed in such a way that the sportsmanlike execution of the game is not compromised, that players and referees are not disturbed or irritated, and that the imperative of fair play - especially vis-à-vis the visiting team as well as its players and officials - is respected.
2. Showing replays of penalty decisions or disallowed goals, especially video evidence, is prohibited. In addition, no replays of complaints or other unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players or officials may be shown; the same applies to injuries.
3. Showing replays of fights between two or more players is prohibited.
4. Entertaining material such as "Kiss-Cam" is not allowed to be shown in reference to all the players, coaches and on ice officials.
5. The IIHF's Jumbo Screen rules apply.

§ 10 Announcements

1. During the entire event, it is not permitted to announce the sponsors of or bonuses for goals or assists.
2. Advertising announcements may only be made before the game, during game interruptions, during intermissions, and after the game.
3. All announcements must be made in a neutral manner without provocation of the teams or officials.
4. The game official's nationality or place of residence may not be announced.
5. Announcers are not permitted to carry out ancillary activities (e.g., radio announcing) during the game.
6. The interim and final results of other games may be announced. Commenting on such results is not permitted.
7. The announcer is to convey the following information via the public address system:
 - Goal scorers and assistants
 - Penalties
 - End of penalty times
 - 1-minute remaining until the end of the first and second periods of the game
 - 2-minutes remaining until the end of the third period of the game
 - Timeouts

§ 11 Athlete's Greetings

1. The captains of each team must introduce themselves to the referees on the ice with a handshake before each game and take leave of the referees - likewise with a handshake - at the end of each game.
2. After all regular season games and games in which a playoff round is decided, all players must take leave of each other by shaking hands on the ice. This practice is omitted in all other Playoff games.
3. National anthems before every game in playoff finals.

§ 12 Award Ceremony

1. At least 48 hours before a game in the playoffs in which a club could theoretically win the championship or bronze medal, the ÖEHV forwards the club(s) a schedule, this schedule will describe the awarding of the cup as well as the security service, among other things. The instructions of the persons responsible at the ÖEHV must be followed in any case.
2. In due time before the start of the game, a meeting will be held between the representatives of the clubs involved, the head of usher services, a representative and a representative of the ÖEHV.
3. The award ceremony will take place immediately after the end of the game. The home club must (if necessary, with the help of its security service) ensure that no unauthorized persons set foot on the ice before the award ceremony is finished. This applies in particular to spectators and to representatives of the press. Interviews, etc. will not be allowed prior to the end of the award ceremony.
4. The announcer will receive a text provided by the ÖEHV. The award ceremony must be carried out in an objective and appropriate manner. Except for the official IIHF or the winner's national anthem, music must not be played during the ceremony.
5. Both teams must line up at their respective blue lines and wait there until the award ceremony is finished.
6. Should any players/coaches leave the ice before the end of the ceremony, this violation will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

§ 13 Anti-Doping

1. The provisions of the Austrian Federal Anti-Doping Act (ADBG) in conjunction with the most recent version of the WADA Code are binding on all clubs participating in the U18/U20 International League. NADA Austria may carry out unannounced doping checks on players participating in a game in accordance with the provisions of the Austrian Federal Anti-Doping Act (see §19 of the ÖEHV statutes). This also applies to all non-Austrian clubs taking part in the U18/U20 International League Championship.
2. In cases where such checks are ordered, the club and the team manager are responsible for ensuring that the selected player undergoes the check properly.

§ 14 Video Recording, Video Exchange System

1. The Video Handbook (Part IX) for Video Recording and the ÖEHV Video Exchange System announced by the ÖEHV is an integral part of these Procedure Regulations.
2. The home club is responsible for a complete videorecording of the game, including Warm-Up and incident(s) that may have happened on the ice in the intermissions. In all stoppages, the game clock must be included in the footage and the recording is not to be stopped. The following criteria must be adhered when filming the game and the footage needs to be usable for video analysis:
 - According to the game situation the whole zone (Defensive, Offensive and Neutral) must be shown.
 - The operator should not lose the puck from the eyes/screen.
 - The spectators should not be filmed.
 - During stoppages, the game time clock must be shown. If possible, the game time clock should be connected to the camera.
3. The home club must take all necessary measures to enable the recording to be made best possible Camera Standard and the best possible picture quality. Should the quality of the video be insufficient to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's needs, the home team is bound to immediately upgrade hardware and/or educate the responsible person. Should the issue ensue or be ignored, the ensuing penalty will be decided by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board.

4. The video uploads must be completed the day after the game 12:00am. If there is a technical issue, the ÖEHV must also be informed by 12:00am (noon).
5. In the event the video is not uploaded, or the ÖEHV has not been informed of a technical issue, the home team will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung §55) - for each infraction throughout a season.
6. Failure to comply with the rules in lit (1)-(4) will be penalized according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung) and U18/U20 International Game Regulations.

§ 15 Release of Players for National Team Games under IIHF Regulations on International Transfers

1. Each club which includes a player authorized in accordance with the IIHF bylaws to play for the national team of a national member federation will be required to release that player if he is selected for one of the national teams. Regardless of his age, the player is to be released in accordance with IIHF regulations on international transfers to the team of the national member federation for which he is authorized to play. This applies to all players, regardless of whether they are transferred or not.
2. This provision is binding for all IIHF-Breaks and -Events.
3. Each player registered with a club is required to comply if called up by his national federation to play for one of its national teams.
4. A player who is not able to comply with a call-up from his national member federation due to injury or illness, must (if requested by the relevant federation) agree to undergo a medical examination conducted by a physician of that federation's choice.
5. A player who has been selected by his national federation for one of its national teams is not allowed play for the club with which he is registered during the time in which he is released or should have been released.
6. Should a club refuse to release a player or fail to release a player despite the provisions above, the following sanctions will be applied by the respective national federation:
 - a) A monetary fine
 - b) A warning, reprimand or suspension of the club in question
7. Any clubs which violate the restriction set forth under paragraph (6) will be subjected to the following sanctions:
 - a) Part or all of the sanctions listed under point 6.
 - b) The national member federation to which the club belongs will be required to declare the game(s) in which the player participated as a loss (losses) for that club.
8. In cases where a player is again transferred to another club, the obligations above will remain valid for the player, his new club and the new national member federation.
9. In cases where a special agreement regarding the release of a player for national team games has already been approved and signed upon completion of a transfer, the old national member federation must enclose the relevant agreement with the international transfer.

III | GAME MODE

§ 1 Definition “CHL-Mode”:

The provisions of the Champions Hockey League apply here, except that in the U18/U20 International League the higher-ranked club has home advantage in both games. It will be the Overall rating (points and goals) of the two games played. Overtime and Shootout can therefore only take place in the second leg if the overall result is a tie.

In this case, after a three-minute break without ice cleaning, a five-minute “Sudden Victory Overtime” without changing sides (goalkeeper defends the same goal as in the last third), in which each team may only use three field players at a time. However, there must be at least one goalkeeper and three field players be used. The applicable regulations of the IIHF apply to overtime.

If the "Sudden Victory Overtime" has not produced a winner, one follows Penalty shootout under the conditions set out in the IIHF Rule Book without changing sides (goalkeeper defends the same goal as in the last period).

§ 2 Ranking:

The ranking criteria is described in Fundamental Rules II §3 (4).

In Playoff-Matches, home ice remains with the better placed team after Phase 2.

§ 3 U20 International League - Game Mode

1. Phase 1:

The teams play one round (everyone plays each other once) to decide the ranking for “Phase 2”. This round is the qualification for either Division 1 (Top 8) or Division 2 (Low 7).

2. Phase 2:

a) Division 1:

The 8 best ranked teams after Phase 1 are qualified for Division 1 and play a 1,5 round robin amongst them to decide the placement for the playoff. There is no take-along of the points achieved in Phase 1.

b) Division 2:

Those teams of Phase 1 who are not qualified for Division 1 (places 9-15) are qualified for Division 2 (7 teams) and play a 1,5 round robin amongst them. The top 2 ranked teams after Phase 2 from Division 2 qualify for the Pre-Playoff. There is no take-along of the points achieved in Phase 1.

c) Pre-Playoff:

2 games “CHL-Mode”, better ranked team after Phase 2 has home advantage (H/H):
7th (Division 1) vs. 10th (2nd Division 2)
8th (Division 1) vs. 9th (1st Division 2)

3. Phase 3 - Playoff & Placement Round:

a) Placement Round:

After the Pre-Playoff the teams ranked 9 - 15 play one round robin in one group to decide the final ranking from places 9 to 15 for the season 2023/24.

b) Quarterfinal - Playoff-Pick:

By finishing first after the Phase 2, in the quarter-final the team placed on top of Division 1 has earned the right to choose its' opposition from the teams placed fifth to eighth ("First-pick-right"). The second placed team picks next from the team left in the 5-to-8-group, then the third placed team picks from the teams left and finally, the team placed fourth after the intermediate stage plays the team that has not been picked yet. Home ice remains with the first to fourth placed team. The quarterfinal is played in a best-of-three series (H/H/A).

c) Semifinal:

The best-of-five semi-final series (H/H/A/A/H) will feature the four quarter-final winners. The best-placed team after the last Phase of Regular Season still left in the competition plays the lowest seeded team after Phase 2 and the second best-placed team plays the lower seated team.

The four quarterfinal losers a "Placement Playoff" in 2 games in CHL-Mode (H/H). The two best-placed team after Phase 2 play against each other for 5th place.
The other two teams play each other for 7th place.

d) Final:

Both winning Semifinalists play the Final in a "Best-of-Five" (H/H/A/A/H) series.

Both losing Semifinalists play a "Placement Playoff" in 2 games in CHL-Mode (H/H) for 3rd place.

§ 4 U18 International League - Game Mode

1. Phase 1:

The teams play a double round robin (everyone plays each other 4 times) to decide the ranking for the playoff.

2. Phase 2 - Playoff & Placement Round:

a) Quarterfinal - Playoff-Pick:

By finishing first after the Phase 2, in the quarter-final the team placed on top of Division 1 has earned the right to choose its' opposition from the teams placed fifth to eighth ("First-pick-right"). The second placed team picks next from the team left in the 5-to-8-group, then the third placed team picks from the teams left and finally, the team placed fourth after the intermediate stage plays the team that has not been picked yet. Home ice remains with the first to fourth placed team. The quarterfinal is played in a best-of-three series (H/H/A).

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IV | ROSTER REGULATIONS

§ 1 Roster Composition

In Assembling the roster, the following rules must be adhered to:

1. U18 International League:

Every U18 (born 2006 and younger) player incl. U18 international transfer players, who is registered correctly with the national federation and his club can be put on the roster sheet.

2. U20 International League:

Every U21 (born 2003 and younger) player incl. U21 international transfer players, who is registered correctly with the national federation and his club can be put on the roster sheet.

Maximum three U21 (born 2003) can be put on the game sheet.

3. Maximum of three (3) non-domestic players on the game sheet.

If Teams fulfill that rule during the whole season, they will get a bonus (50% of the entry fee) for promotion of domestic young talents.

4. No female players allowed.

§ 2 Roster Nomination

1. The deadline for the reporting each teams' minimum roster is August 31st, of each respective season, 12:00am. By that time, at least ten players and two goalkeepers need to be reported. Changes or additions of players are allowed on the roster sheet till the ÖEHV transfer deadline (January 31st, 2024).

2. The prerequisite for the right to play in the U18/U20 International League is confirmation of the proper registration on the roster sheet by Friday 12:00am at the latest. Later arrivals cannot be considered before the weekend. For games during the week, the latest notification period is also 16:00 of the respective day, but at least three hours before the start of the game.

3. In accordance with these regulations, no further exchanges or registrations may be carried out after ÖEHV transfer deadline (January 31st, 2024).

§ 3 Roster Nomination on the Official Game Sheet

1. A maximum of 20 players and 2 goalkeepers can be indicated on the official game sheet.

2. A maximum of three non-domestic players may be deployed (exemption §1 (3.)).

3. Maximum three U21 (born 2003) can be put on the game sheet in the U20 International League.

4. No overage players allowed in the U18 International League.

§ 4 Player Eligibility

1. All players who are registered properly with the national federations superordinate to the U18/U20 International League clubs are eligible to play:

- Austria: Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV)
- Hungary: Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation (HIFH)
- Slovenia: Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation (HZS)

2. A player can only be added to the U18/U20 International League roster sheet and confirmed by the ÖEHV following his registration with the respective National Hockey Federation.
3. **Playoff-Eligibility:**
After a national or international transfer, which was done between September 15th and the ÖEHV transfer deadline (January 31st, 2024), players must have played 40% of all the regular season games (= Phase 1 + Phase 2) in their age category or a higher league for their new club, to be eligible for the playoff. In case of a major injury, the games will be considered, if there is medical proof.
Loan agreements count as a national transfer.

§ 5 Participation of Players Without Player's Licenses

See Fundamental Rules IV §2

§ 6 Suspensions of Players

1. If a player is suspended for one or more league games, the player can neither be deregistered nor changed.
2. A suspension in the U18/U20 International League means that the player is suspended from any and all other leagues, until he has served his suspension in the U18/U20 International League. This rule will also apply if the length of the suspension exceeds the length of the season.

§ 7 Registration and Deregistration / Exchanges / Player Loan Agreements

See Fundamental Rules D §4

§ 8 Non-domestic Players Changing Club

See Fundamental Rules D §5

§ 9 Domestic Players Changing Club

See Fundamental Rules D §6

§ 10 Data Protection Statement

See Fundamental Rules D §7

V | CASE BOOK

§ 1 Preamble

The purpose of the U18/U20 International League Case Book is to clarify the interpretation of specific rules and in specific cases, a modification to the existing IIHF rule. This document serves as an official release of the interpretation and governing rules for the 2023/2024 U18/U20 International League season. The interpretations set forth in the Case Book will replace or in specific cases, supersede the ruling that is currently within the IIHF Rule Book. For all rules not mentioned in the U18/U20 International League Case Book, the official IIHF Rule Book in its current version and IIHF Case Book will serve as the official ruling.

The working methodology will continue to be that when a new situation arises or a new interpretation has been accepted, the U18/U20 International League Case Book will be updated. Each rule update will be sent by email. It is each On-Ice official and team official's responsibility to update the information when updates arise.

Referees are authorized to call all penalties provided for in the Rule Book from the start of warm-up time until 30 minutes after the end of the game. In the case of incidents outside of this period, the main referee must submit a report to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board.

Questions regarding the U18/U20 International League Case Book can be emailed to:

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§ 2 Warm-up Time

1. The teams must be provided with an opportunity to warm up on the ice and to prepare for the game for a period of 15 minutes. This warm-up must be done on a freshly prepared ice surface. After the 15-minute warm-up the ice will be resurfaced followed by the start of the game.
2. For this purpose, the home club is to provide the visiting club with at least 35 pucks.
3. The referees have the right to reserve the neutral zone of the rink for their own warm-up activities if the teams do not leave them sufficient space on the ice.
4. Warm-up time may be shortened or postponed by mutual consent, for example due to the delayed arrival of the visiting club. In any case, warm-up time must be provided simultaneously and in the same duration for both teams.
5. Only the 22 eligible players who are entered in the team roster may take part in this warm-up.

§ 3 Entry and Departure from the Ice Surface

1. Before the opening face-off and after the intermissions, the home club will proceed onto the ice before the visiting club.
2. At the end of a period, the home club leaves the ice first.

§ 4 Intermissions

For all championship games, the intermissions will last 15 minutes. Purposeful overrunning of the defined intermission lengths by a club will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

§ 5 Overtime

1. If the game is still undecided at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded a point in the league standings; after a three-minute break without ice resurfacing, the teams will then play five minutes of sudden victory overtime. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three skaters and one goalkeeper. The overtime will be played according to the current IIHF rules. Goalkeepers may go to their respective players' benches during this rest period; however, penalized players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalized player exit the penalty bench during this rest period, he shall be returned immediately by the officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any other rule. Should the sudden victory overtime still fail to produce a winner, the game will be decided by a penalty shootout under Penalty shot procedure in the official IIHF Rule Book. The winner (after sudden victory overtime or the penalty shootout) will be awarded another point in the league standings.
2. The club which scores the first goal during overtime will be the winner of the game.
3. All penalty times which have not expired during regulation time will continue during overtime.

§ 6 Penalty-Shootout

1. If a game remains without a winner after 60 minutes and the ensuing five-minute-Overtime, both teams decide the outcome of the game in a shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed under Penalty shot procedure in the official IIHF Rule Book.
2. The two teams don't change ends. The home team has the right to choose Heads or Tails for the coin toss. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice rather their team shoot first or second.
3. The goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the Overtime and remain in the goal when their own team is taking a shot.
4. The penalty shootout will begin with 5 different players from each team, who will alternate in taking penalty shots on the opposing team's goal.
5. The execution of these shots is generally subject to the IIHF official Rule Book.
6. The official scorekeeper will record all shots taken, along with an indication of the player, the goalkeeper and the goals scored.
7. Only the deciding goal will count for the result of the game, and that goal will be credited to the scoring player and to the goalkeeper in question. All other goals or lost attempts will not be counted into the result but recorded in ÖEHV statistics system.
8. If a team refuses to participate in the penalty shootout for the purpose of determining the winner, the game will be recorded as a loss for that team.
9. If a player refuses to take a penalty shot, the shot will be recorded as a miss for that player's team.

§ 7 Public Criticism of Referees

In case of criticism directed towards the Referees or insults directed at them, especially in public media (Papers, TV, etc.), will be penalized according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung). This rule applies for players, Coaches and off ice functionaries.

§ 8 Criticism against League and ÖEHV Representatives

In case of criticism directed towards members of the ÖEHV or league officials, or insults directed at them, especially in public media (Papers, TV), the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung) applies. This rule applies for players, Coaches and off ice functionaries.

§ 9 Ice Surface

1. The ice surface must be freshly resurfaced for the start of the warm-up, before the game begins and during the intermissions.
2. The ice resurfacing must be completed at least 4 minutes before the next playing period starts, to allow proper freezing and set-up off the ice.
3. The ice will not be resurfaced between the end of regulation and overtime or shootout.

§ 10 Players' Bench

1. Apart from the players indicated on the official game sheet, a maximum of eight officials per club may be present on the players' benches during the game. The officials must be identified appropriately. Other persons, such as suspended players or players not indicated on the official game sheet, may not be present on the bench.
2. TV or other picture giving electronic devices are allowed on the players' bench for coaching purposes only.
3. A player or club official who is charged with game misconduct penalty may not return to the ice or the players' bench during the game.

§ 11 Head, Face and Mouth Protection for Players

1. All players born in 2006 or later must wear IIHF-approved full-face masks (full visors). A mouth guard/mouthpiece is recommended. Full-face masks must be hinged. During the game, full-face masks and chin straps must be worn closed. Full-face masks must be designed in such a way that neither the puck nor a stick blade can penetrate the mask.
2. All junior players born 2006 or later need to wear complete neck and throat protection.
3. Goalkeepers are not permitted to wear plastic full-face visors.
4. It is recommended that goalkeepers and skaters with full-face protection wear proper mouth protection but it's not mandatory.
5. If players in the U20 International League are wearing a visor, they must wear proper mouth protection.

§ 12 Abuse of Officials / Unsportsmanlike Conduct

1. Abuse of Officials and Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Team Officials: Inclusive of Intermission and conclusion of game.

Between periods, if a coach, player or any other team official voices remarks to an official (on or off the ice) that is abusive or questioning the integrity of a call, the following will happen:

Penalty according to the IIHF Rulebook.

When the referee enters the ice to start the next period, he will inform the official score keeper of the penalty assessed. The referee will also inform the opposing coach and the team in which the penalty was assessed, either through the captain or assistant captain.

No discussions are permitted at the conclusion of each period, on or off the ice. At the conclusion of each period, the coaches, team personnel and players are to exit the ice without discussion of game events.

2. Should a coach, player or team official visit the referees' locker in an unfitting way during or after the game respectively try to discuss the game or respective decisions in that game, the referee is to inform the person in question, politely but strictly, that this is not allowed behaviour and ask him to leave the referees' locker room. The referee is to issue an additional report on that incident and forward it to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board. Such behaviour will be penalized according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

If a discussion is needed, in reference to a specific situation, the discussion with the referee's is permitted once both teams have entered the ice to begin the next period.

3. Players and Officials, who attack a Referee physically, shall receive a game misconduct penalty and will be punished based on the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).
4. Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an official, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a game misconduct penalty.

§ 13 Fighting

1. In the case of physical altercations between players, the other players must skate to their respective players' benches without delay and wait there until the whistle is blown to resume play. Should one or more players fail to comply with this rule, the team in question may be given a bench minor penalty. The players in question may be given a misconduct penalty. Additional penalties under IIHF Rule Book will remain unaffected by these provisions.
2. Players and Officials, who are involved in altercation with a spectator shall receive a game misconduct penalty and will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board and the respective club is to be fined according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

VI | INFRASTRUCTURE PROTOCOL

§ 1 Clocks and Signals

1. In all games the clock must count down.
2. Warm-up:
15 Minutes Countdown
3. Game periods:
20 Minutes countdown. In the intermissions, the clock is to be set for a 15-minute countdown. The break before the overtime is to be set for a 3-minute countdown.
4. Penalties:
For every team, there must be penalty clock displays with a 2-minute or 5- minute countdown. It must be possible to pre-program the clock for postponed penalties so that they appear and begin the countdown immediately after the completion of the previous penalty. A proper display for misconduct penalties for each team.
5. It is necessary to ensure that the acoustic signals which mark the end of a game period or overtime period can also be heard clearly in the stadium when the spectators generate high noise levels. The Referee's whistle at the conclusion of a period will supersede all sounding device's and be considered the conclusion of the period.
6. Time-Out:
30 second countdown. In this period, game time has to stop and any noise (music, announcers, commercials) is forbidden.
7. These signals must be triggered automatically by the timing system at the end of each game period, overtime period or time-out.
8. Playing time for a period is twenty minutes. Playing time for overtime is five minutes.

§ 2 Light Requirements

The lighting in the arena must be at least 1400 lux. The light should have a temperature of minimum 3200° Kelvin (arena without daylight) and up to 5600° Kelvin (arena with daylight), with the same temperature at the playing surface and the stands. The light should be evenly spread at the playing surface and without shadows along the boards.

VII | ADVERTISING

§ 1 General Provisions

1. Subject to these Procedure Regulations, advertising during U18/U20 International League games is generally unrestricted and is the responsibility of the clubs.
2. Advertising is defined as the promotion of goods and services in connection with commercial services, in connection with commercial trade and the mention or display of names, company names, emblems, logos, written characters, images or other depictions of companies, products, services or other objects as well as the corresponding references to them, including brands, service marks and equipment for services, for promotional purposes.
3. Advertising which violates applicable law or the generally accepted principles of sports, especially the principle of political and religious neutrality, is not permitted.
4. Advertising must not distort or alienate the fundamental message of sports, which refers to a comparison of performance during a fair competition. The independence of sports in general and the uniqueness of sporting activities in particular must be given absolute priority.
5. The ÖEHV may prohibit clubs from carrying out specific advertising activities for important reasons, especially in the overall interest of the U18/U20 International League.

§ 2 Marketing by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV)

U18/U20 International League rights:

1. Marketing of the following rights will be executed exclusively by the ÖEHV:
 - Awarding of Sponsor/partner titles at league level
 - Advertising on Referee uniforms
 - Advertising on Jerseys
 - Advertising on boards
 - Homepage and Statistics
 - Advertising use of league play, related to part or all of the league name (e.g., title sponsors, presenters)
 - TV insert sponsoring (graphic sponsoring for television broadcasts)

In cases where no league-wide marketing exploitation by the ÖEHV is realized by June 30 prior to the start of a season, U18/U20 International League clubs may market the advertising space independently in consultation with the ÖEHV. Any such proposed designs are to be submitted to the ÖEHV for approval.

2. The clubs are responsible for ensuring that the ÖEHV can exercise the rights mentioned above without restrictions due to third-party rights and without any actual obstructions.

§ 3 Jerseys

Each club must provide two different sets of jersey and at their wish, additional warm-up-jerseys.

1. Warm-up jerseys must have player numbers on the back with a height of at least 20cm, and each player must wear the same number assigned to him on the official game sheet. The same applies analogously to the sleeves.
2. All the participating teams must have the ÖEHV Logo on their jerseys until the start of the season 2024/25 (ÖEHV Jersey Patch):

Jersey-view: Front
Logo: ÖEHV | portrait
Position: in the middle, below the collar
Size: 5 x 6 cm

Jersey-view: Back
Logo: Live.eishockey.at | landscape
Position: bottom right
Size: 15 x 5 cm

3. The drafts of jersey designs must be presented to the ÖEHV for approval each year.
 - a) In this context, the ÖEHV explicitly reserves the right to make corrections to the jerseys' colors in order to ensure that the competing teams' jerseys can be distinguished by the referee and the spectators.
 - b) One original sample of all jerseys to be used in league play must be presented for final approval before the start of the season. In this context, it is especially important to note that the jerseys must already include the sponsors' logos.
 - c) Special jerseys (Christmas, playoffs, etc.) also must be presented for approval before being used in U18/U20 International League games.
 - d) Objections will be communicated to the club in question along with a request to remedy the problem within a specified period of time. Should a club fail to remedy the problem by the time the specified period elapses, the club will be penalized in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

§ 4 Clubs' Advertising

Advertising on players:

No approval by the ÖEHV is necessary for advertising on the players. Advertising space for a possible league sponsor shall be placed in accordance with the ÖEHV - and sent for approval.

VIII | USHER AND SECURITY SERVICES

§ 1 Preamble

The rules and requirements issued by the competent authority will take priority over the provisions listed below; the U18/U20 International League club must make every effort to ensure a safe and secure environment for conducting U18/U20 International League competition.

§ 2 Usher Personnel

1. The usher and security service must ensure safety and security in the course of the game. This includes protecting the spectators, the players, the referees, the coaches and club/league officials as well as media representatives.
2. In this context, it is especially important to consider the special requirements of the often-family oriented audience, as long as no security issues conflict with this imperative. The traditionally peaceful fan culture should also be maintained and encouraged.
3. The home club is required to comply with all legal and official regulations regarding the number and deployment of security and rescue personnel.
4. All security personnel and ushers must be clearly recognizable as such (i.e., by means of specially colored vests/bibs, jackets, etc.).
5. Only appropriately trained usher personnel may be used, with due fulfillment of liability law requirements and insurance requirements.

§ 3 Protection of Referees

1. From the arrival of the Referees at the rink, until their leaving the rink, a security-person has to be stationed directly at the door of the Referees' locker room. This security must deny access to anyone except for the following: Referees, Referee Attendant, Referee-Supervisor, Scorekeepers and ÖEHV Game Delegates.
2. Unauthorized persons who enter the Referees' locker room or stay there must be penalized in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung) notwithstanding further punishment under the IIHF-rules. The Head Referee must file an additional report on such an incident.
3. The Referees are to be accompanied on their way on and off the ice as well as towards the parking lot by sufficient security personnel to ensure attacks are prevented. The Referees need to be provided with guarded or secured parking spots. The cost for damage occurred in the course of duty at a game will be borne by the responsible (i. e. the Home) club plus applicable disciplinary actions in accordance with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

The way for referees towards their locker rooms needs to be guarded in such a way that neither Teams nor spectators can attack them.

4. Persons who physically attack the Referees or throw objects at them must be penalized with a general arena ban. Furthermore, the particulars (personal data) of said persons need to be recorded and forwarded to the ÖEHV.

§ 4 Protection of Teams

1. The entire locker room area must not be accessible to spectators. Apart from players, team and game officials, only the referee observers and league supervisors have access to the locker rooms.
2. The players' path to the locker rooms must be protected in such a way that attacks from the spectators are not possible.

3. The players' and penalty box benches must also be protected in such a way that attacks from the spectators are not possible. The players' and penalty box benches must be executed in a technical manner that there is no open space on the backside up to the roofing respectively the height of the back board must be sufficient.
4. On the way to and from the ice surface and to the parking lot, the players and coaches must be accompanied by sufficient usher personnel to ensure that attacks are prevented. The players' bus must be provided with a guarded or appropriately protected parking space with direct access to the arena. Players and coaches are advised to use the official from side of the organizer designated entrances and exits. This security issue needs to be secured for the guest team by sufficient usher personnel from the beginning of arrival until departure.

§ 5 Protection of Media Areas

1. The sensitivity and the special significance of work carried out in the media areas are to be considered when selecting the usher service personnel assigned to these areas.
2. The club must take the necessary and appropriate measures to protect media representatives and media areas and ensure that media representatives can work without disruptions or other disturbances. Attacks from spectators must be prevented. In case of such an incident, the person in question must be identified and penalized.
3. The Mixed-Zone and the press conference room must not be accessible to spectators. The home club must ensure that all players and coaches can pass through the mixed zone without contact with the spectator area. After the end of the game, access to the mixed zone must be restricted to media representatives, the media relations officers of the two clubs, the referee observers and league supervisors.
4. Wherever possible under the security regulations of the game venue or of the ÖEHV, the work of ÖEHV television partners must not be disturbed by usher personnel.

§ 6 Arena Bans

It is at the U18/U20 International League clubs' discretion to hand out arena bans. In the case of special interest (information about high-risk fans or possible risk also for away-games) the U18/U20 International League club can forward information on a person with an arena ban to the ÖEHV. The ÖEHV will then declare a league wide arena ban and will inform the clubs and the ministry of the interior (Fan-Police).

§ 7 Fan-Banners

1. Any kind of banners with glorification of violence, bawdy, abusive or racist taunts and any kind of discriminating statements against minority groups or fringe groups are prohibited.
2. The security staff of the home team is obliged to remove those kinds of banners immediately.
3. Furthermore, the clubs must inform all their fan-clubs that this kind of statements and banners cannot be tolerated anymore and have to be punished with a fine accordingly.
4. If a game-delegate or other game-officials reject banners, the security staff must remove those banners immediately.

§ 8 Flow of Game

Spectators who throw objects onto the ice or attempt to physically harm, spit on, or otherwise attack players or officials must be removed from the arena immediately and penalized with an arena ban pursuant to § 6. Moreover, the particulars of the person(s) in question are to be recorded and, in the case of re-peat offenses, communicated to the ÖEHV. The home team must take the maximum lengths to ensure that throwing of objects onto the ice surface is prevented. If problems with objects on the ice surface occur, the Referees must file an according additional report and send it to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board. Failure of the usher service results in a penalization according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung). Repeated incidents can cause the Disciplinary Board to greatly increase the Penalty.

§ 9 Security Coordinator

1. Prior to the start of each season, each club is to provide the ÖEHV with the name of its security coordinator by August 15th; the security coordinator serves as the contact person responsible for security matters. The security coordinator may be an employee of the club, of the company which operates the game venue, or of a security service which is responsible for the game venue.
2. The security coordinator is to ensure the regular exchange of information and experiences with
 - a) the club's internal officials (event management, general management, fan relations officers)
 - b) the ÖEHV
 - c) external institutions (e.g., police, fire department, public order authorities)
 - d) Head of sport activities (ZSA) from BM.I
3. Before each game, the security coordinator is required to obtain information on the planned schedule, the arrival and departure of the teams and referees, the expected spectators, the number of tickets sold in advance, any other peripheral events, special potential dangers, necessary countermeasures, the planned deployment of security personnel, deployment meetings, information sheets, etc., and to pass this information on to the usher personnel.
4. Prior to a game, the security coordinator is to exchange insights and information with the security coordinator from the opposing club.

§ 10 Prohibited Items

1. The rules of each arena and the official regulations applying to the venue list the items which spectators may not bring into the arena. A list of prohibited items compiled in cooperation with the Center for Sports Affairs (Zentrum für Sportangelegenheiten) at the Austrian Ministry of the Interior must be placed in a clearly visible location in all league arenas (entrance area).
2. According to IIHF rules, spectators are not allowed to bring whistles or compressed air horns into the arena.
3. Prohibited items such as glass containers/bottles and horns must not be offered for sale inside the arena.
4. The promotional give-away activities of sponsors or partners must not involve the distribution of items which may be thrown as projectiles.
5. Items which are considered Pyrotechnical Devices under the law of the respective country and "Laser pointers" (meaning devices, which enable persons from the stands to direct or beam light towards players or officials on the ice) are not allowed at all.

IX | DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

A | Application

§ 1 Subject and Objectives

These regulations contain the substantive and formal provisions governing the punishment of disciplinary offenses falling within their scope of application. They describe the infringements, regulate the application of penalties and govern the organization and actions of the disciplinary bodies and the procedures to be followed before these bodies.

These regulations serve to ensure that the objectives of the U18/U20 International League are attained in accordance with the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations.

§ 2 Scope of Material Application

These regulations apply to any violation of the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations, ÖEHV Regulations and the official playing rules of the U18/U20 International League altogether referred to in all U18/U20 International League and/ or ÖEHV documents as U18/U20 International League law and ÖEHV directives and decisions.

When a case seems to come under the authority of more than one disciplinary body, the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's Presidency shall decide which disciplinary body hears the case.

These regulations apply to every game and competition organized in the U18/U20 International League. These regulations govern all matters to which the text explicitly or implicitly relates.

§ 3 Scope of Personal Application

By way of participating in the U18/U20 International League competition, the following are subject to these regulations:

The league itself and the leagues respective officials (i.e., all persons assigned by the league or national federations to exercise a function either directly or indirectly associated with the U18/U20 International League).

Participating clubs and their officials (i.e., all persons assigned by a participating club or the national federations to exercise a function either directly or indirectly associated with the U18/U20 International League):

- a) All game officials
- b) All players and coaches
- c) All persons assigned by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation to exercise a function either directly or indirectly associated with the U18/U20 International League.

The above entities and persons are subject to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation disciplinary powers. They are bound by and recognize U18/U20 International League and/ or ÖEHV law, directives and decisions.

Participating clubs are responsible for the conduct of its players, staff and fans at games.

§ 4 Applicable Law

The disciplinary bodies base their decisions on the U18/U20 International League and/or ÖEHV law, directives and decisions as well Austrian law and any other law that the competent body considers applicable.

B | Substantive Law

§ 1 Game Officials and Game Supervisor

1. U18/U20 International League Game Officials:

Assignments:

All Regular season games in the U18/U20 International League will be officiated by licensed referees and linespersons according to the three-persons system. All Playoff games will be officiated by licensed referees and linespersons according to the four-persons system. The game officials shall be nominated and appointed by the referee-in-chief of the respective National Federation.

Acceptance of referee assignments:

No participating club shall be able to protest the appointment of any referee and/or linesperson to any U18/U20 International League game.

Inability to fulfill an assignment:

Should a game official not be able to officiate a game for any reason (i.e. illness, travel incidents, etc.), the referee-in-chief of the national Federation reserves the right to replace the game official with any game official assigned by the National Federation.

U18/U20 International League game official's duties:

The regulations and duties as set out in the IIHF Official Rule Book shall apply for the referees, linespersons and off-ice officials.

In the U18/U20 International League the official IIHF Rule Book in its current version and IIHF Case Book will serve as the official ruling.

Immediately following each game, one game official must text, e-mail or phone the ÖEHV to notify of any potential issues.

2. U18/U20 International League Game Supervisor:

The ÖEHV nominates, and the ÖEHV appoints, an U18/U20 International League game supervisor for random U18/U20 International League games. The game supervisor is required to send:

- a) a general written report to the ÖEHV, and
- b) a Disciplinary Report which includes all incidents requiring supplementary jurisdiction and the corresponding referees/linespersons report to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board (preferably within) one hour after U18/U20 International League game but no later than 12:00 am the following day.

The home club must grant "All Area Access" to the U18/U20 International League game supervisor from two hours before game until one hour after the game.

The participating clubs must always follow all decisions and instructions of the U18/U20 International League game supervisor.

3. ÖEHV Video Exchange System (Part IX - Video Handbook):

Prior to the start of each season, the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation will inform all clubs about the video exchange system of game footage.

Such footage may be used by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board to review game relevant scenes and if necessary, award penalties, suspensions or fines to clubs, players, coaches or other club staff.

4. Offenses:

Violations of the principles and rules are punishable by means of disciplinary measures in accordance with these disciplinary regulations.

5. General Principles of Conduct:

All persons bound by these U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Measures must respect the laws of the game, as well as the ÖEHV law, directives and decisions, and comply with the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.

A breach of the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship is committed by anyone bound by these disciplinary regulations:

- a) who engages in or attempts to engage in active or passive bribery and/or corruption directly or indirectly related to an U18/U20 International League game.
- b) whose conduct is insulting or otherwise violates the basic rules of decent conduct.
- c) who uses U18/U20 International League games for manifestations of a non-sporting nature.
- d) whose conduct brings the sport of ice hockey, and the U18/U20 International League in particular, into disrepute.
- e) who does not abide by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board's decisions or directives.
- f) who does not comply with instructions given by the game officials.
- g) who culpably reports late - or not at all - for a game or is responsible for a late start.
- h) who culpably causes a game to be interrupted or abandoned or is responsible for its interruption or abandonment.
- i) who enters a player on a game sheet who is not eligible to participate in the respective game.
- j) who commits an act of assault.
- k) who behaves in an unsporting manner.
- l) who criticizes or insults any U18/U20 International League and/or ÖEHV official, in the public (papers, TV, etc.) or on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

6. Protection of U18/U20 International League Game Officials:

From the time of the U18/U20 International League game official's arrival until the time of departure from the arena, the home club oversees the official's well-being. Only the referees, linespersons, referee attendant, referee supervisor, score keepers and U18/U20 International League game supervisor are allowed to enter the officials' locker room. Any unauthorized persons entering the officials' locker room must be reported to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board.

Referees are to be accompanied from/to the officials' locker room to/from the ice as well as from/to the parking lot to/from the officials' locker room. The home club must provide the officials with four protected parking spaces with direct access to the arena.

Insult, discrimination and physical violence against an U18/U20 International League game official: No coach, player or team official can make remarks and/or gestures towards an official in an obscene, swearing or derogatory manner or question the integrity of an official's decision in an unfitting manner at any time. Any person engaging in any type of physical violence towards any official shall be subject to a general arena ban. The respective official shall issue an additional report to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board on any such incidents.

7. Protection of Teams:

The home club must ensure that the team locker rooms are not accessible to spectators. The home club must protect the players' path to and from the locker room as well as the players and penalty bench to prevent any type of spectator violence (no open space from the backside up to the roofing of the players and penalty bench).

Security shall be provided at all times from arrival until departure of a team. The team bus must be provided with an appropriately protected parking space with direct access to the arena.

The cost of a player's or coaches' bodily or property damage which occurs during his duty at an U18/U20 International League game as a result of the home club not providing security will be borne by the home club.

8. Integrity of U18/U20 International League Games and Match Fixing:

All persons bound by these U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Regulations must refrain from any behavior that damages or could damage the integrity of an U18/U20 International League game and must always cooperate fully with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation in its efforts to combat such behavior.

The integrity of games is violated by anyone bound by these U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Regulations:

- a) who acts in a manner that is likely to exert an unlawful or undue influence on the course and/or result of an U18/U20 International League game with a view to gaining an advantage for himself or a third party.
- b) who participates directly or indirectly in betting or similar activities relating to an U18/U20 International League game or who has a direct or indirect financial interest in such activities.
- c) who uses or provides others with information, which is not publicly available, which is obtained through his involvement in the U18/U20 International League and damages or could damage the integrity of an U18/U20 International League game.
- d) who does not immediately and voluntarily inform the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation if approached in connection with activities aimed at influencing in an unlawful or undue manner the course and/or result of an U18/U20 International League game.
- e) who does not immediately and voluntarily report to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation any behavior he is aware of that may fall within the scope of this article.

If a violation is notified to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation after the relevant game stage has finished, such violations shall have no impact on the sporting results of the relevant U18/U20 International League game (the respective U18/U20 International League game cannot be replayed).

9. Doping:

Doping is punishable in accordance with the National Anti-Doping Codes, IIHF Anti-Doping Regulations, U18/U20 International League Fundamental Rules and these U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Regulations.

10. Racism, Discrimination and Propaganda:

No person bound by these disciplinary regulations shall insult the human dignity of a person or group of persons, directly or indirectly associated with the U18/U20 International League, by any means, including on the grounds of skin color, race, religion or ethnic origin.

All forms of ideological, political and religious propaganda are forbidden.

§ 2 Disciplinary Measures and Directives

1. Disciplinary Measures - The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on clubs:

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Fine
- annulment of game results
- order the game to be replayed
- deduction of points
- order the game to be declared forfeited
- playing a game behind closed doors
- prohibition of registering new players in the U18/U20 International League competition
- restriction on the number of players that a participating club may register for U18/U20 International League competition
- exclusion from future U18/U20 International League games and withdrawal of title or award

a) Video Upload Procedure:

The video uploads must be completed the day after the game by 12:00am (noon). If there is a technical issue, the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation must also be informed by 12:00am (noon).

In the event the video is not uploaded, or the ÖEHV has not been informed of a technical issue, the home team will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code §55 (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung) - for each infraction throughout a season.

b) IIHF Rules: Fighting & Roughing:

- The Austrian Ice Hockey Federation governing body does not support fighting/roughing in Youth Hockey.
- For all games where there are multiple major penalties and automatic game misconducts for fighting or for roughing, either at a stoppage or accumulated throughout the game, in addition to the on-ice penalties, the Head Coach of the offending team(s) can be subject to a suspension and his club can be assessed a € 250 fine.
- Major penalties and automatic game-misconducts for roughing and/ or for fighting will now accumulate throughout a hockey season. In addition to the above suspension and fine criteria for single games, when a team reaches a total of 5 Game Misconducts penalties for roughing and/ or fighting in a single season, the Head Coach will be subject to an automatic one-game suspension and the club will be assessed a € 250 fine.
- When a team is deemed the instigator or aggressor (cause) within the game of multiple fights, either at a stoppage or cumulative, the Head Coach of the team deemed the "cause" of the fights is subject to a suspension of 3 games or more, plus subject to a fine of € 500 to the respective team.

Exception: if one team is deemed the instigator or aggressor of the fights (cause), then the automatic game suspension to the non-violator team may be rescinded.

c) IIHF - Physical Abuse of Officials:

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an official, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a game misconduct penalty.

2. Automatic Suspensions:

Should a player or official be penalized with a second game misconduct penalty anytime during the U18/U20 International League season (that did not carry an additional suspension issued through U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board), that player or official will be suspended automatically for the ensuing U18/U20 International League game. The same applies should a player or official be penalized with the fourth, sixth, etc. game misconduct.

If a player is assessed a game misconduct penalty because he received a second misconduct penalty in the same game, then only the game misconduct penalty will count in the calculation.

Should a player or team official be penalized with a game misconduct penalty in an U18/U20 International League game, where the penalty was called in error or not conforming to U18/U20 International League rules and there is a unanimous decision by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board, the causing the automatic suspension can be rescinded.

In cases where a player or coach changes to another U18/U20 International League club or a foreign club, the unenforced remainder of the penalty will be suspended and must be served before the player or coach can resume activities with an U18/U20 International League club.

A suspension given within any ÖEHV, IIHF or HZS league, must be served in its entirety based on the suspended games within the affiliate league in which the suspension occurred. A suspended player or coach is not permitted to participate in the ÖEHV, IIHF or HZS affiliate leagues until the suspension is served in its entirety, based on the league in which the suspension occurred.

Investigations of serious nature can be put "under review" until the U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board has sufficient time to adequately review the case pending with no maximum time frame.

3. Suspended Sanction:

All disciplinary measures may be suspended by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board issuing the sanction except for:

- Warning
- reprimand and
- ban on ice hockey related activity in accordance with the WADA code.

If a further offense/violation is committed during the probationary period, U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board, as a rule, will order the original sanction to be executed. This may be added to the disciplinary measure imposed for the second offense.

4. Aggravating and Mitigating Factors:

a) Aggravating factors which may be considered by the disciplinary board shall include (without limitation and where applicable):

- a failure to cooperate with any investigation or request for information.
- previous disciplinary history (24 months prior to date of violation), which would be considered the period of a 'repeat offender'.
- a person/entity receiving or being due to receive a significant benefit in connection with the violation.
- the violation having affected, or having the potential to affect, the course or result of the U18/U20 International League competition.
- the person/entity to be sanctioned displaying a lack of remorse and
- any other aggravating factor the disciplinary body deems relevant

b) Mitigating factors which may be considered by the disciplinary board shall include (without limitation and where applicable):

- Blamelessness
- Confession

5. Determination of Sanctions:

The U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board shall determine the type and extent of the disciplinary measure to be imposed according to the objective and subjective elements of the offense/violation, taking into consideration whether the offense/violation was minor, serious or gross and taking into consideration whether any aggravating or mitigating circumstances exist.

A player or a coach who has a pending U18/U20 International League sanction and who transfers to another club (domestic or international) that is not part of the U18/U20 International League system before serving the full U18/U20 International League sanction, upon return to a participating club that is part of the ÖEHV, HIHF or HZS league system, shall be required to serve the remainder of his suspension before being allowed to participate in the ÖEHV, HIHF or HZS league competition.

6. Regulation for suspended coach/functionary:

A suspended coach/functionary is **NOT ALLOWED** to stay in the following described areas or respectively have any contact with the team 1 hour before the start of the game and until 30 minutes after the game:

- be within the locker-room 1 hour before the game until 30 minutes after the game.
- be within the mixed zone on the way from the locker-room to the player bench.
- be at or next to the players-bench.
- have contact with any members active on the players-bench by signals or verbal means (including usage of electronic devices).

The suspended coach/functionary is not part of the team during his suspension and his league wide accreditation is not valid during his suspension. He is not allowed to sign any game report or other documents and cannot give any official statement for the club.

The suspended coach/functionary can watch and observe the game at home-games as well as away games from the spectator area. The respective ticket must be taken from the respective ticket allocation of the away-team. The respective home-club must be informed in good time prior to the game.

If the suspended coach/functionary does not act according to these rules, this will lead to another decision by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board.

The club managers are responsible for the observation and supervision of these rules and must inform the arena-security personal when the suspended coach/functionary is coming for the respective away game.

X | VIDEO HANDBOOK

§ 1 Basic Information

1. It is mandatory that all U18/U20 International League games are recorded and uploaded to the ÖEHV online video-exchange-platform (video.eishockey.at/cms/login).
2. Games, which are livestreamed via live.eishockey.at will be automatically transferred and uploaded to the ÖEHV online video-exchange-platform.
3. The ÖEHV online video-exchange-platform serves as a tool for professionalization of the U18/U20 International League. The Access to all games helps to develop the junior players, video-analysis as well as situations review of the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board for major penalties.

§ 2 Video Recording

1. The home club is responsible for a complete videorecording of the game and incident(s) that may have happened on the ice in the intermissions. In all stoppages the recording is not to be stopped. The following criteria must be adhered when filming the game and the footage needs to be usable for video analysis:
 - According to the game situation the whole zone (Defensive, Offensive and Neutral) must be shown.
 - The operator should not lose the puck from the eyes/screen.
 - The spectators should not be filmed.
2. The home club must take all necessary measures to enable the recording to be made best possible Camera Standard and the best possible picture quality (1080i50). Should the quality of the video be insufficient to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's needs, the home team is bound to immediately upgrade hardware and/or educate the responsible person. Should the issue ensue or be ignored, the ensuing penalty will be decided by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board.
3. It should also be ensured that the stadium atmosphere (sound) is also recorded.

§ 3 Camera locations - Main camera

There are two possible locations for positioning the main camera. As Figure 1.1 and Figure 1.2 shows these two locations are both directly on the centreline of the ice, one on side of the penalty benches (Position 1) the second one directly on the opposite side – on side of the player's benches (Position 2). The location of the main camera must be selected in such way, that there are no obstacles between the camera and the ice surface. The camera must have a solid stand and it is not allowed to change the location between periods.

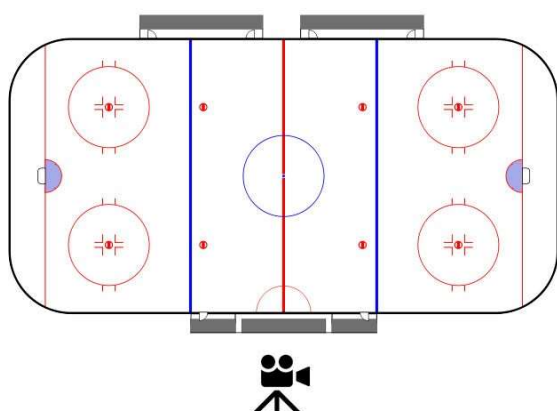


Figure 1.1: Position 1 – Camera on side of the penalty benches

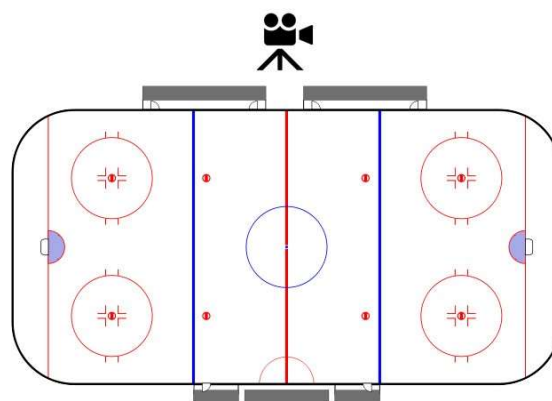


Figure 1.2: Position 2 – Camera on side of the player's benches

§ 4 During the Game

1. If the main camera was shut off after warm-ups or between periods, the camera must be turned on at a minimum of 5 minutes before the first/next period.
2. As Figures 2.1. and 2.2. show, the main camera must be set to a wide focus and always follow the puck and situations that are of importance (discussions, penalties, altercations/fights, goals, ...). Video footage becomes less useful for the U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board and game analytics if the focus is not big enough.

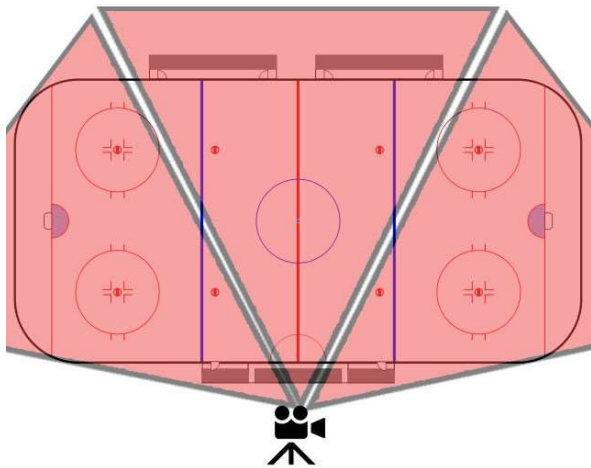


Figure 2.1: Position 1 – Camera focus – during game action

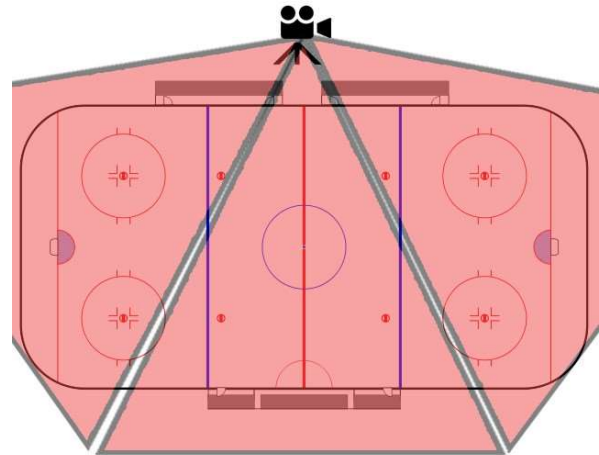


Figure 2.2: Position 2 – Camera focus – during game action

§ 5 Stoppages of play

1. It is of the upmost importance and not allowed to stop recording the game if the referee or linesperson blows the whistle and game is stopped. Furthermore, it is important to ensure that in stoppages of play the main camera always follows situations of importance (discussions, penalties, altercations/fights, goals, ...).
2. At the end of a period or game keep recording until all player's and game officials have left the ice.

§ 6 After the Game

When the game is completed (after the 3rd period / overtime or penalty shootout) the main camera must be re-aligned with a wide focus on the red center line (see Figure 3.1 and 3.2) and the entire players' handshake must be recorded as well. The recording may only be terminated when all players and the referees have left the ice surface.

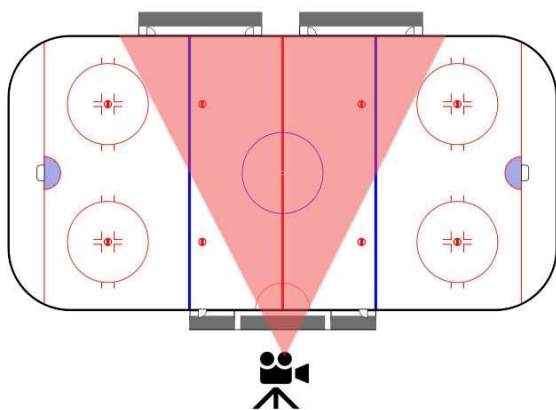


Figure 3.1: Position 1 – Camera focus – center line

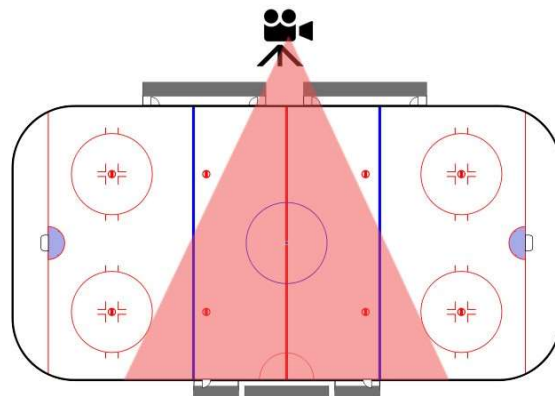


Figure 3.2: Position 2 – Camera focus – center line

§ 7 Register on the Video-Exchange-Platform

1. Each Club's responsible person gets an E-Mail from service@broadcastingsuite.tv to register himself on the ÖEHV video-exchange-platform.
2. After creating a new password, the team official gets all the access needed.

§ 8 Upload

1. Helpcenter: <https://helpcenter.morawa.digital/en/collections/2116-morawa-video-cms>
2. The game videos must be uploaded to video.eishockey.at/cms/login.
3. The video uploads must be completed the day after the game 12:00am. If there is a technical issue, the ÖEHV must also be informed by 12:00am (noon).
4. In the event the video is not uploaded, or the ÖEHV has not been informed of a technical issue, the home team will be penalized by the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code §55 (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung) - for each infraction throughout a season.
5. The game video data must be named as followed:

U18i_DDMMYY_HOME_vs_AWAY
U20i_DDMMYY_HOME_vs_AWAY

Examples: U18i_100922_RBS_vs_KAC
U20i_081022_DJA_vs_FEHA19

XI | MISCELLANEOUS

§ 1 U18/U20 International League Championship

The team winning the annual U18/U20 International League Championship will be awarded the title „Champion of U18/U20 International League of the year“. This team will receive the trophy of the U18/U20 International League.

§ 2 Schedule of Fees

1. Invoicing of the ÖEHV fees will be done directly to either club competing in the U18/U20 International League following the scale of fees for the respective season.
2. Only those clubs which paid all fees for the past seasons will be eligible to participate in the U18/U20 International League Championship.

§ 3 Mandatory for U18/U20 International League Teams

1. A-licensed fulltime Head Coach or international coach with international License accepted by the ÖEHV.
2. Close co-operation with club mentors and Head Coaches (AUT teams)
3. Participation at ÖEHV coaches' clinics mandatory (AUT teams)
4. Sport medical examinations
5. Video upload to video.eishockey.at/cms/login.
6. Online-scoring. Use of scorekeeper who are trained by the ÖEHV only (participation at scorekeeper instruction)

All teams must send proof of payment of the participation fee after nomination.

§ 4 U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board

1. The Disciplinary Measures of the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations as well as in the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung), have been designed for regular infractions. The U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board is not bound to the measures mentioned and will decide using a case-by-case approach, especially in cases when the Referee has not imposed the proper penalty during the course of the game.
2. Suspension or fines may be imposed in addition to another.
3. In case of a first-time violation/minor offence by players, goalies, coaches, managers or other club officials against this penalty catalogue underlying set of rules, exclusively money fines can be pronounced - without simultaneously game suspensions.
4. In case of repeated violations by a player, goalkeeper, trainer, manager, coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive, the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board have at their discretion, the ability to assess higher fines and/or suspensions.
5. For all participants within each respective Club Organization and/or respective Members who participate in International Play, inclusive of National Team Programs; the possibility of additional suspension(s) and fines through the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board is in effect. Regardless of or "in addition to" the IIHF's disciplinary decisions, the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board has the possibility to uphold or add suspension(s) "in addition to" in particularly serious offences. In effect, regardless of the Country a game is played, all U18/U20 International League contracted participants are responsible for their actions and subject to the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board actions as per the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).

6. "Team officials" shall include all Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive. In addition to the automatic fines and suspensions imposed under these rules, the U18/U20 International League Disciplinary Board, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any Exhibition, Tournament, League or Playoff game and may assess additional fines and/or suspensions for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a player, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee.
7. If a Club initiates an investigation, it must be initiated within the time frame of the completion of the game in which the incident occurred until 12:00am the following day. In addition, teams are required to send video of the incident in question.

Simultaneously with the forwarding of the video evidence by email, an E-banking voucher stating EUR 300,- (application cost) have been paid to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation:

Erste Bank Sparkasse
IBAN: AT14 2011 1404 1020 0300
BIC: GIBAATWWXXX

All investigations initiated by a Club must be emailed to:
markus.schaffer@eishockey.at
peter.schweda@eishockey.at

8. In case that the uploaded game video is not showing a particular situation which has to be reviewed by the U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board the clubs are obliged to provide all available footage of inhouse production/Fan-TV/additional coaches cams immediately after U18/U20 International Disciplinary Board requests this service. If a club does not cooperate, this violation will be penalized according to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation's disciplinary code (ÖEHV Disziplinarordnung).
9. The club is jointly liable and required to pay the relevant penalty within a period of 14 days after the invoice from the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation if a fine has been imposed on one of their players, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive.
10. Should a payment not have been made within the set period, an interest rate of 7.5% p.a. applies.
11. Short-term exemptions:
In cases that are not separately listed in the currently existing regulations, exemptions (including from the outlined regulations) may be issued by the ÖEHV.

§ 5 Pandemics Preventive Measures

In the last year we were witnessed numerous outbreaks of infections (i.e. Covid 19, Influenza, Noro Virus, etc). When the Team plays in Championships the risk of infection becomes greater and measures need to be taken to avoid contamination and spread among players. The following prevention recommendations need to be addressed in all Championships by the Participating Teams so that the health and safety of players is protected.

Summary of Prevention:

- Do not share drinks.
- Do not share water bottles.
- Do not share towels.
- Do not share razors.
- Do not sneeze or cough on others and covers your mouth when you cough.
- Wash your hands often with soap or alcohol-based gels or hand cleansers.
- Water bottles must be cleaned / disinfected after each game.

1. All measures, regulations and parameters described in the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations are effective provided that the external circumstances that are decisive for the staging of the championships are not subject to fundamental changes during the 2023/24 season and, in particular, that they do not conflict with any instructions or requirements of the responsible governments and authorities. The decision as to whether the season can proceed as planned or whether it needs to be adjusted/cancelled will be based on the instructions/conditions of the competent governments and health authorities and considering the economic circumstances. The league organization, with the involvement of the respective national associations, reserves the right to make changes and adjustments, including during the season, to the individual league formats, the game mode and the Game Regulations in this context.
2. Regarding the preventive measures against the spread of Covid-19, the respective applicable rules and regulations of the national federal government and local authorities must be followed. In addition, the respective valid version of the ÖEHV Covid-Appendix is an integral part of the U18/U20 International League Game Regulations.