

NEWSLETTER 1

Your NEW Masters Hockey Organisation

World Masters Hockey is the name of your new global organisation for all international Masters hockey. Due to take over responsibility from IMHA and WGMA on 1 January 2019, WMH will be inclusive and representative of all levels of Masters hockey from 35+ to 75+, and beyond!



At the FIH Congress in 2012, the FIH President announced the objective of creating one body responsible for Masters hockey and to further

develop Masters hockey through National Associations and Continental Federations. The FIH provided a clear position statement and key principles to support the future growth of Masters hockey linked to its newly launched strategic delivery of the Hockey Revolution.

FIH Masters Panel

To deliver this strategy the FIH established the FIH Masters Panel to co-ordinate and guide the development of International Masters Hockey and to further develop Masters Hockey through National Associations and Continental Federations. The FIH Masters Panel comprised representatives from both IMHA and WGMA and was chaired by a member of the FIH Executive Board.



During its period of operation, the FIH Masters Panel provided a valuable mechanism to consolidate Masters activity in a number of areas, increase communication between the three parties and consulting on the strategic direction to support future growth at all levels of Masters Hockey.

World Masters Hockey

In 2016, FIH developed a 'Hockey Revolution - Masters Roadmap' which confirmed FIH's desire for a single Masters hockey organisation to be constituted and operating no later than 1 December 2018, supported by the FIH and sanctioned by FIH to deliver Masters hockey to meet the strategic needs of the Hockey Revolution and the Masters community.

Leading up to the FIH Congress in November 2016, the IMHA and WGMA proposed a structure for the new entity which would be known as the International Masters Hockey Board (name changed to World Masters Hockey in July 2017).

To ensure confidence in progressing this initiative, the FIH required that IMHA and WGMA Boards confirm their approval of the FIH approach and timeline. The IMHA confirmed their endorsement in January 2017 followed by WGMA in February 2017.

The Decision Makers

An **Interim World Masters Hockey Group** was established in early 2017 comprising **Sue Catton** (Chair) (FIH), **Glenn Paton** (IMHA), **Sue Briggs** (IMHA), **Wim van Noortwijk** (WGMA) and **Adrian Stephenson** (WGMA), and this group now meets every 3 months.

The main focus of work for the Interim WMH Group has centred on shaping the strategy, governance structure and constitution for the new single Masters organisation ahead of the IMHA and WGMA EGMs in August 2017.

EGMs Give Approval

Both IMHA and WGMA Boards required membership approval for the principle of creating a new single Masters Hockey organisation at their relevant EGMs to enable further progress.

The IMHA EGM was held in Tilburg on 14 August and the WGMA EGM in Glasgow on 22 August. Both meetings gave their full support and approval for the way forward and endorsed their representatives continued involvement in the Interim WMH Group. The focus of activity is now to progress the constitution and the development, structure and delivery mechanisms for the new organisation.



WMH Vision and Mission

In devising its strategies for the future, the Interim WMH Group have created high level vision and mission statements to easily identify the direction of the new organisation.

WMH Vision: To create a world where hockey can be a lifelong sport for all.

WMH Mission: To inspire and support all to participate and enjoy Masters Hockey.

The **Objectives** deriving from these are:

- ❖ To grow participation;
- ❖ To deliver great international events;
- ❖ To increase the global visibility of Masters hockey;
- ❖ To enhance and grow appropriate technical resources for Masters hockey;
- ❖ To provide good governance and financial stability.

Working Groups get Working

In order to start pulling the detail together for the new organisation, four task orientated Working Groups have been established from October 2017 to identify the processes to support the primary objectives of WMH.

Nominations for members to serve on the Working Groups were considered by the Interim WMH Group in September 2017 and the following people were appointed:

Commercial and Communications

Niall Sturrock (SCO) (Chair)

Martin Ferrari (AUS), Peter Jones (USA), Irene Ryan (NZL), Norman Same (AUS), Stephen Winnall (SUI)

Development

Mary Cicinelli (CAN) (Chair)

Daniel Holsboer (NED), Denis Lovell (AUS), Imtiaz Sheikh (ENG), Islahuddin Siddiqui (PAK), Imre van Wagtendonk (ITA), Debra Wilkes (ENG)

Events

Sean Curran (IRL) (Chair)

Sue Briggs (AUS), Steve Floyd (ENG), Henk Rouwendal (NED), Peter Sweeney (AUS), Jan Winkel (NED)

Technical

Jeff Brown (NZL) (Chair)

Robyn Bannerman (AUS), Linda Hunter (AUS), Walter Imoedemhe (NIG), Graham Napier (AUS), Jaap Quarles van Ufford (NED), Margot Reelick-Albers (NED)

What Happens Next?

The Interim WMH Group has agreed a timetable for change with FIH and the key dates for the next steps are as follows:

Oct 17 - Working Groups appointed and start work

Nov 17 - Final draft constitution submitted to FIH Executive Board for approval.

Jan 18 - WMH incorporated in London.

Jun/Jul 18 - IMHA and WGMA Congresses ratify WMH Constitution and agree to dissolve by 31 Dec 2018.

Nov 18 - First WMH General Assembly and elections.

31 Dec 18 - IMHA and WGMA cease operations.

1 Jan 19 - WMH fully operational as the new single Masters Hockey Organisation.

Join Us

The Interim WMH Group are in the process of confirming membership categories and discussing the annual subscription fees for the new World Masters Hockey organisation. WMH membership is open to any FIH Member National Association, Continental Federation, Recognised Organisations, supporting organisations and individuals in the following categories:

Full Members - National Associations or single officially Delegated Organisation approved by the NA.

Associate Members - Continental Federations.

Honorary Members - any person or organisation who has made a significant contribution to Masters hockey, as recommended by the Executive Board.

Recognised Organisations - any organisation who delivers Masters hockey activities in pursuance of the objectives of WMH as recommended by the Executive Board.

Full details of membership, fees and the application process will be available in 2018.

Upcoming Events

Asian Cup (WGMA) - 23/29 Oct 2017, Hiroshima (JPN)

Americas Cup (WGMA) - 7/10 Dec 17, Buenos Aires (ARG)

Americas Cup (IMHA) - 7/10 Dec 17, Buenos Aires (ARG)

World Cup (WGMA) - 20/30 Jun 18, Barcelona (ESP)

World Cup (IMHA) - 27 Jul/5 Aug 18, Terrassa (ESP)

And finally

The next edition of the **WMH Newsletter** will be published and distributed in December 2017. Make sure you get your copy and keep up to date with all that's happening in World Masters Hockey.

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