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Inline Hockey World Championship 2026

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Dear National Federation,

We are pleased to provide the Inline Hockey World Championship 2026 Sport Specific Bulletin#2, to be held from 2nd to 18th of October, as part of the World Skate Games 2026, in Asunción, Paraguay.

For general information of the event you can consult the following [link](#).

COMPETITION FORMAT

Senior Women

11 teams

- Teams will be divided into 2 groups:
 - Group A: 5 teams
 - Group B: 6 teams
 - The teams will be allocated to Groups A and B according to the serpentine (snake) ranking system, based on their rankings entering the competition.
 - Each group will play a round-robin competition, with teams playing against the other teams in their respective group

After the Round Robin

- The top four teams from Group A will advance directly to the quarterfinals.
- The top four teams from Group B will advance directly to the quarterfinals.
- The remaining three teams (one from Group A and two from Group B) will proceed to Pool C to determine final positions 9th, 10th and 11th.

The competition will then continue with quarterfinals, semifinals and finals, together with the appropriate placement matches, to determine the final overall standings from 1st through 11th place.

All placement matches will be played to ensure that every team receives a final ranking.

Junior Men

19 teams

Teams will be divided into 4 groups:

- Group A: 5 teams
- Group B: 5 teams
- Group C: 5 teams
- Group D: 4 teams
 - The top ten ranked teams will be allocated to Groups A and B using the serpentine (snake) seeding method.
 - The remaining nine teams will be distributed between Groups C and D, also using the serpentine seeding method.
- Each group will play a single round-robin competition, with each team playing every other team in its group once.

After the Round Robin

- All teams from Groups A and B will qualify for the playoffs;
- The top three teams from Group C will qualify for the playoffs;
- The top three teams from Group D will qualify for the playoffs.
 - This will result in 16 teams qualifying for the playoff stage.
- The remaining three teams will proceed to a double round-robin placement competition to determine their final positions.
- The 16 qualifying teams will advance to the Round of 16.
- The competition will then proceed as follows:
- Round of 16 → Quarterfinals → Semifinals → Final

Placement matches will be played to determine the following positions:

- 1st–2nd: Final
- 3rd–4th: Third-place match
- 5th–8th: Placement matches among the Quarterfinal losers
- 9th–16th: Placement matches among the Round-of-16 losers

- This will establish a complete ranking from 1st to 16th.
- The three teams that do not qualify for the Round of 16 will play a double round-robin competition.
- Each team will play the other two teams twice, giving each team four matches.

Junior Women

8 teams

Teams will be divided into 2 groups:

- Group A: 4 teams
- Group B: 4 teams
 - Teams will be allocated using the serpentine (snake) seeding method.
- Each group will play a single round-robin competition.
- At the conclusion of the round-robin phase, all eight teams will proceed to the Quarterfinals.

Knockout and Ranking Phase

The competition will then proceed to:

- Quarterfinals
- Semifinals
- Final
- 3rd/4th Place Match
- Ranking/Placement Matches to determine positions 5th to 8th

All teams will therefore receive a final ranking from 1st to 8th.

Senior Men

20 teams

Teams will be divided into 5 groups:

- Group A: 4 teams

- Group B: 4 team
- Group C: 4 teams
- Group D: 4 teams
- Group E: 4 teams.
 - The top eight-ranked teams will be allocated to Groups A and B using the serpentine (snake) seeding method. The remaining teams will be distributed among Groups C, D and E, also using the serpentine seeding method.

After the Round Robin, the following TOP 16 teams will qualify for the playoffs

The following teams qualify for the championship playoffs:

- All teams finishing in Groups A and B;
- The top two teams from each of Groups C, D and E; and
- The 2 best third-placed teams from Groups C, D and E

The ranking of these teams shall be determined by comparing their group-stage results according to the following criteria, in the order listed:

- (a) points obtained;
- (b) goal difference;
- (c) goals against;
- (d) goals scored;
- (e) position in the entry ranking

Round of 16 and President's Cup

The 16 qualifying teams will compete in the Round of 16.

Following the Round of 16:

- The eight winners will advance to the Quarterfinals of the main competition, continuing through the semifinals and final to determine the overall champion.
- The eight losing teams from the Round of 16 will enter the President's Cup competition.

The President's Cup will consist of a knockout/placement format to determine

the final rankings of these eight teams.

The competition will therefore provide a structured pathway for all teams to compete for a final overall position.

Placement Round

- The remaining four teams will enter a placement round to determine their final positions in the competition.
- All placement matches will be played to ensure that every team receives a final overall ranking.

TECHNICAL MEETINGS

At the Technical Meetings, each National Federation may be represented by a maximum of two delegates, provided with valid accreditation credentials.

For *Senior Women and Junior Men* the meeting will take place on **October 2nd, 11:00 hs.**

The meeting for *Senior Men and Junior Women*, will be held on **October 10th at 11:00 hs.**

Both meetings will take place at Salón Auditorio Luis María Zubizarreta - [Comité Olímpico Paraguayo](#).

REFEREES APPOINTED

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| • SungHyun Tark | • Eduardo Ramón Montoro |
| • Ji Zhi | • Johan Friberg |
| • Carl Grayson | • Hampus Söder |
| • Robert Love-Dekazos | • Taghinezhad Safoora |
| • Tyler Telesio-Carreón | • Elise Besson |
| • Chin-Chen Tsao | • Isabel Rodríguez Sancosmed |
| • Alex Gallo | • Laura Rivas |
| | • Wang Xiaomei |

REFEREE SEMINAR

A referee seminar will be held in Asunción, Paraguay, on October 2nd. This seminar is aimed at referees seeking to obtain their international license.

The seminar will run from 13:00 to 19:30 (including the exam) at the [Comité Olímpico Paraguayo](#).

PROGRAM:

- 13:00 - 13:15
 - Welcome & Introduction - Introduction of the instructors and participants, objectives of the course and overview of the training schedule
- 13:15 - 14:00
 - Rules & Regulations – Part I - Basic rules, playing area, equipment, teams, players and officials
- 14:00 - 14:45
 - Rules & Regulations – Part II - Game situations, penalties, player safety and referee responsibilities
- 14:45 - 15:00: Short Break
- 15:00 - 16:00:
 - Rules & Game Management - Referee positioning, signals, communication, penalty situations and game management
- 16:00 - 17:00
 - Floor Session – Practical Training - Practical referee exercises, positioning, movement, signals, face-offs, penalty situations and game scenarios
- 17:00 - 17:15: Short break
- 17:15 - 18:00:
 - Theory – Practical Application - Review of the floor session, discussion of game situations and application of the rules
- 18:00 - 18:30
 - Advanced Game Situations, Difficult situations, referee decisions, communication between officials and conflict management
- 18:30 - 18:45
 - Final Questions & Test Preparation Review of key topics and clarification of open questions
- 18:45 - 19:00
 - Written Referee Test - Written examination covering the rules, referee procedures and game situations

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Understand and correctly apply the official Inlinehockey rules.
- Recognize and assess different game situations.

- Use the correct referee signals and procedures.
- Position themselves correctly during play.
- Communicate effectively with players, coaches and fellow officials.
- Apply penalties and disciplinary procedures correctly.
- Manage games confidently, consistently and professionally.

Course End: 19:30

All candidates must wear Referees equipment (black pants, skates, helmet with Visor, protections, whistle) The exam will be performed online. Candidates are kindly requested to have papers, pen and a device (Smartphone is a minimum requirement). A proper Wi-Fi will be provided.

You can register and proceed to payment by clicking on the link below:

<https://world-skate-academy.thinkific.com/courses/new-course-45>

The system will automatically send you via email a receipt for your payment and registration.

The registration will open on 01/09/2026 and will close on 01/10/2026

World Skate reserves the right to close registrations once the maximum number has been reached.

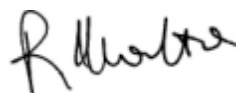
The *registration fee* is **200 USD** (exam included).

All expenses are the responsibility of each participant. Official accommodation information details are available in [General Bulletin #4](#).

For any general information please contact sportsdepartment@worldskate.org
We are looking forward to seeing you soon!



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Inline Hockey Technical Commission
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Roberto Marotta
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