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# **BALL REGULATIONS**

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## 1. IKF MARKS OF APPROVAL

The International Korfball Federation (IKF), lays down in these ball regulations the use of a mark of approval for balls officially recognised by the IKF for official korfball games;

The uniform quality of korfball balls in accordance with the IKF rules will thus be assured for all official IKF, IKF recognised and IKF patronised events and the official games of the IKF members;

1.1 Korfball balls approved by the IKF shall be approved in two classes. These classes shall be:

1.1.1 IKF Approved

1.1.2 IKF Approved International Match Ball Standard.

1.2 Korfball balls should bear the marking of the appropriate phrase dependant on the level of approval given by showing the phrase on two opposite sides of the ball in Latin characters no more than one (1) centimetre high.

## 2. USE OF AN OFFICIAL IKF BALL

At all international events of the IKF only balls bearing the official IKF mark of approval “IKF Approved International Match Ball Standard” will be admitted for use;

The korfball balls for major IKF tournaments will be specially selected by the IKF Executive Committee from those balls that have been granted the status of “IKF Approved International Match Ball Standard”;

The list of manufacturers of korfball balls produced with a valid IKF mark of approval is available through the IKF website – [www.korfball.sport](http://www.korfball.sport) – and can be obtained by IKF Members and manufacturers free of charge from the IKF Headquarters.

After 31 January each year the list mentioned above will be updated to show

- balls that are fully approved for the year in question
- balls which were approved in the previous year but will be removed at the end of the year from the fully approved list due to non-compliance with these regulations or other reason
- balls that no longer have approval



### 3. GRANTING OF THE RIGHT TO USE A MARK OF APPROVAL

The right to use a mark of approval can be granted to any manufacturer of korfball balls provided the financial and technical requirements are met (articles 4 and 5) in continuity;

Applications must be sent by the manufacturer together with full technical data, in English, to the IKF Headquarters for the attention of the Secretary General of the IKF together with five (5) balls and the fee laid down in accordance with article 4.1 shall be submitted free of charge to the IKF office for examination of the technical and playing properties.

The five balls become the property of the IKF and will not be returned.

The examination shall start within one (1) month after receipt of the balls and the testing and initial practice fees are paid in full. The examinations shall be conducted by the Playing Rules Committee (PRC). The examinations will begin with testing of the technical requirements as outlined in article 5 and continued with the practice test over a minimum period of six (6) months. The PRC will report on the examinations and give advice to the IKF Council solely. The manufacturer will be informed in writing of any decision of the IKF Council related to this examination.

The Applicant recognises the sole authority of the IKF in granting the approval. Any appeal against the decision of the IKF should be in full compliance with the Appeals procedures as laid down in the Statutes of the IKF. This includes the recognition of the Applicant that no legal procedures shall be undertaken against the IKF and that a final appeal is only possible at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Upon approval and after receipt of the fee mentioned in article 4, the IKF grants approval for the balls produced using the same pattern, same size, same material and same colours as presented to the IKF.

The right to use the words "IKF Approved" or "IKF Approved International Match Ball Standard" on the ball shall be valid for one size of ball. The approval can be granted for any subsequent sizes if the Applicant pays the fee mentioned in articles 3.2 and 4. The IKF will require tests to be conducted for subsequent balls if the IKF deems this to be appropriate. The right is issued specifically to the Applicant and is non-transferable.

In case of bankruptcy of the Applicant, any approval rights granted to the Applicant shall be withdrawn by default.

The IKF reserves the right to withdraw the granting of a korfball mark of approval if:



- It appears after re-examination and one prior warning that any technical defects have not been eliminated; or
- The financial commitments entered into have not been fulfilled.

In the case of a withdrawal of a grant of mark of approval, all korfball balls of the Applicant lose their mark of approval automatically. The Applicant is solely liable for any consequences, direct and indirect, of the withdrawal of the grant. No legal action can be initiated against any decision taken by the IKF Council as to the withdrawal of mark(s) of approval;

The right to grant or withdraw an IKF mark of approval comes exclusively within the competence of the International Korfball Federation (IKF) Council and cannot be replaced or amended by any other body;

The users of an IKF mark of approval accept without reservations or amendments the provisions set forth in the IKF ball regulations;

The regulations come within the jurisdiction of the Netherlands Law.

#### **4. FEES FOR THE USE OF A MARK OF APPROVAL**

The fees for the testing of the balls and the initial practice test during six (6) months prior to approval will be fixed by the Executive Committee of the IKF. The fees are an amount in Euro.

The annual fee for the right of use will be fixed by the Executive Committee of the IKF. The fee is an amount in Euro or in product (a number of balls) or a combination;

Payment of the fee for the use of an IKF mark of approval will entitle the manufacturer to use on his korfball balls for the period of one (1) calendar year an official IKF mark of approval provided his balls meet the technical specifications set out in article 5 and whose playing properties have been approved by the PRC as per article 3.3. Authorization is granted by means of a written contract made through the Headquarters of the IKF;

The right to use a said mark of approval is renewed automatically on the 1<sup>st</sup> January for one (1) additional calendar year provided the fees for the right of use have been received by the IKF on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> January of the corresponding year. The IKF will send an invoice in January every year;

If a manufacturer is no longer interested in the rights of using an IKF mark of approval the manufacturer shall notify his decision by means of a registered letter addressed to the Headquarters of the IKF at least one (1) month before the end of the calendar year. The IKF will confirm this notification in writing



to the manufacturer. Without formal notice the agreement will operate for one (1) further calendar year;

If an IKF mark of approval lapses the manufacturer is no longer allowed to produce or distribute any ball as of the day the approval lapses. Any abuse of this clause will result in a penalty fee. The manufacturer is liable towards the IKF of a penalty of EUR 50.00 per ball produced or distributed after the day that the approval lapsed;

Any alteration to the fees for the rights of use must be notified by the IKF to the manufacturer at least three (3) months before the start of the following calendar year. This notification shall be sent by registered letter to the manufacturer;

The right of use for korfballs with an IKF mark of approval in the course of the World Games and IKF World Korfball Championships will involve an additional payment. The manufacturer shall be entitled to use a special symbol characterizing this distinction. Corresponding advertising can be made for the balls with the same technical properties.

## **5. CRITERIA TO BE OBSERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IKF RULES OF KORFBALL**

The technical requirements will have to meet the ball specifications set in article 2.3 of The IKF Rules of Korfball.

The korfball shall be round with its outer casing made from leather or other approved materials. The surface of the korfball should not be smooth; the players should be allowed to have a good grip e.g. by the seams of the ball. Indicated on the surface of the ball should be which range of pressures is suitable for the particular korfball's construction. The indication will be made in bar but an extra indication in pounds per square inch is permitted. The korfball shall be at least two-coloured (preferably white/black) i.e. a korfball on which a pattern is printed in a colour other than the basic colour of the ball in such a symmetrical way that the korfball, whilst turning, does not lose the visual effect of actually being round. No material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players. When synthetic material is used the outer casing must resemble a leather ball in all respects.



The korfball shall be a number 3, 4 or 5 size with the following properties:

5.1 Ball nr 3:

circumference: 59.0 cm to 60.0 cm,

weight: 310 gram to 330 gram,

pressure: must be inflated hard to the prescribed pressure (fixed by the manufacturer with respect to materials used in its construction),

bounce height: 1.10 m to 1.30 m measured at the top of the ball when dropped from a height of 1.80 m onto a sports hall floor,

colour: at least two colours;

5.2 Ball nr 4:

circumference: 64.0 cm to 66.0 cm,

weight: 370 gram to 390 gram,

pressure: must be inflated hard to the prescribed pressure (fixed by the manufacturer with respect to materials used in its construction),

bounce height: 1.10 m to 1.30 m measured at the top of the ball when dropped from a height of 1.80 m onto a sports hall floor,

colour: at least two colours;

5.3 Ball nr 5:

circumference: 68.0 cm to 70.5 cm,

weight: 445 gram to 475 gram,

pressure: must be inflated hard to the prescribed pressure (fixed by the manufacturer with respect to materials used in its construction),

bounce height: 1.10 m to 1.30 m measured at the top of the ball when dropped from a height of 1.80 m onto a sports hall floor,

colour: at least two colours;



- 5.4 When the manufacturer places advertising on the surface of the korfball (e.g. the manufacturer's name and/or logo) then this should preferably be in one of the two main colours of the ball. However, a different colour may be used provided any markings appear on no more than 20% of the number of panels on the korfball and do not detract from the korfball appearing symmetrical when thrown through the air;
- 5.5 A ball approved for korfball may also be used for other variants of korfball, e.g. outdoor korfball, korfball4, beach korfball etc.
- 5.6 Korfballs submitted for approval to be used **only** in another variant of korfball must meet all of the properties mentioned in articles 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4. If approved, these korfballs will be marked IKF Approved Outdoor (or Korfball4 or Beach) Korfball.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 These IKF Ball regulations are subject to alterations according to necessity, provided notification is given to the existing manufacturers;
- 6.2 All negotiations and correspondence shall be made exclusively through IKF Office for the attention of the Secretary General.
- 6.3 Any other agreement shall not be binding to the Parties.
- 6.4 These IKF ball regulations come solely within the jurisdiction of Dutch Law.
- 6.5 The competent court in Utrecht, the Netherlands will act in legal cases.