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BALTIC HOCKEY LEAGUE 2021

Tournament Regulations

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I PURPOSE

1. Identification of the strongest ice hockey Club in the Baltics and the Champion of Baltic Hockey League.
2. Through intra-Baltic cooperation raise the quality of ice hockey in the region.
3. Promotion of ice hockey in the Baltics.

II TIME AND PLACE

1. 17.07.2020 – 28.12.2020
2. Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

III PARTICIPANTS

Darius Kasparaitis Group (**Vilnius**):
Sandis Ozolins Group (**Tartu**):

Hockey Punks (LTU), Liepaja (LAT) Narva PSK (EST)
Tartu Vālk 494 (EST), Mogo (LAT), Kaunas Hockey (LTU)

IV TOURNAMENT RULES

1. International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Official Rules are used during the tournament, if not stated differently in the Regulations.
2. The playing dates:

Group Stage:	27 - 29 November 2020
Final Four:	18 - 20 December 2020
3. The Home team will wear dark Jerseys and Guest team will wear light Jerseys during the game.
4. All Federations are responsible for players eligibility.
5. The Federations will be responsible for the organization of Baltic League and will cover all the costs of Group Stage and Final Four, including transportation, accommodation and meals for teams and referee, Web stream, awards, medical, security, water and snacks in dressing room and etc.

V TOURNAMENT SYSTEM – GROUP STAGE

1. The Clubs will be separated into two groups (two host cities) and there cannot be teams from the same country in a group. Each tournament will be played in a single round robin format in which teams will play each other once in three consecutive days (Friday to Sunday).
2. If the game is won on the regulation time, the winning team receives 2 points and losing team 0 points. If the game is won during the over-time or during penalty shoot-outs then the winning team receives 2 points and losing team 1 point. If the game is tied after regulation time, there will be a sudden-death overtime of 5 minutes played three (3) against three (3). If the game is still tied after the over-time then there will be a penalty shoot-out. Each team will nominate five (5) different players to shoot-out, followed by a sudden-death penalty shoot-out by any player if the score in the shoot-out remains tied after first five (5) shots.
3. The standings of each Group will be nominated based on the points received during the tournament. In case of equal number of points, the points received in games between these Clubs will be taken into consideration and the Club with higher amount of points will be nominated a winner. If still same amount of points then the overall goal difference will be taken in consideration and the Club with better difference will be nominated as winner. If there is the same goal difference, then the Club, which scored more goals, will be declared as winner. If the amount of goals scored is equal the team against whom was less goals scored, will be declared as winner.
4. Participating Clubs can offer to host a Group Stage tournaments. The Directorate of Baltic League must make a decision no later than the end of **August 2020**.

FINAL FOUR

5. The winner and the second team of both Groups will advance to the Final Four tournament. The tournament will be played in a single round robin format in which teams will play each other once in three consecutive days (Friday to Sunday).

6. The winner of the Baltic League will be nominated based on the results of the Final Four tournament.
7. If the game is tied after the regulation time, then a 10 minutes sudden-death overtime three (3) against three (3) will decide the winner. If game is still tied after the over-time, then a penalty shoot-out competition will decide the winner. Each team will nominate five (5) different players to shoot-out, followed by a sudden-death penalty shootout by any player if the score in the shoot-out remains tied after first five (5) shots.
8. The standings of Final Four will be nominated based on the points received during the tournament. In case of equal number of points, the points received in games between these Clubs will be taken into consideration and the Club with higher amount of points will be nominated a winner. If still same amount of points then the overall goal difference will be taken in consideration and the Club with better difference will be nominated as winner. If there is the same goal difference, then the Club, which scored more goals, will be declared as winner. If the amount of goals scored is equal the team against whom was less goals scored, will be declared as winner.
9. The participating Clubs can offer to host a Final Four tournament. The Directorate of Baltic League must make a decision no later than the end of **August 2020**.

VI DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. There will be a Disciplinary Committee of four members whereas there will be one representative from each National Association and main Referee appointed by Directorate.
2. The following protest are not discussed by the disciplinary committee:
 - a. Inappropriate zone.
 - b. Penalties fixed in protocol.
 - c. Inappropriate goals.
 - d. Pass crossing the zone.
 - e. Face off declaration
4. Only Coach or Team Leader can register a protest on behalf of the Club after the game. The referee has to be informed immediately and protest must be fixed in game protocol no later than 30 minutes after the game is finished. The referees have to fulfil written report once receiving protest, and the report has to be signed by the Head Referee of the given game. No discussion of the protest will be conducted if it is not handed over within the time limit or not fixed in game protocol.

VII GAMES SCHEDULE

1. The games are conducted according the time schedule.
2. If team is not ready to play at the starting time of game, the team which did not show up is automatically declared loser and as a result, the score 0:W is fixed in protocol.

VIII REGISTRATION

1. All participant Clubs have to email an initial application by **July 17th, 2020** where the Club confirms the participation in the Baltic League. The application has to be sent to the Federation of the country where the Club is from.
2. The roster (all team members listed by names) of the team with a maximum of 30 players including three goalkeepers who are eligible to play for the club in their national championship league of the 2020/2021 season must be emailed to the Federation of the country where the Club is from by **November 15th, 2020**. To strengthen the roster of the Clubs from EST and LTU and to raise the level of the Baltic League, the Clubs of one country are allowed use players of other non-participating Clubs of the same country. Maximum number of players from the other Clubs used in each game is 5+1. Players of other Clubs can only play for one Club in the Baltic League. In team registration form all team members Last name, first name, date of birth, number of Jersey have to be listed and it has to be signed by the Team Leader of participating Club.

IX REWARDING

1. The best players of each games will receive special prize after each game arranged by the organizer.
2. Club, which is announced the winner of Baltic League, will receive a Tournament Cup and Individual medals for the team members.
3. There will be a special nomination prices for the best Goalkeeper, Defenseman, Forward and MVP of the Baltic League.

X QUESTIONS AND PROTESTS

1. All items and issues which are not covered by these Baltic League Regulations are solved case by case by the Disciplinary Committee.