

To: All clubs participating in EHF Indoor and Outdoor Club events in 2016-2017
cc: National Associations

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Dear all,

With this letter I would like to inform you about some new regulations that came into effect as of September 2016 and that apply to both indoor and outdoor **club** events. I recommend you read the whole new set of regulations carefully, including the relevant Appendix.

- **As of the 2016-2017 season**, the EHF requires that all participating athletes **in EHL, EHCC and Trophy Tournaments (Outdoor) and Club Cup and Trophy Tournaments (Indoor)** complete an anti-doping education program as part of hockey's commitment to anti-doping. All participants must complete the WADA ALPHA course or a NADO course and the certificates and the list of players who have completed the course must be sent by the National Association to the EHF. The deadline date for submitting the certificates to the EHF is the same date as that for submitting the team entry list. Please note that the failure of any player(s) to complete an education programme will result in a sanction for the National Association and the player(s) not being allowed to participate until they have submitted the form. It is not mandatory for teams playing in Challenge events to complete an anti-doping educational course, however the EHF recommends that all players do so.

What do the participants need to do?

Each Club is free to choose which anti-doping education program/course is most suitable for its athletes. WADA has an on-line Anti-doping educational tool called ALPHA, which can be accessed through the WADA website. Please click below:

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/education-awareness/tools-for-stakeholders/alpha>

For those athletes who complete ALPHA, the club must please send to the EHF Competitions Manager (contact email below) the scanned copies of the certificates the players receive at the end of the course. The best way of doing this is send the certificates **in 1 time** via wetransfer.com.

ALPHA is available in a number of languages, but if it is not available in your language then it may be better for you to contact your local National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and request them to organize Anti-Doping training for the athletes. The link below lists the NADO contact in each country.

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/who-we-are/anti-doping-community/national-anti-doping-organizations-nado>

If they do not provide a certificate then EHF will accept a letter (on official letterhead) from the NADO with the names of the athletes/support personnel who have completed the training.

- A National Association hockey registration card is **not allowed** anymore as confirmation of identity.
- The host club shall provide at its cost local transport from and to the **designated** airport(s) or railway station and the **designated tournament hotel(s)**. The host's responsibility is for a single journey in each direction only, not multiple journeys. Any additional journeys will be the responsibility of the participating team.
Any teams who choose to stay in a hotel other than those designated by the host club (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.
Any teams who choose to arrive at an airport or railway station other than those designated by the host club (and agreed by the EHF) will be responsible for the cost of their own transport to and from their chosen airport or railway station and their chosen hotel.

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- At Prize Giving Ceremonies (PGC) only those teams who have won medals and trophies (including individual awards) are required to stay until after the PGC. EHF however appreciates when all teams stay at the venue for the PGC.
- Any player who is not a citizen of the country where the club (s)he represents is located, needs to have the required NOC (No Objection Certificate). This NOC one can get from his/her own National Association.
- Updated instruction regarding clothing:
Each player's number must remain the same throughout the competition and must be the same as that submitted on the Team Entry Form. Details of the size and format of players' numbers are set out in the FIH Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions).
NB There is no requirement to display the players' number on skirts/shorts in either EHF Trophy or Challenge events.
NB It is not compulsory in any EHF club tournament to display the players' family names on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, names must appear on the back of all players' shirts.
NB It is not compulsory in any EHF club tournament to display the EuroHockey logo on the backs of the shirts. Where a team decides to do so, names must appear on the back of all players' shirts and the logo can be found on the [EHF website](#). (FIH logo not required at all for EHF Club events)
- A TD is now called a Technical Delegate and no Tournament Director anymore.
- What was already changed last year is that a host is not responsible anymore to provide water for the teams during matches. This is the teams' own responsibility.

I would also take this opportunity to inform the women's outdoor teams that the name of the EHCCC (EuroHockey Club Champions Cup) has been changed to EHCC (EuroHockey Club Cup).

Should you have any queries or require any additional information please contact me at your convenience and I will be pleased to assist.

Kind regards,



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