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# U14

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<b>GAMEDAYS (REGULAR SEASON)</b>	SATURDAY (Thursday)
<b>GAMES' STARTING TIMES</b>	on weekdays: between 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM on Saturdays: between 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM on Sundays: between 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM
<b>AGE RESTRICTION</b>	players born between 01.01.2004.- 31.12.2005.
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON ENTRY LIST</b>	Group „A”: 15+1 Group „B”: 13+1 Group „C”: 10+1
<b>CHANGE BETWEEN THE SAME ORGANIZATION'S TWO TEAMS</b>	Between 15-31 <sup>st</sup> of December 2017; max. 5 athletes
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS AT THE START OF THE GAME</b>	Group „A”: 17 Group „B”: 14 Group „C”: 14
<b>PLAYING UP</b>	From U12 to the respective U14 level: 5 athletes at a time, max. 7 times each From U14 to the respective U16 level: 5 athletes at a time, unlimited times
<b>PLAYING ACROSS</b>	With one level higher compared to the level the athlete has originally been entered to: no limitation in the number of players, max. 10 times each In case there is more than one level difference between the two championship groups, playing across is forbidden. In case the two teams play in the same level of the championship, playing across is not allowed.
<b>PLAYING DOWN (FEMALE AGE RESTRICTION)</b>	Grils born in 2003. Female goalies born in 2002-2003. (if she is entered to U14, isn't allowed to play in U16)
<b>WARM UP</b>	15 minutes warm up
<b>BEGINNING OF THE WARM UP</b>	T-30 min.
<b>ICE RESURFACE (MINIMUM CRITERION)</b>	prior and after the warm up, in the intermissions
<b>PLAYING TIME</b>	3x20 minutes
<b>OVERTIME, PENALTY-SHOT SHOOTOUT</b>	In the qualifications, regular season, middle round, playoffs, classification, finals: 5 minutes, then penalty shot-shootouts (both according to IIHF regulations)

# U14 CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

## **GAMEDAYS:**

The U14 Championship's main gameday: Saturday and Thursday if needed. According to this the IIHF Competition Office will schedule the age group's games to this day. This can be changed in the case of the Hungarian-based teams' games played outside of Hungary and the foreign country-based teams' games played in Hungary, as well as in case if the two interested teams agree on a different game-time than the originally scheduled. If the two respective teams can't agree on a change from the original gameday, then the one scheduled by the IIHF Competition Office will stay.

## **GAMES' STARTING TIMES:**

The U14 Championship games must start between 3:30 PM-6:00 PM on weekdays, between 9:30 AM-7:00 PM on Saturdays and between 9:30 AM-6:00 PM on Sundays. The visiting team's travel time-need must be considered when setting the starting time. According to this, the games' starting time should be scheduled the way so the visiting team wouldn't need to leave before 6:30 AM and would get home after the game by 10:00 PM.

On holidays the rules set for Saturdays must be applied.

## **AGE RESTRICTION:**

To determine an athlete's age for eligibility December 31<sup>st</sup> of the season closing year should be considered.

## **MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON ENTRY LIST:**

If the number of players signed on the entry list reaches the minimum number for 2 teams, then it is obligatory to participate with 2 teams. This rule only applies for the minimum player numbers in "A" and "B", "B" and "C" groups, doesn't apply regarding the "A" and "C" groups.

## **GAME FORMAT:**

Minimum conditions:

- Ice resurface before the warm up
- Beginning of the warm up: T-30 minutes
- Duration of the warm up: 15 minutes
- Ice resurface after the warm up
- Ice resurface after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period

## **OVERTIME:**

If at the end of the 3 periods the two playing teams are tied, the teams will then play a 'sudden death' overtime period of not more than 5 minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of 3 skaters and 1 goaltender.

The overtime takes place following a 3-minute intermission, no ice resurface needed. In the overtime period, the teams must change ends, defending the same end-zone as they did in the second period. Goaltenders must 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, he shall be returned immediately by the game officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any other rule. Teams are not permitted to return to the dressing room during this time.

#### **PENALTY-SHOT SHOOTOUT PROCEDURE:**

- 1) If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the IIHF Penalty-Shot Shootout Procedure will apply right after the overtime period ended.
- 2) The procedure will begin with 3 different shooters from each team, taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand. Eligible to participate in the Penalty-Shot Shootout will be the four goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet except as specified in article 3 below.
- 3) Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended is not eligible to be one of the players selected to take the shots and must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room. Also players serving penalties imposed during the Penalty-Shot Shootout must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room until the end of the procedure.
- 4) The home team will have the choice whether his team will shoot first or second.
- 5) The goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the overtime period and may remain at their goal creases while the opposing team is taking a shot.
- 6) The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- 7) The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- 8) If the result is still tied after all shots by each team the procedure shall continue with a tie-break shoot-out by one player of each team, with the same or new players with the other team starting to take the tie-break shots. The same player can also be used for each shot by a team in the tie-break shoot-out. The game shall be finished as soon as a duel of two players brings the decisive result.

#### **SPECIAL RULES REGARDING THE U14 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP:**

The teams will get 3-2-1-0 extra points for the playoffs according to their ranking in the middle round.

#### **PLAYING UP, DOWN AND ACROSS:**

From the organization's U12 "A" team 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U14 "A" and U14 "B" level teams, from the organization's U12 "B" team 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U14 "B" level team, but the overall number of athletes playing up can't be more, than 5. From the organization's U12 "C" team also 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U14 "B" team.

If an organization participates with two teams in the U14 championship, then there is no limitation in the number of athletes playing up from the lower ranked team to the higher, although they are allowed max. 10 times each. In case there is more than one level difference between the two championship groups, playing across is forbidden. In case the two teams play in the same level of the championship, playing across is not allowed.

An athlete originally entered to the organization's higher ranked team isn't allowed to play for the organization's lower ranked team. Also an athlete entered to the organization's U14 regular-size-rink championship team isn't allowed to play in the team that participates in the U14 3x3 championship.

The athletes that play up more than 7 games or play across more than 10 games a season remain in the respective higher ranked team and in the remaining of the season won't be allowed to play in the team they were originally entered to. In the number of games played up or across every U14 championship game count, those played in the qualifications must be considered as well.

From the organization's U14 "A" team 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U16 "A" and U16 "B" level teams, from the organization's U14 "B" team 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U16 "B" level team, but the overall number of athletes playing up can't be more, than 5 at a game. From the organization's U14 "C" team also 5 athletes can be entered to the organization's U16 "B" team.

Playing down for older female athletes to U14 age group is only allowed for those 2003-born girls (2002 or 2003-born in case of goalies), who have been entered to a U14 team ("A", "B" or "C"). Once they are entered to a U14 team, they are not allowed to play in U16.

Those organizations that participate with two (or more) teams in the age group must finalize their rosters before the start of the finals/classifications. During the finals/classifications playing across and player movements are not allowed.

#### **CHANGE BETWEEN THE SAME ORGANIZATION'S TWO TEAMS:**

A maximum of 5 athletes can be moved in the period of December 15-31<sup>st</sup> 2017 between the same organization's two teams. Switches can only include one championship level, moves between the "A" and "B" teams are allowed, as well as between "B" and "C" teams. No player changes are possible between "A" and "C" teams. One athlete can only be moved once in this period. Players that played up or across over the limitation remain in their respective higher ranked team and can't be moved in the remaining of the season.

#### **SPORTS COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS:**

Deadlines for Sports Committee Applications regarding changes from Competition Rules:

- „A" Championship: 30.09.2017.
- „B" and „C" Championships: 30.10.2017.

Handing in applications after the deadline is only possible in a well-founded case and for a 100 000 HUF + TAX administration fee.

In the decision making the age group or championship level must be considered where the athlete is wanted to play in according to the application.

In any case of discrepancy from the Competition Rules without the permission of the Sports Committee (ex. number of players below the minimum, entering players violating the Competition Rules) the organization must pay an administrative fee after each event where the Competition Rules were violated.

The amount of the administrative fees can be found in the Competition Rules' attachment.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS:**

In group "A" 3x30 medals (gold, silver, bronze) and championship trophy.

During the postgame IIHF awards ceremony the IIHF medals and trophy are allowed to be handed out only.

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