

**CONDITIONS FOR THE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR (WCS)
WCS MEN (WCSM)
WCS WOMEN (WCSW)**

1. Organizer

The FIB EC entrusts a member association with the task of arranging WCS in bandy. The FIB has to allocate the WCS and decide about dates for the tournament according to the FIB Event Planning document.

The organizing association has to apply (using the FIB Tournament Application Form) for the World Championships according to the FIB Event Planning document.

2. Rules for the contest

- 2.1 The World Championships are played as single matches in the preliminary round. In group A: all teams in a pool must play on the same day (if the number of teams in the pool is an even number).

If seven or more teams participating two pools will be formed. When two pools, semifinals and placement matches must be played.

Semifinals: Number 1 play number 4, and number 2 play number 3. The two winners play the final, the two defeated teams play the bronze match. The best ranked teams from the preliminary round play as home team. The team winning the final becomes the champions.

If, as an exemption, 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. The best ranked teams from the preliminary round play as home team.
These matches should be played full time (except: if two matches per day).

Playing time is full time as follows:
WCSM & WCSW 2 x 45 minutes

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

The playing model could be different and flexible, this must be decided by FIB Technical Committee (TC) / Executive Committee (EC). EC if economic consequences.

Workgroup "Ranking" decides in co-operation with TC about the placement of the participating teams in groups.

- 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 cannot 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 (15) excluding goalkeepers).

In the preliminary round the result attained after playing time is counted.

- 2.3 If the preliminary round is played as a double round robin:
When two teams play each other two times in the preliminary round, there will be only one penalty stroke competition (according to 2.2). This is decisive in case these teams end with the same number of points.

If there was no draw in the matches between two teams but the goal difference is the same in these matches (2-0 and 0-2). Still, the teams can end up with the same number of points. In this case there should be a penalty stroke competition after the second match (according to 2.2).

- 2.4 The points are decisive for the placing in the preliminary round.

- 2.5 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).

- 2.6 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.

- 2.7 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 made goals are equal for two teams see point 2.2 and 2.4.

- 2.8 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.

- 2.9 Should still no separation be possible, the total amount of penalty minutes from all the matches in the preliminary round is conclusive. 60 Minutes are counted for a direct red card (independent of the used match time).

- 2.10 If it is still impossible to separate the teams, it must be done by drawing of lots.

- 2.11 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 must reach the minimum age of 15 years before January 1 of that bandy season (example in season 2025-2026: before January 1, 2026).

4. *The size of the troop*

4.1 Players / leaders

The team of each association consists of a maximum of 22 persons (18 players and 4 leaders).

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 and supervisor(s)

Referees and supervisor(s) nominated by FIB RRC.

5. *Registration*

- 5.1 The invitation to the tournament is to be sent by FIB, according to the FIB Event Planning document. Playgrounds (rinks) and dates for the matches are to be attached to the invitation.

- 5.2 Notification of participation must be sent to FIB, according to the FIB Event Planning document.

- 5.3 A preliminary list stating 26 players plus 3 referee(s)(supervisor) including names, passport (or national identity card or certificate of citizenship issued by the relevant authority) copies, dates of birth, domiciles and merits is to be sent to FIB General Secretary at the latest four 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 General Secretary 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 18 players plus 8 substitutes is to be sent to FIB General Secretary 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 because of an injury (or extraordinary reasons approved by FIB), only the 8 listed substitutes can be used (a confirmation from a doctor or proof is required).
- 5.5 Each player should present their passport (or national identity card) before the tournament starts.
Jury (see 8) is responsible for passport control.
- 5.6 Exemptions for players who do not have proper passport (or national identity card or certificate of citizenship issued by the relevant authority).
1. a maximum of three players with a permanent (unlimited) residence permit of the country the player wants to play for.
 2. a maximum of three players which have a parent/grandparent from the country the player wants to play for.

Group A:

For the exemptions 1 and 2 together, a maximum of three players is allowed.

Group B:

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 association of this player must apply to FIB General Secretary **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 sent also to FIB General Secretary (at the latest two months before the start of the WCS).

An exemption is only given for one WCS. The association must 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.

The participating nations will be informed about the exemptions at the latest six weeks before the tournament starts.

- 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 association of this player should check this when sending in the final 18 player list according to 5.4.

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).

Representing two different nations in the same season is not possible.

5.8 Sanctions

If the deadlines about sending in the preliminary team list and requests for exemptions are not met, there will be a financial sanction of USD 100 per day with a maximum of 7 days. A later submission will not be accepted.

A late submission for sending in the final team list is not acceptable. EC decides about a severe financial sanction and/or participation on the tournament.

6. ***Match program***

The FIB/EC and TC have to approve the match program proposed by the arranging association. The match program shall be sent to FIB General Secretary on time, according to the FIB Event Planning document. FIB General Secretary 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 official representatives of all participating teams, referees, Referee Supervisor(s) and Jury are present. Practical information, opening/closing ceremonies (see also 11.2), warming-up times on ice, meals, interpretation of the playing rules etc. should be given at this meeting.

8. ***Jury***

The FIB EC appoints the Jury, consisting of:

- Two persons from FIB Technical Committee (TC)
- Two persons from FIB Rules and Referees Committee (RRC)
- FIB General Secretary (chairman of the Jury, and decisive in case of equal voting)

In the Jury, at least 3 countries must be represented at every decision. A person from TC or RRC can be replaced by an other person from the same committee in case there is a protest involving the country of the jury-member.

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

The decisions of the Jury are final.

9. Referees and Supervisors

- 9.1 Six weeks, at the latest, before the first day of the WCS, FIB RRC must appoint referees to the WCS. A member of RRC cannot act as a referee.
- 9.2 A Referee Supervisor must 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(s) 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 must 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 two hours to deliver a written protest (including the reasons) to the Referee Supervisor. The Jury must deal with the protest within 4 hours. RRC must make written comments on the matter to the Jury.

When teams file a protest, a fee must be paid. The fee must be paid before the Jury handles the protest (cash or proof of payment needed). When the protest is approved, the fee will be returned. The fee is USD 100.

- 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 must 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 must, 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 25 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 25 bronze medals for each group.
- 10.3 The FIB medals are supplied by FIB (unless otherwise agreed) and paid by the arranging association. The FIB logo must appear on the medal.

- 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 associations must pay their travelling expenses to and from the capital of the country of the organizing association.

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

The arranging association of the WCS must 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 association wants to bring more baggage, the association themselves must pay for overweight in case the airline demands payment for excess baggage.

The arranging association also must 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 association is responsible for the official invitation needed to apply for visa. This invitation containing the names of the total delegation, must reach the participating countries at the latest 14 days before the start of the tournament. If this is not possible, and the arranging association is to blame, the arranging association shall pay the participating countries the extra fee necessary to obtain their own invitation/visa.

11.2 Living

The arranging associations must pay for board and lodging at the WCS place for 22 persons per participating association/team plus referees for one day (lunch/dinner incl.) before their first match and for 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 association must pay for all charges occurred.

Two FIB officials representing FIB (one of these from RRC) shall have all costs covered by the arranging association (from the capital).

All associations shall participate in the opening and closing or prize-giving ceremony.

11.3 Economy

According to the FIB-statutes.

- 11.4 EC can make exemptions from the financial Conditions, depending on extraordinary circumstances, decision should be published before **May 1** of the upcoming season.

- 11.5 The arranging association shall cover the costs of doping controls in connection with the World Championships (in-competition testing, including sample collection, transport to the laboratory, analyses, admin and logistics, if needed).

12. Guidelines for Head Organizer/Host Nation

WCS must be arranged according to current guidelines for Head Organizer/Host Nation.

These rules are comparable to the rules for other tournaments. On written request from the organizing association the FIB Executive Committee in cooperation with FIB Technical Committee can decide on modifications of the rules for different tournaments.