



Nizhny Novgorod
Floorball
Federation



Tournament Regulations

International Floorball Tournament
Sergei Bolshakov Cup
OKA – VOLGA 2017

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Nizhny Novgorod,
Russian Federation

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Dear floorball friends!

Only honest sportsmanship — without age fraud and other dishonest practices and hidden agendas — will make this event entertaining, interesting, and memorable for every participant.

Let us play fair, demonstrating excellence and the spirit of true competition, making the tournament genuinely great for all its participants, guests, spectators, and floorball fans.

Let's make our lives better together.

Good luck to all of us!





1. Tournament Aims and Objectives

The Tournament is organized in order to:

- promote and further develop floorball around the world and encourage regular physical exercise and sports among teenagers and people of other age groups;
- enhance the role of floorball in the overall development of teenagers and young people; promote a healthy lifestyle;
- improve sports skills of young floorball players;
- determine the winners of the tournament.



2. Tournament Director

The Tournament's Organizing Committee is appointed and led by Sergei N. Bolshakov, one of the pioneers of floorball in the Russian Federation and the President of Russia's first Floorball Federation, founded and registered in April 1993.



3. Venue and Dates

The Tournament games are going to be held in Russia, in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, on 4 – 7 May, 2017.



4. Participants

4.1. Categories

- Men and Juniors — division Maxima*;
- Men and Juniors – division Optima*;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2000 and younger (2 players born in 1999 are allowed)** — PRO division;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2000 and younger**;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2002 and younger**;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2004 and younger**;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2006 and younger**;
- Mixed teams: Boys and girls born in 2008 and younger***.

** Dividing teams by division Maxima and Optima is not at the team level. It is for the competition program (Maxima division teams play 3 periods of 20 minutes, Optima - 2 periods of 20 minutes).*

**** Teams may include age-matched young men and women (boys and girls).**

***** During the game on the playing field there are six field players (boys and/or girls) for each team, without a goalkeeper, at the same time. Goal size is limited to 60 × 90 cm.**

4.2. Team List:

Each team must include no more than 15 players and three officers. The head board of the team (club) appoints one of the three officers as the team's official representative, fully responsible for the team and its conduct at the Tournament and entitled to receive prompt information on the progress of the Tournament, to sign official documents on behalf of the team, etc. All the players on the team list are assigned individual "field" numbers under which they are obliged to play during the entire Tournament.



5. Rink Size and Rules of the Game

All matches will be played on the rink the size of 36×18 meters, according to the rules approved by the International Floorball Federation.



6. Tournament Program

The Tournament's game schedule will be approved once the team registration is finished, and posted on the official website of Nizhny Novgorod Floorball Federation (NNFF) (floorball.nnov.ru.test/htdocsen/cup/2017) no later than seven days before the first game.

Tournament Format

- At the preliminary round, the teams will be divided into groups of four or five teams where all the teams will meet in a round robin series.
- Two best teams in each group will advance to the play-off in the Finals. The other teams will advance to the play-off in competing for other places (5th place between the teams has 3rd place in their group, etc.)
- Each team will play the minimum of four games in the Tournament.
- The final number of groups and the Tournament format will be announced after the team registration deadline.

Match Periods

- Men and Juniors — division Maxima:
a match consists of three periods of 20 minutes;
- Men and Juniors – division Optima:
a match consists of two periods of 20 minutes;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2000 and younger — PRO division: *a match consists of two periods of 20 minutes;*
- All other categories:
a match consists of two periods of 15 minutes.

In the preliminary round, “running clock” (non-effective time) will be used, with 3 minute intermissions. In these matches as well as in the play-offs for 5th and other places time-outs are not allowed.

Places in groups will be distributed among the teams according to the number of points. The following points will be awarded for each match: *two points for the win, one point for the tie, zero points for defeat.*

If two or more teams have the same number of points, the order will be decided as follows:

- by comparing the scores (points) in the matches between the teams;
- by comparing the number of lost and scored goals in all the matches;
- by calculating the highest number of goals scored in all the matches;
- by lottery.

During the play-offs, the last three minutes of regular game time are considered as effective time. If a play-off game ends in a tie, the winner shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out.

7. Awards

The best team in each category will be awarded with a diploma, a Tournament Cup, and medals.



8. Important Information

Please note that every participant takes part in the Tournament at his / her own risk and is not insured by the Tournament organizers. Therefore, a general travel and medical insurance for the duration of your trip to Russia is strongly recommended.





9. Finances

The Tournament receives no federal or municipal support, and all of its primary and additional costs and expenses are covered by donations and sponsorship funds. By paying the enrollment fee, you effectively become a partner of the Organizing Committee. Thank you!

If you have the opportunity to provide additional financial or other type of support and would like to become the Tournament's sponsor, please contact us via e-mail so that we can meet and discuss practical ways of partnership and cooperation.

9.1. Enrollment Fee

- Men and Juniors — division Maxima:
29,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/490 EUR;
- Men and Juniors – division Optima:
15,000 RUB (Russian rubles)/250 EUR;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2000 and younge —
PRO divisionr:
15,000 RUB (Russian rubles)/250 EUR;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2000 and younger:
9,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/160 EUR;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2002 and younger:
9,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/160 EUR;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2004 and younger:
9,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/160 EUR;
- Boys and Girls, born in 2006 and younger:
9,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/160 EUR;
- Mixed teams: Boys and Girls born in 2008 and
younger: 8,500 RUB (Russian rubles)/140 EUR.

9.2. Enrollment Fee Payment

Foreign teams can pay the fee in cash upon arrival to the Tournament in Nizhny Novgorod.



9.3. Accommodation

All available lodgings for the teams are within easy reach of the city center and the Tournament venue. We have arranged for special rates for the Tournament participants.

There are several accommodation options:

1. Hotel Marinse Park (www.hotel-cental.ru): centrally and strategically located, it will give you an excellent view on the River Volga, the beautiful Alexander Nevsky's Cathedral (within walking distance) and Blagoveschensky Monastery across the river. You can also visit the site of the future football arena for the FIFA World Cup 2018, just around the corner. Lenin Square where the hotel is located is a busy transportation hub, with easy connections to any part of Nizhny Novgorod including the railway station, just minutes away.

Price (per person per night): *from 29 EUR (breakfast included)*.

2. Economy class hotels provide both double and single rooms with private facilities as well as options with three or four beds to a room.

Price (per person per night): *from 12 EUR (breakfast not included)*.

For teams flying in to Nizhny Novgorod, arrival assistance can be arranged, which includes transfer from the airport to the hotel. Such a transfer costs 100 EUR per team and direction if booked up to seven days prior to the arrival. If booked later, the transfer costs 150 EUR per team and direction.



10. Team Registration

10.1. On-line team registration is open from 7 February to 9 April 2017 on the official website of Nizhny Novgorod Floorball Federation (floorball.nnov.ru.test/htdocsen/cup/2017).

10.2. Line-up lists of players and team officers must be submitted at oka.volga.cup@gmail.com no later than 27 April 2017.

10.3. Teams are registered for participation in the Tournament on the first come, first served basis. Thus, if the number of applications exceeds the maximum number of participants, preference is given to the team which submitted its application and full details first.



11. Dates to Remember

7 February — Tournament registration opens

9 April — Tournament registration deadline

10 April — Registration closes: confirmations are sent out by the Organizing Committee.

27 April — applications for accommodation to be sent to the Organizing Committee.

27 April — line-up lists to be sent to the Organizing Committee

4 May — Arrival and Tournament Opening Day: games between Russian teams

7 May — final matches, official award ceremony.





12. Additional Information

We will be happy to answer any additional questions that you might have and will do our best to accommodate your wishes concerning both your stay in Nizhny Novgorod and specific playing opportunities (participation in specific meets, team vs. team level tournaments, and so on.)

If you have any questions concerning the logistics and organization of the Tournament, please feel free to contact Sergei Bolshakov (you can write in Russian, English or German):

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You are also welcome to contact Mr. Kühn Michael (you can write and speak in Russian, English or German):

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