

IIHF - International Ice Hockey Federation



The true birthday of ice hockey may not be told ever. Different games played on ice, were known in the middle of the 19th century (shinney, hurling, bandy). The first ever ice hockey game is documented on Mar 03, 1875, in Montreal. In 1877, the Canadians cut a slice out of a rubber ball: the puck was born, the most important invention in ice hockey. Few years later, quite a number of teams played ice hockey but still only in Canada.

Canadians and British living in Canada brought forward the game via Great Britain to Europe. First clubs in Europe were Prince's Club London and Cercle des Patineurs Paris. In the years to follow, more and more clubs appeared. First international games were played. National associations were founded, and national championships were set up.

Upon invitation of French journalist Louis Magnus, officials from Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Switzerland constituted **Ligue International de Hockey sur Glace (LIHG)**. At the second congress in 1909 LIHG decided to organize yearly European championships and adopted the Canadian rules at their 4th congress in 1911. First World War interrupted all sports activities. LIHG reorganized with its first post war congress on occasion of the Olympic Games in 1920.

During these Olympic Games, ice hockey also was played as an Olympic sport for the first time (later to be considered the first World Championship, too). Since inaugural Winter Games in 1924, the sport has been appearing at all times. The first separate World Championship took place in 1930 in Chamonix. World War II ended all activities once again until 1946. The next few years were overshadowed by a strange crisis concerning the relationship between LIHG and IOC. In 1946, US amateur ice hockey split between Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and Amateur Hockey Association (AHA). While a united AAU/AHA team took part in the World Championship in 1947, parallel congress decided to recognize only AHA; AAU on the other hand being the one federation recognized by the National Olympic Committee of the US. At the 1948 Olympics, two ice hockey teams arrived in St. Moritz. LIHG insisted on participation of AHA, but IOC disqualified the AHA team. All results were annulled. Crisis culminated in breaking off all relations between IOC and LIHG in 1949. Fortunately, LIHG reconciled to IOC in 1951. Until today, this was the only main conflict between IIHF and IOC.

In these years, the international federation had adopted the English name **International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)**.

Member federations

1908: 4 member federations
1912: 11 member federations
1930: 17 member federations
1940: 24 member federations
1980: 31 member federations
2000: 58 member federations
2022: 83 member federations

Presidents

05/16/1908 - 03/23/1912	Louis Magnus FRA
03/23/1912 - 02/25/1914	Henri van den Bulcke BEL
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02/25/1914	Bethune Minet „Peter“ Patton GBR
02/25/1914 - 04/26/1920	Henri van den Bulcke BEL
04/26/1920 - 02/15/1922	Max Sillig SUI
02/15/1922 - 02/23/1947	Paul Loicq BEL
02/23/1947 - 07/25/1948	Dr. Fritz Kraatz SUI
07/25/1948 - 08/28/1951	George Hardy CAN
08/28/1951 - 08/28/1954	Dr. Fritz Kraatz SUI
08/28/1954 - 07/14/1957	Walter A. Brown USA
07/14/1957 - 07/30/1960	John Francis „Bunny“ Ahearne GBR
07/30/1960 - 08/14/1963	Robert LeBel CAN
08/14/1963 - 09/04/1966	John Francis „Bunny“ Ahearne GBR
09/04/1966 - 07/12/1969	William Thayer Tutt USA
07/12/1969 - 07/26/1975	J. F. „Bunny“ Ahearne GBR
07/26/1975 - 06/11/1994	Dr. Günther Sabetzki FRG/GER
06/11/1994 - 09/25/2021	René Fasel SUI
09/25/2021 -	Luc Tardif FRA

Secretaries General

05/16/1908 - 03/23/1912	Robert Planque FRA
03/23/1912 - 04/26/1920	Roger van den Straten-Ponthoz BEL
04/26/1920 - 02/15/1922	Louis Dufour SUI
02/15/1922 - 01/10/1925	Fred Bandelin BEL
01/10/1925 - 02/23/1947	Andre G. Poplimont BEL
02/23/1947 - 07/14/1957	John Francis „Bunny“ Ahearne GBR
07/14/1957 - 07/26/1975	-----
07/26/1975 - 06/10/1986	Walter Wasservogel AUT
06/10/1986 - 10/31/2006	Jan-Åke Edvinsson SWE
11/01/2006 – 07/22/2021	Horst Lichtner GER ¹
07/22/2021 - 06/13/2022	Gion Veraguth SUI, ad interim
06/13/2022 -	Matti Nurminen FIN

Golden Stick (defunct)

Price of Soviet newspaper "Izvestiya" awarded to the top European hockey player of the year:

1979	Boris Mikhailov URS	1985	Jiří Králík TCH
1980	Sergey Makarov URS	1986	Sergey Makarov URS
1981	Vladislav Tretyak URS	1987	Vladimir Krutov URS
1982	Vladislav Tretyak URS	1988	Vyacheslav Fetisov URS
1983	Vladislav Tretyak URS	1989	Vyacheslav Fetisov URS
1984	Vyacheslav Fetisov URS		

Paul Loicq Award

The award is named after the late president of IIHF and is given annually to an individual who has promoted ice hockey sport in an extraordinary manner:

1998	Dr. Wolf-Dieter Montag GER	2011	Yuriy Korolev RUS
1999	Roman Neumayer GER	2012	Kent Angus CAN
2000	Vsevolod Kukulshin RUS	2013	Gord Miller CAN
2001	Isao Kataoka JPN	2014	Dr. Mark Aubry CAN
2002	Pat Marsh GBR	2015	Monique Scheier-Schneider LUX
2003	Dr. V. George Nagobads USA	2016	Nikolay Ozerov RUS
2004	Aggie Kukulowicz CAN	2017	Patrick Francheterre FRA
2005	Rita Hrbacek AUT	2018	Kirovs Lipmans LAT
2006	Bo Tovland SWE	2019	Jim Johansson USA
2007	Bob Nadin CAN	2020	Zoltán Kovács HUN
2008	Juraj Okoličány SVK	2023	Kimmo Leinonen FIN
2009	Harald Griebel GER	2024	Anatolii Brezvin UKR
2010	Lou Vairo USA		

Milestone Trophy

2012	1972 CAN/ URS Super serie	2024	1998 Czech men's Olympic hockey team
2013	1954 Soviet Union World Championship team		

Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award

for outstanding careers by players from non-top hockey nations

2015	Lucio Topatigh ITA	2019	Konstantin Mihaylov BUL
2016	Gábor Ocskay HUN	2020	Ron Berteling NED
2017	Tony Hand GBR	2023	Viktor Szélig HUN
2018	Jesper Damgaard DEN	2024	Dezideriu Varga ROU

¹ The IIHF made no official statement.

Johan Bollue Award

for a person who has made a dedicated, innovative, and selfless contribution to youth hockey development and the success of this sport worldwide
2024 Markus Graf SUI

Media Award

for member of print, television, or radio
2024 Al Michaels USA

IIHF Hall of Fame

In 1997, IIHF established its own Hall of Fame as a section within the famous Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. A special selection committee chooses people in three categories:

Builders' Category

Ahearn, John Francis „Bunny“ GBR
Bauer, „Father“ David CAN
Berglund, Art USA
Berglund, Curt SWE
Brooks, Herb USA
Brown, Walter USA
Buckna, Mike CAN
Bukač, Luděk CZE
Busch, Walter jr. USA
Calcaterra, Enrico ITA
Chernyshev, Arkadiy RUS
Chung Mong-Won KOR
Costello, Murray CAN
Davidson, Mel CAN
Dmitriyev, Igor RUS
Dobida, Hans AUT
Dombrowski, Sandra SUI
Edvinsson, Jan-Åke SWE
Eklöv, Rudolf SWE
Fagerlund, Rickard SWE
Fasel, René SUI
Grunander, Arne SWE
Henschel, Heinz GER
Hewitt, William Abraham CAN
Holmes, Derek CAN
Horský, Ladislav SVK
Hviid, Jørgen DEN
Johannessen, Tore NOR
Juckes, Gordon CAN
Kalt, Dieter AUT
Kawabuchi, Tsutomu JPN
Khorozov, Anatoli UKR
King, Dave CAN
Kostka, Prof. Vladimír CZE
Kummola, Kalervo FIN
Lacarrière, Philippe FRA
LeBel, Bob CAN
Lindblad, Harry FIN
Loicq, Paul BEL
Lüthi, César W. SUI
Magnus, Louis FRA
Murray, Andy CAN
Nadin, Bob CAN
Numminen, Kalevi FIN

Pasztor, György HUN
Patton, B.M. „Peter“ GBR
Quinn, Pat CAN
Renwick, Gordon CAN
Ridder, Bob USA
Rider, Fran CAN
Riley, Jack USA
Sabetzki, Dr. Günther GER
Smith, Ben USA
Starovoytov, Andrey RUS
Starší, Dr. Ján SVK
Strömberg, Arne SWE
Stubb, Göran FIN
Šubr, Miroslav CZE
Tarasov, Anatoliy RUS
Tikhonov, Viktor RUS
Tomita, Shoichi JPN
Trumble, Hal USA
Tsutomu, Kawabuchi JPN
Tutt, Thayer USA
Unsinn, Xaver GER
Wasservogel, Walter AUT
Yurzinov, Vladimir RUS

Players' Category

“Tumba” Johansson, Sven SWE
Tureanu, Doru ROU
Aleksandrov, Venyamin RUS
Alexandrov, Boris KAZ
Alfredsson, Daniel SWE
Aljancic sr., Ernest SLO
Balderis, Helmut LAT
Ball, Rudi GER
Bergqvist, Sven SWE
Björn, Lasse SWE
Blake, Rob CAN
Bobrov, Vsevolod RUS
Bonda, Peter SVK
Bourbonnais, Roger CAN
Bouzek, Vladimír CZE
Bozon, Philippe FRA
Bubník, Vlastimil CZE
Bure, Pavel RUS

Bye, Karyn² USA
Bykov, Vyacheslav RUS
Cattini, Ferdinand SUI
Cattini, Hans SUI
Černý, Josef CZE
Chelios, Chris USA
Christian, Bill USA
Cleary, William „Bill“ USA
Cosby, Gerry USA
Craig, Jim USA
Curran, Mike USA
Darwitz, Natalie USA
Davydov, Vitaliy RUS
Drobný, Jaroslav CZE
Dzurilla, Vladimír SVK
Erhardt, Carl GBR
Fetisov, Vyacheslav RUS
Firsov, Anatoliy RUS
Golanka, Jozef SVK
Granato, Cammi USA
Forsberg, Peter SWE
Foster, Jimmy GBR
Fyodorov, Sergey RUS
Goyette, Danielle CAN
Gretzky, Wayne CAN
Gruth, Henryk POL
Gustafsson, Bengt-Åke SWE
Gut, Karel CZE
Heaney, Geraldine CAN
Hašek, Dominik CZE
Hedberg, Anders SWE
Hegen, Dieter GER
Helminen, Raimo FIN
Henderson, Paul CAN
Hiti, Rudi SLO
Hlinka, Ivan CZE
Holeček, Jiří CZE
Holík, Jiří CZE
Holmqvist, Leif SWE
Housley, Phil USA
Huck, Fran CAN
Irbe, Artūrs LAT
Huet, Cristobal FRA
Jaenecke, Gustav GER
James, Angela CAN
Jágr, Jaromír CZE
Johnson, Mark USA
Johnston, Marshall CAN
Jonsson, Tomas SWE
Jutila, Timo FIN
Jönsson, Jörgen SWE
Jönsson, Kenny SWE
Kamenskiy, Valeriy RUS
Kasatonov, Aleksey RUS
Keinonen, Matti FIN
Khomutov, Andrey RUS
Kießling, Udo GER
Kharlamov, Valeriy RUS
Kölliker, Jakob SUI
Koivu, Saku FIN
Konovaleenko, Viktor RUS
Krupp, Uwe GER
Krutov, Vladimir RUS
Kühnhackl, Erich GER
Kurri, Jari FIN
Kuzkin, Viktor RUS
Lacarrière, Jacques FRA
Larionov, Igor RUS
Leetch Brian USA
Lehtinen, Jere FIN
Lemieux, Mario CAN
Liba, Igor CZE
Lidström, Nicklas SWE
Lindqvist, Victor „Vic“ CAN
Loktev, Konstantin RUS
Loob, Håkan SWE
Lundström, Tord SWE
Machač, Oldřich CZE
MacKenzie, Barry CAN
Makarov, Sergey RUS
Maleček, Josef CZE
Maltsev, Aleksandr RUS
Marjamäki, Pekka FIN
Martin, Seth CAN
Martinec, Vladimír CZE
Mayasich, John USA
Mayorov, Boris RUS
McCartan, Jack USA
McLeod, Jackie CAN
Mikhailov, Boris RUS
Modrý, Bohumil CZE
Modano, Mike USA
Nanne, Lou USA
Näslund, Mats SWE
Nedomanský, Václav CZE
Nilsson, Kent SWE
Niedermayer, Scott CAN
Nilsson, Nisse SWE
Nový, Milan CZE
Nummelin, Petteri FIN
Numminen, Teppo FIN
O'Malley, Terrence „Terry“ CAN
Pană, Eduard ROU
Peltonen, Esa FIN
Oksanen, Lasse FIN
Ouellette, Caroline CAN
Pálffy, Žigmund SVK
Peltonen, Ville FIN
Petrov, Vladimir RUS
Petersson, Ronald SWE
Pospíšil, František CZE
Pouzar, Jaroslav CZE
Puschig, Sepp AUT
Ragulin, Aleksandr RUS
Rampf, Hans GER
Rundqvist, Thomas SWE
Reichel, Robert CZE
Rooth, Maria SWE
Ruggiero, Angela USA
Sakic, Joe CAN
Salei, Ruslan BLR
Salming, Börje SWE
Šatan, Miroslav SVK
Schloder, Alois GER
Sinden, Harry CAN
Sologubov, Nikolay RUS

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Seger, Mathias SUI
 Selänne, Teemu FIN
 Smyth, Ryan CAN
 Starshinov, Vyacheslav RUS
 Šťastný, Peter SVK
 Sterner, Ulf SWE
 Stoltz, Roland SWE
 Streit, Mark SUI
 Suchý, Jan CZE
 Sundin, Mats SWE
 Tikal, František CZE
 Timonen, Kimmo FIN
 Torriani, Richard „Bibi“ SUI
 Tretyak, Vladislav RUS
 Troják, Ladislav SVK
 Vällilä, Hanna-Riikka³ FIN
 Valtonen, Jorma FIN
 Vasilyev, Valeriy RUS
 Wahlsten, Juhani FIN

Watson, Harry CAN
 Yakushev, Aleksandr RUS
 Wickenheiser, Hayley CAN
 Yashin, Aleksey RUS
 Ylönen, Urpo FIN
 Zábrodský, Vladimír CZE
 Ziesche, Joachim GER
 Yzerman, Steve CAN
 Zetterberg, Henrik SWE

Referees' Category (since 2003)

Adamec, Quido CZE
 Dahlberg, Ove SWE
 Karandin, Yuriy RUS
 Kompalla, Josef GER
 Schell, László HUN
 Wiitala, Unto FIN

Triple Gold Club

The Triple Gold Club was “founded” in 1994, when Tomas Jonsson, Håkan Loob and Mats Näslund had achieved Olympic gold medals. Members are outstanding players, who have won Olympic Games (OG), a World Championship (WCh) and the Stanley Cup (SC).

	OG	WCh	SC
Jonsson, Tomas SWE	94	91	82,83
Loob, Håkan SWE	94	87,91	89
Näslund, Mats SWE	94	91	86
Kamenskiy, Valeriy RUS	88	86,89,90	96
Gusarov, Aleksey RUS	88	86,89,90	96
Forsberg, Peter SWE	94,06	92,98	96,01
Fetisov, Vyacheslav RUS	84,88	78,81-83,86,89,90	97,98
Larionov, Igor RUS	84,88	82,83,86,89	97,98,02
Mogiliniy, Aleksandr RUS	88	89	00
Malakhov, Vladimir RUS	92	90	00
Sakic, Joe CAN	02	94	96,01
Shanahan, Brendan CAN	02	94	97,98,02
Blake, Rob CAN	02	94,97	01
Niedermayer, Scott CAN	02,10	04	95,00,03,07
Jágr, Jaromír CZE	98	05,10	91,92
Šlégr, Jiří CZE	98	05	02
Lidström, Nicklas SWE	06	91	97,98,02,08
Modin, Fredrik SWE	06	98	04
Pronger, Chris CAN	02,10	97	07
Kronwall, Niklas SWE	06	06	08
Zetterberg, Henrik SWE	06	06	08
Samuelsson, Mikael SWE	06	06	08
Staal, Eric CAN	10	07	06
Toews, Jonathan CAN	10,14	07	10,13,15
Bergeron, Patrice CAN	10,14	04	11
Crosby, Sidney CAN	10,14	15	09,16,17
Perry, Corey CAN	10,14	16	07
Datsyuk, Pavel RUS	18	12	02,08
Bouwmeester, Jay CAN	14	03,04	19
Filppula, Valteri FIN	22	22	08

Triple Gold Club Coaches

	OG	WCh	SC
Babcock, Mike CAN	10,14	04	08

³ née Nieminen

IIHF Player of the Year Award

	Men	Women
2023	Bedard, Connor CAN	Knight, Hilary USA

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