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Note:

1. No participant may participate in an IMHA (FIH sanctioned) tournament until he/she has signed this acknowledgment and agreement.
2. This acknowledgement and agreement must be lodged with the Technical Delegate at the latest at the Pre-Tournament Event Briefing at which the Participant is to participate or before the individual's first participation in the tournament in the case of travel delays.
3. "Participant" means and includes all team members and officials including players, managers, coaching and support staff and all Tournament Officials including the Technical Delegate, Technical Officers, Umpires Managers, Medical Officers, Judges, Umpires, Host Organising Committee and any other appointed official.

Name of Team/Officials Group:.....

Name of Event:.....



1. Participants shall at all times conduct themselves fairly and properly on the field of play and any part of the hockey venue/accommodation. Participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner that shall not prejudice the interest of hockey or which shall bring the game into disrepute.
2. The following shall be regarded as conduct which is improper, unfair, and unacceptable:
 - (a) Verbal/physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant, person or any other member of the public.
 - (b) Disputing, protesting and/or reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.
 - (c) Feigning injury and/or overreacting to an alleged breach or decision.
 - (d) Charging or advancing towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner when appealing.
 - (e) Using rude or abusive language or hand signals.
 - (f) Abuse of hockey equipment or clothing, venue equipment or fixtures and fittings.
 - (g) Failure to comply with any directives for medal presentation ceremonies.
 - (h) Any act that appears to, or is intended to, influence any participant or which may affect any decision, the outcome of any match or the tournament result. (e.g. an inducement in the form of money or gift).
3. Public Statements
 - (i) The FIH defines a “public statement” as follows:

Any statement in which the whole, part or essence, is made public. Such a statement may be made in a newspaper, magazine, periodical or by any electronic (internet, E mail, Facebook, etc) or other means through the medium of television, radio or in any other manner whatsoever, regardless of the circumstances in which the statement was made.
 - (ii) Public statements must be fair, constructive and reasonable and must not involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, appointed official or administrator.
 - (iii) It is recognised that fair and reasonable comments on the game in general are essentially in the interests of everyone, however, it further recognises that in the interest of maintaining the generally excellent relations that currently exist between players, umpires and officials, it is necessary to ensure that any such comment and criticism is constructive.
4. Participants are responsible for the use of any medication(s) during the event. Participants support drug free sport worldwide and comply with the terms of the WADA code and the FIH Anti-Doping Rules.
5. IMHA and FIH shall be permitted to only use images taken of Participants during events for non-commercial purposes. The images will be used in general to promote the sport of hockey and for promotional purposes for Masters Hockey worldwide.
6. Participants shall not participate in, support or promote any form of betting or gaming activities, including online betting or gaming activities or betting with another person, related to the event in which they are participants.

¹ IMHA acknowledges the FIH Code of Conduct as the source of this document.