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DEFINITIONS

Authorised disciplinary body	The disciplinary body which by virtue of the Disciplinary Procedures is authorised to deal with the infringement.
Club	Club, school or other group, affiliated to a national organisation.
Council	The Council of the IKF.
Event	An IKF match, match series or tournament.
Exco	The Executive Committee of the IKF.
Friendly international match	A match not organised by, or on behalf, of the IKF.
Female or male player (women or man)	Refer to the IKF Gender Policy for the definition of a female player or a male player.
They/Them/Theirs	Whenever the words “they/them/theirs” are used it should be understood that this could be “he/him/his” or “she/her/hers”
IKF match	A match organised by, or on behalf, of the IKF.
International club match	A match between club teams affiliated to two national organisations.
International inter-league match	A match between teams belonging to two national organisations, selected by their national organisation or one of its regional sections, but not authorised to bear their country's name.
International match	A match between teams belonging to two national organisations, selected by their national organisation and authorised to bear their country's name.
Irregularities	Non-play, abandonment of play, late start, participation of unauthorised players, doping of players.
Juniors	Persons with a maximum age of 19 years.

Match rules	Regulations or resolutions concerning the way a match has to proceed. This includes misbehaviour according to the Rules of the Game.
Match series	A series of matches played with additional separate rules or regulations, in which each participating team plays one or more matches, (the results of which can determine the number of matches played by the participating teams).
Matches	International matches, international inter-league matches and international club matches as defined below.
Minor	Someone under the age of 18.
National organisations	Members and associate members of the IKF as referred to in Article 8 of the Statutes.
Participants	A participant shall include players, captains, referees, assistant referees, jury members, team managers, IKF officials, members of a team's delegation and any other accredited individuals. Participants can be of either gender.
Ranking Tournament	A match or match series listed in the appendix to these regulations where participation leads to points counting towards the official IKF Ranking of countries.
Referee Team	Is composed by all referees and referee officials selected for a match or match series.
Referee Assessor	IKF official in charge of the coordination, planning and evaluation of the referee team and referee matters in a tournament.
Referees Committee	A Committee set up to deal with refereeing matters in accordance with Article 10.3 (ii) of the Statutes.
Tournament	A match series in which the matches are played on one or more days within a period of, in general, no more than 10 days, at one or more venues, usually within the borders of one country.

Event rules	Regulations or resolutions concerning the way a match series or tournament has to proceed.
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Notes on the definitions:

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

Article 1 INSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION OF IKF MATCHES

- 1.1** The Council of the IKF is the sole body authorised to institute international championships and other IKF matches organised at regular intervals.
- 1.2** The Exco shall establish separate Event rules for each IKF match or IKF match series. The rules for each of these matches or match series shall be listed in an appendix to these Competition Regulations.
- 1.3** The Exco is empowered to commission a national organisation, with that national organisation's agreement, to organise one or more IKF matches or an IKF tournament in accordance with conditions laid down by the Exco. In the event of one or more IKF matches or an IKF tournament being played as part of an event comprising other sports, the Exco can commission the organisation of those matches to be carried out in co-operation with the organisers of that event.
- 1.4** The conditions laid down in article 1.3 above may concern:
 - 1.4.1** the liability of the national organisation to bear the costs of the organisation, of IKF officials and of participants and the payment to the IKF of a set sum and/or a part of the takings of the national organisation;
 - 1.4.2** the IKF's complete or partial retention of sections of the organisation and the profits and losses attached to it;
 - 1.4.3** other items connected with the organisation, such as accommodation, advertising and publicity, equipment, ceremonies and facilities for the benefit of participants, officials, spectators and the publicity media.
- 1.5** The Exco is empowered to appoint a technical delegate or coordination officer, who shall assist the organisers in their preparations and ensure that the conditions laid down for the organisation are adhered to.
- 1.6** The Exco is empowered to withdraw a commission as defined in article 1.3 above if it is of the opinion that either.
 - 1.6.1** the conditions laid down are not being, or will not be, adhered to or that an insufficient number of entries has been received, or
 - 1.6.2** that other urgent reasons require it to take this action.

- 1.7** When a commission has been withdrawn or a commissioned match or tournament has not taken place or is abandoned, the organising national organisation can make no claims against the IKF or demand any financial compensation for expenses incurred in connection with the organisation.

Article 2 PARTICIPATION IN IKF TOURNAMENTS AND MATCH SERIES

- 2.1** The IKF Exco shall decide who shall be eligible to participate in any IKF Tournament or Match Series.
- 2.2** All the participants in an IKF match or match series must sign the Personal Data and Image Collection consent prior to the beginning of the IKF match or match series. All minor athletes must have an individual Personal Data and Image Collection consent signed by their legal guardian. Without this signed consent, an athlete, a team official or an IKF official will not be authorised to participate.
- 2.3** The Exco may delegate its powers under this article to a continental federation or the Competitions Committee.
- 2.4**
- a)** The Exco shall determine the date by which an entry for an IKF tournament must be received and also the date(s) by which further information must be provided.
 - b)** When the entry is in respect of club teams, the national organisations concerned are obliged to pass on immediately all the information received from the Exco to all the clubs eligible for participation; entries must be submitted through the national organisation.
 - c)** When the event is for club teams, the national organisations concerned are responsible for the fees, for the forms and for all the information provided by the clubs to IKF.
 - d)** The Exco may determine that an entry only becomes effective after the IKF has received an entry fee and a down payment.
 - i)** The IKF will determine for each competition an entry fee to be paid by the participating teams according to the information sent to all IKF members.
 - ii)** The down payment functions as a deposit for the host country. It provides the host country with financial resources to pay deposits to hotels and other suppliers needed for the tournament. Before the end of the tournament, the LOC provides a final invoice to each participating team, taking account of costs incurred (accommodation, accreditation, etc) and payments done, including the down payment made by each team.

iii) The down payment will be paid to the IKF. The IKF will transfer the full amount of the down payment to the host country. The host country is obliged to balance this with the actual costs made by each team. The final settlement of the down payment will be arranged directly between the LOC and the teams.

- 2.5** The Exco may accept an entry received after the date as referred to in article 2.3 a) above on the understanding that the national organisation concerned, or its club, is liable to pay a fine as laid down in article 12 of the Disciplinary Procedures.
- 2.6** A national organisation or club, when cancelling an entry, will be subject to sanction(s), as laid down in article 12.4 of the Disciplinary Procedures.
- 2.7.** When a match or match series has not taken place or is abandoned, the participating teams can make no claims against the IKF, the organising national organisation or other parties, for expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with their participation.
- 2.8.** All arrangements concerning the payment of the travelling and lodging expenses of the participating teams and their accompanying officials participating in an IKF match or match series, together with the payment of any costs of participation, will be made by the participating teams unless the Exco decides differently.
- 2.9.** Neither the IKF nor the organisers can be held responsible for the consequences of illnesses, accidents or unforeseen circumstances which may occur on the occasion of matches.
- 2.10.** Any team playing matches outside its own country's borders shall ensure that it has taken out medical insurance to cover any illness or accident that may occur whilst its team(s) or representatives are visiting another country for the purpose of participating in matches whether as a player, coach, team manager or other official.
- 2.11.** To assist with the hosting of an official IKF event, an accreditation fee may be collected by the host country to support with tournament costs such as venue, water for athletes and officials, medical aid services, seats at the venue for players, coaches and technical staff when not playing and other services supporting the tournament.
- 2.12.** The accreditation fee is based on the number of playing days and the maximum amount charged per player and per official on the final list of the team is:
- a) for 1 or 2 playing days 20 EUR

- b) for 3 to 7 playing days 40 EUR
- c) for 8 or more playing days 65 EUR

2.13. All IKF events accreditation fee must form part of the bid procedure and agreement with IKF.

Article 3 PLAYERS' RIGHT OF PLAY

3.1 With due observance to articles 3.2 to 3.9 inclusive of this article, each national organisation determines the right of its players to play in teams belonging to that national organisation and its member clubs. In this respect a national organisation's regulations shall be recognized by the IKF and the other national organisations. If there is a conflict between a national organisation's regulations and these IKF regulations, then for any IKF official, recognised or patronage match or match series the IKF regulations shall apply.

3.2 A team representing an IKF Member in an official IKF ranking match or match series may only be comprised of players who are qualified to play for that recognised IKF Member in accordance with the requirements of articles 3.3 and 3.4. For matches or match series that are not official IKF ranking matches then article 3.7 shall apply. To play for a club in an official IKF match or match series then article 3.8 shall apply.

3.3 Eligibility to Play in an official IKF Ranking tournament as listed in appendix 1. (Note: The Council may modify the list of tournaments in the appendix provided that at least six months' notice is given).

3.3.1 To represent an IKF Member in an official IKF Ranking tournament as listed in the appendix a player must comply with one of the following three articles (a), (b) or (c):

(a) **(i)** According to the laws of the country to which the Member belongs, the player is a citizen of that country or was born in the country

or **(ii)** According to the laws of the country to which the Member belongs has a parent or grandparent who was born in the country.

(b) Where the IKF Member is a region or part of a larger national state and the player's passport shows that player is a citizen of that state, then the player is eligible to play as follows:

The player must have a current passport of the larger national state **and** must provide proof that

- Either (i) The player was born in the area/region concerned, or that one of the players' parents or grandparents were born in the area/region concerned.
 - Or (ii) At the time of application, in accordance with article 3.3.2, the player has continually resided (as defined in article 3.6) in the area or region covered by the larger national state (as defined by the laws of that state) for a minimum period of three years (two years for Junior or Youth players) or the length of the country's IKF membership, whichever is the lesser.
 - Or (iii) At the time of application, in accordance with article 3.3.2, the player is not currently residing in the area or region covered by the larger national state (as defined by the laws of that state) but has continually resided previously for a minimum period of seven years or has been in primary or secondary education for a period of at least five years in the area or region covered by the larger national state.
- (c) If the player does not qualify under (a) or (b) then it is possible to apply to the Exco for permission to play if the player can provide proof of **both** of the following:
- (i) That according to the laws of the country of the Member that the player wishes to play for, the player is eligible to become a citizen of that country

AND

- (ii) That the player has continually resided (as defined in article 3.6) in that Member's country for a minimum period of three years (two years for Junior or Youth players) or the length of the country's IKF membership, whichever is the lesser.

3.3.2 To qualify using the provisions of 3.3.1 (a) (ii) or (b) or (c) an application must be made in accordance with the following timescale:

- (i) if the tournament is an IKF Ranking tournament as listed in appendix 1 - at least three months before the player wishes to play for the first time.
- (ii) for all other tournaments - at least six weeks before the player wishes to play for the first time.

All necessary documentary proof must be sent with the application.

3.3.3 Any application for eligibility needs to follow the “IKF Players Eligibility Procedures”

3.3.4 Any documents required to prove the status of any requirement made in article 3.3.1 above shall be provided by the IKF Member concerned and at its expense.

3.3.5 Once a player has been given permission to play in an official IKF tournament as listed in the appendix and plays in that tournament, the player is not required to re-submit an application for future tournaments. Furthermore, the player is deemed to be tied to the country concerned (except in accordance with article 3.4) and the player’s status shall not be affected if the original application was made on residential grounds in accordance with 3.3.1 (b) or (c) and the player subsequently changes residence.

3.4 Dual-Nationality – a player with dual nationality is allowed to elect which of the two Members wishes to play for. Once the player has played in an official IKF tournament as listed in the appendix for one Member then it is no longer allowed to play for another Member in the future in an official IKF tournament, except in the circumstances listed in 3.4.1.

3.4.1 If, in accordance with 3.3.1 above, a player holds the nationality of two members – A and B – and member B was not a member of the IKF when the player played for member A in an official IKF Ranking tournament as listed in the appendix then, if an explicit request is made to the Exco within three years of member B being granted IKF membership, and provided that the player has not played in an official IKF Ranking tournament as listed in the appendix for member A since IKF membership was granted to member B, then the Exco shall have the power to allow the player to transfer allegiance to, and subsequently play for, member B. Once such permission is granted the player’s transfer is irrevocable.

3.5 If a player has represented a Member country in an official IKF World or Continental Championship (final or qualification round) and the IKF subsequently grants membership to an area or region of that country instead, then the player is allowed to choose which country to subsequently play for in accordance with 3.3.1 (b) above. Once such option has been made then the player’s choice is irrevocable.

3.6 Definition of Continual Residence – has spent the required period living and clearly based at an address in the country concerned and at the time of application under the terms of 3.3.2 is still currently living

and clearly based at an address in the country concerned. (Holidays and short periods outside the country up to 20% of the qualifying period shall be allowed).

3.7 A player who has played for one country in an IKF Ranking event at Under 19 level (or younger) may apply to the Exco for permission to change to a second country provided that the following criteria is met:

- 1 The player has not played for the first country in any age group following the player's last appearance in the Ranking event and a period of at least four years has elapsed.
- 2 Application using 3.3.1 c should have an extended period of continuous residence of four (4) years instead of three.

3.8 Eligibility to play in non-ranking matches or match series, e.g. friendly international matches and recognised or patronised tournaments

3.8.1 A player must satisfy the requirements of article 3.3.

3.8.2 In addition, unless the rules of the match or tournaments specifically state otherwise, the following shall also apply:

- (a) Upon explicit request to the Exco, up to two players per team who have already played in an official IKF Ranking match or match series as listed in the appendix for another Member, or who are qualified to play for another member, may play provided they meet the requirements of article 3.3.1 and the event rules of the event concerned allow it.
- (b) Players with dual nationality may play for their 'second' Member country even if they have already played in an official IKF Ranking match or match series as listed in the appendix for their 'first' Member country.

3.8.3 Players who play in accordance with articles 3.7.1 or 3.7.2 above may play in such matches or tournaments without compromising their eligibility to play for another Member in a future official IKF Ranking match or match series as listed in the appendix should they be qualified to do so.

3.9 Eligibility to play in Club tournaments

3.9.1 Any Club participating in an official IKF match or match series must be a member club of an IKF Member.

3.9.2 Unless the match or event rules state otherwise, to take part in an official IKF club match or match series a player must be a bona fide registered member of that club.

During the IKF club competition's season, a player is allowed to represent two clubs with a maximum of one club transfer in the same season, done according to the specific national regulations.

A club can only make use of one transferred player in the entire IKF club competition's season. IKF Members are responsible to control if the club players are eligible according to these regulations.

If required, IKF Members will need to prove that these conditions have been met. Infringements of this rule may lead to sanctions being taken against the IKF Member as well as the club concerned.

3.10 Age limits

3.10.1 Any team taking part in any international match or match series may only include players who have attained the age of 16 years on the day of the match or, if the match is part of a match series, on the first day of that series.

For an international club, or inter-league, match or match series this minimum age is lowered to 15 years on the day of the match or first day of the match series.

3.10.2 If the match or match series is for players up to 21 years old, the age mentioned under 3.10.1 is lowered to 15 years.

3.10.3 If the match or match series is for players up to 19 years old, the age mentioned under 3.10.1 is lowered to 14 years.

3.10.4 If the match or match series is for players up to 17 years old, the age mentioned under 3.10.1 is lowered to 13 years.

3.10.5 If the match or match series is for players up to 15 years old, the age mentioned under 3.10.1 is lowered to 12 years.

3.10.6 Whenever there is a maximum age limit then a player must be under that maximum age at the start of the calendar year in which the match or match series takes place unless the Executive Committee of the IKF determines otherwise. (For example, for an Under 21 tournament a player must be under 21 when the calendar year starts but may attain the age of 21 at any time during the year of the tournament, even on 1 January).

3.11 Obligation of the clubs to clear players for their National Teams

National Federations are obliged to ensure that players are freely available to represent their country at an official IKF event by obliging the clubs to which players belong to clear them and allow them to play internationally.

3.12 Power of the IKF Exco

3.12.1 The IKF Exco shall have the power to rule upon any situation apparently not covered in Article 3.

3.12.2 The IKF Exco may, in exceptional circumstances, relax the minimum age limits laid down in article 3.10 or any other matters concerning eligibility. The IKF Exco shall have sole discretion as to what may be deemed “exceptional circumstances”.

3.12.3 Decisions made under this article 3.11 are not subject to appeal.

Article 4 MATCHES AGAINST TEAMS OF UNAFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

4.1. Previous Exco permission is required for the organisation and the playing of a match against a team of an unaffiliated organisation.

4.2. If this permission is not obtained and the match is nonetheless organised or played, the Exco may report the matter to the authorised disciplinary body.

Article 5 REPORTING OF FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

5.1. A national organisation planning to organise a friendly international match, is obliged to report to the Exco the date, place and time of the match at least six weeks before the date of the match.

5.2. In the event of such reporting not being done on time, the organising national organisation may be liable to a fine as laid down in article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

Article 6 LIST OF PLAYERS FOR IKF MATCHES

- 6.1.** The Exco determines in respect of each IKF match or IKF match series whether a list of players qualified to take part in the match or match series is required and to whom it should be sent. If a list is required, the permitted maximum number of players and team officials that may be listed shall be specified together with the date for submission. This information shall be included in the Event Rules.
- 6.2.** If required as per article 6.1, each participating team must submit on an official **IKF Long List** containing the names of any players that they want to include in their final team. The list should include each player's family name, first name and (except for a club tournament) the type of document being used to prove eligibility in accordance with Art. 3. If required in the tournament's rules a copy of the player's passport showing name and date of birth may be requested. It is expected that the 'long list' shall contain at least 50% more names than the maximum number allowed for the tournament.

The colours of the two or more sets of costumes to be worn (see article 9 below) should also be listed together with the name of the trainer/coach and team manager. This **Long List** must be returned to the IKF Office by the date set down in accordance with article 6.1 above.

- 6.3.** If the use of a list of players is required then a **Final List** needs to be completed and sent in accordance with the dates set down in the "Event Rules". The Final List will be the team's final selection which has been made from the list of players submitted on the **IKF Long List** mentioned in article 6.2 above. Only those players named in the '**long list**' are entitled to play in the team for the match or match series in question. The maximum number of players of each gender that may be listed shall be in accordance with the "IKF - The Rules of Korfball". On this **final list** the numbers in which they will play, the names of the coach and any other officials accompanying the team who may wish to sit on the team bench must be included, in accordance with the "IKF - The Rules of Korfball". The colours of all of the sets of costumes (see article 9) also have to be given and this will require digital photos of the shirts (see article 9.2). For Beach Korfball the "long list" and the "final list" need to be compliant with the "IKF – The Rules of Beach Korfball". For other variants of Korfball, the Event Rules will determine the conditions for both lists.

If required in the "Event Rules" a digital, passport sized photograph of each player listed in this **Final list**, wearing one of the team costumes, needs to be submitted as well.

- 6.4** In an emergency a player listed in this **Final List** may be replaced by a player originally in the **Long List** up until the time the list is signed off at the pre-tournament meeting between the Team Managers and the Jury. **However, the replacement player must be allocated a different number from the player**

being replaced. No changes or additions to the list of players can be made after the list is signed off at the pre-tournament meeting between the Team Managers and the Jury. Any national organisation or club not following the deadlines for submitting the players' lists or providing the wrong information on the lists or making late changes on the lists provided is liable to be sanctioned, as laid down in the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

- 6.5** Prior to the start of the match, the Jury shall compare the names on the match form with those on the players list and record any discrepancies on the match form. In the absence of a Jury this task shall be undertaken by the referee.
- 6.5.** Any national organisation or club infringing the provisions of this article is liable to pay a fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
- 6.6.** The Exco or the Jury will report any unauthorised players taking part in a match to the authorised disciplinary body.
- 6.7.** A person cannot represent two different teams in the same event, even if with different roles within the teams.

Article 7 MEETINGS

- 7.1.** A pre-event meeting shall be held between the CO, the Chairman of the Jury and the Referee Assessors to prepare the pre-tournament meeting with the teams' representatives.
- 7.2.** Before any IKF event a teams' meeting shall be held between the CO, the Jury, the Referee Team and the team managers or other representatives of the participating teams. Apart from article 7.3 below, the main purpose of the meeting shall be to brief the teams about the rules of the tournament and any other matters that will assist the smooth running of the event. Attendance by a team's manager or representative at this, or any subsequent, meeting is obligatory and any failure to attend shall incur a fine as per article 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
- 7.3.** At the pre-tournament Team Managers Meeting with the Jury, teams shall mutually agree contrasting colour choices for each game. If necessary a contrast of colours must be in both shirts and shorts/skirts. Should they be unable to mutually agree their colours then the Jury Chair will toss with the winner choosing their colour first. The other team must then choose a contrasting colour. Also the referee shirt colours shall be determined.

- 7.4. It is mandatory for each team to be represented in the pre-tournament Team Managers Meeting with the Jury. Any team not attending the meeting is liable to pay a fine, as laid down in the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.
- 7.5. Further meetings may be held during the event should this be deemed to be necessary by the CO, the Jury or the Referee Assessors
- 7.6. After the end of a tournament when all reports are handed in, the IKF secretariat shall schedule a meeting with a member of the Events
- 7.7. Committee, the CO, the Jury chair and the Referee Assessor to make a final assessment of the tournament and to make a final report on the tournament.

Article 8 MATCH FORM

- 8.1. At friendly international matches, the team managers or team captains are obliged to ensure that a match form, available from the IKF secretariat, is completed correctly and in full and is shown to the referee before the match. The match form shall show the starting players and the names of any possible substitutes.
- 8.2. In IKF matches or match series, every team is obliged to fill up an official IKF **'Team list'** form and submit it to the Jury before each game that is to be played by that team. The amount of time before each match and how the form shall be submitted shall be announced at the pre-tournament meeting between the Team Managers and the Jury. The list of eligible players shall be pre-printed on the form, together with their shirt number, based on the information signed off at the pre-tournament meeting between the Team Managers and the Jury. Against the name of each player each team will need to indicate A or D depending upon whether the player is in the first attack (A) or first defence (D). All other players listed on the form will be automatically deemed to be substitutes unless their name is crossed out. The name of the coach and all other officials wishing to sit on the team bench for the match in question must also be listed. The colours to be worn for the match in question also need to be inserted.

No change in the declared line up is permitted. However, if a player becomes injured between the submission of the form and the start of the match then the team is allowed to substitute the injured player and this will count towards the maximum number of changes allowed.

Any person that is serving an exclusion from participating in the match is not eligible and has to conform with the requirements of Art. 21.9

- 8.3. Within five minutes after the end of the match, the team captain is obliged to complete both fully and accurately the match form, before handing it to the jury.
- 8.4. The referee then completes the match form and writes down all match rule infringements and irregularities which have occurred before, during or after the match. The referee is obliged to follow up this annotation with a more detailed statement. This statement shall be sent to the Exco within 48 hours or - in the case of a match in an IKF tournament - handed to the Jury within one hour of the end of the match. For a yellow card, encoding the match form with the appropriate disciplinary code shall be deemed sufficient. Red cards resulting from two yellow cards given in the same match to the same person shall be encoded as two separate yellow cards.
- 8.5. The team captain and the concerned members of the team are deemed to have noted the referee's annotation. Through the annotation of the referee the infringements and irregularities mentioned in article 4 are submitted for consideration by the authorised disciplinary body.
- 8.6. The referee hands the match form, after signing it, to the Jury, who will then ensure that the form is in the hands of the IKF secretariat no later than two weeks after the match.
- 8.7. A fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the Disciplinary Procedures, shall be levied on any national organisation or club failing to comply with the provisions of this article.

Article 9 COSTUMES

- 9.1. Each team needs to wear match costumes with similar design which clearly identifies the team as a whole. To ensure clear and effective identification of players' gender roles on the field, it is mandatory that the attire worn by each team clearly differentiates between the two genders participating in the match. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that the uniforms meet this standard of gender differentiation while adhering to all other costumes regulations. All players of the same gender have to wear the same costume.
- 9.2. For an IKF match or match series, each team shall have at least 2 sets of uniforms (shirts and skirts/shorts) in **different, contrasting basic colours** and each set shall be numbered as required below

in article 9.3. All members of each team shall wear matching uniforms, i.e. shirts, shorts/skirts and socks.

Shirts: Matching costumes means the shirts of the whole team must match in colour and design.

Shorts: Matching costumes means the shorts being worn match in colour and design (including any design trim).

Skirts: Matching costumes means the skirts being worn match in colour and design (including any design trim).

Socks: Matching costumes with regards to socks means that they have same basic colour (i.e. coloured trim, or absence of trim, is also taken into consideration).

Note: Shorts and skirts are allowed to have different designs with the same basic predominant colours provided they comply with the requirements above. If designs are different, all female players have to wear the same costume design and all male players have to wear the same design.

If undergarments are worn visibly, it is mandatory that they be of the same basic colour as either the shirts, shorts or skirts, ensuring that if several players use visible undergarments, they all need to be of the same colour

- 9.3.** Each participating organisation shall notify the IKF secretariat no later than the time laid down in article 6.2 of the major and reserve colours of its team. This shall normally be done by using the relevant section on the IKF Information Form referred to in article 6. Digital photographs of each of the team colours shall be submitted with the form.
- 9.4.** At IKF matches each player of a team must wear a shirt bearing a visible number on the back, of at least 20 cm high, and the same number in the front of the shirt, with at least 10 cm high, which is specific to them. **Shirt numbers must be clearly visible and shall contrast clearly with the colours and design of the shirt.** The numbers used shall be from 1 to 99.

During an IKF match series, players may only wear the number declared to the Jury prior to the start of the match series and this number must be the same for all shirt colours.

- 9.5.** The players must wear sports shoes. It is not permitted to wear objects that could be dangerous to the players or give players improper advantages. This includes, for instance, head protection, face masks, gloves, bracelets, watches, rings, visible piercing, necklaces or chains, earrings, or any other objects

which could be dangerous. Players who do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to take part until they have corrected the problem.

Flat rings, small earrings and visible piercing may be allowed, as long as they are very small or they are taped over in such a way that they are no longer deemed dangerous to players. Headbands, head scarves and captains' armlets are allowed, as long as they are made of soft, elastic material and tight to the body.

- 9.6.** The Event Rules may prescribe specific conditions regarding the costumes and equipment used by teams in the various disciplines of korfball. These conditions ensure that the unique requirements of each discipline are met. These rules may vary between korfball, beach korfball, and other formats, reflecting the particular needs of each discipline, such as climate, surface, and gameplay dynamics. In addition to clothing, specific regulations may also be outlined for other equipment, such as footwear, protective gear, or accessories, based on the discipline in question.
- 9.7.** Sponsorship advertising may be permitted on the shirt in accordance with article 21. This advertising must also comply with the rules and conditions of the host broadcasters and the Government of the organising country.
- 9.8.** For televised or webcast matches it is normally required that the two teams have sufficiently contrasting costumes (e.g. one light and one dark colour). Therefore, in the event of a reasonable request by either TV personnel or any official IKF webcasting team concerning the teams' colours, the Jury may instruct one or both teams to comply with such a request.
- 9.9.** A fine, as laid down in article 12.3 of the Disciplinary Procedures, shall be levied on any national organisation or club failing to comply with the provisions of this article.

Article 10 ARBITRATION

- 10.1.** For every IKF match, match series and friendly international match, the IKF Referees Committee shall appoint a referee team composed of two or three referees from the IKF list of referees and assessors.
- 10.2.** The Exco may, in consultation with the Referees Committee, allow the organisers of a friendly international match to themselves invite an IKF referee team, followed by notification to the Exco.

- 10.3.** No referee from one of the two countries directly concerned in an IKF official match and friendly international match can be appointed as the referee for that match unless necessary by force majeure and both national organisations involved agree.
- 10.4.** In a match series, the Exco in alignment with the Referees Committee will appoint referees to control one or more games during the series and shall notify the organisers accordingly
- 10.5.** When the Referees Committee so requests to complete the referee team, the Exco shall call upon one or more national organisations to appoint local referees for an IKF match, or friendly international match, from that/those national organisation(s)' list of referees in the case of a match series, such local referees may be required for more than one day.
- 10.6.** In a match series, the Referee Assessors appointed for the event shall appoint the referee team for each game from the above list of invited referees. These appointments shall be communicated to the Referee team as soon as possible.
- 10.7.** If no representative of the Referees Committee or referee assessor is present, then the CO shall appoint the referee team in alignment with the Referee Committee
- 10.8.** The referee assessors must present a report to the Exco no later than one month following the end of the tournament using the report form supplied by the IKF secretariat and also present individual feedback to every referee present at the event.

Article 11 REFEREE TEAM EXPENSES

- 11.1.** In respect of IKF matches or match series, unless stated otherwise in the regulations governing the match or match series, the travel expenses incurred by referee team will be reimbursed by the IKF in accordance with any guidelines laid down by the Exco. Claims must be submitted to the IKF secretariat within one month of the end of the match or match series. As soon as the accounts have been approved the secretariat will arrange payment.
- 11.2.** In the case of IKF matches or match series, local travel, food, accommodation and laundry of the referee team shall be provided and paid for by the organisation hosting the matches or match series.
- 11.3.** In the case of a friendly international match the travel and accommodation expenses of the appointed referee team will be reimbursed by the national organisation responsible for the organisation of the

match. The IKF Exco may adopt a resolution stating that a part of these expenses shall be borne by the IKF.

- 11.4.** With respect to the expenses of local referees, all travel and accommodation expenses shall be provided and paid for by the organisation hosting the matches or match series. Different arrangements for the payment of travel expenses may be made by the Exco if the local referees were requested by the IKF and are not from the same national organisation as the organisers of an event.

Article 12 REPLACEMENT OF REFEREE OR REFEREE TEAM

In the event of an appointed referee for an IKF match or friendly international match not being present fifteen minutes before the stipulated hour of commencement of the match, or at some time during the match is not able to continue the defined tasks, the referee assessor will decide how to replace that referee. If no referee assessor is present at the event, the CO shall take over this task.

Article 13 JURY AT IKF TOURNAMENTS

- 13.1.** The Exco shall appoint a Jury for all final rounds of an IKF tournament. Where possible each Jury member shall be appointed from the IKF list of qualified Jury members. The appointment shall be made as early as possible and should be completed no later than 1 month prior to the tournament concerned. Where possible, at least 3 countries should be represented on the jury.
- 13.2.** For preliminary rounds of IKF tournaments the Exco may request or require a national organisation to provide a Jury member.
- 13.3.** Appointed members of the referee team or team officials who are declared on the Final Form as participating in the tournament may not be members of the Jury.
- 13.4.** Jury members' travel expenses, unless determined otherwise by the Exco, will be reimbursed by the IKF. Their local transport, food and accommodation shall be provided and paid for by the national organisation responsible for hosting an event.
- 13.5.** In the case of a Jury member not being present or unable to continue this task, that jury member shall be replaced by another one appointed by the chairman of the Jury following consultation, if at all

possible, with the national organisation concerned if that organisation was responsible for the jury nomination.

- 13.6.** The Jury shall act in accordance with a task description drawn up by the Exco.
- 13.7.** The chairman of the Jury determines, in consultation with the Jury members, how the various tasks will be divided amongst the Jury members.
- 13.8.** The Jury's task is to ensure that conditions laid down for the organisation of the event and the event rules themselves are fully adhered to. The Jury assumes, with relation to the tournament, all the authority vested in the Exco. Where a reserve referee is not officiating in a match the Jury may delegate one of its members to assist the referee in controlling substitutions, requests for time-outs and the situation concerning the team benches.
- 13.9.** At each match, a Jury table is placed according to article 3 of the Rules of Korfball with sufficient chairs for all the Jury members. The table shall have provision for the following:
- a)** Access to the time clock, the shot clock and the scoreboard.
 - b)** Access to a laptop computer and a printer (including stationery) with sufficient electric power to operate both and internet connection.
 - c)** Access to a signalling system (hooter, klaxon etc.) to indicate to the referee that a time-out or substitution has been requested.
- 13.10.** All those connected with the tournament are obliged to give the Jury all the information it requires and to carry out all its instructions.
- 13.11.** The Jury decides in all cases not covered by the tournament rules and in all disputes in which the Jury is asked to issue a decision.
- 13.12.** In the event of a tournament not being able to be played according to the rules then in force, the CO in alignment with the CC determines how to decide the winner, or whether to abandon or cancel the tournament.
- 13.13.** The Jury shall call pre-tournament instruction meetings with referee team and with team managers and/or representatives in advance of the tournament (article 7) and may call further meetings with the referee team and/or with the team managers/team representatives during the tournament as it deems necessary. If a team fails to send a representative to any meeting referred to in this article, then

it shall be deemed to be in breach of these IKF Competition Regulations and may be liable to a fine as laid down in Art. 12.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

13.14. The Jury must present a report to the Exco no later than one month following the end of the tournament using the report form supplied by the IKF secretariat.

Article 14 COMPETITION MANAGER/COORDINATION OFFICER

14.1. The IKF Exco may appoint a Competition Manager (CM) or Coordination Officer (CO) who will assist the organisers in their preparations and ensure that the conditions laid down for the organisation are adhered to.

14.2. The travelling costs of the CM or CO will be borne by the IKF. The organising country for the event concerned shall arrange and pay for their local transport, food and accommodation.

14.3. In the case where a Jury has not been appointed, or is constituted under the provisions of article 13.2, the CM/CO shall take the role of Chairman of the Jury. The CM/CO may, however, appoint someone from the IKF qualified Jury members list to undertake this role.

14.4. The CM/CO must present a report to the Exco no later than one month following the end of the tournament using the report form supplied by the IKF secretariat.

Article 15 TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINARY PANEL

15.1. Whenever a match series or tournament takes place where a team is required to play more than one match in the tournament, a tournament disciplinary panel (TDP) shall be appointed by the Exco in accordance with article 3.3 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

15.2. The TDP consists of a chairman and at least two other members. Members of the jury may be appointed members of a TDP. Members of the Council or Exco may not be appointed members of a TDP.

15.3. A TDP is authorised to examine infringements of the match rules and irregularities in respect of matches in the IKF tournament for which the Panel has been specifically appointed.

15.4. A TDP shall act according to the provisions of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures and shall have the power to take the specific disciplinary measures as laid down in article 9.4 of those regulations.

15.5. The TDP will deal with misconduct occurring, and any red cards awarded, prior to a team's last match in the tournament concerned. The panel shall also be responsible for imposing punishments under the "bookings" system should a participant either

- (a)** has a punishment due to previous bookings still to serve or
- (b)** be awarded a yellow card that earns that individual any punishment in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures (articles 5 and 9.6), either from bookings carried forward or from a second or subsequent yellow card at the tournament.

Misconduct occurring during or after a team's final match in an event will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the IKF.

15.6. The TDP may, at its discretion, refer any disciplinary matter to the IKF Disciplinary Committee.

15.7. In accordance with the IKF Disciplinary Procedures (article 10.2), a decision of the TDP shall be final.

Article 16 COACH AND ASSISTANT COACH

16.1. A coach and/or assistant coach at a match is either

- a)** required to be a member of the national organisation of the team concerned or
- b)** be a member of a different national organisation but have the permission of that national organisation to act as a coach for a team from a different national organisation.

Article 17 TEAM MANAGER

17.1. Only one person may function as team manager for a team taking part in an IKF match or friendly international match.

17.2. A team manager at a match is either

- a)** required to be a member of the national organisation of the team concerned or

- b) be a member of a different national organisation but have the permission of that national organisation to act as a team manager for a team from a different national organisation.

17.3. The team manager is the team's representative outside the field of play. The team manager has the right to approach any officials involved in the organisation of a match when this is in the best interests of the team.

17.4. The team manager is responsible for the provision of all information required by officials involved in the organisation and ensures that the team adheres to all arrangements made in respect of the match.

Article 18 MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

18.1. The participants in any IKF match or match series must adhere to, and conform to, any medical measures required of them under the IKF Event Rules.

Article 19 ANTI-DOPING

19.1 The participants in any IKF match or match series must adhere to, and conform to, any anti-doping measures required of them under the WADA Code and International Standards, the IKF Anti-Doping Rules, IKF Anti-Doping Policy, IKF Anti-Doping Procedures or, in the case where korfball is part of a multi-sport event, the Anti-Doping Rules of the body responsible for the event. The participants and participating countries shall also be bound by the IKF Bye-laws.

19.2 In accordance with IKF Anti-Doping Rules and IKF Anti-Doping Procedures, the IKF Executive Committee will determine the anti-doping testing distribution plan yearly.

19.3 The selection of athletes for in-competition and out-of-competition testing will be done in accordance with IKF Anti-Doping Rules and IKF Anti-Doping Procedures.

19.4 All the participant athletes must be informed by their national organisation about the IKF Anti-Doping Rules, the IKF Anti-Doping Policy, the IKF Anti-Doping Procedures, the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

19.5 The participating athletes in an IKF match or match series must sign the anti-doping athlete consent prior to the beginning of the IKF match or match series. All minor athletes must have an individual

athlete consent form signed by their legal guardian. Without this signed consent, an athlete will not be authorised to participate.

- 19.6** The participating athletes in an IKF match or match series are obliged to undertake anti-doping education activities as defined by the IKF and according to IKF Anti-Doping Rules, IKF Anti-Doping Procedures and WADA regulations.

Article 20 IRREGULARITIES AT IKF MATCHES

- 20.1** When an IKF match, not part of a match series, is not played or is abandoned, the Exco shall decide whether or not the match must be re-scheduled.
- 20.2** If the authorised disciplinary body has decided against any disciplinary measures in the event of an IKF match in a match series not being played, or being abandoned, the match is re-scheduled. If the result of the match carries no influence in determining the winner of the match series, or the teams entitled to participate in a following match or matches, the Exco or the Jury may decide not to re-schedule the match.
- 20.3** If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in the event of an IKF match in a match series not being played, or being abandoned, the team not guilty of the irregularity is deemed to have won the match with a 10-0 score.
- 20.4** If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in respect of one or more unauthorised players taking part in an IKF match, not part of a match series, the Exco shall decide whether to leave the score unchanged or declare the match invalid and decide whether or not the match must be re-scheduled.
- 20.5** If the authorised disciplinary body has taken disciplinary measures in respect of one or more unauthorised players taking part in an IKF match in a match series, the team not guilty of the irregularity is deemed to have won the match with a 10-0 score.
- 20.6** If a player of a team participating in an IKF match or match series is found guilty of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (as defined in the IKF Anti-Doping Rules), then any sanctions taken with respect to the offence shall be in accordance with the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code issued by World Anti-Doping Agency.

20.7 If a participant (i.e. player, substitute, coach or other person sitting on the team bench) uses racist, violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language then the referee should show the person(s) concerned a red card and the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the IKF Disciplinary Procedures.

20.8 If racist or insulting slogans or banners in any form are being displayed by persons from the team bench then the referee and/or Jury should demand that the offending items are removed. Failure to do so can be deemed to be misbehaviour and cards may be shown to the offender(s).

20.9 If the spectators

- a)** display racist or insulting banners or slogans in any form, or
- b)** encroach onto the pitch area, save for reasons of crowd safety or
- c)** throw any objects at or onto the pitch,

then the referee and/or jury shall take action as laid down in the Appendix to the Bye-laws of the IKF.

Article 21 ADVERTISING

21.1 General

- a)** Advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by players and team officials at a match or match series.
- b)** Advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by IKF referees and other officials at a match or match series.
- c)** Advertising at a match or match series is permitted on the field of play, on the posts and on the korfs.
- d)** All advertising mentioned under a), b) and c) is subject to the conditions laid out in articles 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 below.
- e)** Irrespective of article 21.2 and/or 21.3 below, should the match or match series be televised, all advertising should be in conformity with the laws of the country in which the match or match series is played and with the regulations of the host broadcaster.

21.2 Types of advertising

- a)** The use of company and product names, trademarks and classes of goods is permitted, provided that they do not offend common decency. The advertising may not be of a political, confessional, racist or ideological nature. Advertising for tobacco or alcohol products is not permitted.
- b)** The IKF Council may, at its sole discretion, exclude other products either permanently or for a specific event.

21.3 Dimensions and location of advertising space

a) Clothing

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

b) Posts

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

c) Korfs

- (i)** Advertising on Korfs may be made if in accordance with article 5 of the IKF Korf Regulations.

d) On field

- (i)** Advertising is allowed on the field of play provided that:
 - i. the area of the field covered by the advertisement is not slippery compared to the rest of the field
 - ii. if the advertisement crosses any official field marking (e.g. halfway line, sideline, free pass circle, or penalty area) then the corresponding line must be fully visible

21.4 Permission for advertising

- a)** For all IKF matches, as defined in the IKF Competition Regulations, the permission of the Exco is needed for all advertising on clothing, posts, korfs or on field.
- b)** The Exco must be notified by the national organization of the specification of all of the proposed advertising not later than ten days prior to the date of the match (or the starting date of the period) as per article 20.4 (g). For all advertising, whether on clothing, posts, korfs or on field, each request must be accompanied by a digital photograph clearly showing the proposed advertising.
- c)** If the advertising concerns the clothing of an IKF official, then the person concerned must undertake the notification.
- d)** The Exco must approve or otherwise refuse permission for such advertising not less than five days prior to the date of the match (or the starting date of the period) as per article 20.4 (g), failing which approval will be deemed to have been given.
- e)** The Exco has absolute discretion in deciding on the request. No appeal is possible against an Exco decision.
- f)** Permission for advertising may be made dependent on the payment of a specific sum to the IKF. The amount to be paid is fixed by the Exco and may be made dependent on whether or not the match is televised.

- g) The Exco may decide to give permission for advertising for a specific period of time which may exceed the period of a specific match or match series.
- h) The Exco may decide that for a specific match or match series no advertising at all shall be allowed, should this be in the interest of the IKF or be prescribed by the organisers of a (multi-sport) event. If this should be the case, then the Exco must notify all those concerned at least six months in advance.

Article 22 PLAYING RULES

22.1 All of the rules listed in The Rules of Korfball shall apply.

22.2 Where in “THE RULES OF KORFBALL - EXCEPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS” an allowance is given to amend or impose a rule or condition then, unless stated elsewhere in these Regulations, the rules that apply to IKF tournaments is shown below.

22.3 In the **field of play** advertising can be placed on the floor and/or a contrasting coloured strip used along an outside line provided that the floor remains non-slippery and all lines are clearly visible. All advertising must be previously approved by IKF. The free height recommended is at least 9 m.

22.4 The **border area** recommended is at least 2 m.

22.5 The **korfs** used must be compliant with IKF Korf Regulations and another korf colour can be allowed, when the yellow colour does not contrast sufficiently from the background. Advertising on the korfs can be used as long as it complies with the IKF Korf Regulations. All advertising must be previously approved by IKF.

22.6 More than one **shot clock** at each end can be used. If so, then each shot clock must face the centre of the zone outside of which it is placed. The maximum height of the shot clock allowed is 3 m. In addition to the shot clock, LED lights may be affixed to each post to further indicate the counting down of the clock, if previously approved by IKF.

22.7 Any **person who has been excluded** from participation in a match is not allowed to have any contact with the team during the period from the moment the match form (article 8.2) is submitted to the jury for the match until after the match form is signed following the match. During this period the person concerned may not sit nearer than 20 m to any part of the teams’ benches area.

22.8 Time-out and substitution requests must be made through the jury table

- to make a substitution the team manager or a coach shall fill in an IKF substitution form and hand it to the jury who will arrange a signal to be made to the referee at the next break in play. The player must be ready to start and the change will be controlled in accordance with the jury's instructions.
- to request a time-out the coach should hand the jury a time-out card and the Jury will arrange a signal to be made to the referee at the next break in play

22.9 The end of each period of play shall be done on the sounding of the timekeeper's signal and not on the referee's whistle.

22.10 Before the game, the teams shall toss to decide which one will start with the ball and attack which korf in the first half. Each team shall declare in advance to the referee or jury, which of its players shall be in its first attack zone, in its first defence zone and its substitutes.

22.11 In IKF tournaments, the **playing time** is two (2) halves of 20 minutes of real playing time and each half is divided in two (2) equal periods by a technical time-out of a one (1) minute break. Should this be varied in a particular tournament, then this will be done according to the Appendix 2 of these regulations and listed in the rules specific to the tournament (rule 1.2).

22.12 Treatment of injured players

In the case of injury (including 'blood' injury situations) the following procedure should be adopted:

Medical assessment/treatment

- It is assumed that this will be done by a physiotherapist, doctor or medical attendant attached to the team but could be the First Aid team that is provided by the organisers.
- The referee shall signal to the team bench of the player concerned that a medical person can enter the field to examine the player. From the moment this person arrives at the injured player then one minute is allowed to assess/treat the injury.
- Only medical personnel may enter the field.
- If, within the one-minute period, the player is deemed fit to resume playing then the medical personnel shall leave the field and play shall continue.

- If there is a second injury to the same player within a period of two (2) minutes of play resuming now the second occasion, if it is safe to do so, the player must leave the field for medical assessment/treatment and treatment cannot take place on the field of play.
- If after one minute the player is deemed not to be fit to immediately continue then, provided the injury is such that it is safe to move the player, the player should be immediately removed from the field for further assessment/treatment.
- Any player that has left the field for assessment/treatment should be substituted.
- This substitution shall count as one of the maximum number of changes allowed.
- If the coach chooses not to make an immediate substitution, then that team may make no substitutions of the same gender as the player receiving assessment/treatment until that player either returns or a substituted.
- If the maximum permitted number of substitutions has already been reached, then a player who has been sent off, or injured players who can no longer take part in the match, may still be replaced with the permission of the referee.
- The players must remain in their zones.

22.13 Choice of line up

In IKF tournaments the teams shall toss to decide which team will attack which korf in the first half. In IKF friendly matches, the home team shall choose.

22.14 Protests

In IKF tournaments the only protests that will be permitted shall be those relating to the equipment, the condition of the playing area and any medical aids worn by players. Any protests of this nature must be presented to the jury before the referee's starting signal. No other protests will be allowed and the decision of the jury is final.

Article 23 RANKING OF TEAMS IN IKF MATCH SERIES

23.1 Rankings and results of matches: - In all IKF tournaments each match is played so that a winner is determined. When the scores are level after the end of the match (time as listed in accordance with art 21.12) the winner is determined by the use of a 'golden goal' as described in The Rules of Korfball. If there is no winner after the 'golden goal' period, then the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalties. The procedure for this is also determined in The Rules of Korfball.

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

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

23.2 Determination of ranking when teams are level on points

- **Two teams equal on points** – the result of the match between those teams shall determine the ranking.
- **Three teams equal on points** – the ranking shall be determined by applying the conditions below in order. If at any time whilst applying these conditions one team can be ranked but the other two teams are still equal, then the condition above for ranking two equal teams shall be used.
 - A new ranking table based on the matches between the equal teams shall be drawn up. Points scored, and then if equal goal difference, according to the new table shall be used.
 - If after applying points and goal difference using the new table all three teams are still equal, then the following shall be used: -
 - If the ranking is for places 2-4, then each team's goal difference in their match against the 1st ranked team shall be used
 - If the ranking is for places 3-5, then each team's goal difference in their match against the 2nd ranked team shall be used

- If the ranking is for places 4-6, then each team's goal difference in their match against the 3rd ranked team shall be used
- If the ranking is for places 1-3, then each team's goal difference in their match against the 4th ranked team shall be used
- If after applying the goal difference in the prescribed matches above the three teams are still equal, then the same prescribed matches shall be used with goals scored instead of goal difference being used
- If all three teams still cannot be ranked, then a new table based on their half time results shall be used with 2 points given for 'winning' at half time and 1 point given if the score was level. This new table will then be used in the same order of the above stages to determine the ranking, i.e. points; goal difference; goal difference in prescribed matches.
- **Four or more teams equal on points** – similar principles shall be used and in the same order as for three teams. If at any stage one team is ranked but the others are still equal then the next stage is used until either: - all of the teams are ranked or two teams remain, in which case the condition for two teams shall be used. When using the result of designated matches, as in the provisions for 3 teams it is the result of their matches against the next immediately higher already ranked team that is used (or immediately lower team if 1st place is one of the ranking positions being determined).
- If when using all of the above teams still cannot be ranked, then penalties shall be taken.

Article 24 SPORTS BETTING AND INTEGRITY

- 24.1** All participants in an event are required to comply with the Regulations of the IKF with respect to all forms of betting and integrity concerning the sport of korfball. These regulations shall be listed in appendix 3 to these Competition Regulations.
- 24.2** Where a risk of fraud has been established or identified then the IKF may cancel the result/s of the match or matches concerned.

APPENDIX 1 List of Ranking Tournaments as mentioned in article 3.3

(i) for National selections

IKF World Korfball Championship (including designated qualification tournaments)

The World Games (including designated qualification tournaments)

IKF European Korfball Championship (including designated qualification tournaments)

IKF Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship (including designated qualification tournaments)

Other IKF Continental Championships (including designated qualification tournaments)

(ii) for National Youth selections

IKF under 21 World Korfball Championship

IKF under 21 European Korfball Championship (including qualification tournaments)

IKF under 21 Asia-Oceania Korfball Championship (including qualification tournaments)

Other IKF under 21 Continental Korfball Championships (including qualification tournaments)

IKF under 19 World Korfball Championship

Note: If the age range is amended for any of these tournaments then the tournament in that region replacing the above will be deemed to be included in this list.

APPENDIX 2 Game scenarios

In all scenarios substitutes are allowed to return to the match and real playing time shall be used.

Scenario	Length of each half (real playing time)	Length of half time	Length of “golden goal” period
A1	25 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
D1	20 minutes split in two periods of 10 minutes with a technical time-out between each period	10 minutes	10 minutes
D3	16 minutes split in two periods of 8 minutes with 1 minute break between each period	5 minutes	5 minutes

Note 1: When there is a technical time-out between quarters it shall be administered like the other time-out (i.e. a signal from the scorer will be made after 50 seconds upon which players are expected to return to the field)

Note 2: The number of substitutions, the number of time outs, the golden goal procedures and the penalty shoot-out provisions will be done according to the “IKF Rules of Korfball”

If IKF deems necessary some adjustments can be expressed in the event rules.

APPENDIX 3 REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SPORTS BETTING AND INTEGRITY

DEFINITIONS

Corruption: seeking, accepting, offering or agreeing to accept any bribe or other reward to fix or otherwise to influence improperly the result, or any other aspect of a sports event.

Inside Information: Any information relating to any international tournament or event that a participant possesses by virtue of his/her position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the competitors, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the international tournament or event but does not include such information that is already published or a matter of public record, readily acquired by an interested member of the public, or disclosed according to the rules and regulations governing the relevant international tournament or event.

Manipulation of sports results/match fixing: influencing the course or the result of a sports event in order to obtain advantage for oneself or for others and to remove all or part of the uncertainty normally associated with the results of a tournament.

Participants: all accredited individuals and teams including athletes, referees, jury, IKF employees, officials and families, the event organising committee and the team delegation of all participants.

Sports betting: all sports betting-based games that involve wagering a stake with a monetary value in games in which participants may win, in full or in part, a monetary prize based, totally or partially, on chance or uncertainty of an outcome. (i.e. fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators, etc.):

- **Legal betting:** Types of betting that are allowed on a specific territory or jurisdiction by a regulator or government (i.e. explicit permission given to legal companies to operate).
- **Illegal betting:** All types of betting which are not legal in the country as well as betting activities proposed by unofficial companies or simply in “back stores”.
- **Irregular betting:** When irregularities and abnormalities in the bets placed or the event upon which the bets are placed can be identified.

REGULATION OF BETTING AND CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES CONCERNING PARTICIPANTS

1. All participants are required to safeguard the integrity of sport by refraining from any attempt to influence the elements of a tournament in a manner contrary to sporting ethics;
2. The following shall be considered to be offences:
 - a. Participants in any sports event, and their entourage, are prohibited from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches, and/or competitions in their sport, and/or attempting to influence the result of a match or matches;
 - b. Failing, for reward, to perform to one's abilities
 - c. Instructing, encouraging or facilitating any other party to bet or attempt to influence the result of a match or matches;
 - d. Inducing, instructing or encouraging any participant to breach any of the established offences;
 - e. Ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident, which is the subject of a bet and for which he/she expects to receive or has received any reward;
 - f. Providing or receiving any gift, payment or other benefit in circumstances that might reasonably have been expected to bring the athlete or the sport into disrepute;
 - g. Using any "inside information" for betting purposes, including disclosing 'inside information' to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting;
 - h. Failing to disclose to the IKF (without undue delay) full details of any approaches, invitations to engage in conduct, or incidents that would amount to a breach of the IKFs Rules related to betting or corruption;
 - i. Failing to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the IKF, including failure to provide any information and/or requested documentation;
 - j. To knowingly assist, cover up or otherwise be complicit in any acts previously described committed by a participant. The participant shall be treated as having committed such acts himself and shall be liable accordingly.