



PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

Procedure Regulations for the Championship of Erste Bank Young Stars League Erste Bank Juniors League

Valid for the 2016/17 Season



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Part A: Conduct Of Games

§ 1 Basic information | Integrity of the game

- (1) The participating clubs, players, coaches, attendants and all officials undertake to maintain sportsmanlike conduct and in particular to comply with all rules of the sport of ice hockey as set forth in the EBEL Fundamental Rules and in the IIHF rules in case they're not superseded by any EBYSL/EBJL Rules set forth in this Procedure regulations.
- (2) All persons involved will carefully adhere to the principles of fairness and respect – according to the IIHF-program; FAIR PLAY & RESPECT - for opponents and officials.
- (3) If any of the basic principles are violated or in the case of actions against the integrity of the hockey-game, against the written and unwritten rules or against the Fair Play & respect program, it is the duty of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission to step in, to start investigations and to call out sanctions on the basis of the penalty catalogue.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to maintain the sportsmanship and integrity of his Coaching and Playing staff at all times. In addition to automatic fines and suspensions imposed, the EBEL Disciplinary Senate, at their discretion, can investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any Exhibition, Tournament, League or Play-off game and may assess additional fines and/or suspensions for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a player, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club Executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee. In specific cases where the EBEL Disciplinary Senate feels a team or player or situation is subject to a standard set forth by the Coaching staff that is not in the best interest of integrity, sportsmanship or safety of the game, the Head Coach will assume responsibility and subject to fines and/or suspensions. This is inclusive of a team's style/behavior within a game (repetitive situations against the opposing team), demanding a player play a specific role within a game that is deemed detrimental, cases where examples are set for a future game or situations where it is felt a 'payback message' is demanded, that intrude in the safety or well-being of the opposing team or game integrity.



§ 2 Organization

The co-operation between Erste Bank Eishockey Liga (EBEL) and the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV) is governed in detail in a co-operation contract. Based on this co-operation contract, the Organization of the International Erste Bank Young Stars League (EBSYL) Championship, the International Erste Bank Juniors League (EBJL) Championship and the Championships of the Austrian under 20 and under 18 age group are conducted.

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§ 3 Game Schedule And Game Dates

- (1) The game schedule announced by the EBYSL/EBJL is an integral part of these Procedure Regulations.
- (2) If necessary, the game schedule will be updated by the EBYSL/EBJL and announced to the clubs.

The start time (opening face-off) of all games can be no earlier than 12:00 and no later than 20:00. All games have to be scheduled in a way which enables the visiting club adequate time to arrive for the game. Outside of the defined game time, EBYSL/EBJL approval is required as well as concordance of both clubs involved.

- (3) Game invitations have to be sent to the opposing team and the EBYSL/EBJL (youngstars@erstebankliga.at) at least 14 days in advance. Changes of game dates are only possible with written approval of the opposing team and EBYSL/EBJL.
- (4) The starting times for all games held on the last two game days of the regular season must be standardized.

§ 4 Ice Surface

- (1) The freshly resurfaced ice must be available 40 minutes prior to opening face-off. The ice must also be resurfaced before the game begins, during the intermissions and, in playoff games with endless overtime, before each extension of the game.
- (2) The ice resurfacing must be completed at least 4 minutes before the next playing period (respectively overtime in the Playoffs) starts, to allow proper freezing and set-up off the ice.
- (3) The ice will not be resurfaced between the end of regulation and overtime or shoot-out in regular season games.
- (4) The usage of the Goal peg system which has been assigned by EBEL is mandatory.
- (5) In Case of a TV broadcast, usage of cameras and microphones installed by the leagues' TV-partner or accredited Photo-agencies is allowed. Before the first adaption this systems must be accepted and approved from side of ÖEHV and EBEL. Abnormal installation and handling means the losing from its permission.

§ 5 Referee Attendants

- (1) Each club must provide the EBEL with the name of its referees' attendant by August 26th, 2016. The referees' attendant may not have any other official function (e.g., manager) in the club and must behave in a neutral manner vis-à-vis the referees at all times. The EBEL Administrative Office will compile the relevant list and make it available to the referees.
- (2) The referees' attendant is responsible for the payment of the Referees. The Referees payment is due prior to the warm-up. In case the Referees are not paid prior to warm-up, the game is declared a walk-over for the visiting team. In addition, the travelling costs, food and beverages for the visiting teams have to be paid by the home team.
- (3) The referees' attendant serves as the referees' contact person for communication with the club as well as food and beverages. The assistant must generally remain in the vicinity of the referees' dressing room 45 minutes before and 30 minutes after each game. The referees' attendant may only enter the referees' dressing room in order to carry out his/her duties or if asked to do so by the referees. With the exception of the official scorekeeper, the referees' attendant is the only club representative who may enter the referees' dressing room.
- (4) Due to the international referee exchange program in which the ÖEHV participates, it is necessary for the referees' attendants in question to be able to communicate in English in order to provide support for non-German-speaking referees. At least one person with a command of the English language must be assigned to the officials' panel for the games in question.
- (5) The Referees' Attendant is responsible to notify the Referees about the remaining time until the next period starts (5 and 3 minutes prior to the beginning). (viz. §6 (11))

§ 6 Clocks And Signals

- (1) In all games the clock must count down.
- (2) Warm-up:
20 Minutes Countdown
- (3) Game preparation :
 - i. Following the warm-up, a twenty-minute countdown to the start of the game commences. The schedule prior to the game must be based on the game's starting time as specified in these Procedure Regulations.
- (4) Game periods:
 - ii. 20 Minutes countdown The same applies to overtime. In the intermissions, the clock is to be set for a 15-minute countdown. The same applies to the break before the first overtime period (2 minutes).
 - iii. Intermission length at all play-off games lasts 15 Minutes.
- (5) Penalties:

For every team, there has to be penalty clock displays with a 2-minute or 5-minute countdown. It must be possible to pre-program the clock for postponed penalties so that they appear and begin the countdown immediately after the completion of the previous penalty. A proper display for misconduct penalties for each team.
- (6) Time-Out:

30 second countdown. In this period, game time has to stop and any noise (music, announcers, commercials) is forbidden.
- (7) It is necessary to ensure that the acoustic signals which mark the end of a game period or overtime period can also be heard clearly in the stadium when the spectators generate high noise levels. The Referee's whistle at the conclusion of a period will supersede all sounding device's and be considered the conclusion of the period.
- (8) These signals have to be triggered automatically by the timing system at the end of each game period, overtime period or time-out.
- (9) Playing time for a period is twenty minutes. Playing time for overtime in a regular season game is five minutes.

- (10) In all games, the game clock must count down during game periods and overtime and the penalty clock must count down from the number of minutes imposed to zero.
- (11) The time remaining in the intermissions must be displayed in the team locker rooms and referee dressing rooms, or, where this not possible technically, be announced regularly (5 and 3 minutes).

§ 7 Head, Face and Mouth Protection For Players

- (1) All players born in the years 1996 to 1998 must wear IIHF-approved half-face masks (visors) and a mouth guard/mouthpiece; players born in 1999 or later must wear IIHF-approved full-face masks (full visors) and a mouth guard/mouthpiece. The visor must extend down to cover the player's eyes and the lower edge of the player's nose. Full-face masks must be hinged. During the game, full-face masks and chin straps must be worn closed. Full-face masks must be designed in such a way that neither the puck nor a stick blade can penetrate the mask.
- (2) All junior players born 1999 or later need to wear complete neck and throat protection and a mouth guard.
- (3) Goalkeepers are not permitted to wear plastic full-face visors or mouth guard.
- (4) All players participating in the EBEL must properly wear a mouth guard. It's recommended that goalkeepers wear proper mouth protection but not mandatory.

When player(s) do not adhere: one Team Warning will be given and instructed to not participate in the game until proper protection is worn. After a Team Warning has been issued by the Referee, and the same/or different players step on the ice and participate in play, the referee will issue a 10 misconduct penalty, as per Rule Illegal or Dangerous Equipment, in the IIHF Rule Book.

The EBEL are requesting Referees to enforce this rule on every skater. This means that a club may have multiple misconduct penalties for not wearing the proper equipment and not enough players to fulfil a proper line up - the game will be deemed over and a loss to the particular team.

§ 8 Player Numbers And Player Jerseys.

- (1) All numbers from 1 to 99 are permitted as jersey numbers. Any additions to those numbers require the prior consent of the EBEL. Player numbers are not transferrable. A number may only be worn in play by one player during a given season. If a player leaves the club, during the season, his number may not be re-used for another player of that club during that season. Player numbers and names must be applied in accordance with the IIHF Official Rule Book. Warm-up jerseys must have player numbers on the back with a height of at least 20 cm, and each player must wear the same number assigned to him on the official game sheet. The same applies analogously to the sleeves.
- (2) In addition to the player numbers on the back and the sleeves, the clubs have to secure that the player number is also visible on the front side of any player (Jersey and/or Helmet) in a height of at least five centimeters.
- (3) Clubs need to communicate to EBYSL/EBJL in written form, until August 15th, 2015 which color their home jersey will have. The visiting club has to base its choice of jerseys on the home club's color. Violations of this rule will be penalized in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog (Part I). Clubs are not permitted to change the base colors of their jerseys (light, dark) during ongoing competitions. Clubs are not permitted to change the base colors of their jerseys (bright, dark) during ongoing competitions and cannot be negotiated bilateral between both teams of a game. The overview of the jersey colors (home color / second color) which will be established by the league secretary after the layout-deadline is integrative part of the procedure regulations.
- (4) Before the start of each season, each EBYSL/EBJL club must ensure that their two jersey options (home and away jerseys) differ fundamentally in terms of color and brightness (light/dark). In cases where the same color is used in both jerseys, the main color used in one jersey must not exceed 10% of the color used in the other jersey. If a team plays with the wrong jersey color this perpetration will be punished according to the EBEL penalty catalogue.
- (5) Each EBEL/EBYSL-Club has to ensure that all jerseys (home, away) bear the League logogramm with a size of 130x 80 (BxH) mm. with a size of 55 x 70 (B x H) mm. on the left sleeve in the shoulder area. Should this be impossible due to existing sponsorship agreements, an alternative positioning of the logogramm has be agree upon with EBYSL/EBJL.

§ 9 Medical Service, Security

- (1) The home club is required to make a physician and an ambulance available at the arena from 40 minutes prior to the start of the game until 15 minutes after the end of the game.
- (2) The home club is also required to comply with all legal and official regulations regarding the number and deployment of security and rescue personnel.
- (3) The costs of standby medical care at the arena are to be borne by the home club. The same applies to medics.

§ 10 Off-ice Officials

- (1) In accordance with the IIHF Official Rule Book and the EBEL Fundamental Rules, the following off-ice officials must be present at each game:
 - One scorekeeper
 - One announcer
 - Two penalty bench attendant
 - One Live Scoring System operator
- (2) At each EBYSL/EBJL game, at least one scorekeeper licensed by the ÖEHV must be present. The scorekeeper is certified by the ÖEHV before the start of each season. Official game sheets can only be signed by scorekeepers who have this certification. As the scorekeeper is responsible for all off-ice officials at the game, in cases where the scorekeeper is absent only his/her representatives, who must likewise have participated in the training seminar, or in exceptional cases third parties explicitly and verifiably instructed by the scorekeeper, may sign the official game sheet. Each club is required to send all scorekeepers deployed in the course of a season to the ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars.

The presence of official scorekeepers will be verified by the referees officiating at the game. Should a scorekeeper be unable to provide proof of his/her identity (by means of an identification card), this will be penalized in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog (Part I). Likewise, the non-participation of scorekeepers (at least three per club) in the ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars will be penalized in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog.

- (3) The off-ice officials must support the referees before, during and after the game. Off-ice officials must not communicate the content of discussions with referees to club representatives, coaches, players or representatives of the media.

Their behavior must be neutral and objective in all cases. Especially during play, the off-ice officials must not judge or comment on the referees' decisions by means of gestures, facial expressions or verbal statements.

- (4) All other duties to be fulfilled by off-ice officials can be found in the IIHF Off-Ice Officials Handbook.
- (5) The Off ice Officials have to be dressed neutral (no team apparel allowed). In the event the EBEL provides clothing it will become mandatory to wear.

§ 11 Official Game Sheets

- (1) Official game sheets are prepared by the ÖEHV's Live Scoring System. For this purpose, the clubs' scorekeepers are trained and provided with a manual at the ÖEHV Scorekeeper Training Seminars. The home club is required to provide the hardware necessary for the ÖEHV Live Scoring System (laptop computer with Windows XP or later, Internet Explorer 7 or higher) as well as a printer, to keep the hardware ready for operation and to make the necessary telecommunications connections (full Internet connection) available. The home club's scorekeeper is required to make the following entries in the ÖEHV Live Scoring System:
- a) Submission of completed team rosters signed by the responsible club official with a maximum of 22 eligible players and lineups to the scorekeeper / online scorer in the team's dressing room.
- b) During the game | EBYSL:
- Goals
 - Penalties
 - Goalies change
 - +/-
 - shots on net after each period
 - time – out

During the game | EBJL:

- Goals
 - Penalties
 - Goalies change
 - +/-
 - shots on net after each period
 - time - out
- c) After the game:
- a. Number of spectators
 - b. Time of end of game

In this context, it is necessary to note explicitly that the official game sheet must also be prepared in handwritten form at all times in parallel to the electronic entry of the data.

- (2) In cases when the necessary technical equipment fails or the internet connection is disrupted, the schedule indicated above must be observed as closely as possible. Each home club is responsible to have a hand held stop clock in the event the game clock is experiencing technical difficulties. This hand held stop clock will be considered the official game time until the game is finished or the technical difficulties have been resolved and the game clock is fully operational.
- (3) The original game report (hand written) have to be signed by the referees and the responsible functionaries and sent via fax or Email to the following:

a) youngstars@erstebankliga.at

b) EBEL/EBYSL/EBJL-Office: +43 / 1 / 890 17 54 – 12

b) Austrian Hockey Federation (ÖEHV) +43 / 1 / 20 200 20 – 50

c) ÖEHV Statistics +43 / 316 / 687 321

The responsible functionary is to verify the timely dispatch of these reports on the basis of the transmission report.

Any additional notifications (reports) must also be faxed to the recipients under a) to c) or sent via email to youngstars@erstebankliga.at by 12:00 noon on the day following the game.

No additional statistics or additional notifications may be made available to third parties.

- (4) All other requirements regarding the completion of the official game sheet can be found in the IIHF Off-Ice Officials Handbook.

§ 12 Warm-up Time

- (1) 40 minutes prior to the opening face-off, the teams must be provided with an opportunity to warm up on the ice and to prepare for the game for a period of 20 minutes.
- (2) For this purpose, the home club is to provide the visiting club with at least 35 pucks.
- (3) The referees have the right to reserve the neutral zone of the rink for their own warm-up activities if the teams do not leave them sufficient space on the ice.
- (4) Warm-up time may be shortened or postponed by mutual consent, for example due to the delayed arrival of the visiting club. In any case, warm-up time must be provided simultaneously and in the same duration for both teams.
- (5) Only the 22 eligible players who are entered in the team roster may take part in this warm-up.

§ 13 Presentation Of Video And Audio Material

- (1) It is important to ensure that the video and audio material presented does not include any insulting or provoking content or interfere with the sportsmanlike execution of the championship game in any other way. These media are to be deployed in such a way that the sportsmanlike execution of the game is not compromised, that players and referees are not disturbed or irritated, and that the imperative of fair play – especially vis-à-vis the visiting team as well as its players and officials – is respected.
- (2) Showing replays of penalty decisions or disallowed goals, especially video evidence, is prohibited. In addition, no replays of complaints or other unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players or officials may be shown; the same applies to injuries.
- (3) Showing replays of fights between two or more players is prohibited.

- (4) Entertaining material such as “Kiss-Cam” is not allowed to be shown in reference to all the players, coaches and on ice officials.
- (5) The IIHF's Jumbo Screen rules apply (Part I).

§ 14 Announcements

- (1) During the entire event, it is not permitted to announce the sponsors of or bonuses for goals or assists.
- (2) Advertising announcements may only be made before the game, during game interruptions, during intermissions, and after the game.
- (3) All announcements must be made in a neutral manner without provocation of the teams or officials.
- (4) The game official's nationality or place of residence may not be announced.
- (5) Announcers are not permitted to carry out ancillary activities (e.g., radio announcing) during the game.
- (6) The interim and final results of other games may be announced. Commenting on such results is not permitted.
- (7) The announcer is to convey the following information via the public address system:
 - a. Goal scorers and assistants
 - b. Penalties
 - c. End of penalty times
 - d. 1 minute remaining until the end of the first and second periods of the game
 - e. 2 minutes remaining until the end of the third period of the game
 - f. Timeouts
 - g. Reviews of plays by referees and their decisions (Video Decisions)

§ 15 Fair Play & Respect

- (1) Should a coach, player or any team official make remarks towards an Official in an obscene, swearing or derogatory manner or question the integrity of the decisions in an unfitting way, the IIHF official Rule Book will apply.
- (2) Should a coach, player or team official visit the Referees' locker in an unfitting way during or after the game respectively to discuss the game or respective decisions in that game, the Referee is to inform the person in question politely, but strictly, that this is not allowed behavior and ask him to leave the Referees' locker room. The Referee is to issue an additional report on that incident and forward it to EBEL. Such behavior will be penalized by the EBEL Disciplinary Senate according to the EBEL Penalty Catalogue.

§ 16 Athlete's Greetings

- (1) The captains of each team must introduce themselves to the referees on the ice with a handshake before each game and take leave of the referees – likewise with a handshake – at the end of each game.
- (2) After all regular season games and games in which a playoff round is decided, all players must take leave of each other by shaking hands on the ice. This practice is omitted in all other playoff games.

§ 17 Award Ceremony

- (1) At least 48 hours before a game in the finals in which a club could theoretically win the championship, EBYSL/EBJL forwards the club(s) a schedule, which is coordinated with the ÖEHV, this schedule will describe the awarding of the cup as well as the security service, among other things. The instructions of the persons responsible at EBEL/EBYSL/EBJL must be followed in any case.
- (2) In due time before the start of the game, a meeting will be held between the representatives of the clubs involved, the head of usher services, a representative of the EBYSL/EBJL and a representative of the ÖEHV.
- (3) The award ceremony will take place immediately after the end of the game. The home club must (if necessary with the help of its security service) ensure that no unauthorized persons set foot on the ice before the award ceremony is finished. This applies in particular to spectators and to representatives of the press. Interviews, etc. will not be allowed prior to the end of the award ceremony.



- (4) The announcer will receive a text provided by the EBEL. The award ceremony must be carried out in an objective and appropriate manner. With the exception of the official IIHF anthem, music must not be played during the ceremony.
- (5) Both teams must line up at their respective blue lines and wait there until the award ceremony is finished.
- (6) Should any players/coaches leave the ice before the end of the ceremony, this violation will be penalized according to EBEL Penalty Catalog.

§ 18 Anti-Doping

- (1) The provisions of the Austrian Federal Anti-Doping Act (ADBG) in conjunction with the most recent version of the WADA Code are binding on all clubs participating in the Erste Bank Young Stars League and the Erste Bank Juniors League.

NADA Austria may carry out unannounced doping checks (both IC and OOC) on players participating in a game in accordance with the provisions of the Austrian Federal Anti-Doping Act (see Article 18a of the ÖEHV

statutes). This also applies to all non-Austrian clubs taking part in the EBYSL/EBJL Championship.

- (2) In cases where such checks are ordered, the club and the team manager are responsible for ensuring that the selected player undergoes the check properly.
- (3) Each club is required to name an officer responsible for anti-doping matters within the club by submitting the official Anti-Doping Contact Form to the ÖEHV.
- (4) Each club is also required to name a physician responsible for anti-doping matters within the club by submitting the official Anti-Doping Contact Form to the ÖEHV.
- (5) All players deployed in the Erste Bank Young Stars League and Erste Bank Juniors League Championship are required to sign and return an original of the Confirmation of Roster Inclusion (declaration of commitment) to the ÖEHV Sport Management department at the beginning of each season or upon commencing activities in an EBEL club.

- (6) Each club is required to submit a list of the roster players, including their first and last names, current living addresses and telephone numbers, to the ÖEHV by August 15, 2016, so that this information can be forwarded to NADA.
- (7) All coaches and attendants who work in direct contact with the team and are deployed in the EBYSL/EBJL Championship are required to sign and return an original of the Confirmation of Roster Inclusion (declaration of commitment) to the ÖEHV Sport Management department at the beginning of each season or upon commencing activities in an EBYSL club.
- (8) From August 15, 2016 onward, each club's anti-doping officer will be required to report weekly / monthly team activities and any exceptions in those activities to NADA Austria.

In cases where a club fails to submit a report or submits a report which is missing essential information on team activities, the team will be sanctioned in accordance with the currently valid anti-doping provisions.

In cases where an athlete cannot take part in a team activity reported for a given week, that player is to provide the responsible team official with sufficiently detailed information on his whereabouts and how he can be reached during that time. NADA Austria must be notified of any such exceptions.

In the case of a doping check, if an athlete has not provided sufficiently detailed information on his whereabouts and how he can be reached (and is thus unavailable for the doping check), the athlete will be sanctioned in accordance with the currently valid anti-doping provisions.

- (9) All clubs are to ensure – on their own initiative – that the current living and contact addresses are kept up to date from August 15, 2016 onward by means of the official Anti-Doping Contact Form. This applies to all roster players as well as all registered anti-doping officers.

§ 19 Video Recording, Video Exchange System

- (1) The Handbook of Video Recording and Video Exchange System announced by the EBYSL/EBJL is an integral part of these Procedure Regulations.

- (2) The home club is responsible for a complete video-recording of the game, including Warm-Up and incident(s) that may have happened on the ice in the intermissions. In all stoppages, the game clock has to be included in the footage and the recording is not to be stopped. The following criteria have to be adhered when filming the game and the footage needs to be usable for video analysis:
 - According to the game situation the whole zone (Defensive, Offensive and Neutral) must be shown.
 - The operator should not lose the puck from the eyes/screen.
 - The spectators should not be filmed.
 - Control of the Game DVD that there is a record on it.
- (2) The home club must provide the visiting club and the main referee with a copy of the video recording on DVD-R free of charge immediately after the game and without being asked to do so.
- (3) The home club is obliged to upload a complete recording of each game to the EBEL Video Exchange System by 12:00 am at the latest on the day following the game.
- (4) Upon request, the home club, must provide the EBEL and the ÖEHV with a copy of the video recording without delay and free of charge and – in cases when the Disciplinary Senate deems in necessary to investigate – must provide sequences of the game for download or via e-mail.
- (5) The home club has to take all necessary measures to enable the recording to be made best possible Camera Standard and the best possible picture quality. Should the quality of the video be insufficient to EBELs needs, the Home team is bound to immediately upgrade hardware and/or educate the responsible person. Should the issue ensue or be ignored, the ensuing penalty will be decided following the EBEL-penalty catalogue.
- (6) Every club has to name a responsible person for the video-recording. This person should not change and be the same for all home games.
- (7) Failure to comply with the rules in lit (1)-(6) will be penalized according to the EBEL Penalty Catalogue.



§ 20 Release Of Senior Players (First Team) For National Team Games Under IIHF Regulations On International Transfers

- (1) Each club which includes a player authorized in accordance with the IIHF bylaws to play for the national team of a national member federation will be required to release that player if he is selected for one of the national teams. Regardless of his age, the player is to be released in accordance with IIHF regulations on international transfers to the team of the national member federation for which he is authorized to play. This applies to all players, regardless of whether they are transferred or not.
- (2) This provision is binding for the following:
 - a. For all U20 and U18 IIHF Breaks
- (3) The duration of the release must also allow an appropriate period of time for practice. The relevant time period for practice is as follows:
 - a. 7 days for a IIHF-competition
- (4) The club and the relevant national member federation may agree on a longer or shorter duration for a release. In any case, the player is to arrive at the match location at least 48 hours prior to the start of the match. In athletic exceptional cases the decision for Austrian players is made by the sport director of the ÖEHV.
- (5) Clubs which release players are not entitled to receive financial compensation, including insurance, except in cases where compensation is agreed upon for an extended release duration.
- (6) The national member federation which requests a player's release will be required to bear the actual travel costs incurred for that player.
- (7) Each player registered with a club is required to comply if called up by his national federation to play for one of its national teams.
- (8) National member federations which wish to request the assistance of the IIHF in arranging for the release of a player who plays with a club abroad may do so under the following two conditions:
 - a. The national member federation with which the player is registered must have been asked to intervene (without success).
 - b. The case must be presented to the IIHF at least 14 days prior to the game for which the player's release was requested.



- (9) A player who is not able to comply with a call-up from his national member federation due to injury or illness, must (if requested by the relevant federation) agree to undergo a medical examination conducted by a physician of that federation's choice.
- (10) A player who has been selected by his national federation for one of its national teams must not play for the club with which he is registered during the time in which he is released or should have been released.
- (11) Should a club refuse to release a player or fail to release a player despite the provisions above, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - a. A monetary fine;
 - b. A warning, reprimand or suspension of the club in question.
- (12) Any clubs which violate the restriction set forth under Par. 11 will be subjected to the following sanctions:
 - a. Part or all of the sanctions listed in Par. 11.
 - b. The national member federation to which the club belongs will be required to declare the game(s) in which the player participated as a loss (losses) for that club.
- (13) In cases where a player is again transferred to another club, the obligations above will still remain valid for the player, his new club and the new national member federation.
- (14) In cases where a special agreement regarding the release of a player for national team games (Par. 2) has already been approved and signed upon completion of a transfer, the old national member federation must enclose the relevant agreement with the international transfer card.
- (15) Each club is required to dispatch any requested players with a complete set of ice hockey equipment (except for helmets and gloves). Expenses for the player's hockey sticks will be reimbursed to the club accordingly. The enclosed form is to be submitted for this purpose. For all players, this reimbursement is paid out once per year after the end of the world championship.



Part B: Game Mode EBYSL

§ 1a Regular Season

(1) The competition will be played in 3 groups (Group A, Group B and Group C).

A round robin within the three groups in which each team faces every other team 5 times will be played (25 games). On top of that every team from each group plays every team from the other groups once (12 games).

The final ranking in each group after the regular season will be decided by the following tie-breakers:

At level on points head-to-head duel counts:

1. higher number of points
2. better goal difference
3. higher number of goals for
4. if head-to-head is equal the overall better goal difference counts
5. higher number of overall goals for
6. lower number of overall penalty minutes
7. better ranked in last season

Every game must produce a winner. The winner after regular playing time receives 3 points. If both teams are even in goals after regular playing time, both teams receive a point – following a two-minute break without ice-resurfacing – a five-minute „Sudden Victory Overtime“ ensues. In this Overtime, only four skaters are allowed, with at least three skaters on the ice. If that Overtime fails to produce a winner, a Penalty shootout as listed under Penalty shot procedure in the IIHF official Rule Book ensues. The winner will receive an extra point.



§ 2a Playoffs

(1) The three group winners and the 4 -8 ranked teams by an overall ranking tab of the other 15 teams qualify for the best-of-three quarter final series.

The ranking for the overall ranking tab of the other 15 teams for the playoffs will be set as follows:

At level on points head-to-head duel counts:

1. higher number of points
2. better goal difference
3. higher number of goals for
4. if head-to-head is equal the overall better goal difference counts
5. higher number of overall goals for
6. lower number of overall penalty minutes
7. better ranked in last season

(2) The 3 group winners have a pick right (seed 5 through 8) as following:

- 1st Pick | group winner with most points of all group winners
- 2nd Pick | group winner with second most points
- 3rd Pick | group winner with third most points

(3) The 4 winners of the quarter final series qualify for the best-of-three semi final series. The highest seed plays the lowest seed, the second highest the second lowest seed.

Highest Seed – lowest Seed
Second highest Seed – second lowest Seed

(4) The 2 winners of the 2 semi-finals qualify for the best-of-five final series. The higher seed has home ice advantage.

Part B: Game Mode EBJL

§ 1b Regular Season

(1) The competition will be played in 2 groups (Group A and Group B).

A round robin within the 2 groups in which each team faces every other team 2 times (14 games) as well as one round within a Subgroup a1 or a2 and within a Subgroup b1 or b2 (3 games) will be played. On top of that a league wide round robin (16 games) will be played.

The final ranking in each group after the regular season will be decided by the following tie-breakers:

At level on points head-to-head duel counts:

1. higher number of points
2. better goal difference
3. higher number of goals for
4. if head-to-head is equal the overall better goal difference counts
5. higher number of overall goals for
6. lower number of overall penalty minutes
7. better ranked in last season

Every game must produce a winner. The winner after regular playing time receives 3 points. If both teams are even in goals after regular playing time, both teams receive a point – following a two-minute break without ice-resurfacing – a five-minute „Sudden Victory Overtime“ ensues. In this Overtime, only four skaters are allowed, with at least three skaters on the ice. If that Overtime fails to produce a winner, a Penalty shootout as listed under Penalty shot procedure in the IIHF official Rule Book ensues. The winner will receive an extra point.



§ 2b Playoffs

(1) The top 4 seeds in each group qualify for the best-of-three quarter final series. The top seed in each group has a pick right within the group (seed 3 or 4).

(2) The 2 winners of each quarter final series qualify for the best-of-three semi final series.

Higher seed Group A – lower seed Group B
Higher seed Group B – lower seed Group A

(3) The 2 winners of the 2 semi-finals qualify for the best-of-five final series. The higher seed after regular season has home ice advantage.

The final ranking for the playoffs will be decided by the following tie-breakers:

At level on points head-to-head duel counts:

1. higher number of points
2. better goal difference
3. higher number of goals for
4. if head-to-head is equal the overall better goal difference counts
5. higher number of overall goals for
6. lower number of overall penalty minutes
7. better ranked in last season

§ 3 Overtime

- (1) If the game is still undecided at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded a point in the league standings; after a two-minute break without ice resurfacing, the teams will then play five minutes of sudden victory overtime in which each team may only play four skaters. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper and minimum of three (3) skaters.. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period. Goalkeepers may go to their respective players' benches during this rest period, however, penalized players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalized player exit the penalty bench during this rest period, he shall be returned immediately by the officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any other rule. Should the sudden victory overtime still fail to produce a winner, the game will be decided by a penalty shootout in accordance under Penalty shot procedure in the IIHF official Rule Book. The winner (after sudden victory overtime or the penalty shootout) will be awarded another point in the league standings.
- (2) In the Playoffs, when a game is tied after three (3) twenty (20) minute regular periods of play, the teams shall take a normal intermission (fifteen (15) minutes) and resume playing twenty (20) minute periods (with a normal intermission each subsequent OT period), changing ends for the start of each overtime period. Each team is to play 5-5 on-ice strength, provided there are no penalties in effect at the start of or anytime during OT. The team scoring the first goal in overtime shall be declared the winner of the game.
- (3) The club which scores the first goal during overtime will be the winner of the game.
- (4) All penalty times which have not expired during regulation time will continue during overtime.

§ 4 Penalty Shootouts

If a game in the regular season remains without a winner after 60 minutes and the ensuing five-minute-Overtime, both teams decide the outcome of the game in a shoot-out. The rules governing the shoot-out shall be the same as those listed under Penalty shot procedure in the IIHF official Rule Book .

- (1) The two teams don't change ends. The home team has the right to choose to shoot first or second. The two teams exchange shots.
- (2) The shooting teams' goaltender may remain on the ice at his respective end zone. The shooting teams' goaltender may not make any attempt to distract or interfere with procedure of the shot in an attempt to take the attention away from the goaltender being shot on. If, while the penalty shot or shootout is being taken, any player, goalkeeper, Coach or non-playing Club personnel of the team taking the shot shall have by some action interfered with or distracted the goalkeeper defending the shot and, because of such action, the shot was successful, the Referee shall rule NO goal and shall impose a misconduct penalty.
- (3) The penalty shootout will begin with three different players from each team, who will alternate in taking penalty shots on the opposing team's goal. The players and the sequence in which they will take the penalty shots do not have to be announced prior to the penalty shootout. The four goalkeepers and all players listed on the official game sheet (exception: § 4(4)) may participate in the penalty shootout. The goalkeeper can be changed after each penalty shot.
- (4) A player whose penalty time has not expired at the end of overtime cannot be nominated for the penalty shootout and must remain on the penalty bench or in the locker room. The same applies to players who are charged with penalties during the penalty shootout.
- (5) The execution of these shots is generally subject to the IIHF official Rule Book.
- (6) The players of each team will alternate in taking shots on the selected goal until the deciding goal is scored, after which any remaining shots will no longer be taken.
- (7) If the game is still undecided after three penalty shots are taken by each team, a tie-break must be carried out in which each team alternates in sending a player of its choice to take tie-break shots on the selected goal;

in this tie-break, the other team is to take the first shot. If necessary, the tie-break is to be repeated; again, the teams are to alternate in taking the first shot. The tie will be considered broken once a duel between two players yields a deciding result.

In the tie-break, a player can be nominated to take a penalty shot any number of times.



- (8) The official scorekeeper will record all shots taken, along with an indication of the player, the goalkeeper and the goals scored.
- (9) Only the deciding goal will count for the result of the game, and that goal will be credited to the scoring player and to the goalkeeper in question. All other goals or lost attempts will not be counted into the result but recorded in ÖEHV statistics system.
- (10) If a team refuses to participate in the penalty shootout for the purpose of determining the winner, the game will be recorded as a loss for that team.
- (11) If a player refuses to take a penalty shot, the shot will be recorded as a miss for that player's team.

Part C: EBYSL Roster Regulation 2016/17 (§1a - §3a)

§1a Roster Composition

In Assembling the roster, the following rules have to be adhered to:

- Every U19 and U20 (born 1997 and 1998) player, who is registered correctly with the national federation can be put on the roster sheet.
- On the Roster sheet, a maximum of 3 (three) U20 transfer card players allowed.
- National Overage-Players, until the age group U21 (born 1996) are not included in roster sheet.

Clubs with official academy status of the ÖEHV are eligible to play in EBYSL if they adhere to the following rules. Same is also valid for clubs which belong to another national federation:

- Only U20-players are eligible.
- No changes of players from players of one team to another if those teams are both under the academy status.

The club can win the EBYSL-Championship, but cannot win the Austrian National U20 Championship.

Teams which participate in the championship with more than the allowed amount of transfer card players will not receive transporting cost support from the league and have to pay a participation fee of 5.000,- euros.

§ 2a Roster Nomination | EBYSL

- (1) The deadline for the reporting each teams' minimum roster is August 19th, 2016, 12:00. By that time, a minimum of ten players and a goalkeeper need to be reported. November 18th, 2016, the final roster is required to be submitted. After November 18, 2016, a maximum of 3 changes or additions of national players are allowed on the roster sheet till IIHF end of transfer.
- (2) National U21-players of the own club need to be nominated for EBEL. Those players will not be added to the roster since they're eligible to play for their club in EBYSL at all times.



- (3) National Overage-players until „U21“-group (born 1996) of clubs, who don't take part in EBEL, need to be named and will not count for the roster.
- (4) Confirmation of Registration on the Roster sheet at least 24 hours before the game is prerogative for playing in EBYSL.
- (5) In accordance with IIHF regulations, no further exchanges or registrations may be carried out after IIHF end of transfer.

§ 3a Roster Notification On The Official Game Sheet

A maximum of 20 players and 2 goalkeepers can be indicated on the official game sheet.

A maximum of three U20-Transfer Card players may be deployed. (born 1997 and younger)

Special Regulation:

For every unused Transfer Card Player slot, an U21-Overage player may be deployed, this means the total number of TC players and U21 overage players must not exceed 3 (e.g. 2 TC and 1 OA, 1 TC and 2 OA...)

Clubs with official academy status of the ÖEHV, which have more than three transfer card players registered, may only deploy U20-players (national players and transfer card players).

Part C: EBJL Roster Regulation 2016/17 (§1b - §3b)

§1b Roster Composition

In Assembling the roster, the following rules have to be adhered to:

- Every U17 and U18 (born 1999 and 2000) player, who is registered correctly with the national federation can be put on the roster sheet.
- On the Roster sheet, a maximum of 3 (three) U18 transfer card players are allowed.

Clubs with official academy status of the ÖEHV are eligible to play in EBJL if they adhere to the following rules. Same is also valid for clubs which belong to another national federation:

- Only U18-players are eligible.
- No changes of players from players of one team to another if those teams are both under the academy status.

The club can win the EBJL-Championship, but cannot win the Austrian National U18 Championship.

§ 2b Roster Nomination | EBJL

- (1) The deadline for the reporting each teams' minimum roster is August 19th, 2016, 12:00. By that time, at least ten players and a goalkeeper need to be reported. Until November 18th, 2016, the final roster needs to be submitted. After that date, only 3 changes or additions of national players are allowed on the roster sheet till IIHF end of transfer.
- (2) Confirmation of Registration on the Roster sheet at least 24 hours before the game is prerogative for playing in EBYSL.
- (3) In accordance with IIHF regulations, no further exchanges or registrations may be carried out after IIHF end of transfer.
- (4) National U16 players (born 2001 and younger) have to be named but do not count to the roster.

§ 3b Roster Notification On The Official Game Sheet

A maximum of 20 players and 2 goalkeepers can be indicated on the official game sheet.

A maximum of three U18-Transfer Card players may be deployed.(born 1999 and younger)

Valid For EBYSL And EBJL:

§ 4 Player Eligibility

All players who are registered properly with the national federations superordinate to the EBYSL/EBJL clubs are eligible to play. For Austria, this refers to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV); for Slovenia it is the Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation; for Hungary it is the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation; for Croatia it is the Croatian Ice Hockey Association; for Czech Republic, it is the Czech Hockey Federation.

A player can only be added to the EBYSL/EBJL Roster sheet and confirmed by EBYSL following his registration with the respective national Hockey Federation/ Association.

§ 5 Participation Of Players Without Player's Licenses

The participation of a player who is eligible to play *per se* but does not have a player's license will not lead to a loss of points for the team in question, but will be subject to punishment in accordance with the ÖEHV Disciplinary Code if the identity of the player is confirmed by an authorized club official on the back of the official game sheet.

§ 6 Suspensions Of Players

If a player is suspended for one or more league games, the player can neither be de-registered nor changed.

A suspension in EBYSL/EBJL means that the player is suspended from any and all other leagues, until he has served his suspension in the EBYSL/EBJL. This rule will also apply if the length of the suspension exceeds the length of the season.



§ 7 Procedure For Match Penalties

A player who is assessed a match penalty during a game will not lose his player's license. However, the player will remain suspended until a decision is made by the EBEL Disciplinary Commission.

§ 8 Registration And Deregistration / Exchanges / Player Loan Agreements

The registration and deregistration of players with domestic citizenship, of transfer card players with foreign citizenship, exchanges of players with domestic citizenship who play abroad and require a transfer card (even if they are registered with a national EBYSL club) as well as the conclusion of player loan agreements (in due consideration of § 2) will be permitted until IIHF end of transfer .

§ 9 Transfer Card Players Changing Clubs

Transfer card players with foreign citizenship may not change EBYSL/EBJL-teams during the ongoing EBYSL/EBJL-championship.

§ 10 National Players Changing Clubs

National Players are allowed to change clubs within EBYSL/EBJL until IIHF end of transfer, if the original club agrees to the change in written or if there are valid reasons for a justified departure under the regulations of applicable national labor law. (in due consideration of Part C: §2)

Part D: Special Rules Of Play

§ 1 Illegal Equipment

- (1) At all times, the scorekeepers must keep at their disposal the gauges made available by the ÖEHV for the purpose of measuring sticks and goalkeepers' equipment.
- (2) Measurement of equipment
 - a. The referee is authorized to measure any piece of equipment at his/her own discretion.
 - b. The captain of a team may submit a formal complaint to the referee with regard to the size of a specific piece of equipment. The referee will carry out the necessary measurements without delay.
 - c. Previously scored goals can not be disallowed as a result of equipment measurements.
 - d. The measurement of equipment is limited to one request by one team during one game interruption.

§ 2 Entry And Departure From The Ice Surface

- (1) Before the opening face-off (in all arenas) and after the intermissions (in arenas with only one player entrance), the home club will proceed onto the ice before the visiting club.
- (2) At the end of a period, the home club leaves the ice first.

§ 3 Players' Bench

- (1) Apart from the players indicated on the official game sheet, a maximum of four officials per club may be present on the players' benches during the game. The officials must be identified appropriately. Other persons, such as suspended players or players not indicated on the official game sheet, may not be present on the bench.

- (2) TV or other picture giving electronic devices are not allowed on the player bench from start of warm-up until the end of the game.
- (3) A player or club official who is charged with a match penalty or a game misconduct penalty may not return to the ice or the players' bench during the game.

§ 4 Physical Altercations

- (1) In the case of physical altercations between players, the other players must skate to their respective players' benches without delay and wait there until the whistle is blown to resume play. Should one or more players fail to comply with this rule, the team in question may be given a bench penalty. The players in question may be given a misconduct penalty. Additional penalties under IIHF Rule Book will remain unaffected by these provisions.
- (2) An official, who is involved in altercation with a spectator is to be penalized by the EBEL-disciplinary Senate and the respective club is to be fined according to the EBEL Penalty Catalogue.
- (3) Players and Officials, who attack a Referee verbally or physically, are to be punished based on the EBEL Penalty catalogue.

§ 5 Penalties Before And After A Match

The main referee is authorized to call all penalties provided for in the rule book from the start of warm-up time until 30 minutes after the end of the game. In the case of incidents outside of this period, the main referee must submit a report to the Disciplinary Senate (youngstars@erstebankliaga.at).

§ 6 Incorrect Starting Lineups

If a team chooses to change the Lineup in comparison to the lineup indicated on the team roster and the other team announces this violation prior to the second bully in the first period, the offending team will be penalized with a bench minor penalty.



§ 7 Intermissions

For all championship games, the intermissions will last 15 minutes. Purposeful overrunning of the defined intermission lengths by a club will be penalized according to the EBEL Penalty Catalogue.

§ 8 Public Criticism Of Referees

In case of criticism directed towards the Referees or insults directed at them, especially in public media (Papers, TV), EBEL Penalty Catalogue respectively the Disciplinary Catalogue of ÖEHV applies. This the rule applies for players, Coaches and off ice functionaries.

§ 9 Criticism Against League And ÖEHV Representatives

In case of criticism directed towards members of EBYSL/EBJL or the ÖEHV, or insults directed at them, especially in public media (Papers, TV), the EBEL Penalty Catalogue respectively the Disciplinary Catalogue of ÖEHV applies. This rule applies for players, Coaches and off ice functionaries.

Part E: Advertising

§ 1 General Provisions

- (1) Subject to these Procedure Regulations, advertising during EBYSL/EBJL games is generally unrestricted and is the responsibility of the clubs.
- (2) Advertising is defined as the promotion of goods and services in connection with commercial services, in connection with commercial trade and the mention or display of names, company names, emblems, logos, written characters, images or other depictions of companies, products, services or other objects as well as the corresponding references to them, including brands, service marks and equipment for services, for promotional purposes.
- (3) Advertising which violates applicable law or the generally accepted principles of sports, especially the principle of political and religious neutrality, is not permitted.
- (4) Advertising must not distort or alienate the fundamental message of sports, which refers to a comparison of performance in the course of a fair competition. The independence of sports in general und the uniqueness of sporting activities in particular must be given absolute priority.
- (5) The EBYSL/EBJL may prohibit clubs from carrying out specific advertising activities for important reasons, especially in the overall interest of the league.

§ 2 Marketing by EBEL/EBYSL/EBJL

- (1) EBYSL's/EBJL's rights
 - a. Marketing of the following rights will be executed exclusively by EBYSL/EBJL:
 - Awarding of Sponsor/partner titles at league level
 - Advertising on Referees' uniforms
 - Advertising on Jerseys (According to main sponsor contract)
 - Kick plate advertising according to IIHF-Rule Book
 - Advertising on boards (According to main sponsor contract)
 - Internet-Homepage of EBEL, EBYSL, EBJL and Statistics



- Advertising use of league play where related to part or all of the league name (e.g., title sponsors, presenters);
- EBYSL-ALL-STAR-GAMEL; etc.
- TV insert sponsoring (graphic sponsoring for television broadcasts).

In cases where no league-wide marketing exploitation by EBYSL/EBJL is realized by June 30 prior to the start of a season, EBYSL clubs may market the advertising space on the kick plate independently in consultation with the EBEL. In the marketing of advertising space on the kick plate, it is explicitly necessary to ensure that the yellow base color remains unchanged. Any such proposed designs are to be submitted to the EBYSL/EBJL and the ÖEHV for approval.

- b. The clubs are responsible for ensuring that the EBYSL/EBJL can exercise the rights mentioned above without restrictions due to third-party rights and without any actual obstructions

(2) Services of clubs for League sponsor Erste Bank

As part of the sponsoring partnership Erste Bank – EBEL/EBYSL/EBJL, the clubs are obliged to fulfill the following Services:

- a. Title sponsoring Erste Bank Young Stars League (EBYSL) and Erste Bank Juniors League (EBJL)

EBEL calls the international youth league competitions „Erste Bank Young Stars League“ and “Erste Bank Young Stars League”. This names are used in the complete communication of EBEL, especially in TV and in the EBELs’ media service. The EBEL is committed to to take any actions possible to ensure that the names „Erste Bank Young Stars League“ and “Erste Bank Young Stars League” are used in the media.

- b. ERSTE BANK - “Exclusiveness Erste Bank” as financial and bank service provider for all teams.
- c. ERSTE BANK – Title sponsor EBYSL |EBJL

ERSTE BANK is the exclusive Title-Sponsor of Erste Bank Young Stars League and Erste Bank Juniors League and has the right to use said names („Erste Bank Young Stars League“ “Erste Bank Juniors League”) in their own communication.



d. League logo EBYSL | EBJL

ERSTE BANK and EBEL will deliberate upon and agree on a logo for EBYSL and EBJL and provide in due time prior to the start of the season, likewise, ERSTE BANK will provide the actual Erste Bank Logo.

e. Jersey advertising Clubs

ERSTE BANK has the right to have the ERSTE BANK Logo on the jerseys of at least either 1) minimum of "2 x 150 cm²- chest" or "2) 1x 350 cm²- back" per player. EBEL will take care that at least two teams per season use option "2)-back". The application is to be made on every players' jersey, according to ERSTE BANK CD as space permits. Jersey Advertising will be fit in the agreed spaces following the clubs Jersey-Layouts.

f. Coach Garments

ERSTE BANK has the right to have the ERSTE BANK Logo Player garments of at least 1 x20 cm². The Advertising will be applied to the chest area, depending on what kind of garment the Coach wears (Jacket, Suit, Tracksuit). The ERSTE BANK Logo needs to be visible in either case.

g. Advertising on Boards

ERSTE BANK has the right to have ERSTE BANK-boards in the arenas of the teams competing in EBSYL. 4 lfm in the TV-main-pan and 4 lfm in the TV-off-pan. The boards will be installed according to the circumstance in the respective arenas.

h. Interview/Sponsor-wall

ERSTE BANK has the right to have the ERSTE BANK Logo respectively the Erste Bank Eishockey Young Stars League-Logo and the Erste Bank Juniors League-Logo on the Interview/Sponsor-Wall of all competing clubs. The logo has to be inserted multiple times, but at least ten times in distinctive size and placement.

i. Publications

(Arena or Club Magazines, Affiches, fax sheet, Club paper)
ERSTE BANK has the right to have their ERSTE BANK logo present prominently in size and placement in the sponsors' ledger on all publications of EBYSL/EBJL as well as all publications of the competing clubs.



j. EBEL-Homepage/Club-Homepages

Erste Bank Young Stars League/Erste Bank Juniors League-Homepage (a sub-site of Erste Bank Eishockey Liga-Homepage) will be built according to Erste Bank CD and every page of this homepage will be linked to the homepage of ERSTE BANK via the ERSTE BANK Logo. ERSTE BANK has the right to place an ERSTE BANK-Banner, which will be integrated into the EBEL-Homepage concept. Erste Bank-Young Stars League-Logo and Erste Bank Juniors League Logo will be used by all league clubs as the official League logo by all clubs on the official homepage of the EBYSL/EBJL-clubs respectively on the relevant sub-sites of the EBEL-clubs. The Erste Bank-Logo will be portrayed on the sponsor pages respectively in the sponsor ledgers and will link to www.erstebank.at.

k. Jersey Advertising Referees

ERSTE BANK has the right to have the ERSTE BANK logo on the jerseys and helmets of the Referees and Linesmen deployed in EBYSL/EBJL. The logo has to be applied to the back of the Jersey in a length of at least 32 centimeters. The Logo has to be applied to the front side of the helmet with a length of at least 15 centimeters. (the application should follow the cooperation contract, annex B3)

l. Maintenance of Advertising

The competing clubs agree to maintain the Advertising-spaces in their Arenas. All advertising spaces have to be maintained in best condition. Means of advertising destroyed or otherwise forced to exchange are to be required by the club to an agency named by ERSTE BANK.

m. Rights

EYSL-clubs take all necessary measures to enable ERSTE BANK and EBEL/EYSL to use – edited, too - Picture material (Moving pictures, photo) of EYSL games commercially without limitations. This applies especially to the personal rights of players, which therefore will not be paid separately by EBEL/EYSL and Erste Bank. The rights for the creation of the picture material have to be negotiated with EBEL/EYSL and Erste Bank directly.



§ 3 Jerseys

Each club has to provide two different sets of jersey and at their wish, additional warm-up-jerseys.

- (1) Warm-up Jerseys have to bear the EBYSL/EBJL-Logo in a size of 13 cm x 8 cm (B x H) on the left side of the chest. The application will be done either by sewing on the patch provided by EBYSL/EBJL or printing it on originally. The rest of the Jerseys are available for advertorial use.
 - a. Warm-up jerseys must have player numbers on the back with a height of at least 20 cm, and each player must wear the same number assigned to him on the official game sheet. The same applies analogously to the sleeves.
- (2) Game jerseys must bear the EBYSL/EBJL logo provided by the EBEL in the form of a patch or printed directly on the jersey with a size of 13,0 cm x 8 cm (W x H) in the area of the jersey's side seam.
- (3) The drafts of jersey designs must be presented to the EBYSL/EBJL for approval by August 15th each year.
 - a. In this context, EBYSL/EBJL explicitly reserves the right to make corrections to the jerseys' colors in order to ensure that the competing teams' jerseys can be distinguished by the referee, the television broadcasters covering the games, and the spectators.
 - b. One original sample of all jerseys to be used in league play must be presented for final approval before the start of the season. In this context, it is especially important to note that the jerseys must already include the sponsors' logos.
 - c. Special jerseys (Christmas, playoffs, etc.) also have to be presented for approval before being used in EBYSL/EBJL games. Paragraphs (2) to (7) apply analogously to such jerseys.
 - d. Objections will be communicated to the club in question along with a request to remedy the problem within a specified period of time. Should a club fail to remedy the problem by the time the specified period elapses, the club will be penalized in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog.



§ 4 Clubs' Advertising

Advertising on players

No approval by EBYSL/EBJL is necessary for Advertising on the players. The leagues sponsors' advertising have to be sent to EBEL/EBYSL/EBJL for approval.

Part F: Usher And Security Services

The rules and requirements issued by the competent authority will take priority over the provisions listed below; the EBEL club must make every effort to ensure a safe and secure environment for conducting EBEL competitions.

§ 1 Usher Personnel

- (1) The usher and security service must ensure safety and security in the course of the game. In particular, this includes protecting the spectators, the players, the referees, the coaches and club/league officials as well as media representatives.

In this context, it is especially important to consider the special requirements of the often family-oriented audience, as long as no security issues conflict with this imperative. The traditionally peaceful fan culture should also be maintained and encouraged.

- (2) The home club is required to comply with all legal and official regulations regarding the number and deployment of security and rescue personnel.
- (3) All security personnel and ushers must be clearly recognizable as such (i.e., by means of specially colored vests/bibs, jackets, etc.).
- (4) Only appropriately trained usher personnel may be used, with due fulfillment of liability law requirements and insurance requirements.
- (5) Every club needs to use a minimum of professional usher personnel at home games. The Details of this rule will be settled in the EBEL Security meeting before league season starts.

§ 2 Protection Of Referees

- (1) From the arrival of the Referees at the rink, until their leaving the rink, an security-person has to be stationed directly at the door of the Referees' locker room. This security has to deny access to anyone except for the following: Referees, Referee Attendant, Referee-Supervisor, Point keepers, EBEL Game Delegate, Commissioner and Director of Hockey Operations.

- (2) Unauthorized persons who enter the Referees' locker room or stay there have to be penalized with a fine by the EBEL Disciplinary Senate notwithstanding further punishment under the IIHF-rules. The Head Referee has to file an additional report on such an incident.
- (3) The Referees are to be accompanied on their way on and off the ice as well as towards the parking lot by sufficient security personnel to ensure attacks are prevented. The Referees need to be provided with guarded or secured parking spots. The cost for damage occurred in the course of duty at a game will be borne by the responsible (i. e. the Home) club plus applicable EBEL disciplinary actions.
- (4) The way for referees towards their locker rooms needs to be guarded in such a way that neither Teams nor spectators can attack them.
- (5) Persons who physically attack the Referees or throw objects at them must be penalized with a general arena ban. Furthermore, the particulars (personal data) of said persons need to be recorded and forwarded to EBEL.

§ 3 Protection Of The Teams

- (1) The entire locker room area must not be accessible to spectators. Apart from players, team and game officials, only the referee observers and league supervisors have access to the locker rooms.
- (2) The players' path to the locker rooms must be protected in such a way that attacks from the spectators are not possible.
- (3) The players' and penalty box benches must also be protected in such a way that attacks from the spectators are not possible. The players' and penalty box benches must be executed in a technical manner that there is no open space on the backside up to the roofing respectively the height of the back board must be sufficient.
- (4) On the way to and from the ice surface and to the parking lot, the players and coaches must be accompanied by sufficient usher personnel to ensure that attacks are prevented. The players' bus must be provided with a guarded or appropriately protected parking space with direct access to the arena. Players and coaches are advised to use the official from side of the organizer designated entrances and exits. This security issue needs to be secured for the guest team by sufficient usher personnel from the beginning of arrival until departure.

§ 4 Protection Of Media Areas

- (1) The sensitivity and the special significance of work carried out in the media areas are to be taken into account when selecting the usher service personnel assigned to these areas.
- (2) The Club must take the necessary and appropriate measures to protect media representatives and media areas and ensure that media representatives can work without disruptions or other disturbances. Attacks from spectators must be prevented. In case of such an incident, the person in question must be identified and penalized.
- (3) The Mixed-Zone and the press conference room must not be accessible to spectators. The home club must ensure that all players and coaches can pass through the mixed zone without contact with the spectator area. After the end of the game, access to the mixed zone must be restricted to media representatives, the media relations officers of the two clubs, the referee observers and league supervisors..
- (4) Wherever possible under the security regulations of the game venue or of the EBEL, the work of EBEL's television partners must not be disturbed by usher personnel.

§ 5 Arena Bans

It is at the EBEL | EBYSL | EBJL and at the EBEL | EBYSL | EBJL -clubs' discretion to hand out arena bans. In the case of special interest (information about high risk fans or possible risk also for away-games) the EBEL-Club can forward information on a person with an arena ban to the league. The league will then declare a league wide arena ban and will inform the clubs and the ministry of the interior (Fan-Police).

§ 6 Fan-Banners

- (1) Any kind of banners with glorification of violence, bawdy, abusive or racist taunts and any kind of discriminating statements against minority groups or fringe groups are prohibited.
- (2) The security staff of the home team is obliged to remove those kind of banners immediately.

- (3) Furthermore the clubs have to inform all their fan-clubs that those kind of statements and banners cannot be tolerated anymore and have to be punished with a fine accordingly
- (4) If a game-delegate or other game-officials reject banners, the security staff has to remove those banners immediately.

§ 7 Flow Of Game

Spectators who throw objects onto the ice or attempt to physically harm, spit on, or otherwise attack players or officials must be removed from the arena immediately and penalized with an arena ban pursuant to Article 5. Moreover, the particulars of the person(s) in question are to be recorded and, in the case of repeat offenses, communicated to the EBEL. The home team has to take the maximum lengths to ensure that throwing of objects onto the ice surface is prevented. If problems with objects on the ice surface occur, the Referees have to file an according additional report and send it to the EBEL office. Failure of the usher service results in a penalization according to the EBEL penalty catalogue. Repeated incidents can cause the Disciplinary Senate to greatly increase the Penalty.

§ 8 Security Coordinator

- (1) Prior to the start of each season, each club is to provide the EBEL with the name of its security coordinator by August 1st; the security coordinator serves as the contact person responsible for security matters. The security coordinator may be an employee of the club, of the company which operates the game venue, or of a security service which is responsible for the game venue.
- (2) The security coordinator must attend the training and orientation seminars held by the EBEL at least once per year.
- (3) The security coordinator is to ensure the regular exchange of information and experiences with
 - a. the club's internal officials (event management, general management, fan relations officers);
 - b. the ÖEHV and EBEL;
 - c. external institutions (e.g., police, fire department, public order authorities).

- d. Head of sport activities (ZSA) from BM.I
- (4) Before each game, the security coordinator is required to obtain information on the planned schedule, the arrival and departure of the teams and referees, the expected spectators, the number of tickets sold in advance, any other peripheral events, special potential dangers, necessary countermeasures, the planned deployment of security personnel, deployment meetings, information sheets, etc., and to pass this information on to the usher personnel.
 - (5) Prior to a game, the security coordinator is to exchange insights and information with the security coordinator from the opposing club

§ 9

Prohibited Items

- (1) The rules of each arena and the official regulations applying to the venue list the items which spectators may not bring into the arena. A list of prohibited items compiled in cooperation with the Center for Sports Affairs (*Zentrum für Sportangelegenheiten*) at the Austrian Ministry of the Interior must be placed in a clearly visible location in all league arenas (entrance area).
- (2) According to IIHF rules, spectators are not allowed to bring whistles or compressed air horns into the arena.
- (3) Prohibited items such as glass containers/bottles and horns must not be offered for sale inside the arena.
- (4) The promotional give-away activities of sponsors or partners must not involve the distribution of items which may be thrown as projectiles.
- (5) Items which are considered Pyrotechnical Devices under the law of the respective country and “Laser pointers”(meaning devices, which enable persons from the stands to direct or beam light towards players or officials on the ice are not allowed at all.



Part G: Schedule Of Fees

Invoicing of the ÖEHV fees will be done directly to either club competing in EBYSL/EBJL following the scale of fees for the respective season.

The ÖEHV only charges the international transfer fees to be passed on to the IIHF or to other national federations (IIHF transfer cards | IIHF fax confirmations | transfer fees for foreign federations)

Only those clubs which paid all fees for the past season will be eligible to participate in the Erste Bank Young Stars League (EBYSL) and the Erste Bank Juniors League Championship.

Part H: Requirements For The Payout Of Transporting Cost Support

In the founding meeting of EBYSL, it was agreed upon that a payout for transporting cost support will happen if the following obligations are fulfilled by the EBYSL-club: Transporting cost support will only be paid to clubs which already participated in the 2012/13 season and also play in the EBEL

- (1) A-licensed fulltime Head Coach or International Coach with international License accepted by the BSO. This person is responsible and present at training sessions coaching and also leads the team as a Head Coach in official games. This person has to be named in the form for the Roster registration of EBYSL.
- (2) Forwarding of monthly training plans (as for NADA) at least two weeks prior to the start of the respective month to the EBYSL-office.
- (3) A total of at least six practice session (on-ice/off-ice) per week.
- (4) Sport medical examinations by the respective club doctor of all players participating in EBYSL.
 - Cardiac Ultrasound
 - Basic Blood work
 - ECG
 - pulmonary function
 - Orthopedic basis check up
- (5) Close co-operation with club mentors and Head Coaches (AUT teams)



- (6) Participation at coaches schooling of the Austrian Hockey Board mandatory (AUT teams)
- (7) Video upload for Department of players safety (DOPS) and away team
- (8) Online-scoring
- (9) Use of scorekeeper who are licensed by the EBEL only (Participation at scorekeeper instruction)

Teams with official academy status by the ÖEHV will not receive transporting cost support.

The lump sum will be divided in two equal parts, a fixed base sum and a variable sum depending on the actual travelling costs. The base sum will be paid out in two shares, on September 30th, 2016 and January 30th, 2017. The variable sum will be paid out in two shares, on January 30th, 2017, and after the end of the championship, and latest at April 30th, 2017.

Obedience to the Obligations will be controlled by the Commissioner of EBYSL, the Director of Hockey Operations of EBEL and members of the EBEL-office. In exceptional cases, the Commissioner is to be informed by the club. In case of dispute, the Rights commission of EBEL/EBYSL will be called upon to settle the score.



Part I: Mandatory For EBJL Teams

- (1) A-licensed fulltime Head Coach or international coach with international License accepted by the BSO.
- (2) Forwarding of monthly training plans (as for NADA) at least two weeks prior to the start of the respective month to the EBYSL-office.
- (3) A total of at least six practice session (on-ice/Off-ice) per week.
- (4) Close co-operation with club mentors and Head Coaches (AUT teams)
- (5) Participation at coaches schooling mandatory (AUT teams)
- (6) Sport medical examinations
- (7) Video upload for Department of players safety (DOPS) and away team
- (8) Online-scoring. Use of scorekeeper who are licensed by the EBEL only (Participation at scorekeeper instruction)
- (9) Adherence of attached marketing contract

All teams have to send proof of payment of the participation fee of € 2,500.- after nomination. In cases where the senior team is playing in the EBEL a written guarantee by the national federation or the EBEL is permitted. If all mandatory points are fulfilled the team will be reimbursed 50% of the participation fee.

Only those clubs which paid all fees and payments for the past season will be eligible to participate in the Erste Bank Young Stars League (EBYSL) and the Erste Bank Juniors League Championship.



Part J: Championship

EBYSL Championship

The team winning the annual EBYSL-championship will be awarded the title „Champion of Erste Bank Young Stars League of the year 2016/17“. This team will receive the challenge cup Trophy of Erste Bank Young Stars League.

Austrian U20 Championship

In case that two international clubs or clubs with official academy status by the ÖEHV compete in the final, the two best Austrian teams without official academy status with the most points after the regular season will compete for the Austrian National U20-Championship in a best-of-three-series. If an Austrian team without academy status makes the semi-finals and loses it will compete against the next best Austrian team (amount of points after regular season) for the Austrian National U20-Championship in a best-of-three-series. Scheduling will be done in co-operation by EBYSL and ÖEHV.

The winner of the Austrian U20 championship will receive the challenge cup of the ÖEHV and 28 gold medals. The loser of the final series will also get a cup and 28 silver medals. The 3rd seed team will receive 28 bronze medals..

EBJL Championship

The team winning the annual EBYSL-championship will be awarded the title „Champion of Erste Bank Juniors League of the year 2016/17“. This team will receive the challenge cup Trophy of Erste Bank Juniors League.

Austrian U18 Championship

In case that two international clubs or clubs with official academy status by the ÖEHV compete in the final, the two best Austrian teams without official academy status with the most points after the regular season will compete for the Austrian National U18-Championship in a best-of-three-series. If an Austrian team without academy status makes the Semifinals and loses, it will compete against the next best Austrian team (amount of points after regular season) for the Austrian National U20-Championship in a best-of-three-series. Scheduling will be done in co-operation by EBYSL and ÖEHV.

The winner of the Austrian U20 championship will receive the challenge cup of the ÖEHV and 28 gold medals. The loser of the final series will also get a cup and 28 silver medals. The 3rd seed team will receive 28 bronze medals..



Part K: Department of Player Safety (DOPS)

- (1) The measures in this Disciplinary Catalogue have been designed for regular infractions. The EBEL Disciplinary Senate is not bound to the measures mentioned and will decide using a case-by-case-approach, especially in cases when the Head Referee has not imposed the proper penalty during the course of the game.
- (2) Suspension or fines may be imposed in addition to another.
- (3) In case of a first-time violation/minor offence by players, goalies, coaches, managers or other club officials against this penalty catalogue underlying set of rules, exclusively money fines can be pronounced - without simultaneously game suspensions.
- (4) In case of repeated violations by a player, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive, the EBEL Disciplinary Senate have at their discretion, the ability to assess higher fines and/or suspensions.
- (5) For all Teams who participate in the Champions Hockey League (CHL), inclusive of all participants within each respective Club Organization and/or respective Members who participate in International Play, inclusive of National Team Programs; the possibility of additional suspension(s) and fine's through the EBEL Penalty Catalog (EBEL DOPS) is in effect. Regardless of or "in addition to" the CHL's or IIHF's disciplinary decisions, the EBEL Disciplinary Senate has the possibility to uphold or add suspension(s) "in addition to" in particularly serious offences. In effect; regardless of the League or Country a game is played, all EBEL contracted participants are responsible for their actions and subject to EBEL Disciplinary actions as per the EBEL Penalty Catalog.
- (6) "Team officials" shall include all Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive. In addition to the automatic fines and suspensions imposed under these rules, the EBEL Disciplinary Senate, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any Exhibition, Tournament, League or Play-off game and may assess additional fines and/or suspensions for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a player, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee.
- (7) As per EBEL Fundamental Rules (Part V §4). If an investigation is initiated by a Club, it must be initiated within the time frame of the completion of the game in which the incident occurred until 12:00pm the following day. In addition, teams are required to send video of the incident in question. Simultaneously with the forwarding of the video evidence by email, an E-banking voucher stating 500 Euros (app-



lication cost) have been paid to EBEL. All investigations initiated by a Club must be emailed to recht@erstebankliga.at and faxed to: 0043 / 1 / 890 17 54 - 12.

- (8) In case that the uploaded game video (see Part A §25) is not showing a particular situation which has to be reviewed by DOPS the clubs are obliged to provide all available footage of inhouse production / Fan-TV / additional coaches cams immediately after DOPS requests this service. If a club does not cooperate, this violation is forwarded to the EBEL Justice commission for further treatment.
- (9) The club is jointly liable and required to pay the relevant penalty within a period of 5 business days after the invoice from the EBEL if a fine has been imposed on one of their players, goalkeeper, Trainer, Manager, Coach or non-playing Club personnel or Club executive. Should a payment not have been made within the set period, an interest rate of 7.5% p.a. applies.

In addition, if the payment is not made until the clubs' final settlement (30.4. the relevant time), the sum will be paid out of the clubs' share of TV and marketing revenues. The Fine, interest and an additional Penalty (5 per cent of the amount invoiced) will be deducted from the clubs' payout share.

- (10) Acceptance of Anti-Doping-Regulations / EBEL-Regulations
A player is only allowed to play for an EBEL-Club if the personally signed Anti-Doping-Regulations as well as the approval of all EBEL-regulations such as fundamental rules, procedure regulations and penalty catalogue arrive at the league- and the federation office for the player registration.

The German-language version of the Procedure Regulations is the binding version.