

IIHF competition branding

Applicable to all official IIHF competition-related communications

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The IIHF Branded House

The IIHF brand architecture brings coherence to official IIHF ice hockey competitions and helps establish the IIHF as the governing body of international ice hockey worldwide.

The IIHF identity builds around the shape of an ice rink, which is the common visual denominator between all identities of official IIHF competitions. The entire IIHF brand architecture adopts this shape as the base of all of its logos - ensuring a clear visual relationship within the IIHF family. The structured use of other design elements such as fonts and colours strengthens this relationship.

This approach will ensure a coherent, recognizable brand throughout all IIHF competitions and IIHF events: a truly branded house.

By following these guidelines you will be able to build an official competition brand that is clearly related to the IIHF. The strength of the IIHF brand will reflect positively on your competition, increasing recognition and visibility.

IIHF Parent Logo



Top Division Competitions



Lower Division Competitions



Other IIHF Competitions



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Brand assets - the standard competition logos

Official IIHF regional competitions



Official IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship



Official IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships at Division level



The standard competition logos

The IIHF will supply standard competition logos for IIHF regional competitions and IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships at division level.

The logos for these competitions are managed and made available in usable formats by the IIHF Marketing Department.

All IIHF standard competition logos are copyright protected, registered trademarks and protected by other relevant intellectual property laws internationally. These IIHF competition emblems should at all times carry the registered trademark ® symbol in the bottom right corner and the graphic specifications in this manual should be respected at all times.

Brand assets - the standard competition logos

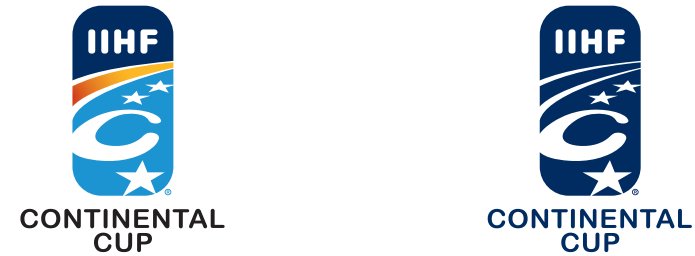
Competition logo versions



The standard competition logo versions

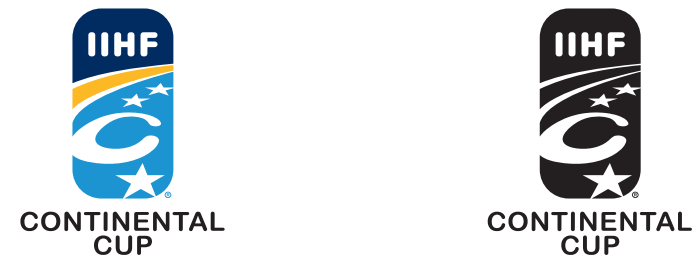
The competition logos come in the usual vertical and horizontal versions. For some of the horizontal logos, the font size has been increased to improve the balance.

Competition logo states



Process colour (cmyk)

IIFH Force blue only



Flat

Black only

The standard competition logo states

The competition logos come in prepared states that reflect different reproduction requirements.

The different states are available from the IIFH Marketing Department.

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The top-division competitions

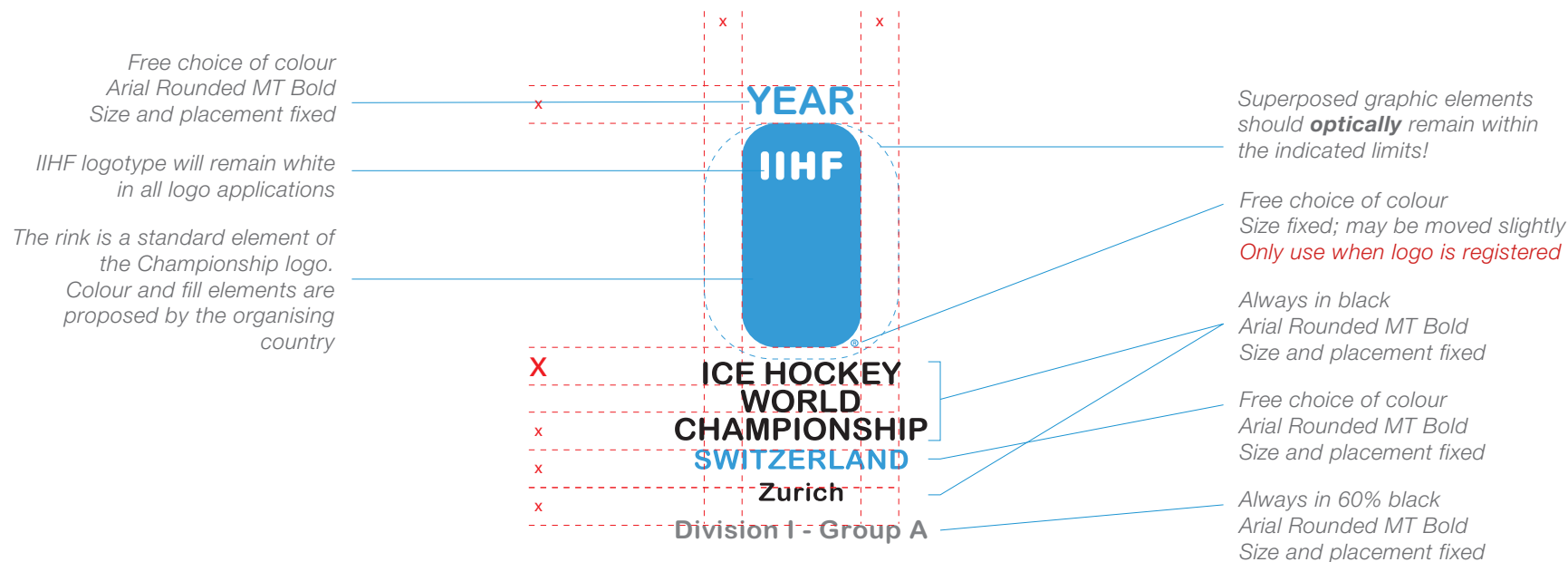
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Brand assets - the personalised logos

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo template



The IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo template

Top division IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships are allowed to create their own logo. To assist, the IIHF has established a logo design template to ensure coherency of the IIHF brand worldwide. Prior to use, the logo needs to be presented to the IIHF Marketing Department for approval.

It is always a good idea to protect an original creation and thus register the logo at least at national level. Only in this case can the ®-symbol be placed. Free low-profile protection can be obtained by using the ©-symbol.

On the following page is a logo that has been produced using the above template. This logo is featured throughout the manual as inspiration as to how you can apply your own IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship creations to a wide array of materials.

Brand assets - the personalised logo versions

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo - vertical



IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo - horizontal



This logo has been created using the template on the previous page. Logos for top-division events should be prepared in both vertical and horizontal formats and in all relevant colour variations. The logo-template that is available from the IIHF has guides, fixed shapes and editable text elements embedded.

Brand assets - the personalised logo states

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo states



Full-colour tonal



PMS tonal



Grey-scale tonal



Inverse



Full-colour flat



PMS flat



Grey-scale flat



Black flat

This page features a standard set of vertical logo states. The horizontal versions should reflect these states. The digital files of these logo states should be saved as vector files (in .eps or .ai; allowing for unlimited enlargement) as well as single-layer, fixed files (in .jpg) in the definition and colour system needed.

To foresee the different applications and technical issues which you may encounter, it is best to create a full set of logo states at an early stage. Following the above sample set will help you ease the process. The tonal versions are for high quality print reproduction (and on-screen) while the flat versions ideal for lower quality print reproduction techniques. On-screen versions should always appear in tonal color (RGB, supplied as .jpg files).

Design inspiration

Personalized competition emblem samples



Creation of the symbols in the logo










When creating the emblem for your logo, please keep the following in mind:



- Strictly follow the IIHF logo templates
- Include elements that relate to hockey, the venue or the host culture
- Think about influences on logo usage - e.g. successful printing and embroidery
- Choose simple, strong images
- Limit the number of colours used - fewer is better
- Preferably use flat colours without shading or colour gradations
- Be sensitive to other cultures and religions
- **Submit your designs to the IIHF Marketing Department well in advance of use. This will help with optimization of your logo and ease the approval process.**

Please avoid:

- Elements from photographs or imported images
- Images that have small details and fine lines as these are difficult to reproduce
- An extended colour palette or metallic colours
- Infringing copyrights when choosing images.

Brand assets - IIHF base colours

								
IIHF Passion	IIHF Force	IIHF Victory	IIHF Heritage	IIHF Men*	IIHF Women	IIHF U20	IIHF U18	IIHF WU18
PMS 485® + 15% PMS 282® (or 15% black in CMYK)	PMS 282®	PMS 7461®	PMS 661®	PMS 282®	PMS 215®	PMS 166®	PMS 364®	PMS 2602®
Process colour values (CMYK)								
0/97/100/15	100/68/0/54	78/28/0/0	100/69/0/9	100/68/0/54	0/100/35/27	0/64/100/0	65/0/100/42	63/100/0/3
RGB-colour values (on-screen; Adobe® Photoshop value indications)								
206/33/31	0/45/98	21/149/211	0/84/159	0/45/98	182/0/80	245/123/32	54/124/43	121/40/140
Hexachromic colour values (web; Adobe® Photoshop value indications)								
#CE211F	#002D62	#1595D3	#00549F	#002D62	#B60050	#F57B20	#367C2B	#79288C

	IIHF Decision	Black	CMYK 0/0/0/100; RGB 0/0/0; HEXA #000000
	IIHF Justice	White	CMYK 0/0/0/0; RGB 255/255/255; HEXA #FFFFFF

* Note: IIHF Men (secondary colour) is the same as IIHF Force (primary colour).

The IIHF colours

All IIHF standard logos have been created using a combination of official IIHF colours (1 = primary colour; 2 = secondary colour).

When designing your logos, we advise you to focus on this official colour palate, to bring coherency and IIHF brand value to your event.

Logo states featuring only a secondary colour should use the colour related to the relevant competition, which should be the main colour of the logo, or the IIHF category.

All standard competition logos come with a white background frame around the emblem.

* Note: IIHF Men (secondary colour) is the same as IIHF Force (primary colour).

Brand assets - graphic support elements



Global movement and agility - the swishes

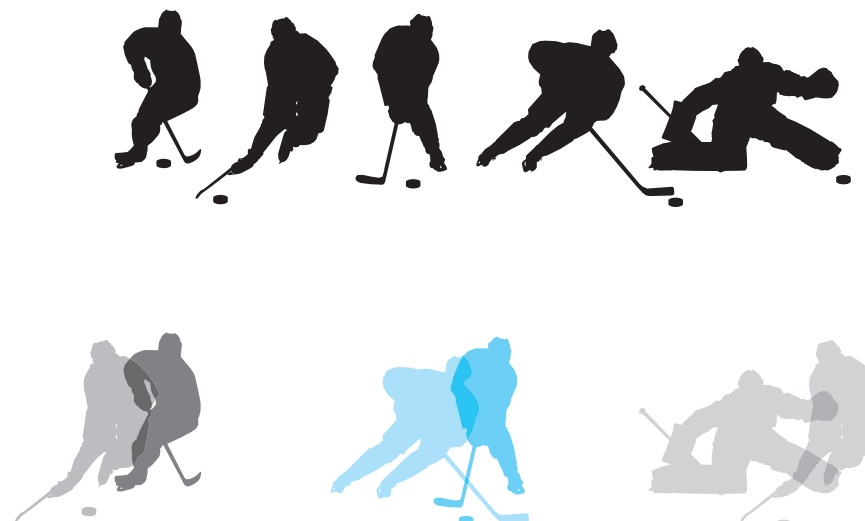
The main attributes of the sport are expressed in the form of swishes and skate marks. Speed and agility are clearly represented when using the element.

The swish should ideally be coloured in the light blue tints embedded in the original graphic file, with the skate marks in white and grey - or a colour that coincides with the rest of the design.

A combination of the light blues tints, with one of the swishes in another corporate colour (primary or secondary), is also possible. The swish file may be applied in a blend-mode, preferably the 'multiply' option (the swish file is placed onto your design backgrounds, which will cause the light blue colour of the swish file to blend with the background colour; applying the swish in this manner, will assure the swishes will stay visible as a graphic element.

Under no circumstances may the shapes be redrawn.

(To the right of the full view of the swish-graphic, a framed detail is shown)



IIHF Heroes

A set of ice hockey player silhouettes has been created to represent the actual actors and heroes of the game. The individual figures can be combined in order to create dynamic snapshots that look like they have come straight out of a game. Transparencies of colours will keep the individual players clearly identified, and make them appear more dynamic.

Combinations of players should of course only show one single puck; the digital files allow for variations in placing, colouring and transparency. Sets of two players work best; always produce natural-looking scenes of duelling ice hockey opponents.

Under no circumstances may these figures be adjusted, turned or mirrored - this would cause incorrect ice hockey positions.

Brand assets - corporate type

Arial Rounded MT Bold
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 éèëïüöääß

Helvetica Neue 45 Light
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
 0123456789 éèëïüöääß

Arial Rounded

This type has been used to set the IIHF logotype, although the IIHF parent logo files are only available with the outline versions of the type.

Arial Rounded is further used in the date and venue descriptions of all official IIHF World Championship logos. This information is set according to strict indications available in the templates. Arial Rounded is NOT used anywhere else.

Helvetica Neue

All official, professionally printed communication pieces communicating the IIHF brand are set in one of the weights of the Helvetica Neue family.

Running texts are set in Helvetica Neue 45 Light, in general at a 70% tint of black. The italic version (Helvetica Neue 46 Light Italic) can be used to highlight certain texts but the use of italics should stay low key in order to keep a visual balance in the texts.

Medium (65) and Bold (75) can be used to emphasize texts and titles. No strict rules are to be followed concerning these. Italic versions may be used sparsely and in general italics are not used in titles.

Helvetica Neue 65 Medium
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 éèëïüöääß

Helvetica Neue 75 Bold
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0123456789 éèëïüöääß

Any of the other weights (ultra light, thin, roman, heavy) may be used as well, taking into account that there should be sufficient visual difference between highlights in texts. Helvetica Neue Ultra Light and Thin should only be used for larger titles due to its fragile character at smaller sizes.

Type should not to be stretched, squeezed, pulled, nor should any text decoration effects be used (e.g. shadow, 3dimensional effects, pattern fills, etc).

Arial

Helvetica Neue may be replaced by Arial in office applications (e-mail, MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint), e.g. in your IIHF competition-related correspondence.

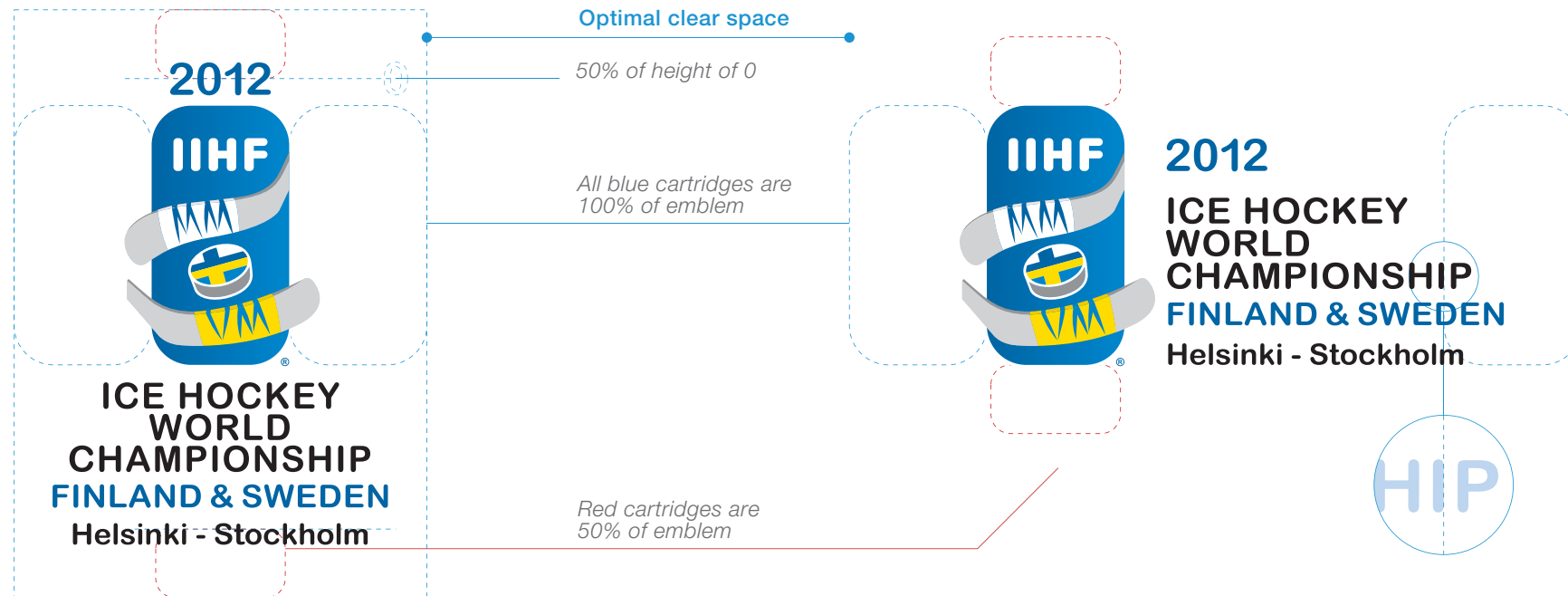
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Brand assets - logo clear space

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo clear space



To ensure your logos are communicating effectively, it is important that you respect some simple white space rules. These rules give you the opportunity to keep the background of your logos free of any non-competition related visuals.

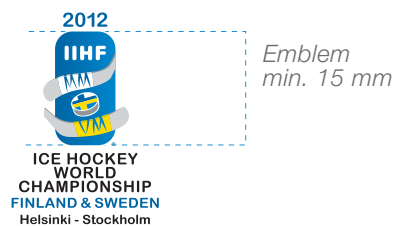
Any branding element that is directly related to the competition (colour, shape or imagery) or the IIHF brand (secondary branding elements) can enter the clear space, but anything unrelated to the competition could disturb the interpretation of the logo (or brand) and thus is to be kept outside of the indicated clear space limits.

Brand assets - minimal logo dimensions

Minimal sizes for official IIHF competition logos



All printing qualities



All printing qualities



To ensure the clarity of the official IIHF competition logos when used in a small format, all elements should obey the above rules to ensure clarity.

Brand assets - minimal logo dimensions

Special occasion only mini logos



High quality printing



Emblem
min. 10 mm

Minimal dimensions

Low and flexible quality printing



Emblem
min. 15 mm

Minimal dimensions

Occasionally, an out-of-the-ordinary version of the official IIHF competition logo is needed (pins, on a pen, as a holographic seal etc). Such logos will need all the basic competition information as per the above samples. Whilst minimal dimension rules apply, the length of texts may sometimes result in elements being smaller than allowed by the guidelines. If this is the case, please ensure that the logo is as large as possible to allow high quality reproduction.

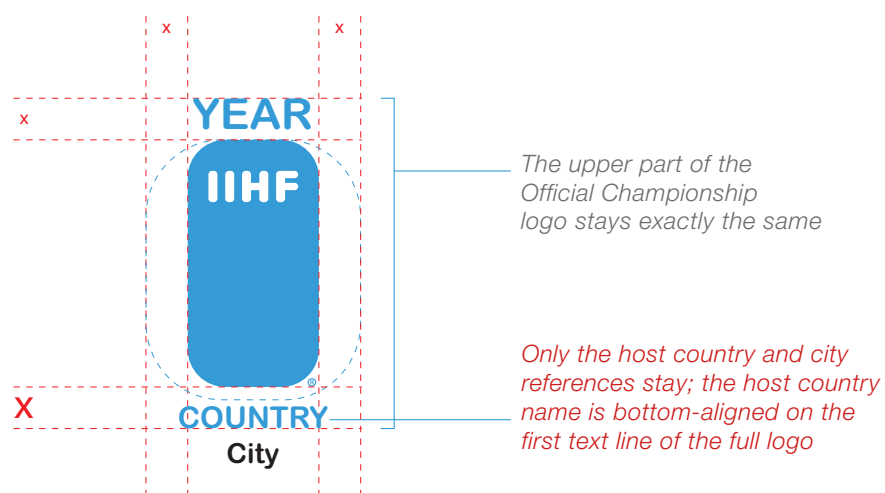
In order to accommodate for use on items with only compacted space available, the logo may be composed differently maintaining the reading right order of the elements, and taking into account the above rules for dimension of the emblem.



Brand assets - condensed logo

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship condensed logo template

The emblem is exactly the same as in the official competition logo; the text block information is reduced and moved up



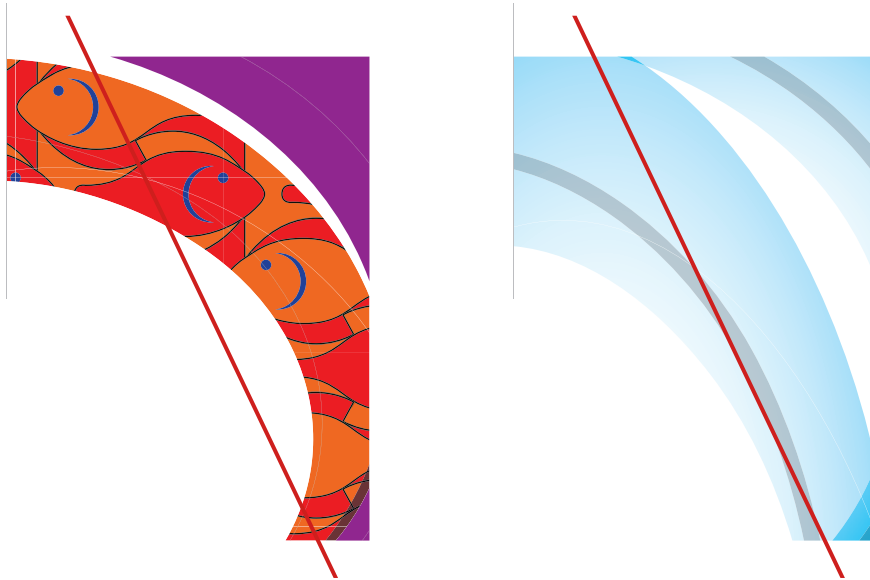
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship condensed logo template

We have created a condensed logo template for smaller applications where the detailed mini version (page 19) cannot be used due to the reproduction technique.

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship logo, mini logo and condensed logo



Brand assets - the graphic support elements



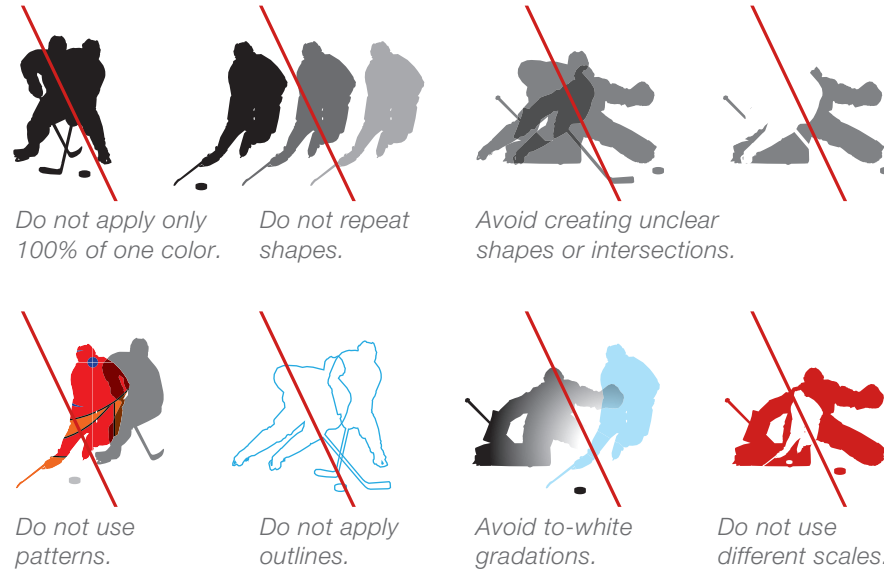
Compliant use of the graphic support elements

The graphic elements help evoke the spirit of professional ice hockey and its inherent attributes (speed, agility, passion etc). It is important that this is respected when handling these elements.

Do not fill shapes with a pattern or too many colours.

Do not emphasize the skate marks too much.

Do not rescale or move parts of the element.



Alongside the recommendations above, please use ice hockey heroes sparingly.

For appropriate use of both elements, please refer to the different illustrations throughout this manual.

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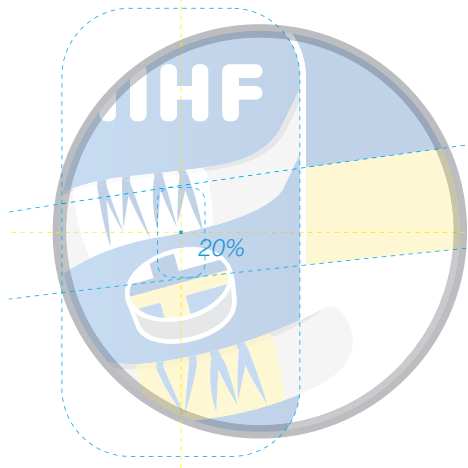
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Using the standard IIHF publication templates

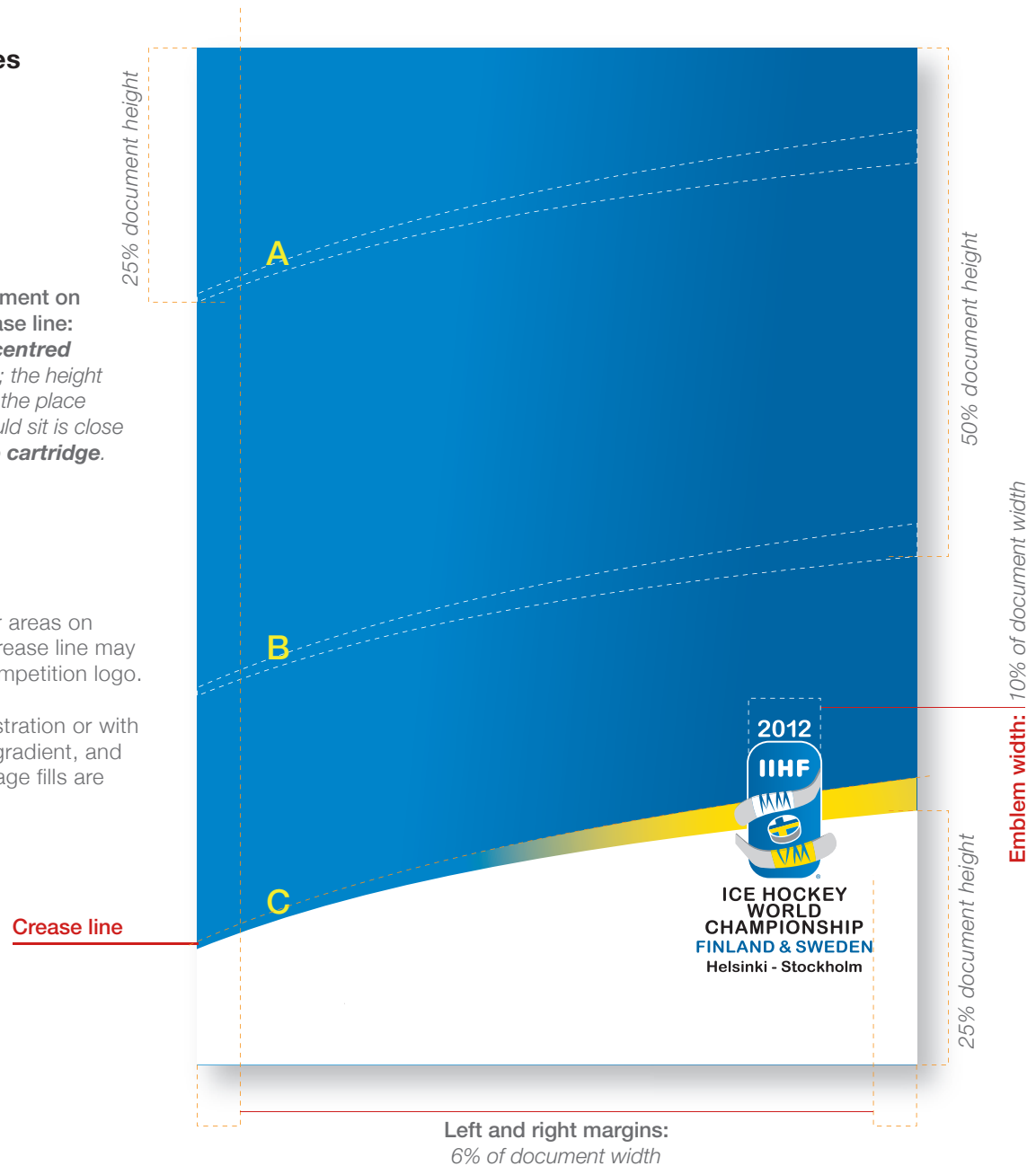


Vertical logo placement on the document crease line:
The logo is placed **centred on the crease line**; the height of the crease line in the place where the logo should sit is close to **20% of the logo cartridge**.

The crease-line publication cover template

These are digital templates which allow the upper and lower areas on these covers to be enlarged or reduced, respectively. The crease line may be moved vertically to level A, B or C along with the IIHF competition logo.

The background areas may be filled with either a photo, illustration or with colour. The crease line may be filled with another colour or gradient, and in a translucent fashion if wished, however no pattern or image fills are allowed.



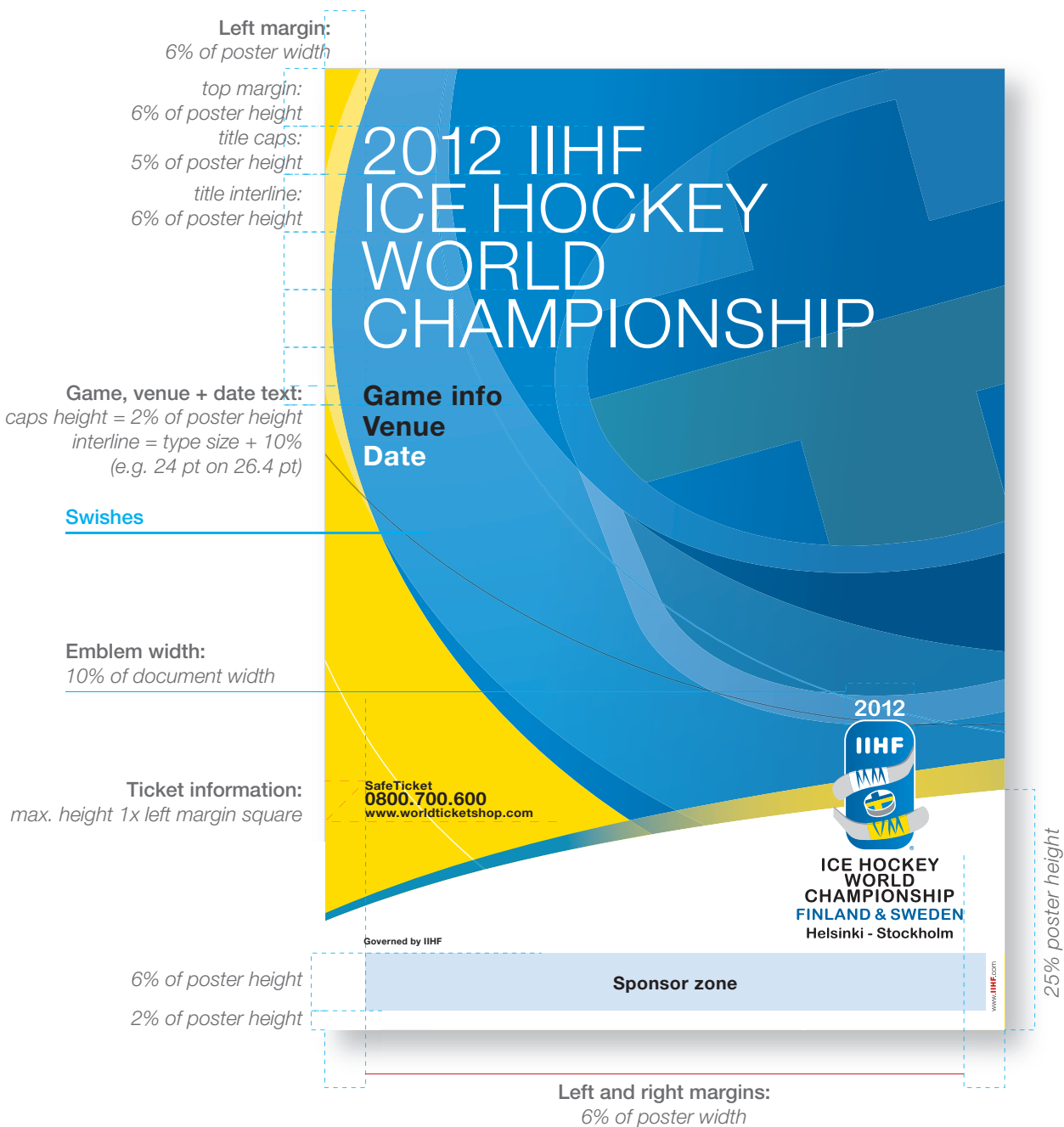
The IIHF Poster Template

The IIHF brand is also built through collateral expressions. In order to build the brand in a more coherent and managed way, the IIHF has decided to publish simple, primary rules for posters, publications etc. These rules also include guidelines for the application of sponsor logos.

The basic elements of the publication guidelines are:

- the IIHF crease line stretching from left to right,
- the use of the swish brand element,
- image- and white areas,
- logo size and placement,
- text placement, style and basic sizes.

In addition to these graphic elements, there are logos, imagery, sportive feel etc. that help make a publication fit into the IIHF family.



Using the standard IIHF publication templates

Top margin:

10% of document height

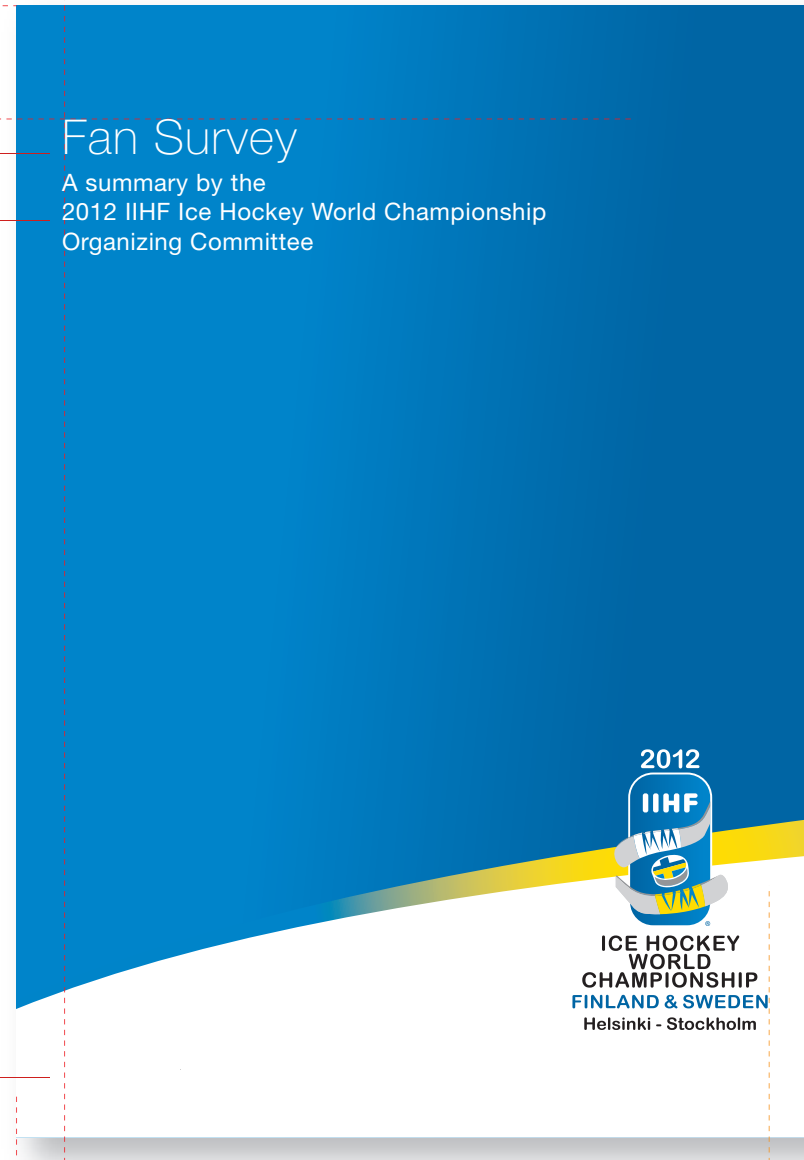
Helvetica Neue 35 Thin

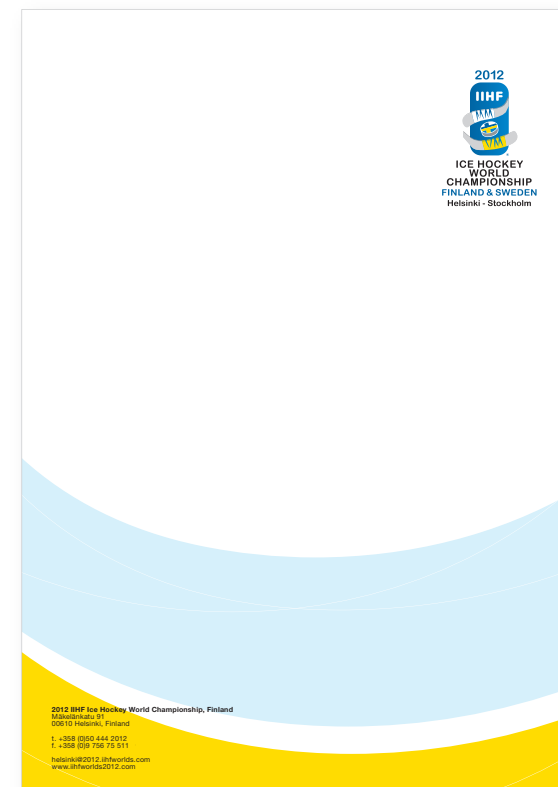
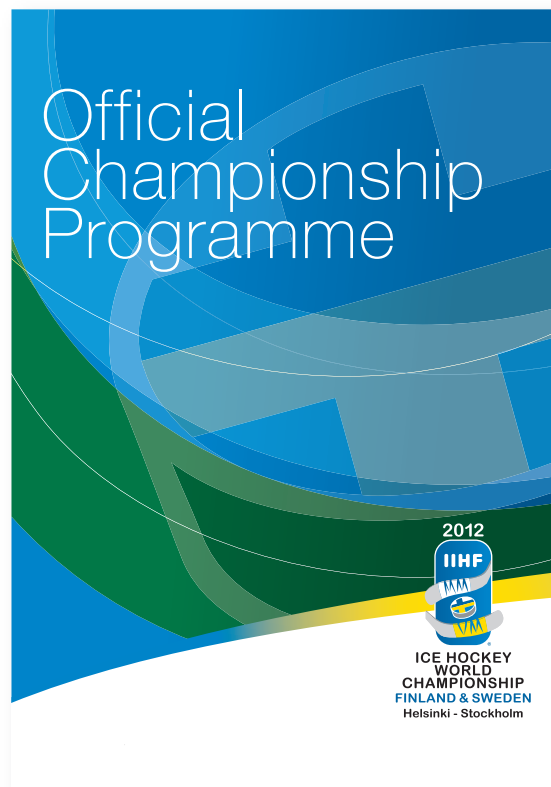
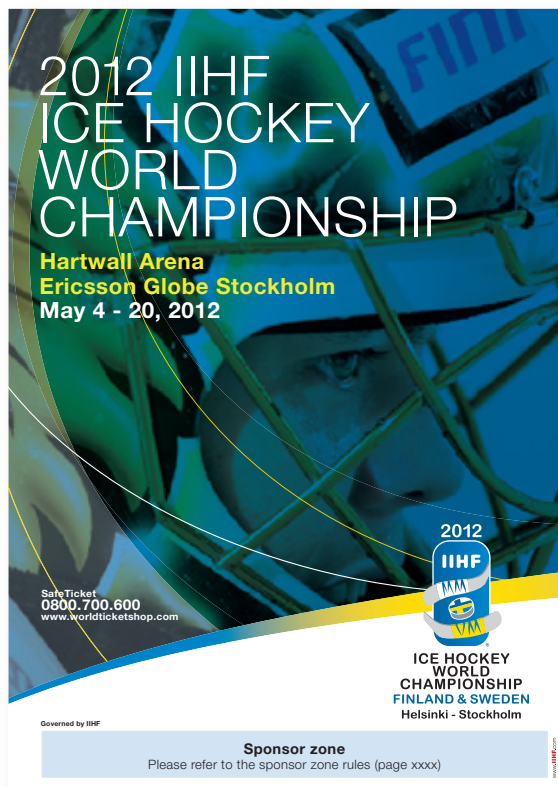
Helvetica Neue 55 Roman

Placing text on the covers is also regulated - mainly through margin and typeface recommendations.

Left and right margins:

6% of document width





Publication templates - samples of use of poster, official championship programme and letterhead.

Personalised stadium banners

Stadium banners

Exterior or interior stadium decoration also uses the graphic branding elements and competition logo to the full extent.

The banner on the left shows that the width of the cartridge in the competition logo is a third of the width of the banner it is placed on.

*Blue cartridges are
100% of emblem*

*Red cartridge is
50% of emblem*



*Red cartridge is
50% of emblem*

*Align visually with
Championship
as placed on
event banners*

Players' bench and penalty booth; the press backdrop



The players' bench and penalty booth

An endless banner is based on existing templates in which the relevant competition logo is placed and repeated to create an attractive pattern. It is recommended to use three rows to cover the relevant area, spacing the individual rows so that a diagonal pattern results (chevron effect - see image to the bottom-right).

Graphic elements may be used on the dark bar, between logos.



The press backdrop (next page)

The press backdrop features a repetitive pattern to ensure that a competition logo is visible in all media shots.

It is based on a template in which the relevant competition logo can be placed in combination with the IIHF emblem and/or sponsor logos. The background should remain white to maximise visibility.





Blue cartridges are 100% of emblem

Using the Championship logo on apparel



Condensed logo on the front of a baseball cap

Use on apparel

Your competition logo may also be used on officially licensed apparel. Here are a few rules relating to the design of apparel:

- Always keep the logo elements together
 - Assure that the best possible quality for reproduction is obtained
 - Do not use a large logo that wraps around or is partially hidden
 - Be aware that a printed logo does not run over a seam; an embroidered logo may do so only when the quality of the logo is assured
- Use a logo on one single colour of textile (the apparel may be composed of different colours if you choose so); different colours may be printed in the background
 - Ensure that all elements of the logo are in sharp contrast to the colour of the textile, to ensure visibility
 - Logo white spaces do not have to be respected due to the nature of apparel though do respect the integrity of the logo(s) placed on the item.

Quick reference logo-file & reproduction-process card

This page gives you a quick overview of which logo state to supply when you are producing your communication piece.

Preview					
Logo state	ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINLAND & SWEDEN Helsinki - Stockholm <i>Full colour tonal</i> (1=CMYK) (2=RGB) (3=PMS)	ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINLAND & SWEDEN Helsinki - Stockholm <i>Flat colour</i> (1=CMYK) (3=PMS)	ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINLAND & SWEDEN Helsinki - Stockholm <i>Black only</i>	ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINLAND & SWEDEN Helsinki - Stockholm <i>Greyscale tonal</i>	ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINLAND & SWEDEN Helsinki - Stockholm <i>Greyscale flat</i>

Printing

Four-colour/digital	● (1)
Two-colour	●
One-colour	●
Silk-screen	● (1,3)

On-screen

Electronic media	● (2)
Word processing	● (2)
Web	● (2)
Television	● (2)

Other

Embroidery	●	●	●	●
Embossing/debossing		●	●	
Etching/engraving		●	●	
Holography			●	

To guarantee quality reproduction, do supply .eps or .ai files or highly defined .jpg (.jpeg) files.

