

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCH GUIDELINES

For a friendly international match to be recognized and to add points to the IKF World Ranking it must be organised and played according to the requirements defined in this document and compliant with the IKF Competition Regulations and the Rules of Korfball.

1. REPORTING OF FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

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.

This request must be supported by both countries involved in the match and has to be made by e-mail, by sending the **Friendly International Match Request Form**.

The Form can be downloaded at the IKF website www.ikf.org

The Friendly International Match Request Form must be sent by the local organiser to the IKF Office (office@ikf.org), to the Secretary-General (joana.faria@ikf.org) and to the other country involved.

The Friendly International Match Request Form must be submitted in EXCEL format.

2. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

All players participating in a Friendly International Match must be compliant with article 3 of the IKF Competition Regulations.

3. ARBITRATION

For every friendly international match, the IKF Referees Committee will appoint a referee or referees from the IKF list of referees.

The organisers of a friendly international match may suggest to the ExCo to invite a specific IKF referee and assistant referee. If the Referees Committee agrees with the suggestion, that referee will be appointed.

If both national organisations involved in the match agree, a referee or an assistant referee from one of the two countries directly concerned in a friendly international match can be appointed to conduct that friendly match.

If the organising country requests to have an assistant referee, the IKF Referees Committee will also appoint one from the list of IKF referees.

4. REFEREES' AND ASSISTANT REFEREES' EXPENSES

The total travel, accommodation and meals expenses of referees and any assistant referees will be reimbursed by the national organisation responsible for the organisation of the match.

5. MATCH FORM

At friendly international matches, the team managers or team captains are obliged to ensure that a match form 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, the scores, the disciplinary incidents and the referees' names.

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The Friendly Match Form must be sent, no later than one week after the match, by e-mail to the IKF Office (office@ikf.org) and to the Secretary General (joana.faria@ikf.org).

6. VIDEO OF THE MATCH

All friendly international matches must be filmed and the video of the match, or a link to access that video, must be sent by e-mail to the IKF Office – office@ikf.org and to the Secretary-General - joana.faria@ikf.org, no later than one week after the match.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PLAYING RULES APPLICABLE TO FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

- 7.1 All of the rules listed in the IKF Playing Rules shall apply.
- 7.2 Where in the Playing Rules an allowance is given to amend or impose a rule or condition then the text that applies to Friendly International Matches is shown below.
- 7.3 The **playing area** shall be 40 m x 20 m unless such dimensions are impossible. The maximum height of the **shot clock** apparatus shall be 3.0 m.
- 7.4 Matches shall be played with approved artificial korfs and Mikasa K5-IKF balls.
- 7.5 The maximum **number of players per team** that may participate in a friendly international match is 16.
- 7.6 **Substitutes** are allowed to return to the match.
- 7.7 **Real playing time and shot clock** shall be used.
- 7.8 **'Real playing time'** shall be played for the whole of a match.
- 7.9 The **shot clock** must be used in accordance with article 3.12 of the Guidance Notes for the Rules of Korfball.
- 7.10 The home team shall choose which team will attack which korf in the first half.

7.11 Length of the match and substitutes must be in accordance with the Playing Rules and with the scenarios A1 or D1 set in the Competitions Regulations - Appendix 2.

Scenario	Length of each half (real playing time)	Length of half time	Length of any 'golden goal' period	Provisions for penalty shoot out	Number of time outs allowed	Maximum number of substitutes
A1	25 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	8 players (repeated if necessary)	2 per team	8
D1	20 minutes split in two periods of 10 minutes with 1 minute break between each period	10 minutes	10 minutes	8 players (repeated if necessary)	1 per team	8

8. IKF WORLD RANKING POINTS

A maximum of four friendly international matches played by a country in the same year can add points to the IKF World Ranking, from which a maximum of two matches between opponents less than 5 positions apart in the ranking will be considered.

The ranking position between opponents is determined by the published IKF World Ranking at the date the match is played.

For world ranking purposes, a country cannot play more than one friendly international match per year against the same opponent.

In the moment a country requests to the IKF a Friendly International Match, it must indicate in the Friendly International Match Request Form if the game should be considered for the IKF World Ranking or not, provided the maximum number of games considered to add points to the IKF World Ranking is met.