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IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I	Switzerland
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IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I	Slovenia
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Sochi Life: The 2014 Olympic Winter Games saw Russia put on two well-organized and memorable hockey tournaments.
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Russian Redemption: *Three months after his country missed out on an Olympic medal, Alex Ovechkin and co. dominated the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.*
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Golden Girls: Marie-Philip Poulin and Hayley Wickenheiser react after winning Olympic gold thanks to Poulin's overtime score against Team USA. Photo by Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



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*Finn-tastic: Teammates rush defenceman Rasmus Ristolainen moments after he scored the gold-winning overtime goal at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship in Malmo, Sweden.
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Carey Price of Team Canada prior to the start of the Olympic gold medal game.
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Report of the President

We were once again privileged to witness another best-on-best Olympic ice hockey tournament in Sochi, Russia. I would like to thank the NHL and NHLPA, the IOC, NOCs, and MNAs for once again ensuring that hockey fans around the planet got to see the world's biggest stars play together on the same sheet of ice.

But beyond the NHLers playing in Sochi, hockey's future was unfolding before our very eyes as the women's tournament showcased some of the most action-packed moments of the Games. Two thrilling comebacks by the Canadians and the Swiss in the gold and bronze medal games punctuated a tournament that proved beyond a doubt that there is a place for the women's game at the Olympic level.

Since Nagano 1998 we have always been discussing player participation with the NHL and NHLPA. It's a challenge but we had a very good experience in Sochi 2014 and it was organized perfectly for the athletes. Thanks to the efforts of the Sochi 2014 organizing committee and the hard work of the volunteers, every player left Sochi having had a great Olympic experience, something that is so important and is what helps make the Games so unique.

After Sochi we travelled to Minsk, a first-time World Championship host that came through with a great tournament that paid special attention to fan service and enjoyment. We saw record numbers of spectators at the 2014 Worlds, totalling 640,044 fans.

There are obviously challenges that come with all first-time hosts in staging tournaments, but the effort shown by the Minsk 2014 organizing committee: first in putting together two great fan zones at the arenas and around the city and second in making available cheap accommodation options to spectators travelling to Minsk, are good examples for future hosts to follow.

Earlier in the year I was pleased to witness yet another thrilling World Junior Championship. It was particularly great to see such a great turnout for a tournament held in Europe. The World Juniors in Malmo was full of surprises, heartbreaks, thrilling moments, and above all a fantastic atmosphere in both arenas.

The total tournament attendance of 144,268 spectators set a new European record. As usual we had the large contingent of Canadian fans travel overseas to support their country, but both finalists Sweden and Finland also had many fans turn out for the game and tune in on television. The gold medal game drew over a million viewers in both Finland and Sweden, peaking at two million people in the host nation.

Our efforts to promote hockey in Asia also took another step forward when we held the World Championship Division I Group A in Goyang, Korea. It's the first time the IIHF had this high-level competition in Korea, and we have seen throughout the tournament that the organizers met all the requirements. Both the teams and the IIHF were very happy with the organizing committee and the Korean Ice Hockey Association for their hard work, which bodes well for the next Winter Olympics.

It's great to see that the Korean fans are learning more about ice hockey and that they were proudly cheering on their team the whole way through. We hope that the tournament will leave a lasting impression and get more Korean youngsters to pick up hockey sticks.

With the Sochi Olympics behind us, it is time to look ahead towards the long-term goals of the IIHF in promoting hockey worldwide. Our main concern going forward is the current financial state of the federation. During the Annual Congress our treasurer Luc Tardif explained the financial challenges facing the IIHF, which specifically relates to the fluctuation of the dollar as well as other factors that would strongly affect the budget.

A working group had been created consisting of Council Members Bob Nicholson, Beate Grupp, Frank Gonzalez, and Henrik Bach Nielsen, who have in detail discussed an emergency program as well as long-term recommendations that will be presented at the 2014 Semi-Annual Congress.

As we shift into a new Olympic cycle, we need to take stock of the IIHF's position in the hockey world and look at what could be done better. Our foremost goal is to promote the sport of hockey worldwide, and to do this effectively we must analyse what has



been working for us and what has not. We are a modern sports organization that has been able to serve at present time 73 member national associations with a relatively small number of staff members and a limited budget. We have done this by carefully managing our annual budget to determine exactly what we can and cannot accomplish in one season. It has been a constant challenge to balance the needs of our Member National Associations with the fiscal realities of our budget. Going into the new year, I entreat all of our members to work together in finding financially-sound development strategies for the future.

As the summer winds down we prepare to welcome the return of a top-level European club hockey competition. Under the direction of Anders Ternbom and the CHL Executive Body, the Champions Hockey League will start its inaugural season with a stable of 44 clubs, a strong and secure financial foundation, and most important of all the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the national leagues, federa-

tions, and clubs. This was just a dream back in 2012 at the Hockey Forum in Barcelona, yet in just two short years we have managed to turn this into a reality that will take form on the ice in August 2014.

In closing I want to start the new cycle with a message that is the same as it was in Barcelona. Unity is the key to our future, and what we do in these Congresses and in the Championship program will influence our level of success in the next year and the years after that. Improvement in our program is always hard work, but we cannot and should not simply stay satisfied with the current status quo because we all know that our sport's potential is limitless and deserves the hard work needed to make it even more successful. Working together there is nothing that we cannot achieve.

René Fasel
IIHF President



IIHF President René Fasel and IIHF Councillor Vladislav Tretiak closing the 2014 IIHF World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Swan Song: Finnish captain Teemu Selanne closed out his international hockey career with a third bronze medal, at 43-years-old becoming the oldest player to win a medal in Olympic hockey.
Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images

Report of the General Secretary

As we close the book on another Olympic cycle, we take a look at the challenges ahead.

The IIHF President was pleased with the hockey tournaments held in both venues of the Sochi Olympic Winter Games. The organization and attention to detail by the organizing committee was exceptional and was a key element to ice hockey being one of the best events of the 2014 Games. The IIHF Office was proud and thankful to work together with all parties involved: the IOC, NHL, NHLPA, the Sochi 2014 organizing committee, Arena1, the MNAs, the National Olympic Committees, and all the professional leagues on the success of this Games.

We of course want to repeat our success in four years' time in Korea, so while in Russia the IIHF conducted research into the Olympic ice hockey experience, analyzing data, comparing ice hockey game footage and distributed a detailed questionnaire to players, coaches, and game officials. We hope that the results of this research effort will help us to improve our organization of not only the Olympic tournaments but also the World Championship program.

During the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk, the IIHF announced the contract extension of the media and marketing partnership with Infront Sports & Media until 2023. The agreement means that Infront will continue to market all commercial rights for the IIHF's flagship event as well as providing a comprehensive array of services including the state-of-the-art multimedia production for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship as well as the two Division I tournaments.

As President Fasel stated at the 2014 Annual Congress, a comprehensive agreement that holds such high impact for the development and growth of ice hockey should fulfil more than just financial criteria. As the World Championship does so much to support our other tournaments, any agreement affecting our flagship event must be based on reliability, mutual understanding and trust. The experienced Infront team knows the spirit of the IIHF events, the objectives of its commercial partners as well as the needs of ice hockey fans worldwide.

With this partnership in place we hope to explore new avenues of reaching hockey fans around the world. We have made progress on our social media development, making the official IIHF and World Championship apps available to the public and continuing our interactions with fans via Twitter and Facebook. We want to take further steps with our new media approach, taking inspiration from the unprecedented access enjoyed by fans during the 2014 FIFA World Cup via the FIFA data solutions.

Giving fans the tools to watch World Championship games and highlights on their second screens is the next step in pushing our sport's visibility even higher. The hockey community is a very close-knit group, and we believe that we can enhance the fan experience and create more exposure for our sport by providing more avenues for hockey fans to interact with each other.

The 2013/2014 season saw some changes at the IIHF offices. We bid goodbye to Szymon Szemberg, our Communications Director, Kristina Koch, the Executive Assistant to the President, and Marcis Grasis, our IT Manager. Szymon, Kristina, and Marcis have formed an integral part of our organization for the past few years. They will be dearly missed and we wish them the very best in their careers.

We welcome to the IIHF family Irina Strakhova, who will be replacing Kristina, and Patrick Bieler, who will take over Marcis' duties in the IT department. A big congratulations goes out to our very own IIHF staff member Florence Schelling. Not only did she manage to backstop the Swiss women's national team to a bronze medal at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, she also earned a trio of individual awards, being recognized as the tournament's Best Goaltender and by the media as a tournament All-Star and the Most Valuable Player. Florence will be joining the Marketing and Communications department as Business Development Coordinator, and her reception duties will be fulfilled by Victoria Metzger who will join the IIHF in August.

We also welcome the new office for the European Ice Hockey Club Competition (EICC) located within our buildings in Zurich. The IIHF Office team will do its



best to support the three EICC employees in creating a good start for the new Champions Hockey League.

This year we also welcomed our 73rd IIHF member, and amazingly our fourth coming from the Persian Gulf, as the nation of Oman was granted associate member status joining regional neighbours United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar.

Beginning last season the IIHF Sport and Development Committee began to enforce more strictly the Minimum Participation Standards. The Minimum Participation Standards are used to assist in improving leagues, coaches, and players within the countries. It is of course in the MNAs' interest to improve hockey at all levels, which is why the Committee focused on three key standards in 2013/2014: a permanent operational indoor ice rink with an ice sheet meeting the standards within the IIHF Rule Book, at least 60 players in the respective category (45 for U18, women, women's U18), and an operational league with statistics.

Using the IIHF National Association Audit Program, the Development and Coaching Committee is going to take a positive approach to help improve all nations that are willing to work within the International Ice Hockey Federation. The standards should be seen as a positive term to improve hockey worldwide and especially with newer, upcoming countries.

So as we head into the new year, let us meet the challenges ahead with determination and unity, so that the hockey family can continue to grow around the world.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



The 2014 IIHF Annual Congress introduced new rule changes for next season.
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Sweet Swiss: Switzerland won its first-ever Olympic medal in women's hockey and the country's first Olympic hockey medal since 1948.
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IIHF Council 2012-2016

Biographies

Fasel, René (SUI)

President

Born on February 6, 1950 in Fribourg, Switzerland. A dentist by profession, Fasel graduated from the University of Berne. As a referee, he went up to the top division and officiated 37 international games including the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki. In 1985 he became the president of the Swiss Association and in 1986 he was elected an IIHF Council Member. René Fasel was the chairman in both the IIHF Referee and the IIHF Marketing Committees. He was the Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. IIHF President since 1994, member of the IOC since 1995 and elected to its Executive Committee in 2008. President of the AIOWF. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011.



Wu, Thomas (HKG)

Vice President-Asia & Oceania

Born on 3 September 1972 in Hong Kong, Wu serves as Managing Director of Hopewell Holdings Limited. He was selected "Young Global Leader" in 2006 by the World Economic Forum and received several awards recognising good corporate governance practices. Wu is also active in government and sports sectors and helps create synergy among different sectors. He has long been serving different government advisory roles in Hong Kong and China. Thomas localised ice hockey by co-founding the Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club in 2001, now a cornerstone for hockey development in Hong Kong, and establishing the Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey in 2007. He also works with other ice hockey associations in the region on their development.



Kummola, Kalervo (FIN)

Vice President-Europe & Africa

Born on November 21, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President since 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Chairman of the Facilities and Environment Committee. Also chairman of the Board of the Finnish Olympic Committee.



Grupp, Beate (GER)

Born on April 5, 1965 in Geislingen, Germany, Dr. Beate Grupp became one of the two first women to join the IIHF Council in 2003. Served as the team doctor of Germany's national women's team. Started practicing medicine in 1992 and in 1995 went on to get her degree with a Sports Medicine emphasis. Currently, works in Geislingen with her private practice where she focuses on physical therapy, sports medicine and orthopedics.



Nicholson, Bob (CAN)

Vice President-Americas

Born on May 27, 1953 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Nicholson was Hockey Canada's president and CEO between 1998 and 2014. As Hockey Canada president he oversaw all operations for competitions that Canada participated in internationally, including the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program and Olympic Winter Games. He was senior vice-president of the Canadian Hockey Association from 1992 to 1998 and vice-president of programs with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1990 to 1991. In 2014 he became Vice-Chairman of the Oilers Entertainment Group in Edmonton.



Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (HUN)

Born on July 3, 1977 in Budapest, Hungary. Kolbenheyer was the first registered female ice hockey player in Hungary, starting her career in 1990. She represented Hungary in 55 games with the national team. After her playing career she became the general manager of the women's national teams. As a lawyer she has been a member of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation's Disciplinary Committee since 2009, and member of the governing board since 2012. She is married and has three children.



Gonzalez, Frank (ESP)

Born on November 14, 1955 in Barcelona, Spain. Played Junior B hockey for the Preston Raiders in Canada. Returned to Spain in the 1970s and joined the hockey program of FC Barcelona. Won several Spanish national championships with Casco-Viejo and later with C.G.



Puigcerda. Moved to officiating after playing in many IIHF World Championships. Later served as referee supervisor at several IIHF championships. Spanish delegate to IIHF congress since 1991. Chairman of the Facilities Committee. IIHF Council member since 2003.

Englund, Christer (SWE)

Born on August 29, 1947. Englund was a board member of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association from 1993-2001 and was active on several committees. In 2004, he was named the chairman of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association. The former bank manager has also served as General Manager for the Swedish national team from 1994-96 and represented Sweden at several congresses dating back to Moscow in 1986. Joined the Council in 2008.



Rossi, Tony (USA)

Born on April 9, 1941 in Illinois, USA. Rossi began his career in hockey in the 1970s in Illinois when he started a local hockey club for kids. Rossi was elected to the USA Hockey Board of Directors in 1983 and was named a director of the Central District in 1989. In 1995, Rossi was named the USA Hockey Treasurer where he helped develop the USA Hockey Foundation. Rossi was elected USA Hockey Vice President in 2003. Chairman of the Historical Committee. Elected to the IIHF Council in 2008.



Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN)

Born on July 12, 1966, in Herning, Denmark. Bach Nielsen served as a board member of Danish club AaB Aalborg for five years until 2005 when he was elected to the Board of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. In 2007, he was elected President of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. Bach Nielsen was a member of the Danish Sport Confederation's Media Committee 2006-2010. He is educated in Political Science and has held executive positions in a major Danish broadcaster company. Currently, he is the owner and president of a real estate development company.



Igor Nemecek (SVK)

Born on August 28, 1961 in Bratislava, Slovakia. Nemecek worked for Slovan Bratislava and served for several years as the head coach of ice hockey teams in Austria and Italy. In 1999 he began work for the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation as General Secretary, achieving silver (2000), gold (2002) and bronze medals (2003) at the IIHF World Championships. In 2001 he also joined the Slovak Olympic Committee where he is the Vice President and responsible for winter sports. He also served as General Secretary of the 2011 IIHF World Championship Organizing Committee in Slovakia and was elected President of the Slovak Federation that same year.



Luc Tardif (FRA)

Born on March 29, 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age 3 to university level. He came to Europe in 1975 where he played in Brussels (Belgium) before moving to France in 1978 to play for Chamonix and later Rouen. After his player career, the dual Canadian-French citizenship holder was in charge of Rouen's youth ice hockey program for several years. In 2000, he was appointed head of the ice hockey department at the French Ice Sports Federation. In 2006, he was elected as first President of the newly created French Ice Hockey Federation, a position he was re-elected for in 2010 and 2014. He was named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



Vladislav Tretiak (RUS)

Born on April 25, 1952 in Rudievo, Russia. As a goalkeeper Tretiak won three Olympic gold medals (1972, 1976, 1984) and ten World Championships (1970-1971, 1973-1975, 1978-1979, 1981-1983) with the Soviet national team, and nine European Cups (1970, 1973-1975, 1978-1979, 1981-1983) and 13 Soviet championships (1970-1973, 1975, 1977-1984) with CSKA Moscow. He was acknowledged best goalkeeper of the century during the IIHF's 100-year anniversary. Tretiak was in the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission between 1981 and 1991 and worked as a goalie consultant for the Chicago Blackhawks between 1991 and 2003. He was an assistant coach of the Russian national team at several occasions including the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Tretiak has been a member of the Russian State Duma (parliament) since 2003. In 2006 he was elected President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia, a position he has held since.



Lichtner, Horst (GER)

General Secretary

Born on Aug. 31, 1959 in Essen, Germany. Started as a personal assistant to the President of the German NOC, Dr. Daume and went on to leading marketing positions in various sports companies (ISL, CWL, TEAM). In 2001, he joined the German Football Association as Marketing Director. Became General Secretary of the IIHF in 2006. In 2007 he became General Secretary of the AIOWF.



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IIHF Survey of Players

2013/2014 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2014 IIHF Championships/Olympic Games	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	Under-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	52	17	24	11	0	0	1	0		85,458
Argentina	1,010	670	180	160	25	5	0	1		43,024,374
Armenia	533	352	181	0	18	0	3	3		3,060,631
Australia	4,113	2,600	1,124	389	241	33	19	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA	22,507,617
Austria	11,720	6,069	4,978	673	254	11	45	72	OGM, WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW 18IQ	8,223,062
Belarus	8,355	3,423	4,890	42	129	0	31	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA	9,608,058
Belgium	2,950	1,473	1,203	274	38	3	16	0	WM IIA, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	10,449,361
Bosnia & Herzegovina	216	64	127	25	6	0	1	0		3,871,643
Brazil	519	314	143	62	15	6	2	0		202,656,788
Bulgaria	488	61	378	49	30	1	3	5	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIBQ	6,924,716
Canada	721,504	116,884	518,008	86,612	30,444	2,266	2,631	5,000	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18	34,834,841
Chile	18	9	5	4	0	0	1	0		17,363,894
China	610	118	308	184	63	32	58	43	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IB, WW18 IQ	1,355,692,576
Chinese Taipei	814	70	642	102	40	3	4	0	WM18 IIIA	23,359,928
Croatia	600	117	425	58	14	1	2	4	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	4,470,534
Czech Republic	110,525	85,576	22,302	2,647	4,463	264	158	23	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18	10,627,448
Denmark	4,252	1,678	2,174	400	106	5	25	0	WM, WM20 IA, WM18, WW IA	5,569,077
DPR Korea	1,575	640	420	515	20	0	3	12	WM III, WW IB	24,851,627
Estonia	1,341	568	700	73	23	1	7	6	WM IIA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIB	1,257,921
Finland	73,682	28,589	39,263	5,830	1,773	48	260	28	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18	5,268,799
FYR Macedonia	137	86	51	0	3	0	1	3		2,091,719
France	18,211	6,819	10,071	1,321	102	7	135	9	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 I	66,259,012
Georgia	431	81	337	13	4	0	4	1	WM III	4,935,880
Germany	29,371	8,389	18,084	2,898	202	21	202	45	WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18 I	80,996,685
Great Britain	11,039	5,625	4,343	1,071	277	18	84	0	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IIA, WW IIA, WW18 I	63,742,977
Greece	713	463	153	97	4	2	0	0		10,775,557
Hong Kong	1,631	514	903	214	18	0	5	0	WM III, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	7,112,688
Hungary	4,449	557	3,328	564	104	8	19	18	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IB, WW IB, WW18	9,919,128
Iceland	530	60	376	94	14	3	3	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	317,351
India	910	300	345	265	10	0	3	12		1,236,344,631
Ireland	297	189	70	38	14	4	0	0		4,832,765
Israel	613	239	352	22	13	0	3	0	WM IIA, WM18 IIIA	7,821,850
Italy	5,851	1,362	4,149	340	158	6	45	24	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IIA, WW18 IQ	61,680,122
Japan	19,260	9,641	6,996	2,623	869	69	110	120	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, OGW, WW18	127,103,388
Kazakhstan	4,892	438	4,279	175	49	8	19	128	WM, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 IQ	17,948,816
Korea	1,744	109	1,458	177	70	13	38	4	WM IA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIA, WW IIA	49,039,986
Kuwait	398	94	205	99	1	1	1	0		2,742,711
Kyrgyzstan	330	228	102	0	6	0	1	4		5,604,212
Latvia	5,740	3,965	1,689	86	162	25	17	0	OGM, WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IB	2,165,165
Liechtenstein	86	65	21	0	0	0	0	0		37,313
Lithuania	1,246	476	741	29	33	1	8	4	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	3,505,738
Luxembourg	392	130	235	27	26	8	3	1	WM III	520,672
Macau	144	48	71	25	7	1	1	0		587,914
Malaysia	295	119	137	39	15	2	1	0		30,073,353
Mexico	2,020	243	1,427	350	14	0	23	0	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIBQ	120,286,655
Mongolia	974	460	514	0	8	0	0	13		2,953,190
Morocco	154	80	60	14	4	0	2	0		32,987,206
Netherlands	2,888	1,465	1,194	229	45	5	26	2	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IB	16,877,351
New Zealand	1,277	665	428	184	50	10	6	3	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA	4,401,916
Norway	6,899	2,284	3,972	643	199	17	44	2	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 I	5,147,792
Oman	39	24	15	0	0	0	1	0		3,219,775
Poland	2,575	713	1,494	368	76	3	35	6	WM IB, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IIA, WW18 IQ	38,346,279
Qatar	66	4	62	0	2	0	3	0		2,123,160
Romania	1,102	165	884	53	36	4	6	15	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	21,729,871
Russia	84,270	1,966	81,592	712	1,158	6	419	2,450	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18	142,470,272
Serbia	813	224	565	24	30	2	3	1	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB	7,209,764
Singapore	476	292	151	33	21	2	2	0		5,567,301
Slovakia	11,308	2,122	8,675	511	529	17	64	17	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18 I	5,443,583
Slovenia	1,020	145	799	76	37	1	7	0	OGM, WM IA, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IIB	1,988,292
South Africa	408	132	195	81	8	2	6	0	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	48,375,645
Spain	900	218	524	158	30	1	18	0	WM IIB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	47,737,941
Sweden	56,839	11,884	41,521	3,434	4,223	73	355	136	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18	9,723,809
Switzerland	26,415	11,584	13,740	1,091	1,070	36	158	30	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18 I	8,061,516
Thailand	359	116	207	36	5	0	13	0		67,741,401
Turkey	1,395	69	871	455	125	62	8	20	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	81,619,392
Ukraine	4,080	445	3,621	14	72	0	25	7	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB	44,291,413
United Arab Emirates	900	342	443	115	19	2	9	0	WM III	5,628,805
United States	519,417	149,884	302,303	67,230	22,158	1,255	1,898	500	OGM, WM, WM20, WM18, OGW, WW18	318,892,103

LEGEND:

(all tournaments from the 2013/2014 season)

OGM	Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Tournament
WM	IIHF World Championship
WM I	Division I
WM II	Division II
WM III	Division III
WM20	IIHF U20 World Championship
WM20 I	IIHF U20 World Championship Division I
WM20 II	IIHF U20 World Championship Division II

WM20 III	IIHF U20 World Championship Division III
WM18	IIHF U18 World Championship
WM18 I	IIHF U18 World Championship Division I
WM18 II	IIHF U18 World Championship Division II
WM18 III	IIHF U18 World Championship Division III
OGW	Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Tournament
WW	IIHF Women's World Championship
WW I	IIHF Women's World Championship Division I
WW II	IIHF Women's World Championship Division II

WW III	IIHF Women's World Championship Division III
WW IV	IIHF Women's World Championship Division IV
WW V	IIHF Women's World Championship Division V
WW18	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship
WW18 I	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I
WW18 IQ	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

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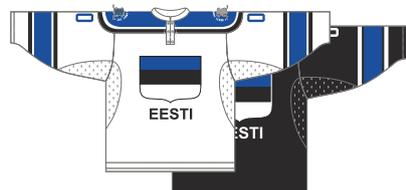
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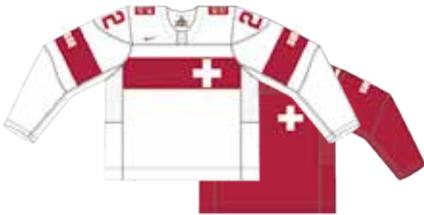
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The Danish national team showed off their new Nike jerseys during the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
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*Sidney Crosby scores Canada's second goal of the 2014 Winter Olympics gold medal game.
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Finland's Olli Jokinen attempts to bat down the puck during the Sochi 2014 semi-final game against Sweden.
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The IIHF and Infront

A joint mission for ice hockey's future



The IIHF and Infront – The successful partnership is holding momentum for the long-term whilst current events continue on record breaking paths.

IIHF unwaveringly held the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship's position as the leading annual winter sport event worldwide, continuing the momentum of previous years and breaking yet another record in geographical reach for the tournament. The event from Belarus was aired into more than 150 countries and territories across the globe following the confirmation of new long-term contracts in yet-to-develop ice hockey markets such as South America.

The impact and success of the time-honoured IIHF/Infront partnership has been bolstered with the confirmation of the new long-term agreement, underlining a shared passion and direction towards a trajectory of future planning, growth and development which has now been formulated through to 2023. Infront is honoured to remain the IIHF's exclusive partner for all commercial rights to the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship – whilst representing international ice hockey on an even broader scale through the Champions Hockey League mandate awarded by the European Ice Hockey Club Competition AG (EICC).

Greater exposure and previous commercial success also paved the way for another year of valuable sponsorship with high profile brands aligning themselves with the tournament and further increasing the spread of the sport through extensive activation.



Photo: Infront Sports & Media

The IIHF-Infront media and marketing partnership has been extended until 2023.

The 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship event in the Czech Republic hosted across the O2 Arena in Prague and the CEZ Arena in Ostrava is expected to tie into this success, particularly as it will be hosted by an enthusiastic ice hockey nation and committed live audience.

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Expanding support

Keen to forge the future and continue to set benchmarks for ice hockey and its flagship events, Infront is geared and committed to developing the sport across the board. Together with the IIHF, other stakeholders and commercial partners, Infront will work at the highest quality levels to expand the impact of international ice hockey assets worldwide.

Surpassing marketing targets for CHL season

Already in 2014, the international sports calendar will be enriched by a new top-level tournament in ice hockey, which is also a showcase of Infront's full commitment to the sport. The Champions Hockey League operates at the highest level through sport and commercial power. It gathers the best teams Europe wide together and demonstrates superb commercial outreach, where Infront's knowledge base and network for ice hockey marketing is highlighted to full scale. In the space of just nine months Infront has closed significant multi-year agreements with sponsors and media companies that will give a compelling edge to the new competition right from its initial season.

The IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, as the most outstanding property, shall further strengthen its leading position as a consistent, highly exclusive communication platform whilst at the same time benefit from enhanced media impact in emerging markets. Furthermore, from the steady foundations of Infront's expert knowledge, an even more comprehensive array of services will be provided. These include the strategic development of possibilities around the federation's digital media outlets and building a solution to manage and commercialise its extensive archive footage. Plans will encompass embracing successive generations of new technology to make ice hockey even more visually exciting for the viewer.

Infront: Living and breathing the sport of ice hockey

The partnership between the IIHF and Infront continues to take positive strides through its multi-dimensional approach, with clear strategies in place – from present to future. For the short-term, the strong delivery of each and every event is top priority on the agenda. For the mid-term, a solid base is now set for the successful and sustainable establishment of the Champions Hockey League. And in the long term, developing a far greater presence and impact for the sport worldwide is underway.

Significant investment in grassroots

Besides the dedication to the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship as the flagship event and main revenue driver, there will be a parallel effort to encompass complementary properties on the national team stage as well as at international club ice hockey level. In this vein, Infront is investing towards establishing the "IIHF Growing the Game Foundation" which already in 2014 holds the primary objective of boosting the sport across the board by supporting targeted initiatives in youth and grassroots development.

High quality delivery of events

However, with much focus on long-term development, the high-quality delivery of current events is never lost or out of sight. This year, Infront together with the

A strong future for ice hockey is fully embedded in Infront's targets and ambitions for the coming years, in order to jointly with the IIHF broaden the sport's horizons in steady progression.

Czech superstar Jaromir Jagr announced his retirement from international hockey. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





U.S. Knight: Goaltender Jonathan Quick ahead of the Olympic semi-final game against Canada.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Cascais, Portugal

19-20 September, 2013

The President opened the 2013 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present.

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

Scott Winkler (NOR, 23)
Kristians Pelss (LAT, 20)
Martin Erhard, (GER, 76)
Vasili Tikhonov, (RUS, 55)
Vladimir Vikulov, (RUS, 67)
Matti Murto, (FIN, 64)

Report of the President

The President started his report by pointing out that much has happened since Tokyo last September. In February, central committee meetings were held, which were the first opportunity for the newly formed Committees to meet and begin their planning. He then pointed out certain issues to bring special attention to them:

The President especially highlighted the introduction of two new Committees:

- The IIHF Athletes Committee
- The Player Safety Consulting Group

Both Committees would be composed of renowned former athletes and these two Committees finally give a voice to the numerous hockey players all around the world. When the President has visited the most recent Athletes Committee meeting in Zurich in late August, he was impressed with their ambition and the first results of their productive discussions already showed.

Equally, the Player Safety Consulting Group would be another topic that was of growing importance as the game has become faster and input from athletes was needed to take the right and appropriate steps to increase player safety. Their input would be important for the proposal of rule changes at the 2014 Annual Congress in Belarus and he would want to seize this opportunity to remind all present to submit their input as well. The deadline for suggestions for rule changes was October 15th 2013.

But also, he wanted to mention Vice President Bob Nicholson who was the driving force behind the restructuring of the IIHF Development and Competition Committee. They would have many especially challenging tasks with the Member National Association Audit as well as the implementation of the Minimum Participation Standards.

World Championship

In 2013, the IIHF also concluded the second year of the first co-hosted Men's World Championship and the findings were divided. While Finland drew a profit in both years, Sweden did not manage to achieve black figures on the balance sheet.

It has to be kept in mind that this event finances all other international tournaments the IIHF runs throughout the season. It would be the duty of the IIHF to ensure that the flagship event remains the superior and highly publicized product it was today. The IIHF has carefully analysed and addressed the major challenges concern-

ing co-hosting at the last Annual Congress in Sweden and subsequently came up with guidelines for future organizers of co-hosted World Championships to avoid similar concerns in the future. That being said, the IIHF was looking forward to a great cooperation with Germany and France in 2017 where the next co-hosted world championship will take place and he would trust that it would be a great success.

Playing Format

Furthermore, the IIHF has had good discussions during the recent Council meetings about the playing format of the Men's World Championship. The main points were:

1. The IIHF would continue to play a World Championship every year including Olympic years, especially to give the younger players an opportunity to showcase their development on an international stage.
2. The WM will begin at the latest in the first week of May, with the exception of Olympic years where respective adjustments will be made.
3. It would be played with 16 teams, most likely in 2 groups of 8 teams, but this still was subject to discussions with the commercial partner.
4. And lastly, for sportive reasons quarterfinal games would have to be played as cross over between the groups.

2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi

The President was glad to tell that for the 5th time in a row, the IIHF has managed to secure NHL player participation and a best-on-best tournament. He then thanked everybody in the room who was involved in making this happen, especially colleagues from the NHL: Bill Daly and the NHLPA; Don Fehr as well as Bob Nicholson and Horst Lichtner who were absolutely instrumental throughout the meetings.

But also, the IIHF would have to look forward to the next Olympic Winter Games in Korea. The IIHF Executive Committee and Council have decided to start discussions with the NHL and NHLPA regarding a potential participation in 2018 and other topics that require the cooperation between our organizations for the international development of our game.

Nevertheless, it should not be forgotten that the IIHF would also see top-level women's hockey in Sochi and he would really look forward to seeing the world's elite female player come together and play in an exciting and competitive tournament.

Asia-PyeongChang 2018

After the 2014 Games PyeongChang, Korea would host the 2018 Winter Games and with that the focus would shift to Asia.

The IIHF would need to seize this valuable opportunity to push the development of the game in the Far East and benefit from the increased attention. During his last visit to Asia in June, the President had the opportunity to meet with officials from the Chinese and Korean Ice Hockey Association and he has been impressed with their commitment to the game. Now more than ever it would be the time to support Asian Hockey and everyone should be assured that together with our office in Hong Kong the IIHF would always be there to assist the Asian members.

IOC Betting and Match-Fixing Initiatives

The President also wanted to tell everyone that the IIHF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IOC in a cooperative effort to combat irregular betting and match-fixing during the Olympic Games. Everyone was asked to support the IIHF in this cooperation and report any kind of illegal betting or even the slightest sign to the IIHF with immediate effect.

Therefore, the IIHF would enter into an agreement with the IOC for a period of 5 years on match fixing and betting. Specifically, the MoU would create a cooperative effort between the IIHF and the IOC to monitor illegal and irregular betting trends at IIHF Events.

European Club Competition

Last but not least, he provided Congress with an update on the efforts in re-launching a European Club Competition. Together with officials from the European top clubs and leagues, a board has been founded which is now responsible for this project. This ECC Board was currently in the process of contracting a commercial partner for this new top European Club Competition. He would hope to conclude this process within the upcoming weeks with the common goal in mind of re-starting this European club-driven league no later than in the 2014-15 season.

Everyone should be positive that, with all stakeholders closely involved, a successful, competitive and financially viable league would be put in place.

Report of the IIHF Committees

Athletes Committee

Council Member, Vladislav Tretiak, first thanked the President and the Council for creating the Athletes Committee. He specifically mentioned each Athletes Committee Member, providing a few details of the members and the benefit that each member will bring to the Committee. He indicated that they would be discussing to create a code of conduct for Players; the main content would be safety, change of rules and anti-doping. He indicated that the IIHF needs to know what the athletes are thinking with respect to unified rules of the game; specifically looking to the notion of concussions. Further, with respect to unified rules, he spoke about the catching glove of goalies, noting that the glove should be consistent across the world and should allow the players to actually score.

One of the main concerns was the recent increase of concussions and most of such would happen in the neutral zone why a rule change would have to be considered.

Competition and Inline Committee

Vice President, Bob Nicholson, provided a few details in addition to the Competition Committee's Annual Report; specifically he encouraged all federations to submit their rule changes which will be approved at the Annual Congress.

Development / Coaching Committee

While first thanking Frank Gonzalez for his work in development, he indicated that the new targeted development approach to assist national associations was based on the findings of the IIHF Audit of all MNA's. With respect to this new targeting development approach, he showed a short video which was created during the recent Hockey Development Camp in Vierumäki explaining how the Committee intends to assist the development of ice hockey during the Committee's four year term. He indicated in the video that the Committee's development program will address all areas of development identified in the respective audits. He explained that the IIHF would continue to use the Audit to ensure that the development programs in the developing nations are meeting their targeted goals. Bob Nicholson concluded indicating that each of

the developing countries would be asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the IIHF to ensure that they are working on their targeted development projects. He indicated that the end goal was to bring all aspects of the IIHF – medical, legal, etc. – into each developing country to ensure that our sport in each MNA is moving forward.

Philippe Lacarriere, (Life Member) asked a question to Bob Nicholson on the IIHF Rule Book changes, specifically indicating that the IIHF would have to be very careful with respect to changing the essential rules, i.e. equipment, rink, etc. as the change of these rules could be very costly to several ice hockey stakeholders especially the smaller countries. Bob Nicholson responded that he would understand the cost factor that could contribute to ice hockey with certain rule changes and such was being taken into consideration with each rule change.

Event Committee

Council Member Igor Nemecek informed that for the WM 2018 Denmark and Latvia had applied as host and explained that the allocation for 2018 WM would take place at Annual Congress May 2014 in Belarus.

Facilities Committee

Before handing the floor over to Frank Gonzalez as Committee Chairman, the President indicated that facilities are a huge area that the IIHF must address. He spoke briefly about his recent experience in Argentina indicating that MNAs should cooperate with other Olympic sports played in ice hockey arenas to sell local governments on building ice hockey arenas.

Frank Gonzalez noted that the cooperation with the Development Committee has been very good. He then informed Congress that the Committee has set the foundation for operating facilities seminars which would focus on maintenance, control, building, management, etc. He indicated that the Facilities Committee was working with different groups to help build the necessary knowledge base which will then be disseminated to the MNAs.

Officiating Committee

Council Member Christer Englund indicated that with respect to officiating development there were several countries that would not have referees and/or linesmen and, as a result, indicated that the Officiating Committee would strongly cooperate with the Development Committee to help develop referees and linesmen. Lastly, he indicated that the IIHF would not name the Olympic and WM referees and linesmen long list at this time, but will announce the game officials on 1 December 2013 for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and on up until 1 March 2014 for the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Ratification of Urgent Decisions by Council

The General Secretary requested the Congress to ratify two urgent decision of the Council.

Georgia

The General Secretary explained to Congress that Council had made the decision to allow Georgia to participate as the 5th seed in the WM Division III based on a review of Georgia's facilities. He further indicated that after sending a Council Delegate to Georgia, the IIHF learned that Georgia's facilities did indeed meet the minimum standards to participate in IIHF Events as established in the IIHF Bylaws.

Promotion / Relegation 2014 Women's Senior Program

Additionally, the General Secretary explained that the Bylaws create an ambiguity with respect to how the IIHF should deal with

promotion/relegation in Olympics years for women's competitions due to Bylaw 901(1) indicating that the WW would not take place during Olympics years but Bylaw 902(1) indicating that promotions/relegation would occur during Olympic Years. Due to this ambiguity, based on Statute 43 which provide Council the right to deal with matters not specifically address in the Statutes and Bylaw, Council made the decision to utilize the results of the Women's Tournament of the Olympic Games for promotion/relegation purposes in the 2015 WW Event.

Congress unanimously ratified Council's decision to allow Georgia to participate in the WM Division III as well as to use the results for the Women's Tournament of the Olympic Games for promotion/relegation purposes in the 2015 WW Event.

Allocation of 2014 Championships

The General Secretary marked six changes which had been done since the last congress.

- WM DIV I Group A would take place in Goyang instead of Seoul due to the rink being more modern.
- WM DIV II Group A decided on the city Belgrade for the Championship.
- U18 DIV I Group B's venue was confirmed.
- U18 DIV II Group B start date was moved from 13 April 2014 to 14 April 2014.
- WM U20 DIV II Group A's venue was confirmed.
- WW DIV II Group B Qualification in Mexico will take place 19-22 March 2014 instead of 8-11 March 2014.

The General Secretary furthermore reported that the IIHF Office had received the application of Hungary to host the U18 Women's World Championship since the last congress which would take place between 23 March and 30 March in Budapest. Congress unanimously approved Hungary, Budapest, 23-03. – 30-3 March 2014 as host as well as the other changes.

2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi, Russia

Sochi 2014 Status

Vladimir Cherkasov addressed to Congress pointing out the latest news about the preparation and organisation of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. He also generally thanked ice hockey stakeholders, specifically the IIHF, NHL and the NHLPA.

NHL / NHLPA Address to Congress

Bill Daily opened thanking the IIHF President for the opportunity to speak to the IIHF Congress. He initially noted his agreement with the NHLPA with respect to expanding the game internationally, specifically noting that the NHL was in a position to help with such.

Bill Daly pointed out that they would share the player's interest expanding the game also internationally and to do things sport has never done before. They would be extremely excited about the Olympics noting that the 2014 Sochi Olympics will be the 5th Olympics of which the NHL has completely shut down for the Games.

However, while excited about such participation, he further indicated that the discussions regarding NHL participation in the Olympics was becoming a bit more acute as the years go on. For example, he noted that the travel to the different Olympic locations was becoming more challenging and he noted that additional risks exists today with respect to Player participation in relation to insurance.

With that said, he did thank all parties involved in the discussion of the NHL player participation for coming to a resolution on the

major issues. He indicated that it was helpful to the resolution of NHL player participation in that the NHL rights holders for broadcasting in North America were already NHL's broadcasting partner which led to the cooperation which will take place during the Sochi Olympics.

He concluded indicating that that he looks forward to the Olympic participation and the future cooperation with the IIHF on international events.

Don Fehr opened by especially thanking the President for the opportunity to be here. He indicated that since the NHLPA represents the NHL players in all aspects of their employment include international participation (WM and Olympics), the NHLPA would hope to be involved with the IIHF Federations in the future to not only represent the players but also build the NHLPA brand.

With respect to the Olympics, he explained that the NHLPA greatly appreciates the efforts of the IOC, the IIHF, and the NHL. He explained that as the IIHF President indicated, there are many factors involved in bringing the NHL players to the Olympic games, specifically noting NHLPA's request for guests was a result of the players wanting their families to be present at the Games.

Lastly, Don Fehr explain that his true desire for wanting to address the IIHF Congress was to indicate the NHLPA's players desire in an international future, specifically a World Cup. He indicated that with respect to a World Cup, discussions must first take place between the NHLPA and the NHL Owners, but after such has been confirmed, the discussions will move to the international stakeholder with players specifically involved in the discussions. Therefore a potential partnership would be possible. Players themselves would be involved in such discussion.

After Bill Daly's comments, Council Member Bob Nicolson explained that he would understand that insurance was a very important matter, but that it should be looked at overall player safety on a greater scale rather than just focusing on insuring the risk. He requested that the NHL and NHLPA would begin cooperating with the Athletes Group to improve the safety of the game.

Overview about EICC AG

Council Member Kalervo Kummola reported that since the last Congress, a Company had been founded with the IIHF as the only shareholder up to now and a temporary Board has been elected with nine Board Members being six representatives from the clubs, two representatives from the leagues and one from the IIHF.

The playing dates would still be a bit open and especially the way of participation of the KHL would not be confirmed yet. It furthermore would be still be undecided how to play the final round. There would be three kinds of licences which will be A, B and C Licences with A licenses being guaranteed a four year playing participation; B licence would be given out every year based on the results in the league and C license being a wild card.

After Kalervo Kummola explained a few of the open issues for EICC, the President reassured all MNA's that the IIHF will protect the national team breaks and, while it would be great if the KHL participates, the IIHF primary concern is to the National Teams.

Martin Urban (CZE) indicated that, while the national team breaks are approved for 2013/2014 season, Congress should not be dismissed until, at the very least, the National Team breaks for the 2014/2015 season were discussed.

Horst Lichtner pointed in that the national team breaks for the season 2013/2014 would have been unanimously accepted at the last Congress as well as by the Clubs and Leagues of the Working Group.

Martin Urban (CZE) asked also for the national team breaks for the year 2016/2017 and pointed out that no Monday or Tuesday should be being used for the national team break.

Petr Briza (CZE) informed that there would be some issues about Tuesdays but such problem would have to be discussed at the next EICC Board Meeting.

Franz Reindl (GER) supported Martin Urban's (CZE) proposal indicating that the most important matter for the IIHF should be the protection of national team breaks and that if after a discussion with the involved MNA's, the MNA chooses to give up the certain dates, then this was not a problem.

Schedule of Statutes and Bylaws Changes 2013 / 2014

The General Secretary explained that due to the 2012 Statute and Bylaw amendments (specifically that the nominations of the Council would alternate every two years with the Statute and Bylaw amendments), the IIHF would once again amend the Statutes and Bylaws during the 2014 Annual Congress.

Having the Statute and Bylaw amendments and the Council elections during the Annual Congress, would allow the IIHF to save a significant amount of money due to not having the General Congress. He further explained that letters which had been sent to the Committee Member secretaries regarding the Committee's requested amendments. All MNAs would receive a call for amendment proposals on 1 December 2013. The deadline for the MNAs to submit the proposals will be 1 February 2014.

He further explained that after all proposals are received, the experts in the Legal Committee will have a meeting in March to finalize the amendment proposals. Subsequent to such meeting and after Council provides its final approval, the IIHF will send out the final proposals that will be voted on during the 2014 Annual Congress to all MNAs four weeks before the Annual Congress.

IIHF Championships

All details regarding the organisation of the IIHF competitions in the 2012/2013 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 19 September 2013 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

Organisers Report

All hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on administrative matters on a memory stick.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship in Sweden, Malmö

Frank Gonzalez indicated that there had been two presentations and the Game Schedule had been handed to the IIHF Office as some amendments had been done and those papers should be handed in soon as well.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division I Group A in Poland, Sanok

Henrik Bach Nielsen indicated that there would be material sent out not later than 10 days before the start of the tournament.

Approval of Game Schedules

At the individual championship meetings held on 19 September 2013, the game schedules for all the 2013 / 2014 IIHF competitions were approved and signed by the participants in attendance. For those nations not in attendance, the game schedules would be agreed by the national associations attending the Congress. Con-

gress ratified the Game Schedules.

Confirmation of Nominated Referees and Linesmen

The game officials for the 2013 / 2014 IIHF Championships had been nominated and approved by the participants in the respective competitions. The relevant list is attached to the minutes.

Congress confirmed the referee and linesmen assignments for the 2013 / 2014 IIHF Championships as proposed by the Officiating Committee and accepted by the participants.

Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report

Yearly Accounts

The IIHF Treasurer explained all relevant points on the Documents regarding the Yearly Accounts which were submitted to Congress. The financial report covering the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 was completed by the external auditors.

Auditors Report 2012/2013

Fabio Oetterli presented the report of the Internal Auditors. He explained a bit of the process of which the auditors initiated to ensure that all of the IIHF accounts are inline.

The audit group spent the necessary time at the IIHF Office in Zurich to analyse the documents, balance sheets and budget papers as well as the accounts.

They pointed out that the examination by the Internal Auditors revealed that the books of accounts represented a fair and honest view of the financial operations of the IIHF and Parking AG. He ensured that the process and activities of the IIHF Office regarding finances was proper and sufficient.

The Internal Auditors recommended acceptance of the report of the External Auditors, as it was confirmed that the books of accounts and the financial statement for 2012/2013 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. Congress unanimously approved the Auditors Report 2012-2013 as presented.

Other Business

Junior Club World Cup, Minsk

Dimitry Efimov took the floor and showed Congress a presentation including a short video about the recent Junior Club World Cup in Omsk, Russia. He explained that the initial idea was to have the top junior club participate in the Cup right before the beginning of their regular season.

However, as the championship developed it has officially become the champion's league of junior club competition. He further explained that they were currently in discussions with Hockey Canada to hold the championship in Canada. He thanked the IIHF, the IIHF President and General Secretary, Ernest Aljancic, and all of the participating countries

Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games

Horst Lichtner informed Congress that the IOC has decided and confirmed that the dates have been changed as following: 12 February until the 21 February 2016.

He explained that at the next Annual Congress, the IIHF will begin providing detailed information regarding the organization and participation in this event. The 2016 Youth Olympic Games will be organized and operated in Lillehammer, Norway. Male athletes born in 2000 and 2001 and female athletes born in 1998 and 1999 are eligible for participation.

Qualification for the skills challenge program will operate during the 2014/2015 season.



Eyes on the prize: Japan was one of the feel-good stories of the 2014 Olympics, having qualified for the Games despite long odds and justifying its spot with competitive play in Sochi.
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Family ties: Guided by head coach Matjaz Kopitar (left) and his son Anze (far right), Slovenia surprised everyone at the 2014 Games, making it to the quarter-final round. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Imagess



IIHF Annual Congress

Minsk, Belarus

22 - 24 May, 2014

The President opened the Congress welcoming all Congress members to Minsk.

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2013 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Cascais, Portugal.

Viktor Zinger (RUS, 72)
Anatoli Yegorov (RUS, 82)
Thomas Connell Broden (CAN, 81)
Moe Benoit (CAN, 81)
Karel Gut (CZE, 87)
Eric Paterson (CAN, 84)
Milan Kajkl (CZE, 63)
Tsutomu Kawabuchi (JPN, 88)
Krzysztof Bialynicki-Birula (POL, 69)
Lars-Åke Sivertsson (SWE, 73)
Doru Tureanu (ROU, 60)
Egon Frei (SUI, 75)

Report of the President

The IIHF President welcomed the delegates and guests to Minsk. He stated that in this Annual congress there would be much to discuss and a need to examine challenges ahead for the sport along with financial difficulties that needed to be faced.

Sochi 2014 marked another chapter in the continued cooperation between the IIHF and the NHL and NHLPA. In order to secure a long future partnership with these two major hockey organizations, long term planning would be necessary. Players' needs would have to be taken into account, to this point the IIHF conducted research via a player survey presented later in the Congress. These opinions shared by the players could also be applied to the World Championship program.

In the last year there had been a general review of the current 2012 – 2014 IIHF Statutes & Bylaws in order to identify areas where changes, updated and amendments are deemed necessary for the new four-year cycle. The IIHF would also implement a new Code of Conduct.

With the changes to the statutes and bylaws there also would be put forth some proposals for changes to the IIHF Rulebook. In total the IIHF had received 86 proposals on 57 rules both major and minor. This would be a delicate procedure, as the IIHF would be working to create a set of international rules that could be applied safely and effectively not just at the top level but all the way down the championship program.

The IIHF would now shift into a new four year Olympic cycle. Before beginning in this new cycle the President wanted to deliver an important message.

The IIHF would be a modern sports organization that has over the years been able to serve now up to 72 member national associations with a relatively small number of staff members and a limited budget. However this had been done by carefully managing the annual budget to determine exactly what can and cannot be accomplished in one season. It has been a constant

challenge to balance the needs of the MNAs with the financial realities of the budget. Now he would be forced to report that a serious discussion, led by treasurer Luc Tardif, would have to happen.

The rate of the US dollar to the Swiss Franc would even be further down than in past years, and the predictions of the experts would see it heading in the same direction. With all Olympic contributions to federations made in US dollars, this would have a huge effect on the budget in Swiss Francs.

Both the Council and the IIHF office would be taking the necessary steps to cut down costs on this end, but there also must be a deeper commitment from MNAs hosting tournaments to reinvest their subsidies back into developing and growing their sport. The IIHF would begin a process led by the IIHF treasurer Luc Tardif, and everyone would be asked to support this process, to keep the dialogue going and to come up with concrete solutions.

Report of IIHF Activities

Championship Reports

No special remarks were made for any Championship Division except, by IIHF Life Member Ernest Aljancic (WM 18 III A). He marked that they should be working on the education of players as there had been too many penalties in that tournament. He furthermore noted that the WM U20, DIV II A tournament had shown the improvement of ice hockey in Hungary and the organization had been excellent.

Furthermore Life Member Jan-Ake Edvinsson (WW DIV II, B, Qualification) noted that there had been some problems during that tournament, as the arena was still under construction and 20% of the ice rink was not yet finished.

Admission of New Member National Associations, Expulsion and change of membership status

Oman has requested associate membership to the IIHF. Council received a report regarding membership and recommends the IIHF to approve the associate membership of Oman.

All members approved Oman with Associate Membership

In addition Georgia has requested full membership which has been confirmed by Council based on a report provided by Council Member Luc Tardif.

All members approved Georgia to become a Full Member

Modifications to the Statutes

The General Secretary explained that a 75% majority of votes was needed for a change to IIHF Statutes, and a 50% majority of the votes was needed for any change to the Bylaws. He further noted the number of available votes was 105. Congress approved utilizing the electronic voting for the Statute and Bylaw amendments if the voting cards would not denote the approval by the mandatory majority votes of 75% for Statutes and 50% for Bylaws.

The IIHF General Secretary handed the floor to Tony Rossi, Legal Committee Chairman responsible for the Statute and Bylaw amendment procedures.

Before beginning the actual voting, Tony Rossi explained that the various proposals had been marked in three categories: 1) Housekeeping, 2) Minor Changes, 3) Major Changes. He explained that 1) Housekeeping changes were grammatical, language and editorial changes which do not have a material effect on the Statutes and Bylaws; 2) Minor Changes were proposals which change the nature of the respective Statute and Bylaw, but do not change the actual rule/principle; and 3) Major Changes are proposals which have further reaching effects on the Statutes and Bylaws.

After explaining all of the voting formalities and procedural matters, Tony Rossi began the voting process for the 2014 – 2018 Statutes asking Congress to vote in one motion for the approval of all Housekeeping Changes in the Statutes. Congress unanimously approved the housekeeping changes to the Statutes.

After voting on Housekeeping changes in the Statutes, Tony Rossi moved on to the Minor Changes in the Statutes. Tony Rossi requested that all Minor Changes to the Statutes be passed in one motion. Congress unanimously approved the Minor Changes to the Statutes

Proposal 1 – Proposal 5 (Statute 25 Jurisdictional Requirements); (Statute 34 Administration of the IIHF); (Statute 43 Duties and Responsibilities of Council); (Statute 50 – Disciplinary Board); (Statute 51 Appeal Board) and (Bylaw 1105 Appeals)

The 6 proposals effectively create the new disciplinary structure within the disciplinary code; specifically, the separation of power between the Council (executive) and the Disciplinary and Appeal Board (judicial); clarification of the disciplinary board's responsibility and creation of the appeal board.

Congress unanimously approved the changes to Statute 25; Statute 34; Statute 43; Statute 50; Statute 51

MNA Proposal 2 – Kazakhstan Ice Hockey Federation – Statute 35 Annual Congress; Statute 36 Semi-Annual Congress; and Statute 49 Composition and Duties of the Executive Committee

The proposal effectively recreates a General Congress, allows for proposals of Regulations to occur also at the Semi-Annual Congress rather than just at the Annual Congress and creates a definition for guidelines.

Congress rejected proposal changes to Statute 35, 26 and 49

Modification of the Bylaws

Tony Rossi then asked the Congress to vote in one motion for the approval of all housekeeping changes to the Bylaws. Congress unanimously accepted all housekeeping changes to the Bylaws.

After voting on housekeeping changes to the Bylaws, the General Secretary requested that all Minor Changes to the Bylaws be passed in one motion. Congress unanimously accepted all Minor Changes to the Bylaws

Proposal 6 – Bylaw 406 Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions

The proposal is a result of all MNA proposals submitted to an eligibility bylaw working group. Essentially, the working group took into consideration all MNA proposal and created a new eligibility bylaw which lowers the age limit of which the player had to have participated in the country of which he is attempting to

establish eligibility from 12 to 10 years of age and also changed the duration of which the player had to participate in the country of which he is attempting to establish eligibility from two consecutive years (730 days) to two seasons and 16 consecutive months (480 days). *Congress approved the Bylaw 406 with a 50% majority vote of Congress and thereby rejected Hungary, Belarus and Serbia's eligibility Bylaw proposals.*

Proposal 7 – Bylaw 1002 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship and 1003 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championships Division I and Qualification

The proposal removes the requirement that WWU18, WWU18I and WWU18Q are played in late March or early April in Olympic years. *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Bylaw 1002 and 1003*

Proposal 8 – Bylaw 1102 Suspension

The proposal more precisely defines how the IIHF applies league suspension in IIHF championships specifically dealing with situations where the league is suspended thereby not allowing the player to serve the suspension during the time period of the IIHF championship and thereby eventually gain eligibility to participate in the IIHF championship. Further, the bylaw creates an appeal procedure for players if the player believes the application of his suspension in the IIHF championship is disproportionate as applied in the IIHF Championship.

Congress unanimously approved the changes to Bylaw 1102

Proposal 9 – Bylaw 1103 Gambling and Betting and 1104 Match Fixing

The proposal effectively removes the rules with respect to Gambling, Betting and Match Fixing in the Bylaws as all rules relating to Competition Manipulation have been placed in a new IIHF Code of Conduct. Placing Competition Manipulation rules in the Code of Conduct allows the IIHF to:

- (a) more clearly define what activities constitute Betting, Gambling, and Match Fixing,
- (b) poses greater amendment possibility taking into consideration the currently changing environment of Betting, Gambling and Match Fixing, and
- (c) create specific results management procedures including an investigation mechanism.

Further, the proposal provides the IIHF with overall authority over all competition manipulation violations.

Congress unanimously approved the changes to Bylaw 1103. Congress unanimously approved the delete Bylaw 1105

Proposal 1 – Swedish National Association – Bylaw 508 Television and Advertising Rights

The proposal effectively puts language back into the Bylaw originally removed in 2012; specifically the requirement that MNAs own all of the television and advertising rights for all games played by teams other than the national association within their country. Council does not support this proposal as the requirement is not legal. The IIHF cannot control and/or order a National League to give all of its broadcasting and advertising rights to the MNA.

Congress rejected this proposal as it did not receive 50% approval

Proposal 3 – Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine – Bylaw 602 Application to Host IIHF Competitions

The proposal allows all Full MNAs to bid to host the World Championships. The Council does not support this Bylaw.

Congress rejected this proposal as it did not receive 50% approval

Proposal 4 – Hockey Canada – Bylaw 406 Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions

The proposal creates different eligibility requirements for female players; specifically, that female players need only participate for one season and at least 12 consecutive months. The Council supports this Bylaw.

Congress approved this proposal with the required 50%.

Modifications to the Regulations

The General Secretary explained that all Regulations have been denoted as a Housekeeping, Minor or Major change and that all Housekeeping and Minor Changes will be passed in one motion. Congress unanimously accepted the housekeeping changes of all Regulations including Championship, Sport and Club Competition. Congress unanimously accepted all Minor Changes of all Regulations including Championship, Sport, Transfer and Club Competition

Championship Regulations

WM Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the only major proposal of the WM Championship Regulations was Proposal 4 (4.2.4 - Game Officials Dressing Rooms) which places new requirements on the size of dressing rooms for the game officials, i.e. minimum of 20m² for Four Man System and 15 m² for Three Man System. This proposal was put forward by the French Ice Hockey Association.

Congress unanimously accepted the changes to WM Championship Regulation 4.2.4 – Game Officials Dressing Rooms

Championship Regulations WMII-III, WM18I-III, WWI-V, WW18I

The General Secretary explained that the Championship Regulations for the Division Championships had two major changes: (1) Proposal 2 (7.2 – Hotel Reservations) which effectively added specific requirements for each hotel room for the official participants, i.e. TV, free internet access, etc.; and (2) Proposal 3 (7.4.1 – Participating Teams) which creates specific rules for to deal with damages caused to the hotel rooms of participating teams, i.e. pay on site and then deducted from MNAs, IIHF account.

Congress unanimously accepted the changes to Division Championship Regulations 7.2 and 7.4.1

Championship Regulation WM20, WM18, WW, and WW18

The General Secretary explained that the WM20, WM18, WW and WW18 Championship Regulations had two major changes which were exactly the same changes as to the Division Championship Regulations just approved; specifically Regulation 1.1 (Hotel Reservations) and Regulation 1.2.1 (Official Participants). *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Championship Regulation 1.1 and 1.2.1 of the WM20, WM18, WW and WW18.*

Disciplinary Code

Ashley Ehlert from the IIHF Office explained that the Disciplinary Regulations have been re-written into a Disciplinary Code to not only take into consideration the new disciplinary structure as just voted on in the Statutes and Bylaws, but also to update and amend the current regulations to take into consideration new disciplinary measures and to better explain the differing roles and responsibilities of the various discipline bodies. In addition to the document in the binder, the Council made one amendment to the Disciplinary Code in its 21 May 2014 meeting, specifically code rule 3.3 whereby a Member National Association is only responsible for the activities of its fans for IIHF events within its country.

Congress unanimously approved the Disciplinary Code with the code rule 3.3 amendment limiting a MNAs responsibility for fan

activities to events within its own country.

Sport Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the only two major changes to the Sport Regulations was Proposal 9 (Overtime Operations – 1st paragraph) and Proposal 10 (Overtime Operations – 2nd paragraph).

Congress unanimously approved the major changes

Medical Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the IIHF must amend the Medical Regulations in accordance with the 2015 WADA Code and due to the fact that such will not go into effect until 2015, request the IIHF Congress to table these amendments until the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

Congress unanimously approved to table the amendments of the Medical Regulations until the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

Transfer Regulations

The General Secretary explained that there would be changes in the Transfer Regulations taking into consideration the now passed Disciplinary Code.

Congress unanimously approved the amendments of the IIHF Transfer Regulations

Code of Conduct

The General Secretary explained that the Code of Conduct is a result of not only establishing rules with respect to Members, their players, officials, etc. conduct in IIHF Events, but also establishes rules with respect to irregular betting and match fixing. The Code of Conduct further establishes the procedures to the resolution of such violations.

Congress unanimously approved the IIHF Code of Conduct

Report of the hosts of upcoming IIHF Championships

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship; Czech Republic

Markéta Štěřbová from the Czech OC provided Congress a brief presentation about the status of the WM 2015 Ice Hockey World Championship, outlining the process in regards of visa, the two arenas, travel, transportation and accommodation and the IIHF congress.

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship; Russia

Vladislav Tretiak approached Congress showing a video and then indicating the current status of the 2016 IIHF World Championship. He informed them that they would put a maximum effort on that tournament and he then went over a few key points with respect to the championship; specifically information about the two host cities Moscow and St. Petersburg, transportation, hotels, arenas and visas. They would plan to have a faster and easier visa issuance procedure during the time of the tournament.

Belarus, Minsk

Horst Lichtner informed Congress about the constructed fan village in Minsk. After conclusion of the championships, the houses would then be used as student's village, why currently the students would be volunteering in the fan village. He informed that so far over 19'000 nights have been sold.

Sergey Valentinovich, Vice Minister of Education of Belarus, at that point approached Congress. He informed that the student village was built to host students from six colleagues. The construction would still be done but 7 buildings would already be used for 7000 students. The city of Minsk then made it possi-

ble to use four houses for the IIHF World Championship to host up to 4'500 people. It would be their goal that the fans would have only good memories about the IIHF World Championship in Minsk. So far, people from 40 different countries had lived in those houses.

He thanked the IIHF and the fans and athletes for their trust in them and they would try to live up to it. René Fasel marked that this would have potential also for the future and such could be repeated.

Allocation of IIHF Championships

2018 IIHF Ice Hockey WM

Denmark and Latvia applied to host the 2018 IIHF World Championships.

Congress appointed Denmark as host. Copenhagen and Herning, 5 – 21 May 2018

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIA

Ukraine and Poland applied to host this championship division. The results of voting was as follows:

Congress appointed Ukraine as host. Donetsk, 13- 19 Apr 2015

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM IB

Netherland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed the Netherlands as host, Eindhoven, 13 – 19 Apr 2015.*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIIA

Israel, Mexico, Bulgaria, and South Africa applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows: Lihu Ichilov from Israel noted that based on requirements in the Insurance Guidelines and the respective premium of around USD 160'000 for a General Third Party Liability Insurance they would have to withdraw the application.

Congress appointed South Africa as host. Cape Town, 06 - 12 Apr 2015

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WMIII

Turkey is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host, Izmir, 05 – 11 April 2015. Congress acknowledged that no additional cost would arise for the IIHF and the participating countries due to the extended format.*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IA

Italy is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously approved Hungary as host. Dunaujvros, 14 - 20 December 2014.

Congress unanimously Italy, Asiago, 14 - 20 December 2014

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IB

Hungary is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously approved Hungary as host. Dunaujvros, 14 - 20 December 2014*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIA

Estonia and Lithuania applied to host this Championship Division. *Congress appointed Estonia as host, Tallinn, 07 - 13 December 2014*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20IIB

Spain, Iceland and Serbia applied to host this Championship Division. However, Spain is only eligible to host this championship division if no other applicant is available to host. As both Iceland and Serbia withdrew, Spain was applied to host. *Congress unanimously approved Spain as host. Granada, 13 – 19 December 2014*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20III

Bulgaria, Turkey and New Zealand applied to host this Championship Division. However, Turkey is only eligible to host this Championship division if no other applicant is available to host.

Congress appointed New Zealand as host. Dunedin, 19 – 25 January 2015

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship

Switzerland is the only applicant to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously appointed Switzerland as host. Luzern and Zug, 12 - 18 Jan 2015*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IA

Hungary is the only application to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host. Debrecen, 12 – 18 April 2014*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IB

Slovenia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Slovenia as host. Maribor, 12 - 18 March 2015*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIA

Estonia is the only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as host. Tallinn, 22 – 28 March 2015*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIB

Serbia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade, 15 - 23 March 2015*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey WM18IIIA

Turkey and New Zealand applied to host this Championship Division was Turkey. *Congress unanimously appointed New Zealand as host. Auckland, 22-24 March 2015*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIA

France is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed France as host. Rouen, 12 – 18 April 2015*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIB

China is the only applicant to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously appointed China as host. Beijing, 06 – 12 Apr 2015.*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIA

Great Britain is the only applicant to host this championship division. Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host. Dumfries, 30 March – 05 Apr 2015

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIB

Spain and Slovenia applied to host this championship division. Based on voting results *Congress appointed Spain as host, Jaca or Logrono, 11 – 17 March 2015*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WWIIBQ

Turkey, South Africa and Hong Kong applied to host this championship division. *Congress appointed Hong Kong as host. Hong Kong, 18 - 21 March 2015*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18I

France was the only applicant to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously appointed France as host. Vaujany, 04 - 10 April 2015*

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WW18IQ

There had been no application and therefore the allocation would

be postponed to the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2014. Decision to be postponed.

Svetlana Sokolova from Russia inquired a decision regarding the right to host by Russia of the WM U18 in Chelyabinsk and Magnitogorsk in 2018 (dates April 19 till 29, 2018).

Congress approved the request from Russia.

Research Results 2014 OWG

René Fasel marked that one of the success of the recent Olympic Winter Games has been the participation of the NHL Players and he was happy to have Don Fehr addressing the Congress.

Don Fehr first offered his congratulation for the tournament; he has only seen wonderful things and heard wonderful words. He would represent the NHL Players and they would be the athletes performing on a very high sportive level. They would be mostly coming through a IIHF Member Federation and he would appreciate the connection with the IIHF and its Members. On behalf of the Players he would like to thank everyone, especially the IIHF President and General Secretary for all their support before and during Sochi, which made Sochi the great experience it eventually was. It would be the hope of the NHLPA to continue on a highest level on a future Olympic experience. Lastly he thanked Tyler Currie, who did an excellent job in preparation of Sochi as well as during the tournament.

He then specially mentioned Bob Nicholson. The NHLPA and Hockey Canada would have a special relationship and when starting his current job, Bob Nicholson had helped him in many moments for what he especially thanked him.

Before Uwe Krupp presented the findings of the Research Results of the 2014 OWG (see Enclosure 14), the General Secretary introduced the study concluding that one of the major questions which lead to this study was to determine what the players and fans would expect from the game. The IIHF has analysed data, compared ice hockey game footage and initiated questionnaires which lead to the following results.

Horst Lichtner then introduced Uwe Krupp, providing a few details about his ice hockey background.

Before presenting the findings of the Research Results of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games he thanked the IIHF President and General Secretary for allowing him being part at that project as well as Christian Hofstetter and Kira Ebel for their work in the last 24 hours in putting together the presentation. After discussing some key elements, he then discussed the results of the ice hockey game footage comprising, detailing that 360 hours of footage had been viewed with the objective to identify the difference in the game such as possession time, attempted shots, shots of gaining possession in the offensive zone, goals per game, goal analysis, facilities and services and lastly the difference between Sochi and Vancouver.

Report and Discussion on upcoming Olympic Winter Games

2016 YOG Lillehammer, Norway

Oystein Wilhelmsen from Lillehammer 2016 provided a brief presentation detailing the status of the 2016 Youth Olympic Games taking place in Lillehammer from 12 – 21 February 2016. He explained four main points from the presentation: (1) great progress with no major issue, (2) being an event based on youth, (3) having young sport managers in place for each major winter sports; and (4) high level organization structure for ice hockey.

2018 OWG PyeongChang, Korea

Younyoung Lee from the PyeongChang Organizing Committee together with Soo Li provided a brief presentation regarding the status of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang (see 12.3 for the respective presentation). She initiated the report by showing a video about PyeongChang and the vision of the OC. She concluded naming some key points as the mountain and coastal cluster, the ice hockey venues, training venues and accommodation.

Proposals for Changing the Official Playing Rules

Rule 101 (Dimensions of the Rink)

For IIHF competitions the recommended dimensions are 60 metres long to 26 to 30 metres wide. The World Championship shall be 30 x 60. Other dimensions shall be subject to approval by the IIHF. *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Rule 101 as defined during the IIHF Official Rule Book Workshop*

Rule 111 (Goal Lines) – reject

Congress unanimously rejected the changes to Rule 111

Rule 112 (Blue Lines)

Moving the blue line 22.86 metres from the end of the rink. *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Rule 112 as defined during the IIHF Official Rule Book Workshop*

Rule 119 (Goal Creases) – reject

Change the wording to replicate Rule 1.7 of the NHL Rule Book. *Congress rejected the changes to Rule 119*

Rule 172 (Music in the Arena) – reject

It was proposed to add bass drums to Rule 172. *Congress rejected changes to Rule 172*

Rule 233 b) (Catching Glove) –

Remove the cheater piece on the goalkeeper catch glove. *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Rule 233 b). Nevertheless, this rule will be tabled as there must be a discussion with the manufacturers.*

Rule 312 (Referee Duties) – reject

The Referee shall have the general supervision of the game, full control of game officials and players, and his intention to blow the whistle shall be final in case of any dispute. *Congress rejected changes to Rule 312*

Rule 411 b) (Change of Players and Goalkeepers)

Additional wording for clarification: If, during a substitution, the player or players entering or leaving the game plays the puck or makes any physical contact with an opponent while the retiring player or players are on the ice, there shall be a Bench Minor penalty for Too Many Players on the Ice (Rule 573). *Congress unanimously approved new Rule to Change of Players and Goalkeepers (Rule 411 b) as defined in the Official Rule Book Workshop*

Rule 411 (Change of Players and Goalkeepers) (New Rule Proposal) – reject.

Congress unanimously rejected the changes to Rule 411.

Rule 442 (Procedure for Conducting Face-Offs)

The player of the defending team in his defending half of the rink shall place his stick on the ice first followed immediately by the player of the attacking team. *Congress unanimously approved the changes to Rule 442*

Rule 450 (Offside) (New Rule Proposal) – reject

Proposal to reinstate red-line offside.

Congress unanimously rejected the changes to Rule 450

Rule 460 (Icing the Puck)

Hybrid Icing: *Congress unanimously approved the introduction of hybrid icing for all categories of IIHF competitions*

Rule 509 (Penalty Shot Procedure) –

During the course of the Penalty Shot (PS) or Game Winning Shot (GWS) the "spin-o-rama" or lacrosse type of move where the player completes a 360° turn as he approaches the goal is not permitted. *Congress approved the changes to Rule 509 with a 50% majority of the votes.*

Rule 512 (Coincidental Penalties) – reject

To delete 512 d) from the rule book, as it is the only exception of the main rule. *Congress unanimously rejected the changes to Rule 512*

Rule 528 (Fistcuffs or Roughing) (New Rule Proposal) – reject. *Congress rejected the changes to Rule 528*

Rule 534 (Interference) – reject

A player who, by means of his stick or his body, interferes with or impedes the progress of the goalkeeper while he is in his goal crease, shall be assessed a:

Double Minor penalty (2'+2')

Congress rejected the changes to Rule 534

New Rule (Goalkeeper Stopping the Play) – reject

The goalkeeper cannot freeze a puck that is shot on him from outside the blue line. – reject as provision of the rule book cover such. *Congress rejected the new Rule for Goalkeepers Stopping the Play*

All Rules which include a Major Penalty – reject

Proposal to clarify the action and not the result of an action for player safety. *Congress rejected the changes to all Rules which include a major penalty.*

2018 – 2023 Marketing Contract

Kalervo Kummola provided a brief presentation outlining only the 6 month exclusive negotiation process and the tough but always fair and friendly meetings which had been taken place during the last months. Infront had been a good partner within the last years, with permanently on time payments.

He explained that the specific rights amount per year could not be provided to Congress due to a Confidentiality Agreement signed between the IIHF and Infront. He indicated that due to the process and the offer from Infront, the IIHF Negotiation Grupp determined that there was no need to go to tender.

Horst Lichtner then showed to Congress a presentation especially presenting a few of the key elements of the 2018 – 2023 Marketing Contract. Specifically, he explained that the rights revenue increased and that the Contract provides many other revenue streams including development, digital media, archiving, etc.

He explained that the specific rights amount per year cannot be provided to all of Congress due to a Confidentiality Agreement signed between the IIHF and Infront.

Bob Nicholson marked that Infront did an excellent job and he thanked Infront for their help, it should be a win-win situation for both ends and he would feel confident that the agreement would be the best possible on the market.

Congress unanimously approved the execution of the 2018 – 2023 Marketing Contract

Budget for the Upcoming Year

The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2014-2015 seasons and explained the various items. All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget.

During the presentation Luc Tardif specifically explained the current financial situation of which the IIHF is dealing which specifically relates to the fluctuation of the dollar as well as other impacts which would strongly affect the budget. The IOC Contribution from the Sochi Winter Olympic Games nor has been paid yet either indicated how high such contribution would be.

He specifically noted that a working group had been created consisting out of Council Members Bob Nicholson, Franz Gonzalez, Henrik Bach Nielsen and Beate Grupp who did in detail discuss an urgency program and well as long-term recommendations. Such proposals would be presented at the Semi-Annual Congress but Congress also would be asked to think consider proposals and present such to the IIHF before the Semi-Annual Congress until the 15th of August 2014 to Gion Veraguth (Veraguth@iihf.com).

The IIHF would then organise a work shop during the next Semi-Annual Congress and it carefully should be discussed how to success in short as well as long term. The IIHF would want to work together with the MNA's and it would be crucial to find a solution together.

Mohamad Aref el Jachi from United Arab Emirates asked why the Semi Annual Congress would be much more cost than the Annual Congress where Horst Lichtner informed that the costs would be the same, but the Annual Congress would mostly be covered by the OC but for the Semi-Annual Congress only a small contribution would be given to the IIHF.

Vidar Gardasson from Iceland thanked the IIHF on the open and transparent communication.

Congress unanimously approved the budget for the season 2014–2015 as presented by the IIHF Treasurer.

CHL Update

Kalervo Kummola explained that the CHL would now have six leagues (Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Czech Republic and Germany). While the CHL had long discussions with the KHL, the first season would be now played without the KHL. However he indicated that the CHL would hope to have the KHL being involved in the 2015/2016 season.

The draw of the groups had been done a few days ago in Minsk and such had been a very good first start.

After doing a tender, the CHL had signed a marketing contract with the Marketing Partner Infront.

Other Business

International Breaks

Dave Fitzpatrick noted the National Team Breaks in according to the IIHF Championship Calendar.

Miscellaneous

Valery Laryukov from Azerbaijan inquired if any country could apply to host an Annual or Semi-Annual Congress. Horst Lichtner informed him that the Annual Congress would always take place during the IIHF World Championship but for the Semi-Annual Congress an application could be sent to the IIHF.



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Goalie's best friend: Team USA's Amanda Kessel's shot bounces off Noora Raty's post in the opening game against Finland at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images



Stretch: Latvia goaltender Kristers Gudlevskis
lays out to make a save against the United States
at the 2014 IIHF World Championship.
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IIHF Sport Development Report

Women's Hockey

Women's hockey leaders from 15 countries came together for an IIHF Women's Hockey Summit as part of the 2014 IIHF Women's Under 18 High Performance. The summit comes off the heels of a great Olympic women's ice hockey tournament in Sochi with more high-quality games than ever.

"In the last 25 years women's hockey had a tremendous growth compared to men's hockey in its early phase," said IIHF Sport Director Dave Fitzpatrick, adding that in Sochi 2014 there were only three out of 20 games with 5 or more goals difference compared to nine in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Today women's hockey exists in almost 50 countries. Several steps for the sport's development were taken since 2010, such as a mentorship program for women's coaching, coaching seminars, eliminating transfer service fees for female players, the high-performance camps, new playing formats for the IIHF championships, and the subsidization of national association development programs in addition to grassroots programs such as the already existing Hockey Development Camp and the new World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend. Recently the eligibility rules for female hockey players were also loosened.

The 15 represented national associations presented their situation and their challenges in their countries when it comes to women's hockey. A positive common denominator is that all the countries present have an U18 women's national team – a category that was added in IIHF competition in 2008. Some countries even have an U15 or U16 national team program for female players. Most women's national teams have six to 12 camps prior to the Women's World Championship with 50 to 65 days they spend together during the season, usually less for the U18 Women's World Championship.

For the second time in a row an Administrator's Education Program was run during the 2014 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. Twenty-six participants from 24 countries took part in the program led by Paul Carson, the Co-Chairman of the IIHF Development & Coaching Committee.

The participants were asked to develop their own projects that may potentially become eligible for IIHF subsidies. The projects varied in size, costs and topic depending on the needs of the different countries in line with the IIHF's targeted development approach. With the camp focused on women's hockey many projects were designed for that area while others were aimed at hockey development in general.

Some of the projects that were put forth included:

- Daniel Monnin of the Swiss Women's Hockey Committee has targeted the recruitment of more women for coaching clubs and national teams and bringing former female players back into the system. Their goal is to have more female coaches in the Swiss Women's Hockey League and in national team programs and develop female coaches who one day may have the potential to coach the national team. This program has recommended workshops, mentor programs and motivating female coaches to go through coaching education programs offered by the hockey and sports authorities.
- Vladan Drozdik from Serbia, where women's hockey is in a very early stage and only three ice rinks are available in the whole country, focuses on coaching in general with organizing three-day seminars to share knowledge among coaches and other persons, with parents and have ice sessions for everybody to try hockey.



A total of 319 participants from 46 countries took part in the 2014 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. A Coach Education Seminar, a Long-Term Player Development Program and an Administrator's Education Program took place in conjunction with the camp.
Photo: Toni Saarinen

- Inara Zvidre from Latvia works on recruiting more girls in the age group 7-12. Although Latvia's women's national team plays in Division I Group A, the best players are veterans and few young players are challenging the adults. With recruitment events and promotion they want to build a positive image of women's hockey and recruit more girls already at a young age to grow the women's hockey family in Latvia that currently includes four teams and 70 players.

- Kinga Koncsag from Romania wants to develop a national U16 tournament for female players in Miercurea Ciuc. An IIHF member since 1924, Romania joined the Women's Hockey World Championship in 2003 but hasn't participated since 2011. The reason is a decline in women's hockey with the number of teams going down from four to two and the number of players from 74 to 38.

Their goal is to get back to the old numbers and get the girls together who currently play in boys' teams throughout the country. With the funding they hope to create three U16 girls' teams, recruit volunteer referees, hope to get free ice time and pay meals for a national tournament aimed for 6 December. Romania hopes for growth on the national level, to create a women's U18 national team and one day be back playing internationally.

- Maria Huber from Germany works on a similar project at the larger scale her country offers. Until 1996 Germany had an inter-state competition for young girls, which they would like to re-implement. The associations from the federal states in Germany are encouraged to develop an U15 cup competition to raise awareness of women's hockey, give girls who play on boys' teams an opportunity to play with other girls, motivate them to continue playing ice hockey and prepare girls for the U18 women's national team.

Realistically they see six provincial teams ready for 2015 with 102 players competing in such a tournament. The first edition is planned for the end of October during a vacation period at the federal high-performance centre in Füssen.

- Hub van Grinsven's focus is on off-ice officials in Belgium. To improve the situation they wish to work on off-ice official education, a certification program and seminars to unify the process nationwide and improve the work in that area.

- Lars Johansson from Sweden works on a project of creating a new national team below the senior and U18 categories. Some European nations have U16 or U15 teams and they believe that it is time to do the same in Sweden. They want to make sure that the girls continue playing at the club level, and supplement this with both a regional and national team program at this level.

- Yulia Romanyuk from Belarus wants to re-launch women's hockey in Belarus which started in 2008 and flourished with a professional team from 2010 through 2012 that folded in 2013 due to financial problems and mostly included foreign players.

Their goal is to centralize women's hockey efforts in the country by creating a Belarusian Women's Hockey Development Society as a base for a future club or national team development plus an effort to centralize contacts of players, coaches, officials and sponsors in women's hockey.

The project includes promotional events, camps and seminars to promote women's hockey in the country that has seen substantial growth in grassroots hockey with many new ice rinks built across Belarus in the last few years.

- Hwa Hong Yeon of the Korean Ice Hockey Association presented their 'Hockey for Fun' event aimed to be run in March 2015.

With the events the KIHA want to improve the image of hockey and make it barrier-free for girls and expose hockey with promotional events also during other ice sport events in the country that will host the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

- Claudia Tellez from Mexico wants to work on building an integral hockey environment with her project.

"There are 25 ice rinks in Mexico of which eight have full hockey programs and seven have senior hockey only while the other rinks are not suitable for hockey," Tellez, who plays for the women's national team that started to compete in the Women's World Championship program this year, explained the situation.

Their objective is to implement a coach education program at rinks where little hockey is played especially outside of Mexico City, target 5- to 12-year-old children and use senior players as coaches at rinks where there's no youth hockey.

Officiating

Following the voting on the new rule changes at the 2014 IIHF Annual Congress, an officiating summit was held from 11 – 14 June at the Hotel Steigenberger in Frankfurt. In attendance were the IIHF Referee Supervisors, many Referees-in-Chief and Directors of Officiating from many member national associations.

The summit consisted of four meetings held over the four days with a total of 81 participants (including Disciplinary Committee) from 37 different countries. It started with the Annual IIHF Referee Supervisor Meeting in which the tournament results and the evaluation of the officiating at the IIHF Championship Program over the past year were discussed. In the evaluation it was not only the Referee Supervisors who gave feedback to the on-ice Officials but also the on-ice officials were provided throughout the 2013/14 season the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the management of the Officiating Program by the IIHF Office and the work of the IIHF Referee Supervisors.

This was followed by the New Rule Workshop which provided everyone with the chance to understand and thoroughly discuss the new rules for the upcoming hockey season and the reformatting and rewriting of the 2014 IIHF Rule Book.

The third meeting was the National Association Referee-in-Chief Summit whose aim was to act as a platform for the exchange of experience all over the world, building closer relations, and an exchange of problems, needs and approaches of development in Officiating.

Last but not least the annual meeting on the IIHF Referee Exchange Program which allows referees from European top leagues to officiate games in the other's participating country.

Right after these four days a small team led by Reto Bertolotti



The rules workshop provided everyone with the chance to understand and thoroughly discuss the new rules for the upcoming hockey season.

took part in the IIHF Development Camp held in Chinese Taipei. One referee-in-chief, four referees and eight linesmen participated in the Camp where they were trained for the goal to assign Asian Game Officials for all Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments as well as receive and/or give instruction in the new rule changes.

Officiating programs were also held during both the 2014 IIHF Hockey Development Camp and the 2014 IIHF Women's Under 18 High Performance Camp held in Vierumäki, Finland.

Female referees new to international ice hockey and who have not been IIHF-licensed to date got their chance to work in an international environment during this camp which was created to help all IIHF member nations in various fields of hockey.

"We are still short in female officiating. We want to see how the people perform. We have people coming for example from China, Taipei, Hungary, Slovakia, Italy, Russia, and Belgium – different countries from different regions. We have good instructors to teach them, help them during the games and scout for potential referees and linesmen we can assign in future IIHF competitions" said IIHF Officiating Manager Konstantin Komissarov.

The four-man system was also tested out during the IIHF Women's High Performance Camp. The system with two referees and two linesmen officiating games has been used in the top division of the men's, U20 and U18 World Championships, the Olympic men's ice hockey tournaments as well as in the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

"Before we can think about using it we have to test. We will see what we have and how the ladies are working to allow the IIHF Officiating Committee to recommend to Council whether we should go with the four-man system in the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship (top division)," Komissarov said.

"We need to research and get a clear vision and maybe also use some of our other competitions such as the European Women's Champions Cup or international invitational tournaments to try the four-man system to be certain. We do not want to practice this in an IIHF Championship."

The female game officials at the camp also had sessions with Dave Smith, the Director of Fitness and Medical for the NHL Officials.

Asia

It is the goal from the IIHF to assign for all Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments with Asian game officials which have the chance to perform on an international platform and to work closely with Referee Supervisors. Additional activities such as Hockey Development camps as well as seminars or Referees-in-Chief summits will give the participants the tools to implement, kick-start or refresh the domestic development programs.

The IIHF Asian Office began a systematic and continuous coaching education program applying the IIHF Coach Development Program for all Asian Strategic Planning Group (ASPG) members. Each National Association is encouraged to use the IIHF Coach Development Program resource materials either as their core development program or as a supplement to an existing program for education of their coaches.

The target was to identify and re-confirm National Association Coaching Directors and Instructors from the ASPG members who participate in IIHF development activities domestically or regionally, to take part in the Asian Development Camps as well as in global IIHF Development Camps.

This initiative began in the 2012-2013 season and for which it can be said that the first level of the IIHF Coach Development Program of Learn to Play / Introduction to Coaching (LTP/ITC) was successfully completed in June 2014. Except Kazakhstan and the People's Republic of Korea which have their domestic activities plus Oman as the new member, all ASPG members participated and have now the possibility to promote to the next level.

During these seminars it was also the goal to identify future IIHF LTP/ITC Instructors from the Asian Region which can be assigned to future LTP/ITC programs in Asia.



The 2014 Asian Development Camp was tailor-made to assist each National Association in upgrading and operating quality education programs including player and coach development, an officiating program and a referee-in-chief summit. Photos: Richard Jun

Captain Louis Belpedio with the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship trophy, the United States' eighth championship in this age category.

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National pride: *Russia's women's national team salutes Shayba Arena in Sochi. Despite not finishing with a medal, the team was heavily supported by local fans and performed well at the 2014 Games.*

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IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

Ice hockey in Asia used to be played mostly in the snowy regions, including Japan, Korea and Northeastern China. However, with the thriving economy in other parts of Asia supporting the necessary infrastructure, ice hockey is now played by many living in tropical or arid climates. The higher income level in the region has also facilitated the sport as more people are able to afford the equipment and training facilities. Despite limited number of professional ice hockey leagues in Asia acting as role model for the Asian family, the IIHF Asian Office fills the role by building partnerships to success and leveraging existing resources to build ice hockey from the ground up.

The IIHF Asian Office will continue to work with members to collaborate on development programs. By dispatching instructors to conduct various coaching and game official development programs, IIHF reinforces the philosophy of “teach the teachers” among Asian members. Students who learned from IIHF instructors will become local leaders in their field of expertise. They will then conduct local training programs to strengthen the ice hockey culture in their respective countries.

These leaders will help pave the road to success for youth programs in Asia. Currently there are 15,255 youth players in Asia, compared to 11,006 youth players during the last audit. The growth we have seen in the region is most encouraging and we hope to duplicate the success in the women’s program.

New ice rinks are now being built in different parts of Asia, namely Qatar and Malaysia. New infrastructure allows a wider scale of public participation which will help raise the profile of ice hockey among other major sports. Provided with IIHF development programs, these countries will be able to settle in with their own coaches and game officials, sowing the seeds for future success on the international stage. Hong Kong’s return to the IIHF World Championship program in 2014 after a hiatus of 27 years was due to a new international-sized ice rink which opened in 2007 coupled with a comprehensive player and game official development program.

Development Plan

A two-pronged approach – consisting of international games and grassroots development – to develop ice hockey in Asia is necessary and crucial to the success of the sport in the region. Through participation in international games, Asian MNAs receive recognition and support from their respective governments and sport communities. Therefore, one of our goals is to give every ASPG member the possibility to participate in at least one of the Challenge Cup of Asia (CCOA) tournaments. The CCOA should be regarded as part of the national ice hockey development program, not just a tournament in itself.

For the coming Championship Season 2015, the IIHF Asian Office will request development reports from all 20 Asian and Oceanic members detailing the current state of ice hockey in each country. By understanding the full picture of Asian ice hockey development, the IIHF Asian Office will be able to fund each development project according to need and effectiveness. This will help economize the decision-making process and streamline priorities within the ASPG.

Regional Development

A few milestones were achieved by members of the ASPG over the past Championship Season. First and foremost is the acceptance of Oman into the IIHF family as a new associate member. Nepal is currently seeking IIHF membership, potentially increasing the number of countries in the ASPG to 21.

Four divisions of CCOA tournaments were held during the past year. With the goal of allowing Asian countries to further build on their ice hockey development and culture, a total of 14 countries participated in various CCOA games. For the first time, both Men’s and Women’s tournaments consisted of two divisions each and the mechanism of promotion and relegation was implemented in the Men’s tournaments. The Men’s Top Division was held in Abu Dhabi with Chinese Taipei winning the tournament. Kyrgyzstan, one of our younger members, organized their first international ice hockey event the Men’s Division I, at which Macau emerged as the winner and was promoted to the top division in 2015. The Women’s Top Division was held in Harbin involving also students from the IIHF Education Center. China with its home-ice advantage won the top honor. Hong Kong hosted the Women’s Division I games and went on to win the tournament by defeating three other teams.

Towards the end of the season, the IIHF Asian Office organized a U18 Asian Development Camp in Taipei City with a total of 134 participants from 15 Asian countries. Other than the leadership seminars for Coaching, Goalkeeper Coaching, Equipment Manager and Officiating Program, an ASPG Referee in Chief Summit was held at the same time with special focus on game official supervision and new rules which will take effect in the coming season.

Korea will be hosting the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in Pyeong-Chang. The IIHF Asian Office works closely with the Korea Ice Hockey Association on its preparation for participation in Pyeong-Chang. As the ice hockey world turns to focus on 2018, Asia ice hockey will receive more attention, and Asian members look to take advantage of this new focus. We are exploring cooperation with other sporting bodies to accelerate the growth of the sport. The road to success in Asia is now paved with our investment in personnel training. Together with concerted efforts by the general public and respective governments, we believe the sport of ice hockey can thrive even in tropical and arid climates, defying the conventional wisdom on winter sports.

Thomas J. Wu
Chairman

Athletes Committee Report

During the past year the Committee had two meetings, and that a special focus was put on the following two main points with respective activities:

- Increase the awareness of the Committee among athletes and communicate its goals and activities
- Active participation in the rule changes process, which culminates in the new IIHF Official Rule Book with the new rules effective by 1st July 2014.
- Create new initiatives for development the game in general and players’ orientation specifically.

In order to promote the Committee, it was decided to create an IIHF Athletes Committee leaflet. Working together with an agency this project was started and first drafts of the leaflet were discussed during the meeting early September 2013 in Zurich. The important decision has been that the leaflet should not only be available in a print version (English and Russian), but also in an online version in 3 other languages (German, French and Czech).

One key element of both versions is the feedback option offered to the athletes via a dedicated e-mail address. On the same meeting and in order to collect the opinion of the athletes in regards of the upcoming rules changes, the Committee together with the IIHF IT Department and Communications department developed a questionnaire. This questionnaire has been translated in all above mentioned 5 languages and has been distributed amongst the 28 top nations, along with a request for their assistance to get the male and female players' opinion on various aspects of existing or potential new rules. With the feedback of approx. 700 players and some hours of discussions the Committee Members came up with various rule proposals.

The second meeting took place during the past 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk (Belarus) and was organised together with the Players Safety Group. The aim of this joint meeting was to discuss all rule proposals in detail, to come up, if necessary, with some special recommendations for the upcoming 2014 IIHF Annual Congress. Beside that the Chairman and the Members also took the opportunity to visit most of the participating teams to present the Committee and its work directly to all the athletes and encourage them to actively take part in the process of making our game better and safer by sending us their thoughts and opinions of the championship or any other topic.

For this purpose the Committee leaflet was distributed in order that the athletes can use the dedicated email address to send their suggestions of topics or concerns and on which the Athletes Committee should get involved. This was a very positive experience and successful in engaging the interest of the players. During the joint meeting the two Committees agreed that it would make sense to create a special educational video with dos and don'ts that could be shown to all players before the upcoming championship. The Committee would further investigate on the feasibility of such video. The meeting has also been used to discuss all the rule proposals and come up with feedback for the rules Workshop during the 2014 IIHF Annual Congress if necessary.

The Committee members look forward to a close collaboration with the Player Safety Group or any other Committee in order to make the game more exciting and safer.

Vladislav Tretiak
Chairman

Competition and InLine Committee Report

The IIHF Competition/Inline Committee continued its work as mandated by the IIHF Council over the 2013/14 season focusing on a number sport and competition issues. The biggest portion of the work was spent on the introduction of new playing rules focusing on proposals that created more scoring opportunities, fewer stoppages in play and ensured player safety. Other proposals addressed the rink itself, in particular the location of the blue lines, in order to generate more scoring in the offensive zones while reducing the height of the boards and increased height of the glass surrounding the ice surface.

Along with this the committee has completely revised the format and wording of the IIHF Rule Book for consistency plus clarity and have included all relevant material for each rule including items extracted from the IIHF Case Book to clarify rule application, the information from the 'Notes' section explaining the rule along

with the contents of the IIHF Rule Interpretation Bulletins that have been distributed since July 1, 2010 to ensure that all information can be found in one place for any rule.

The operation of a special Rules Workshop at the Annual Congress in Minsk allowed the 64 member national associations in attendance to address and discuss proposals that would have far reaching effect on the manner in which the game is played, in small workshop groups. The outcome made for a very efficient and effective session where the members had the opportunity to express concerns, gain clarification and eventually vote to accept or reject proposals on these 'game changers' with a clear understanding of the proposal. This was followed up with the operation of a special session in Frankfurt, Germany three weeks later where over 80 Referees-in-Chief, Officiating Directors, Referee Instructors and Supervisors collected to learn about the new rules, their application and the format of the new IIHF Rule Book.

The Competition Committee along with many of the other IIHF Committees has created a 'Knowledge Transfer System', assigning members of the Competition Committee to review the work of other Committees and responsible to liaise with the Committee Chairman and/or the Committee Secretary to learn of initiatives in an effort to eliminate duplication of work and to join forces and energies to collectively address issues that are common between and amongst the committees. To date this operating strategy has worked extremely well with the Women's Committee, the Medical Committee, the Social and Environment Committee, the Officiating Committee, the Coordination Committee and the Asian Strategic Planning Group.

The creation and application of a fair system for promotion and relegation between the IIHF Women's World Championship and the women's Division IA during the Olympic season was achieved after many months of discussion. The Committee also generated the specific dates for National Team Breaks up to and including the 2016/17 season that was approved at the 2014 Annual Congress. The members also reviewed various proposals for National Team Competition during the National Team Breaks annually to create a cohesive and meaningful National Team competition during the international breaks for the benefit of all members.

Work also began for the preparations of the men's and women's tournaments and skill challenge competitions for the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games. The committee reviewed current plans and proposed the formats and operations of these activities to the Organizer in Lillehammer, Norway referring to the accomplishments and the challenges resulting from the 2012 YOG held in Innsbruck and based on the evaluations submitted by the participants. Work also progressed on the Inline program with the committee reviewing methods to streamline the qualification process and to enhance the structure and operations of the annual Inline Championship game schedule. The Inline Rule Book is on the agenda for the Competition Committee in the coming months, scheduled to follow a similar revision as the new 2014 IIHF Rule Book.

The committee also produced and submitted their evaluations and recommendations to the Council for the operation of the IIHF Championship Program and more specifically for the structure and operations of the Men's World Championship held annually.

The committee also addressed the format of the Olympic Winter Games tournaments in the future and participation along with the corresponding qualifications. Recommendations were forwarded to the IIHF Council for their review and deliberations for this best-on-best opportunity provided by the hockey family once every four years.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Coordination Committee Report

When the Coordination Committee initially met in February 2013, the Committee established a four-year plan which was to focus, at least, on the following areas:

- European Club Competition
- Coordination of National Team Breaks
- IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement
- IIHF-Licensed Agent Program
- Education Fee System

The Champions Hockey League (CHL) will begin on August 2014 with 44 clubs competing from across Europe. The past season has brought the establishments of a separate Board, which is represented by many of the IIHF Coordination Committee Members, as well as a Zurich-based Office. We are very happy to see that the work initiated by the Committee has been very fruitful and look forward to once more having the Champions Hockey League available for the fans, players and everyone involved.

In the fall of 2013, when the Coordination Committee met in Pardubice, Czech Republic, a separate meeting was held with representatives of the National Team Break Work Groups as well as the four Member National Associations that compete in the Euro Hockey Tour. As an outcome, after reviewing the proposals, the Committee put forward a number of proposals and we are satisfied to say that the National Team Breaks were finalized and put forward for the next season well in time. The Committee will continue to review and discuss this area.

For the IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement (PTA), after summoning draft Agreement feedback from numerous countries involved and organizing the meeting in Stockholm with the National Hockey League (NHL), the NHL Players' Association, Member National Associations and Leagues in attendance, the initial work required was concluded and many of the Member National Associations established individual Agreements with the NHL. It became clear in the process that one single Agreement was not possible; the Agreement needed to meet the individual requirements of each Member National Association and National Leagues.

The Committee has finished the reviews of the proposals concerning the IIHF-Licensed Agent Program and the Education Fee System and will continue the work by forwarding recommendations to the IIHF Council in the upcoming season.

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Development and Coaching Committee Report

In the second year of the 2012-2016 committee cycle, the integrated work of the Development and Coaching Committee in the 2013/14 season was a continued success. The focus continues to be on offering member National Associations the necessary support to see all manner of growth and quality improvements in coaching and player development programs. Through this on-going support, the committee feels the development of ice hockey within the IIHF membership will continue to thrive.

I offer my thanks to the committee co-chairmen Paul Carson (Development) and Tommy Boustedt (Coaching) for the continued commitment to support the mandate of these committees and for the excellent leadership. The committee continues to work hard on an IIHF development model designed to grow the game within their federations. I also want to offer my gratitude to Dave Fitzpatrick and Aku Nieminen for all their great work with these committees.

2014 IIHF Coaching Symposium

The Coaching Committee, in cooperation with the IIHF Office and the Belarus Ice Hockey Association, organized and executed a Coaching Symposiums in Minsk during the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. For a fee of €350, delegates enjoyed full participation in all Symposium activities including game tickets to 5 World Championship games. Included in the registration fee were all refreshment breaks and lunches for the 3-day event.

IIHF International Coaching Symposium Details:

- 11 formal presentations
- Simultaneous translation of Russian to English was available for all presentations
- 5 Championship games with transfers to and from the arena

2013 Men's Hockey Development Camp

2013 marked the 12th global hockey development program. The Hockey Development camp focused on leadership education available to all member National Associations. Each National Association is encouraged to use the information gained during the camp and share their experiences within their own National Association to improve existing educational programs.

The Development Camp was an unqualified success with more than 460 participants from 53 nations participating in 19 separate programs on site. The two committees utilized the camp setting to launch its development initiatives and as the foundation of its targeted development approach. National Associations were targeted for specific programs according to the needs identified by each National Association's audit, as well as a focus on their future needs in efforts to meet the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards for IIHF World Championships. This new approach successfully integrated the IIHF's National Association Assistance Program; of which immediately generated over 60 development program plans from 39 nations.

The Development Camp model continues to serve as an excellent vehicle to provide practical experiences and tangible examples of program delivery. Programs included the Player Development Camp, Learn to Play Program, Team Coaches, Goalie Instructors, Team Managers, Equipment Managers, Results Managers, and the newly designed Administrator Education Program. In each program, delegates received assistance in the design of specific development plans to address their federation's needs.

2014 Women's Hockey Development Camp

In January of 2014, members of the Development Committee and the Female Committee met in Calgary to plan an integrated approach to the delivery of the 2014 Hockey Development Camp in Vierumaki, Finland. The intended plan was to have Development Committee members with experience on the male side of the game supporting the program and, at the same time, equipment female program leaders with the skills to assume these leadership roles for future female Development Camps.

The 2014 Women's Hockey Development Camp offered programs for Goaltending Instruction, Long Term Player Development, Coach Development, Equipment Managers and Team Managers. Each program had mentorship support to assist in the delivery of the programs as well as support for the development of future program leaders.

National Association Development Program Assistance

As a result of concentrated efforts at the 2013 Men's Development Camp, National Associations began work on their Development Plans with the support of the IIHF Program Assistance. In addition, the Degree Program students from Vierumaki were assigned the responsibilities of providing on-going levels of support in the execution of many of the Development Plans.

During the Coaching/ Development Committee meetings in Zu-

rich in February 2013, the Committee elected to plan the 2014 Women's Hockey Development Camp with an effort to target developing National Associations and to target a variety of program areas with the goal of assisting participating National Associations with putting together development plans which could then be used as the foundation in build applications for the National Association Development Program Assistance Grants. The IIHF Audit results assisted in the identification of National Associations that would be invited to participate in the various camp programs.

This same goal of supporting the design and execution of Domestic Development Plans and providing financial support from the National Association Assistance Program will also be a part of the focus at the 2014 Women's Hockey Development Camp.

With respect to the 2013 National Association Development Plans, 69 work plans were submitted where 57 were approved and operational during the season. This result clearly demonstrates the scope of work done by the 2013 Development Camp participants on behalf of their respective National Association. Similar goals for the 2014 Female HDC have been put in place with the expectation that a number of Development Plans will be created during the working sessions for each of the groups at the camp. Many of these plans will be designed to recruit and retain females in the game as well as outline the growth of National Association infrastructures that provide the necessary supports to the female game throughout the IIHF member nations participating in the camp.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Event Committee Report

The IIHF Event Committee met twice in Zurich: in November 2013 and March 2014. The committee concentrated on the two core areas of the committee mandate:

Evaluation of IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Bids

For this term two Bidders applied to host the 2018 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, namely Denmark with Copenhagen, Herning and Latvia with Riga. Both applicants met all stipulated requirements for the bid process. The Committee Chairman appointed an evaluation team consisting of P. Forsberg, E. Abubakirova and P. Lüthi. The said team undertook their site inspections, visiting both candidates on 4 and 5 March 2014, respectively.

Both candidates were invited to present their bids to the Event committee, at the IIHF headquarters, on 12 March 2014. The ensuing report on the presentations and site inspections was prepared by the Event Committee and submitted to the IIHF Council, on occasion of their meeting on 21 May 2014. The IIHF Annual Congress allocated the 2018 WM to Denmark who won the election by securing 95 of the 107 votes cast.

Raise the standards of IIHF events and the bid process

• The committee discussed various examples of modifications to the game presentation and arena fan entertainment in an attempt to enhance the live experience of spectators in the arena. The options presented were evaluated within the frame of a 5-year-plan. The reasoning behind this idea was to ensure that the look and feel of an IIHF event is safeguarded over the years, but, at the same time, definitely permits the organiser to add local flair and flavour to the event with the sole purpose of enhancing the spectators' game experience.

• Many proposals for changes to the Championship Regulations were evaluated and discussed with a view to improve the documents to meet the teams' and the organisers' expectations. The proposals were submitted to the 2014 Annual Congress for approval

• In order to professionalise the process for prospective organizers, the introduction of a bid briefing, shortly after letter of intents are submitted, was discussed. The bid briefing should provide the bidders with useful tools to educate them about the bidding process from the time they submit their bids to the successful delivery of the event. This includes ensuring that they understand the requirements and the consequences of non-compliance of the IIHF Championship Regulations and the contractual structure, before they prepare and submit their bids.

• To improve the bid process, the new bid questionnaire was used during the past two seasons. The results were favourable and the preparation and information submitted by applicants was of a much higher standard than in the past. To improve the level of IIHF service for the bidders, the cooperation with EKS will be continued whereby the questionnaire is available electronically via Internet. This also benefits the committee when comparing key elements of the bids, normally lengthy procedure but now possible to accomplish with a simple click of the mouse button.

Igor Nemecek
Chairman

Facilities Committee Report

The exciting and intense IIHF Facilities Committee season 2013-2014, with the innovative and productive work of the Committee has brought the set goals in reachable distance. Responding to the IIHF Council's mandate the Facilities Committee has, especially when it comes to two of its targeted projects, already achieved remarkable results.

IIHF Facilities Management- and Maintenance Seminars

During the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress a workshop will take place where the Member National Associations will be informed about the upcoming IIHF Facilities Management- and Maintenance Seminars. The cooperation with STAR/USA Hockey, namely with Jeff Theiler as a member of the Committee together with Zoltan Kovacs, has greatly contributed to the development of this important project and at this stage it is felt, that a test seminar can be carried through in November in Granada, where the Granada Winter University Games 2015 will be played from 4 to 14 February 2015. The opportunity to use this site as a test is excellent as infrastructure like arenas, hotels, equipment etc. will be available. After that test-event the regular seminars will start.

IIHF Blue Prints for functional operational & low cost Arenas

The Committee has worked very ambitious and concrete with the so called blue prints for low cost arenas. Patxi Lagarda as the architect in the group together with the innovative and professional inputs of Charles Botta as well as the work of the other members, has during long hours planned and run this project which now has reached its end phase. Next step is to present the work to Council and after that to use it to help Member National Associations whenever there is the wish or the need to do so. During a meeting in July in Perth at the World Curling Federation, we have also discussed the possibility to add Curling rinks to the blue prints in order to work together and to find synergies with other International Federations that would give more options to our Members and help them to share costs with other sports.

Basic needs of Arenas for Member National Associations

When looking into this question it was felt that the "old" IIHF Arena Manual "Ever thought of building an ice rink" that was set up in 2001 still serves as a good basic document and it was decided to update the Arena Manual according to the arena standards that are valid today. Harry Bogomoloff is the project leader of this task and he will together with the members come up with an updated version of the manual in March 2015 including examples on Curling rinks and Figure Skating arenas.

Technical Ice making characteristics

Member Mikhail Zagaynov, who is a real expert when it comes to ice making, has been in charge of the development and the making of the Olympic Ice in the Bolshoy Ice Dome and the Shayba Ice Rink in Sochi 2014. Did you know that in the water process technique there were 45 ice specialists involved and that the making of the Olympic Ice took 7 days and that there were accomplished 11 speed records during the Olympics? Mikhail Zagaynov is in charge of the ice development process of our sport and we are in contact with other international Ice Sport Federations to discuss and to share knowledge on this crucial element of our sport.

Development and assistance plan for new countries

As the Chairman of the Facilities Committee I am very much involved in the development- and assistance plan when building sport arenas in new countries. Currently there are meetings and knowledge exchanges going on with International Winter Sport Federations, e.g. World Curling Federation, to learn from each other and to find out how for instance EU funds for Member National Associations can be accomplished and used.

The Committee, and I as its Chairman, realizes the considerable amount of work there still is to fulfil our mandates and I am very confident that the goals we have set will be reached.

Frank Gonzalez
Chairman

Historical Committee Report

The 2014 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Minsk, Belarus was a complete success, both well-organized and well-attended.

Induction ceremony host Paul Romanuk opened the event with a welcome to all in attendance, including IIHF Congress members, dignitaries and media. In order to conform with the time constraints of holding the award ceremony on the same day as the World Championship bronze and gold medal games, the length of the ceremony was scaled back compared to last year.

The members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2014 were: Vyacheslav Bykov (RUS), Murray Costello (CAN), Andrei Khomutov (RUS), Nicklas Lidstrom (SWE), and Ruslan Salei (BLR). The induction of Salei, who passed away in the tragic Lokomotiv plane crash in 2011, was an especially poignant moment, as he posthumously became the first Belarusian to join the IIHF Hall of Fame. The emotional moment of the ceremony came when the widow of Ruslan Salei, Bethann, and their children spoke via video feed, and marked a solemn occasion for the ceremony.

Dr. Mark Aubry was the chosen recipient of the 2014 Paul Loicq Award. For more than three decades Dr Mark Aubry has been involved in sports as a doctor both locally in the Ottawa, Canada area and internationally at all top levels of competition, and his contributions to international hockey were duly recognized with the award.

Each Hall of Fame inductee and the Paul Loicq Award winner were introduced with a highlight video and gave an induction speech. In all the ceremony was favourably viewed and well-covered by the media.

In other news, the IIHF Player Database is still planned to be merged with the IIHF Hydra statistical system, this will allow for a more comprehensive and thorough database that will be able to be implemented into the IIHF's website and social media networks.

René Fasel
Chairman

Legal Committee Report

The Legal Committee completed the 2014-2018 Statute and Bylaw review focusing on a new disciplinary structure and a new eligibility bylaw. As a result of the Legal Committee Statute and Bylaw review, the new 2014 – 2018 Statutes and Bylaws were passed at Annual Congress in May 2014. Further, as a result of amending the disciplinary structure in the Statutes and Bylaws, the Legal Committee redrafted the Disciplinary Regulations into a new Disciplinary Code amending the old appeal structure. With the new Disciplinary Code, appeals no longer go to Council, but rather the new Disciplinary Board and ultimately the Appeal Board. Lastly, as a result of its review of the Statutes and Bylaws and due to the changing environment requiring the IIHF to focus some attention on Sporting Fraud, the Legal Committee drafted a new IIHF Code of Conduct which creates specific rules against match fixing and irregular betting and creates a specific investigation procedure for any cases that might arise under the Code of Conduct.

Lastly, the Legal Committee is currently reviewing and analyzing potential policies and programs of which it can create to help all Member National Associations deal with the abuse in sport.

Tony Rossi
Chairman

Medical Committee Report

The 2013-2014 season was very eventful for the IIHF Medical Committee. The IIHF Medical Committee had 32 IIHF Medical Supervisor assignments in 23 events, all the way from the 2014 Olympic Winter Games to Under 18 women's and men's Championships. The operations of the Medical Supervisor Program have continued with pre-event assistance and monitoring through the Pre-Event Medical and Nutritional Questionnaires, supervision and guidance during the Championship as well as the post-event reporting to the Committee. The Medical Supervisors continue to oversee the doping control in the Championships and to collect injury-related data to provide information and recommendations to the IIHF Membership. In addition, a scientific paper on the injuries, summarizing the last years of Championships, has been submitted to the British Journal of Sport Medicine.

The Medical Committee has also taken a proactive role in supporting the Organizing Committees of the major tournaments. The Committee was actively involved in the preparations of the Olympic Winter Games and also combined a Committee Meeting and a medical site-visit in Minsk prior to the World Championship.

In addition to having Medical Supervisors oversee doping control in Championships, the Committee continues to work on anti-doping in all areas. There were almost 250 in-competition tests conducted in the IIHF Championships. The Registered Testing Pool continues to be operational with 18 athletes from 18 countries. The anti-doping education and awareness initiatives consisting of the E-Learning Tool and the Green Puck Campaign continued to operate in the usual manner. The Committee supports the IIHF Disciplinary Committee in any doping rule violation related cases.

With the new World Anti-Doping Code going into effect on the 1st January, 2015, the IIHF attended the WADA World Conference in South Africa and will soon finalize all adjustments required to remain fully Code compliant.

Concussion in ice hockey has been a high priority for the Committee in the past season. It has been important to take practical steps in order to support the IIHF Membership. The dissemination of 2012 Zurich Consensus on Concussion in Sport to Federations and IIHF Championships, participation in the Mayo Conference on concussions in ice hockey, development of an IIHF Concussion

Protocol (applied in the Olympic Winter Games and the IIHF World Championship) and the development of an educational plan on prevention and treatment of concussion in ice hockey have been just some practical initiatives the Committee has put into place. The Committee invited a Workgroup, consisting of experts from different fields and backgrounds, to attend the 2014 IIHF Hockey Development Camp and to brainstorm ideas how to best move forward, not only with the education of the National Association Chief Medical Officers but also in forming a practical tool for concussion prevention and management.

Along with the above-mentioned Conferences, the Committee was represented also in the European Congress of Hockey Medicine in Bratislava, Slovakia in June 2014 and in the International Olympic Committee's International Federation Medical Commission Chairpersons' Meeting in April 2014.

The Committee will prioritize on the following areas or events in the upcoming season:

- IIHF Medical Supervisor Education and Workshop
- Development of an education plan and a practical tool for the prevention and treatment of concussions in ice hockey
- Review and update of the IIHF Medical Care Guide
- Cooperation with other IIHF Committees to help develop player safety and prevention of injuries
- Education of National Association Chief Medical Officers
- Full World Anti-Doping Code compliance.

Henrik Bach Nielsen
Chairman

Officiating Committee Report

During the 2013/2014 season, the IIHF Officiating Committee (IIHF OC) worked on officiating assignments of IIHF licensed game officials and IIHF Referee Supervisors for 27 different IIHF Championships, Olympic Winter Games Tournaments (Men and Women) European Women's Club Completion (EWCC), Continental Cup Tournament (CC) plus officiating development programs. The committee were focus on the preparations of the IIHF game officials for the 2014 OWG in Sochi, Russia, on further development of IIHF Referee Supervisors and Referee Supervisors-in-Training (RST) and assistance in operation national association's officiating development programs.

Based on the 2012-2014 IIHF Officiating Committee goals and plans the following officiating programs were organised and operated during the 2013/2014 season:

- IIHF Pre Olympic Women Officiating with participation 10 top female IIHF Referees candidates for the 2014 OWG in Sochi, Russia
- 2013 IIHF Officiating Training Seminar for top IIHF Referees as a part of the preparation of top IIHF Referees and Linesmen candidates for the 2014 OWG in Sochi, Russia and IIHF top Championships with participation of NHL Officiating staff, IIHF Officiating Committee (IIHF OC) members and 17 top IIHF Referees and 15 top IIHF linesmen
- 10th year of practical implementation of IIHF/National Association Referee Exchange Program with 84 games officiated in a 4 Man Officiating System in seven top national leagues by 4 Referees from the top seven European National Associations participating in this project.
- Assistance in running regional officiating programs in Asia
- With IIHF IT department developed a IIHF RS officiating education platform www.iihfofficiating.com and on line evaluation of IIHF RS assigned to the respective IIHF Championship by assigned

IIHF game officials to collect information for future IIHF RS development programs

- Co-operation with NHL Officiating staff regarding participation of 3 top IIHF referees and IIHF OC member in 2013 NHL Pre Season Training Camp as a part of fine-tuning top IIHF Referees with the co-operation of the NHL officiating staff
- Operating Annual IIHF Referee Supervisors (IIHF RS) meeting with participation of 21 IIHF RS and 2 Referee Supervisor-in-Training (RST) with the goals to provide feedback on their work at IIHF Championships and Events, to educate them with the new methods of supervision, to receive their feedback on their management by IIHF Office, upgrading their supervision's skills and improving evaluation consistency between different IIHF RS
- Operation of the 2014 NA RIC Summit with the goals to establish closer relations between IIHF Office and NA RIC, Directors of Officiating, to introduce IIHF OC and 4 years OC strategy for NA RIC, to answer questions MNA regarding officiating, to exchange information regarding needs of MNA regarding improving their NA officiating development programs, to collect information from NA RIC what kind of assist and support they need from IIHF regarding improving their NA officiating development programs.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Player Safety Consulting Group Report

The Player Safety Consulting Group convened twice during the 2013/2014 season. The first meeting was held in September 2013 with representatives from the National Hockey League's Department of Player Safety.

The meeting touched on some of the major rule changes being implemented by the NHL for the new season, such as the hybrid icing rule and the requirement for players who have played less than 25 NHL games be required to wear a visor. Head of the NHL Department of Player Safety Brendan Shanahan then introduced the league's disciplinary procedure and the efforts that have been made to make the process more transparent for fans and media, such as the creation of videos where Shanahan explains the reasons behind why an infraction was being reviewed and why the player was or was not to be suspended.

The Player Safety Group also underlined the need to cooperate with the NHL and NHLPA in gathering data and research on important safety elements such as equipment in order to properly discuss and implement rule changes such as setting a cap on equipment size. With the close cooperation between the NHL/NHLPA and the equipment manufacturers, this would be beneficial to all stakeholders in the sport to have some level of standardization for equipment.

The NHL mentioned the recent formation of a subcommittee for equipment review, falling under competition committee and health and safety. The subcommittee reviews all equipment from skates up on every skater, and has had discussions with equipment manufacturers about the size of shoulder pads, for example. Shanahan added that there are many issues related to equipment, explaining that the subcommittee had been dealing with manufacturers for two years came out so far with no standards.

The key issue is that manufacturers require guidelines for designing new equipment, and proper research is required first before setting guidelines. The Player Safety Group agreed and will remain in contact with the NHL/NHLPA on new research findings. Following the meeting with the NHL the Player Safety Group looked at the IIHF Rulebook and formulated rule change

proposals, coming up with a total of 11 proposals. The group also looked at other proposals and evaluated their potential effects on player safety.

In May 2014 the Player Safety Group held a joint meeting with the Athletes' Committee in Minsk, Belarus, first to discuss the major rule change proposals set to go before Congress and then to look at ways both groups could cooperate on player safety projects in the future.

After a two-day meeting the general consensus was that the players should be better educated with respect to rules governing safety, and that this could potentially be done via a communications tool such as a video or online application (app). Other items such as ice size and concussion awareness programs were discussed. It was agreed that the best way to show a player what not to do on the ice would be to provide a clear example of an illegal play, such as a hit to the head, along with a clear explanation as to why the hit was illegal and what sort of disciplinary measures would be taken in such an infraction occurred. All agreed that this could be shown to players prior to a tournament, particularly younger players so as to discourage unsafe play right from a young age.

Going into next season the Player Safety Group plans to meet and discuss how best to put together a safety video. The group will also touch base with the NHL and equipment manufacturers to further explore the feasibility of implementing caps on player equipment sizes, such as the size of shoulder and elbow pads, and mandating certain types of equipment to enhance safety, such as cut-proof socks.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Social and Environment Committee Report

The Social & Environment Committee during its last meeting in October 2013 in particular discussed developing a strategy for social and environmental projects and support for the IIHF as well as the cooperation with the IPC (International Paralympic Committee).

Based on the Council recommendation and last year's meeting, the IIHF and the IPC have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the sport of Ice Sledge Hockey further and to create a framework for cooperation between the IIHF and IPC in a number of defined areas as well as to create a more general partnership. The IIHF and IPC will maintain regular contact to share and exchange knowledge and resources, discuss operational matters of mutual interest and consider areas of cooperation for subsequent development on an agreed basis. The aim is to develop a plan to encourage the worldwide growth of Ice Sledge Hockey through an on-going awareness campaign targeting the IIHF Member National Associations.

Such cooperation and shared knowledge has started already with having the responsible person for officiating from IPC joining the IIHF New Rules Workshop held in Frankfurt on June 13th.

In addition the Committee is planning various projects in regards of sustainability, charity and it is also considering to create an IIHF CSR Report in the closer future. Furthermore, the Committee currently is working on setting up Guidelines on social responsibility and environmental issues to encourage the MNA's to focus on environmental and social matters as well and to support them with recommendations when hosting a IIHF World Championship. Such will be drafted within the next months and Congress will be presented such Guidelines latest in May 2015.

Beate Grupp
Chairwoman

Women's Committee Report

Four years ago when IIHF decided to organise a think tank for the Top 14 Nations, it was coming off a Winter Olympic Games that had mixed results from the women's hockey point of view. IOC President Jacques Rogge said to reporters after the Games: „There is a discrepancy there, everyone agrees with that. This is maybe the investment period in women's ice hockey. I would personally give them more time to grow but there must be a period of improvement. We cannot continue without improvement.“

Now in 2014 after a very successful Olympics the IIHF Women's Committee decided to organise a Women's Hockey Summit to review what have happened since Vancouver. We checked the long list of ideas provided by the participants, and realized that most of the best proposals were fulfilled. For example:

- 9 nations got the chance to work with medal winning mentor coaches and athlete ambassadors
- 4 High Performance Camp were organised for top athletes and national team staff
- 3 Girls Hockey Day/Weekends (more events and participants)
- 2 Coaching Symposiums

And the results:

- Record-setting attendance numbers at the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi
- 3 different bronze medallists at the IIHF Women's World Championship

We can say that women's ice hockey developed a lot in most of the countries, and not only in the Top 14 countries. The gap between the lower ranked countries also in other Divisions became smaller than it was before, but we still have a lot of things to do to make women's hockey more competitive.

The Summit gathered 15 of the top countries to look at past and current initiatives and especially to share ideas and thoughts on how to move forward. After the Summit, we created a new list of how to move women's hockey forward and develop a four year plan for the participating countries. The Women's Committee therefore will start a new four-year circle called "PyeongChang and beyond".

10 countries also participated in the newly launched Yearly Training Plan Program (YTP). The YTP Program replaces the Athlete Ambassador and Mentor Coach Program, but many of the fundamental features remain. The qualified countries are to design seasonal program plans which are based on the long-term strategy they created. The main objective is to ensure purposeful and efficient investment for all parties involved.

The 2014 IIHF High Performance Camp, held in Vierumäki, Finland, proved to be another success with 230 participants attending from 16 countries. A little less than a hundred players once again had the opportunity to experience what training in the elite level is. This was facilitated by Coaches, Goalkeeper Coaches, Team Managers, Equipment Managers, Strength and Conditioning Coaches and Athletic Trainers who were all mentored by experienced people from their fields in women's hockey. In addition, the players attended numerous classroom sessions and each team had an Athlete Ambassador to provide further insight and example to them.

At last but not least on behalf of the IIHF Women's Committee I would like to take here the opportunity to thank Hockey Canada and USA Hockey for taking the leadership at AMP Program, the Coach Mentors and Athlete Ambassadors working with the countries for their dedication and passion to women's hockey, and Mel Davidson who did a tremendous job in the past four years and I hope she will have enough power to continue in the future.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer
Chairwoman



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The IIHF World Championship trophy awaiting the winner of the Russia-Finland final.
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Staredown: Swiss goaltender Florence Schelling follows the puck on a scoring attempt by Michelle Karvinen during the preliminary round of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images



Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2013/2014 season

Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Tournament

Sochi, Russia 12.2.2014 - 23.2.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Brüggemann, Lars GER	Amel, Derek NHL
Jackson, Dave NHL	Cameron, Lonnie NHL
Jerabek, Antonin CZE	Carlson, Chris CAN
Leggo, Mike NHL	Dedioulia, Ivan BLR
Meier, Brad NHL	Devorski, Greg NHL
Olenin, Konstantin RUS	George, Tommy USA
Peel, Tim NHL	Kovachik, Brad NHL
Piechaczek, Daniel GER	McElman, Andy NHL
Pollock, Kevin NHL	Schrader, André GER
Rönn, Jyri FIN	Suominen, Sakari FIN
Sindler, Vladimir CZE	Valach, Miroslav SVK
Sutherland, Kelly NHL	Wheler, Mark NHL
Vinnerborg, Marcus SWE	Wilmot, Jesse CAN
Walsh, Ian NHL	Woodworth, Christopher USA

Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Tournament

Sochi, Russia 8.2.2014 - 20.2.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Blair, Erin USA	Björkman, Therese SWE
Bordeleau, Melanie CAN	Caughey, Denis CAN
Eskola, Anna SUI	Gagnon, Stéphanie CAN
Hertrich, Nicole GER	Girard, Charlotte FRA
Hove, Aina NOR	Hanrahan, Alicia USA
Joy, Tottman GBR	Johnson, Laura USA
	Kudelova, Michaela SVK
	Novotna, Ilona CZE
	Svobodova, Zuzana CZE

World Championship

Minsk, Belarus 9.5.2014 - 25.5.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Brüggemann, Lars GER	Carlson, Chris CAN
Bulanov, Vyacheslav RUS	Carnathan, Paul USA
Dremelj, Igor SLO	Dahmen, Jimmy SWE
Frano, Martin CZE	Dedioulia, Ivan BLR
Gofman, Roman RUS	Dehaen, Pierre FRA
Jerabek, Antonin CZE	Fluri, Nicolas SUI
Kaval, Keith USA	Kilian, Jon NOR
Nord, Mikael SWE	Lederer, Vit CZE
Olenin, Konstantin RUS	Leermakers, Joep NED
Patafie, Steve USA	Puolakka, Masi FIN
Piechaczek, Daniel GER	Raming, Stanislav RUS
Rantala, Aleksii FIN	Schrader, Andre GER
Rönn, Jyri FIN	Semjonov, Anton EST
Sidorenko, Maxim BLR	Suominen, Sakari FIN
Sindler, Vladimir CZE	Valach, Miroslav SVK
Vinnerborg, Marcus SWE	Wilmot, Jesse CAN

World Championship Division I Group A

Goyang, Korea 20.4.2014 - 26.4.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Anisimov, Alexei RUS	Büse, Markku GER
Brill, Marcus GER	Chae, Youngjin KOR
Ciamaga, Christopher USA	Kack, Johannes SWE
Hribik, Jan CZE	Kaderli, Roman SUI
Koch, Andreas SUI	Kanazawa, Kensuke JPN
Leppaalho, Jari FIN	Pesek, Tomas CZE
Mullner, Robert SVK	Ritter, Judson USA

World Championship Division I Group B

Vilnius, Lithuania 20.4.2014 - 26.4.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Balodis, Juris LAT	Golyak, Dmitri BLR
Gebel, Peter HUN	Jucers, Raivis LAT
Solem, Per Gustav NOR	Kovacs, Balazs HUN
St-Jacques, Pascal CAN	Lundgren, Ludvig SWE
	Nothegger, David AUT
	Otmakhov, Alexander RUS
	Reimer, Jonas DEN

World Championship Division II Group A

Belgrade, Serbia 9.4.2014 - 15.4.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Bourreau, Alexandre FRA	Aasum, Remi NOR
Darnell, Tom (GBR) GBR	Fazekas, Tibor SRB
Kamsek, Luka (SLO) SLO	Parduv, David SRB
Kepa, Przemyslaw POL	Smura, Mariusz POL
	Toparceanu, Adrian Cosmin ROU
	Tschirner, David ITA
	Van den Berg, Jeroen NED

World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain 5.4.2014 - 11.4.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Fazekas, Djordje SRB	Belic, Vanja CRO
Gastaldelli, Michele ITA	Cerne, Jan SLO
Takizawa, Shinichi JPN	Furet, Yann FRA
Urda, Maxym UKR	Garcia Banos, Alejandro ESP
	Kupcus, Kriss LAT
	Meyer Dainow, Rudy ESP
	Van Grinsven, Chris BEL

World Championship Division III

Luxembourg, Luxembourg 6.4.2014 - 12.4.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Knezevic, Tomislav CRO	Caillot, Thomas FRA
Tsernyshov, Igor EST	Cui, Zhinan CHN
Tzirtziganis, Tim BEL	Gladchenko, Anton UKR
Valentin, Lascar ROU	Johnstone, Michael AUT
	Lega, Simone ITA
	Lukosevicius, Vytautas IRL
	Sigmarsson, Orri ISL

World Junior Championship

Malmo, Sweden 26.12.2013 - 5.1.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Bjork, Tobias SWE	Kosaka, Kenji JPN
Boman, Antti FIN	Kowert, Andreas GER
Grumsen, Jacob DEN	Martineau, Benoit CAN
Hradil, Rene CZE	McIntyre, Fraser USA
Kubus, Jozef SVK	Metalnikov, Eduard RUS
Linde, Marcus SWE	Müller, Joris SUI
Mayer, Timothy USA	Pihlblad, Henrik SWE
Papp, Steve CAN	Saha, Joonas FIN
Piccott, Devin CAN	Sefcik, Peter SVK
Romasko, Yevgeni RUS	Tosenovjan, Rudolf CZE
Stricker, Daniel SUI	
Wiegand, Marc SUI	

U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Sanok, Poland 15.12.2013 - 21.12.2014

Referees	Linesmen
Bergamelli, Jimmy FRA	Hlavaty, Marek CZE
Gamper, Daniel ITA	Hylinski, Artur POL
Pesina, Vladimir CZE	Korba, Martin SVK
Pitoscia, Christopher USA	Moszczyński, Wojciech POL
	Pardatscher, Ulrich ITA
	Piragic, Trpimir CRO
	Wüst, Simon SUI

U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Dumfries, Great Britain 9.12.2013 - 15.12.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Fonselius, Stefan FIN	Agertoft, Morten DEN
Kincses, Gergely HUN	Bogdanovs, Maksims LAT
Sheva, Brett USA	Dalgleish, Scott GBR
Wirth, Daniel SUI	Dalton, Andrew GBR
	Kaliada, Vasili BLR
	Rakovic, Damir SLO
	Vanoosten, Nathan CAN

U20 World Championship Division II Group A
Miskolc, Hungary 15.12.2013 - 21.12.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Bliek, Damien	FRA	Dahl, Havar	NOR
Gregersen, Jens Christian	DEN	Erdle, Dominic	GER
Oskirko, Yuri	RUS	Govorun, Olexander	UKR
Steinecke, Jens	GER	Ichikawa, Shunsuke	JPN
		Kaydarov, Mergen	KAZ
		Nagy, Attila	HUN
		Nemeth, Marton	HUN

U20 World Championship Division II Group B
Jaca, Spain 11.1.2014 - 17.1.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Amosov, Petr	BLR	Biec Cebrian, Sergio	ESP
DeWilde, Martin	NED	Butucel, Mihai	ROU
Ibatulin, Eduard	KAZ	Hofer, Florian	AUT
Smith, Dean	UKR	Neva, Henri	FIN
		Rudzinskas, Vladislovas	LTU
		Trobajo Navarro, Carlos	ESP
		Van den Acker, Maarten	BEL

U20 World Championship Division III
Izmir, Turkey 12.1.2014 - 18.1.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Halm, Stian	NOR	Bulut, Erhan	TUR
Harnebring, Andreas	SWE	Johnston, Oskar	AUT
Kudrjasovs, Andrejs	LAT	Kaya, Cemal Ersin	TUR
Radzik, Tomasz	POL	Korepanov, Artem	UKR
		Nedeljkovic, Ivan	SRB
		Oliver, Brian	USA
		Palei, Yakov	RUS

U18 World Championship
Lappeenranta and Imatra, Finland 17.4.2014 - 27.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Ansons, Andris	LAT	Browne, Jordan	CAN
Hicks, Michael	GBR	Jensen, Rene	DEN
Hodek, Pavel	CZE	Lazarev, Gleb	RUS
Kaukokari, Mikko	FIN	Lhotsky, Miroslav	CZE
Konc, Daniel	SVK	Malmqvist, Andreas	SWE
Miller, Geoffrey	USA	Penkivech, Dana	USA
Nicholson, Kendrick	CAN	Pesonen, Jani	FIN
Öhlund, Linus	SWE	Ponomarjov, Nikolaj	GER
Salonen, Anssi	FIN	Waldejer, Alexander	NOR
Schukies, Gordon	GER	Yamaguchi, Sotaro	JPN
Sergeyev, Alexander	RUS		
Wehrli, Tobias (SUI)	SUI		

U18 World Championship Division I Group A
Nice, France 13.4.2014 - 19.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Falkner, Robert	AUT	Ahlén, Örjan	SWE
Foster, T.J.	CAN	Barbez, Matthieu	FRA
Sir, Robin	CZE	Espinoza, Franco	SUI
Trilar, Viki	SLO	Loos, Mathieu	FRA
		Rojko, Gregor	SLO
		Vyleta, Roman	SVK
		Widmann, Florian	AUT

U18 World Championship Division I Group B
Szekesfehervar, Hungary 13.4.2014 - 19.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Krcelic, Vedran	CRO	Badyl, Pavel (BLR)	BLR
Nalivaiko, Vladimir	BLR	Bedó, Peter (HUN)	HUN
Orolin, Tomas	SVK	Hagerström, Markus (FIN)	FIN
Sewell, Liam	GBR	Mori, Marco (ITA)	ITA
		Piche, Nicolas (CAN)	CAN
		Sakovic, Marko (CRO)	CRO
		Soos, Daniel (HUN)	HUN

U18 World Championship Division II Group A
Dumfries, Great Britain 24.3.2014 - 30.3.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Deweerd, Chris	BEL	Andersen, Thomas B.	DEN
Haupt, Bastian	GER	Flockhart, Ally	GBR
Meszynski, Pawel	POL	Griskevics, Jevgenijs	LAT
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey	ESP	Kavanagh, James	GBR
		Liu, Jiaqi	CHN
		Matskevich, Alexander	BLR
		Sysuyev, Alexander	RUS

U18 World Championship Division II Group B
Tallinn, Estonia 14.4.2014 - 20.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Buturlin, Mikhail	RUS	Beelen, Louis	NED
Haszonits, Miklos	HUN	Eerme, Mart	EST
Haxell, Peter	NZL	Grozaj, Tomislav	CRO
Toppel, Rasmus	DEN	Janusauskas, Karolis	LTU
		Monnaie, Frederic	BEL
		Rohrer, Michael	SUI
		Tilku, Toivo	EST

U18 World Championship Division III Group B
Sofia, Bulgaria 24.3.2014 - 30.3.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Baek, Min - Hwan	KOR	Aleksic, Uros	SRB
Borisovs, Aleksandrs	LAT	Butucel, Alexandru	ROU
den Ridder, Jeronimus	NED	Markizeti, Grega	SLO
Rebeschin, Max (ITA)	ITA	Oosterling, Stef	NED
		Stoyanov Luchezar	BUL
		Szachniewicz, Slawomir	POL
		Tanev, Tzvetko	BUL

U18 World Championship Division III Group B
Izmit, Turkey 13.2.2014 - 15.2.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Sevruc, Andri	UKR	Aygun, Murat	TUR
Stefik, Miroslav	SVK	Gorbatuk, Olexander	UKR
		Rovensky, Tibor	SVK

Women's World Championship Division I Group A
Prerov, Czech Republic 6.4.2014 - 12.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Ariano-Lortie Gabrielle	CAN	Hueffner, Lisa	GER
Glenn, Jerilyn	USA	Inoue, Chieko	JPN
Hengst, Debby	NED	Mala, Gabriela	CZE
Ugajin, Kyoko	JPN	Schipper, Bianca	NED
		Stastna, Gabriela	CZE
		Stratton, Vanessa	CAN
		Visala, Jenni	FIN

Women's World Championship Division I Group B
Ventspils, Latvia 6.4.2014 - 12.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Bandlofsky, Katja	GER	Greiere, Sintija	LAT
Ruzickova, Radka	CZE	Igarashi, Hitomi	JPN
Szkola Melisa	USA	Mauelshagen, Natalie	GER
Zuyeva, Yana	RUS	Pagon, Natasa	SLO
		Steinberg, Olga	RUS
		Tauriainen Johanna	FIN
		Zvadova, Jana	SVK

Women's World Championship Division II Group A
Asiago, Italy 6.4.2014 - 12.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Findurova, Zuzana	SVK	Dinant, Marine	BEL
Kiefer, Michaela	GER	Frattarelli, Michaela	USA
Nakayama, Miyuki	JPN	Gruber, Mirjam	ITA
Ustinova, Arina	RUS	Silhavikova, Viera	SVK
		Torribio / Rousselin, Sueva	FRA
		Tschorner, Helga	ITA
		Weegh, Harriet	AUT

Women's World Championship Division II Group B
Reykjavik, Iceland 24.3.2014 - 30.3.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Aberg, Henna	FIN	Auno, Satu (FIN)	FIN
Cuglietta, Deana	GBR	Hetherington, Leigh (GBR)	GBR

U18 Women's World Championship
Budapest, Hungary 23.3.2014 - 30.3.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Liu, Chunhua	CHN	Fu, Zhennan	CHN
Morrison, Kristine	USA	Hammar, Anna	SWE
Nelibova, Ludmila	CZE	Klaffki, Alexandra	GER
Utsumi, Mamiko	JPN	Shestakova, Oxana	KAZ
		Stefkova, Michaela	CZE
		Strohmeier, Svenja	GER
		Viskum, Trine	DEN

U18 Women's World Championship Division I
Füssen, Germany 29.3.2014 - 4.4.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Gernyi, Katalin	HUN	Anex, Magali	SUI
Ivanova, Elena	RUS	Gerkena, Jana	IRL
Kontturi, Maija	FIN	Lack, Amy	GBR
		Pobozniak, Joanna	POL
		Rygh, Rita	NOR
		Sandor, Zsuzsanna	HUN



Leader: Belarus head coach Glen Hanlon raises his arms in celebration in Minsk Arena at the 2014 IIHF World Championship. Belarus performed well on home ice, making it to the quarter-final round under Hanlon's guidance. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2014 IIHF World Ranking

Men

Rank	Country	Points	2013	Move
1	Sweden	3990	1	0
2	Finland	3955	2	0
3	Russia	3915	3	0
4	Canada	3850	5	1
5	Czech Republic	3745	4	-1
6	USA	3740	6	0
7	Switzerland	3470	7	0
8	Slovakia	3445	8	0
9	Latvia	3300	11	2
10	Norway	3265	9	-1
11	Belarus	3170	14	3
12	France	3165	13	1
13	Germany	3125	10	-3
14	Slovenia	3040	17	3
15	Denmark	3005	12	-3
16	Austria	2950	15	-1
17	Kazakhstan	2910	16	-1
18	Italy	2860	18	0
19	Hungary	2560	19	0
20	Ukraine	2500	20	0
21	Japan	2470	21	0
22	Great Britain	2450	22	0
23	Korea	2415	25	2
24	Poland	2355	23	-1
25	Netherlands	2305	24	-1
26	Lithuania	2170	26	0
27	Romania	2075	27	0
28	Croatia	2010	29	1
29	Estonia	1985	28	-1
30	Spain	1810	30	0
31	Serbia	1740	31	0
32	Israel	1530	39	7
33	Mexico	1530	36	3
34	Australia	1300	32	-2
35	Iceland	1295	33	-2
36	Belgium	1215	34	-2
37	New Zealand	1070	35	-2
38	China	980	38	0
39	Bulgaria	870	37	-2
40	South Africa	845	41	1
41	Turkey	840	40	-1
42	Luxembourg	695	43	1
43	DPR Korea	675	45	2
44	Ireland	410	42	-2
45	United Arab Emirates	405	47	2
46	Greece	360	44	-2
47	Georgia	355	48	1
48	Hong Kong	260	new	new
49	Mongolia	260	46	-3

Women

Rank	Country	Points	2013	Move
1	Canada	4160	2	1
2	USA	4100	1	-1
3	Switzerland	3840	5	2
4	Finland	3775	3	1
5	Sweden	3760	6	1
6	Russia	3715	4	-2
7	Germany	3585	7	0
8	Japan	3395	10	2
9	Czech Republic	3360	9	0
10	Norway	3225	11	1
11	Denmark	3185	17	6
12	Slovakia	3185	8	-4
13	Austria	3070	12	-1
14	France	2955	16	2
15	China	2935	15	0
16	Latvia	2895	13	-3
17	Kazakhstan	2850	14	-3
18	Netherlands	2715	20	2
19	Great Britain	2615	18	-1
20	Italy	2610	19	-1
21	Hungary	2580	22	1
22	Poland	2265	27	5
23	Slovenia	2210	21	-2
24	Korea	2195	28	4
25	Croatia	2110	24	-1
26	Spain	2065	29	3
27	DPR Korea	1720	26	-1
28	Australia	1645	23	-5
29	New Zealand	1615	25	-4
30	Iceland	1355	30	0
31	Belgium	1325	31	0
32	South Africa	1215	32	0
33	Turkey	970	34	1
34	Bulgaria	900	33	-1
35	Mexico	480	new	new
36	Ireland	435	35	-1
37	Hong Kong	420	new	new
38	Romania	135	36	-2

Sweden still No. 1, Canada women tops again

Bronze medallist Sweden defended its first position in the IIHF World Ranking, 35 points ahead of Finland, while Russia moves up from fourth to third place after winning gold at the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk, Belarus.

After missing the semi-finals in Minsk, Olympic champion Canada dropped down to fourth place. Host Belarus, which reached the quarter-finals for the first time in five years, made the biggest jump from 15th to 11th place.

Canada claims first place in the 2014 IIHF Women's World Ranking. Switzerland moves from fifth to third place at the expense of Finland (now 4th) and Russia (5th). The Czech Republic (8th) and Sochi 2014 qualifier Japan (9th) moved up one place, while Slovakia, which played in Vancouver 2010, fell down two spots and now comes in tenth place ahead of Norway. Among Division I countries, Croatia improved the most, moving from 30th to 28th.

Finland goaltender Juuse Saaros standing in front of a legion of Swedish fans during the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Brick wall: Team Canada goaltender Carey Price put himself in the record books with a shutout streak of 164:19 minutes to close out the Olympic Games, recording a 0.54 GAA through five games.
Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame 2014 Induction



Six members were inducted into the 2014 IIHF Hall of Fame, including former Belarusian captain Ruslan Salei, who received an emotional tribute.

The induction ceremony took place in Minsk on the afternoon of the final day of the World Championship. Those honoured by the International Ice Hockey Federation in the Players category included Vyacheslav Bykov, Andrei Khomutov, Niklas Lidstrom, Steve Yzerman and posthumously, Ruslan Salei. Murray Costello was honoured in the Builders category and Dr Mark Aubry given the Paul Loicq Award.

Induction ceremony host Paul Romanuk opened the event with a welcome to all in attendance, including IIHF Congress members, dignitaries and media. The first member of the class of 2014 honoured was Vyacheslav Bykov. Vyacheslav (Slava) Bykov was a great passer and team leader during the Soviet Union's days of dominance in the latter part of the 1980s and early '90s. At age 15 he was already a star with the adult team which played in the lower league of Soviet hockey. His talents were duly recognized, and in 1980 he started playing for Traktor Chelyabinsk. By 1982, Bykov was with coach Viktor Tikhonov's CSKA Moscow team, and at the end of that first season he was helping the mighty Soviets to a 9-1-0 record and a gold medal at the 1983 World Championship in West Germany.

Tikhonov partnered the centreman Bykov with winger Andrei Khomutov, and the pair had a chemistry not often seen on a sheet of ice. The line was complete in 1986 when Valeri Kamenski, then 20, joined the national team. The Soviets won gold at the 1986 World Championship and continued to dominate over the next half decade and more. In all, Bykov won five World Championship gold medals to complement Olympic gold in 1988 and 1992. He captained the latter victory, in Albertville, and also at three Worlds-1990, 1993, and 1995.

Bykov later assumed coaching duties with the national team. He coached the Russians to a gold medal in 2008, defeating Canada in Quebec City in overtime. He also coached CSKA Moscow and Salavat Yulayev Ufa, the latter winning the KHL's Gagarin Cup in 2011.

The five-time World Championship gold medallist first apologized for his 'broken' English which was, much like his time as a player, impeccable. Bykov spoke of his commitment to the game of hockey and in wanting to continue as an ambassador for the sport.

"It is my duty to promote the sport and work for hockey, a game I think is the best in the world," he said.

Niklas Lidström was introduced as a player with the "presence, mind, shot and touch" and someone who was among the greatest defencemen in history, if not the greatest. Drafted by Detroit in the 3rd round of the 1989 NHL Entry Draft, Lidström played for Västerås in the Swedish Elite League for two more years before leaving for the NHL. He became an impact player immediately, and the Red Wings never missed the playoffs during his entire career – 20 straight years – a record of success matched only by Larry Robinson, and was named winner of the Norris Trophy for best defenceman several times.

Lidström played in only three World Championships during his career, winning a medal each time: gold in 1991, bronze in 1994, and silver in 2004. He played in the first four Olympics involving NHL players, his career reaching its zenith in 2006 when he scored the winning goal early in the third period of the gold-medal game against Finland.

Lidstrom remembers growing up in Sweden he aspired to play for the national team and that through hard work, persistence and dedication he was able to do so on multiple occasions and lead Tre Kronor to gold.

"I didn't play that many World Championships. I played three of them, and one I came in late in the tournament. I played in four Olympics, and we had both ups and downs in those events. Being a Red Wing for 20 years is hard to top, but any time you get to represent your country, that



From left: Bob Nicholson representing Steve Yzerman, Dr. Mark Aubry, Murray Costello, Mikhail Zakharov and Ruslan Salei's brother Vadim representing Ruslan Salei. Photo:

means so much, especially winning a gold medal for Team Sweden in 2006. That was one of the top moments in my career."

He also thanked his parents for their sacrifice in helping him to obtain his dream and current Swedish head coach Per Marts whom he said was instrumental in his development from the ages of 16 to 21.

Murray Costello, who has been a tireless advocate for the sport of hockey, was also honoured. When he retired from hockey in 1960, Costello went on to become an influential individual both in Canada and internationally, working in the IIHF Council and becoming a key figure in the establishment of women's hockey. Costello was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in 2005.

A former NHLer during the Original Six days alongside his brother, Les, Murray Costello retired from hockey in 1960 and went on to a great career both nationally in Canada, and internationally with the IIHF. He started his administrative career in the Western Hockey League, working his way up to become president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) in 1979.

Costello united the CAHA with Hockey Canada to create a new Hockey Canada. His first great change after the merger was to introduce the Program of Excellence to Hockey Canada, the result of which created a junior program second to none. The success of the World Junior Championship in Canada started with that program and Costello's ability to convince the country's three junior leagues (OHL, QMJHL, WHL) to give up their top players for U20 participation.

Costello was a supporter of women's hockey at a time when the game was just developing, and it was under his aegis that the IIHF instituted a Women's World Championship starting in 1990. Costello also served on the Hockey Hall of Fame Board of Directors starting in 1981, and became a member of the IIHF Council for many years. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as a Builder in 2005.

Dr Mark Aubry won the Paul Loicq Award. Aubry said his life "has been a hockey game" and touched upon player safety: "Players are bigger, faster, stronger and concussions are an important topic," he said. "The

was drafted by the Red Wings, made the team that fall, and never looked back. After a sensational rookie season he made Canada's roster for the 1984 Canada Cup, won by the host country.

He played in three World Championships in the next six years, leading the tournament in both assists (10) and points (19) in 1990. The crowning glory of his international career came in 2002 at the Salt Lake Olympics. Despite a serious knee injury, Yzerman was a key member of Canada's roster as the nation won gold for the first time since 1952.

It was in 1986 that he was named captain of the Red Wings, at age 21, and Yzerman went on to become the longest-serving captain in NHL history, wearing the "C" for Detroit every year until he retired in 2006. A scoring machine, he had six consecutive seasons of at least 100 points, and in five of those he also eclipsed the 50-goal plateau. He led the Wings to the Stanley Cup in 1997 and again in 1998 and won for a third time in 2002. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in 2009 and later guided Canada to Olympic gold in 2010 in Vancouver as the team's executive director.

Andrei Khomutov also echoed thanks to family, coaches and teammates and how much they mean to him. Khomutov teamed with Bykov to form an impressive combination for the Soviets over the early eighties through mid nineties.

Khomutov played at the 1981 U20 and later that year appeared in his first World Championship games while still only 19 years of age. The Soviets won gold in 1981 in Sweden, and Khomutov had his first of seven gold medals over the next decade and a half playing with the old Soviet Union and later the new, modern Russia.

Khomutov also played for CCCP at the 1981 Canada Cup in September, helping the team win the tournament after a one-sided 8-1 victory over the Canadians. He then won gold in each of the next three years, the 1982 and '83 World Championships and the '84 Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

He led the 1990 Worlds with eleven goals and tied for the lead at the 1992 Olympics with seven. In 123 top-level international games over 15 years, Khomutov recorded 45 goals and 97 points. After hanging up his skates in 1998, Khomutov turned to coaching. He guided teams in Swiss NLA and NLB leagues before going back to Russia when he was a head coach in the KHL as well as the national team coach for Kazakhstan.

The emotional moment of the ceremony came when the widow of Ruslan Salei, Bethann, and their children spoke via video feed. Salei perished along with his Lokomotiv Yaroslavl teammates in the fateful crash that rocked the international hockey community in 2011.

Bethann Salei spoke of the sacrifice that her husband made for the game he loved so much. Salei's mother and brother were in attendance.

"I think it's great that he gets recognized here in his home country," Lidstrom said of his former teammate with the Red Wings. "He had a great career. He was a great teammate when he played with me in Detroit for one season. He was a great family man, and that plane crash... we miss him dearly and the rest of the guys who went down with it."

Salei was a hero in his native Belarus both for representing his country in IIHF tournaments as well as his lengthy NHL career. Salei played for Belarus at the 1994 and 1995 World Championships (C Pool). A natural leader, Salei has also captained the national team on many occasions. Belarus' finest result was a 4th-place finish in 2002 at the Salt Lake Olympics, thanks to a 4-3 win over Sweden in the quarter-finals, the nation's biggest victory of all time. Salei was one of the best players on ice that game, a defining moment in both his career and his country's hockey history.

Salei played nine seasons with the Anaheim Ducks, establishing himself as an all-around defenceman. In 2003 the team went to the Stanley Cup finals before losing to New Jersey in game seven. It was Salei who scored the overtime winner in Game 3, putting Anaheim back in the series after trailing, 2-0.

Salei later played for Florida, Colorado and Detroit before leaving the NHL in the summer of 2011. He signed with Lokomotiv Yaroslavl of the KHL but perished in the plane crash that killed the entire team. A short time later, he became a first player inducted into the newly-created Belarusian Hockey Hall of Fame, and his number 24 was retired from international competition by the Belarusian Ice Hockey Association.



Vyacheslav Bykov, Niklas Lidström, Andrei Khomutov, and Belarusian ice hockey coach Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF will continue to strive in this matter to educate on this issue."

For over three decades Dr Mark Aubry has been involved in sports, as a doctor in the Ottawa, Canada area and internationally at all top levels of competition. Aubry entered the international hockey arena in 1992 when he was named the chief medical officer for the Canadian Olympic Team in Albertville. That first experience led him to pursue a career in sports medicine with the IIHF that flourishes to this day.

The co-director of the Ottawa Sport Medicine Centre, Aubry became the team physician for the Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League in 1996, a position he held for a decade. He later became team physician for the Ottawa Senators of the NHL. In 1998, he became the Chief Medical Officer for the IIHF and six years later added the same title for Hockey Canada to his expanding role in international hockey. He is a member of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, and in 2006 Dr Aubry received the Dr Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award, the most prestigious sports medicine honour in Canada.

Steve Yzerman, though honoured, could not attend the induction. His responsibilities as general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning and preparing for the upcoming NHL draft in June kept him away. Instead, IIHF Vice President and outgoing Hockey Canada President Bob Nicholson accepted the honour on his behalf. Nicholson emphasized not only Yzerman's outstanding achievements as a player for both the Detroit Red Wings and Team Canada but as an executive and the architect of back-to-back Olympic gold medals in 2010 and 2014.

Yzerman was only 17 when he played his first IIHF tournament, the 1983 U20 event in Leningrad (St. Petersburg). A few months later he





Moving on: Swedish goaltender Henrik Lundqvist raises his arms in celebration as his team books a trip to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games gold medal game.

Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List

AUSTRIA

Born	Inducted	Category
Hans Dobida	1929 2007	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947 1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919 1997	Builder

BELARUS

Ruslan Salei	1974 2014	Player
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BELGIUM

Paul Loicq	1888 1997	Builder
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CANADA

Father David Bauer	1924 1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942 1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913 2004	Builder
Murray Costello	1934 2014	Builder
Danielle Goyette	1966 2013	Player
Wayne Gretzky	1961 2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967 2008	Player
Paul Henderson	1943 2013	Player
William Hewitt	1875 1998	Builder
Derek Holmes	1939 1999	Builder
Fran Huck	1945 1999	Player
Angela James	1964 2008	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941 1998	Player
Gordon Juckes	1914 1997	Builder
Dave King	1947 2001	Builder
Bob LeBel	1905 1997	Builder
Mario Lemieux	1965 2008	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908 1997	Player
Barry MacKenzie	1941 1999	Player
Seth Martin	1933 1997	Player
Jackie McLeod	1930 1999	Player
Andy Murray	1951 2012	Builder
Terry O'Malley	1946 1998	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935 2002	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932 1997	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965 2014	Player
Harry Watson	1898 1998	Player

CZECH REPUBLIC

Quido Adamec	1924 2005	Referee
Vladimir Bouzek	1920 2007	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931 1997	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935 2007	Builder
Josef Cerny	1939 2007	Player
Jaroslav Drobny	1921 1997	Player
Karel Gut	1927 1998	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950 2002	Player
Jiri Holecek	1944 1998	Player
Jiri Holik	1944 1999	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922 1997	Builder
Oldrich Machac	1944 1999	Player
Josef Malecek	1903 2003	Player
Vladimir Martinec	1949 2001	Player
Bohumil Modry	1916 2011	Player
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944 1997	Player
Milan Novy	1951 2012	Player
Frantisek Pospisil	1944 1999	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926 2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944 2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933 2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923 1997	Player

DENMARK

Jorgen Hviid	1916 2005	Builder
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FINLAND

Raimo Helminen	1964 2012	Player
Timo Jutila	1963 2003	Player
Matti Keinonen	1941 2002	Player
Jari Kurri	1960 2000	Player
Harry Lindblad	1912 1999	Builder
Pekka Marjamaki	1947 1998	Player
Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	1973 2010	Player
Kalevi Numminen	1940 2011	Builder
Teppo Numminen	1968 2013	Player
Lasse Oksanen	1942 1999	Player
Esa Peltonen	1947 2007	Player
Goran Stubb	1935 2000	Builder
Jorma Valtonen	1946 1999	Player
Juhani Wahlsten	1938 2006	Player
Unto Wiitala	1925 2003	Referee
Urpo Ylonen	1943 1997	Player

FRANCE

Philippe Bozon	1966 2008	Player
Jacques Lacarriere	1906 1998	Player
Louis Magnus	1881 1997	Builder

GERMANY

Rudi Ball	1910 2004	Player
Dieter Hegen	1962 2010	Player
Heinz Henschel	1920 2003	Builder
Gustav Jaenecke	1908 1998	Player
Udo Kiessling	1955 2000	Player
Josef Kompalla	1936 2003	Referee
Erich Kuhnackl	1950 1997	Player
Hans Rampf	1931 2001	Player
Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915 1997	Builder
Alois Schloder	1947 2005	Player
Xaver Unsinn	1929 1998	Builder
Joachim Ziesche	1939 1999	Player

GREAT BRITAIN

Bunny Ahearn	1900 1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897 1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876 2002	Builder

HUNGARY

Gyorgy Pasztor	1923 2001	Builder
Laszlo Schell	1948 2009	Referee

ITALY

Enrico Calcaterra	1905 1999	Builder
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JAPAN

Shoichi Tomita	1936 2006	Builder
Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925 2004	Builder
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934 1999	Builder

LATVIA

Helmuts Balderis	1952 1998	Player
Arturs Irbe	1967 2010	Player

NORWAY

Tore Johannessen	1922 1999	Builder
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POLAND

Henryk Gruth	1957 2006	Player
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ROMANIA

Eduard Pana	1944 1998	Player
Doru Tureanu	1954 2011	Player

RUSSIA

Veniamin Alexandrov	1937 2007	Player
Vsevolod Bobrov	1922 1997	Player
Pavel Bure	1971 2012	Player
Vyacheslav Bykov	1960 2014	Player
Arkady Chernyshev	1914 1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939 2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941 2007	Builder
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958 2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941 1998	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937 2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959 2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948 1998	Player
Andrei Khomutov	1961 2014	Player
Viktor Konovalenko	1938 2007	Player
Vladimir Krutov	1960 2010	Player
Viktor Kuzkin	1940 2005	Player
Igor Larionov	1960 2008	Player
Konstantin Loktev	1933 2007	Player
Sergei Makarov	1958 2001	Player
Alexander Maltsev	1949 1999	Player
Boris Mayorov	1938 1999	Player
Boris Mikhailov	1944 2000	Player
Vladimir Petrov	1947 2006	Player
Alexander Ragulin	1941 1997	Player
Nikolai Sologubov	1924 2004	Player
Andrei Starovoitov	1915 1997	Builder
Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940 2007	Player
Anatoli Tarasov	1918 1997	Builder
Viktor Tikhonov	1930 1998	Builder
Vladislav Tretyak	1952 1997	Player
Valeri Vasiliev	1949 1998	Player
Alexander Yakushev	1947 2003	Player
Vladimir Yurzinov	1940 2002	Builder

SLOVAKIA

Vladimir Dzurilla	1942 1998	Player
Josef Golonka	1938 1998	Player
Ladislav Horský	1927 2004	Builder
Jan Starsi	1933 1999	Builder
Peter Stastny	1956 2000	Player
Ladislav Trojak	1914 2011	Player

SLOVENIA

Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916 2002	Player
Rudi Hiti	1946 2009	Player

SWEDEN

Curt Berglund	1923 2003	Builder
Sven Bergkvist	1914 1999	Player
Lars Bjorn	1931 1998	Player
Ove Dahlberg	1931 2004	Referee
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941 2013	Builder
Rudolf Eklow	1904 1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937 2010	Builder
Peter Forsberg	1973 2013	Player
Arne Grunander	1918 1997	Builder
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958 2003	Player
Anders Hedberg	1951 1997	Player
Leif Holmqvist	1942 1999	Player
Tomas Jonsson	1960 2000	Player
Nicklas Lidström	1970 2014	Player
Hakan Loob	1960 1998	Player
Tord Lundstrom	1945 2011	Player
Mats Naslund	1959 2005	Player
Kent Nilsson	1956 2006	Player
Nisse Nilsson	1936 2002	Player
Ronald Pettersson	1935 2004	Player
Thomas Rundqvist	1960 2007	Player
Borje Salming	1951 1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941 2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931 1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920 1998	Builder
Mats Sundin	1971 2013	Player
Sven Tumba	1931 1997	Player

SWITZERLAND

Ferdinand Cattini	1916 1998	Player
Hans Cattini	1914 1998	Player
Jakob Kolliker	1953 2007	Player
Cesar Luthi	1930 1998	Builder
Bibi Torriani	1911 1997	Player

UKRAINE

Anatoli Khorozov	1925 2006	Builder
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UNITED STATES

Art Berglund	1940 2008	Builder
Herb Brooks	1937 1999	Builder
Walter Brown	1905 1997	Builder
Walter Bush Jr	1929 2009	Builder
Karyn Bye	1971 2011	Player
Bill Christian	1938 1998	Player
Bill Cleary	1934 1997	Player
Gerry Cosby	1909 1997	Player
Jim Craig	1957 1999	Player
Mike Curran	1944 1999	Player
Cammi Granato	1971 2008	Player
Phil Housley	1964 2012	Player
Mark Johnson	1957 1999	Player
Jack McCartan	1935 1998	Player
John Mayasich	1933 1997	Player
Lou Nanne	1941 2004	Player
Bob Ridder	1919 1998	Builder
Jack Riley	1920 1998	Builder
Hal Trumble	1926 1999	Builder
Thayer Tutt	1912 2002	Builder

PAUL LOICQ AWARD WINNERS

Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Vsevolod Kukushkin	RUS	2000
Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
George Nagobads	USA	2003
Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008
Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011
Kent Angus	CAN	2012
Gord Miller	CAN	2013
Mark Aubry	CAN	2014

*Ruslan Salei was posthumously inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame, becoming the first Belarusian to join the Hall.
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Pushing hard: Canada's Sidney Crosby and Sweden's Alex Steen are the picture of intensity as they chase a puck during the 2014 Winter Olympic Games final.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2014 Olympic Winter Games Men's Tournament



Sochi, Russia

Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
12.02.14	Czech Republic - Sweden	2 - 4 (0-2, 2-2, 0-0)
12.02.14	Latvia - Switzerland	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 0-1)
13.02.14	Finland - Austria	8 - 4 (4-2, 2-0, 2-2)
13.02.14	Russia - Slovenia	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 2-0)
13.02.14	Slovakia - USA	1 - 7 (0-1, 1-6, 0-0)
13.02.14	Canada - Norway	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
14.02.14	Czech Republic - Latvia	4 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 0-0)
14.02.14	Sweden - Switzerland	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
14.02.14	Canada - Austria	6 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 0-0)
14.02.14	Norway - Finland	1 - 6 (0-3, 0-2, 1-1)
15.02.14	Slovakia - Slovenia	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 1-3)
15.02.14	USA - Russia	3 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
15.02.14	Switzerland - Czech Republic	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
15.02.14	Sweden - Latvia	5 - 3 (1-1, 3-1, 1-1)
16.02.14	Austria - Norway	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
16.02.14	Russia - Slovakia	1 - 0 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
16.02.14	Slovenia - USA	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)
16.02.14	Finland - Canada	1 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Placement

GROUP A							
1	USA	3	2	1	0	0	15:4 8
2	Russia	3	1	1	1	0	8:5 6
3	Slovenia	3	1	0	0	2	6:11 3
4	Slovakia	3	0	0	1	2	2:11 1

GROUP B							
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	11:2 8
2	Finland	3	2	0	1	0	15:7 7
3	Austria	3	1	0	0	2	7:15 3
4	Norway	3	0	0	0	3	3:12 0

GROUP C							
1	Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	10:5 9
2	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	2:1 6
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	6:7 3
4	Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	5:10 0

Canada doubles up

No golden goal, no host nation heroics, no high drama this time around.

But when it came time to win a second-straight Olympic gold medal, Team Canada played a perfect game in a 3-0 win over Sweden. The victory closed out a remarkable display of defensive prowess by the champions from Vancouver and now Sochi.

Canada finished the 2014 Olympics with goaltender Carey Price not allowing a goal for the final 164:19 of the tournament. In fact, despite icing a team featuring some of the world's top forwards, the Canadians scored just 17 goals in six games - seven by defencemen - but allowed only three, an incredible record of stinginess.

Canada has achieved an unprecedented triple double, as the men and women have now won three of

Playoff Round Qualification Playoff

Date	Game	Score
18.02.14	Slovenia - Austria	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)
18.02.14	Russia - Norway	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)
18.02.14	Switzerland - Latvia	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 0-1)
18.02.14	Czech Republic - Slovakia	5 - 3 (3-0, 1-1, 1-2)

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
19.02.14	Sweden - Slovenia	5 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 4-0)
19.02.14	Finland - Russia	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
19.02.14	Canada - Latvia	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
19.02.14	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (3-1, 1-0, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
21.02.14	Sweden - Finland	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 0-0)
21.02.14	USA - Canada	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
22.02.14	USA - Finland	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-2, 0-3)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
23.02.14	Sweden - Canada	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Final Ranking

1	Canada	7	Slovenia
2	Sweden	8	Latvia
3	Finland	9	Switzerland
4	USA	10	Austria
5	Russia	11	Slovakia
6	Czech Republic	12	Norway

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Carey Price	CAN
Best Defenceman:	Erik Karlsson	SWE
Best Forward:	Phil Kessel	USA

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Henrik Lundqvist	SWE
Defenceman:	Drew Doughty	CAN
Defenceman:	Erik Karlsson	SWE
Forward:	Mikael Granlund	FIN
Forward:	Phil Kessel	USA
Forward:	Teemu Selanne	FIN
MVP:	Teemu Selanne	FIN

the last four Olympic gold medals in tandem (2002, 2010, 2014).

Canada also becomes the first nation since the Soviet Union in 1988 to repeat as champions and has won Olympic gold on European ice for the first time since 1952.

Two goals by Teemu Selanne led Finland to a 5-0 bronze medal win over the U.S., giving Selanne the distinction of becoming the oldest Olympic goal-scorer ever at the age of 43. The Finnish captain is also the oldest hockey medal winner ever, surpassing Igor Larionov's record from Russia's 2002 bronze medal win in Salt Lake City 2002.



Jonathan Toews, the youngest player to join the Triple Gold Club, added a second Stanley Cup (2013) and Olympic gold (2014) to his resume.

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2014 Olympic Winter Games Women's Tournament



Sochi, Russia

Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
08.02.14	USA - Finland	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 0-1)
08.02.14	Canada - Switzerland	5 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 0-0)
09.02.14	Sweden - Japan	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
09.02.14	Russia - Germany	4 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 4-0)
10.02.14	USA - Switzerland	9 - 0 (5-0, 1-0, 3-0)
10.02.14	Finland - Canada	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 0-3)
11.02.14	Germany - Sweden	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)
11.02.14	Russia - Japan	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
12.02.14	Switzerland - Finland	3 - 4 OT (0-2, 2-1, 1-0)
12.02.14	Canada - USA	3 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 3-1)
13.02.14	Japan - Germany	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 0-2)
13.02.14	Sweden - Russia	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)

Placement

GROUP A							
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 2 9
2	USA	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 4 6
3	Finland	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 9 2
4	Switzerland	3	0	0	1	2	3 : 18 1

GROUP B							
1	Russia	3	3	0	0	0	9 : 3 9
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	6 : 3 6
3	Germany	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 8 3
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 7 0

Ladies steal the show in Sochi

If there was any doubt as to whether or not women's ice hockey deserved a place in the Olympic program, those doubts were demolished on Russian ice in 2014.

In many ways, the women playing in Shayba Arena offered more thrills and exciting games than their counterparts in the men's tournament. The world was also treated to two new chapters in what has become one of the most fiercely-contested rivalries in any Olympic sport, as the Canadians and Americans resumed their war at the top of the women's hockey mountain.

Canada eked out a win late in its final preliminary round game against the United States, foreshadowing what was to come when the teams met again for gold. Team USA, determined to avenge a silver-medal finish at Vancouver 2010 and prove itself better than its northern neighbour, held a two-goal lead in the third period. Canada pulled its goalie after cutting the lead, and after a near game-sealing empty net shot by the U.S. hit the post, forward Marie-Phillip Poulin stepped up and tied the game, then scored in overtime, her second Olympic gold-medal winner.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
15.02.14	Finland - Sweden	2 - 4 (0-0, 1-0, 1-4)
15.02.14	Switzerland - Russia	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Classification

Date	Game	Score
16.02.14	Finland - Germany	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 0-0)
16.02.14	Russia - Japan	6 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 2-1)
18.02.14	Germany - Japan	3 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 0-1)
18.02.14	Finland - Russia	4 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
17.02.14	USA - Sweden	6 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 1-1)
17.02.14	Canada - Switzerland	3 - 1 (3-0, 0-1, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.02.14	Switzerland - Sweden	4 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 4-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
20.02.14	Canada - USA	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)

Final Ranking

1	Canada	5	Finland
2	USA	6	Russia
3	Switzerland	7	Germany
4	Sweden	8	Japan

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Florence Schelling	SUI
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Michelle Karvinen	FIN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Florence Schelling	SUI
Defenceman:	Megan Bozek	USA
Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Forward:	Meghan Agosta	CAN
Forward:	Amanda Kessel	USA
Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA
MVP:	Florence Schelling	SUI

But it wasn't just the North Americans providing the fireworks. Sweden and Switzerland played out an incredible bronze medal game that saw the Swiss come back from a 2-0 deficit, scoring four goals in the third period to win 4-3. Great performances by players from Finland, Russia, and strong efforts by the German and Japanese national teams also raised eyebrows in Sochi.

The women's ice hockey tournament in Sochi was, quite simply, the best in the 24-year history of the event in IIHF competition. All the teams participating made unprecedented improvement in their play, and it is safe to say that the women's game will continue to improve and produce world class hockey worthy of the Olympic Games.

*Marie-Philip Poulin has now earned the unique distinction of having scored the game winning goal in the gold medal games of both Olympics that she has competed in.
Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images*





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Welcome to Belarus

Party in Minsk: A new IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship attendance record was set in Minsk 2014, as 640,044 fans turned out for the games in Minsk (pictured) and Chizhovka arenas. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Minsk, Belarus



Preliminary Round

Group A - Chizhovka Arena

Date	Game	Score
09.05.14	France - Canada	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 0-0, 1-1)
09.05.14	Slovakia - Czech Republic	2 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-0, 0-1)
10.05.14	Italy - Norway	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
10.05.14	Sweden - Denmark	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)
10.05.14	Canada - Slovakia	4 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 3-0)
11.05.14	France - Italy	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
11.05.14	Norway - Denmark	4 - 3 (1-2, 2-0, 1-1)
11.05.14	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 3 SO (1-2, 1-1, 1-0)
12.05.14	Slovakia - France	3 - 5 (1-0, 2-1, 0-4)
12.05.14	Czech Republic - Canada	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-3, 2-0)
13.05.14	Italy - Denmark	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 0-1)
13.05.14	Norway - Sweden	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
14.05.14	Czech Republic - Italy	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
14.05.14	Slovakia - Norway	5 - 2 (2-2, 1-0, 2-0)
15.05.14	Canada - Denmark	6 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 4-0)
15.05.14	Sweden - France	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 0-1)
16.05.14	Canada - Italy	6 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 1-1)
16.05.14	Sweden - Slovakia	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
17.05.14	France - Norway	5 - 4 SO (0-1, 3-1, 1-2)
17.05.14	Denmark - Czech Republic	4 - 3 SO (1-2, 0-0, 2-1)
17.05.14	Slovakia - Italy	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)
18.05.14	Canada - Sweden	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 2-1, 0-0)
18.05.14	Czech Republic - Norway	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
19.05.14	Denmark - France	2 - 6 (1-2, 1-0, 0-4)
19.05.14	Italy - Sweden	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
20.05.14	Norway - Canada	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
20.05.14	Denmark - Slovakia	3 - 4 (0-1, 1-0, 2-3)
20.05.14	Czech Republic - France	5 - 4 OT (1-3, 3-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	7	5	1	1	0	28 : 13	18
2	Sweden	7	5	1	1	0	21 : 10	18
3	Czech Republic	7	2	2	2	1	20 : 18	12
4	France	7	2	2	1	2	25 : 20	11
5	Slovakia	7	3	0	1	3	20 : 21	10
6	Norway	7	2	0	1	4	16 : 19	7
7	Denmark	7	1	1	0	5	17 : 27	5
8	Italy	7	1	0	0	6	6 : 25	3

Group B - Minsk Arena

Date	Game	Score
09.05.14	Switzerland - Russia	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 0-1)
09.05.14	Belarus - USA	1 - 6 (0-1, 1-3, 0-2)
10.05.14	Kazakhstan - Germany	1 - 2 SO (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
10.05.14	Finland - Latvia	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-0, 0-2)
10.05.14	USA - Switzerland	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 2-0)
11.05.14	Germany - Latvia	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
11.05.14	Belarus - Kazakhstan	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)
11.05.14	Finland - Russia	2 - 4 (1-2, 1-2, 0-0)
12.05.14	Switzerland - Belarus	3 - 4 (2-1, 0-1, 1-2)
12.05.14	Russia - USA	6 - 1 (2-0, 4-1, 0-0)
13.05.14	Germany - Finland	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 0-0)
13.05.14	Kazakhstan - Latvia	4 - 5 (2-1, 2-3, 0-1)
14.05.14	Switzerland - Germany	3 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 0-0)
14.05.14	Russia - Kazakhstan	7 - 2 (1-0, 3-0, 3-2)
15.05.14	USA - Latvia	5 - 6 (1-2, 2-1, 2-3)
15.05.14	Finland - Belarus	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
16.05.14	USA - Kazakhstan	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 2-1, 0-1)
16.05.14	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 1-0, 0-2)
17.05.14	Latvia - Russia	1 - 4 (1-3, 0-1, 0-0)
17.05.14	Belarus - Germany	5 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 3-0)
17.05.14	Switzerland - Kazakhstan	6 - 2 (2-0, 2-0, 2-2)
18.05.14	USA - Finland	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 2-1)
18.05.14	Russia - Germany	3 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 3-0)
19.05.14	Kazakhstan - Finland	3 - 4 (2-2, 0-2, 1-0)
19.05.14	Latvia - Belarus	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 0-1)
20.05.14	Germany - USA	4 - 5 (0-0, 3-3, 1-2)
20.05.14	Latvia - Switzerland	2 - 3 (0-2, 1-1, 0-1)
20.05.14	Russia - Belarus	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	7	7	0	0	0	31 : 7	21
2	USA	7	4	1	0	2	27 : 23	14
3	Belarus	7	4	0	0	3	18 : 17	12
4	Finland	7	3	1	0	3	18 : 15	11
5	Switzerland	7	3	0	1	3	19 : 21	10
6	Latvia	7	3	0	0	4	20 : 24	9
7	Germany	7	1	1	0	5	13 : 23	5
8	Kazakhstan	7	0	0	2	5	16 : 32	2

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
22.05.14	USA - Czech Republic	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-3, 2-0)
22.05.14	Russia - France	3 - 0 (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
22.05.14	Canada - Finland	2 - 3 (0-1, 2-0, 0-2)
22.05.14	Sweden - Belarus	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 1-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
24.05.14	Russia - Sweden	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
24.05.14	Czech Republic - Finland	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
25.05.14	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
25.05.14	Russia - Finland	5 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 2-0)

Final Placing

1	Russia	9	Slovakia
2	Finland	10	Switzerland
3	Sweden	11	Latvia
4	Czech Republic	12	Norway
5	Canada	13	Denmark
6	USA	14	Germany
7	Belarus	15	Italy
8	France	16	Kazakhstan

Italy and Kazakhstan are relegated to the 2015 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Sergei Bobrovski	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Seth Jones	USA
Best Forward:	Viktor Tikhonov	RUS

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Pekka Rinne	FIN
Defenceman:	Seth Jones	USA
Defenceman:	Anton Belov	RUS
Forward:	Sergei Plotnikov	RUS
Forward:	Viktor Tikhonov	RUS
Forward:	Antoine Roussel	FRA
MVP:	Pekka Rinne	FIN

Russia back on top

The Russian national team bounced back from a disappointing home ice campaign at the 2014 Olympics to claim its second World Championship gold in three years. The Russians won ten straight on their way to gold.

Another big winner at the 2014 was the host nation. Belarus, and its capital Minsk, put together an impressive tournament and came away having broken the IIHF World Championship attendance record, setting a new mark of 640,044 spectators. Not bad for a first-time host. The home team as well was impressive, advancing to the playoff round and nearly making it to the semi-finals before falling to Sweden.

Belarus' performance was not the only surprise in Minsk. Team France, a non-contender in recent World Championships, shocked the hockey world for the second year in a row. Following up on the 2013 Worlds when the team posted a huge upset over Russia, 2014 saw the French open the tournament with a 3-2 shootout win over Canada and a 5-3 victory over Slovakia, finishing fourth in the group, and eight overall ahead of stronger hockey nations such as the Slovaks, Swiss, and Latvians. With France due to host its first World Championship since 1951 in three years' time, things are looking up for *les Bleus*.



French forward Antoine Roussel scored 11 points in eight games and earned an All-Star team nod. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



A model of consistency at the senior level, Team Russia has won four out of the last seven World Championships.

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2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A

Goyang, Korea



2014
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KOREA
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
20.04.14	Ukraine - Austria	2 - 3 OT (1-2, 1-0, 0-0)
20.04.14	Japan - Slovenia	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)
20.04.14	Korea - Hungary	4 - 7 (0-2, 1-3, 3-2)
21.04.14	Austria - Japan	4 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 3-0)
21.04.14	Hungary - Ukraine	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
21.04.14	Slovenia - Korea	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)
23.04.14	Slovenia - Hungary	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
23.04.14	Ukraine - Japan	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 1-1)
23.04.14	Austria - Korea	7 - 4 (5-4, 0-0, 2-0)
24.04.14	Slovenia - Ukraine	5 - 3 (2-0, 0-2, 3-1)
24.04.14	Hungary - Austria	4 - 5 OT (0-0, 3-3, 1-1)
24.04.14	Japan - Korea	4 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 0-2)
26.04.14	Hungary - Japan	5 - 4 SO (1-1, 2-2, 1-1)
26.04.14	Austria - Slovenia	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 0-2)
26.04.14	Korea - Ukraine	2 - 8 (0-2, 0-3, 2-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 6	12
2	Austria	5	2	2	0	1	20 : 14	10
3	Japan	5	3	0	1	1	14 : 14	10
4	Ukraine	5	2	0	1	2	18 : 13	7
5	Hungary	5	1	1	1	2	16 : 18	6
6	Korea	5	0	0	0	5	12 : 30	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Yukata Fukufuji	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Dominique Heinrich	AUT
Best Forward:	Jan Mursak	SLO

Final Placing

1	Slovenia	4	Ukraine
2	Austria	5	Hungary
3	Japan	6	Korea

Slovenia and Austria promoted to 2015 IIHF World Championship.
Korea relegated to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.

Slovenia, Austria are back

Slovenia and Austria were the surprise qualifiers in Sochi 2014. Now they also climbed the ladder in the World Championship program and earned promotion to the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in the Czech Republic.

It was a three-team thriller for promotion on the last day of the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Goyang, a satellite city of Seoul, Korea. Japan hoped to write history after a 2-1 opening-day victory against Slovenia and just needed a win in the last game against Hungary, which was out of the race, to earn promotion and the best result in 19 years. It didn't work out. The Japanese blew a 4-3 lead with 66 seconds left in regulation time and lost in a shootout. Slovenia defeated Austria 3-1 to earn first place and promotion together with Austria.

Korea was relegated and will be replaced by Poland, which won the Division I Group B ahead of a surprising Croatian team. Host Lithuania finished the tournament in Vilnius in third place with a total attendance of 41,224 fans in five days also thanks to the impressive homecoming of New Jersey Devils forward Dainius Zubrus.

Slovenia will join Austria at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship thanks to a 3-1 win against their neighbours after Japan missed out on a huge opportunity to advance to the top division after falling to Hungary 5-4 in a shootout. Photo: Soohan Kim



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B

Vilnius, Lithuania



2014

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LITHUANIA

Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
20.04.14	Croatia - Great Britain	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)
20.04.14	Romania - Poland	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-3, 0-2)
20.04.14	Lithuania - Netherlands	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
21.04.14	Great Britain - Romania	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-1)
21.04.14	Netherlands - Croatia	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 0-0)
21.04.14	Poland - Lithuania	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1)
23.04.14	Poland - Netherlands	5 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 4-1)
23.04.14	Croatia - Romania	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-1, 2-1)
23.04.14	Great Britain - Lithuania	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 0-0)
24.04.14	Poland - Croatia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
24.04.14	Netherlands - Great Britain	3 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 2-1)
24.04.14	Romania - Lithuania	2 - 5 (0-1, 0-1, 2-3)
26.04.14	Netherlands - Romania	9 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 4-1)
26.04.14	Great Britain - Poland	4 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 2-1)
26.04.14	Lithuania - Croatia	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	21 : 8	12
2	Croatia	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 9	11
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 9	9
4	Great Britain	5	3	0	0	2	13 : 12	9
5	Netherlands	5	1	0	0	4	13 : 18	3
6	Romania	5	0	0	1	4	7 : 29	1

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Przemyslaw Odrobny	POL
Best Defenceman:	Alan Letang	CRO
Best Forward:	Dainius Zubrus	LTU

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	Great Britain
2	Croatia	5	Netherlands
3	Lithuania	6	Romania

Poland is promoted to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Romania is relegated to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.



NHLer Dainius Zubrus made his 2nd appearance for Lithuania.
Photo: Sarunas Mazeika

Sebastian Kowalowka scored twice in a key 4-1 victory over Croatia to help lift Poland to Division I Group A. Photo: Sarunas Mazeika



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A

Belgrade, Serbia



2014 ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SERBIA
 Belgrade
 Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.04.14	Iceland - Estonia	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
09.04.14	Israel - Australia	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 0-1, 3-1)
09.04.14	Belgium - Serbia	8 - 3 (3-0, 2-2, 3-1)
10.04.14	Estonia - Australia	5 - 1 (4-1, 1-0, 0-0)
10.04.14	Belgium - Iceland	3 - 6 (2-2, 1-0, 0-4)
10.04.14	Serbia - Israel	10 - 6 (4-0, 2-3, 4-3)
12.04.14	Belgium - Israel	4 - 3 OT (1-3, 2-0, 0-0)
12.04.14	Iceland - Australia	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-2, 1-0)
12.04.14	Estonia - Serbia	5 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 2-1)
14.04.14	Australia - Belgium	7 - 1 (2-0, 4-1, 1-0)
14.04.14	Israel - Estonia	3 - 16 (0-6, 1-4, 2-6)
14.04.14	Serbia - Iceland	3 - 4 SO (0-2, 1-1, 2-0)
15.04.14	Estonia - Belgium	6 - 1 (0-0, 4-1, 2-0)
15.04.14	Iceland - Israel	4 - 3 SO (2-2, 0-1, 1-0)
15.04.14	Australia - Serbia	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	5	0	0	0	36 : 8	15
2	Iceland	5	1	3	0	1	18 : 15	9
3	Serbia	5	2	0	1	2	19 : 23	7
4	Australia	5	1	0	2	2	13 : 14	5
5	Belgium	5	1	1	0	3	17 : 25	5
6	Israel	5	0	1	2	2	19 : 37	4

Guided by the Finnish coaching duo of Sakari Pietilä and Harri Rindell, Estonia swept the field to win promotion to next year's Division I Group B. Photo: Milos Rafailovic

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Arsenije Rankovic	SRB
Best Defenceman:	Ingvar Jonsson	ISL
Best Forward:	Robert Rooba	EST

Final Placing

1	Estonia	4	Australia
2	Iceland	5	Belgium
3	Serbia	6	Israel

Estonia is promoted to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B. Israel is relegated to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain



2014 ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
 JACA
 Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
05.04.14	New Zealand - Turkey	6 - 3 (2-2, 2-0, 2-1)
05.04.14	South Africa - China	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
05.04.14	Mexico - Spain	3 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 2-1)
06.04.14	Turkey - South Africa	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
06.04.14	New Zealand - Mexico	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 0-2)
06.04.14	Spain - China	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
08.04.14	Mexico - China	7 - 4 (2-3, 3-1, 2-0)
08.04.14	New Zealand - South Africa	4 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 3-0)
08.04.14	Spain - Turkey	8 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 3-0)
09.04.14	China - New Zealand	2 - 3 OT (2-1, 0-0, 0-1)
09.04.14	Turkey - Mexico	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-0, 0-3)
09.04.14	South Africa - Spain	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 0-3)
11.04.14	Mexico - South Africa	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 2-1)
11.04.14	China - Turkey	4 - 6 (1-3, 3-3, 0-0)
11.04.14	Spain - New Zealand	6 - 2 (1-1, 4-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Spain	5	5	0	0	0	29 : 5	15
2	Mexico	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 11	12
3	New Zealand	5	2	1	0	2	15 : 18	8
4	China	5	1	0	1	3	14 : 21	4
5	South Africa	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 19	3
6	Turkey	5	1	0	0	4	12 : 27	3

Backed by a big home crowd, Spain opened the tournament by edging second-ranked Mexico 5-3 and then blanked China (4-0), Turkey (8-0) and South Africa (6-0) to seal the tournament win. Photo: Miguel Ramon

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ander Alcaine	Spain
Best Defenceman:	Juan Jose Palacin	Spain
Best Forward:	Oriol Boronat	Spain

Final Placing

1	Spain	4	China
2	Mexico	5	South Africa
3	New Zealand	6	Turkey

Spain is promoted to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A. Turkey is relegated to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division III.



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Luxembourg, Luxembourg



2014
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
LUXEMBOURG
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.04.14	Hong Kong - UAE	2 - 1 SO (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
06.04.14	DPR Korea - Georgia	22 - 1 (6-0, 9-0, 7-1)
06.04.14	Luxembourg - Bulgaria	5 - 8 (2-3, 3-3, 0-2)
07.04.14	Georgia - Hong Kong	0 - 12 (0-4, 0-3, 0-5)
07.04.14	Bulgaria - UAE	11 - 5 (5-3, 5-1, 1-1)
07.04.14	DPR Korea - Luxembourg	7 - 3 (4-0, 3-0, 0-3)
09.04.14	Bulgaria - Georgia	19 - 1 (10-0, 4-1, 5-0)
09.04.14	DPR Korea - Hong Kong	12 - 2 (3-2, 4-0, 5-0)
09.04.14	Luxembourg - UAE	8 - 1 (4-0, 4-0, 0-1)
11.04.14	UAE - DPR Korea	1 - 12 (0-3, 1-4, 0-5)
11.04.14	Hong Kong - Bulgaria	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 0-2)
11.04.14	Georgia - Luxembourg	0 - 19 (0-7, 0-6, 0-6)
12.04.14	Bulgaria - DPR Korea	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)
12.04.14	UAE - Georgia	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 2-0)
12.04.14	Luxembourg - Hong Kong	8 - 0 (5-0, 0-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Bulgaria	5	5	0	0	0	48 : 13	15
2	DPR Korea	5	4	0	0	1	54 : 11	12
3	Luxembourg	5	3	0	0	2	43 : 16	9
4	Hong Kong	5	1	1	0	3	17 : 27	5
5	UAE	5	1	0	1	3	14 : 34	4
6	Georgia	5	0	0	0	5	3 : 78	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	King Chi King Ho	HKG
Best Defenceman:	Clement Waltener	LUX
Best Forward:	Alexei Yotov	BUL

Final Placing

1	Bulgaria	4	Hong Kong
2	DPR Korea	5	United Arab Emirates
3	Luxembourg	6	Georgia

Bulgaria is promoted to 2015 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.

Finishing seventh on home ice at the 2014 IIHF World Championship was a huge success for the Belarusian national team, which drew huge crowds to every game and took Sweden down to the wire in the quarter-finals. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Finland won its third World Junior gold medal of all time. The previous ones came in 1987 and 1998.
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2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Junior Championship

Malmö, Sweden



2014
WORLD JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP
SWEDEN
Malmö

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.13	Germany - Canada	2 - 7 (2-4, 0-2, 0-1)
26.12.13	Czech Republic - USA	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)
27.12.13	Slovakia - Germany	9 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 3-1)
28.12.13	USA - Slovakia	6 - 3 (2-0, 1-2, 3-1)
28.12.13	Canada - Czech Republic	4 - 5 SO (1-1, 0-1, 3-2)
29.12.13	Germany - USA	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-4, 0-2)
30.12.13	Czech Republic - Germany	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
30.12.13	Canada - Slovakia	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 3-0)
31.12.13	Slovakia - Czech Republic	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-2, 0-0)
31.12.13	USA - Canada	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	3	0	1	0	19 : 12	10
2	USA	4	3	0	0	1	21 : 7	9
3	Czech Republic	4	1	1	0	2	10 : 13	5
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	16 : 17	3
5	Germany	4	1	0	0	3	7 : 24	3

Group B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.13	Norway - Russia	0 - 11 (0-5, 0-5, 0-1)
26.12.13	Switzerland - Sweden	3 - 5 (2-3, 0-0, 1-2)
27.12.13	Finland - Norway	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-1)
28.12.13	Sweden - Finland	4 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 1-1)
28.12.13	Russia - Switzerland	7 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 2-0)
29.12.13	Norway - Sweden	0 - 10 (0-3, 0-3, 0-4)
30.12.13	Russia - Finland	1 - 4 (1-0, 0-3, 0-1)
30.12.13	Switzerland - Norway	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
31.12.13	Sweden - Russia	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
31.12.13	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	22 : 7	12
2	Finland	4	2	0	1	1	14 : 10	7
3	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	21 : 8	6
4	Switzerland	4	1	1	0	2	11 : 17	5
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 29	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
02.01.14	Germany - Norway	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 0-0)
03.01.14	Norway - Germany	3 - 4 (1-2, 2-0, 0-2)
04.01.14	Germany - Norway	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 7	6
2	Norway	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 7	3

Norway is relegated to 2015 U20 World Championship Division I Group A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
02.01.14	USA - Russia	3 - 5 (3-2, 0-2, 0-1)
02.01.14	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 3-0)
02.01.14	Canada - Switzerland	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
02.01.14	Sweden - Slovakia	6 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
04.01.14	Sweden - Russia	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
04.01.14	Canada - Finland	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-3, 0-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.13	Canada - Russia	1 - 2 (0-2, 0-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.13	Sweden - Finland	2 - 3 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)

Final Placing

1	Finland	6	Czech Republic
2	Sweden	7	Switzerland
3	Russia	8	Slovakia
4	Canada	9	Germany
5	USA	10	Norway

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Oscar Dansk	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Rasmus Ristolainen	FIN
Best Forward:	Filip Forsberg	SWE

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Juuse Saros	FIN
Defenceman:	Rasmus Ristolainen	FIN
Defenceman:	Nikita Zadorov	RUS
Forward:	Filip Forsberg	SWE
Forward:	Anthony Mantha	CAN
Forward:	Teuvo Teravainen	FIN
MVP:	Filip Forsberg	SWE

Ristolainen strikes gold for Finns

Could we be seeing a changing of the guard at the World Juniors?

After almost a decade of dominance by North American under-20 teams, there have now been four different nations that have hoisted the World Junior Championship trophy in the last four years.

In 2014 Finland kicked off the hockey season in a big way, with defenceman Rasmus Ristolainen scoring a beautiful goal in extra-time to lift his team to its first World Juniors gold since 1998. Even sweeter for Finland was the fact that the victory came at the expense of Sweden, a perennial rival and the host of the 2014 tournament. Despite their home team losing, the host city of Malmö can count the 2014 World Juniors a huge success.

Malmö 2014 was the best attended IIHF World Junior Championship ever hosted in Europe. 144,268 spectators attended the 31 games in southern Sweden.

Malmö had already broke the Swedish record a few days into the tourney (only 63,493 attended the same total number of games in the smaller cities of Leksand and Mora in 2007). Before the medal day Malmö also overtook last year's attendance of 110,175 fans in Ufa, Russia.

Malmö also set a European single-game attendance record for the World Juniors with 12,023 fans at the gold medal game. With current shift towards parity amongst the top European and North American teams, the popularity of the World Junior Championship in Europe should continue its upward trend.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Sanok, Poland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.12.13	Slovenia - Belarus	3 - 7 (1-3, 1-1, 1-3)
15.12.13	Austria - Denmark	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
15.12.13	Poland - Latvia	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-1, 0-3)
16.12.13	Belarus - Austria	4 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 3-0)
16.12.13	Latvia - Slovenia	10 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 3-0)
16.12.13	Denmark - Poland	4 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 0-2)
18.12.13	Latvia - Austria	3 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 0-0)
18.12.13	Belarus - Denmark	4 - 5 (1-3, 0-1, 3-1)
18.12.13	Poland - Slovenia	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
19.12.13	Denmark - Latvia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
19.12.13	Slovenia - Austria	3 - 5 (2-3, 1-1, 0-1)
19.12.13	Belarus - Poland	5 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 3-1)
21.12.13	Denmark - Slovenia	4 - 2 (1-0, 0-0, 3-2)
21.12.13	Latvia - Belarus	4 - 3 (1-3, 1-0, 2-0)
21.12.13	Austria - Poland	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	5	0	0	0	20 : 10	15
2	Latvia	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 7	12
3	Belarus	5	3	0	0	2	23 : 14	9
4	Austria	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 14	6
5	Slovenia	5	0	1	0	4	11 : 28	2
6	Poland	5	0	0	1	4	6 : 20	1



2014

ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND

Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Austria
2	Latvia	5	Slovenia
3	Belarus	6	Poland

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	David Kickert	AUT
Best Defenceman:	Janis Jaks	LAT
Best Forward:	Oliver Bjorkstrand	DEN

Denmark is promoted to 2015 World Junior Championship.
Poland is relegated to 2015 U20 World Championship Division IB.



Guided by budding stars Nikolaj Ehlers and Oliver Bjorkstrand, the Danes booked their tickets to the 2015 World Juniors in Toronto and Montreal.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Dumfries, Great Britain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.12.13	Ukraine - Kazakhstan	2 - 7 (1-4, 1-0, 0-3)
09.12.13	Japan - France	3 - 4 (1-1, 2-1, 0-2)
09.12.13	Great Britain - Italy	3 - 4 OT (2-0, 1-2, 0-1)
10.12.13	Italy - Japan	4 - 3 (1-2, 2-1, 1-0)
10.12.13	France - Ukraine	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
10.12.13	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 2-0)
12.12.13	Japan - Ukraine	2 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 2-0)
12.12.13	Kazakhstan - Italy	3 - 4 (1-0, 0-1, 2-3)
12.12.13	France - Great Britain	4 - 5 SO (1-2, 1-0, 2-2)
14.12.13	Italy - France	4 - 3 OT (0-0, 2-2, 1-1)
14.12.13	Kazakhstan - Japan	8 - 7 (1-1, 3-5, 4-1)
14.12.13	Ukraine - Great Britain	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)
15.12.13	France - Kazakhstan	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
15.12.13	Italy - Ukraine	4 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 1-0)
15.12.13	Great Britain - Japan	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-2, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Italy	5	3	2	0	0	20 : 14	13
2	Kazakhstan	5	4	0	0	1	28 : 16	12
3	France	5	2	0	2	1	15 : 16	8
4	Ukraine	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 15	6
5	Japan	5	0	0	0	5	17 : 23	0
6	Great Britain				DSQ			

Great Britain is disqualified and relegated to the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A due to the use of an ineligible player.



2014

ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GREAT BRITAIN

Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Italy	4	Ukraine
2	Kazakhstan	5	Japan
3	France	6	Great Britain

Italy is promoted to 2015 U20 World Championship Division IA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Martin Rabanser	ITA
Best Defenceman:	Yuri Sergienko	KAZ
Best Forward:	Kirill Savitski	KAZ



Italy overcame tournament favourites Kazakhstan in the third period of their round robin game to win 4-2 to help them advance. Photo: Colin Lawson

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Miskolc, Hungary



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Miskolc
Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.12.13	Estonia - Netherlands	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-0, 0-2)
15.12.13	Hungary - Lithuania	5 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 5-0)
15.12.13	Romania - Croatia	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
16.12.13	Lithuania - Estonia	5 - 2 (0-2, 3-0, 2-0)
16.12.13	Hungary - Romania	6 - 1 (1-1, 3-0, 2-0)
16.12.13	Croatia - Netherlands	3 - 7 (1-2, 2-2, 0-3)
18.12.13	Croatia - Lithuania	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-1, 0-2)
18.12.13	Hungary - Estonia	8 - 2 (1-0, 4-1, 3-1)
18.12.13	Romania - Netherlands	2 - 5 (0-1, 0-0, 2-4)
20.12.13	Lithuania - Romania	5 - 1 (4-1, 1-0, 0-0)
20.12.13	Netherlands - Hungary	2 - 7 (1-2, 1-3, 0-2)
20.12.13	Estonia - Croatia	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
21.12.13	Netherlands - Lithuania	4 - 5 OT (1-1, 0-2, 3-1)
21.12.13	Romania - Estonia	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
21.12.13	Croatia - Hungary	1 - 8 (1-1, 0-3, 0-4)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	34 : 7	15
2	Lithuania	5	3	1	0	1	21 : 14	11
3	Netherlands	5	3	0	1	1	22 : 18	10
4	Estonia	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 19	6
5	Romania	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 20	3
6	Croatia	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 26	0

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Estonia
2	Lithuania	5	Romania
3	Netherlands	6	Croatia

Hungary is promoted to 2015 U20 World Championship Division IB.
Croatia is relegated to 2015 U20 World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Oliver Agoston	HUN
Best Defenceman:	Kilian van Gorp	NED
Best Forward:	Daniel Bogdziul	LTU

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
JACA
Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.01.14	Korea - Iceland	6 - 4 (0-0, 5-2, 1-2)
11.01.14	China - Australia	3 - 5 (1-3, 2-2, 0-0)
11.01.14	Serbia - Spain	1 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 0-0)
12.01.14	Iceland - China	8 - 1 (3-0, 3-0, 2-1)
12.01.14	Korea - Serbia	6 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 4-1)
12.01.14	Spain - Australia	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
14.01.14	Serbia - Australia	3 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 0-0)
14.01.14	Korea - China	17 - 2 (5-0, 4-0, 8-2)
14.01.14	Spain - Iceland	6 - 4 (4-1, 1-3, 1-0)
15.01.14	Australia - Korea	2 - 8 (0-5, 1-3, 1-0)
15.01.14	Iceland - Serbia	3 - 4 (1-0, 1-3, 1-1)
15.01.14	China - Spain	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
17.01.14	Serbia - China	5 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 5-1)
17.01.14	Australia - Iceland	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
17.01.14	Spain - Korea	2 - 4 (2-2, 0-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	5	0	0	0	41 : 12	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 11	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 15	9
4	Australia	5	1	1	0	3	12 : 19	5
5	Iceland	5	1	0	1	3	20 : 19	4
6	China	5	0	0	0	5	9 : 40	0

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Australia
2	Spain	5	Iceland
3	Serbia	6	China

Korea is promoted to 2015 U20 World Championship Division IA.
China is relegated to 2015 U20 World Championship Division III.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ignacio Garcia	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Yeongjun Seo	KOR
Best Forward:	Alejandro Carbonell	ESP

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Izmir, Turkey



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.01.14	Mexico - Belgium	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1)
12.01.14	South Africa - New Zealand	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-3, 0-3)
12.01.14	Bulgaria - Turkey	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 1-1)
13.01.14	Belgium - New Zealand	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
13.01.14	Bulgaria - Mexico	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-2, 0-4)
13.01.14	Turkey - South Africa	4 - 1 (3-1, 1-0, 0-0)
15.01.14	Bulgaria - South Africa	2 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-0, 0-1)
15.01.14	Mexico - New Zealand	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-3, 0-2)
15.01.14	Belgium - Turkey	9 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 5-0)
16.01.14	New Zealand - Bulgaria	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
16.01.14	South Africa - Belgium	2 - 6 (1-3, 0-2, 1-1)
16.01.14	Turkey - Mexico	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
18.01.14	Mexico - South Africa	8 - 1 (1-1, 5-0, 2-0)
18.01.14	New Zealand - Turkey	10 - 2 (2-1, 5-1, 3-0)
18.01.14	Belgium - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 6-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belgium	5	5	0	0	0	37 : 3	15
2	New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	29 : 6	12
3	Mexico	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 11	8
4	Turkey	5	2	0	1	2	10 : 24	7
5	South Africa	5	0	1	0	4	7 : 26	2
6	Bulgaria	5	0	0	1	4	4 : 33	1

Final Placing

1	Belgium	4	Turkey
2	New Zealand	5	South Africa
3	Mexico	6	Bulgaria

Belgium is promoted to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Neil Bruyninckx	BEL
Best Defenceman:	Frank Neven	BEL
Best Forward:	Aaron Henderson	NZL



A fourth-place finish in 2013 and a gold medal drought since 2009 means Canada will face some pressure to win when it hosts the 2015 World Juniors on home ice.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Lappeenranta & Imatra, Finland



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
FINLAND

Lappeenranta - Imatra

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
17.04.14	Slovakia - Russia	2 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
17.04.14	Sweden - Canada	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1)
18.04.14	Germany - Slovakia	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 0-2)
19.04.14	Canada - Germany	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 3-0)
19.04.14	Russia - Sweden	3 - 4 SO (0-2, 0-1, 3-0)
20.04.14	Slovakia - Canada	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
21.04.14	Russia - Germany	5 - 2 (3-2, 0-0, 2-0)
21.04.14	Sweden - Slovakia	6 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 2-1)
22.04.14	Canada - Russia	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 1-0, 1-2)
22.04.14	Germany - Sweden	3 - 9 (0-3, 1-4, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	3	0	1	0	12 : 7	10
2	Sweden	4	2	1	0	1	20 : 11	8
3	Russia	4	1	2	1	0	14 : 10	8
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	1	2	9 : 12	4
5	Germany	4	0	0	0	4	8 : 23	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
17.04.14	Switzerland - USA	4 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 3-0)
17.04.14	Denmark - Finland	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-2, 0-1)
18.04.14	Czech Republic - Denmark	9 - 2 (4-0, 3-0, 2-2)
19.04.14	USA - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
19.04.14	Finland - Switzerland	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
20.04.14	Denmark - USA	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-2, 0-4)
21.04.14	Finland - Czech Republic	3 - 4 SO (0-0, 1-2, 2-1)
21.04.14	Switzerland - Denmark	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
22.04.14	Czech Republic - Switzerland	4 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 3-2)
22.04.14	USA - Finland	4 - 3 (1-1, 2-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	4	3	0	0	1	16 : 7	9
2	Czech Republic	4	2	1	0	1	17 : 10	8
3	Finland	4	2	0	1	1	14 : 10	7
4	Switzerland	4	2	0	0	2	10 : 10	6
5	Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	5 : 25	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
24.04.14	Germany - Denmark	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
25.04.14	Denmark - Germany	2 - 3 OT (2-0, 0-0, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	2	1	1	0	0	6 : 4	5
2	Denmark	2	0	0	1	1	4 : 6	1

Denmark is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
24.04.14	USA - Slovakia	6 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 2-2)
24.04.14	Czech Republic - Russia	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
24.04.14	Sweden - Finland	10 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 5-0)
24.04.14	Canada - Switzerland	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
26.04.14	USA - Sweden	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
26.04.14	Canada - Czech Republic	3 - 4 OT (0-1, 1-2, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
27.04.14	Canada - Sweden	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
27.04.14	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (3-1, 2-1, 0-0)

Final Placing

1	United States	6	Finland
2	Czech Republic	7	Switzerland
3	Canada	8	Slovakia
4	Sweden	9	Germany
5	Russia	10	Denmark

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mason McDonald	CAN
Best Defenceman:	Haydn Fleury	CAN
Best Forward:	William Nylander	SWE



Team USA has been a dominant force in U18 competition.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

Team USA are U18 heavyweights

The United States are back atop the U18 totem pole, following up a surprise opening game loss to Switzerland with a dominant display the rest of the way. The United States added an eighth U18 World Championship to its trophy cabinet, as the Americans blew past the Czech Republic 5-2.

The gold medal adds more luster to a junior development system that has grown into a dominant force at this tournament. Since finishing seventh, eighth, and sixth at the first three U18 Worlds, the United States has won a medal in all but one of the last 13 U18 World Championships, including an incredible five gold medals in the last six tournaments.

Their opponents in the gold medal game were the surprise Czechs, who finished with silver for the first time in tournament history after upsetting Canada in a 4-3 overtime thriller in the semi-final. The Canadians defeated Sweden 3-1 to win the bronze medal.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Nice, France



**2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
FRANCE**
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.04.14	Kazakhstan - Latvia	2 - 5 (1-0, 1-1, 0-4)
13.04.14	Belarus - Norway	4 - 5 SO (1-2, 1-2, 2-0)
13.04.14	France - Italy	5 - 3 (2-2, 2-1, 1-0)
14.04.14	Latvia - Belarus	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 1-1)
14.04.14	Italy - Kazakhstan	1 - 5 (0-1, 0-3, 1-1)
14.04.14	Norway - France	6 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 3-0)
16.04.14	Norway - Italy	9 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 4-0)
16.04.14	Kazakhstan - Belarus	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
16.04.14	Latvia - France	5 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 0-0)
17.04.14	Norway - Kazakhstan	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 1-3)
17.04.14	Italy - Latvia	2 - 5 (0-0, 1-2, 1-3)
17.04.14	Belarus - France	4 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 4-0)
19.04.14	Italy - Belarus	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)
19.04.14	Latvia - Norway	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-1, 0-3)
19.04.14	France - Kazakhstan	1 - 4 (1-0, 0-1, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	5	4	0	0	1	20 : 11	12
2	Norway	5	3	1	0	1	26 : 12	11
3	Kazakhstan	5	3	0	1	1	17 : 11	10
4	Belarus	5	2	1	1	1	15 : 12	9
5	France	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 22	3
6	Italy	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 27	0

Final Placing

1	Latvia	4	Belarus
2	Norway	5	France
3	Kazakhstan	6	Italy

Latvia is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Italy is relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Fredrik Gronstrand	NOR
Best Defenceman:	Vladislav Goncharov	BLR
Best Forward:	Semyon Koshelev	KAZ



Latvia returns to the top division after winning the Division IA tournament held in the south of France. Photo: Patrick Gaume

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Székesfehérvár, Hungary



**2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY**
Székesfehérvár
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.04.14	Poland - Japan	2 - 8 (1-3, 1-3, 0-2)
13.04.14	Hungary - Slovenia	6 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 3-0)
13.04.14	Ukraine - Austria	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 0-0)
14.04.14	Slovenia - Poland	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 1-0)
14.04.14	Austria - Hungary	2 - 6 (2-1, 0-2, 0-3)
14.04.14	Japan - Ukraine	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 2-2)
16.04.14	Slovenia - Ukraine	5 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 1-1)
16.04.14	Hungary - Poland	11 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 4-0)
16.04.14	Japan - Austria	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 0-0)
17.04.14	Poland - Ukraine	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-4, 0-2)
17.04.14	Japan - Hungary	4 - 8 (2-2, 0-3, 2-3)
17.04.14	Austria - Slovenia	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
19.04.14	Slovenia - Japan	4 - 5 (1-1, 3-2, 0-2)
19.04.14	Ukraine - Hungary	3 - 4 (2-2, 1-1, 0-1)
19.04.14	Austria - Poland	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	35 : 10	15
2	Austria	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 10	9
3	Slovenia	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 16	9
4	Japan	5	3	0	0	2	22 : 20	9
5	Ukraine	5	1	0	0	4	15 : 16	3
6	Poland	5	0	0	0	5	5 : 35	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Shotaro Kaneko	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Tamas Laday	HUN
Best Forward:	Csanad Erdely	HUN

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Japan
2	Austria	5	Ukraine
3	Slovenia	6	Poland

Hungary is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.
Poland is relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.



Hungary blew away the competition as six players finished among the top seven in scoring. Photo: Attila Soos

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Dumfries, Great Britain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
24.03.14	Romania - Korea	5 - 6 SO (2-3, 1-1, 2-1)
24.03.14	Croatia - Lithuania	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 0-1)
24.03.14	Netherlands - Great Britain	6 - 4 (2-2, 0-1, 4-1)
25.03.14	Croatia - Romania	5 - 4 (3-0, 1-1, 1-3)
25.03.14	Lithuania - Netherlands	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
25.03.14	Korea - Great Britain	6 - 5 (0-1, 4-2, 2-2)
27.03.14	Croatia - Netherlands	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 2-1)
27.03.14	Korea - Lithuania	6 - 5 SO (2-2, 3-2, 0-1)
27.03.14	Romania - Great Britain	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
29.03.14	Netherlands - Korea	4 - 2 (1-0, 3-0, 0-2)
29.03.14	Lithuania - Romania	6 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 4-1)
29.03.14	Great Britain - Croatia	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-4, 1-1)
30.03.14	Romania - Netherlands	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
30.03.14	Korea - Croatia	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 2-0)
30.03.14	Great Britain - Lithuania	4 - 5 SO (0-2, 3-2, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Lithuania	5	3	1	1	0	23 : 12	12
2	Korea	5	2	2	0	1	24 : 21	10
3	Croatia	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 14	9
4	Netherlands	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 17	6
5	Great Britain	5	1	0	1	3	16 : 25	4
6	Romania	5	1	0	1	3	15 : 19	4

Final Placing

1	Lithuania	4	Netherlands
2	Korea	5	Great Britain
3	Croatia	6	Romania

Lithuania is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.
Romania is relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
GREAT BRITAIN
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Vilim Rosandic	CRO
Best Defenceman:	Edgar Protcenko	LTU
Best Forward:	Seongsik Cho	KOR



Lithuania's promotion was won on the last day of competition thanks to a 5-4 shootout victory over hosts Great Britain.

Photo: Colin Lawson

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.14	China - Belgium	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 0-0, 2-2)
14.04.14	Spain - Iceland	10 - 1 (2-1, 6-0, 2-0)
14.04.14	Estonia - Serbia	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-3, 1-0)
15.04.14	Iceland - China	3 - 10 (0-6, 1-1, 2-3)
15.04.14	Spain - Serbia	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)
15.04.14	Estonia - Belgium	11 - 4 (2-0, 5-2, 4-2)
17.04.14	Spain - China	6 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 3-1)
17.04.14	Serbia - Belgium	11 - 2 (2-1, 6-1, 3-0)
17.04.14	Estonia - Iceland	6 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 3-1)
19.04.14	Belgium - Spain	2 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 1-2)
19.04.14	Iceland - Serbia	0 - 11 (0-2, 0-4, 0-5)
19.04.14	China - Estonia	2 - 4 (1-0, 0-1, 1-3)
20.04.14	Belgium - Iceland	5 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 4-0)
20.04.14	Serbia - China	4 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 1-0)
20.04.14	Estonia - Spain	6 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	4	0	0	1	30 : 13	12
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	25 : 11	12
3	Serbia	5	4	0	0	1	31 : 9	12
4	Belgium	5	1	1	0	3	17 : 31	5
5	China	5	1	0	1	3	16 : 21	4
6	Iceland	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 42	0



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIA
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Estonia	4	Belgium
2	Spain	5	China
3	Serbia	6	Iceland

Estonia is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.
Iceland is relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Ignacio Garcia	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Pavle Podunavac	SRB
Best Forward:	Nikita Kozorev	EST



Estonia overcame an opening game loss to Serbia to win on home ice in Tallinn. Photo: Estonian Ice Hockey Association

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Sofia, Bulgaria



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division III - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
24.03.14	New Zealand - Israel	2 - 7 (0-0, 1-6, 1-1)
24.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Australia	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 1-0)
24.03.14	Mexico - Bulgaria	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 1-2)
25.03.14	New Zealand - Chinese Taipei	2 - 3 SO (0-1, 0-0, 2-1)
25.03.14	Israel - Mexico	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 1-1)
25.03.14	Australia - Bulgaria	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 0-1)
27.03.14	Australia - Israel	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-0, 1-1)
27.03.14	New Zealand - Mexico	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
27.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Bulgaria	3 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 3-0)
28.03.14	Mexico - Australia	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-2, 1-0)
28.03.14	Israel - Chinese Taipei	7 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 5-1)
28.03.14	Bulgaria - New Zealand	4 - 5 (2-2, 1-1, 1-2)
30.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Mexico	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)
30.03.14	Bulgaria - Israel	2 - 7 (1-3, 0-2, 1-2)
30.03.14	Australia - New Zealand	6 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	5	4	0	0	1	14 : 6	12
2	Israel	5	3	0	0	2	25 : 15	9
3	Chinese Taipei	5	2	1	0	2	12 : 13	8
4	Bulgaria	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 17	6
5	Mexico	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 10	6
6	New Zealand	5	1	0	1	3	9 : 23	4

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Dimitar Videnov	BUL
Best Defenceman:	Daniel Pataky	AUS
Best Forward:	Ilya Spektor	ISR

Final Placing

1	Australia	4	Bulgaria
2	Israel	5	Mexico
3	Chinese Taipei	6	New Zealand

Australia is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.
New Zealand relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIB.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Izmit, Turkey



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY
Division III - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.02.14	Turkey - Hong Kong	5 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 3-1)
14.02.14	Hong Kong - South Africa	3 - 8 (1-1, 2-3, 0-4)
15.02.14	South Africa - Turkey	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	South Africa	2	2	0	0	0	10 : 4	6
2	Turkey	2	1	0	0	1	6 : 4	3
3	Hong Kong	2	0	0	0	2	5 : 13	0

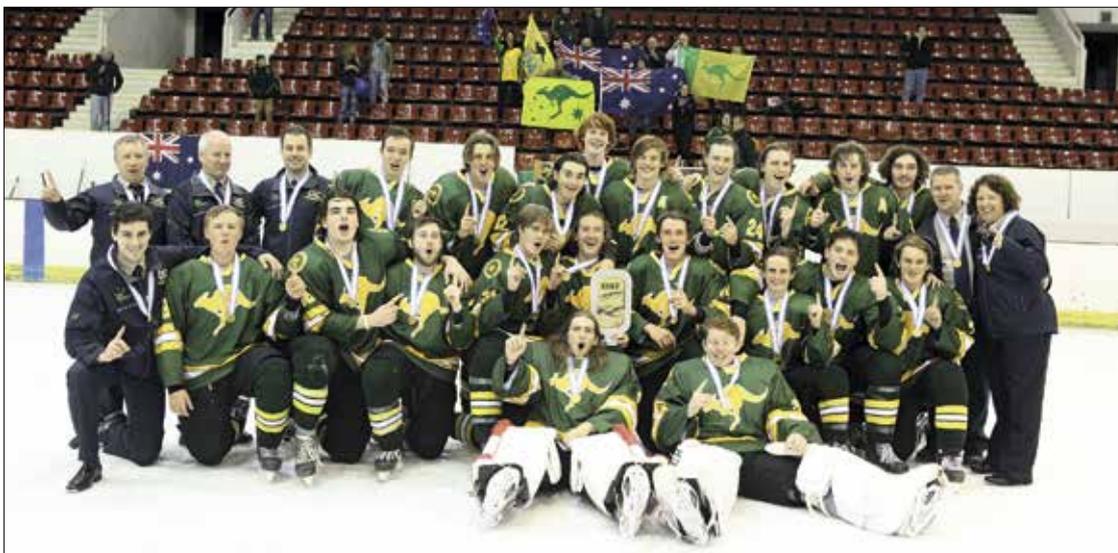
IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Carl Pretorius	RSA
Best Defenceman:	Jonas Hanley Mak	HKG
Best Forward:	Ahmet Hars	TUR

Final Placing

1	South Africa
2	Turkey
3	Hong Kong

South Africa is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIA.



Australia took a step forward in its junior hockey program, as the U18 team allowed just six goals in five games to win promotion.
Photo: Kostadin Andonov





Young Guns: The Czech Republic recorded its best-ever result at a U18 World Championship, upsetting Canada in overtime in the semi-final and finishing with a silver medal. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Prerov, Czech Republic

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.04.14	France - Czech Republic	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
06.04.14	Norway - Slovakia	6 - 3 (2-0, 2-1, 2-2)
06.04.14	Austria - Denmark	4 - 5 OT (1-0, 1-0, 2-4)
07.04.14	Slovakia - France	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-1)
07.04.14	Denmark - Norway	1 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 1-1)
07.04.14	Czech Republic - Austria	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 1-1)
09.04.14	France - Austria	7 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 3-1)
09.04.14	Denmark - Slovakia	5 - 3 (4-0, 1-3, 0-0)
09.04.14	Czech Republic - Norway	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)
10.04.14	Denmark - France	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
10.04.14	Austria - Norway	5 - 2 (0-0, 3-2, 2-0)
10.04.14	Slovakia - Czech Republic	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)
12.04.14	Slovakia - Austria	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 2-0, 0-2)
12.04.14	Norway - France	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
12.04.14	Czech Republic - Denmark	5 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 5-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	15 : 3	15
2	Norway	5	3	0	0	2	17 : 12	9
3	Denmark	5	2	1	0	2	17 : 18	8
4	France	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 15	6
5	Austria	5	1	1	1	2	16 : 19	6
6	Slovakia	5	0	0	1	4	11 : 21	1



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Division I – Group A

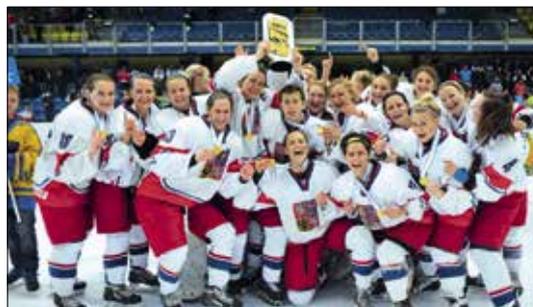
Final Placing

1	Czech Republic	4	France
2	Norway	5	Austria
3	Denmark	6	Slovakia

Czech Republic will play qualification series for promotion versus Japan. Slovakia is relegated to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Klara Peslarova	CZE
Best Defenceman:	Silje Holos	NOR
Best Forward:	Andrea Dalen	NOR



The Czech Republic could return to the top division a year after being relegated, and will play Japan in a qualification series.

Photo: Karel Svec

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Ventspils, Latvia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.04.14	Kazakhstan - DPR Korea	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
06.04.14	China - Netherlands	2 - 8 (0-2, 2-2, 0-4)
06.04.14	Hungary - Latvia	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
07.04.14	Netherlands - Kazakhstan	3 - 2 OT (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
07.04.14	DPR Korea - Hungary	4 - 8 (0-2, 3-3, 1-3)
07.04.14	Latvia - China	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 2-1)
09.04.14	Hungary - China	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-1)
09.04.14	Netherlands - DPR Korea	4 - 2 (0-2, 2-0, 2-0)
09.04.14	Latvia - Kazakhstan	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)
10.04.14	Netherlands - Hungary	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
10.04.14	China - Kazakhstan	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)
10.04.14	DPR Korea - Latvia	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
12.04.14	DPR Korea - China	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
12.04.14	Kazakhstan - Hungary	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
12.04.14	Latvia - Netherlands	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	5	5	0	0	0	17 : 3	15
2	China	5	3	0	0	2	10 : 15	9
3	Hungary	5	2	1	0	2	13 : 13	8
4	Netherlands	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 10	8
5	DPR Korea	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 17	3
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	2	3	5 : 13	2

Latvia advanced to the 2015 Division IA tournament after posting an unblemished record at home in Ventspils. Photo: Romulds Vambuts



2014 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LATVIA

Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Latvia	4	Netherlands
2	China	5	DPR Korea
3	Hungary	6	Kazakhstan

Latvia is promoted to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IA. Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Evija Tetina	LAT
Best Defenceman:	Dorottya Medgyes	HUN
Best Forward:	Inese Geca-Miljone	LAT



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Asiago, Italy



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WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ITALY
Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.04.14	Korea - New Zealand	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
06.04.14	Australia - Great Britain	2 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 1-2)
06.04.14	Italy - Poland	5 - 2 (4-1, 0-1, 1-0)
07.04.14	Great Britain - New Zealand	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
07.04.14	Poland - Korea	2 - 3 SO (1-1, 1-0, 0-1)
07.04.14	Italy - Australia	6 - 2 (3-1, 1-1, 2-0)
09.04.14	Great Britain - Poland	1 - 4 (1-3, 0-0, 0-1)
09.04.14	Australia - New Zealand	3 - 2 (0-1, 2-0, 1-1)
09.04.14	Italy - Korea	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
10.04.14	Poland - Australia	7 - 5 (3-1, 1-2, 3-2)
10.04.14	Korea - Great Britain	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 1-3)
10.04.14	New Zealand - Italy	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
12.04.14	Australia - Korea	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-0, 0-2)
12.04.14	New Zealand - Poland	4 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 3-1)
12.04.14	Great Britain - Italy	0 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Italy	5	4	1	0	0	20 : 5	14
2	Great Britain	5	3	0	1	1	12 : 8	10
3	Korea	5	1	2	0	2	9 : 10	7
4	Poland	5	2	0	1	2	18 : 18	7
5	New Zealand	5	1	0	1	3	7 : 15	4
6	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	13 : 23	3

Final Placing

1	Italy	4	Poland
2	Great Britain	5	New Zealand
3	Korea	6	Australia

Italy is promoted to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.
Australia is relegated to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	So Jung Shin	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Valentina Bettarini	ITA
Best Forward:	Karolina Pozniewska	POL

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Reykjavik, Iceland



2014
ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ICELAND
Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
24.03.14	Spain - Belgium	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
24.03.14	Croatia - Slovenia	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
24.03.14	Turkey - Iceland	2 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 2-1)
25.03.14	Spain - Croatia	5 - 7 (2-2, 1-3, 2-2)
25.03.14	Belgium - Turkey	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
25.03.14	Slovenia - Iceland	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 3-1)
27.03.14	Slovenia - Belgium	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)
27.03.14	Spain - Turkey	6 - 3 (1-0, 2-2, 3-1)
27.03.14	Croatia - Iceland	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
28.03.14	Turkey - Slovenia	1 - 8 (0-4, 0-2, 1-2)
28.03.14	Belgium - Croatia	0 - 8 (0-4, 0-2, 0-2)
28.03.14	Iceland - Spain	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
30.03.14	Croatia - Turkey	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 1-0)
30.03.14	Slovenia - Spain	5 - 3 (2-2, 3-0, 0-1)
30.03.14	Iceland - Belgium	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Croatia	5	5	0	0	0	26 : 8	15
2	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	24 : 9	12
3	Spain	5	3	0	0	2	22 : 15	9
4	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	8 : 14	6
5	Belgium	5	0	1	0	4	3 : 21	2
6	Turkey	5	0	0	1	4	8 : 24	1

Final Placing

1	Croatia	4	Iceland
2	Slovenia	5	Belgium
3	Spain	6	Turkey

Croatia is promoted to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIA.
Turkey is relegated to the 2015 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Sera Dogramaci	TUR
Best Defenceman:	Diana Kruselj Posavec	CRO
Best Forward:	Pia Pren	SLO

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Mexico City, Mexico



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MEXICO
Division II - Group B
Qualification

Date	Game	Score
19.03.14	Hong Kong - South Africa	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-3, 0-1)
19.03.14	Bulgaria - Mexico	2 - 12 (1-5, 1-2, 0-5)
21.03.14	Bulgaria - Hong Kong	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 1-1)
21.03.14	South Africa - Mexico	0 - 5 (0-4, 0-1, 0-0)
21.03.14	South Africa - Bulgaria	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
21.03.14	Mexico - Hong Kong	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Mexico	3	3	0	0	0	18 : 2	9
2	South Africa	3	1	1	0	1	7 : 8	5
3	Bulgaria	3	1	0	1	1	7 : 16	4
4	Hong Kong	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 10	0

Final Placing

1	Mexico	3	Bulgaria
2	South Africa	4	Hong Kong

Mexico qualifies for the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B.





Blink of an eye: Norway's Lars Haugen can only watch as the puck goes past him and into the net during the team's preliminary round game against Canada at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Budapest, Hungary

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
23.03.14	Czech Republic - Finland	4 - 3 SO (2-2, 1-0, 0-1)
23.03.14	Canada - Japan	7 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 2-0)
24.03.14	Czech Republic - Japan	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
24.03.14	Finland - Canada	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-5, 0-0)
26.03.14	Japan - Finland	2 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 2-2)
26.03.14	Canada - Czech Republic	5 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 3-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	19 : 1	9
2	Czech Republic	3	1	1	0	1	7 : 9	5
3	Finland	3	1	0	1	1	7 : 13	4
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 14	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
23.03.14	Sweden - Hungary	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 2-1)
23.03.14	USA - Russia	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)
24.03.14	Sweden - Russia	1 - 5 (1-1, 0-2, 0-2)
24.03.14	Hungary - USA	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-2, 0-2)
26.03.14	USA - Sweden	7 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 2-0)
26.03.14	Russia - Hungary	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 1	9
2	Russia	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 8	6
3	Sweden	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 13	3
4	Hungary	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 15	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
27.03.14	Japan - Hungary	4 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 0-1)
29.03.14	Hungary - Japan	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-1, 0-4)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	2	2	0	0	0	10 : 3	6
2	Hungary	2	0	0	0	2	3 : 10	0

Canada wins third straight U18

Canada has now taken a 4-3 edge over the U.S. in what has become an annual championship series between the two women's U18 powerhouses.

It came down to a disastrous defensive collapse by Team USA to give Canada the 2014 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship gold medal. Tied 0-0 late in the second period, the U.S. gave up three goals in just as many minutes and could not mount a comeback in the third, losing the championship game 5-1. Canada wins its third straight and fourth overall gold medal at the women's U18 tournament, the most of any country now after previously being tied with the U.S. with three golds apiece.

The bronze medal went to the Czech Republic following a 1-0 shutout of Russia in Budapest. Captain Aneta Tejralova had the game's only goal in the second period while goaltender Klara Peslarova stopped all 20 shots against her. Peslarova collected her second Directorate award in 2014 after backstopping the Czech senior women's team at the Division I Worlds.



2014

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CHAMPIONSHIP

HUNGARY
Budapest

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
27.03.14	Russia - Finland	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
27.03.14	Czech Republic - Sweden	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
29.03.14	Canada - Russia	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
29.03.14	USA - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
29.03.14	Sweden - Finland	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
30.03.14	Russia - Czech Republic	0-1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
30.03.14	USA - Canada	1 - 5 (0-0, 0-3, 1-2)

Final Placing

1	Canada	5	Finland
2	United States	6	Sweden
3	Czech Republic	7	Japan
4	Russia	8	Hungary

Hungary is relegated to the 2015 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Klara Peslarova	CZE
Best Defenceman:	Jincy Dunne	USA
Best Forward:	Taylor Cianfarano	USA



Three Olympians from Sochi played at the 2014 U18s, including Russian forward Anna Shokhina.

Photo: Mika Kylmaniemi / HHOF-IIHF Images

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Fussen, Germany



2014 ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GERMANY

Division I

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
29.03.14	Slovakia - France	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)
29.03.14	Great Britain - Germany	0 - 10 (0-3, 0-4, 0-3)
29.03.14	Norway - Switzerland	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
30.03.14	France - Great Britain	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 2-1)
30.03.14	Germany - Norway	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 1-2)
31.03.14	Switzerland - Slovakia	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
01.04.14	Great Britain - Norway	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-0, 1-3)
01.04.14	Switzerland - France	5 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 1-0)
01.04.14	Germany - Slovakia	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)
02.04.14	France - Germany	3 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 2-1)
03.04.14	Norway - Slovakia	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
03.04.14	Switzerland - Great Britain	8 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 3-0)
04.04.14	France - Norway	5 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 2-0)
04.04.14	Slovakia - Great Britain	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)
04.04.14	Germany - Switzerland	3 - 2 OT (1-1, 0-0, 1-1)

Final Placing

1	Switzerland	4	Norway
2	France	5	Slovakia
3	Germany	6	Great Britain

Switzerland is promoted to the 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.
Great Britain is relegated to the 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Andrea Brandli	SUI
Best Defenceman:	Anniken Olafsen	NOR
Best Forward:	Alina Muller	SUI

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	5	4	0	1	0	19 : 4	13
2	France	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 10	11
3	Germany	5	3	1	0	1	20 : 8	11
4	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 14	6
5	Slovakia	5	1	0	1	3	7 : 10	4
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 31	0



Switzerland missed out on advancing at home in Romanshorn at the 2013 U18 Women's Division I Worlds, but made no mistake this time winning four out of five and allowing just four goals.

Photo: Erwin Hafner

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Krynica-Zdroj, Poland



2014 ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POLAND

Division I - Qualification

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
18.03.14	China - Austria	1 - 7 (1-3, 0-1, 0-3)
18.03.14	Poland - Italy	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
19.03.14	Kazakhstan - Poland	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
20.03.14	Italy - China	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-2, 0-2)
20.03.14	Austria - Kazakhstan	8 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 3-0)
21.03.14	Poland - Austria	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
22.03.14	Italy - Kazakhstan	3 - 2 OT (0-2, 2-0, 0-0)
22.03.14	China - Poland	3 - 6 (2-2, 0-1, 1-3)
23.03.14	Austria - Italy	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
23.03.14	Kazakhstan - China	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	5	4	0	0	0	21 : 3	12
2	Poland	5	2	1	0	1	13 : 8	8
3	China	5	1	1	0	2	11 : 15	5
4	Italy	5	0	1	1	2	5 : 12	3
5	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	2	2	5 : 17	2

Final Placing

1	Austria	4	Italy
2	Poland	5	Kazakhstan
3	China	6	

Austria qualified for the 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Katarzyna Fijol	POL
Best Defenceman:	Annika Fazokas	AUT
Best Forward:	Kamila Wieczorek	POL



Asian rivalry: Japan and Korea played a hard-fought game at the Division IA Worlds in Goyang, Korea.
Photo: Soohan Kim



2014 IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship

Pardubice, Czech Republic


**INLINE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CZECH REPUBLIC
PARDUBICE**

Top Division Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
01.06.14	Great Britain - USA	3 - 10 (1-1, 0-5, 1-3, 1-1)
01.06.14	Slovakia - Czech Republic	2 - 5 (0-2, 2-1, 0-1, 0-1)
02.06.14	Slovakia - Great Britain	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 0-0, 2-0)
02.06.14	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 4 (0-0, 2-1, 2-1, 1-2)
03.06.14	Czech Republic - Great Britain	7 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 1-0, 0-0)
03.06.14	USA - Slovakia	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	21 : 7	9
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 8	6
3	Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 12	3
4	Great Britain	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 24	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
01.06.14	Canada - Germany	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
01.06.14	Finland - Sweden	7 - 4 (0-0, 2-1, 2-3, 3-0)
02.06.14	Canada - Finland	3 - 5 (2-1, 0-1, 0-2, 1-1)
02.06.14	Sweden - Germany	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-0, 0-2, 1-0)
03.06.14	Germany - Finland	2 - 5 (2-1, 0-0, 0-0, 0-4)
03.06.14	Sweden - Canada	5 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 2-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 9	9
2	Sweden	3	1	1	0	1	13 : 14	5
3	Canada	3	1	0	0	2	10 : 11	3
4	Germany	3	0	0	1	2	6 : 12	1

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
05.06.14	Sweden - Slovakia	12 - 1 (5-0, 2-1, 2-0, 3-0)
05.06.14	USA - Germany	4 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
05.06.14	Czech Republic - Canada	5 - 6 SO (1-0, 2-1, 0-1, 2-3)
05.06.14	Finland - Great Britain	7 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 1-1, 0-0)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
06.06.14	Slovakia - Germany	4 - 5 SO (0-1, 0-2, 3-0, 1-1)
06.06.14	Czech Republic - Great Britain	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-0, 1-1)
07.06.14	Slovakia - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.14	Finland - Sweden	4 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0, 1-2)
06.06.14	USA - Canada	5 - 6 SO (2-2, 1-1, 1-2, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.14	USA - Sweden	12 - 5 (3-2, 3-2, 2-1, 4-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.14	Finland - Canada	6 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-1, 3-0)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Brett Leggat	CAN
Best Defenceman:	Sami Markkanen	FIN
Best Forward:	Matt White	USA



Division I Preliminary Round

Group C

Date	Game	Score
01.06.14	Latvia - Slovenia	4 - 9 (1-1, 0-2, 2-3, 1-3)
01.06.14	Australia - Croatia	2 - 4 (0-0, 0-4, 1-0, 1-0)
02.06.14	Australia - Latvia	5 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 3-0, 2-0)
02.06.14	Slovenia - Croatia	5 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0, 3-0)
03.06.14	Croatia - Latvia	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 3-0, 1-1)
03.06.14	Slovenia - Australia	8 - 5 (2-0, 2-1, 0-2, 4-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 9	9
2	Croatia	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 10	6
3	Australia	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 13	3
4	Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 20	0

Group D

Date	Game	Score
01.06.14	Brazil - Austria	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-1, 0-1, 0-4)
01.06.14	Hungary - Japan	4 - 3 SO (0-2, 0-0, 1-0, 2-1)
02.06.14	Hungary - Brazil	3 - 6 (1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 0-3)
02.06.14	Austria - Japan	8 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 1-2, 4-0)
03.06.14	Austria - Hungary	5 - 6 (2-2, 0-0, 3-3, 0-1)
03.06.14	Japan - Brazil	4 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 0-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	3	2	0	0	1	21 : 8	6
2	Hungary	3	1	1	0	1	13 : 14	5
3	Japan	3	1	0	1	1	9 : 15	4
4	Brazil	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 15	3

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
05.06.14	Croatia - Japan	5 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 2-0, 1-1)
05.06.14	Hungary - Australia	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
05.06.14	Slovenia - Brazil	7 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 3-1, 3-0)
05.06.14	Austria - Latvia	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 1-0, 0-1, 1-2)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
06.06.14	Hungary - Japan	12 - 2 (2-1, 3-0, 3-0, 4-1)
06.06.14	Austria - Brazil	5 - 1 (0-0, 4-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.14	Croatia - Australia	5 - 6 SO (2-1, 2-1, 1-0, 0-3)
06.06.14	Slovenia - Latvia	13 - 2 (2-1, 5-0, 3-0, 3-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.14	Croatia - Latvia	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 1-1, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
07.06.14	Slovenia - Australia	10 - 5 (4-1, 3-0, 1-1, 2-3)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Michael James	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Domen Vedlin	SLO
Best Forward:	Artjoms Ogorodnikovs	LAT



(Right) Finland capped off a dominant 2014 inline hockey season with an undefeated record and its first IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship gold medal in 11 years, while Slovenia (left) earned promotion after a one-year demotion to Division I.

Photos: Ivana Hoskova

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CONTINENTAL CUP

First Round

Group A - Belgrade, Serbia

Date	Game	Score
27.09.13	CSKA Sofia - Bipolo Vitoria Gasteiz	4 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 0-0)
27.09.13	Viiking Sport Tallinn - Partizan Belgrade	8 - 3 (4-1, 0-1, 4-1)
28.09.13	Bipolo Vitoria Gasteiz - Viiking Sport Tallinn	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-3, 0-0)
28.09.13	Partizan Belgrade - CSKA Sofia	5 - 3 (1-0, 1-1, 3-2)
29.09.13	CSKA Sofia - Viiking Sport Tallinn	3 - 5 (2-0, 1-2, 0-3)
29.09.13	Bipolo Vitoria Gasteiz - Partizan Belgrade	10 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 5-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Viiking Sport Tallinn (EST)	3	3	0	0	0	18 : 8	9
2	Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz (ESP)	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 10	3
3	CSKA Sofia (BUL)	3	1	0	0	2	10 : 11	3
4	Partizan Belgrade (SRB)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 21	3

Viiking Sport Tallinn advance to Second Round Group B.

Second Round

Group B - Nottingham, Great Britain

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	Juniors Riga - HYS The Hague	8 - 3 (1-0, 4-2, 3-1)
18.10.13	Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz - Nottingham Panthers	3 - 5 (1-1, 0-3, 2-1)
19.10.13	Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz - Juniors Riga	2 - 7 (0-1, 2-2, 0-4)
19.10.13	Nottingham Panthers - HYS The Hague	7 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 6-2)
20.10.13	HYS The Hague - Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 2-1)
20.10.13	Nottingham Panthers - Juniors Riga	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Nottingham Panthers (GBR)	3	3	0	0	0	15 : 7	9
2	Juniors Riga (LAT)	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 8	6
3	HYS The Hague (NED)	3	1	0	0	2	11 : 18	3
4	Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 17	0

Nottingham Panthers advance to Third Round Group D.

*Bipolo Vitoria-Gasteiz replaced Viiking Sport Tallinn, which was unable to participate.

Group C - Dunaujvaros, Hungary

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	Slavija Ljubljana - Cracovia Krakow	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
18.10.13	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - HSC Csíkszereda	3 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
19.10.13	Cracovia Krakow - HSC Csíkszereda	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
19.10.13	Slavija Ljubljana - Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
20.10.13	HSC Csíkszereda - Slavija Ljubljana	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
20.10.13	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - Cracovia Krakow	5 - 3 (1-2, 3-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak (HUN)	3	2	1	0	0	11 : 5	8
2	Cracovia Krakow (POL)	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 5	6
3	HSC Csíkszereda (ROU)	3	1	0	1	1	4 : 6	4
4	Slavija Ljubljana (SLO)	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 7	0

Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak advance to Third Round Group E.

Third Round

Group D - Asiago, Italy

Date	Game	Score
22.11.13	Nottingham Panthers - Toros Neftekamsk	3 - 4 (1-1, 2-1, 0-2)
22.11.13	Asiago Hockey - Yertis Pavlodar	3 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
23.11.13	Yertis Pavlodar - Nottingham Panthers	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-2, 0-0)
23.11.13	Toros Neftekamsk - Asiago Hockey	2 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 1-2)
24.11.13	Yertis Pavlodar - Toros Neftekamsk	4 - 2 (0-1, 3-1, 1-0)
24.11.13	Asiago Hockey - Nottingham Panthers	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Asiago Hockey (ITA)	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 5	9
2	Yertis Pavlodar (KAZ)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 7	3
3	Nottingham Panthers (GBR)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 8	3
4	Toros Neftekamsk (RUS)	3	1	0	0	2	8 : 13	3

Asiago Hockey advance to Super Final.

Group E - Stavanger, Norway

Date	Game	Score
22.11.13	Stavanger Oilers - Neman Grodno	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 3-2, 0-0)
22.11.13	SønderjyskE Vojens - Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
23.11.13	Stavanger Oilers - Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	9 - 1 (1-0, 5-1, 3-0)
23.11.13	Neman Grodno - SønderjyskE Vojens	1 - 0 OT (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
24.11.13	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - Neman Grodno	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-0, 0-3)
24.11.13	SønderjyskE Vojens - Stavanger Oilers	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Stavanger Oilers (NOR)	3	2	1	0	0	16 : 5	8
2	Neman Grodno (BLR)	3	1	1	1	0	7 : 5	6
3	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak (HUN)	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 13	3
4	SønderjyskE Vojens (DEN)	3	0	0	1	2	2 : 6	1

Stavanger Oilers advance to Super Final.

Super Final

Group F - Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
10.01.14	Donbass Donetsk - Stavanger Oilers	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
10.01.14	Rouen Dragons - Asiago Hockey	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-3, 0-0)
11.01.14	Asiago Hockey - Donbass Donetsk	1 - 5 (0-3, 0-0, 1-2)
11.01.14	Stavanger Oilers - Rouen Dragons	6 - 2 (3-0, 1-2, 2-0)
12.01.14	Asiago Hockey - Stavanger Oilers	2 - 7 (1-4, 1-3, 0-0)
12.01.14	Rouen Dragons - Donbass Donetsk	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-0, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Stavanger Oilers (NOR)	3	2	0	1	0	15 : 7	7
2	Donbass Donetsk (UKR)	3	1	1	1	0	11 : 7	6
3	Asiago Hockey (ITA)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 12	3
4	Rouen Dragons (FRA)	3	0	1	0	2	6 : 15	2

Stavanger Oilers win 2014 Continental Cup.



In an incredible finish to the 2014 IIHF Continental Cup Super Final, the Rouen Dragons' Anthony Rech scored the game-winner in a shootout against Donbass Donetsk, giving the championship to the Stavanger Oilers (pictured), the first title ever for Norway in a European club competition. Photo: Christian Robaey

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First Round

Group A - Neuilly sur Marne, France

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	ESC Planegg - Bracknell Queen Bees	9 - 1 (2-0, 4-1, 3-0)
18.10.13	HC Neuilly sur Marne - SADH Majadahonda	10 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 3-0)
19.10.13	SADH Majadahonda - ESC Planegg	0 - 21 (0-4, 0-6, 0-11)
19.10.13	HC Neuilly sur Marne - Bracknell Queen Bees	0 - 10 (0-3, 0-3, 0-4)
20.10.13	SADH Majadahonda - Bracknell Queen Bees	2 - 6 (0-2, 1-4, 1-0)
20.10.13	HC Neuilly sur Marne - ESC Planegg	1 - 7 (1-2, 0-0, 0-5)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	3	0	0	0	37 : 2	9
2	HC Neuilly sur Marne (FRA)	3	2	0	0	1	21 : 7	6
3	Bracknell Queen Bees (GBR)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 21	3
4	SADH Majadahonda (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 37	0

ESC Planegg advance to Second Round Group E.

Group B - Liepaja, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	Pantera Minsk - HSC Csikszereda	5 - 13 (2-7, 2-5, 1-1)
18.10.13	Laima Riga - Aisulu Almaty	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 0-0)
19.10.13	Aisulu Almaty - Pantera Minsk	19 - 0 (9-0, 5-0, 5-0)
19.10.13	HSC Csikszereda - Laima Riga	0 - 19 (0-7, 0-6, 0-6)
20.10.13	Aisulu Almaty - HSC Csikszereda	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 4-0)
20.10.13	Laima Riga - Pantera Minsk	24 - 0 (6-0, 10-0, 8-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Aisulu Almaty (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	0	29 : 0	9
2	Laima Riga (LAT)	3	2	0	0	1	43 : 3	6
3	HSC Csikszereda (ROU)	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 31	3
4	Pantera Minsk (BLR)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 56	0

Aisulu Almaty advance to Second Round Group F.

Group C - Spisska Nova Ves

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	SK Karvina - Hvidovre IK	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-3, 1-0)
18.10.13	Spisska Nova Ves - Polonia Bytom	7 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 3-0)
19.10.13	Polonia Bytom - SK Karvina	2 - 9 (0-7, 2-2, 0-0)
19.10.13	Hvidovre IK - Spisska Nova Ves	4 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 4-2)
20.10.13	Polonia Bytom - Hvidovre IK	2 - 5 (1-0, 1-2, 0-3)
20.10.13	Spisska Nova Ves - SK Karvina	5 - 3 (0-1, 3-1, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hvidovre IK (DEN)	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 7	9
2	Spisska Nova Ves (SVK)	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 8	6
3	SK Karvina (CZE)	3	1	0	0	2	14 : 10	3
4	Polonia Bytom (POL)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 21	0

Hvidovre IK advance to Second Round Group E.

Group D - Maribor, Slovenia

Date	Game	Score
18.10.13	Bolzano Eagles - Vasas Budapest	4 - 3 OT (1-0, 2-2, 0-1)
18.10.13	HDK Maribor - Sabres Vienna	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-3, 1-1)
19.10.13	Sabres Vienna - Bolzano Eagles	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 3-1)
19.10.13	Vasas Budapest - HDK Maribor	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
20.10.13	Vasas Budapest - Sabres Vienna	0 - 14 (0-1, 0-10, 0-3)
20.10.13	HDK Maribor - Bolzano Eagles	0 - 12 (0-7, 0-3, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 3	9
2	Bolzano Eagles (ITA)	3	1	1	0	1	18 : 8	5
3	Vasas Budapest (HUN)	3	1	0	1	1	4 : 18	4
4	HDK Maribor (SLO)	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 19	0

Sabres Vienna advance to Second Round Group F.

Second Round

Group E - Dornbirn, Austria

Date	Game	Score
06.12.13	Hvidovre IK - ESC Planegg	4 - 9 (1-4, 3-1, 0-4)
06.12.13	Tornado Moscow - ZSC Zurich	10 - 2 (3-1, 7-0, 0-1)
07.12.13	Tornado Moscow - Hvidovre IK	12 - 1 (5-0, 4-0, 3-1)
07.12.13	ESC Planegg - ZSC Zurich	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
08.12.13	ZSC Zurich - Hvidovre IK	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 0-1)
08.12.13	ESC Planegg - Tornado Moscow	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow (RUS)	3	3	0	0	0	27 : 3	9
2	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 10	6
3	ZSC Zurich (SUI)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 14	3
4	Hvidovre IK (DEN)	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 24	0

Tornado Moscow and ESC Planegg advance to Final Round.

Group F - Oulu, Finland

Date	Game	Score
06.12.13	Aisulu Almaty - Sabres Vienna	1 - 2 (0-2, 0-0, 1-0)
06.12.13	Espoo Blues - AIK Stockholm	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-3, 1-1)
07.12.13	AIK Stockholm - Aisulu Almaty	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
07.12.13	Sabres Vienna - Espoo Blues	4 - 5 (2-1, 1-3, 1-1)
08.12.13	AIK Stockholm - Sabres Vienna	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
08.12.13	Espoo Blues - Aisulu Almaty	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	AIK Stockholm (SWE)	3	3	0	0	0	10 : 3	9
2	Espoo Blues (FIN)	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 11	6
3	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 7	3
4	Aisulu Almaty (KAZ)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 9	0

AIK Stockholm and Espoo Blues advance to Final Round.

Final Round - Hämeenlinna, Finland

Date	Game	Score
14.03.14	Espoo Blues - ESC Planegg	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
14.03.14	Tornado Moscow Region - AIK Stockholm	6 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 0-0)
15.03.14	Tornado Moscow Region - Espoo Blues	3 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 3-1)
15.03.14	ESC Planegg - AIK Stockholm	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 2-0, 1-2)
16.03.14	AIK Stockholm - Espoo Blues	3 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 3-0)
16.03.14	ESC Planegg - Tornado Moscow Region	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow Region (RUS)	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 2	9
2	AIK Stockholm (SWE)	3	1	0	0	1	7 : 11	4
3	Espoo Blues (FIN)	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 7	3
4	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 10	2

Tornado Moscow Region win the 2013 European Women's Champions Cup.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Zuzana Tomcikova	TOR
Best Defenceman:	Kathrin Lehmann	PLA
Best Forward:	Kelley Steadman	TOR



Tornado has gone undefeated in all of their last three EWCC finals.

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Brazil returned to the IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I after a four-year absence and got a win against Hungary. Photo: Ivana Hoskova

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Top Division - Round robin

Date	Game	Score
16.03.14	Hong Kong - Thailand	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
16.03.14	Mongolia - Chinese Taipei	3 - 10 (2-4, 0-2, 1-4)
16.03.14	UAE - Kuwait	5 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 2-1)
17.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Kuwait	16 - 1 (6-0, 6-1, 4-0)
17.03.14	Hong Kong - Mongolia	2 - 9 (1-4, 1-1, 0-4)
17.03.14	Thailand - UAE	4 - 5 OT (1-3, 0-1, 3-0)
19.03.14	Mongolia - Kuwait	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
19.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Thailand	15 - 1 (3-0, 7-1, 5-0)
19.03.14	Hong Kong - UAE	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-2, 0-3)
20.03.14	Thailand - Mongolia	2 - 8 (1-2, 1-3, 0-3)
20.03.14	Kuwait - Hong Kong	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-2, 0-1)
20.03.14	UAE - Chinese Taipei	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 1-3)
22.03.14	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	7 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 2-0)
22.03.14	Kuwait - Thailand	2 - 10 (1-6, 1-2, 0-2)
22.03.14	UAE - Mongolia	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	5	5	0	0	0	53	8	15
2	United Arab Emirates	5	3	1	0	1	20	12	11
3	Mongolia	5	3	0	0	2	24	18	9
4	Thailand	5	1	1	1	2	19	31	6
5	Hong Kong	5	1	0	1	3	11	23	4
6	Kuwait	5	0	0	0	5	5	40	0

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	4	Thailand
2	United Arab Emirates	5	Hong Kong
3	Mongolia	6	Kuwait

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Kaled Al Suwaidi	UAE
Best Defenceman:	Yen-Li Shen	TPE
Best Forward:	To Weng	TPE

2014 Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Division I - Preliminary round

Date	Game	Score
24.02.14	Macau - India	12 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 5-0)
24.02.14	Kyrgyzstan - Singapore	6 - 3 (3-1, 1-1, 2-1)
26.02.14	Singapore - Macau	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 2-1)
26.02.14	India - Kyrgyzstan	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-2, 1-3)
27.02.14	Singapore - India	6 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 5-1)
27.02.14	Kyrgyzstan - Macau	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	TP
1	Kyrgyzstan	3	3	0	0	0	15	6	9
2	Singapore	3	2	0	0	1	11	9	6
3	Macau	3	1	0	0	2	14	5	3
4	India	3	0	0	0	3	4	24	0

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
01.03.14	Kyrgyzstan - India	16 - 2 (6-1, 5-1, 5-0)
01.03.14	Singapore - Macau	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
02.03.14	Singapore - India	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
02.03.14	Kyrgyzstan - Macau	4 - 5 (0-1, 4-3, 0-1)

With just a handful of registered players and one single ice rink, Macau won one game out of three in the preliminary round but found a spark in the playoffs. Goaltender Te Lin Chu made 87 stops in the final game.



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Final Placing

1	Macau	3	Singapore
2	Kyrgyzstan	4	India

Macau is promoted to 2015 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Te Lin Chu	MAC
Best Defenceman:	Wee Daniel Chew	SIN
Best Forward:	Kim Kei Mok	MAC



2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia

Harbin, China



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Top Division- Preliminary round

Date	Game	Score
09.03.14	Australia - DPR Korea	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 0-2)
09.03.14	China - Korea	5 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 1-0)
10.03.14	Korea - Australia	4 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 3-0)
10.03.14	DPR Korea - China	1 - 3 (0-3, 0-0, 1-0)
12.03.14	DPR Korea - Korea	7 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 2-0)
12.03.14	China - Australia	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 1	9
2	DPR Korea	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 4	6
3	Korea	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 13	3
4	Australia	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 13	0

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
13.03.14	Korea - Australia	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
13.03.14	China - DPR Korea	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 2-1)

Final Placing

1	China	3	Korea
2	DPR Korea	4	Australia

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Hye Yong Ri	PRK
Best Defenceman:	Zhixin Liu	CHN
Best Forward:	Xin Fang	CHN

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Hong Kong, Hong Kong



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Division I**

Division I - Round robin

Date	Game	Score
26.12.13	Hong Kong - Singapore	7 - 1 (4-1, 2-0, 1-0)
26.12.13	Thailand - UAE	12 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 7-0)
27.12.13	Thailand - Hong Kong	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 0-3)
27.12.13	UAE - Singapore	6 - 7 OT (1-2, 2-0, 3-4)
28.12.13	Hong Kong - UAE	9 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 3-0)
28.12.13	Singapore - Thailand	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-1, 1-4)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hong Kong	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 1	9
2	Thailand	3	2	0	0	1	18 : 5	6
3	Singapore	3	0	1	0	2	9 : 19	2
4	United Arab Emirates	3	0	0	1	2	6 : 28	1

Final Placing

1	Hong Kong	3	Singapore
2	Thailand	4	United Arab Emirates



Two small Asian nations, Chinese Taipei (left), and Hong Kong (right), punched well above their weight at the Challenge Cup.

Photo: Fatima Al Ali

Latvian goaltender Edgars Masalskis throws an unusual check on a forward at the 2014 IIHF World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF TOURNAMENTS

Men's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship		
2015	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague & Ostrava	01 - 17.05.2015
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow & St. Petersburg	29.04 - 15.05.16
2017	GERMANY, Cologne & FRANCE, Paris	05 - 21.05.2017
2018	DENMARK, Copenhagen & Herning	04 - 20.05.2018

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A		
2015	TBA	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B		
2015	NETHERLANDS, Eindhoven	13 - 19.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A		
2015	ICELAND, Reykjavik	13 - 19.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B		
2015	SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town	13 - 19.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III		
2015	TURKEY, Izmir	05 - 14.04.15

U20 World Championships

IIHF World Junior Championship		
2015	CANADA, Toronto & Montreal	26.12.14 - 05.01.15
2016	FINLAND, Helsinki	
2017	CANADA, Montreal & Toronto	
2018	USA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2015	ITALY, Asiago	14 - 20.12.14

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2015	HUNGARY, Dunajváros	14 - 20.12.14

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2015	ESTONIA, Tallinn	07 - 13.12.14

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2015	SPAIN, Granada	13 - 19.12.14

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III		
2015	NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin	19 - 25.01.15

U18 World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship		
2015	SWITZERLAND, Zug & Lucerne	16 - 26.04.13
2016	USA, TBA	
2017	SLOVAKIA, TBA	
2018	RUSSIA, Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	19 - 29.04.18

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2015	HUNGARY, Debrecen	12 - 18.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2015	SLOVENIA, Maribor	12 - 18.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2015	ESTONIA, Tallinn	22 - 28.03.14

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2015	SERBIA, Novi Sad	15 - 23.03.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2015	CHINESE TAIPEI, Taipei City	22 - 28.03.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2015	NEW ZEALAND, Auckland	17 - 19.03.15

Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship		
2015	SWEDEN, Malmo	28.03 - 04.04.15
2016	CANADA, TBA	
2017	USA, TBA	
2019	FINLAND, TBA	

2015 Ice Hockey IIHF Women's World Championship Qualification		
2015	JAPAN, Yokohama	08 - 11.11.14

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2015	FRANCE, Rouen	12 - 18.04.15

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2015	TBA	TBA

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2015	GREAT BRITAIN, Dumfries	30.03 - 05.04.15

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2015	SPAIN, Jaca	07 - 13.03.15

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Div. II Gr. B Qualification		
2015	HONG KONG, Hong Kong	18 - 21.02.15

U18 Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship		
2015	USA, Buffalo	05 - 12.01.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I		
2015	FRANCE, Vaujany	04 - 10.01.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification		
2015	TBA	TBA

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IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2015	FINLAND, Tampere	05 - 11.07.15

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Olympic Winter Games		
2018	KOREA, PyeongChang	09 - 25.02.18

YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Olympic Winter Games		
2016	NORWAY, Lillehammer	12 - 21.02.16

IIHF CONGRESSES

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress		
2014	SPAIN, Tenerife	18 - 20.09.14

IIHF Annual Congress		
2015	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague	TBA

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2012/2014 Season		
1st International Break		25 - 31.08.14
2nd International Break		03 - 09.11.14
3rd International Break		15 - 21.12.14
4th International Break		02 - 08.02.15



Ice Hockey World Championship

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Collision Course: The IIHF netcam caught Yevgeni Malkin plowing into Belarusian goaltender Vitali Koval at the 2014 IIHF World Championship. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2014/2015 IIHF Championship Program

Men's World Championships

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Group A	Group B
Sweden	Finland
Canada	Russia
Czech Republic	USA
Switzerland	Slovakia
Latvia	Norway
France	Belarus
Germany	Slovenia
Austria	Denmark

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Italy	Korea
Kazakhstan	Croatia
Japan	Lithuania
Ukraine	Great Britain
Hungary	Netherlands
Poland	Estonia

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Romania	Israel
Iceland	Mexico
Serbia	New Zealand
Australia	China
Belgium	South Africa
Spain	Bulgaria

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Group
Turkey
DPR Korea
Luxembourg
Hong Kong
UAE
Georgia
Bosnia & Herzegovina

U20 World Championships

2015 IIHF World Junior Championship

Group A	Group B
Finland	Sweden
Canada	Russia
USA	Czech Republic
Slovakia	Switzerland
Germany	Denmark

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Norway	Poland
Latvia	Kazakhstan
Belarus	France
Austria	Ukraine
Slovenia	Japan
Italy	Hungary

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Great Britain	Croatia
Lithuania	Spain
Netherlands	Serbia
Estonia	Australia
Romania	Iceland
Korea	Belgium

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Group
China
New Zealand
Mexico
Turkey
South Africa
Bulgaria



For the first time since more than 25 years Hong Kong participated in an IIHF world championship tournament, competing in the 2014 IIHF World Championship Division III in Luxembourg. Photo: Valentin Wagner

U18 World Championships

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Czech Republic
Sweden	Canada
Russia	Finland
Slovakia	Switzerland
Germany	Latvia

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Denmark	Italy
Norway	Austria
Kazakhstan	Slovenia
Belarus	Japan
France	Ukraine
Hungary	Lithuania

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Poland	Romania
Korea	Spain
Croatia	Serbia
Netherlands	Belgium
Great Britain	China
Estonia	Australia

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group A	Group B
Iceland	New Zealand
Israel	Turkey
Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong
Bulgaria	
Mexico	
South Africa	

Women's World Championships

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Germany
Canada	Switzerland
Russia	Sweden
Finland	TBA*

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
TBA*	Slovakia
Norway	China
Denmark	Hungary
France	Netherlands
Austria	DPR Korea
Latvia	Italy

* Best 2-out-of-3 qualification series between host Japan and Czech Republic to be played 8-11 November 2014.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Kazakhstan	Australia
Great Britain	Slovenia
Korea	Spain
Poland	Iceland
New Zealand	Belgium
Croatia	Mexico

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Group
Turkey
South Africa
Bulgaria
Hong Kong

U18 Women's World Championships

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
Canada	Finland
USA	Sweden
Czech Republic	Japan
Russia	Switzerland

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Group	Qualification
Hungary	Great Britain
France	Poland
Germany	China
Norway	Italy
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Austria	Denmark



Australia (left) achieved a historic silver-medal finish at the Inline Division I Worlds. On ice, the Aussies took the U18 Division IIIB tournament.
Photos: Ivana Hoskova, Konstantin Andonov

IIHF Supplier Pool

Giving around the globe

The IIHF Equipment Supplier Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together the IIHF and equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

In the intervening years it has changed as required so that it is now well established and continues to benefit the sport. This program, striving to support the other IIHF sport development initiatives - enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost.

The IIHF Supplier Pool Members; Bauer, Busch, Easton Sports, Graf, Fischer, Frontier, Oakley, Rebellion, Reebok/CCM, Sherwood Inc, Tackla, Torspo, STX, and Warrior, have all made valuable contributions to qualifying National Associations. Gufex is the exclusive game puck supplier of the IIHF.



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Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



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Tissot board ads were visible in all IIHF World Championship events. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

TISSOT - OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

When the world turns white in winter, people's hearts and minds turn to hockey. To take advantage of the passion of these fans, Tissot has been involved with the Ice Hockey World Championships since 1998 and a partner of the IIHF for the same period. Indeed, currently Tissot is the award the players strive for at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey Championships for both men and women as well as at the IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship.

As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and Tissot presents a special edition T-Tracx Ice Hockey watch to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honor these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.

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Growing in the digital world

The International Ice Hockey Federation had not only record attendance numbers at the arenas in Minsk but also a strong season in digital media.

The website for the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Belarus, www.iihfworlds2014.com, was launched in a new look and feel with event information from the organizers, stories from the participating countries and material from live applets to features to statistics in English and Russian with millions of visits during the event. It was a virtual arena where fans could see the most recent game scores, standings, photo galleries and video interviews.

IIHF.com is followed in more than 200 countries during the World Championship and has grown over 50% over the last four-year cycle. In average the website had over 350,000 daily visits during the event. The event website is run by the IIHF in partnership with In-front Sports & Media and since 2009 jointly with the organizing committees. Staff on-site makes sure fans get the score updates, post-game interviews and the best photos quick. Nine stories were published each day during the event with game information, features and side stories from the arenas complemented with stories from other events in Minsk such as the Annual Congress and the Hall of Fame Induction.

The extensive television coverage was extended with a live stream aimed at fans from countries where the event is not already covered by broadcasters. Live streams to help spread the game were also available at other IIHF events such as the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship in the Hungarian capital of Budapest and the 2014 IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

Game highlights and video features were eagerly watched on the IIHF's YouTube Channel from several events including the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship, the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A and the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship and available for free online and on mobile devices.

A similar website was also run during the 2014 Olympic Winter Games: sochi2014.iihf.com was the home of hockey during the Games with extensive in-game and behind-the-scenes coverage of the Olympic men's and women's ice hockey tournaments. The 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship website www.worldjunior2014.com had a record number of 173,439 daily visits.

During the season IIHF.com provides other coverage such as profiling the IIHF's Member National Associations, writing interesting features from the countries, and reporting on hot topics in hockey and IIHF sport initiatives to grow the game from the Hockey Development Camp to the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend.

The app for the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship season was downloaded on 314,171 different smartphones and tablet computers – a 9% increase from last year – and available on iOS, Android, Windows Phone and Blackberry. The IIHF also provided apps for the Olympic ice hockey tournaments in Sochi 2014 and for the IIHF Continental Cup. The app for mobile devices is aimed at bringing fans even closer to the games and their favourite teams

wherever they are and whether they want to check the line-ups before the games, follow the event live, check the stats or guess the winner.



A new Guide and Record Book and DVD will be released in the fall of 2014.



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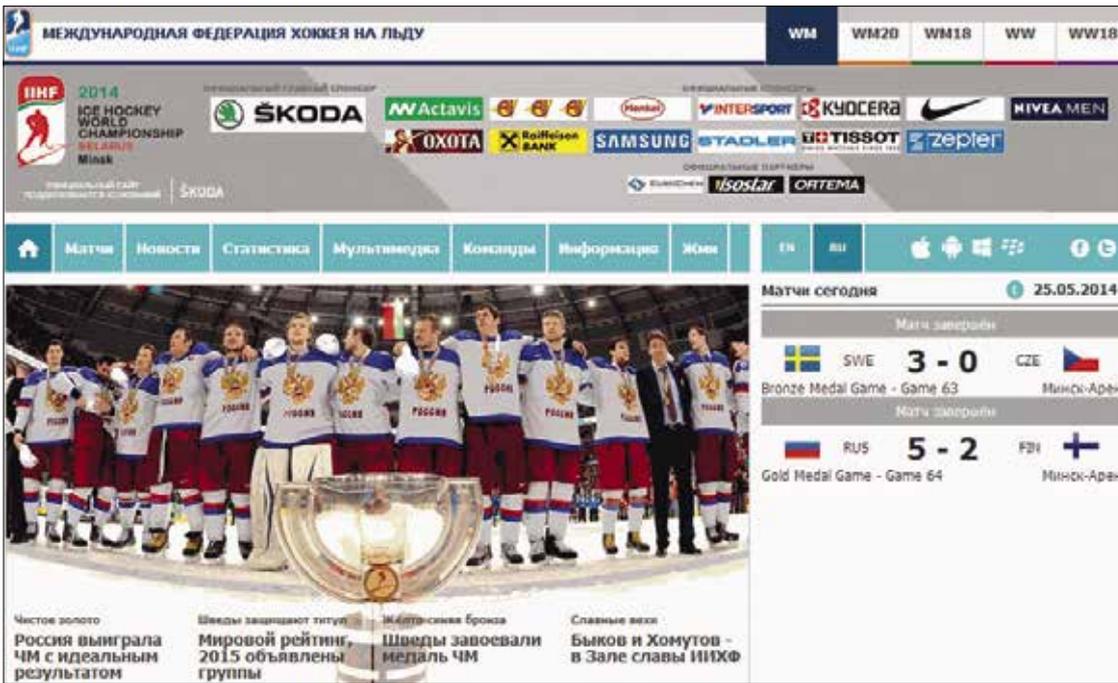


The IIHF's sustainable and remarkable growth in popularity in social media platforms continued also during the 2013/2014 season. By the end of July over 150,000 fans had subscribed to the IIHF's Facebook Page which represents a growth of 36 per cent – similar to the rate one year ago. On the world's largest social media network

fans were able to follow the most recent news, the best photos from the games, videos from IIHF events and interesting hockey stories found in the media with ten thousand of views for each posting. During IIHF camps participants have the opportunity to network with each other while their relatives and friends can get a glimpse of what it looks like on-site.

On the micro-blogging website Twitter the IIHF has had over 60,000 followers by July. Fans can follow what is going on in international ice hockey, ask questions and see retweets from partners and athletes and interesting photos and videos shared by the IIHF. In particular popular was a contest during the Olympics where fans were able to post photos from where they watch the men's gold medal game with pictures coming from places including churches in Canada and Great Britain, a shopping mall in the Malaysia, a hockey team's bus in Finland, a ship near Angola or an embassy in Saudi Arabia.

The IIHF and World Championship YouTube channels combine for 10.5 million viewed videos and during the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk the IIHF extended its presence in social media by launching its channel on the mobile photo-sharing service Instagram.



Top: IIHF.com's dedicated Olympic men's and women's channel pages.

Middle: The 2014 World Championship page available in Russian.

Bottom: The official IIHF app has been downloaded over 800,000 times.



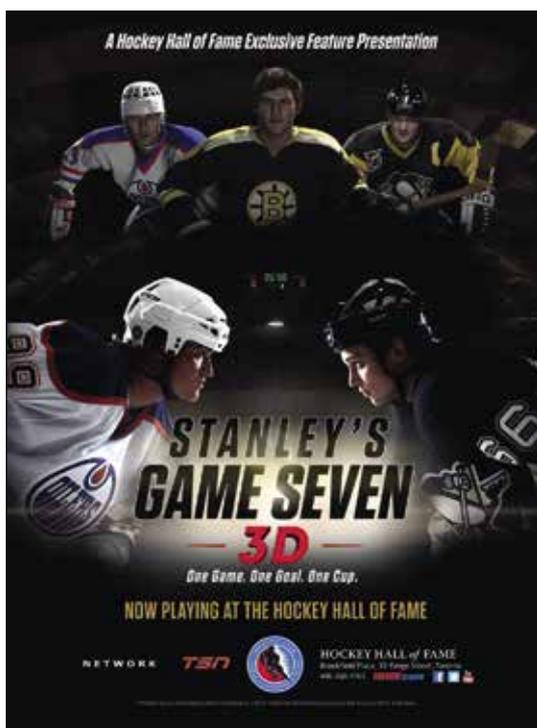
New at the Hall Hockey Hall of Fame

STANLEY'S GAME SEVEN (3D) IS NOW PLAYING

The Hockey Hall of Fame's latest film offering is a landmark production in the world of hockey and pushes the boundaries of 3D filmmaking in the sports genre to ground-breaking levels, while offering guests an unparalleled "Experiential Hockey Attraction."

The story opens with a group of young men gathering at the local small-town rink for their once-a-week hockey game, the highlight of their lives, like it is for so many hockey enthusiasts.

Stanley's Game Seven combines a stunning mix of original live action, computer generated 3D animation, and classic archival footage of some of the most renowned playoff moments in Stanley Cup history. The 22 minute film plays at the top and half past the hour in the Hockey Hall of Fame's new TSN Theatre.



The newest 3D movie featured at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

CANADA'S OLYMPIC DOUBLE GOLD BRINGS DOUBLE DISPLAYS

Over a dozen countries donated more than 50 artifacts from the Olympic Men and Women's Gold, Silver and Bronze medal ice hockey games, which will make their permanent home at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Many of the artifacts are featured in two new and separate displays that are proudly showcased within the Tissot World of Hockey zone, justifiably paying tribute to the events that unfolded during 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

HHOF's Olympic mandate stretches beyond our displays. Aside from securing and preserving artifacts, numerous Olympic treasures are featured prominently in conjunction with our Outreach program as well as onsite managing onsite photography services complete with archival and distribution solutions. Success in each of these areas is a direct result of the Hall's comprehensive network which include the IOC, the IIHF and Member Federations, the NHL and NHLPA as well as sponsors and government agencies.

RING DONATION TRADITION CONTINUES

On December 14, 2013, Hockey Hall of Fame Curator Phil Pritchard accepted a 2013 Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championship ring from Blackhawks' President, John McDonough. The ring was added to the Stanley Cup Championship Ring Display in the NHL Zone at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The ring is featured in a display celebrating the current and past Stanley Cup champions, including the first-ever Stanley Cup ring (1893) Billy Barlow (MAAA); Bill Hay's 1961 ring (CHI); Daryl "Doc" Seaman's 1989 ring (CGY) and Bob Johnson's 1991 ring (PIT). The display also contains rings from the 2007 (ANA), 2008 (DET), 2009 (PIT), 2010 (CHI), 2011 (BOS) and 2012 (LA) Stanley



Over a dozen countries donated more than 50 artifacts from the Olympic Games to the Hall of Fame. Photos: Hockey Hall of Fame

Cup Champions, which were all donated by the owners of the teams.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

On March 27, 2014 Pat Quinn, Chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame, announced that Columbus Blue Jackets President of Hockey Operations and recipient of the Foster Hewitt Memorial Award (2009), John Davidson, has been appointed to succeed Jim Gregory (HHOF Class of 2007) as Chairman of the Selection Committee, effective April 1, 2014. Davidson's extended term appointment was confirmed along with three new members of the Selection Committee at the Directors' meeting held this past March.

Philadelphia Flyers Senior Vice-President, Bob Clarke (HHOF Class of 1987), Nashville Predators President of Hockey Operations and General Manager, David Poile, and Los Angeles Kings President of Business Operations, Luc Robitaille (HHOF Class of 2009), will join the Selection Committee replacing Quinn (who stepped down last July to become Chairman of the Board), Gregory and Serge Savard (HHOF Class of 1986), the latter two having reached the stipulated limit for length of service.

After serving twenty-one years on the Selection Committee, including seventeen as Chairman, Gregory will continue to lend his vast knowledge and support in a non-voting capacity as Chairman Emeritus, while Savard's tenure expires with twenty years of distinguished service.

In other corporate matters, Cam Neely (HHOF Class of 2005) was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors in replacement of Bob Gainey (HHOF Class of 1992) who served for ten years as one of seven NHL nominees, and Colin Campbell and Igor Larionov (HHOF Class of 2008) were re-appointed to the Selection Committee each for a further three-year term expiring March 31, 2017.

PARTNERSHIP BRIEFS

IIHF and HHOF recently renewed the existing partnership, finalizing details with respect to the Images on Ice photography service. This agreement ensures that top quality photography will seamlessly continue to be provided to all subscribers including IIHF Member Federations and other key constituents of the IIHF through to the end of December, 2018.

The National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), retained its "Premier Sponsor" status until September of 2021. This eight year renewal allows the NHLPA to hold title branding to the Hall of Fame's core interactive rink attractions within NHLPA Game Time. In related news, EA Sports has signed to a five year agreement to provide digital animations from its video game platforms for integration into the Hall's Shoot Out and Shut Out simulation games within the aforementioned NHLPA Game Time attraction.



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Parting Shot

Occupational hazard



IIHF photographer Richard Wolowicz takes a spill while posing for the netcam with Minsk 2014 mascot Volat. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

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