

**CONDITIONS FOR THE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN (WCS)
and THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT CUP (RGC)**

1. Organizer

A WCS in Bandy is to be arranged every year. The FIB Congress entrusts a member federation with the task of arranging WCS in bandy. The FIB has to give not less than two years notice of the federation and dates for the tournament.

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

2. Rules for the contest (6 teams or less)

- 2.1 WCS starts as single-match league. All teams meet once.
Semifinals: Number 1 play number 4, and number 2 play number 3.
The two winners play the final, the two defeated teams play the bronze match.

Playing time is full time as follows:

WCS	2 x 45 minutes
RGC	2 x 45 minutes

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

- 2.2 If a game in the preliminary round ends with a draw and the two teams can end up with the same number of points at the final table, there shall be a penalty stroke competition which is decisive to rank the two teams. If the two teams can not end up with the same number of points at the final table no penalty stroke competition will be executed.
Penalty stroke competition: five penalty shots for each team (different players). If it is still a draw the penalty shots will continue one by one until a decisive result has been attained (different players (15) excluding goalkeepers).
In the preliminary round the result attained after playing time is counted.
- 2.3 The points are decisive for the placing in the preliminary round.
- 2.4 Should the points be equal for two teams the result between these two teams in the preliminary round is decisive. If a draw the result of the penalty strokes is decisive (see point 2.2).

- 2.5 Should the points be equal for three teams the score difference or – if this is equal - most scored goals (after playing time) attained in the matches between these three teams is decisive.
If the rule above in this paragraph can decide about the ranking for all three teams, the following rule is not to be used:
If one team can be separated (out of these three) the result in the preliminary round between the remaining two teams is decisive if the score difference and most scored goals are equal (see point 2.2). Proceed to 2.7.
- 2.6 Should the points be equal for four teams the score difference or – if this is equal - most scored goals (after playing time) attained in the matches between these four teams is decisive. If the score difference and most made goals are equal for two teams see point 2.2 and 2.4.
- 2.7 Should still no separation be possible, the score difference from all the matches in the preliminary round is conclusive. Teams separated by points 2.5 and 2.6 have their place in the preliminary round but the score difference from the matches with these teams is included in the total score difference for all teams.
- 2.8 If it is still impossible to separate the teams, it has to be done by drawing of lots.
- 2.9 All matches played after the preliminary round are to be played until a winner is nominated. If it is a draw after playing time the match(es) shall be extended with "sudden death", maximum 20 minutes (2 x 10 minutes), and after that penalty strokes (see point 2.2). Sudden death means that the matches ends when a goal is scored.

2.10 ***Rules for the contest (seven teams or more)***

From 2012, until new decisions are taken:

The teams will be separated into two or more groups, and the result from the previous WCS will decide the groups. The five best teams in group A plus the winner of group B from the previous WCS will play in group A. Number 6 of group A plays in group B. The rest plus new participating countries play in group B (maximum 7 countries). If 8 countries or more in group B, a group C will be formed.

All teams in each group meet once, playing time and schedule according 2.1.
No semi-finals in group B or C.

Playing rules, see 2.2 – 2.9.

Promotion – degradation group A-B and B-C:

Qualification matches decide about degradation and promotion from the various groups:

Match A5-A6: winner stays in group A, loser to group B.

Match B1-B2: winner to group A, loser stays in group B.

Match B5-B6: winner stays in group B, loser to group C.

Match C1-C2: winner to group B, loser stays in group C.

3. *The size of the troop*

3.1 Players / leaders

The WCS team of each federation consists of a maximum of 22 people (18 players and 4 leaders).

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

3.2 Referees

Referees nominated by FIB RRC.

4. *Registration*

4.1 The invitation to the tournament is to be sent by FIB, at the latest nine months before the tournament. Playgrounds (rinks) and dates for the matches are to be attached to the invitation.

4.2 Notification of participation has to be sent to FIB seven months before the start of the WCS.

4.3 Intentionally left open. Old article 4.3 removed.

4.4 A preliminary list stating 25 players plus 3 referee(s)(supervisor) including names, passport copies, dates of birth, domiciles and merits is to be sent to FIB Secretary-General at the latest one month before the start of the tournament.
If any of the players are injured in the period between the preliminary list and the final list, these may be replaced.

Jersey colors: "Home" team should wear their preferred color if the colors of home and away team are too much alike. Goalkeepers shirt color must be significantly different than that of both teams. Information to Secretary General about preferred and substitute dress colors at the latest when sending in the 25-players lists. If problems arise: Jury decides.

4.5 Final team set-up: A final list stating 18 players plus 7 substitutes is to be sent to FIB Secretary-General at least 10 days before the start of the tournament. The players and the substitutes must be the same as in the preliminary list. Should, at a later date any of the players listed in the final team set-up be exchanged, only the seven listed substitutes can be used (a confirmation from a doctor is required).

4.6 Each player should present their passport before the tournament starts. Tournament director (see 7) is responsible for passport control.

5. Match program

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

6. Rules of the game / Tournament briefing

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

7. Jury

The FIB EC appoints the Jury, consisting of:

- Two persons from FIB Technical Committee (TC)
- Two persons from FIB Rules and Referees Committee (RRC)
- FIB Secretary-General (chairman of the Jury)

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

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

The decisions of the Jury are final.

8. Referees and Supervisors

- 8.1 One month, at the latest, before the first day of the WCS, FIB RRC has to appoint referees to the WCS. A member of RRC cannot act as a referee.
- 8.2 A Referee Supervisor has to serve at every WCS match. The task of the Referee Supervisor is to supervise and scrutinize the work of the referees and to sum up the match. The Referee Supervisor should report the observations to RRC. On demand of the Jury, the RRC shall submit a written report to the Jury.

- 8.3 RRC appoints the Referee Supervisor(s) and the referees for the WCS matches separately after each round, taking into consideration this procedure being made one day (at the latest) before the scheduled match day.
- 8.4 In case a team - for any reason - would like to protest, the management of the team has to give an immediate notice to the referees after the end of the match (within 10 minutes). The referees and the match secretary shall record it in the match minutes and simultaneously the Referee Supervisor is informed about the protest.
The management of the team has within four hours to deliver a written protest (including the reasons) to the Referee Supervisor. The Jury has to deal with the protest within 12 hours. RRC has to make written comments on the matter to the Jury.
- 8.5 If a direct red card is given to a player or leader (exclusion for the rest of the match) during any of the WCS matches, the match secretary has to record it in the match minutes.
In addition, the referees have always, within one hour after the end of the match, to report in writing to the Referee Supervisor, who forwards and comments the report to the Jury. After consideration of the report the Jury has to, in case the infringement of the rules is regarded as severe or brutal, exclude the player for one or several matches or exclude the player from the present WCS. Should the Jury insist upon a still harder penalty, the case is to be handed over to the FIB Executive Committee (EC) for a final decision.

9. Prizes

- 9.1 The challenge prize is awarded to the winning team. The Cup is kept in custody by the winning team until the next tournament.
- 9.2 FIB distributes 22 gold medals, 22 silver medals and 22 bronze medals for each group.
- 9.3 The FIB medals are supplied by FIB and paid by the arranging federation. They are awarded to the 18 players of the WCS team as well as to four leaders.
- 9.4 After the final match of the tournament the national flag of the winning team is hoisted in honour of the winning team and the national anthem is played.

10. Financial conditions

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

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

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

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

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

10.2 Living

The arranging federations has to pay for board- and lodging at the WCS place for 22 people per participating federation/team plus referees for one day (lunch/dinner incl.) before their first match and for one night (incl. breakfast) after the closing ceremony. In case the trip from the capital to the WCS place should call for sleeping accommodations, the arranging federation has to pay for all charges occurred.

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

All federations shall participate in the opening ceremony.

10.3 Economy

According to the FIB-statutes.

11. *Guide-lines for Head Organizer/Host Nation*

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

12. *Russian Government Cup*

The conditions and rules in this document are written for World Championships Men. Some conditions and rules do not apply to the Russian Government Cup (RGC). These conditions and rules should be adjusted to RGC standards in cooperation with FIB EC / TC and announced to the participating teams before the RGC starts.

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