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Preface to the 7th edition

At the last congress in Pori, Finland, it was pleasing to see an increase in the number of member nations to 38. Thus, there is no doubt that our wonderful sport is played around the world, even if high-ranking sports officials in world sport recently held a different view!

In turn, this forces us to republish our rule book, not only because five years have already passed since the last edition was published. It takes into account all the recent changes to the rules and provides both active sportsmen and women and also referees with an updated reference work that includes the latest developments.

There were discussions on essential details at the last Congress just a few weeks ago. However, in the end, agreement was reached on solutions in each case that had the support of a broad majority. Thus, it may be said that every member nation had the opportunity to include and represent its concerns.

I myself am happy that the present new edition is thus based on a broad majority!

Once again, it is my heartfelt concern, not just because it is customary to do so, to thank everyone who cooperated on this new edition.

I hope that this 7th edition, too, will be distributed world-wide so that our icestocksport achieves an even higher level of popularity and familiarity.

Mannheim, 28 September 2006

Manfred Schäfer
President of IFI

PREFACE to the 1st edition*

The International Icestock Rules and the International Rules of Play approved by the 32nd ordinary congress of the IFI in 1980 alone constitute the generally valid regulations for ice-stock sports.

All the experience and understanding of the sport and its rules have found expression in our new rule book, invalidating the International Competition Provisions (IWKB).

The book's clear form and key-word index make it a work of reference for all referees, active players and aficionados of ice-stock, enabling them to find all the rules and regulations of the sport quickly and easily.

The Icestock Rules, which are divided in seven sections, are to be distinguished from the Rules of Play provisions, which have been put into eight groups with corresponding subsections. Diagrams/drawings have been included in the appendix to supplement the informative value of this rule-book.

Frankfurt am Main, 28 September, 1980

Edelbert List, President of the IFE

PREFACE to the 2nd edition*

This edition, too, cannot and does not attempt to be a commentary in the usual sense; we have concentrated on putting all the rules of ice-stock into a concise and readable form.

Thus, ice-stock referees in the future will continue to have great responsibility in making sporting judgements and taking decisions faithfully in accordance with the provisions of this rule-book and the spirit of the sport.

Frankfurt am Main, 28 September 1984

Edelbert List, President of the IFE

Preface to the 3rd edition*

In order not to lose its vitality, our sport continues to be subject to constant change. For this reason, the rules of the sport must adapt to change and improvements in the sport.

As practised in the past, amendments to the ice-stock rules shall come into force only once every four years on publication of a new edition of the rule-book.

Some rules could certainly be deleted, however, if all ice-stock aficionados acted in line with the maxim that sport is best when it's fair.

Frankfurt am Main, 28 September 1988

Edelbert List, President of the IFE

Preface to the 4th edition*

This new rule-book provides assistance to anyone requiring quick and easy information when he is not familiar with a rule or when a rule is totally unknown to him.

Changes to the rules during the last five years have been taken into account. That means that this little rule-book is up to date. However, the highest maxim should still be "Sport is best when it's fair!"

Frankfurt am Main, 28 September 1993

Edelbert List, President of the IFE

Preface to the 5th edition*

The correct interpretation of the rules in sport need not be left to chance. This new rule-book provides quick, reliable information.

Of course, not every possible situation arising in the sport can be taken into account as the volume needs to be kept within limits.

This booklet is intended as a reference work for players and referees that is up-to-date, complete and of a manageable size.

Frankfurt am Main, 28 September 1997

Edelbert List
President of the IFE

Preface to the 6th edition*

An established set of rules is a prerequisite for the further globalisation of our sport. Consolidation has taken place; only the target competition has been modified.

This new edition, too, will be a reference work for practising icestocksport in accordance with the rules.

Mannheim, 28 September 2001

Manfred Schäfer
President of the IFE

*The prefaces are given in abbreviated form.

At the outset

We would like to state that in referring to players in the following texts of the International Icestock Rules (IER) and the International Rules of Play (IspO); only the masculine form has been used. This was a conscious decision on our part in order to make the text easier to read and thus easier to understand. We would like to emphasise explicitly that no disrespect is intended towards any of the many female ice-stock players who engage in our sport, and are thus represented internationally in the same way as their male colleagues.

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General remarks

In winter, ice-stock is played on ice and in summer it may be played on various summer sports surfaces. In winter, artificial ice facilities with “grooved ice” are used. The IFI guidelines “*Die richtige Eispräparation für den Eisstocksport*” (The correct preparation of ice for ice-stock) describes how to produce this special kind of ice. Ice-stock is also played on natural ice.

In summer, the sports surface may consist of the following materials: asphalt, concrete pavement, hard material or thermoplastic material. The precise production guidelines for these sports surfaces are to be found in the IFI series of publications “*Sport- und Freizeitanlagen: Planung und Bau von Sportanlagen für das Betreiben von Eisstocksport im Sommer*” (sports and leisure facilities for ice-stock in summer).

Section 1 PLAYING FIELD

- 101** The available surface of the ice in ice rinks shall constitute the **playing field**. In the case of natural ice and summer sports rinks, the length of a house shall be at least 30 m, including safety distances. In rinks which have barriers, these shall be part of the playing field.
- 102 Stock-house for the team competition:**
All the measurements are to be seen in the diagrams in the appendix (figures 1-3)
- 103 Stock-house for the target competition:**
For all measurements, see figure 4.
- 104 Stock-house for the distance competition:**
For all measurements, see figures 5.1 and 5.2.
- 105 Stock-house for the speed competition:**
For all measurements, see figure 6.
- 111 Foot mark:**
The foot mark consists of a device providing the player with sufficient stability when he makes his tries.

The foot mark for the distance and speed competitions on ice must be covered in rubber, plastic or cloth with a minimum thickness of 8 mm. On summer sports surfaces, colour markings suffice. All the measurements and designs of accepted stability devices for use in team, target, distance and speed competitions are to be seen in figures 14 and 15.

112 House boundaries:

The boundaries of all houses of a playing field are to be indicated by colour markings with a width of 8-10 mm on ice and 8-30 mm on a summer surface. In the case of ice, the lines may also be scratched into the ice. The outer edge of the marking shall apply in each case. No account shall be taken of uneven thickness in colour markings. The outer edge shall still mark the boundary if, in touching up a marking, a second marking has been made.

Section 2 EQUIPMENT, PUCK, MEASURING DEVICE (IFI EXAMINATION PACK) AND SLIDING SOLE STAND

201 A stock together with its constituent parts constitute the **equipment**; each player has due responsibility that its quality is in conformity with the regulations.

202 In all competitions, only equipment licensed by the IFI is allowed. Alterations to the equipment are forbidden in principle. Equipment licensed by the IFI must have a registration number specified by the IFI and must bear the IFI licence emblem.

Note: In such case as it is established that alterations have been made to equipment parts, the equipment may not be licensed for use in a competition. Existing and recently-granted licences shall be announced by the IFI. In such case as it is observed that equipment reacts abnormally, it may be confiscated without replacement using the IFI confiscation protocol. An immediate penalty need not be pronounced under the IER. Equipment that is not allowed shall also be confiscated without replacement. In such case as evidence of an irregularity is provided, the competent sports court shall pronounce the corresponding penalties retrospectively.

In such case as a team is disqualified subsequently, the list of results shall be maintained, whereby the team concerned shall be given the last place on the list.

Stock

203 The **stock** consists of the stock body, the handle and a summer or winter sliding sole. For competitions organised in accordance with the IER, these parts may only be produced by contracting parties authorised by the IFI. Alterations to equipment parts are prohibited. Exceptions are adjustments to the handle grip and mounting uncushioned summer sliding soles, as well as mechanically cleaning such soles.

In pupils' competitions (ISpO Section 103a), only **IFI pupils' stock body type E** may be used. This stock is prohibited in all other game categories (except in the distance and speed competitions).

The following description gives a simplified account of the main technical specifications of the equipment parts.

Note: For precise information, referees are recommended to become acquainted with the guidelines "Herstellung von Eisstocksportgeräten der IFI" (The manufacture of IFI ice-stock sports equipment).

All equipment parts must bear a registration number. The registration number provides information about the manufacturer, the year the design was licensed and the year of production (it was replaced in 1985 by identifying letters).

Examples and an explanation are given in the appendix (figures 23 and 24).

204 The **stock body** and pupils' stock body.

We differentiate between 2 stock-body constructions:

a) Stock-body with an intermediary plate.

This construction consists of a steel plate, an intermediary ring compressed into the steel ring and a hood firmly connected to the intermediary plate and the steel ring; the materials of which it is made and the processing criteria for manufacturers are laid down by the IFI.

b) Stock-body with steel cross-pieces (instead of an intermediary plate), fixed into the steel ring by subjecting them to high pressure, and a hood.

The three parts, i.e. the steel ring, the intermediary plate and the hood must be firmly (non-positively) connected. Only then do they have the required properties.

An inset cushion made of rubber or plastic is to be found on the intermediary plate. The intermediary plate's registration number is to be found here (applies from date of manufacture 2001). Every valid stock-body is given an IFI registration number and the IFI testing and licence emblem. For the masses (weights) and types, see rule 210, for the measurements and specifications, see figure 7.

205 The **handle** is made of metal-reinforced plastic, steel or titanium. To connect the stock-body with the winter or summer sole, a thread socket with an "G 1" left thread is attached to the handle. A green washer on the handle is absolutely essential. A handle without this compulsory washer is a prohibited item of equipment (see rule 361). Changes to the handle are not permitted in principle. Changes to the form of the grip may be made by the player himself. Compliance with the specifications laid down regarding the weight and the centre of gravity is absolutely essential.

For the masses (weights), see rule 210; for measurements and specifications, see figure 8.

Note: Height-adjustable handles expire on 30 September 2010.

Stock markers labelled "IFI-gerecht" in the RAL 1026 (bright yellow) and RAL 3024 (bright red) are to be used in team competitions upon the instructions of the competition manager; bright yellow is to be used for the odd starting numbers and bright red for the even starting numbers. The team taking its break shall exchange its stock markers with the team returning from its break.

206 Two types of **base plate** are available, for summer and for winter sliding soles.

They are made of special, licensed material. They consist of materials authorised by the IFI. In the base plate there is a socket with a "G1" left thread on the inside on which to attach the handle.

207 The **summer sliding plate** is a base plate with a summer sliding sole surface. The range of sliding surfaces must be attached in line with IFI regulations. In the case of the authorised material, the Shore D hardness is largely responsible for the sliding properties. Licensed summer soles bear the IFI registration number on the outer edge of the surface.

A sliding sole is permissible if its hardness is not below the limit, it is firmly fixed to the base plate, it is undamaged, no screws are missing and it does not show signs of wear and tear.

For the weights, see rule 210; for measurements and specifications, see figures 9 and 10.

Hardness categories of summer sliding soles at 25° and their colours

IFI no. 10 white (also within a black or grey outer border)	>86 Shore D*/****
IFI no. 11 light green	74 – 80 Shore D
IFI no. 12 graphite black	67 - 73 Shore D
IFI no. 13.2 silver-grey	63 - 66 Shore D
IFI no. 13.1 pebble grey	59 – 62 Shore D
IFI no. 14.2 melon yellow	56 – 58 Shore D
IFI no. 14.1 sulphurous yellow	53 – 55 Shore D
IFI no. 15.3 ultramarine	50 – 52 Shore D
IFI no. 15.2 Capri blue	45 - 48 Shore D
IFI no. 15.1 light blue	43 – 46 Shore D

Hardness categories of summer sliding soles with negative profile at 25 ° and their colours

IFI no. 9 bright red	>80 Shore D*
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*These sliding soles may only be played on natural ice and on artificial ice in rinks without a roof.

** There is no identification (registration number) when sliding soles have wooden supports.

Note: In new condition, summer sliding soles must conform to IER rule 207 or figures 9 and 10. In used condition, the weight may fall to a minimum of 800 g as long as the erosion boundaries cannot be seen.

- 208** The **winter sliding sole** combines a base plate with a winter sliding sole surface. The different categories of surfaces are fastened either with adhesive or by direct vulcanisation. The winter sliding soles are made of special rubber mixtures.

A winter sliding sole is permissible if its hardness is not below the limit, if it is firmly fixed to the base plate at all points, if it meets all the geometrical specifications and is undamaged. For the weights, see rule 210; for measurements and specifications, see figure 11.

Hardness categories of winter sliding soles at 25° and their colours.

IFI no. 22.0 light green	84 – 90 Shore A
IFI no. 23.3 black	78 – 84 Shore A
IFI no. 23.2 deep black	72 – 76 Shore A
IFI no. 23.1 graphite black	72 – 76 Shore A
IFI no. 24.3 mouse grey	64 - 70 Shore A
IFI no. 24.2 silver grey	57 - 62 Shore A
IFI no. 24.1 pebble grey	57 - 62 Shore A
IFI no. 25.3 gorse yellow	48 – 52 Shore A

IFI no. 25.2 melon yellow	42 – 46 Shore A
IFI no. 25.1 sulphurous yellow	43 – 46 Shore A
IFI no. 26.3 ultramarine	37 – 43 Shore A
IFI no. 26.2 Capri blue	36 – 39 Shore A
IFI no. 26.1 light blue	32 – 35 Shore A

209 The **individual parts** of the stock are **standardised** so that all parts made by different manufacturers are **compatible**.

210	Masses (weights)	kilograms
	Stock body type M	3.80 – 3.83
	Stock body type L	3.70 – 3.73
	Stock body type P	3.50 – 3.53
	Pupils' stock type E	2.73 – 2.78
	Handle	0.27 – 0.43
	Summer sliding sole	0.85 – 1.15*
	Winter sliding sole	0.85 – 1.15**

* Summer sliding sole no. 11 may weigh a maximum of 1.20 kg

** Winter sliding sole no. 22 may weigh a maximum of 1.20 kg

Stock bodies must bear the letters M, L, P or E (at least 25 mm in size) on their hood corresponding to their weight category.

Note: A minor penalty shall be imposed for the use of a wrong classification letter in accordance with rule 704h.

211 Puck

The **puck** (movable target piece) is a thick-walled rubber ring with a profiled sliding side (with grooves, webbing or knobs) for ice surfaces, bearing an IFI registration number, and a smooth sliding surface for summer surfaces.

On the inside diameter are four centring devices, enabling the puck to be mounted precisely on the central cross.

For the weights, measurements and specifications, see figure 12.

212 Measuring devices

Preference is to be given to the use of the measuring tools of the IFI examination pack in testing sports equipment. In order to measure distances in the distance competition, and time in the speed competition, appropriate equipment is to be used.

213 Sliding sole stand

Only **sliding sole stands** for a maximum of eight sliding soles may be used, which may not exceed the following maximum dimensions:

A length 450 mm, a width 300 mm, and a height (including handle) of 400 mm. Any other accessories that are not in line with the sporting objectives are prohibited. Suggested sliding sole stand: see figure 13.

Note:

A warning shall be issued to the team captain in connection with any contravention under rule 701.

Section 3 TEAM COMPETITION

Rules and scoring

301 *In a team competition, two opposing teams compete with one another to achieve the best position of their own stocks to the puck. In ice-stock, a team normally consists of four players. Competitions may also take place with trios (3 players), doubles (two players) or solos (one player).*

The teams

302 In the case of a **team of four**, each player has one stock with which he must make one try per turn.

A **trio** consists of three players with one stock each, each of whom must make one try per turn.

A **double** consists of two players with two stocks each, each of whom must make two tries per turn.

A **solo** consists of one player with four stocks, who must make four tries per turn.

In addition, a substitute may be appointed, except in the solo competition.

A **mixed game** consists of a team of four, two female and two male players. In the case of a mixed double, the team consists of one female and one male player. In both cases, one player may be substituted.

All the players are to be entered on the team competition starting card, figure 16.

During a game, each team may have a maximum of four complete stocks (three in the case of a trio), a maximum of 8 other sliding soles and one sliding-sole rack on the playing field. These 8 other sliding soles must be in the sliding-sole stand. If no sliding-sole stand is being used in accordance with rule 213, no further sliding soles are permitted on the playing field. Exchanging sliding soles that are on the playing field at the beginning of a game and adding to them so that there is a maximum of 12 is prohibited.

Note:

A warning shall be issued to any team in accordance with regulation 701 and for a repeat offence 3 penalty points in accordance with regulation 702a if it has more than four players (more than three in the case of a trio, more than two in the case of a double and more than one in the case of a solo), or more than 4 complete stocks (3 for a trio), or more

than 8 other sliding soles, or more than one sliding-sole rack or further handles on the playing field during a game. If sliding soles are on the playing field that are not in a sliding-sole rack or that belong to one of the complete stocks or if a sliding sole is exchanged or supplemented during the game, the same penalty shall be given. Exception: exchange of a damaged sliding sole with the agreement of the referee.

303 As long as a team is incomplete, it must play without the try of the absent player. The team shall remain in the competition as long as it consists of at least three players (two in the case of a trio and one in the case of a double).

Note: In the team competition, only three tries may be made when there are three players; as soon as the fourth player arrives on the field, he may play immediately. The same applies by analogy when there are only two players from a trio and when there is only one player from a double. When there are only two remaining players (one in the case of a trio), the team shall be eliminated.

304 In such case as a team does not arrive for a game on time, it shall lose the game with 0:0 stock points and 0:2 game points. In such case as a team drops out of the competition early, its games are not counted. Late arrival for one of the last four games of a competition shall be deemed to be early elimination.

305 The **team captain** is entitled to discuss any questions arising in connection with the application of the rules in the course of a game with the referee. The team captain must be on the playing field and must wear the identification assigned to him **visibly**.

Note:

If the team captain is not on the playing field, a substitute captain may take his place, as long as he is named as such on the starting card.

306 The **game captain** is the player who stays in a house during a turn in accordance with rule 353. A team may take a maximum of 60 seconds of time out during a game.

Note:

In such case as the time out is exceeded, rule 365c shall apply.

307 The **substitute player** in a team may be changed after each game and for any number of games. He may play after showing his player's ID. In case of **injury** of one of the players, players may be substituted immediately. The injured person may not rejoin the game.

Note:

- a) *In such case as a substitute does not show his player's ID, a minor penalty shall be imposed on him even if no previous warning has been given in accordance with rule 704g.*
- b) *In such case as a player is substituted during a game without a player having been injured, the team shall be given a major penalty under rule 705e.*

Rules of play

311 A game has six turns.

Note:

It is not possible to reduce the number of turns under **any** circumstances. In such case as a tournament, but **not a championship**, is brought to an end prematurely, e.g. due to lack of time, see Section 613 of the ISpO.

312 A turn has been completed when both teams have completed all their tries in one direction and the result has been recorded by the two game captains.

313 The player must stand on his **foot mark** when making a try.

Note:

In such case as the player is not on his foot mark, the try is invalid and cannot be repeated. The minus points collected on account of such a try under rule 383 shall be counted, however.

314 Training tries during the game are not allowed.

Note:

In such case as training tries are carried out during a game (even in a free house), the player shall receive a warning, and in case of a repeated offence, three penalty points shall be given under rule 702b.

Order of tries

315 A player from the team determined in the game schedule makes the first try. In such case as the stock of the first player stays in the house, it is the opposing team's turn.

In such case as the stock of the first player does not reach the house or leaves it again, the other players of his team play until a stock stays in the house.

The other team must then play **until the best position** of one of its stocks in relation to the puck has been reached.

Note:

In such case as opposing stocks are equi-distant from the puck, a best position is not reached.

316 In such case as **all the stocks leave the house** after a player's try, a player from the same team must play again.

317 The team that was determined to play the first turn under the game schedule also starts play in the third and fifth turns. The second participating team thus plays the second, fourth and sixth turns.

318 An **unwarranted start** is invalid and cannot be repeated. In such case as the opposing team has played subsequently, however, all the tries are valid and the game shall be continued.

319 In such case as a try is **forgotten**, it may not be repeated if the opposing team has played in the meantime.

Prematurely-finished turns

321 In such case as a turn is finished prematurely **by mutual consent** of the game captains by changing the position of the puck or the stocks, the result that was established at the finish shall be valid.

Note:

For every try not made, three penalty points shall be given under rule 703b. In such case as the turn is finished prematurely by **only one** game captain, rules 331 – 333 and 358 shall apply.

322 In such case as a turn is finished prematurely **by officials**, the situation existing at the time of the close shall be reconstructed and the turn finished. If the situation cannot be reconstructed, the turn shall be repeated.

Changing puck position

323 The puck shall be placed on the centre cross of the house before each turn.
In such case as the position of the puck in the house is changed in accordance with the rules, it shall **remain** in this new position, and it shall also be decisive for the score.

324 In such case as the puck has **left the house**, it shall be placed on the centre cross. In such case as a stock is situated on the centre cross, it shall be moved to the side on which the greater part of the stock lies until there is enough room for the puck to be placed on the centre cross. Any other stocks impeding such movement also shall be pushed away in the same direction. If a stock is standing in the middle of the centre cross, it shall be pushed towards the **front** boundary until the puck can be placed on the centre cross. If it is on top of one or more stocks, it shall remain in its position. If the puck is on its narrow side, it shall be turned to the side appropriate for the surface in use. Any stocks impeding it shall be pushed aside until the puck can be turned over.

325 In such case as external influences change the position of the puck, it shall be returned to its former position.

In such case as the run of a puck is disrupted by external influences, the try shall be repeated.
In such case as the puck is lying on the **side inappropriate for the surface in use**, it shall be turned over.

326 In such case as it is established subsequent to the beginning of a turn that the puck is not exactly on the centre cross, without it having been touched by a played stock, it shall be placed in the correct position. As soon as the next try has been made by the subsequent team, the puck shall remain in its position.

- 327 In such case as a puck lying on the boundary lines is subject to a valid influence, the resulting changed position shall apply.

Changing stock position

- 331 When a player **improves** the position of a stock of his **own team** in the house in relation to the puck, the stock shall be removed from the house.
If the situation becomes worse, however, the stock shall remain in its new position.

- 332 When a player **improves** the position of a stock of the **opposing team** in a house in relation to the puck, the stock shall remain in its new position.
If the situation becomes worse, the stock shall be returned to its former position.

- 333 In both cases, however, (rules 331 and 332), the opposing team captain **may** demand that the original situation be recreated.

*Note: Such a demand **must** be complied with.*

- 334 In such case as the position of a stock in relation to the puck is changed by external influences, the stock shall be placed in its former position.
In such case as the run of a stock is disturbed by external influences, the try shall be repeated.

Note: If it is clear that the try would have missed its target, it need not be repeated.

- 335 In such case as a stock is damaged during its run or in the house, the position of the **stock body** shall be decisive for evaluation. It must be replaced by a stock conforming to the regulations. The sliding sole must be of the same hardness category pursuant to rules 207 and 208.

- 336 In making a try, each stock must conform to the regulations under rule 203 in order to be evaluated.

341 **The following tries shall be deemed to be valid:**

- a) a try in which the handle of the stock has left the hand of the player. (Putting down the stock shall not be deemed to be a try);
- b) a try made out of turn;
- c) a try with one's own stock or a stock of the opposing team used in error (only the **stock of the opposing team** used in error must be replaced; the sliding sole must be in the same hardness category pursuant to rules 207 and 208);
- d) a try in which the stock reaches the house, does not reach the house, leaves the house or misses the house.

342 **The following tries shall be deemed to be invalid:**

- a) a try with a prohibited sliding sole (rule 302);
- b) a try which is not performed from the foot mark (rule 313);
- c) an unauthorised start (rule 318);
- d) a try using a piece of sports equipment a second time during one turn (rule 355);
- e) a try with loose stock parts (rule 360);
- f) a try with sports equipment that does not conform to the rules (rule 361);
- g) a try performed into a house without the puck being situated there (rule 363).

Note: Unsuccessful tries may not be repeated.

Exception: *Off-side stocks (rule 344) and a change in the position or disturbance to the run of the stock or the puck by officials (rule 359).*

343 In such case as one or more stocks or the puck are displaced by an invalid try the former situation shall be reconstructed.

343 Off-side stocks

A stock shall be deemed to be off-side if it is thrown across the front boundary of the starting house in its entirety.

Note:

If the opponent asks for the try to be repeated under rule 362, the try performed shall be invalid and must be repeated with the same sliding sole in accordance with the rules.

345 All tries which have to be repeated must be performed with the stock previously used (same stock body, same sliding sole, same handle).

Exception: an unfamiliar stock was used.

346 Valid stocks shall be deemed to be the following:

a) a stock that is in the house or that touches the boundary of the house. In such case as a stock is standing on its sliding plate, validity shall depend on whether the steel ring projects onto the house.

b) A stock lying in such a way that part of it **touches** the house shall be positioned such that the **shortest distance** to the puck is maintained;

c) stocks situated in the house which are standing one on top of another shall be left in that position;

d) a stock that is situated on the boundary line and is hit. Its changed position shall be valid.

Note: The validity of a stock depends on its resting position (resting final position) after a valid try.

Players' conduct

351 Fair play is the highest rule. Players' conduct must conform to the general rules of sportsmanship. Players must be fair, honest and act in a comradely manner.

Note: Depending on the gravity of a contravention or an offence, the following penalties may be imposed: warning, minor penalty, major penalty, match penalty or disqualification under Section 7.

352 In performing a try, the player on the foot mark may not be

(a) disturbed;

(b) hindered.

Note:

a) In case of a disturbance by an opposing player, a warning shall be issued, and if such disturbance is repeated, three penalty points shall be given under rule 702c.

- b) In case of hindrance by the opponent three penalty points shall be given under rule 703c.*
- c) Tries that were hindered may be repeated (also in such case as the hindrance was by individuals not participating in the game).*

353 During a turn, only one player per team may be **in the house** as the game captain. The captain must have performed his try already. In a doubles or solo game, no try may yet have been performed.

Note: Any contravention shall lead to a warning being issued, or if repeated, three penalty points being given under rule 702d.

354 While a player performs his try, nobody may be **in or in front of** the house.

Note: Any contravention shall lead to a warning being issued, or if repeated, three penalty points being given under rule 702d.

355 **Stocks** that are not in the house shall be removed as far as necessary from the boundary lines to ensure that they do not hinder the further progress of the game. Each item of equipment may only be used once in a turn

Note: A team whose stocks disrupt the course of the game or whose equipment is used more than once in a turn shall be warned, and in case of repetition shall be given three penalty points under rule 702e.

A try with a piece of equipment that has been re-used in one turn is invalid and may not be repeated. The minus points resulting from such a try shall be accounted for according to rule 383, however.

356 The **players** and their **equipment must** stay **behind** the starting house on the side of the house closer to the house of the previous game.

In such case as room is lacking behind the starting house the players may stay between the starting houses furthest from the front boundary line of the starting house and are allowed to go back to the house after the turn has been completed.

Coaches and substitute players may not enter the playing field.

Note: Any player (except game captains) who passes the front boundary line of the house shall be given one penalty point under rule 703a , except in single and doubles competitions.

In such case as a coach or substitute players enter the house during a game, the team shall receive a warning, and in case of repetition three penalty points pursuant to rule 702f.

357 The players may not **disturb a stock in its run**. A stock which is set in motion by another stock shall also be deemed to be moving.

Note: The team that is responsible for the disturbance shall receive six penalty points under rule 703d and shall remove its stocks from the house. The stock whose run has been disturbed shall also be removed from the house. The opposing team shall complete the turn by itself.

- 358** The game captains may not **disturb a puck** in its run or **change its position**.
 Note: The team whose captain is responsible for the disturbance or the change shall clear its stocks from the house. The opposing team shall complete the turn by itself (for an exception, see rule 372).
- 359** In such case as **officials change the position** or block the run of a stock or the puck, the try shall be invalid and must be repeated after reconstructing the original situation. In such case as the original situation cannot be reconstructed, the turn shall be repeated.
- 360** The players may not **use stocks with loose parts for their tries**. Such tries are invalid and may not be repeated.
 Note: In such case as a try is performed with loose parts, a warning shall be issued and if the offence is repeated, three penalty points shall be given under rule 702g. Any minus points given under rule 383 shall be added to the total, however.
- 361** *The players may not use sports equipment that contravenes the rules. A try is then invalid and may not be repeated.*

Note:

a) In such case as sports equipment that contravenes the rules is used, the player shall be given a major penalty under rule 705a.

b) In such case as the referee establishes that the sports equipment contravened the rules as a result of use during the competition, the player shall also be given a major penalty under rule 705c if it continues to be used.

Any minus points gained in such tries, however, shall be counted under rule 383.

c) In such case as sports equipment is manipulated such that it contravenes the rules, or prohibited equipment is used the team shall be disqualified from the competition under rule 707 a.

Sports equipment contravenes the rules if it was incorrectly manufactured or has undergone an unintentional change (wear and tear, age etc.) This also includes prohibited items of sports equipment (cf. rule 205).

Intentional changes shall be deemed to be **manipulations contrary to the rules**.

Sports equipment that is unauthorised or unlicensed is **not allowed**; nor is the inappropriate use of sports equipment e.g. summer sliding soles on ice.

The withdrawal of a company licence shall constitute **only** a ban on manufacture and sale and does not fall under this point.

- 362** The players may not throw the stock during their tries **over the front boundary line of the house**. Such a try must be repeated with the same stock at the request of the opponent.
Note: In such case as the stock repeatedly is thrown over the front boundary line of the house, the player shall be issued with a warning or a minor penalty under rule 704e.
- 363** The players may not perform tries **unless there is a puck in the house**. Such tries are invalid and may not be repeated.

Note: Any minus points given on account of such a try shall be counted under rule 383, however.

364 The players must obey **officials'** orders.

Note: In case of non-compliance: a warning shall be issued or a minor penalty given under rule 704b for players who have already been warned.

365 The competition may not be delayed, disturbed or impeded.

Note:

a) Time usually required for a game: 25 – 30 minutes.

b) In case of delay, a warning shall be issued, or in the case of previously-warned players, a minor penalty shall be given under rule 704.

c) If disturbed or impeded, a major penalty shall be given under rule 705d.

366 The **dress** of players in a team must be uniform.

Exception: In the case of mixed teams, the women's dress must be uniform and the men's dress must be uniform

Note: For contraventions, see Section 201 of the ISpO.

Clothing must be in a generally orderly condition.

Note: In case of contravention, a warning shall be given, and in case of repetition, one (1) point shall be deducted from the final score.

367 **Skid protection** that changes the sports surface is prohibited.

Skid protection is allowed in competitions on natural ice, whereby the spikes may not exceed a length of 2 mm.

Note: In case of non-compliance, a warning shall be given, and in case of repetition, a minor penalty shall be given under rule 704d, or the team shall be disqualified under rule 712d.

Measurement

371 The best position of the stocks in relation to the puck shall be established by measuring the distances with appropriate measuring equipment.

The shortest distance between the stocks and the puck shall be measured, even if the measurement points lie outside the house.

372 In such case as the position of the stocks or the puck is changed by a game captain **in the course of measuring**, the stocks previously established as counting shall be evaluated. The game captain responsible for the change shall make no further measurement. The stock or the puck shall be returned to their original position.

Stock evaluation

381 All of a team's stocks which, after a turn, are closer to the puck than the closest stock of the opponent, shall be given **plus points**.

The first stock scores three plus points, and every further stock two plus points.

The greatest number of points that may be scored in one turn: $3 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 9$ plus points (7 plus points in the case of a trio).

382 In such case as stocks from two opposing teams are equi-distant to the puck, no points shall be given for these stocks.

383 In such case as a team whose stocks are in an advantageous position in relation to the puck still has one or more further stocks to play, while the opponent has already played all his stocks, **minus points** shall be given for any stocks that do not reach the house or miss it without hitting a stock or the puck (three minus points for the first stock and 2 for any following stocks).

The maximum number of minus points is as follows: $3 + 2 + 2 = 7$ minus points in one turn (5 in the case of a trio).

Note: There are no minus points when the stock touches the house or when a stock or puck standing on the boundary lines is hit.

384 Once collected, minus points are always counted, even when the opponent gains an advantage as a result of stocks played subsequently.

Game evaluation

391 **Winning points** are scored by the team that has won the game on account of having scored the larger number of stock points. Stock points are plus points minus penalty and minus points.

392 In such case as the game is won under rule 304, no stock points shall be given.

Note: Game points: 2:0

Stock points: 0:0

393 In such case as a team has scored no stock points and the opposite team has more penalty or minus points than plus points, the first team has won.

In the total score register, no minus points shall be entered. These shall be counted as plus points for the other team (e.g. $15:-3 = 18:0$).

Note: If one or both teams have minus or penalty points in their results, these must be deducted from their plus points.

394 **The winner** in a team competition is the team with the most winning points.

The following scores shall be given:

For a won game: 2:0 points

For a draw: 1:1 points

For a lost game : 0:2 points

395 In such case as several teams achieve the same number of winning points, their ranking shall be calculated, firstly using the quotient and secondly the difference.

The quotient is the sum of one's own stock points divided by the sum of the opposing team's stock points (to 3 decimal places, rounded up or down with the fourth decimal point being used to decide which way to round).

The difference is the sum of one's own stock points less the sum of the opposing team's stock points.

If the quotient and the difference are equal, the teams shall be ranked equal.

Example:

For team A:

Own stock points = 255;

Opposing team's stock points = 137

$255 : 137 = 1.861 = \text{quotient}$

$255 - 137 = 118 = \text{difference}$

For team B:

Own stock points = 322;

Opposing team's stock points = 173

$322 : 173 = 1.861 = \text{quotient}$

$322 - 173 = 149 = \text{difference is bigger than that of team A}$

The winner is therefore team B

Note:

a) If the quotient is smaller than one, the difference is inevitably negative.

b) When two teams are ranked equally, moving up or down depends on which team won the game against the other in this competition.

If the result was a draw, the number of turns won shall be counted.

In such case as this number is also equal, the last turn that was not drawn is counted (a turn in which the score was +3 and $-3 = 0$ means the turn was drawn).

Section 4 TARGET COMPETITION

401 The target competition is a competition where individual players play for the highest number of points.

Rules and scoring

402 The competition consists of four runs each consisting of six tries with all the tries being played in one house.

403 **First run**

6 tries are made on the target (central house rings), whereby the player's stock should come as close as possible to the central cross. A puck shall be situated on the centre cross during all tries.

The inner ring reached by the stock is **counted**, whereby the projection of the steel ring on the playing surface is decisive.

The scores for the rings are as follows, from the outside to the inside:
2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 points.

A maximum of 60 points shall be counted.

404 **Second run**

Six tries are made on a target stock, which is positioned in different marked circles in turn.

In the 6 tries, the aim is to hit the target stock placed in different circles, removing it from the house, whereby the player's stock should remain in the house. The tries on the target stock shall be made as follows, as seen from the foot mark:

1. A = front left, 2. B = front right, 3. C = back left, 4. D = back right,
5. E = centre-left, 6. F = centre-right.

A puck shall be situated on the centre cross during all tries.

The **evaluation** shall be as follows:

a) The target stock is hit, but does not leave the house = 2 points

b) The target stock is hit out of the house and the player's stock also leaves the house = 5 points

c) The target stock is hit out of the house, and the player's stock stays in the house = 10 points

A maximum of 60 points shall be counted.

405 **Third run**

Three tries are made, first into the back left and then into the back right house (target ring fragments), whereby the player's stock should come as close as possible to the centres of the rings.

The puck shall be situated at the centre of the house rings during all tries.

The inner ring reached by the stock is **counted**, whereby the projection of the steel ring on the playing surface is decisive.

The scores for the rings are as follows, from the outside to the inside:

2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 points.

A maximum of 60 points shall be counted.

406 **Fourth run**

Six tries are made on a target stock, which is placed in different marked circles in turn. The tries on the target stock shall be made as follows, as seen from the foot mark:

1. A = front left
2. B = front right
3. G = front half-left
4. H = front half-right
5. E = centre left
6. F = centre right

The aim of tries 1 and 2 above is to hit the target stock in such a way that the player's stock comes to a standstill as close as possible to the centre cross (diverting).

The aim of tries 3 and 4 is to hit the target stock in such a way that it comes to a standstill as close as possible to the centre cross (bringing).

The aim of tries 5 and 6 is to hit the target stock whereby the player's stock **must remain** within the target rings in order to be evaluated.

Throughout this process, a puck lies on the centre cross during all tries.

The **evaluation** is as follows:

Tries 1 and 2 (target stocks A and B)

Points made with the player's stock = 2 to 10 points

Tries 3 and 4 (target stocks G and H)

Points made with the target stocks hit = 2 to 10 points

Tries 5 and 6 (target stocks E and F)

If both stocks remain in the house rings after touching, 5 points are scored. If the target stock is knocked out of the house rings, 10 points are scored.

A maximum of 60 points may be scored.

Players' conduct

411 Fair play is the highest rule. Players' conduct must conform to the general rules of sportsmanship. The player must be fair, honest and act in a comradely manner.

Note: Depending on the gravity of the offence, the following penalties may be imposed: warning, exclusion or disqualification under Section 7, rules 711, 712 or 713.

412 At the beginning of his competition, each player is allowed 8 minutes of warm-up time (training time).

413 The players may not wear any kind of skid protection that changes the surface of the houses.

Note: In case of contravention a warning must be issued under rule 711a.

In case of a repeated offence, the team shall be excluded under rule 712d. For competitions on natural ice, see also rule 367.

414 The players must adhere to the starting order.

Note: In case of contravention, the team shall be excluded under rule 712c.

415 In such case as a player does not stand on his foot mark when making a try, this try shall be invalid and may not be repeated.

416 Only players and officials may stand on the playing field; no-one may stand in the house or behind it.

417 The target competition shall be held in all the available houses of a playing field at the same time. The starting order and allocation of houses shall be drawn by lots.

The target stock in runs 2 and 4

421 Only one target stock per house may be used, which shall be placed in the circles described above. The same stock body types shall be used for all target stocks.

Note: For pupils' / youth U14 competitions, type E target stocks shall be used.

The following sliding soles are laid down for use as target stocks:

for pupils/youth U14 on ice	IFI no. 23..(..black)
and on summer surfaces	IFI no. 12(.. black);

for youth U16, female youth U18 and female juniors U23 as well as women on ice	IFI no. 24..(..grey)
and on summer surfaces	IFI no. 13..(.. grey);

for male youth, junior, men's and seniors' competitions on ice	IFI no. 25..(..yellow)
and on summer surfaces	IFI no. 14..(.. yellow)

422 All houses on ice shall be played in by helpers before the competition upon the instructions of the competition manager, but under no circumstances by competition participants.

Players' sports equipment

423 The **sports equipment** must conform to Section 2.

Ranking

431 The winner of the target competition is the player with the highest number of points.

In such case as several players in a competition achieve the same number of points, the highest result of the 4th run counts for determining the ranking. (If several runs have been evaluated, the results of all four runs are added). In such case as the teams still have equal numbers of points, the higher result in the 3rd run, then in the 2nd run shall count.

In such case as the teams have an equal number of points in all 4 runs, the players shall be ranked equal.

Team evaluation

441 A team in the target competition shall consist of **four** players. They shall be placed in a house drawn by lot. At the beginning of his run, each player is allowed 6 training tries. The sum of the results of all four players shall determine the rank. In such case as they have an equal number of points, rule 431 shall apply by analogy.

Section 5 DISTANCE COMPETITION

501 The distance competition is a competition between individual players to achieve the greatest distance with the stock.

Rules of play

502 **Fair play is the highest rule.** Players' conduct must conform to the general rules of sportsmanship. The player must be fair, honest and act in a comradely manner.

Note: Depending on the gravity of an offence, the following penalties may be imposed: warning, exclusion or disqualification under Section 7, rules 711, 712 or 713.

503 The competition consists of 5 runs. During a run the house may not be cleaned and no practice tries may be performed on it. A trial run as well as a final run may be performed.

504 A try shall be made without a run-up from the foot mark.
The starting device on the foot mark on ice must be covered by a soft rubber or cloth material of a thickness of at least 8 mm (for the starting device for distance competitions, see figure 14).
After the try, the starting zone must be left via the rear boundary line.
The starter shall indicate a valid try with a white flag and an invalid try with a red flag.
Skid protection may be used on ice surfaces. In such case as skid protection is used, the spikes may not exceed a length of 6 mm.

Note:

a) In such case as unauthorised skid protection is used, disqualification shall take place under rule 712d.

b) *In such case as a player is not on his foot mark during his try, the try shall be invalid and may not to be repeated.*

c) *In such case as the starting zone is not left via the rear boundary line, the try shall be invalid and may not be repeated.*

505 The starting order in the first run shall correspond to the lots drawn. The start of other runs shall be in the respective positions after the previous run, i.e. the player in last position begins, followed by the one before last, with the player in first place having the final try. In case of equal placement after a run, the equally-placed players shall play in the order in which they stood in the previous run.

Note: The positions shall be determined from the individual runs as follows: After each run in accordance with the best distance achieved so far.

506 In such case as the starting order is not adhered to the try may not be repeated.

507 During the try nobody except the player and the officials may stand on or behind the house.

508 The starter is responsible for compliance with rules 504 – 507.

Evaluation

- 511** The stock played must move within the boundary lines of the competition house on its sliding sole.
- 512** In such case as the stock leaves the competition house, a measurement shall be taken up to the point at which the entire stock crossed the boundary line.
- 513** The distance measured shall be from the starting point to the projection of the most distant part of the stock that has come to a stand-still. The projection of the steel ring on the respective sports surface is decisive. Preference must be given to the use of measurement tools that meet the latest technical standards. A measuring tape may only be used to take measurements in exceptional cases. Here, the applicable distance shall always be the distance at right-angles from the centre line.

Sport equipment

- 521** The organiser must provide at least two stock bodies from the same manufacturer as well as sliding soles to suit the run conditions and the expected abilities of the players. These sliding soles must also originate from one company, be of the same weight and shape and have the same IFI registration number.
- 522** All players must use the same stock body and sliding soles.
Note: In such case as a stock or a sliding sole is damaged during a run, the run shall be continued using undamaged equipment of the same type.
- 523** The players may use their own handles which have been examined before the competition.
- 524** The following stock bodies must be used for the individual game categories:
- | | |
|--|--------|
| Pupils / youth under 14 and youth under 16 | Type E |
| All other categories | Type P |

Ranking

- 531** The winner of the distance competition is the player who achieves the greatest distance. In such case as several players have achieved the same distance, the better second-best try is counted. If this distance, too, is the same, the third-best try counts etc.

Team evaluation

- 541** The winner of the team distance competition is the team that achieves the best result upon adding together the best distances achieved by its three best individual players in the competition. In such case as the total of several teams is equal, rule 531 shall apply by analogy.

Section 5A SPEED COMPETITION

- 551** The speed competition is a competition among individual players to make the stock cover a measured distance of 40 m in the shortest time.

Rules of Play

- 552** **Fair play is the highest rule.** Players' conduct must conform to the general rules of sportsmanship. The player must be fair, honest and act in a comradely manner.

Note: Depending on the gravity of an offence, the following penalties may be imposed: warning, exclusion or disqualification under Section 7, rules 711, 712 or 713.

- 553** The competition consists of three runs. During a run the house may not be cleaned. Training tries are not permitted.
One test try and final runs may be performed.
In each of the three runs, the player has two tries with the two stock bodies and sliding soles made available to him, together with his own handles. These two tries shall be made within 30 seconds following a starting signal.
- 554** The stocks for the respective tries shall be situated outside the starting zone. The player may only enter the starting zone after the starting signal has been given.
- 555** The try shall be made without a run-up from the foot-mark. The stability device on the foot-mark on ice must be covered by soft rubber or cloth material of a thickness of at least 8 mm (see figure 14 for stability devices for distance and speed competitions).
After making a try, the starting zone may only be left via the red starting line.
A valid try shall be indicated by the starter with a white flag and an invalid try with a red flag.
Skid protection is allowed on ice. In such case as such protection is used, the spikes may not exceed a length of 6 mm.
- Note:*
- a) *In such case as unauthorised skid protection is used, disqualification shall take place pursuant to rule 712d.*
 - b) *In such case as a player is not on the foot-mark or leaves the starting zone in contravention of the rules during his try, or the stock does not leave the player's hand within the time limit provided for, the try shall be invalid and may not be repeated or played later.*

556 The order of tries shall be changed after each run, whereby the players shall be divided into three groups, each consisting of one-third of the players.
The first player of a group shall have the first try in the first run.
First run: first player of the first group.
Second run: first player of the second group.
Third run: first player of the third group.
The starting order in the first run shall be decided by drawing lots.

557 In such case as the starting order is not adhered to, the tries cannot be repeated.

558 During the tries nobody except the player and the officials may be in or behind the house.

559 The **starter** is responsible for adherence to rules 553 –558.

Evaluation

561 The stock played must move on its sliding sole between the starting and finishing points of the measuring distance of 40 m.

562 What is measured is the time taken by the stock to run through a distance of 40 m. Time-measuring equipment that meets the latest technical standards may be used, which guarantee accuracy to 1/100 second.

Sports equipment

571 The organiser must provide at least three stock bodies from the same manufacturer as well as sliding soles to suit the run conditions and the expected abilities of the players. These sliding soles must also originate from one company, be of the same weight and shape and have the same IFI registration number.

572 All players must use the same stock body and sliding soles.
Note: In such case as a stock or a sliding sole is damaged during a run, the run shall be continued using undamaged equipment of the same type.

573 The players may use their own handles which have been examined before the competition.

574 The following stock bodies shall be used for the individual game categories:

Pupils / youth under 14 and youth under 16	Type E
All other categories	Type P

Ranking

- 581** The winner of the speed competition is the player who achieves the shortest total time, which is calculated by adding the times achieved in **five** tries. In such case as several players have the same total time, the shortest single time is counted. In order to be entered for ranking, at least four valid tries must have been measured for a player. The time of his worst try may be added as a fifth try, adding 0.5 seconds.

Team evaluation

- 591** The winner of the team speed competition is the team that achieves the lowest result upon adding together the evaluated times of **three** individual players nominated before the competition.
In such case as the total of several teams is equal, rule 581 shall apply by analogy.

Section 6 OFFICIALS

- 601** In all competitions, the organiser is required to provide the necessary **officials**. These are, collectively, the competition management.
- 602** The **competition manager** must be a referee or must have been a referee up to the age of 65. He is in charge of the officials, except the referees. He is in charge of and supervises the overall running of the competition and is responsible for its technical organisation. He is responsible for making any organisational changes in carrying out the sports event, checking that the playing fields are in order, drawing the teams' and individual players' starting numbers as well as allocating the sports equipment to the relevant houses in such case as these are being made available. His responsibilities also include bringing the competition to an early close in case of inclement weather or other urgent reasons, as well as checking the results list.
- 603** In such case as there is no competition manager, the referee shall take over his tasks.
- 604** The **referee** is responsible for general supervision of the games and their interruptions. He supervises the players and the sports equipment. He takes players' ID from the organiser and checks it during the competition. It is his duty to ensure that the competition is carried out according to the International Icestock Rules (IER), to make decisions and to impose the penalties laid down pursuant to rules 701 – 713 before, during and after the competition.
No appeals may be lodged against de facto decisions. On completion of the competition, the referee must write a game report. All minor and major penalties, match penalties, disqualifications and injuries of the players shall be noted, giving details.
- 605** The **house referee** must be familiar with the international Icestock Rules (IER)
Before the beginning of a turn (try) in a team game and in a target competition, he shall check the condition of the house and, if necessary, shall put the puck in the position that conforms to the rules. He shall ensure that the games to be played on his house comply with the rules.
After each turn, he is required to note the number of stock points, minus points and penalty points on the score sheet and to inform the team captains of the score. On completion of the game, he and one player from each of the teams are required to sign the score sheet to confirm the result. For the competition manager, only the house referee's sheet is valid.
- 606** Incorrect entries to which **subsequent objections** are raised shall be taken into account only if they are established by the referee **without a doubt**.
- 606** In such case as the **score sheet** is not signed by one of the two teams, the referee makes a final decision, completes the score sheet and informs the team captains of the results.
In such case as no house referees have been deployed, the score sheet shall be completed by a player from the team that plays first. All entries shall be made **after every** turn.
Note: In such case as this rule is not complied with, a warning shall be given pursuant to rule 701 or a minor penalty pursuant to rule 704f if the team has already received a warning.

- 608** The team captains and the individual players have the right to appeal to the referee against the decisions taken by the house referees.
- 609** In the case of target competitions, the house referee shall ensure that the participants play in the order that has been decided by drawing lots and that the puck is placed in the position that conforms to the rules. He establishes the result of the individual tries and informs the player and record-keeper of them.
- 610** The players shall obey the orders of the house referees or the starters (distance and speed competitions). Contraventions shall be reported to the referee.
- 611** The **starter** shall ensure that the starting regulations are observed in distance and speed competitions.
- 621** The **record-keeper** carries out all the written work for the evaluation. He is required to check the result of the individual turns and the final score on the score sheet. In such case as there are discrepancies in the calculations, the referee is required to clarify these with the two team captains and to take a decision without delay.
- 622** In the case of individual competitions, a record-keeper shall be assigned to each house. He shall receive from the competition management the starting cards that have been drawn in which he shall enter the result of every try of which he has been informed by the house referee and shall continually calculate the total number of points or the longest try in the distance competition or the sum of the five times in the speed competition.
- 623** The competition participants have the opportunity to appeal within 30 minutes of establishing the final score against incorrect entries or arithmetical mistakes made by the record-keeper. Any appeals shall be made to the competition manager, who shall ensure that a correction is made if necessary and shall announce it.

Note: This shall only apply to mistakes made by the record-keeper.

Section 7 PENALTIES

Penalties in a team competition

Warning

(green card may be shown)

- 701** In a competition each player may be **warned** only **once**. In case of further contraventions, penalties shall be given pursuant to rules 702 and 704-713.

Note: A competition shall be deemed to be a whole championship, cup competition or tournament.

Penalty points

702 With prior warning

- a) Three penalty points for an excessive number on the playing field of the following: persons, stock bodies, sliding soles, handles or sliding sole racks; also for prohibited sliding soles (ones that are not in the sliding sole rack or that have been incorrectly exchanged or added to rule 302
- b) Three penalty points for training tries during the game rule 314
- c) Three penalty points for disturbing the performance of a try rule 352
- d) Three penalty points for being in a house without permission rules 353, 354
- e) Three penalty points for stocks impeding a house or repeated use of single items of sports equipment during a turn rule 355
- f) Three penalty points for coaches or substitute players entering the playing field rule 356
- g) Three penalty points for a try with loose stock parts rule 360

703 Without prior warning

- a) One penalty point for crossing the front boundary line of the house for each player rule 356
- b) Three penalty points for every try not played in a prematurely-finished turn rule 321
- c) Three penalty points for obstruction in performing a try rule 352
- d) Six penalty points for stopping or disturbing a running stock rule 357

Time penalties

(a yellow card may be shown)

704 Minor penalties

In the case of minor penalties, the player shall leave the playing field for three turns. A team of four shall play with only three players, a team in a trio competition with only two

players and a team in a doubles competition with only one player with three tries (two in a trio) in each of the 3 turns subject to a penalty.

Five penalty points are given in the game that is under way for any turns (tries) that can no longer be omitted (maximum number of penalty points: 15)

In such case as a player commits an offence **before** a game, **between** games or **after** a game one (1) point shall be deducted from the final score (see also rule 708).

Such penalties exist for:	Offence against:
a) Unfairness	rule 351, 411, 502, 552
b) Disobeying officials' orders	rule 364
c) Delaying the competition	rule 365
d) Using unauthorised skid protection	rule 367
e) Throwing off-side on repeated occasions	rule 362
f) Not completing the score sheet after every turn	rule 607
g) Deployment of substitute player without showing the player's ID	rule 307
h) Wrong letter type on stock body	rule 210

705 Major penalties

In the case of major penalties, the player must leave the playing field for six turns. A team of four thus plays with only three players; in a trio competition, the team plays with only two players and in a doubles competition, the team plays with only one player with three (two in a trio) tries in each of the six turns subject to penalty.

For each turn (try) in the game under way that can no longer be omitted, five penalty points shall be given (maximum number of penalty points: 30).

In such case as a player commits an offence **before** a game, **between** games or **after** a game two (2) point shall be deducted from the final score (see also rule 708).

Such penalties exist for:	Offence against:
a) Unfairness	rule 351, 411, 502, 552
b) Verbal abuse or lack of discipline	rules 351, 411, 502, 552
c) Use of sports equipment in contravention of the rules	rule 361
d) Disrupting or impeding the course of the competition	rule 365
e) Deploying a substitute player during the game	rule 307
f) Disregarding minor penalties	rule 721

Match penalties

(red card may be shown)

706 A match penalty results in the exclusion of a player from the rest of the competition and is also counted in the same way as a major penalty. The player subject to such a penalty must leave the playing field and the stadium immediately. A team of four thus continues the game with only 3 players, in a trio competition, it continues with only 2 players and in a

doubles competition with only one player with three (two in a trio) tries in each of the 6 turns subject to the penalty.

Five points shall be counted for each turn (try) in the game under way that can no longer be omitted (maximum number of penalty points: 30).

Only after finishing the game under way can a substitute player be deployed.

In such case as a player commits an offence **before** a game, **between** games or **after** a game, two (2) points shall be deducted from the final score (see also rule 708).

In such case as the competition is carried out in several rounds, the exclusion shall apply to this and to the following round(s).

In such case as a match penalty is given pursuant to rule 706a and 706b, the player's ID shall be confiscated and forwarded together with the game report.

Such penalties exist for:	Offence against:
a) Threat or physical abuse of players or officials	rules 351, 411, 502, 552
b) Repeated unfairness	rules 351, 411, 502, 552
c) Second major penalty	rule 705
d) Not complying with a major penalty	rule 721

Disqualification (red card may be shown)

707 Disqualification leads to the exclusion of the whole team from the competition. It leads to notification being given to the competent sports court. The players' identification documents shall be confiscated and forwarded together with the game report. Disqualified players are required to leave the sports venue immediately (in the results, they shall be given last place, see note under rule 202).

Such penalties are given for:	Offence against:
a) Use of sports equipment manipulated in contravention of the rules, or that is not permitted	rules 202, 361
b) Deployment of players who have not been registered, who have been suspended, who are not entitled to play under ISpO Section 103 or who do not have a player's pass	ISpO Sections 102, 103
c) Non-compliance with a match penalty	rule 721
d) Offending against rules 351, 411, 502, 552	

708 Instead of imposing time penalties pursuant to rules 704, 705 and 706 that are not in direct connection with the game under way, the relevant number of points shall be deducted from the final score pursuant to rules 704, 705 and 706.

Penalties for individual players under sections 4 and 5

The penalties for individual players are:

711 A warning

Such penalties are given for:

- a) Use of unauthorised skid protection
- b) Analogous offences

Offence against:

- rule 413
- rule 704 a –d

712 Disqualification

Such a penalty is given for:

- a) Analogous offences
- b) Second warning
- c) Not complying with the starting order in a target competition
- d) Use of unauthorised skid protection

Offence against:

- rules 705a – d
- rule 711
- rule 414
- rules 367, 413, 504, 555

712 Disqualification

Disqualification for offences in analogy to rules 706a, 706b and 707a leads to notification being given to the competent sports court. The player's ID shall be confiscated and forwarded with the game report.

Disqualified players are required to leave the sports venue immediately (in the results, they shall be given last place, see note under rule 202).

General

721 Sanctioned players in a team competition

Punished players must leave the playing field immediately for the duration of the penalty. All time penalties shall be cancelled during the game under way. For every turn that a player cannot sit out, penalty points shall be added pursuant to rules 704 – 706. In a solo game, the time penalties shall be converted into penalty points.

Note: In such case as a time penalty is not complied with, the next-largest penalty shall be given

722 Multiple penalties in a team competition

In such case as a time penalty is imposed on a further player of a team while another player in his team is already complying with a penalty, the time penalty imposed on the second player may not begin until the first player's penalty has expired.

b) In such case as several players of a team are given a time penalty at the same time, the referee is responsible for the order in which the players must serve the penalty.

a) A match penalty must begin immediately. Any other penalties shall be cancelled by adding on penalty points.

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Team penalties

In such case as a minor or major penalty is imposed on a team or on a substitute player who is not on the playing field, the team captain shall decide which player on the playing field is to serve the penalty; otherwise the referee shall determine a player from this team to serve the penalty.

Note: For any turns which cannot be disqualified in the game under way, penalty points shall be added under rules 704 – 706. This shall also apply to rules 722a and b.

724 Penalties for supervisors

In such case as official supervisors, federation or club representatives commit an offence within the meaning of the rules of play, they shall also be liable to sanction and notification to the competent sports court.

725 General disqualification

Any players punished with a match penalty or disqualification in **one** competition category shall also be disqualified from the following competition categories and must leave the venue immediately.

726 Sanction by sports courts

Unfairness before or after a competition shall be notified to the competent sports court.

727 Suspension of players

Suspensions from the IFI and its member federations shall apply throughout the whole IFI area.

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INTERNATIONAL RULES OF PLAY

(ISpO)

Group 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entitlement to take part

Section 101 All sportsmen and sportswomen who are members of an Icestock Federation affiliated to the IFI are entitled to take part. In IFI team competitions, a minimum of 50 per cent of the active participants of a member nation must have citizenship of this nation or must have had their main statutory place of residence in that country for one year.

Section 102 Competitions with disqualified players and persons who do not have a player's ID are prohibited. In such case as it should be discovered that a player is prohibited, the whole team shall be disqualified and shall be taken out of the evaluation. Suspensions apply throughout the whole IFI area. Promotional events shall not be subject to the provisions of the ISpO.

Game categories

Section 103 Icestocksport can be played in the following categories:

- a) **In pupils' / youth under 14** competitions, pupils shall only be entitled to play if they are 14 years of age or younger on 1 October of the year of play. In pupils' / youth under 14 competitions, **only the IFI pupils' stock** may be used.
Winter sliding soles nos. 25 and 26 and summer sliding sole no. 15 may not be used.
- b) **In youth U16 and U18 competitions**, only young people 16 and 18 years of age or younger respectively on 1 October of the year of play shall be allowed to play.
Young people in the U16 and U18 categories may only use stocks of type P and L in the team and target competitions.
- c) **In junior U 23** competitions, only young people aged 23 years or below on 1 October of the year of play shall be allowed to play; players must be older than 14 years of age, however.
- d) **In women's or men's** competitions, only male or female athletes who are 14 years of age or older on 1 October of the year of play shall be allowed to play.
- e) **In senior** competitions, only players who are 50 years of age or older on 1 October of the year of play shall be allowed to play.
- f) **In mixed** competitions the same classification applies as under Section 103 a – e.
- g) **In solo, doubles and trio competitions**, the same classification applies as under Section 103 a – f.

Section 104 1 October of the year of play shall apply in all cases as the day of classification.

Section 105 One playing year runs from 1 October of one calendar year until 30 September of the next.

Section 106 In mixed competitions, only female players may be exchanged for female players and only male players for male players.
A mixed team consists of two female and two male players. Mixed doubles consist of one female and one male player.

Players' ID

Section 107 Every participant in a competition must have a player's ID from a specialist federation. This ID shall contain the following information:
The surname, first name, date of birth, place of birth, the club of which the player is a member, the date of issue and a recent passport photograph. This player's ID is not valid unless it is signed by the player. It shall remain the property of the federation, which confirms that the details entered are correct (stamp).

Section 108 Each player may have only **one** player's ID. Any players' ID which no longer conforms to the regulations shall be confiscated and forwarded to the competent federation.

Section 109 The application for a player's ID to be issued to a pupil or young person must be signed by a parent/guardian.

Section 110 Before every competition, the players' ID shall be handed to the organiser **except** the ID of substitute players. In such case as the player's ID is not submitted, evidence shall be provided of the identity of the player and a fine of SFR 10 shall be paid to the referee, who shall forward this sum to the competent federation.

Section 111 The clubs shall be responsible for complying with the present regulations.

Types of competitions

Section 112 A distinction is made between the following types of competitions in ice-stock:
team competition
target competition
distance competition
speed competition

All types of competition shall be carried out separately according to their classification.

Section 113 Team competition: Every team shall play a game against every other team taking part in the competition and shall start every second game. Competitions with final rounds and competitions pursuant to Section 609 constitute an exception to this rule.

Section 114 The games shall be distributed equally among all the houses. All the games of one run shall start simultaneously.

Section 115 In competitions entered by two or more teams from the same federation or club have entered, these must be arranged and drawn in such a way that the games played by such teams against one other take place at the beginning of the competition in so far as this is possible in the normal course of the playing schedule.

Section 116 Specialist federations and their sub-organisations may appoint selected teams (country teams etc.) and must have them entered in the lists of the games started and of the results.

Section 117 Target competition: Each player may only play once in one and the same competition.

Section 118: Distance competition: (in analogy to Section 117)

Section 119: Speed competition: (in analogy to Section 117)

Section 120: Best performances in the target, distance and speed competition may only be achieved in championships or international games in the presence of a competition manager or a referee.

World and continental best performances shall be recognised on application and on submission of the necessary documents as well as following a positive test by the technical committee of the IFI Congress.

Recognition shall only be given for best performances at competitions that are announced pursuant to Section 406 of the ISpO.

Section 121: List of the world's best performances: The lists kept by the IFI contain the best twenty performances on ice in the target, distance and speed competitions.

Group 2 CLOTHING

Section 201: Clothing: When taking part in competitions, the teams shall wear uniform clothing suitable for the type of competition (rule 366 of the IER). In case of contravention, a fine of SFR 30 shall be paid to the referee, who shall forward it to the competent federation. Clothing that may be confused with the referee's clothing (black and white stripes) is not permitted as competition clothing.

Section 202: Marking: The organiser is responsible for ensuring that the players and team captains are given a characteristic marking. It is a duty to wear the allocated characteristic marking visibly (rule 305 of the IER).

Section 203: Skid protection: Skid protection that alters the playing surfaces is not permitted. In tournaments on natural ice or in distance and speed competitions, this rule does not apply (rules 367, 413, 504 and 554 of the IER).

Group 3 FORMS

Section 301: Starting cards: After the draw or fulfilment of Section 115, participants or teams shall be entered in the order of draw on the starting card provided for the competition. For the form and an example, see figure 16 for the team competition, figure 17 for the target competition and figure 18 for the distance and speed competitions.

Section 302: Competition schedule: The competition schedule shall be drawn up in such a way that it fulfils the conditions under Sections 113 to 115.

Section 303: Team schedule: Each participating team shall receive a team schedule. It states the name of the house in which the game is to be played, the opponent's starting number and the starting arrangements. For the form it should take and an example, see figure 19.

Section 304: Score sheet: In the **score sheet**, the number of stock points as well as the minus and penalty points shall be recorded after every turn. The team that is entered on the **left-hand** side of the score sheet begins the game. See figure 20 for the form and example.

Section 305: Evaluation: Evaluation shall generally be performed using a tested PC program. The interim results may be announced after each turn.

Section 306: The **list of results** contains the rank achieved by each team, the club or nationality of the team, the points achieved, and, if necessary, the quotient and the difference.

Selected teams must be noted as such in accordance with registration.

In individual competitions, the list of results shall include the rank achieved, membership of a club or nationality, the number of points achieved or the greatest distance or total time of each participant.

The list of results must also include the following: organiser, implementer, venue, date, competition category, competition manger, referees and record-keeper (cf. figure 21).

Group 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 401: Championships:

A competition shall be deemed to be a championship if teams or individual players play against one another to win a championship title.

The following championships shall be organised:

Section 402: World championships in the team competition and in the target competitions for women, men and juniors U23 as well as in the distance competition for men and juniors U23.

Section 403: Continental championships: in the team competition and target competition for women, men, juniors U 23, youth U 18 and youth U 16, and in the distance competition for men, juniors U 23, youth U 18 and U 16.

Section 404: National championships at all levels in the team competition, target, distance and speed competition for all game categories.

Section 405: Championship venues: World and continental championships shall be awarded to an organiser on application and on approval by simple majority by the congress or by the IFI Presidency. The award of national championships shall be arranged by the national federations themselves.

Section 406: Invitations for championships: Invitations must be issued by the organiser at least 4 weeks prior to the event. Invitations shall be published in the federations' official magazines. They must contain the following: the organiser, implementer, venue, date of event, competition, who is allowed to take part, authorisation required, participation fee, evaluation, competition manager, referees, sports equipment control, schedule, special regulations, registration address, deadline, hotel reservations, accident liability, tips for entertainment programme.

Section 407: Organiser: The organiser of the world and continental championships is the IFI; the organiser of national championships is the competent federation or its sub-organisations.

Section 408: Implementer: The implementer of world and continental championships is the national federation determined by the IFI which may commission a sub-organisation itself, or an implementer determined pursuant to Section 405. The implementation of national championships shall be arranged by the competent federation.

Section 409: Implementation:

The implementer of the championship shall ensure that alternative playing facilities are available in case of inclement weather.

Section 410: Houses for the distance competition on natural ice shall have a length of at least 180 m.

Section 411: Team competitions and individual competitions shall be held at different times.

Section 412: Medical supervision or an ambulance service must be present at every championship. An opportunity to refresh oneself or to warm up must be provided. Sanitary facilities must be available. This supervision only covers health care for the players and officials.

Section 413: Participation costs for the players and supervisors sent by the national federations need be paid **neither** by the organiser **nor** by the implementer.

Section 414: The **dates** of the championships shall be determined by the organiser in agreement with the implementer. The European championships shall be held in the months January to March. The world championship shall be held in March.

Section 415: The **admission** and the number of teams and individual players to be sent by each national federation to the world and continental championship shall be subject to a special regulation for which the IFI Congress or IFI Presidency are responsible. For admission to national championships the national federations shall be responsible accordingly.

Section 416: The **starting fee** in world or continental championships shall be set by the IFI Presidency. The national federations shall be responsible for national championships.

Section 417: Cancellation: In such case as a team or an individual player does not attend a competition without submitting a substantiated cancellation in good time, the starting fee and a fine to the same amount shall be paid. The starting fee shall go to the implementer, and the fine to the organiser. Cancellation deadline: **48 hours before** the beginning of the competition; the starting fee is due as announced in the invitation.

Section 418: Evaluation shall take place in accordance with the IER. Championships in the team competition shall only be evaluated if all runs of the competition schedule have been played. In such case as a championship is interrupted, all the games played before the interruption shall be evaluated. The championship shall be continued at a later time from the point reached at the time of interruption.

Section 419: Control of sports equipment:

The sports equipment used must bear the a registration number authorised by the IFI and the IFI examination and licence emblem.

For examples, see figures 22 and 23.

Controls of the sports equipment may be carried out before, during or after a competition. For the controls, preference shall be given to use of the measuring tools from the **IFI examination pack**.

The stocks of each team shall be clearly marked.

Section 420: The competition management in world and continental championships is the responsibility of the IFI's Vice-President for Sport or his substitute.

For national championships, the competition manager shall be determined by the competent federation.

Section 421: The **referees** for world and continental championships shall be proposed by the IFI's Vice-President for Sport and confirmed by the IFI Presidency.

In the case of national championships, they shall be deployed by the competent referees' organisation.

Section 422 The other members of the **competition management** shall be provided by the implementer.

Section 423: Members of the competition management may not take part in the championship.

Section 424: Presentation ceremony: At world and continental championships each player (including substitute players) of the winning team shall receive a gold medal; the second and third teams shall receive silver and bronze medals respectively.

In the individual competitions, the three best players shall receive medals in gold, silver and bronze.

In the team evaluations of the target, distance and speed competitions, the three best shall receive medals in gold, silver and bronze.

The organiser shall provide the medals.

Prizes of honour may be given by the implementer within his means

Group 5 IFI TOURNAMENTS and TEST COMPETITIONS

Section 501: **An IFI tournament** is a competition in which at least three national federations take part with their teams or individual players.

The following IFI tournaments may be approved by the Congress:

Section 502: **Women's European Cup** for club teams. This is subject to special cup provisions.

Section 503: **Men's European Cup** for club teams. This is subject to special cup provisions.

Section 504 **European Cup in the Distance Competition** for men on summer surfaces. This is subject to special cup provisions.

Section 505: **Test competitions:** These are competitions played between teams or individual players from two or more national federations or their sub-organisations. They require IFI approval.

Section 506 **For all IFI tournaments** and other continental cup competitions the above provisions shall apply, *mutatis mutandi*.

Group 6 TOURNAMENTS

Section 601: A **tournament** is a competition in which at least three teams or individual players take part.

Section 602 All **tournaments** require the **permission** of the competent **federation**, which must be obtained before invitations are issued.

Section 603: Invitations to tournaments shall be issued by the implementer. They must be dispatched at least four weeks before the event. The contents of the invitation shall correspond to those applying to championships. Teams classified under Section 103b – g may take part in a competition if reference is made to this in the invitation. The implementer may also invite entries for game systems in which not every team has to play against every other team. (cup systems).

Section 604: Approvals of entry must be distributed to the participants by the implementer no later than three days before the tournament begins.

Section 605: Participants must be informed of the **cancellation of a tournament** on account of adverse weather conditions or other urgent reasons in good time.

Section 606: The playing field facilities to be made available by the implementer must comply with the International Icestock Rules (IER).

Section 607: Medical supervision for competitors shall be provided by the implementer. An opportunity to refresh oneself or to warm up must be provided. Sanitary facilities must be available.

Section 608: The number of teams permitted to take part in a tournament is regulated by the following provisions:

One-day tournaments: every team plays every other team up to a maximum of **19 teams**

Two-day tournaments: every team plays every other team up to a maximum of **31 teams**

For **women's, youth and mixed competitions** the following maximum numbers apply:

One-day tournaments: 15 teams

Two-day tournaments: 27 teams

Pupils' (youth U 14 competitions): 11 teams/day, otherwise several groups

Section 609: In such case as the numbers referred to under Section 608 above are exceeded, the participants shall be divided into groups on the basis of lots drawn. The rest of the competition shall be carried out in accordance with the invitation.

Section 610: The **starting fees** shall not exceed the following **maximum amounts:**

One-day tournament on natural ice and summer surfaces	SFR 60.00
One-day tournament on artificial ice	SFR 90.00
Target competition per player	SFR 20.00
Distance competition per player	SFR 20.00
Speed competition per player	SFR 20.00
Two-day tournament with at least 21 teams on natural	

ice or summer surfaces	SFR 90.00
Two-day tournament with at least 21 teams on artificial ice	SFR 120.00

Section 611 In such case as a team or an individual player is not present at the competition without a substantiated cancellation in good time, the starting fee and a fine to the same amount must be paid. The starting fee goes to the implementer and the fine to the organiser (national federation or sub-organisation). Deadline for cancellation: **48 hours before** the beginning of the competition.

The starting fee is due upon registration as stated in the invitation.

Section 612 Scoring shall be carried out according to the International Icestock Rules (IER).

Section 613: In case of **the early interruption** of a tournament, a list of results may be drawn up if more than half of the games on the game schedule have been played. The same number of games shall be evaluated for each team. Interruptions (breaks) shall not be counted as play. For teams which did not have a break, the last game shall not be counted.

Section 614: Sports equipment control: The sports equipment used must bear the registration number authorised by the IFI as well as the IFI examination and licence emblem.

For examples, see figures 22 and 23.

Controls of the sports equipment may be carried out before, during and after a competition.

For controls, preference should be given to the use of measurement tools from the **IFI examination pack**.

The stocks of each team shall be clearly labelled.

Section 615: The **competition manger** must be a referee or must have been a referee until the age of 65 and shall be appointed by the implementer (rules 602 and 604 of the IER).

Section 616: The **referees** shall be nominated by the competent referee organisation following the request of the implementer. The implementer is responsible for paying the referee's remuneration.

Section 617: The other competition organisers shall be provided by the implementer.

Section 618: Members of the competition management may not take part in the competition.

Group 7 CHANGING FEDERATIONS OR CLUBS

Section 701 A player may only **change clubs** within the IFI if the player's present club agrees to release him.

Section 702: Such release must be confirmed if he has fulfilled all his material duties and no proceedings at a sports court are pending.

Section 703: Such a **change** may **only** take place between 1 April and 30 September **or** in the months of April or September of any year. The decision shall be made by the competent national governing body.

Section 704: Special cases:

An immediate change of clubs is possible if:

- a) The former club or section ice-stock section has been closed.
- b) The player changes his main residence to the catchment area of the new club.
- c) Evidence has been provided that a player has not played in championships at IFI competitions in the last twelve months.
- d) The former club has not taken part in championships during the current year.

Section 705: A player may **not** take part in IFI competitions **for two different** member clubs of the IFI in a summer or winter season.

Section 706: Each player may only have one player's ID (see Section 108).

In such case as it should be discovered that a player has two player's IDs from different federations, the ID most recently issued shall only be valid if it has been in the possession of the player for a minimum of 2 years. Otherwise, titles or qualifications achieved using this ID shall be declared invalid.

Group 8 REFEREES

Section 801: The highest authority for referees shall be the IFI technical committee.

The national referee organisations shall abide by the committee's decisions.

Section 802: The referee organisations of national federations have the following tasks:

To provide basic training for referees, to test them, to provide further training for them, to qualify them, to monitor them, to regulate their activities in accordance with their ability and category as well as to ensure their adequate remuneration; the referee organisations shall also inform referees of changes in the International Icestock Rules and the Rules of Play, as well as of new authorisations or prohibitions of sports equipment.

Section 803: A referee's training concludes with a class C examination.

A referee may be **upgraded** from class C to class B by the competent national referee organisation following further training, good performances and special commitment.

Section 804: Referees' class C and B IDs shall be issued by the national organisations and shall be valid for three years. An extension of three years at a time is possible. Referee IDs remain the property of the issuing federation. Referee IDs which are no longer valid shall be returned to the issuing federation.

Section 805: International referees: The IFI is competent for placing referees in class A and for issuing their IDs, as well as for upgrading them into class A. Class A IDs shall be valid for three years. An extension by the IFI is possible.

Section 806: For justified reasons, referees' ID may be withdrawn by the competent referee organisation. It is also possible to demote a referee to a lower class.

Section 807: The A, B and C qualifications authorise the holder to manage the following competitions:

Class A: International championships and IFI competitions

Class B: National championships and international competitions

Class C: Regional championships and international tournaments

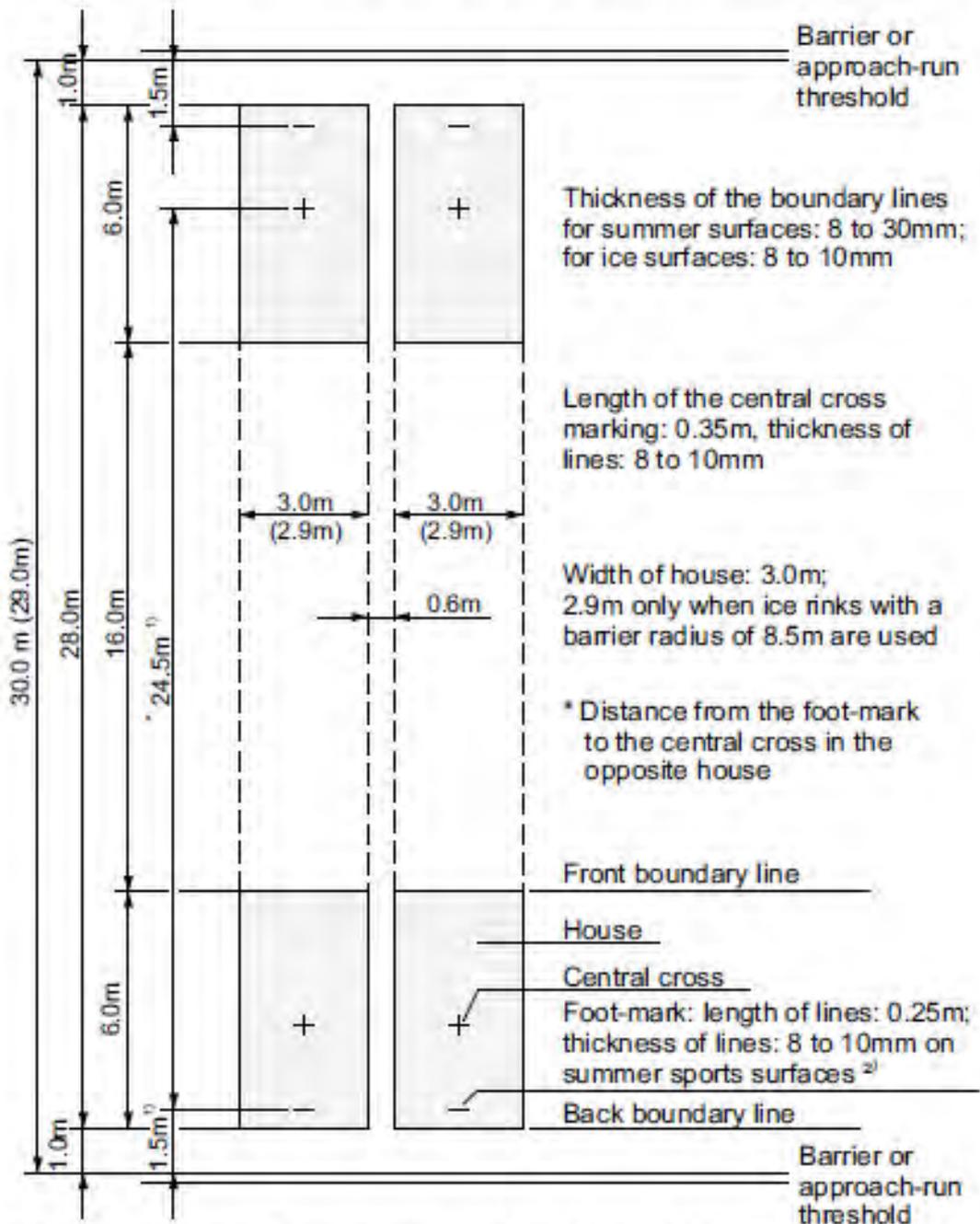
Section 808: A referee must be no younger than 18 and no older than 65 years of age. Exceptions may be made by the national referee organisation.

Section 809: Tasks of the referee:

The referee shall confirm that he will attend or, if he is unable to do so, shall decline in good time. He shall notify the competition manager or implementer of his presence before the start of the competition.

He shall be ready to be deployed on the playing field throughout the whole duration of the competition and shall be recognisable to all (black and white, vertically-striped referee's clothing, armband, marking). He must make the necessary decisions in a sporting spirit objectively, neutrally and very conscientiously, he shall impose the penalties before, during and after a competition as provided for in IER 701 to 713, and he shall ensure that the competition takes place in accordance with the IER. After the competition, he shall make a written game report and shall send it to the competent organisation. Any confiscated players' IDs shall be enclosed with the report.

In an area of 30.0m (29.0m) x 60.0m (59.0m), a total of 14 houses may be drawn.

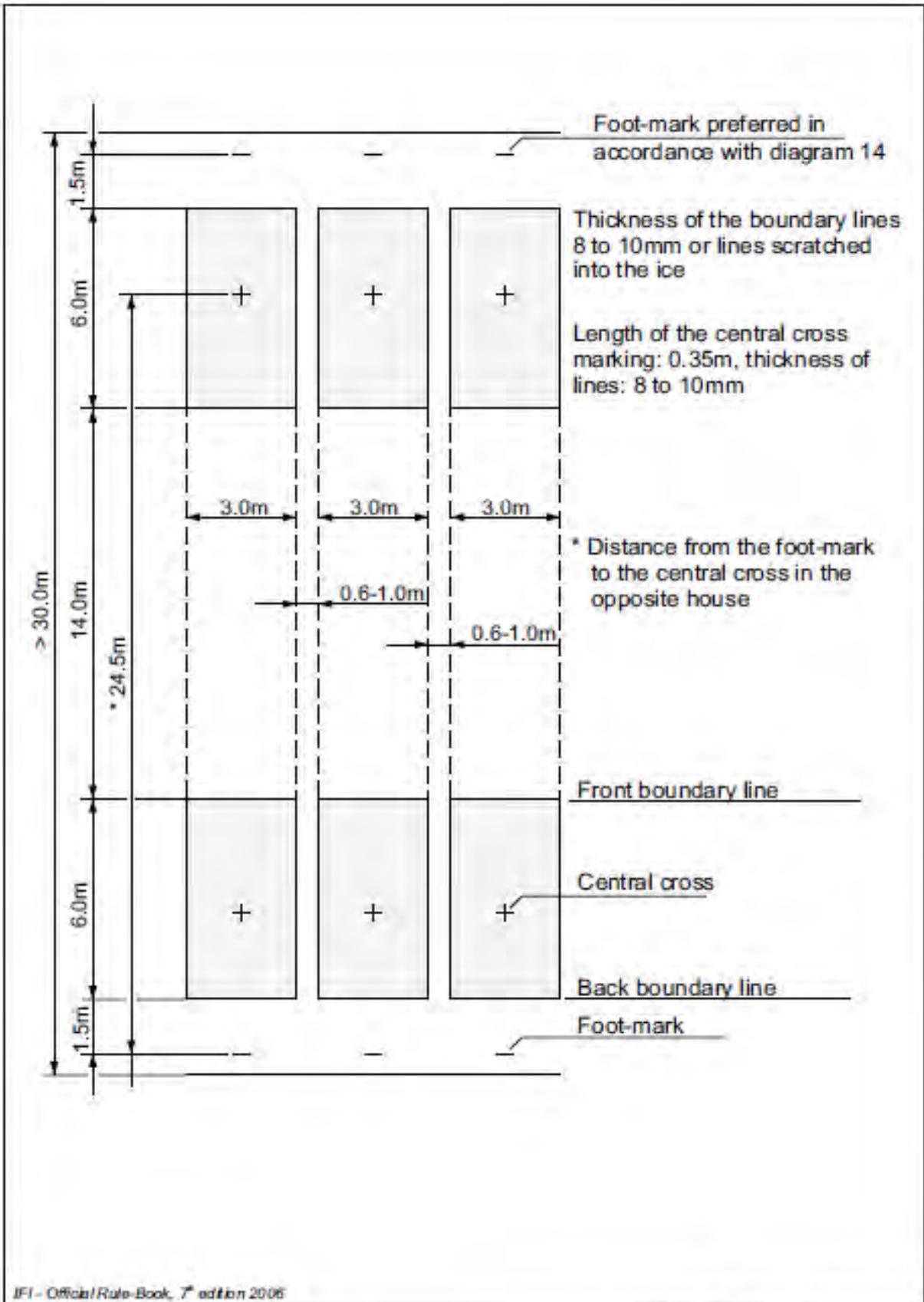


¹⁾ On account of the different house lengths (29.0 and 30.0m) and the permitted distances between the stability devices (1.3 to 1.5m) in accordance with diagram 15, the length of the playing area may vary between 23.5 and 24.5m.

²⁾ Foldable stability devices used in ice stadiums in accordance with diagram 15. Such devices are also recommended for use in summer sports rinks.

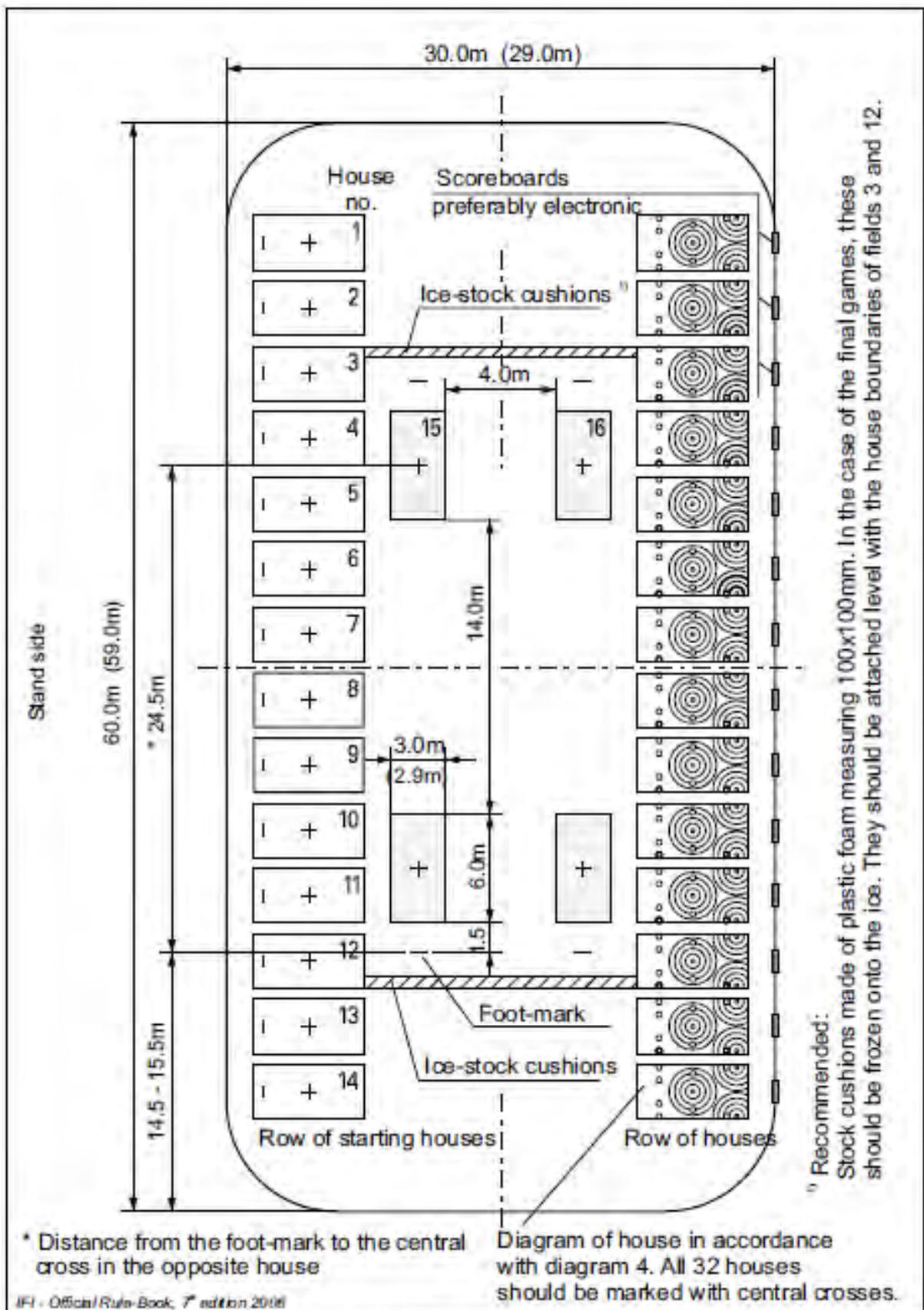
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IER	ARRANGEMENT OF STOCK-HOUSES (EXCEPT ON NATURAL ICE)	IFI examination point	Diagram 1
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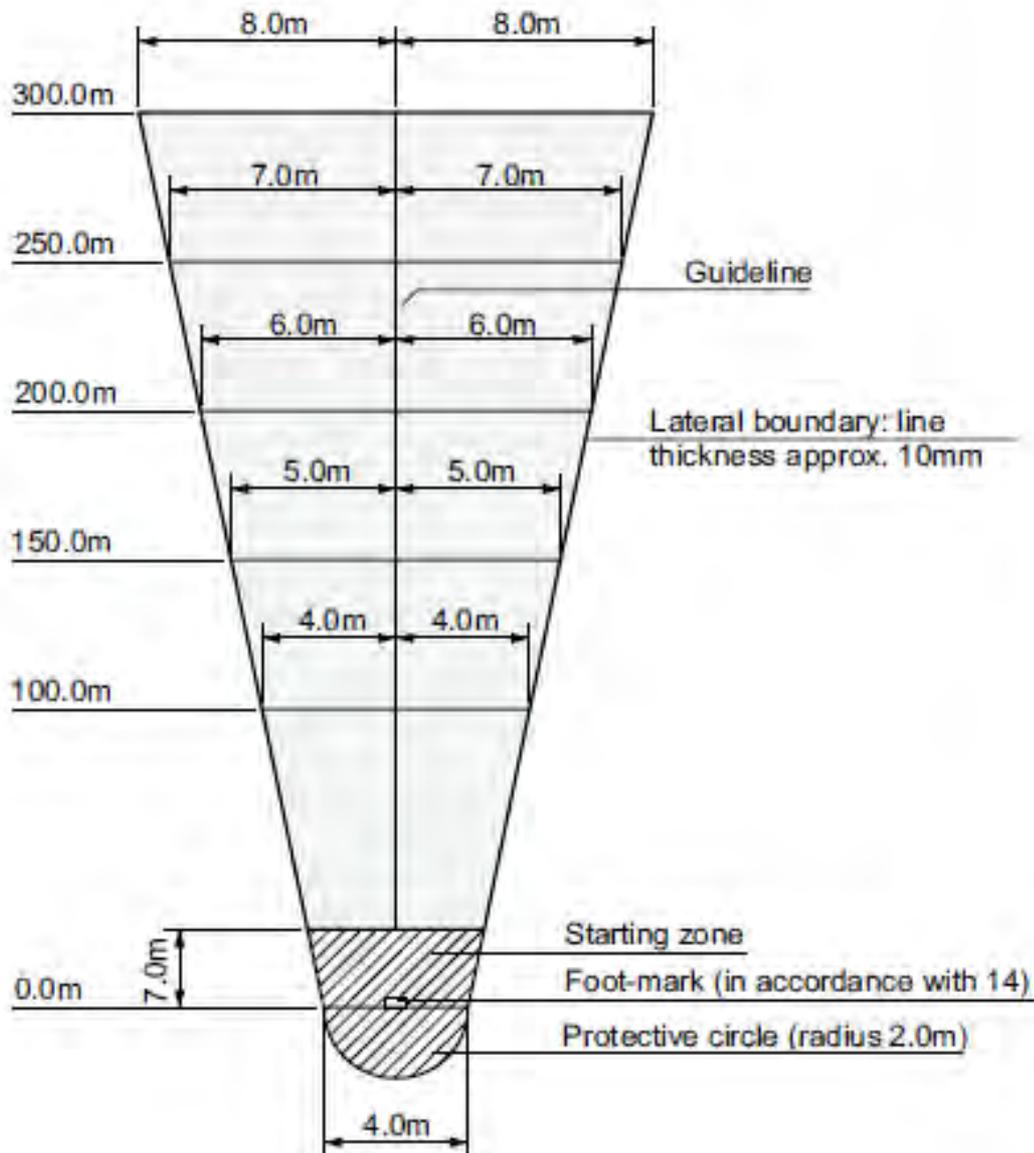
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IER	ARRANGEMENT OF STOCK-HOUSES ON NATURAL ICE	IFI examination point	Diagram 2
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IER	HOUSES NO. 15 AND 16 ARE WHERE THE FINAL GAME IS PLAYED AND TARGETS IN FIELDS 1 TO 14	IFI examination point	Diagram 3
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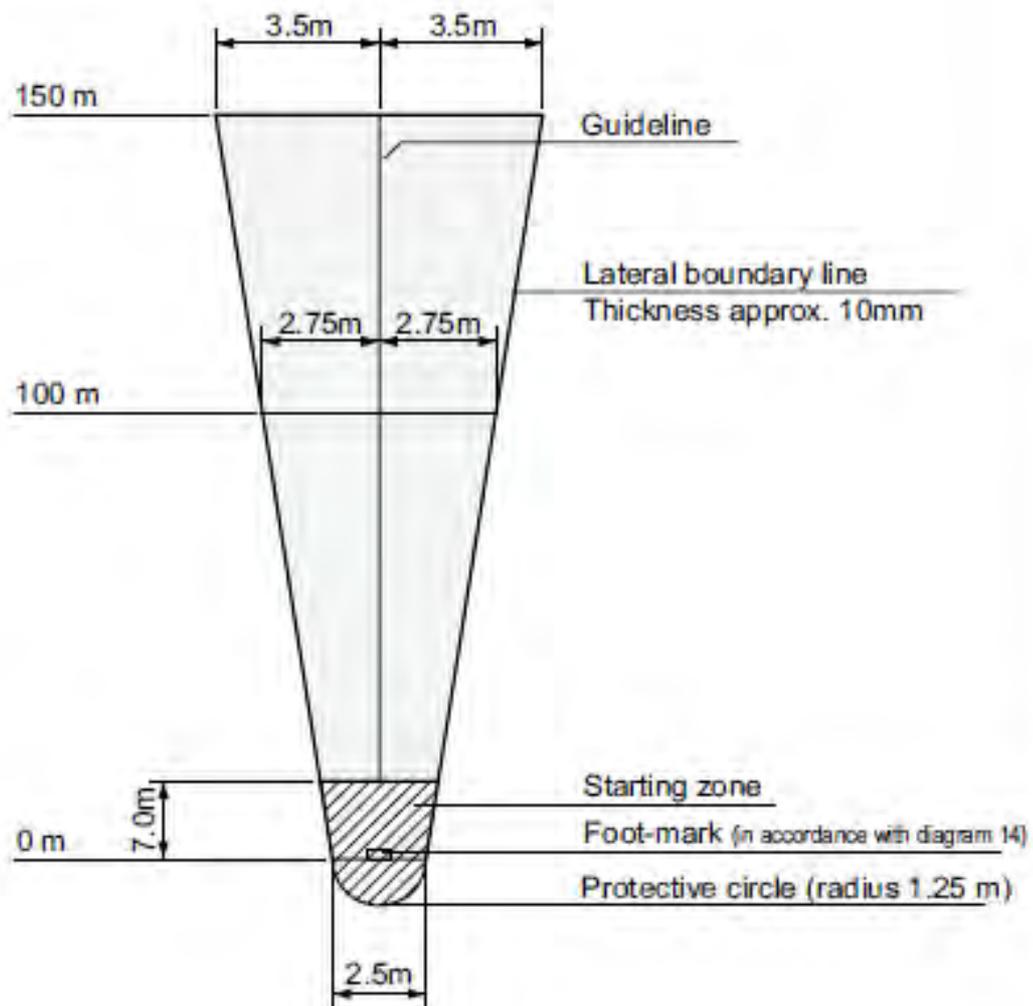
The house may be lengthened indefinitely as long as the same angle is maintained.



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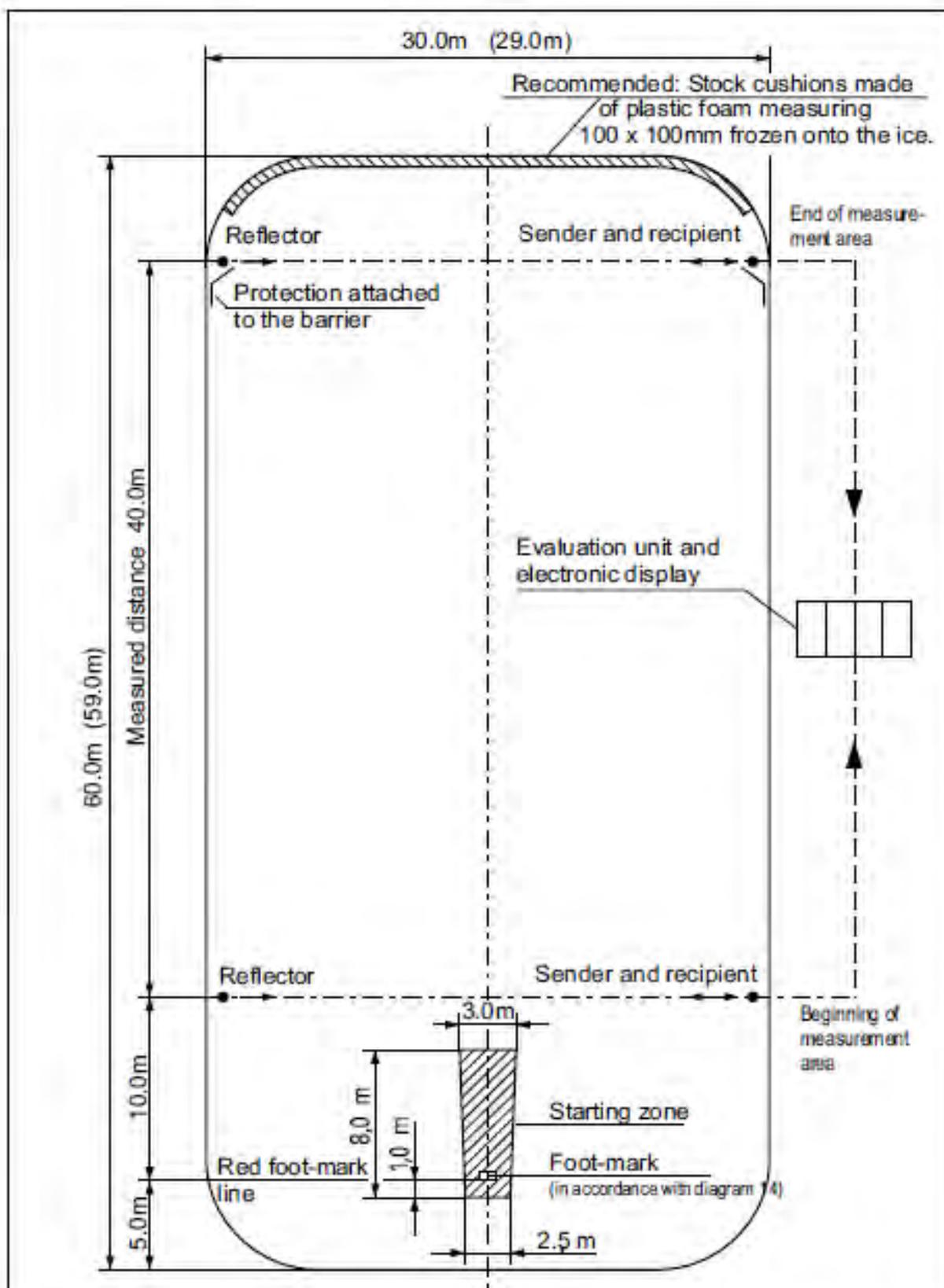
IER	DISTANCE COMPETITION HOUSE ON ICE	IFI examination point	Diagram 5.1
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The house may be extended indefinitely as long as the same angle is maintained.



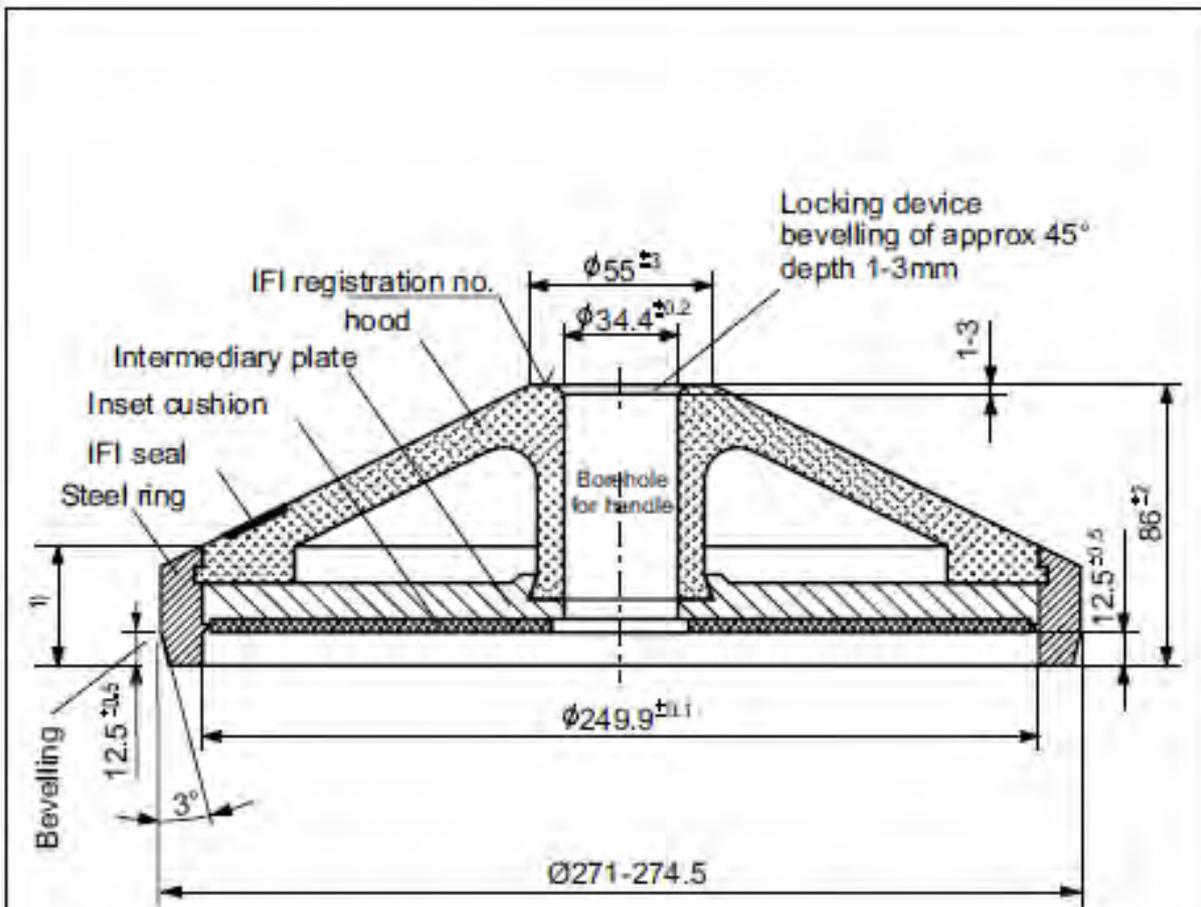
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IER	DISTANCE COMPETITION HOUSE ON SUMMER SPORTS SURFACES	IFI examination point	Diagram 5.2
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IER	HOUSE FOR SPEED COMPETITION ON ALL SPORTS SURFACES	IFI examination point	Diagram 6
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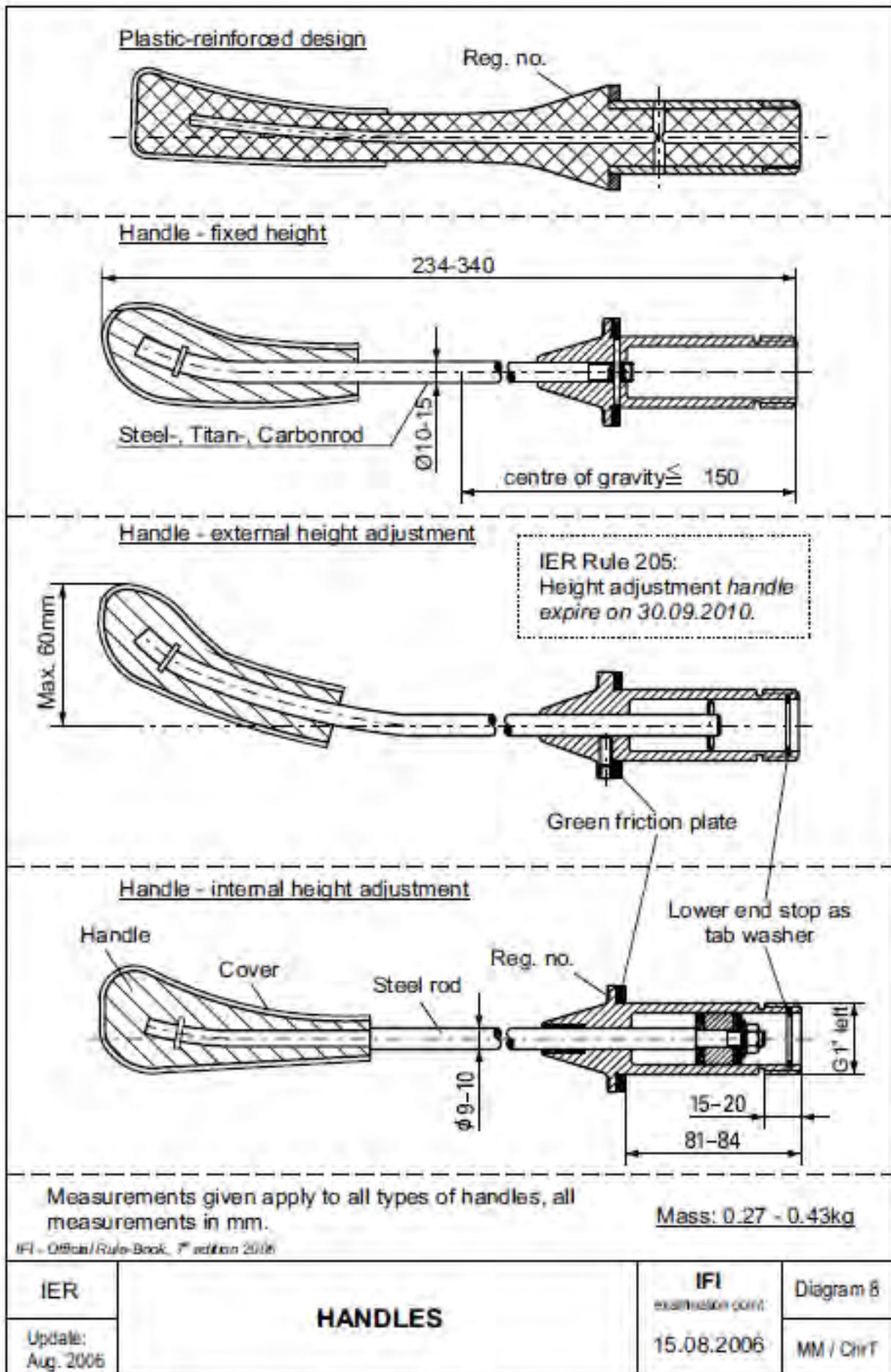
^{h)} Type L, M : 32.8mm
 Type P: 30.8mm
 Type E: 30.0mm

Mass (weight) of stock body:
 W = 2.73 - 2.78kg type E
 W = 3.50 - 3.53kg type P
 W = 3.70 - 3.73kg type L
 W = 3.80 - 3.83kg type M

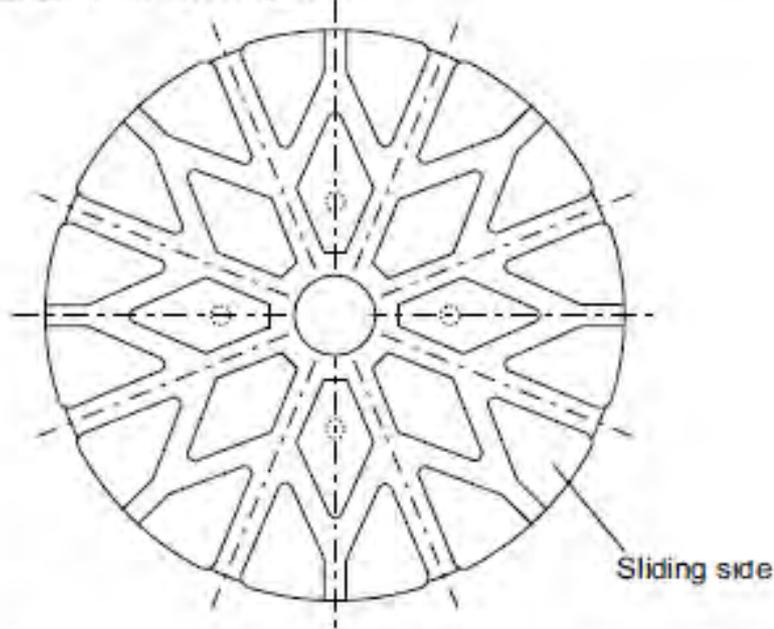
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IER	STOCK BODIES	IFI examination point	Diagram 7
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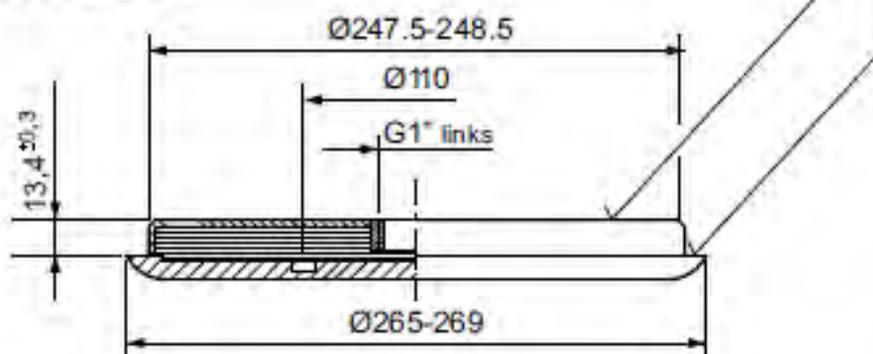
Mass: 0.85-1.15kg (Rule IER Regel 207)



Marking indicates that the sliding sole is too thin and no longer conforms to IFE standards (4 markings around the circle or at the central point)

Reg. no. together with the name of the manufacturer and quality symbol.

Compact connection



Summer sliding soles in RAL-color 3024 = lightening red

Shore D of sliding sole > 80

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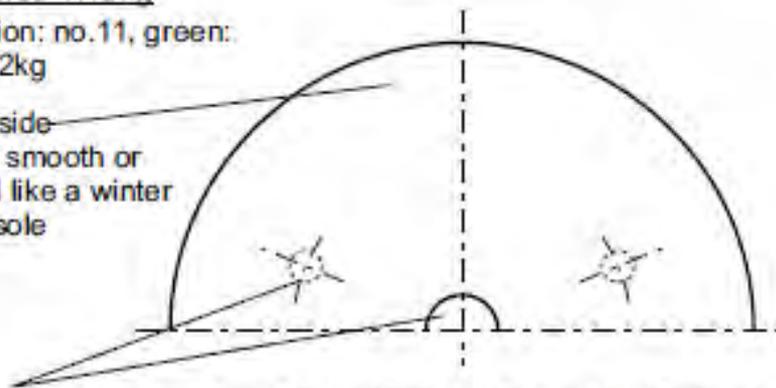
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IER	SUMMER SLIDING SOLES WITH A NEGATIVE PROFILE	IFI examination point	Diagram 9
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Mass: 0.85-1.15kg

Exception: no.11, green:
0.85-1.2kg

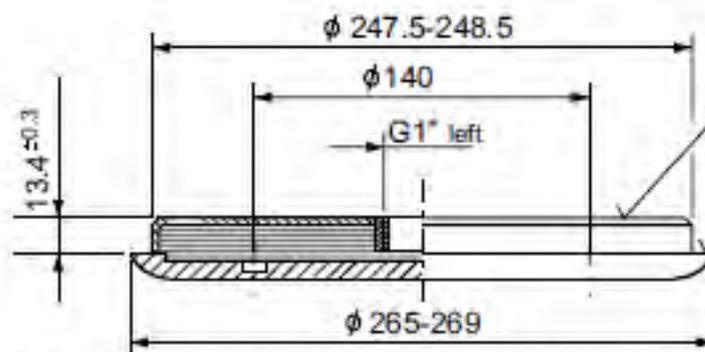
Sliding side
may be smooth or
finished like a winter
sliding sole



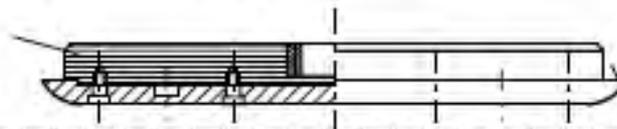
Marking indicates that the sliding sole is too thin and no longer conforms to IFE standards (3 markings around the circle or at the central point)

Reg. no. together with the name of the manufacturer and
quality symbol

Non-positive or compact connection

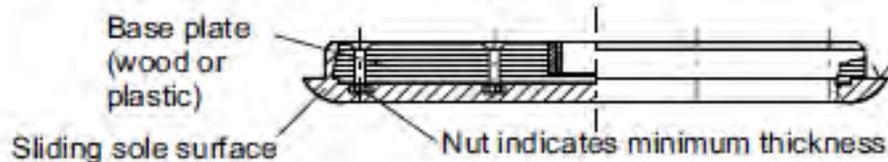


Sliding sole surface screwed to the base plate from the outside,
cushioned and non-cushioned designs



With or without a raised edge

Sliding sole surface screwed to the base plate from the inside,
non-cushioned or cushioned designs

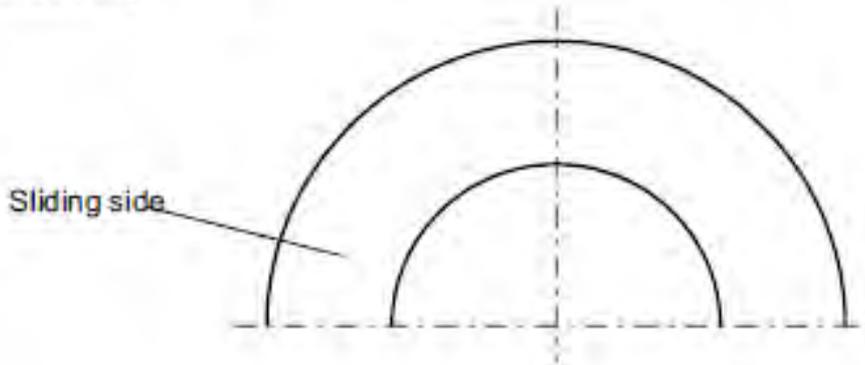


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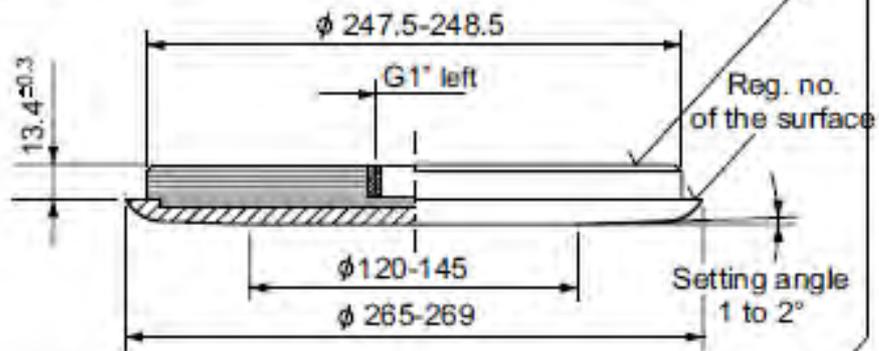
IER	SUMMER SLIDING SOLES WITHOUT A PROFILE	IFI examination point	Diagram 10
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Mass: 0.85-1.15kg
 Exception: no.11, green:
 0.85-1.2kg

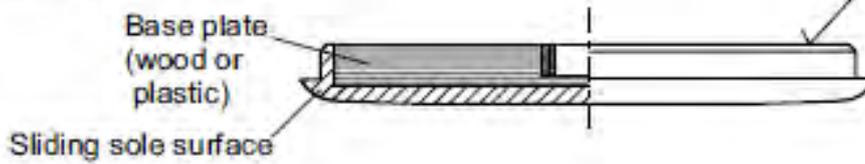


Sticker or plastic covering with reg. no. of the base plate

Compact connection



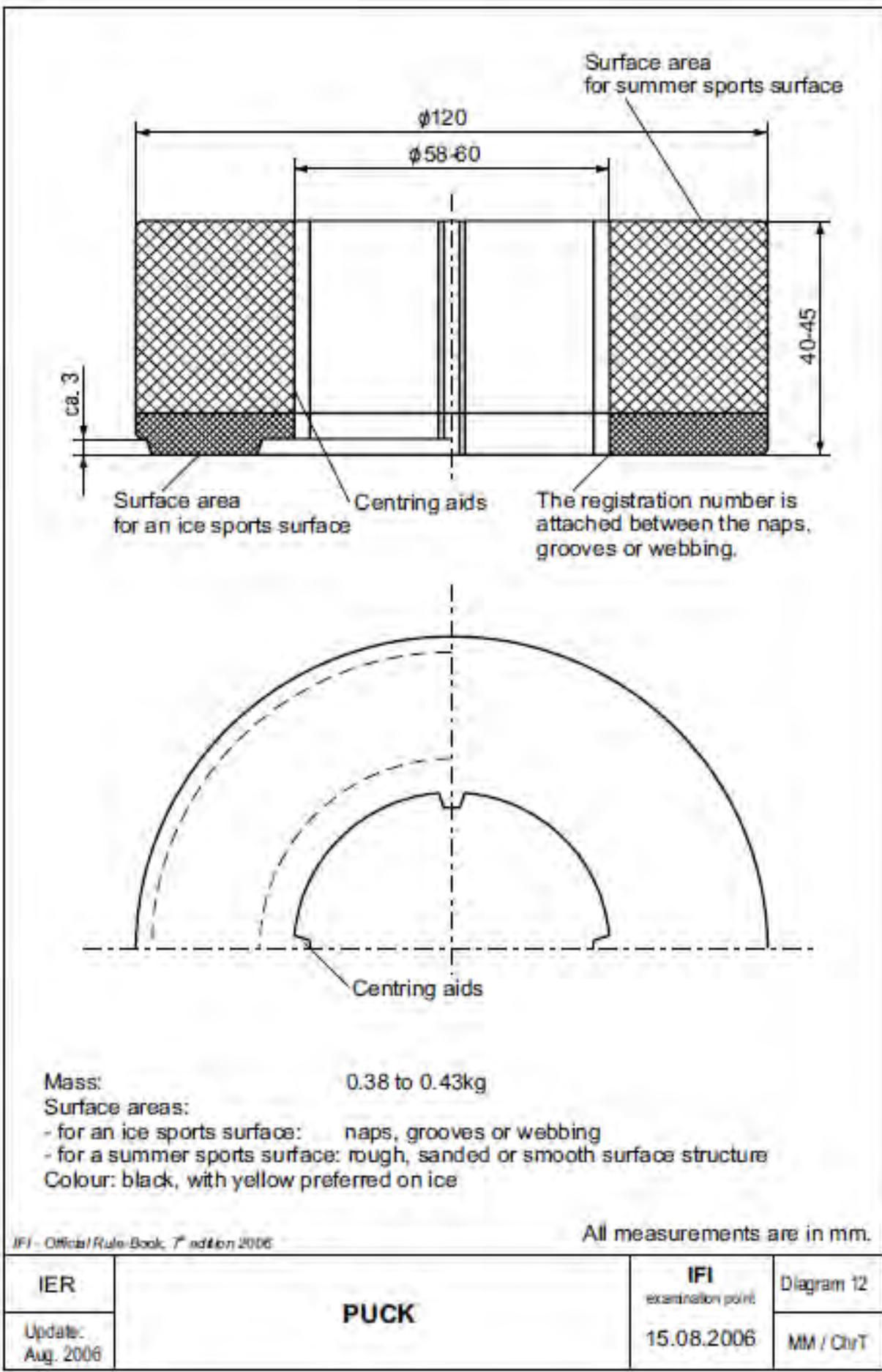
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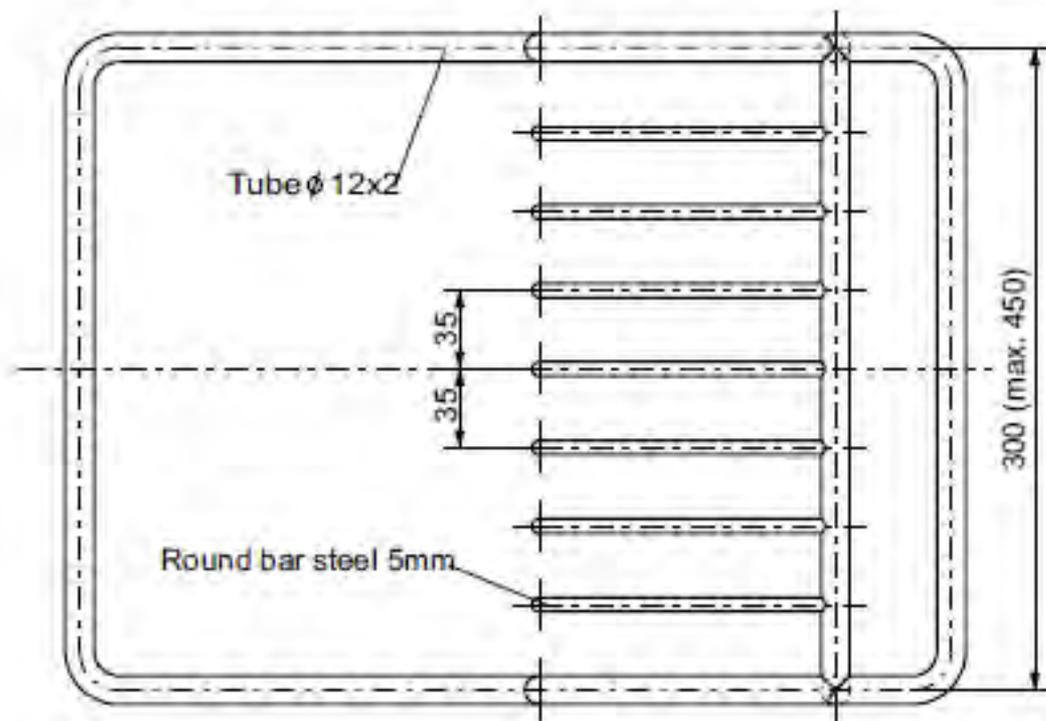
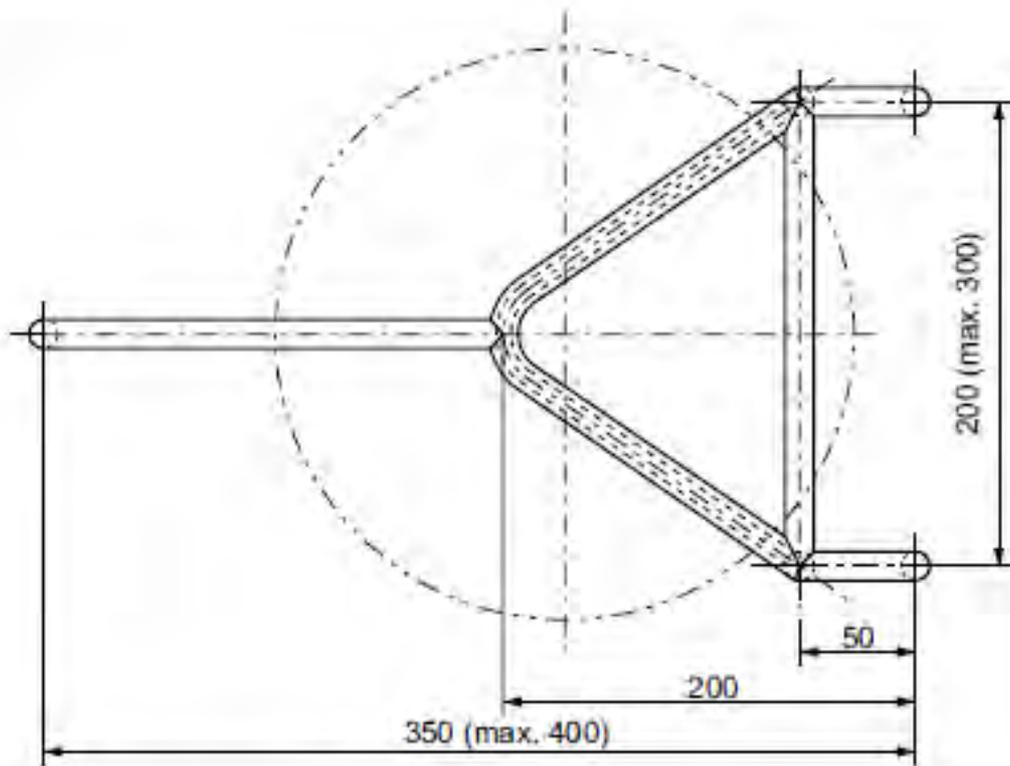


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IER	WINTER SLIDING SOLES	IFI examination point	Diagram 11
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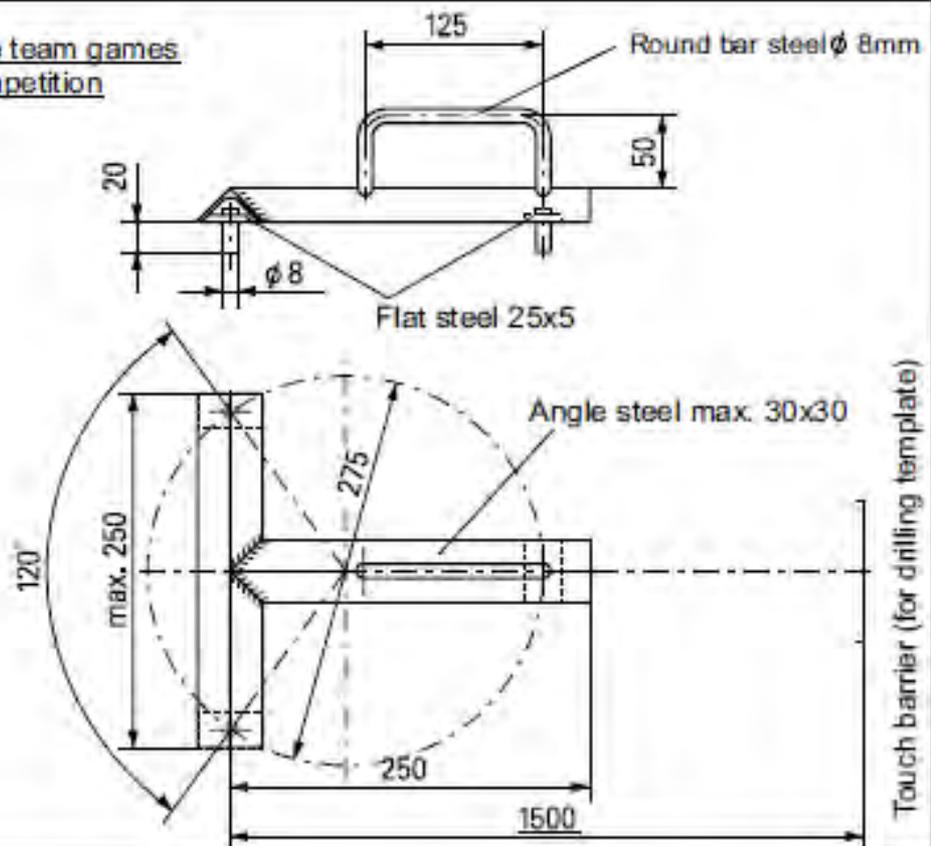


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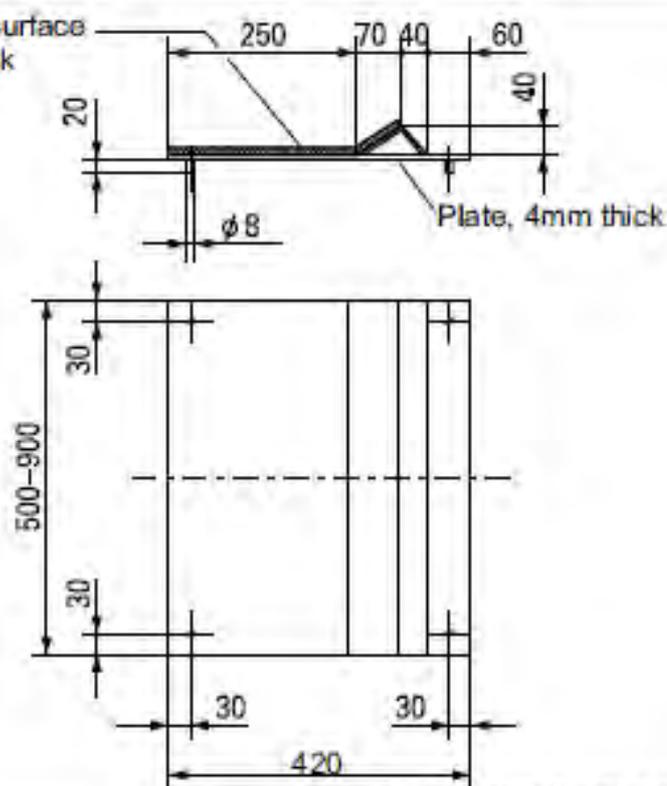
IER	SUGGESTION FOR SLIDING-SOLE RACK (FOR A MAXIMUM OF 8 SLIDING SOLES)	IFI examination point:	Diagram 13
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Stability device team games and target competition



Stability device for distance and speed competition

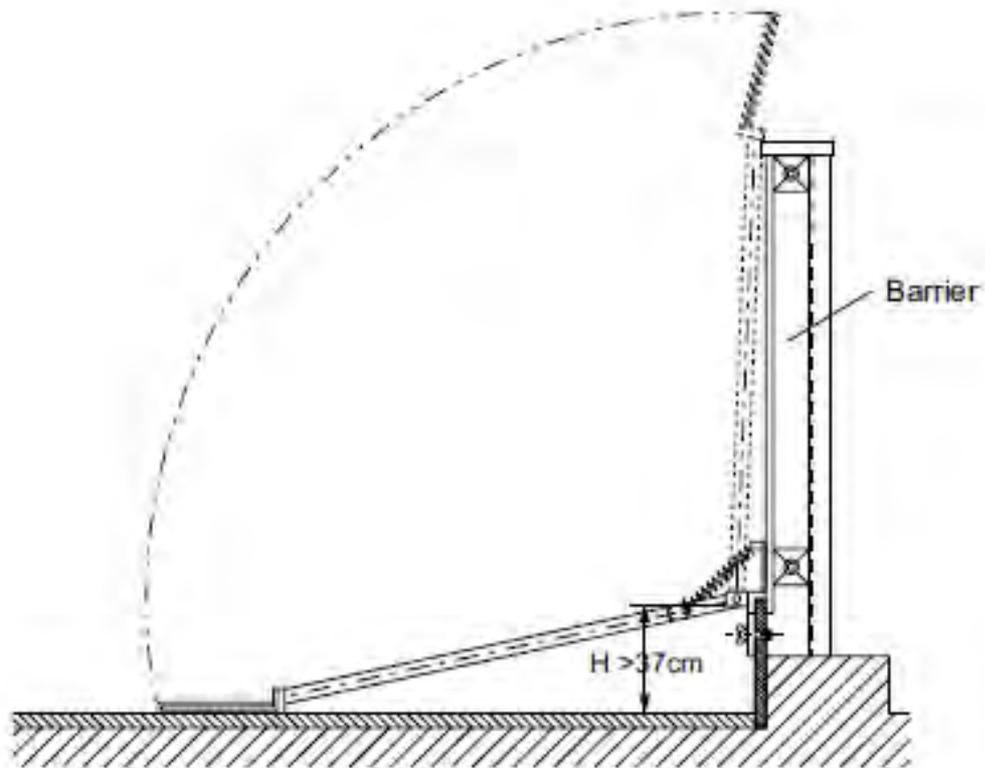
Rubber or cloth surface at least 8mm thick



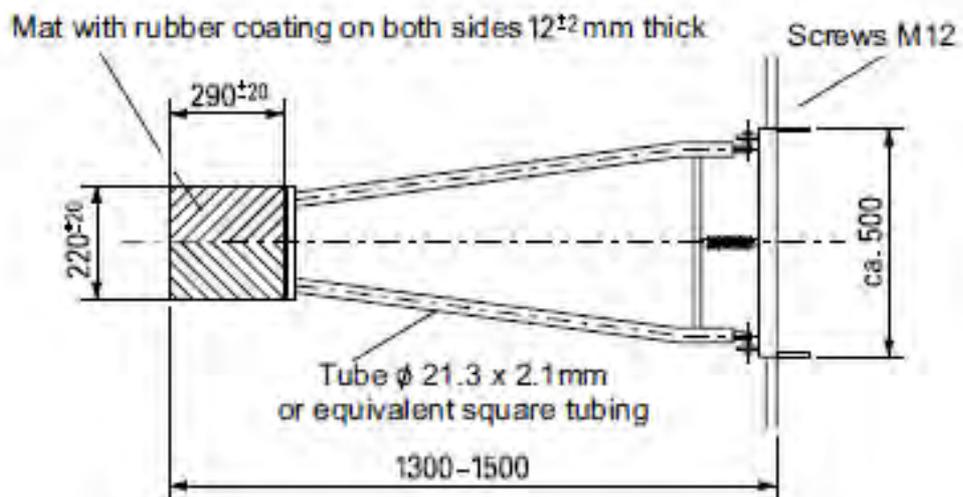
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IER	STABILITY DEVICE FOR FOOT-MARKS ON AN ICE SPORTS SURFACE	IFI examination point	Diagram 14
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The fastening of the barrier must be adapted to the local situation.



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IER	FOOT-MARK (RECOMMENDED MEASUREMENTS FOR A FOLDABLE STABILITY DEVICE)	IFI examination point	Diagram 15
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Ice-stock starting card:

TEAM GAME

Competition:

Starting no.

Place:

Date:

Name of the team:				
		Family name	First name	Player's ID no.
1	Team captain - C			
2	Deputy team captain			
3	Player			
4	Player			
5	Player			
6	Player			

Entries by the referee:
Penalties/ fines etc.

Comments, injuries, confiscated player's IDs etc.

Referee's signature:

Back page:

DECLARATION: The undersigned team captain of the team named overleaf gives his/her assurance that the following players

- Player, d.o.b.

are entitled to play for the abovementioned team and that the aforementioned player's ID or certificate from the National Ice-Stock Federation cannot be presented because:

.....

False statements shall be punished by the competent sports court.
Under ice-stock's International Rules of Play, the sum of 10 Swiss francs shall be paid of one's own accord to the referee for every player's ID not submitted.

.....
Place Date Signature of team captain

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IER	Ice-stock starting card	IFI examination point	Diagram 16
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Starting card and evaluation sheet for ice-stock

Target competition										
Competition:										
Name:					ID number:					
Club/ Federation:										
Place:					Date:					
Try	Mark the number of points reached with a cross						Evaluation	Totals	Starting no:	
1	0	2	4	6	8	10		Centre target rings 1 st run		
2	0	2	4	6	8	10				
3	0	2	4	6	8	10				
4	0	2	4	6	8	10				
5	0	2	4	6	8	10				
6	0	2	4	6	8	10				
1	0	2	-	5	-	10		Stocks 2 nd run		
2	0	2	-	5	-	10				
3	0	2	-	5	-	10				
4	0	2	-	5	-	10				
5	0	2	-	5	-	10				
6	0	2	-	5	-	10				
1	0	2	4	6	8	10		Lateral target rings 3 rd run		
2	0	2	4	6	8	10				
3	0	2	4	6	8	10				
4	0	2	4	6	8	10				
5	0	2	4	6	8	10				
6	0	2	4	6	8	10				
1	0	2	4	6	8	10		Combination 4 th run		
2	0	2	4	6	8	10				
3	0	2	4	6	8	10				
4	0	2	4	6	8	10				
5	0	-	-	5	-	10				
6	0	-	-	5	-	10				
Recognised final result							Total points		Position	
..... Player						 House judge			

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IER	Ice-stock starting card TARGET COMPETITION	IFI examination point 15.08.2006	Diagram 17 MM / ChrT
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Starting card and evaluation sheet for ice-stock:

D I S T A N C E C O M P E T I T I O N

Competition:..... Place:.....

Date:..... Club/ Federation:.....

Name:..... ID number.:.....

Try			Longest Try:	Starting no.:
1				
2				
3				
4			Position:	
5				

Signature of participant

Signature of house judge

Starting card and evaluation sheet for ice-stock:

S P E E D C O M P E T I T I O N

Competition:..... Place:.....

Date:..... Club/ Federation:.....

Name:..... ID number.:.....

Try	Time achieved in seconds	Time evaluated 5 tries		Starting no.:
1				
2				
3				
4			Total time:	Position:
5				
6				

Signature of participant

Signature of house judge

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IER	Ice-stock starting card DISTANCE AND SPEED COMPETITION	IFI examination point 15.08.2006	Diagram 18 MM / ChrT
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Ice-stock schedules

Model for a competition with 11 teams

Example: Team 1

Game	Opponent	House	First player
1	10	1	1
2	8	2	8
3	6	3	1
4	4	4	4
5	2	5	1
6	11	5	11
7	9	4	1
8	7	3	7
9	5	2	1
10	3	1	3
11	Missed turn	--	--

Example: Team 6

Game	Opponent	House	First player
1	5	5	5
2	3	4	6
3	1	3	1
4	10	2	6
5	8	1	8
6	Missed turn	--	--
7	4	1	6
8	2	2	2
9	11	3	6
10	9	4	9
11	7	5	6

Example: Team 9

Game	Opponent	House	First player
1	2	2	9
2	11	1	11
3	Missed turn	--	--
4	7	1	9
5	5	2	5
6	3	3	9
7	1	4	1
8	10	5	9
9	8	5	8
10	6	4	9
11	4	3	4

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IER	Ice-stock schedules	IFI examination point	Diagram 19
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Ice-stock evaluation sheet:

Team game

Team _____ Starting no. _____							
Turn	1	2	3	4	5	6	To.
Points							
+							
-							
Penalty points							
Signature of the opposing team captain _____						Result:	

Team _____ Starting no. _____							
Turn	1	2	3	4	5	6	To.
Points							
+							
-							
Penalty points							
Signature of the team captain _____						Result:	

House number

Run number

Signature of the house judge: _____

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IER	Ice-stock evaluation sheet TEAM GAME	IFI examination point	Diagram 20
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Model of a computer-aided evaluation of team competitions in accordance with the sixth edition of the International Ice-Stock Rules (IER)

Type of competition: **National championships in the winter season 2006/2007**

Venue: **Ice rink in City A**

Date: **20 November 2006**

Organiser: **Country X**

Implementer: **Club Y**

Sports surface: **Grooved ice**

Final result

Place	Team	Points	Stock points	Grade
1	Team A	20 : 6	203 : 137	1.482
2	Team B	17 : 9	226 : 142	1.592
3	Team C	16 : 10	274 : 117	2.342
4	Team D	15 : 11	238 : 167	1.425
5	Team E	15 : 11	191 : 148	1.291
6	Team F	14 : 12	210 : 184	1.141
7	Team G	14 : 12	203 : 189	1.074
8	Team H	14 : 12	195 : 182	1.071
9	Team I	13 : 13	182 : 218	0.835
10	Team K	12 : 14	200 : 194	1.031
11	Team L	10 : 16	185 : 215	0.860
12	Team M	10 : 16	141 : 226	0.624
13	Team N	8 : 18	111 : 274	0.405
14	Team O	4 : 22	120 : 286	0.420
15	Team P	0 : 0	excused	

- give the name, club or federation and function in each case -

(Referee)

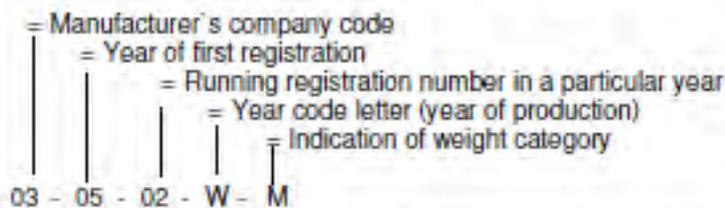
(Competition manager)

(Calculation office)

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IER	Model of a computer-aided evaluation of team competitions	IFI	Diagram 21
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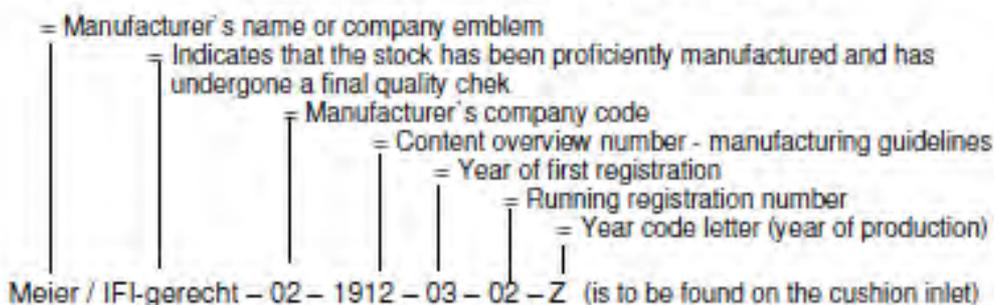
Registration numbers of stock bodies



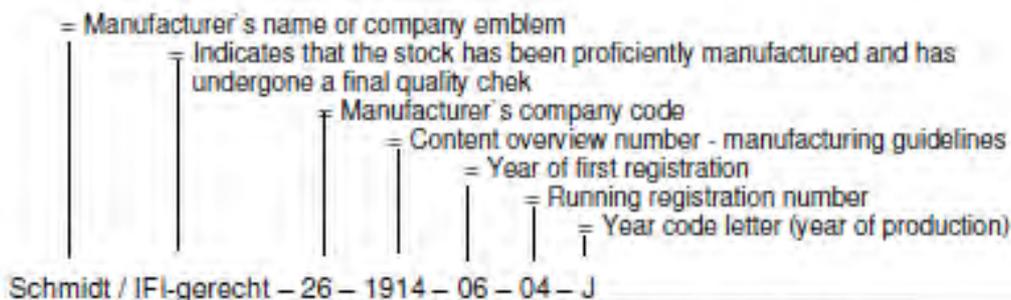
The letters M, L, P and E apply to the following weight categories:

M	= Mittel (medium)	3.80 - 3.83 kg	
L	= Leicht (light)	3.70 - 3.73 kg	
P	= Parvus	3.50 - 3.53 kg	
E	= Elementar	2.73 - 2.78 kg	- Pupils' stock body

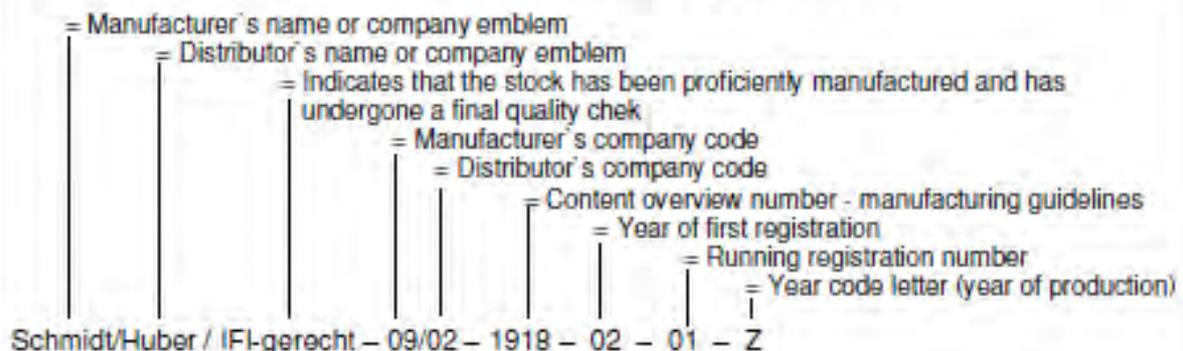
Registration numbers of intermediary plates ZP 88



Registration numbers of handles



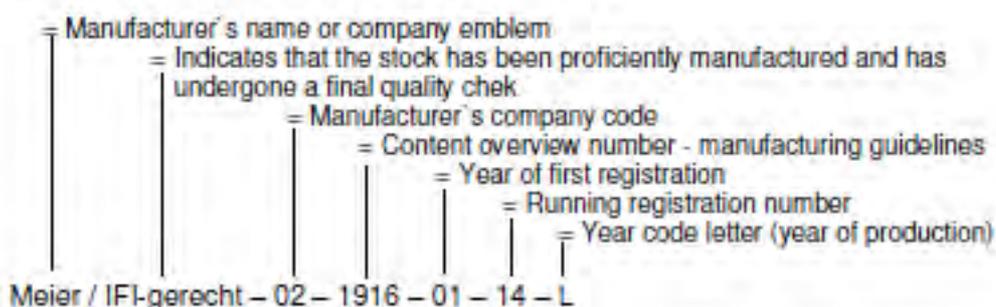
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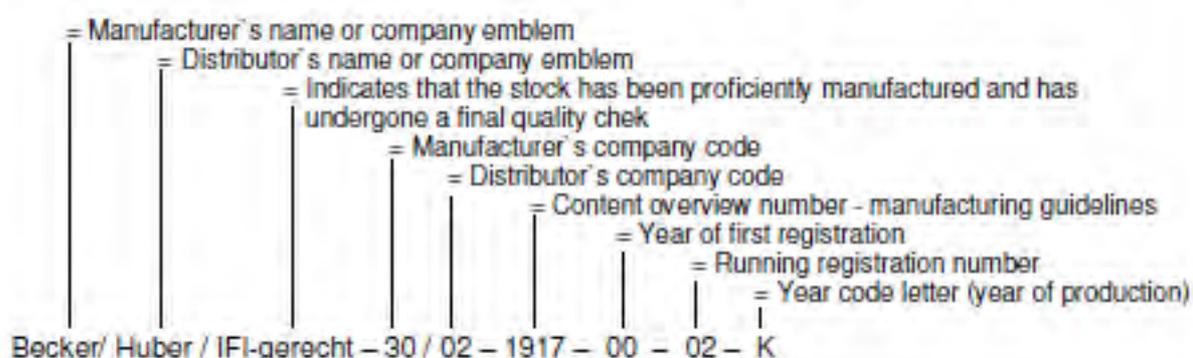
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IER	IFI's registration numbers of licensed sports equipment parts	IFI examination point	Diagram 22
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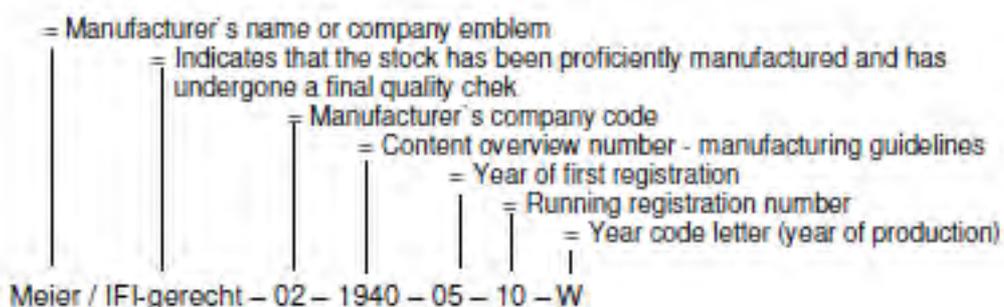
Registration numbers of base plates



Registration numbers of summer sliding sole surfaces



Registration numbers of pucks



In the case of stock body registration numbers, the omission of the phrase „IFI-Norm“ in the stock body seal is replaced by the indication „geprüft und zugelassen“ („examined and approved“). For technical reasons, it is also possible that on surfaces for summer and winter sliding soles the name of the manufacturer and the phrase „IFI-gerecht“ are indicated separately.

All the registration numbers that are still valid and the code letters indicating the year of manufacture are to be seen on the list of sports equipment parts, a new edition of which is published on 1 October each year.

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IER	The IFI's registration numbers on licensed sports equipment parts and reference to sports equipment lists	IFI examination point	Diagram 23
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Firm identification numbers

Identification numbers	Company (manufacturer)	Year code	
01	EBRA - Brandl Gerhard	1985	D
02	LADLER Erich	1986	M
03	SEDLMAIER Josef	1987	O
04		1988	Y
05	SCHWARZ Hans	1989	S
06		1990	T
07	HOFBAUER Max jun.	1991	E
08	TEGRA - Tremmel Peter	1992	R
09		1993	F
10		1994	A
11		1995	N
12	NEUGEBAUER Otto	1996	G
13	UNTERFORSTHUBER Josef	1997	B
14		1998	U
15	SEIWALD Georg	1999	C
16	WIBA - Widmann Sebastian	2000	H
17	VARIO-STIEL Lindlbauer Johann	2001	K
18	Stocksport PETTINGER/ MAIER	2002	L
19		2003	P
20		2004	Z
21		2005-06	W
22		2007-08	J
23		2009-10	X
24	POSCHINGER & DREXLER (MePa)	2011-12	Q
25			
26	ZEMBROD Xaver		
27	RITZEL Andreas		
28	GEIMUPLAST GmbH		
29	FUCHS Dietrich		
30	POSCHENRIEDER GmbH		
31	ARTICOLI TECNICI S.A.		
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34	BALU - Baumgartner Ludwig		
35	LACH		
36	InfraServ		
37	KAMBER Metallbau		
38	INTERELEKTRIK		
39	CAROVA GmbH		
40	WINKLE GmbH & Co. KG		
41	ARKON		
42	ALMBAUER		
43	GSTATTER		
44	STURM		

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