

## New Age Group IKF Competitions

It was announced at the IKF Congress held in Lisbon in October 2013 that the IKF is planning to introduce a programme of age related events on a four year cycle.

It was announced that the Under 23 age group championship will be discontinued following the IKF U23 WKC in 2016.

Subsequently events will be held on either a World or Continental basis based on the following ages:

Under 21; Under 19; Under 17; Under 15.

The maximum age for participating in these events will follow the principle that the IKF has used for many years – a player must be under the event's age limit at the start of the calendar year in which the event takes place but may attain that age during the year in question (even though this may be on 1 January of that year if a player happens to have a birthday on 1 January).

As in the current IKF Competition Regulations, there will also be a minimum age for a player to be able to participate and the reference point for this shall be that the player must have achieved the minimum age no later than the first playing day of the event concerned.

Event	Minimum age
Senior (National teams)	16
Senior (Club teams)	15
U21	15
U19	14
U17	13
U15	12

In order to prepare for these new IKF Age-Group events, countries should take note of the following: -

From 2015 onwards the patronaged events will be encouraged to change to the new age-group definitions

From 2017 onwards the new age-groups will be implemented in the IKF CC + IKF Continent competition programs (see attached document)

The events will be as follows: (WKC = World Korfball Championship / CKC = Continental Korfball Championship)

- U21 WKC + CKC (replacing U23 WKC: last tournament 2016 U23 WKC)
- U19 WKC + CKC
- U17 CKC
- U15 CKC

From 2015 onwards National Associations are encouraged to use the new age-groups in their local programs.