

PRESS RELEASE

Franz Reindl announces candidacy to become International Ice Hockey Federation President

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Riga, Latvia – 5 June 2021:

Franz Reindl, President of the German Ice Hockey Federation and International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Council Member, has today announced that he is to stand for the position of President of IIHF.

Reindl, a three-time Olympian and Olympic Bronze Medallist at the Innsbruck 1976 Winter Games, declared his intention to stand at the conclusion of the 2021 Ice Hockey World Championship in Riga, Latvia. As set out in the IIHF Election Conduct Guidelines, Reindl has been nominated as a Presidential candidate by his home National Association, Germany.

Franz Reindl has spent several decades in Ice Hockey – first as an accomplished international player, then as a national level coach and he has been a leading administrator in the sport since 1986. As well as being President of the German Ice Hockey Federation and IIHF Council Member, he has also held a number of other leadership positions, including CEO of the IIHF World Championships when they were staged in Germany in 2001, 2010 and 2017. Reindl has additionally chaired several IIHF events and is the current IIHF Competition and Coordination Committee Chairman.

Reindl announced today that after the official IIHF candidacy confirmation he will unveil his manifesto and vision for Ice Hockey and the IIHF candidacy in the coming weeks ahead of the Presidential election at the 2021 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia, in September 2021.

Franz Reindl: “I have dedicated my life to Ice Hockey – first as an athlete and Olympian, and more recently as President of the German Federation and IIHF Council Member. The world of Ice Hockey has shaped me to be the person I am today so it is my greatest honour to now stand for IIHF Presidency. Thank you to the German National Federation for supporting my candidacy.

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Note to Editors:

IIHF Member National Associations will vote to decide the President of the IIHF in September 2021 at its Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Please find attached low-res images of Franz Reindl as player and as a sports executive.

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About Franz Reindl:

Date of birth: 24 November 1954

Born: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

Family: Married, two daughters, one son, four grandchildren

Sporting career

As a player

- Overall stats: 861 games, 955 points (481 goals/474 assists)
- Bronze Medal, Innsbruck 1976 Olympic Winter Games
- Three Olympic Winter Games: Innsbruck 1976, Lake Placid 1980, Sarajevo 1984
- Competed at nine IIHF World Championships
- Triple German Ice Hockey Champion: 1978, 1981, 1985
- Competed in the 1981 Canada Cup
- German Bundesliga Top Scorer in 1982
- Retired from professional Ice Hockey in 1988

As a coach

- Head Coach of German National Hockey team at World Cup of Hockey 2004
- Assistant Coach of German National Hockey Team at three IIHF World Championships and two Olympic Winter Games
- Head Coach at SC Riessersee Hockey Club in Germany's Second League [1988-1991]

Sports Administration Highlights

- President of the German Ice Hockey Federation [2014-current]
 - Involved with 15 Ice Hockey World Championships, Four Olympic Winter Games
- IIHF Council Member [2016-current]
- IIHF Chairman Competition & Coordination Committee [2016-2021]
- IIHF Chairman at several IIHF Events [2016-current]
- CEO of IIHF World Championships in Germany [2001, 2010 and 2017]
- First CEO of the independent German Hockey League DEL [1994-1996]
- Sports Director and General Secretary of German National Hockey Team [2003-2011]

- General Manager of German National Team at World Cup of Hockey [1996]
- President of Team Europe at 2016 World Cup of Hockey [2016]