

■ June 22 - 27, 2020 the **gmt pro camp** will take place in Biarritz (France), led by Detroit Red Wings' skills coach, Daniel Broberg. Only 20 spots are available. For more information subscribe to gomyteam.com or send an email to contact@gomyteam.com

Insurance, ice-size & new member

■ The E.H.C. member clubs have clearly indicated in a survey made prior to the General Meeting in Prague last June, that the issue of full insurance for players on national team duty during the international breaks has the highest priority.

The issue was brought up by the clubs and the leagues at the Professional European Hockey Round Table (PEHRT) meetings with the IIHF during the last season and we are pleased to be able to communicate concrete results.

■ One of the major issues was the non-coverage of foreign players, i.e. who represented another nation than the one of his current club, for example a Czech player selected for his national team while being employed by a Finnish club.

This will apply as of 2020-2021-season:

- ⇒ Injury / Insurance Compensation for players who are injured while on national team duty during IIHF international breaks must cover all national team players, playing in a foreign country.
- ⇒ This refers to the top-22 IIHF Member National Associations and to International Breaks: Aug/Sep, November, December and February. (April/May already covered by IIHF)
- ⇒ Terms: 3.000/1.000 CHF (pending player's salary) per missed league game up to a max total of 102'000 CHF for players in WM top division teams and 1.000 CHF per missed league game to a total max of 20.000 CHF for WM1A & WM1B players. Sums are equivalent to WM, WM1A-B compensation.
- ⇒ It is up to the national association to buy insurance, or take the risk of paying the compensation.

Clarity on ice-size issue

■ There has been some confusion lately about the IIHF's position on ice-size and how that affects clubs and leagues. This is what has been decided and confirmed: The IIHF's change to North-American ice-size (60x26) refers only to the men's top-level World Championships in 2022, 2023 and 2024, including the 2022 Olympics (men & women) on "small ice".

The decision will be reviewed in the year 2025 in order to determine the future ice-size within the IIHF World Championship program.

■ This consequently means that it is business as usual for clubs and leagues as far as ice-size is concerned. The E.H.C., Hockey Europe and the Champions Hockey League had earlier asked the IIHF to clarify the ice-size issue.

New Youth-retention Award by Fjällräven

■ The E.H.C. Alliance is happy to announce that the partnership with Fenix Outdoor has been extended by three years, over the 2021-22 season. Aside from continuing to having the naming rights to the three European annual awards Young Player (Fjällräven), Coach (Globetrotter) and Club (Hanwag), a new award will be introduced as of 2019-20, as part of the new agreement.



■ The E.H.C. Hockey Business Forum in Berlin gathered 180 participants from clubs, leagues, federations and specially invited guests.

In order for Fenix-values such as social involvement, human wellbeing and sustainability to also gain a prominent place in the partnership with the E.H.C. Alliance, the parties have agreed to introduce the *Känken Youth Retention Award*, to be awarded annually to an ice hockey youth program which emphasizes sustainability through social responsibility and high retention rates among its participants. 10.000 Euro from the partnership agreement will go to the winning club.

The process will soon be activated by the E.H.C. and Fjällräven, but we ask all member clubs, leagues and federations to assist us with suggestions of youth clubs to award a worthy winner.

Our first member club from Romania

■ The E.H.C. is proud to inform that we have our first member club from Romania - Gyergyói Hoki Club, from the town of Gheorgheni, in Romania's Transylvania district. Gyergyói plays in the Hungarian-Romanian Erstebankliga, which has three Romanian clubs and seven Hungarian teams.

The club, earlier known as Progym Gheorgheni, was founded in 1949 but was reconstructed in 2018 as a result of financial difficulties and is since then known as Gyergyói Hoki Club. Welcome to E.H.C.!



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- ◆ E.H.C. European Hockey Awards
- ◆ Champions Hockey League General Assembly
- ◆ E.H.C Alliance General Meeting