

CONDITIONS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WCSW – women

Y21 – youth 21 men

Y19 – youth 19 men

Y17 – youth 17 men

Y15 – youth 15 men

Y17W – youth 17 women

1. Organizer

WCSW, Y19 men and Y15 men in bandy is arranged every second year (even year). Y21 men, Y17 men and Y17 women in bandy is arranged every second year (odd year). The FIB Congress entrusts a member federation with the task of arranging the tournament.

The FIB has to give not less than two years notice of the federation and dates for the tournament.

The organizing federation has to apply (using the FIB Tournament Application Form) for the World Championships January 15 at the latest, two years before the tournament takes place.

2. Rules for the contest

The World Championships are played as single matches in the preliminary round.

Playing time is full time as follows:

Full time for each group:

WCSW 2 x 45 minutes

Y21 men 2 x 45 minutes

Y19 men 2 x 45 minutes

Y17 men 2 x 45 minutes

Y15 men 2 x 35 minutes

Y17 women 2 x 35 minutes

Playing time will be 2 x 30 minutes (when two matches on one or more days). FIB TC / EC decides if matches can be played 2 x 30 minutes.

Special remark: In Y21 men, Y19 men and Y17 men, semifinals will be played. These matches should be played full time. If semifinals and final games will be played on the same day, the playing time will be 2 x 30 minutes.

Special remark: In Y17 women, semifinals will be played when four teams participate at the tournament. These matches should be played full time. If semifinals and final games will be played on the same day, the playing time will be 2 x 30 minutes.

When semifinals will be played: number 1 play number 4, and number 2 play number 3 in the semifinals. The two winners play the final, the two defeated teams play the bronze match.

If no semifinals will be played:

Numbers 1 and 2 play the final. Numbers 3 and 4 play the bronze-match.

Numbers 5 and 6 play for fifth place.

These matches should be played full time (except: if two matches per day).

There is no day off for rest.

Special remark: In WCSW, if maximum of seven teams participating, the tournament will be played in one group.

If eight teams or more two equal groups will be formed, based on the ranking from the previous World Championships. When two groups, semifinals and placement matches have to be played.

In general: The playing model could be different and flexible, this must be decided by FIB TC / EC.

- 2.1 The team winning the final becomes the champions.
- 2.2 If a game in the preliminary round ends with a draw and the two teams can end up with the same number of points at the final table, there shall be a penalty stroke competition which is decisive to rank the two teams. If the two teams can not end up with the same number of points at the final table no penalty stroke competition will be executed.
Penalty stroke competition: five penalty shots for each team (different players). If it is still a draw the penalty shots will continue one by one until a decisive result has been attained (different players (14) excluding goalkeepers).
In the preliminary round the result attained after playing time is counted.
- 2.3 The points are decisive for the placing in the preliminary round.
- 2.4 Should the points be equal for two teams the result between these two teams in the preliminary round is decisive. If a draw the result of the penalty strokes is decisive (see point 2.2).
- 2.5 Should the points be equal for three teams the score difference or – if this is equal - most scored goals (after playing time) attained in the matches between these three teams is decisive.
If the rule above in this paragraph can decide about the ranking for all three teams, the following rule is not to be used:
If one team can be separated (out of these three) the result in the preliminary round between the remaining two teams is decisive if the score difference and most scored goals are equal (see point 2.2). Proceed to 2.7.
- 2.6 Should the points be equal for four teams the score difference or – if this is equal - most scored goals (after playing time) attained in the matches between these four teams is decisive. If the score difference and most scored goals are equal for two teams see point 2.2 and 2.4.

- 2.7 Should still no separation be possible, the score difference from all the matches in the preliminary round is conclusive. Teams separated by points 2.5 and 2.6 have their place in the preliminary round but the score difference from the matches with these teams is included in the total score difference for all teams.
- 2.8 If it is still impossible to separate the teams, it has to be done by drawing of lots.
- 2.9 All matches played after the preliminary round are to be played until a winner is nominated. If it is a draw after playing time the match(es) shall be extended with "sudden death", maximum 20 minutes (2 x 10 minutes), and after that penalty strokes (see point 2.2). Sudden death means that the match ends when a goal is scored.

3. *The age of the players*

A player is considered as a Y21 player for the whole calendar year during which he reaches the age of 21.

A player is considered as a Y19 player for the whole calendar year during which he reaches the age of 19.

A player is considered as a Y17 player for the whole calendar year during which he or she reaches the age of 17.

A player is considered as a Y15 player for the whole calendar year during which he reaches the age of 15.

For the calendar year in this article you have to read the "calendar year in which the bandy season ends". So, in season 2017-2018, read calendar year 2018.

4. *The size of the troop*

4.1 Players / leaders

The size of each national team consists a maximum of 20 people (16 players and 4 leaders) plus referee(s) to be nominated by FIB RRC.

During a match, a maximum of five leaders can be in the team bench. If a team has a doctor, and this person is accredited this way, he/she can be the sixth leader in the team bench.

4.2 Referees

The FIB RRC nominates one supervisor from a non-arranging federation and one or more supervisor(s) from the arranging federation to take part in the tournament.

5. *Registration*

- 5.1 The invitation to the tournament is to be sent by FIB, at the latest September 1, the year before the tournament. Playgrounds (rinks) and dates for the matches are to be attached to the invitation.

- 5.2 Notification of participation has to be sent to FIB before October 1, the year before the tournament.
- 5.3 A preliminary list stating 26 players plus referee(s)(supervisor) including names, passport copies, dates of birth, domiciles and merits is to be sent to FIB Secretary-General at the latest six weeks before the start of the tournament.
Of these 26 players, max. 22 are fieldplayers and max. 4 are goalkeepers. If any of the players are injured in the period between the preliminary list and the final list, these may be replaced.

Jersey colors: "Home" team should wear their preferred color if the colors of home and away team are too much alike. Goalkeepers shirt color must be significantly different than that of both teams. Information to Secretary General about preferred and substitute dress colors at the latest when sending in the 26-players lists. If problems arise: Jury decides.

- 5.4 Final team set-up: A final list stating 16 players plus 10 substitutes is to be sent to FIB Secretary-General at least 10 days before the start of the tournament. The players and the substitutes must be the same as in the preliminary list.
Should at a later date, any of the players listed in the final team set-up be exchanged, only the 10 listed substitutes can be used.
- 5.5 Each player should present his/her passport before the tournament starts. Tournament director (see 8) is responsible for passport control.
- 5.6 Exemptions for players who do not have proper passports. There is a difference in these rules for senior and youth tournaments. For (senior) women, the exemption rules are the same as for World Championships (senior) men.

5.6.1 **WCS WOMEN**

1. a maximum of three players with a permanent (unlimited) residence permit of the country she wants to play for.
2. a maximum of three players which have a parent/grandparent from the country she wants to play for.

For the exemptions 1 and 2 together, a maximum of four players is allowed (3+1 or 2+2).

For the exemptions 1 and 2, the national federation of this player has to apply to FIB Secretary General **at the latest two months before the start of the WCS** to get approval of this exemption. With the request, all official documentation/proof that could be needed must be submitted.

A team that participates at the WCS Bandy for the first two times has an opportunity to request more exemptions. Their request must be send also to FIB Secretary General (at the latest two months before the start of the WCS).

An exemption is only given for one WCS. The federation has to apply for the same player(s) the next year again. Exemption for item nr. 2 can be continued easily, but FIB wants to know how many exemptions a team is going to use.

5.6.2 **WCS YOUTH MEN AND WOMEN**

Exemptions for players who do not have proper passports or age.

- Max. 3 players with a different passport, but in the right age group
- Max. 3 players with age maximum one year above age group (but with correct passport)

So in total, exemptions possible for 6 players.

The national federation of this player has to apply to FIB Secretary General **at the latest two months before the start of the WCS** to get approval of this exemption. With the request, all official documentation/proof that could be needed must be submitted.

When more exemptions are needed, countries should seek combinations with other nonparticipating countries to form a team.

An exemption is only given for one WCS. The federation has to apply for the same player(s) the next year again. FIB wants to know how many exemptions a team is going to use.

5.7 Changed citizenship

International representation is based on sanctioned citizenship in the new country. Only one transfer is allowed during active career.

The national federation of this player should check this when sending in the 26 players list.

The official application for changed citizenship must be sent by the player to the FIB/EC at the latest July 1st. The FIB/EC can make an exception from this date under special circumstances, force majeure etc. A citizenship transfer is final when the application is approved by FIB (not if or when the player played in the team).

6. Match program

The FIB/EC and TC have to approve the match program proposed by the arranging federation. The match program shall be sent to FIB SG three months before the tournament at the latest. FIB SG informs TC and EC.

7. Rules of the game / Tournament briefing

- 7.1 All matches are to be played in accordance with the international FIB rules. The Rules and Referee Committee (RRC) is responsible for the strict application of the rules.
- 7.2 Before a match, the national anthems of both teams will be played. During this, the players take their helmets off. Due to weather conditions, the referee can decide that the helmets can stay on.
- 7.3 A meeting (briefing) must be held before the tournament starts where all headleaders/coaches, referees, Referee Supervisor(s) and Tournament Director are present. Practical information, opening/closing ceremonies,

warming-up times on ice, meals, interpretation of the playing rules etc. should be given at this meeting.

8. *Jury and Tournament Director*

FIB TC appoints a Tournament Director from the TC.

The FIB Tournament Director and FIB Referee Supervisor are members of the Jury. The FIB Tournament Director is chairman of the Jury, and decisive in case of equal voting.

The arranging federation also appoints one person from each participating federation to the Jury.

The Jury decides on all issues with regard to the qualifications of the participants as well as protests, if any, and other disputes concerning the tournament.

The decisions of the Jury are final.

9. *Referees and Supervisors*

- 9.1 One month, at the latest, before the first day of the WCS, FIB RRC has to appoint referees to the WCS. A member of RRC cannot act as a referee.
- 9.2 A Referee Supervisor has to serve at every WCS match. The task of the Referee Supervisor is to supervise and scrutinize the work of the referees and to sum up the match. The Referee Supervisor should report the observations to RRC. On demand of the Jury, the RRC shall submit a written report to the Jury.
- 9.3 RRC appoints the Referee Supervisor and the referees for the WCS matches separately after each round, taking into consideration this procedure being made one day (at the latest) before the scheduled match day.
- 9.4 In case a team - for any reason - would like to protest, the management of the team has to give an immediate notice to the referees after the end of the match (within 10 minutes). The referees and the match secretary shall record it in the match minutes and simultaneously the Referee Supervisor is informed about the protest.
The management of the team has within four hours to deliver a written protest (including the reasons) to the Referee Supervisor. The Jury has to deal with the protest within 12 hours. RRC has to make written comments on the matter to the Jury.
- 9.5 If a direct red card is given to a player or leader (exclusion for the rest of the match) during any of the WCS matches, the match secretary has to record it in the match minutes.
In addition, the referees have always, within one hour after the end of the match, to report in writing to the Referee Supervisor, who forwards and comments the report to the Jury. After consideration of the report the Jury has to, in case the infringement of the rules is regarded as severe or brutal, exclude the player for one or several matches or exclude the player from the

present WCS. Should the Jury insist upon a still harder penalty, the case is to be handed over to the FIB Executive Committee (EC) for a final decision.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 The challenge prize is awarded to the winning team. The Cup is kept in custody by the winning team until the next tournament.
- 10.2 FIB distributes 22 gold medals, 22 silver medals and 22 bronze medals for each group.
- 10.3 The medals are supplied by FIB and paid for by the arranging federation. Special remark for youth tournaments: Team number four and the other participating teams are awarded memory medals by the federation arranging the WCS.
- 10.4 After the final match of the tournament the national flag of the winning team is hoisted in honour of the winning team and the national anthem is played.

11. Financial Conditions

- 11.1 Travels
The participating federations have to pay their travelling expenses to and from the capital of the country of the organizing federation.

FIB pays for Referee Supervisor(s), referees and official FIB/TC representatives (Tournament Director) their travelling expenses from home country to and from the capital of the country of the organizing federation.

The arranging federation of the WCS has to pay for travelling expenses to other places outside the capital of the WCS country. If the distance from the capital to the host city of the tournament is more than 500 km, air transport must be provided. In case of air transportation, the maximum weight of checked baggage is 23 kg per person. If a participating federation wants to bring more baggage, the federation themselves has to pay for overweight in case the airline demands payment for excess baggage.

The arranging federation also has to pay for trips to and from the airport or the railway station as well as for trips to and from the camp for training or WCS-matches.

In case visa are necessary to travel into the arranging country, the arranging federation is responsible for the official invitation needed to apply for visa. This invitation containing the names of the total delegation, has to reach the participating countries at the latest 14 days before the start of the tournament. If this is not possible, and the arranging federation is to blame, the arranging federation shall pay the participating countries the extra fee necessary to obtain their own invitation/visa.

- 11.2 Living
The arranging federations has to pay for board and lodging at the WCS place for 20 people per participating federation plus referees, Referee Supervisor(s)

and Tournament Director for one day (lunch/dinner incl.) before their first match until and including one night (incl. breakfast) after the closing ceremony. In case the trip from the capital to the WCS place should call for sleeping accommodations, the arranging federation has to pay for all charges occurred.

All federations shall participate in the opening and closing or price-giving ceremony.

- 11.3 Economy
According to the FIB-statutes.

12. Guide-lines for Head Organizer/Host Nation WCS

WCS must be arranged according to guide-lines for Head Organizer/Host Nation WCS.

These rules are comparable to the rules for other tournaments. On written request from the organizing federation the FIB EC in cooperation with FIB TC can decide on modifications of the rules for different tournaments.