

Patronage and Recognition

Many national organizations that are affiliated to the IKF, as well as many regional associations, clubs, etc. organize high quality korfball events. For the organizers it is often beneficial to get some kind of official recognition on behalf of the IKF for such an event. This may benefit the organizers in terms of number of participants, possible sponsorship, and media coverage; it is an upgrade of the event. For the IKF, it may also be beneficial to be associated with such an event. It may bring the IKF publicity, opportunity for the IKF sponsors to show themselves, and it assists in one of the main missions of the IKF: further development of korfball.

The recognition of an event by the IKF exists in two categories:

- IKF Official Patronage
- IKF Official Recognition

The conditions for each type of recognition are different, as well as the benefits. They are outlined below:

IKF Official Patronage

IKF Official Patronage is given to high quality events, of a repetitive nature, organized by or with the support of a national organization that is a member of the IKF, in which national or regional selections compete.

Conditions

- The event must be organized on a repetitive basis (annually, bi-annually, etc.)
- The event must have been organized at least two times before official patronage can be requested
- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF at least six months before the event
- The event must include national or regional selections, with age limitations where applicable
- The event must be organized by, or supported by, a national organization that is affiliated to the IKF
- The event organisers must allow the IKF to appoint at least two referees
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated ball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to supply a complete match programme to the IKF
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office
- The IKF has absolute discretion in granting official patronage.

Benefits

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF logo for the patronized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'under the official patronage of the IKF'
- Supporting invitations may be sent by the IKF on IKF letterhead, if deemed desirable by the organization
- The event will be included in the OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the IKF
- Results will be included as official results in Korfball International
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate

IKF Official Recognition

IKF Official Recognition is given to high quality events, not necessarily of a repetitive nature, in which elite teams compete. The teams need not necessarily be national or regional selections, but may also be club teams.

Conditions

- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF at least six months before the event
- The event must include elite teams, with age restrictions where applicable
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated ball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to supply a complete match programme to the IKF
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office
- The IKF has absolute discretion in granting official recognition.

Benefits

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF logo for the recognized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'recognized by the IKF'
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate

A well documented request for patronage or recognition should be sent to the IKF Office at least six months before the event is to take place.