

REGULATIONS

governing the Gazprom Neft Cup International Kids' Hockey Tournament

1. General Provisions

- 1.1. The Gazprom Neft Cup International Kids' Hockey Tournament (hereinafter "the Tournament") is a non-profit under-11s hockey competition.
- 1.2. Specific terms and conditions governing the holding of the Tournament are outlined in the "CONDITIONS governing the 2020 Gazprom Neft Cup KHL International Kids' Hockey Tournament".

2. Goals and Objectives

- 2.1. to promote healthy lifestyles and active involvement in sports;
- 2.2. to promote youth ice hockey;
- 2.3. to give the Tournament participants the opportunity to gain experience in international competitions;
- 2.4. to improve the quality of teaching, training and educational work among youth hockey teams.

3. Tournament Management

- 3.1. Responsibility for all management, organization and preparation relating to the Tournament rests with the Organising Committee.
3. 2. Responsibility for the running of the Tournament per se rests with the Executive Directorate the composition of which is approved by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, and the Referee Board, the composition of which is determined by the Executive Director of the Tournament.

4. Tournament Venues and Dates

- 4.1. The Tournament is held in Sochi.
- 4.2. The dates of each Tournament are determined annually by the Organising Committee and specified in the Tournament Regulations.

5. Tournament Participants

- 5.1. Teams of youth sports schools teams which have received an official invitation from the Organising Committee of the Tournament shall be allowed to take part in the Tournament. If a club has several hockey schools, a single team made up of players from the several schools may take part in the Tournament.
- 5.2. Invitations to take part in the Tournament, made on the principle of "one club – one team", may be sent to children's teams of clubs that have participated in the KHL Championship in the current or previous seasons, as recommended by the Kontinental Hockey League (hereinafter – "the KHL").
- 5.3. Invitations to take part in the Tournament, made on the principle of "one country – one team", may be sent to children's teams at international clubs. In the event that requests to participate in the Tournament are received from several foreign teams from the same country, such invitation will be sent to the team recommended by the national hockey federation of that country.
- 5.4. Invitations to take part in the Tournament may be sent to the "Rubin" (Tyumen), "Yamal" (Salekhard) and "Yugra" (Khanty-Mansiysk) teams as teams representing those regions involved in establishing the Tournament.
- 5.5. Teams participating in the Tournament cannot include girls.
- 5.6. Players enrolled in a hockey school at a club, but who have played for the team of another club during the last six (6) months prior to the start of the Tournament, are not permitted to take part in the Tournament.

6. Tournament Programme

6.1. The Tournament Programme will include the following:

6.1.1. clearance by the Admissions Committee;

6.1.2. team training;

6.1.3. a meeting of the Executive Directorate, attended by official team representatives and members of the Main Referee Board (MRB);

6.1.4. first- and final-round games; and

6.1.5. official opening, awards, and closing ceremonies.

6.2. Teams' participation in the official opening, awards and closing ceremonies is compulsory.

6.3. Mandatory photography and video recording of participating teams will take place throughout the Tournament, as well as full-squad photographs (including coaches).

7. Conditions Governing the Holding of the Tournament

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7.1. The Tournament shall be held pursuant to current regulations of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF); with the further condition that body-checking is prohibited in all games.

7.2. Players without standard protective masks and neck protection will not be allowed to participate in any game

7.3. KHL youth club teams participating in the Tournament must compete in the official kit of the KHL club they represent;

7.4. Each game shall be refereed by match officials (including three on-ice referees) appointed by the Tournament Chief Referee.

7.5. The team securing first place shall be deemed the winner of the Tournament, and awarded a perpetual trophy – the Gazprom Neft Cup.

8. Application Procedure

8.1. Participating teams must submit preliminary (detailed) applications to the Executive Directorate within the deadlines and pursuant to terms and conditions specified under Tournament Regulations.

8.2. Such preliminary (detailed) applications (including players' full names, photographs, dates of birth, positions on the team and squad numbers) will be posted on the Tournament website (<http://www.gpncup.ru/teams>) and this link sent to all team managers.

8.3. The Executive Directorate may, in response to claims filed by team managers and/or coaches regarding the age(s) of a player or players listed in a preliminary (detailed) application and the eligibility of such player(s)' membership of the team for which they are registered, organise further verification of such player(s) and, in the event of two or more claims being filed in respect of a single participating team, may undertake an inspection visit in order to verify the data of those players listed in such preliminary (detailed) application. During the course of such inspection the Executive Directorate has the right to request additional documents proving the age of such player or players and his/their eligibility for membership on the team, including such player or player's birth certificate; other official certification (bearing the seal of the relevant organisation) including a photograph and stating such player's last name, first name, patronymic, year of birth and place of residence; a statutory medical insurance certificate, and copies of such player's parents' passports, and other necessary data.

8.4. In the event of a preliminary (detailed) application being in breach of these Regulations the Executive Directorate will, in the first instance, send a letter to the registered address of the management of such club, signed by the executive Director of the Tournament. In the event of repeated violations in the submission of preliminary (detailed) applications the Organising Committee has the right to enforce sanctions up to and including expulsion from the Tournament.

8.5. In order to be cleared by the Admissions Committee participating teams must present their official application and supporting documents pursuant to these Regulations governing the holding of the Tournament.

8.6. Teams failing to comply with the requirements of clauses 8.1–8.5 of these Regulations will be prohibited from taking part in the Tournament.

18. Safety and Medical Care

18.1. Tournament participants and spectators' safety shall be ensured pursuant to legislation currently in force in the Russian Federation, and pursuant to current regulation of the Russian Ice Hockey Federation.

18.2. Medical care provided to participants and spectators shall be undertaken pursuant to legislation currently in force in the Russian Federation, and pursuant to current regulation of the Russian Ice Hockey Federation.

10. Other

10.1. Any matters not covered by these Regulations are governed by the Tournament Conditions or are at the discretion of the Organising Committee and the Executive Directorate.

10.2. The Organising Committee and the Executive Directorate retain the right to supplement and/or amend (clarify) these Regulations.