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# Fédération Luxembourgeoise de hockey sur glace - Sports Regulations

## **Article 1: Objectives and Scope**

**1.1 Purpose:** These regulations aim to establish the rules and guidelines governing the conduct of ice hockey competitions under the auspices of the Luxembourg Federation of Ice Hockey (“FLHG”).

**1.2 Scope:** These regulations apply to all clubs, teams, officials, and players registered with the FLHG and participating in any official competition or event organized by the federation.

Any official competition or event organized by a different national federation member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (“IIHF”) will be subject to applicable rules and regulations under the FLHG in addition to the rules and regulations of that specific national federation and the competition they are played in.

## **Article 2: Affiliations**

**2.1 Club Affiliation:** All Luxembourgish ice hockey clubs must be affiliated with the FLHG and must be current with their financial obligations to the FLHG.

**2.2 Game Participation:** Clubs affiliated with the FLHG are prohibited from playing against non-affiliated Luxembourgish clubs or foreign clubs not affiliated with a national federation member of the IIHF.



### **Article 3: Licenses**

**3.1 Licensing Requirement:** Every player participating in any game under the FLHG must be licensed through his/her respective club unless specified otherwise. For players over the age of 7 and under the age of 50, a valid sports medical check (medico sportif) is mandatory for obtaining the license. For players under the age of 7 and over the age of 50, a certificate issued by a general practitioner stating that the player is fit to play ice hockey is sufficient.

**3.2 Friendly Games:** For friendly games, teams affiliated with the FLHG can include licensed players from other FLHG clubs or foreign players with proper authorization from their respective clubs and national federations affiliated with the IIHF.

**3.3 Team Officials:** All team officials present on the bench must possess valid licenses issued either by the FLHG or by a national federation of a different country member of the IIHF in which case they need to be first validated by the FLHG.

**3.4 Sanctions for Unlicensed Players:** Any team fielding an unlicensed player will forfeit the game (score 0:5) and incur a penalty of €250 payable to the FLHG.

**3.5 License types:** The FLHG issues the following licenses:

- i) Player (A)
- ii) Coach Learn-to-play (“LTP”) and team official (O)
- iii) Team Manager (TM)
- iii) Committee member (D)
- iv) Referee (R)
- v) Bench official (T)

A senior coach licence (E) can only be issued if it has previously been validated by the INAPS.

FLHG licenses need to be validated before licenses by a national federation of a different country member of the IIHF can be issued



#### **Article 4: Player Qualification**

**4.1 Ongoing Qualification:** Players who continue with the same club from the previous season are immediately qualified to participate in games upon renewal of their license.

**4.2 Transfers:** Players changing clubs must be validly licensed with the new club before participating in games.

**4.3 Mixed teams:** Any female player can compete in any game of her age category. Male players are not allowed to compete in a specifically female category game.

**4.4 Player loans:** Players that wish to compete for a club or team that is different from their current club and do not wish or cannot transfer to the other club (as per article 10 below) may be permitted to do so under the following conditions:

- i) both clubs agree in writing (email is sufficient)
- ii) the FLHG confirms its agreement in writing (email is sufficient)
- iii) the club holding the player's license receives a compensation of €150 by the other club
- iv) the loan is final and valid for a full season only

**4.5 Exceptional status for players under 23:** Players under the age of 23 at the beginning of the season may be eligible to receive special player status and compete with more than one team and club. A specific agreement acknowledged in writing by the concerned clubs and the FLHG must be in place.

#### **Article 5: General Regulations for games**

**5.1 Game Attendance:** Teams must arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled game time, failing which they will forfeit the game.



**5.2 Team Composition:** A team must have a minimum of nine players plus one goalie at the start of the game and a maximum of 20 players and 2 goalies. Late-arriving players can join if listed on the official game sheet submitted before the game but only if they arrive before the beginning of the second period at the latest.

**5.3 Team Officials:** The maximum number of team officials at the bench during a game is 6 – a head coach, an assistant coach, a team manager, an equipment manager, a media manager and a team physical therapist. No player can have both the function of team official and player with the exception of the head or assistant coach if so permitted by the FLHG in writing.

**5.4 Game sheet:** The official game sheet is mandatory for all league and friendly games in Luxembourg, even in case the game is forfeited. The team composition (list) including team officials must be handed to the home team at least 30 minutes before the scheduled game time so that licenses can be checked by the game officials. The game sheets must be signed by all parties involved – coaches, bench officials and referees and transferred to the FLHG in pdf format. If no pdf format is available, a paper version of the game sheet must be submitted to the FLHG.

**5.5 Mandatory Equipment:** Wearing full protective gear, including helmets, is compulsory during games and training as per the IIHF rulebook, including neck guards for all age groups as well as mouth and facial protection for age groups as defined in the IIHF rulebook.

**5.6 Foreign league regulations:** Any team playing in a foreign league may be subject to additional league and country specific regulations.

## **Article 6: Game Rules**

**6.1 Rules of Play:** The game will be played according to IIHF rules, with specific modifications approved by the FLHG such as the rules and regulations of the LHL.



**6.2 Physical contact and body-checking:** For any game in the age categories under the age of 13 as well as for any game between women, no body-checking is allowed. This article and rule may be applied to other age groups and/or leagues if defined in the rules of that specific league.

## **Article 7: Referees**

**7.1 Refereeing:** All referees must hold valid licenses from the FLHG with a valid sports medical check (medico). The hosting club is responsible for the referees' fees, payable before the game unless specified differently in the league regulations.

**7.2 Referee obligations:** Referees are under the supervision of the Referee-in-Chief and shall follow the rules and guidelines issued by the FLHG and the Referee-in-Chief.

## **Article 8: Medical and health provisions**

**8.1 First aid and first responders:** It is recommended that every team has a first aid kit available at the rink and especially during a game. It is also mandatory that clubs have a means of communication to quickly alert first responders in case of a medical emergency. [FFHG] first aid kit make it mandatory? Comment Ronny

**8.2 Time between games:** A player can participate in a maximum of 2 games per day separated by a reasonable period of time. If a team, club or player does not respect this rule, the game will be forfeited. This rule does not apply for tournaments with multiple games in one day.

## **Article 9: Disciplinary Actions**

**9.1 Conduct and Penalties:** Players and coaches must adhere to sportsmanship standards and the rules established by the FLHG Sports and Disciplinary Committee ("FLHG SDC"). Violations will result in penalties, suspensions, or fines as determined by the FLHG SDC.



**9.2 Incident Reporting:** Referees must report all game incidents and player injuries on the official game sheet via a separate incident report.

## **Article 10: Transfers and Licenses**

**10.1 Transfer Period:** Club transfers within Luxembourg are allowed only between May 1 and September 1 each year. International transfers are regulated by the IIHF International Transfer Regulations and could thus be subject to different transfer period restrictions or not be subject to restrictions at all.

Players that have not held a licence or have not competed in any league for a minimum of 3 years are not subject to the transfer rules as per this article 10 with the exception of the IIHF International Transfer Regulations.

**10.2 Transfer Procedures:** All transfers must be requested in writing (possible via email) to the old club, to the new club and to the FLHG.

Transfers involve deregistration from the previous club, registration with the new club, and submission of supporting documents to the FLHG.

**10.3 Authority for transfers:** The FLHG has full authority over player transfers from one affiliated club to another.

**10.4 Obligations towards the former club:** Players must settle all financial, material (equipment, apparel or jerseys need to be reimbursed or handed back) and statutory obligations to their former club before a transfer can be approved. A written confirmation signed by the former club must be included in the supporting documents submitted to the FLHG as per 10.2 above.

**10.5 Obligation of release :** If a player has duly fulfilled the requirements under articles 10.2 and 10.4, the former club has the obligation to release the player.

**10.6 Loyalty provision:** Any transfer in any given calendar year is final and valid once all the requirements have been met. Only one transfer per transfer period is allowed. If a player has confirmed in writing that he will stay loyal to his club, he will no longer be eligible for a transfer before the end of that same transfer period.



**10.7 Registration of licenses:** After a successful transfer, the FLHG will remove the license with the former club and issue a new license with the new club and list all the clubs the player has previously played for.

**10.8 Transfer of underage players:** Players under the age of 18 at the moment of the transfer request are not subject to the transfer period requirement under article 10.1.

### **Article 11: Dispute Resolution**

**11.1 Authority:** The FLHG has the authority to resolve all disputes and issues not covered by these regulations.

**11.2 Complaints and disputes:** In case any team has a complaint regarding rules and regulations not respected by any team, they need to address the complaint in writing to the FLHG who will address and/or resolve the complaint in due course and time.

**11.3 Dispute resolution:** in order to facilitate dispute resolution between federations and clubs, between clubs and members, the Commission luxembourgeoise d'arbitrage pour le sport ("CLAS") may be consulted or mandated by the FLHG. The decisions of the CLAS shall become valid and binding for all disputes and parties involved in them. Further information can be found on the website <https://teamletzebuerg.lu/cosl/juridique/instances-juridictions/>

### **Article 12: Integrity Code, Abuse & harassment regulation, anti-doping**

**12.1 Integrity standard:** The FLHG is fully committed to protecting ice hockey, its players, coaches, officials and fans against any form of cheating or abuse. In addition, it is the FLHG's top priority to strengthen the ethics in the sport and to tackle any ethical misconduct.

**12.2 Integrity code:** The FLHG has fully adopted the IIHF Integrity Code and wants all its members and players to adhere to the same standards. Further information can be found on the IIHF website <https://www.iihf.com/en/statichub/20040/integrity>



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**12.3 Abuse & harassment regulation:** The FLHG has implemented its own Abuse & Harassment regulations modeling the IIHF's. All its members and players are hereby obliged to adhere to and respect the FLHG's Abuse & Harassment regulations.

**12.4 Anti-doping:** The FLHG has adopted the standards of the Agence Luxembourgeoise contre le Dopage ("ALAD") and the Conseil de Discipline contre le Dopage ("CDD") and the Conseil Supérieur de Discipline contre le Dopage ("CSDD") will be the competent body for any breaches. Further material can be found on the website [www.alad.lu](http://www.alad.lu)

### **Article 13: Amendments**

**13.1 Amendment Procedure:** These regulations can be amended by the FLHG executive committee (comité-directeur). Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and approved by a majority vote of the committee.

**13.2 Notification:** Changes to these regulations will be communicated to all clubs and officials in a timely manner.

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These regulations are designed to ensure fair play, safety, and the smooth operation of ice hockey competitions under the Luxembourg Federation of Ice Hockey. Clubs and participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these rules and adhere to them strictly.

This version of the FLHG Sports Regulations expressly amends and replaces the previous Règlement sportif of the FLHG from October 1977 and all and any subsequent version, including the version from 9 September 2010