

IISHF Technical Committee

Report and Rules of the Game
2022/**2023**
2024/2025



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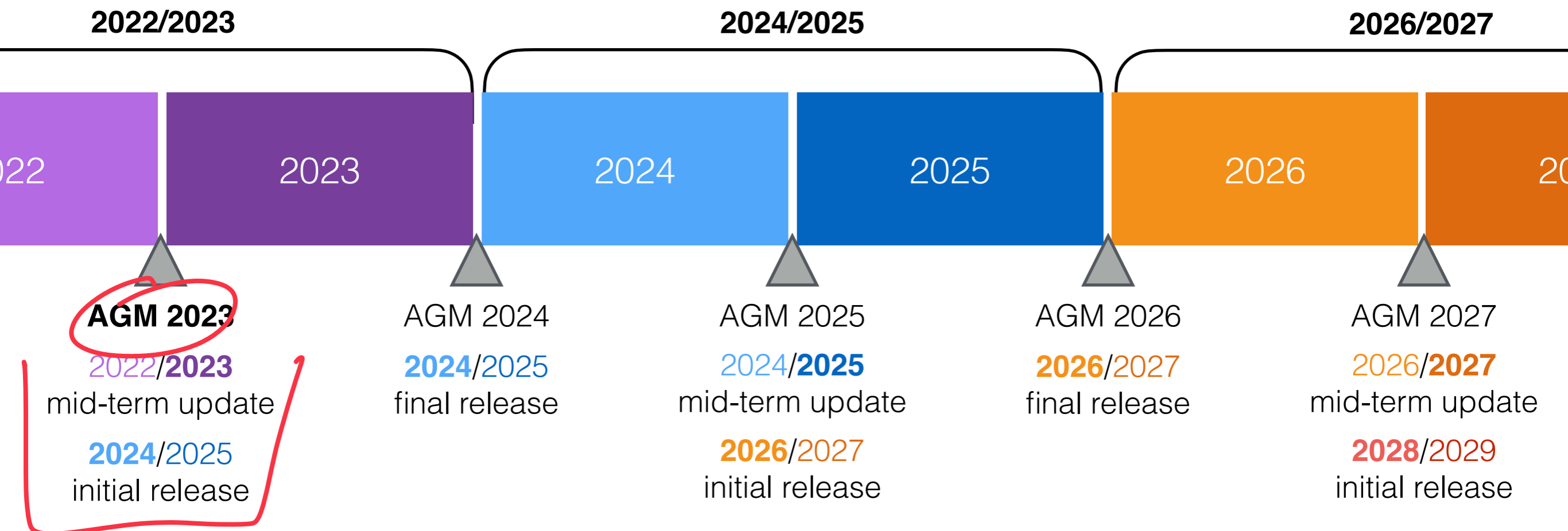
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Rules of the Game

release process





- rule changes only every **even** year
- mid-term updates every **odd** year - just clarifications and error corrections
- rule book releases one year in advance (**initial release**)
- „last minute“ clarifications and error corrections on rule book possible prior to release (**final release**)



Rules of the Game

2022 / **2023**

mid-term update for 2023



Editorial Changes

- Renaming of "Technical Director" to „Tournament Director“
- Renaming of „IISHF Technical Committee“ to „IISHF Rules Committee

Rules

1.5.3 Choosing ends in the first period

1.5.3 Each team must use the same team bench for the whole of the game. The first named team on the match sheet has the right to choose the bench. **The teams will start the game on the same end where their team bench is located.**

	Option A	Option B
Austria		✓
Denmark	✓	
Germany	✓	
Great Britain		✓
India		
Russia		
Switzerland	✓	
Ukraine	✓	

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And that's it for 2023!

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Rules of the Game

2024 / 2025

initial release for 2024

Rules

Starting Ends

- 1.5.3

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- 6.1

6.1 Starting Ends

6.1.1 The teams will start the game on the same end where their team bench is located (see 1.5.3).

6.1.2 Teams shall change ends for each period.

- 8.24.10

8.24.10 **Teams shall change ends for each period.**

Elevated sentences based on recklessness of an infraction

- 8.10
- 8.10.2 b) Charging
- 8.10.4 b) Cross Checking
- 8.10.7 b) Slashing
- 8.10.8 b) Tripping
- 8.10.9 b) Hooking
- 8.10.10 b) High Sticking
- 8.10.11 b) Elbowing
- 8.10.12 b) Checking from Behind
- 8.10.13 b) Boarding
- 8.10.15 b) Kneeing
- 8.10.17 b) Checking to Head and Neck Area

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Elevated sentences based on recklessness of an infraction

	Option A	Option B
Austria	✓	
Denmark	✓	
Germany	✓	
Great Britain	✓	
India		
Russia		
Switzerland	✓	
Ukraine	✓	

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8.10 Foul Play

Certain rules allow the referees to base their discretion on the **recklessness** of an action. Such assessment of **reckless endangerment** shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

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8.10.x b) . . .

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by slashing shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of boarding must be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent as a result of checking from behind shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent by elbowing shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent or an official as a result of High Sticking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of charging shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by hooking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent as a result of kneeling must be given a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by cross-checking shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

or recklessly endangers an opponent as a result of a check to the head and neck area must be given a:

A player who injures **or recklessly endangers** an opponent by tripping shall be given, at the discretion of the referee, a:

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And that's it for 2024!

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One more thing...

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Scoring of penalty shoot-outs

- Request by IISHF presidium to be added to the official rule book
- Two options: all penalty shots scored or only GWG scored
- Committee voted that this should be kept out of the rule book
- Committee will prepare a discussion template for the presidium to decide

	Option A	Option B	No
Austria		✓	
Denmark			✓
Germany			✓
Great Britain			✓
India			
Russia			
Switzerland			✓
Ukraine		✓	

Rules

A word about rule
changes.

Rules

Who can propose changes?

- Every member of the ~~Technical~~ ^{Rules} Committee
- Every NGB through the Chairman of the ~~Technical~~ ^{Rules} Committee (or the IISHF office)
- The IISHF presidium

^{Rules}
~~Technical~~

The rule change...

- Is relevant in the context of the Rules of the Game
- Is implementable in the proposed way
- Can be enforced by the referees and/or proper authorities
- Clarifies current rule and/or procedures
- Simplifies current rule and/or procedures
- Does not contradict any other rule not mentioned for change in the proposal
- Is consistent with the notion of the game
- Meets the current standards of the Rules of the Game
- Makes playing the game more secure for all participants

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thank you for your attention and
your confidence in our work!

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Questions?

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Thank you again for
your support.

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