



Extraordinary Delegates' Conference of ITHF (September 2025) Minutes

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Minute keeper: Mykhaylo Shalomayev, ITHF Secretary General

Members eligible to participate: Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine

Votes

Vote 1

ITHF election

Information

During the May vote of the ITHF delegates, the Chair of the Legal Committee of ITHF was not elected. Anze Bozic (SLO) and Gergely Regula (HUN) scored the same number of points.

Question

Who will become Chair of the Legal Committee of ITHF for the period 2025-2027?

Options

Anze Bozic (SLO)

Gergely Regula (HUN)

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
Anze Bozic	7	Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden
Gergely Regula	4	Belarus, Canada, Slovakia, Ukraine

Result: Anze Bozic is **elected** Chair of the Legal Committee of ITHF for a period of up to the end of the season 2026/2027.

Vote 2

Renaming "Czech Republic" to "Czechia" on the ITHF website and in other ITHF documents

Information

Following a decision by the Regular Summer General Meeting of the Czech Association of Stiga Game 2024, and taking into account point 3.2 of the clarifications provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic:

https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/foreign_relations/public_diplomacy/czechia_vs_czech_republic/index.html#:~:text=Whenever%20most%20other%20countries%20use,name%20%E2%80%9Cthe%20Czech%20Republic%E2%80%9D.

a request was received to rename "Czech Republic" to "Czechia" on the ITHF website and in ITHF documents.

Question

Is it necessary to rename "Czech Republic" to "Czechia" on the ITHF website and in ITHF documents?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	11	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine
NO	1	Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 3

Introduction of a tournament in the kids team category at the World and European Championships

Information

In order to promote table hockey among kids, a tournament in the kids team category will be held during the World and European Championships. Section 5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships shall be supplemented with the following paragraph:

"Each kids team consists of three players. The minimum number of kids team members is two and the maximum is five."

If the vote on this issue is positive, Section 5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships will be supplemented with the following paragraph:

"Team tournaments in each category will only be held if four or more teams register for them."

In addition, information about the kids team tournament will be added to paragraph 7.7 of the Rules of the World and European Championships.

Question

Is it necessary to introduce a tournament in the kids team category at the World and European Championships?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	8	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine
NO	4	Denmark, Finland, Norway, Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 4

Introduction of a tournament in the superveterans team category at the World and European Championships

Information

Due to the increase in the number of superveterans in table hockey, a tournament in the superveterans team category will be held during the World and European Championships. Section 5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships shall be supplemented with the following paragraph:

"Each superveterans team consists of three players. The minimum number of superveterans team members is two and the maximum is five."

If the vote on this issue is positive, Section 5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships will be supplemented with the following paragraph:

"Team tournaments in each category will only be held if four or more teams register for them."

In addition, information about the superveterans team tournament will be added to paragraph 7.7 of the Rules of the World and European Championships.

Question

Is it necessary to introduce a tournament in the superveterans team category at the World and European Championships?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine
NO	2	Denmark, Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 5

Increase the age limit for the veterans category from 40+ to 45+

Information

For the same reason, namely the rising number of veteran players, the Czech Association proposes raising the age limit for the veteran category from 40+ to 45+. In most countries, new players are not joining in significant numbers, making veterans now comprise up to 50% of tournament participants. Increasing this age threshold would avoid the scenario where every second player is a veteran. In countries with a larger membership base, it would also ease the nomination process. Additionally, this aligns with current trends where countries are raising retirement ages due to increased life expectancy and an aging European population. It is foreseeable that tournaments will soon regularly feature players aged 60+, 65+, raising questions about further adjustments in the future. This proposal also references the historical context from the 1990s, when the veteran threshold was initially 35 and subsequently raised in response to growing interest in "Stiga" tablehockey.

If the vote on this issue is positive, subparagraph i) of paragraph 2.1.1 of the Tournament Rules will contain the following information about veterans:

"Veteran – players who reach the age of 45 years on or before the year when the tournament is held"

Question

Is it necessary to increase the age limit for the veterans category from 40+ to 45+?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	8	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden
NO	4	Denmark, Germany, Slovakia, Ukraine

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 6

Changes to paragraph 3.12 of the Rules of the World and European Championships

Information

Currently, in accordance with paragraph 3.12 of the Rules of the World and European Championships, participation in all official categories is free of charge. At the same time, organising a World or

European Championships is a complex task for the organisers. Renting premises, purchasing trophies, and other expenses require considerable costs. Therefore, it is proposed to revise paragraph 3.12 of the Rules of the World and European Championships as follows:

"3.12. In the case of a player's participation in the open or open team category, the entry fee is 25 euros. For participation in other official categories, the fee is 10 euros per player. However, the total fee for participation in official categories at one World or European Championship cannot exceed 25 euros per player. During the championship, the organizers can organize and collect other fees for special tournaments. Also, the organizers can sell souvenirs, merch, food, drinks, etc. in the hall."

Question

Do you agree with the proposed changes to paragraph 3.12 of the Rules of the World and European Championships?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	10	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine
NO	2	Denmark, Slovenia

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

Vote 7

Changes to paragraph 6.5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships

Information

Currently, in accordance with clause 6.5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships, seeding of teams in team competitions should be done by using the world ranking of the three best members of each team. This is normal for all team competitions, except for the open team category, which is played 5x5. It is proposed to amend clause 6.5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships as follows:

"6.5. The seeding of teams in team competitions should be done by using the world ranking of the three best members of each team, except for the open team category, in which the seeding of teams shall be based on the world ranking of the five best members of each team."

Question

Do you agree with the proposed changes to paragraph 6.5 of the Rules of the World and European Championships?

Options

YES

NO

Option	# of Votes	Voting Countries
YES	12	Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine
NO	0	-

Result: Proposed change is **accepted** and comes into force next day after publication of results of vote on ITHF website.

The Executive Committee of ITHF, Sunday the 7th of September 2025

Bjarne Axelsen, Gustaf Hermansson, Rainers Kalnins, Amund Risa Fylling, Mykhaylo Shalomayev