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## **GREETING OF THE 2012 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are very pleased to welcome the representatives of the media to the first ever IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship co-hosted by two countries!

Originally, Finland was supposed to host the tournament in 2012 and Sweden in 2013. After negotiations and approval from the IIHF Congress in 2009, it was decided that the event will instead be co-hosted, and for two years in a row. One of the reasons behind this initiative was of course to have the home team play in front of the home crowd for two years.

History will be made on ice as well, as a new tournament system will be introduced. For media as well as teams and fans the new system means less travel.

The games will be played in famous hockey cities Helsinki and Stockholm, two Nordic capitals with lots of experience in hosting the Championship. Nordic cooperation and all arrangements have gone well and the tournament organizations in both countries are experienced. Many of our responsible persons and volunteer workers have taken part in the arrangements already in the previous Championships.

Media's job is to relay tournament news and atmosphere to the public outside the arenas. It will be a demanding and tough job: due to the new tournament system altogether 64 games will be played.

As tournament organizers, we will do our best to guarantee that the working conditions in the game locations enable smooth flow of information. Requirements for the technique and facilities have grown significantly over the past few years.

Once more, we wish to welcome you to the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. We are facing two weeks that will surely be filled with unforgettable hockey experiences and a lot of excitement. However, we hope that in addition to your work you, members of the media, will have the opportunity to get to know the host cities and enjoy the Scandinavian spring outside the arenas as well.

Kalervo Kummola  
President of the Organizing Committee (FIN)  
President of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association

Christer Englund  
President of the Organizing Committee (SWE)  
President of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association

# IIHF ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

[www.iihf.com](http://www.iihf.com)

## IIHF COUNCIL MEMBERS

René Fasel, President (SUI)  
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Christer Englund (SWE)

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IIHF	Hannes Ederer, Cornelia Ljungberg
Infront	Bruno Marty, Thomas Oehninger, Christoph Mauer, Mikko Vanni (Finland)
SWE OC	Christer Englund, Lars G Karlsson, Peter Forsberg
FIN OC	Kalervo Kummola (Chairman), Matti Nurminen, Mika Sulin

## IIHF MEDIA OFFICES DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HELSINKI

Mr Szymon Szemberg, IIHF Communications Director (*contact information to be added later*)

### STOCKHOLM

Mr Adam Steiss, IIHF Communications Manager (*contact information to be added later*)

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

www.iihfworlds2012.com  
www.facebook.com/2012iihfwf  
www.twitter.com/iihfwf

### HELSINKI

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# STOCKHOLM

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## MEDIA SERVICES AT THE VENUES

A short briefing with focus on photographers' services, mixed zone procedures and access areas will be held on Friday May 4, at 10.00 local time in Helsinki and Stockholm.

### MEDIA CENTRES: CONTACT INFORMATION & OPENING HOURS

#### HELSINKI / Hartwall Arena

Areenakuja 1 C

00240 Helsinki

Media Info Desk (during MC opening hours) +358 (0)40 688 2140

media@2012.iihfworlds.com

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Communication & accreditation: Media Coordinator Elina Pennanen, + 358 (0)40 574 3345

RTV Manager Heikki Seppälä, +358 (0)400 655 333 (on-site, the broadcasters should in principle liaise with Mediatec and Infront Sports & Media Ag)

Photographer Services: Photo Chief Marko Hannula, +358 (0)50 407 7444

Media Centre & Media Info Desk: Media Coordinator Tuire Pöyhiä, +358 (0)40 573 8346

IT matters: IT Help Desk, *(phone number to be added later)*

#### HELSINKI MEDIA CENTRE OPENING HOURS

2.-3.5. 09.00-22.00

4.-15.5. 08.00-00.30

16.5. 09.00-22.00

17.5. 08.00-00.30

18.5. 09.00-22.00

19.-20.5. 08.00-00.30

#### STOCKHOLM / Globe Arena

Hovet entré 16

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16.5. 09.00-22.00

17.5. 08.00-00.30

### ACCREDITATION

Accreditation cards are to be picked up at the Accreditation Centre in person. All media representatives are kindly asked to present their photo ID or passport together with accreditation confirmation at the Accreditation Centre.

When picking up accreditation, photographers will be required to hand in a signed IIHF Photographer's Undertaking in order to receive their accreditation.

Upon expiration of limited-access accreditation (media day passes and multi-day passes), the media member must hand in their accreditation to the accreditation centre.

## HELSINKI

Accreditation Centre is located just outside of Hartwall Arena, on upper level.

Opening hours:

28.-29.4.	08.00-20.00
30.4.	08.00-18.00
1.5.	10.00-16.00
2.-3.5.	08.00-20.00
4.-15.5.	10.00-21.00
16.5.	10.00-16.00
17.5.	10.00-21.00
18.5.	10.00-16.00
19.-20.5.	10.00-21.00

## STOCKHOLM

Accreditation Centre is located at Hovet.

Opening hours:

2.-6.5.	09.00-20.00
7.-17.5.	11.00-20.00

## GENERAL ABOUT ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation is valid in both arenas if not otherwise informed. All approved print media and photographer accreditations have to be activated before the Semi-Finals, if not, accreditation will be cancelled. To watch the Semifinals, Bronze Medal Game and the Final in the Media Tribune, a ticket plus a valid media accreditation will be needed because of the limited number of seats. The procedure will be explained at the Media Info Desk in Hartwall Arena after the Quarter-Finals.

Accreditation cards must be worn at all times when in the venue area with the picture side easily visible. No pins, stickers etc. should be attached to the card. This helps in keeping order and in security issues.

The access zones used by the media are as follows:

PRINT MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHERS: 3 Public Area, 4 Media Centre, 5 Mixed Zone, 6 Media Tribune.

RTV: 3 Public Area, 4 Media Centre, 5 Mixed Zone, 6 RTV Area.

As a rule, all the team areas are closed to the media during the Championship.

Access to photographer and ENG positions is possible only with a photographer's or RTV accreditation; in addition photographers need to wear a bib to enter photo positions. All photo positions are booked at the Media Info Desk and ENG positions at Infront TV office.

*Lost or damaged accreditation cards must be reported immediately to the Accreditation Centre or the Media Info Desk.*

## WORKSPACES & TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

In the Media Centres in Helsinki and Stockholm as well as in Media Annex in Helsinki, journalists have at their disposal workspaces equipped with power connections. In general, the workspaces in the Media Centre are free to choose from.

A designated position has been reserved for those who have reserved a cabled internet access beforehand. Please contact the Media Info Desk upon arrival for more information. Media Info Desk will also help with wireless internet access for those who have bought the service before the event or want to buy it on site.

There is also a restricted number of PCs with internet access in common use for browsing the results and statistics.

In both venues there is a IT Help Desk that helps with telecommunication matters:

Helsinki (*phone number to be added later*)

Stockholm +46 (0)8 504 230 02 *(valid during the event only)*

The Championship venues have reinforced support stations to improve the reception of mobile phone signals. Special attention has been paid to the mobile phone traffic at the Media Areas.

A limited number of storage lockers for photographers will be available on a first come, first served basis at the Media Centres. The keys can be picked up at the Media Info Desk for a 20€ deposit. The deposit will be given back when the key is returned.

Smoking is not permitted in any of the media working areas.

It is recommended not to leave any personal belongings unattended in any of the media areas.

## **PHOTOGRAPHER SERVICES**

**All photographers are required to attend the official Photographers' Briefing where all positions, general procedures and rules of conduct are explained. Also the bibs will be distributed in the meeting. The briefing will be held on Friday, May 4 at 10.00 (local time), in the Press Conference area both in Helsinki and in Stockholm.**

**When picking up accreditation, photographers will be required to hand in a signed IIHF Photographer's Undertaking in order to receive their accreditation.**

In general access to photo and ENG positions is possible only with a photographer's or RTV accreditation. In addition, photographers need to wear a bib to enter photo positions. All photo positions are booked at the Media Info Desk and ENG positions at Infront TV office. The booking for photo positions starts 2 hours prior to the game for international photo agencies and photographers of playing countries, for others 1,5 hours prior to the game.

All wireless telecommunication will be supervised and the use must be permitted by LOC to ensure smooth operation, even when operating on licence-exempts, collective frequencies with own equipment. Tripods are forbidden, please use monopods.

In Helsinki, the photographer working positions are located in Media Annex, just outside the staircase C on level 1. In Stockholm, all photographer working positions are located in the Media Centre. The working spaces are equipped with power connections and they are free to choose from. A designated position has been reserved for those who have reserved a cabled internet access beforehand. Please contact the Media Info Desk upon arrival for more information.

At the main photo stand (Tribunes 108 & 109 in Helsinki, at ice level in Stockholm) there are a few high speed IT-cables for common use to send the photos directly from the stand.

If accredited journalists or photographers need their cameras to be serviced or repaired, there is a Camera Repair Service available at both venues.

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It is recommended not to leave any personal belongings unattended in any of the media areas.

## **RADIO AND TV SERVICES**

The Host Broadcaster for the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship is Infront Sports & Media AG, who assigned Mediatec Broadcast as the exclusive Host Producer of the event.

All RTV issues including special passes, access to flash zone and ENG positions etc. are to be dealt via Infront Sports and Media, the owner of broadcasting rights.

Bettina Vecchi – Venue Manager in Helsinki

*(phone number to be added later)*



## STATISTICS

All tournament statistics and editorial news stories (in English) are found at the official web pages of the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship: [www.iihfworlids2012.com](http://www.iihfworlids2012.com)

The web pages are provided by International Ice Hockey Federation and marketing company Infront Sports & Media AG. The direct address for the IIHF web pages is [www.iihf.com](http://www.iihf.com)

Media representatives are welcome to collect the IIHF Guide & Record Book DVD at the Media Info Desk.

There will be an IIHF app available for download on Android, Blackberry, iPhone, and iPad.

Media representatives have at their disposal a limited number PCs with Internet access for browsing the results and statistics.

At the venues, statistics service is provided by International Ice Hockey Federation IIHF. Paper copies of results and statistics are delivered to the pigeon holes in Media Centres and TV Compound. The original copies of all tournament statistics are held at the Media Info Desks where copies can be made if needed.

## INTERVIEWS & PRESS CONFERENCES

### MIXED ZONES

The Mixed Zones for media will be arranged and marked according to standard procedures of major sports events. In the walk-through mixed zones in Helsinki and Stockholm, the right holders have a priority to interviews immediately after the players leave the ice. All post-game interviews including interviews during intermissions by the right holders in the Flash and Mixed Zone area must take place in the right holders' interview area or in front of the official IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship backdrop. All players are requested to wear the official playing uniform in all interviews in such cases.

After the games the first interviewer is the Host Producer Mediatec followed by other TV Rightsholders and after that Radio Rightsholders in the dedicated TV and Radio areas. Access to these areas is controlled by Infront Sports and Media. After RTV interviews, the players walk through the Written Press Area.

Print, Radio and TV media are required to remain at their designated areas during the Mixed Zone period. No media members may leave their zone to bring players over to another zone for an interview.

***Please note that in Helsinki, the mixed zone activation period and media access to the mixed zone area begins 5 minutes before the end of the third period. Mixed zone is active for 35 minutes after the conclusion of the game. All interviews have to be done during this period as after the 35 minutes has passed, the mixed zone will be emptied.***

### POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

A press conference with head coaches will be held after each game in the Media Centre Press Conference Area. The press conference will start after the mixed zone operation has finished after the game. Conferences are co-ordinated by media hosts. The press conferences will be held in English, and if needed, translation from other languages to English is provided. As a rule, players attend the press conferences only on special occasions.

### OTHER PRESS CONFERENCES

Information about other press conferences than the post-game press conferences will be announced in the Media Centre.

### INTERVIEWS

All interview requests to the participating teams are to be addressed to the team media officer. The players and coaches are entitled to decline any requests for impromptu interviews in other areas, such as team hotels.

## **PRACTICES**

In both venues, the teams practice in both the main rink and the practice rink. Media representatives are entitled to follow the practices if not otherwise informed by the IIHF.

After the practice, interviews take place in the Post-Game Mixed Zone area. If the practices are held in the practice rink, the interviews will also take place in the practice rink area. Interview requests are to be addressed to the team media officers or team hosts. On game days, the interviews after the practice should be limited to 15 minutes and the teams are entitled to limit the number of players available at the Mixed Zone.

See section Practices for preliminary practice schedule.

## **CEREMONIES**

After each game the best players of each team are rewarded.

After the Bronze Medal Game and the Final the photographers are entitled to follow the prize giving ceremonies on ice surface. More precise instructions will be given at the Photographers Briefing and at the Media Info Desk at Hartwall Arena on the day of the Semi-Final, May 19.

Pending the approval of the teams' managements, the IIHF will arrange a limited dressing room access (maximum seven reporters) for media following the two last games of the championship. Only media from the country of the winning team will be allowed into the dressing room with special passes and they will be escorted by a Press Officer. The dressing room access will be limited to 10 minutes, calculated from the moment the dressing room is opened for access. The team must open the door to the dressing room no later than 15 minutes after entering the room. The reporters will leave the room immediately after the conclusion of the 10-minute access period, upon which the normal post-game procedures commence. TV procedures will be co-ordinated and handled by Infront and Mediatec.

## **MEDIA CATERING**

Media representatives will have a dedicated cafeteria to be used at own expense in both Media Centres.

In Helsinki, the Media Cafeteria will open at 09.00 in the morning and close at 21 on none-game days and at midnight on game days. Warm meals are served approximately 2 hours before the start of each game. At other times snacks and soft drinks etc. are served.

In Stockholm, the Media Cafeteria will open at 09.00 in the morning and close at 21 on none-game days and at 23.00 on game days. Warm meals are served between 11.00-13.30 and 17.30-20.00. At other times snacks and soft drinks etc. are served.

Payments can be made with cash and with all major credit cards. Media Cafeterias are smoke-free like all media facilities inside the arenas.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA**

Media Centres, Mixed Zone areas, Media Tribune and RTV area are working areas for accredited media. All media representatives are kindly asked to respect that there is no fan cheering in these designated working areas. Also, wearing visible fan outfits and asking players, team members or officials for autographs is forbidden.

Accredited media members are not allowed to switch accreditation passes with representatives of other media outlets in order to get unauthorized access.

Print, Radio and TV media are required to remain at their designated areas during the Mixed Zone period. No media members may leave their zone to bring players over to another zone for an interview.

Upon expiration of limited-access accreditation (media day passes and multi-day passes), the media member must hand in their accreditation to the accreditation centre.

Repeated violations may result in the accreditation being revoked.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### HOST CITIES

Helsinki and Stockholm are easily reachable, whether you travel by plane or ferry. Getting around is also handy thanks to good public transportation.

#### HELSINKI

Helsinki is the relaxed but active capital of the Republic of Finland. Located in the Baltic Sea it has been influenced by cultures around it, making it the modern city it is today.

Helsinki has over half a million residents. Together with its surrounding cities Espoo, Vantaa and Kauniainen it is home for 1,3 million people.

Nordic design, nature and technology mixed with old traditions make Helsinki exciting. The old empire style quarters in downtown, museums, galleries and design shops, beautiful parks, and the surrounding isles are just a few examples of things to see and experience in Helsinki.

In 2012 Helsinki celebrates its 200th anniversary as Finland's capital city. During the year, the city will host the IIHF World Championship as well as the European Championship in Athletics.

#### DESIGN = EXTRA TOUCH TO THE GAMES

This year Helsinki is not only the venue for the IIHF World Championship games and other great event - the city is also celebrating its year as World Design Capital.

World Design Capital (WDC) Helsinki 2012 is one of the world's largest ever expeditions into design. The range of WDC Helsinki 2012 events and projects is very wide: something new begins almost every other day, the busiest months being February, May and September. Events geared toward citizens and tourists make approximately one-third of the programme.

Design is also a key part of both ice hockey and major sports events in general. As World Design Capital, Helsinki seeks to show how well the city understands this and how exceptionally well it can manage the organization of such events.

WDC Helsinki 2012 offers a great viewpoint to Helsinki, should you want to report about the city and its activities during the games. Also the connection between design and sports can be highlighted in various ways.

Read more from the WDC Helsinki 2012 press kit: [www.multivu.com/mnr/52815-wdch](http://www.multivu.com/mnr/52815-wdch)  
or go straight to the website: [www.wdchelsinki2012.fi](http://www.wdchelsinki2012.fi)

#### For more information:

[www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi)

#### STOCKHOLM

Sweden's capital Stockholm is located in the middle of Scandinavia. It is also the center for business and cultural life in Scandinavia. Stockholm is a green, clean, and friendly city, beautifully located on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

Stockholm County contains 20 per cent of Sweden's total population of about 9.5 million. In 2006, the Stockholm County had 1.92 million inhabitants. The City of Stockholm is the most populated area with 782,885 inhabitants.

The county has no less than 219 nature reserves, the closest one is just 10-minutes subway ride from the city centre. The city of Stockholm has about 1,000 parks, which make up approximately 30 per cent of the city's area.

Stockholm is also Scandinavia's economic and financial center with the largest gross regional product and most multinational companies' headquarters.

#### For more information:

[www.visitstockholm.com/en](http://www.visitstockholm.com/en)

## TRANSPORTATION IN HELSINKI

All accredited media members who have all event accreditation are entitled to use public transportation free of charge in Helsinki. Transportation cards are given together with accreditation at the Accreditation Centre.

**Train is by far the easiest way** to get to the Arena.

- All commuter and long-distance trains stop at Pasila railway station which is less than 10 minute walk from the Arena.

**Buses & trams** stop near the Arena as well.

- From the city center buses 23 and 69
- Trams 7A & 7B

Timetables for public transportation: [www.vr.fi](http://www.vr.fi) (trains) & [www.hsl.fi](http://www.hsl.fi) (metro, buses & trams)

**Visitors arriving in private cars** should prepare for traffic jams before and after the games. At Hartwall Arena, there are no designated parking spaces available for media. Parking fee (10 €) has to be paid in cash upon arrival.

**Taxi stand** is located on road Veturitie close to Hartwall Arena.

- For orders dial +358 (0)100 0700.
- Taxi for the handicapped may leave and take passengers on the pavement in front of the Arena.

### Upon arrival and departure from Finland

Buses 615, 616 and 617 from Helsinki to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. Timetable inquiries: HSL, tel. +358 (0)9 4766 4444 More information on local bus connections to the airport available at [www.reittiopas.fi/en/](http://www.reittiopas.fi/en/) and [m.hsl.fi](http://m.hsl.fi).

Finnair City Bus timetable inquiries from Finnair Customer Care Center 24h tel. 0600 140 140 (3,15€ answered call + local network charge).

Timetables for flight departures and arrivals at [www.finavia.fi/home](http://www.finavia.fi/home)

## TRANSPORTATION IN STOCKHOLM

Globe Arena is located next to the Globe area in the district Johanneshov, Stockholm.

### Metro

The best and most convenient way to get to the Globe Arena from Stockholm Central Station is to take the green metro line (number 19 or 29) to Hagsätra or Högdalen. Get off at the metro station called Globen.

### Trains

Arlanda Express is a speed train to Stockholm central station. The train departs five times every hour between 04:35 to 00:35 and the trip takes about 20 minutes. At Stockholm central station, you can choose between taking the metro or taxi to get to the Globe Arena.

### Taxi

A taxi from Arlanda to Globe Arena takes about 50 minutes and usually costs about 650 SEK

- Taxi Stockholm, tel. 468 - 15 00 00
- Airport Cab Stockholm, tel. 468 - 25 25 25
- 020 Taxi Stockholm, tel. 4620 - 20 20 20
- TaxiKurir i Stockholm AB, tel. 468 30 00 00

### Driving to Ericsson Globe Arena

- Arrival from north or west: Take the E18. Continue onto Essingeleden (E20). Follow signs towards Nynäshamn. Turn left onto Årstalänken. Follow signs towards Nynäshamn and turn into the Southern Link (75). Follow signs towards Nynäshamn, Globe. You see the Ericsson Globe Arena on your right side.
- Arriving from south: Take the E4/E20. Follow the signs towards Nynäshamn. Merge on to Nybodakopplet (75). Follow the signs towards Nynäshamn, Globe.

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES

## TEAM CONTACTS

All the team interview requests during the World Championship are to be addressed preliminary to the team media officer or to the team host. *Contact details are to be added later.*

Teams Hosts will follow the two teams arriving from Stockholm to Helsinki for the final weekend and will be accompanied by local hosts, whose names and contact information will be announced at the Media Info Desk after quarter-finals.

## PRACTICES & SCHEDULE

In both venues, the teams practice in both the main rink and the practice rink. Media representatives are entitled to follow the practices if not otherwise informed by IIHF. After the practice, interviews take place in the Mixed Zone area. If the practices are held in the practice rink, the interviews will also take place in the practice rink area. Interview requests are to be addressed to the team media officers or team hosts. On game days, the interviews after the practice should be limited to 15 minutes and the teams are entitled to limit the number of players available at the mixed zone.

*Practice schedule to be added later.*

## TOURNAMENT RULES

The 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship will have 16 teams playing in two Preliminary Round groups of eight teams in each, using the IIHF World Ranking for seeding. Thus, each team will play seven Preliminary Round games instead of the previous three, but the Qualifying Round has been eliminated.

The top four teams in each Preliminary Round group will advance to the quarter-finals. The teams that finish last in each group will be relegated to Division I. Teams placed 5-8 will have no more games after the Preliminary Round. Thus, the Relegation Round is also eliminated.

The new format sees the total number of games increase from 56 to 64. Under the previous format it took nine games to become world champion. The new format will call for the two top teams to play ten games.

Because of the extended schedule teams can now register 25 players (22 skaters and 3 goaltenders) at the start of the championship. Under the outgoing system, teams could register 20+3 players at the beginning of the championship with the possibility of adding two players after the completion of the Preliminary Round.

Additionally, quarter-finals games will be played within the groups, as opposed to the current crossover system.

## TIE-BREAK FORMULA

The decisive method of breaking a tie between two teams with the same number of points in a standing will be the result of the game between the two teams, the winner taking precedence.

Because the three-point system does not allow a game to end in a tie, the following procedure applies when three or more teams are tied in points in a standing.

1. A sub-group among the tied teams is created, counting results only among the tied teams between each other. The team with the greater number of points shall be ranked highest.
2. Should the teams still remain tied, the better goal difference in the games amongst the tied teams will be decisive.
3. Should the teams still remain tied, the greater number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.
4. Should the teams still remain tied, the results between each of the three teams and the closest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. In this case, the tied team with the best result (1. points, 2. goal difference, 3. more goals scored) against the closest best ranked-team shall be ranked highest.
5. Should the teams still remain tied, the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied.

6. Should the teams still remain tied after these five steps have been exercised, Sport considerations will be applied and the tied teams will be ranked following the IIHF World Ranking positions of the previous season.

## **MEDAL ROUND OVERTIME PROCEDURE**

- In case of a tie at the end of regulation in a quarter-final, semi-final, and bronze medal game, there will be a 10-minute, sudden-death overtime period, following a three-minute intermission. The teams will defend the same goals as in the third period. The team, which scores first is the winner.
- In the gold medal game there will be a 20-minute sudden-death overtime, following a full intermission during which the ice will be resurfaced. The teams will change ends. The team which scores first is the winner.
- All sudden death overtime periods are played four skaters on four.
- If no goal is scored during the sudden-death overtime, there will be a game winning shot (GWS) competition (shootout).

## **RULES FOR THE FOUR-ON-FOUR OVERTIME PROCEDURE**

1. If a team is penalized in overtime, the teams will play 4-on-3. Coincidental penalties do not affect the on-ice strength when assessed in overtime.
2. In overtime, if a team is penalized such that a two-man advantage is called for, then the offending team will remain at three (3) skaters while the non-offending team will be permitted a fifth skater. At the first stoppage of play after the two-man advantage is no longer in effect, the numerical strength of the team will revert back to either a 4-on-4 or a 4-on-3 situation, as appropriate.
3. If there is a man advantage which carries over from regulation to overtime, the above criteria will be applied at the start of the overtime. If at the end of the regulation, the teams are 5-on-4, overtime begins at 4-on-3.
4. When regulation time ends with a 5-on-3, teams will begin the overtime with 5-on-3. At the end of penalties, due to continuous action, player strength may get to 5-on-5 or 5-on-4. At the first stoppage, player strength must be adjusted to 4-on-4 or 4-on-3.
5. If at the end of regulation time teams are 3-on-3, overtime starts 3-on-3. Once player strength reaches 5-on-4 or 5-on-5, at the next stoppage player strength is adjusted to 4-on-3 or 4-on-4, as appropriate.
6. If at the end of regulation, teams are 4-on-4 with a player or players in the box serving non-coincidental penalties, overtime starts 4-on-4 and players exit the penalty box as normal to 5-on-4 or 5-on-5. At the first stoppage of play, teams are adjusted to 4-on-3 or 4-on-4, as appropriate.

## **GAME WINNING SHOTS PROCEDURE**

If, following the completion of regulation time in any IIHF Championship game and the score of such a game is tied, the teams will then play a 4-on-4 overtime period with the team scoring first declared the winner.

If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the IIHF Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply. The following procedure will be utilized:

- Shots will be taken on both ends of the ice unless the referees deem that one end of the ice is in poor enough condition to disadvantage one team, in which case only one end will be used. The longitudinal centre section of the rink will be dry-scraped by the ice-resurfacing machine prior to the Game Winning Shots during the time required to organize the program accordingly.
- The procedure will begin with three different shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand. Eligible to participate in the Game Winning Shots will be the four goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet except any player(s) whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended. This player(s) must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room. Also, players serving penalties imposed during the Game Winning Shots must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room until the end of the procedure.
- The Referee will call the two captains to the Referee Crease and flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his team will shoot first or second.
- The goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the overtime period.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The shots will be taken in accordance with rule 509 of the IIHF Official Rule Book.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.

- If the result is still tied after three shots by each team, the procedure shall continue with a tiebreak shoot-out by one player of each team, with a reversed shooting order. The same player can also be used for each shot by a team in the tie-break shoot-out. The game shall be finished as soon as a duel of two players brings the decisive result.
- The Official Scorekeeper will record all shots taken, indicating the players, goalkeepers, and goals scored, but only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game. It shall be credited to the player who scored and to the goalkeeper concerned.
- If a team declines to participate in the game winning shots procedure the game will be declared as a loss for that team and the other team will be awarded 3 points for a win. If a player declines to take a shot it will be declared “no score” for his team.