

Lausanne, Friday 8 September 2006

To: All International Umpires and Umpire Managers

Dear Friends,

Please find following the latest news on umpiring matters, which we hope will be of interest to you.

Contact Details Reminder

Our usual request for contact details! In order to be able to communicate quickly and effectively with all our International Umpires and Umpire Managers, it is essential that we have your up to date contact details. The sending of the Rules of Hockey 2007/2008 (as referred to in last month's Newsletter) requires having an up to date postal address!

If you move house, change jobs, or any of your contact details alter (in particular your e-mail address), please let Richard Wilson know immediately at richard.wilson@worldhockey.org

2007/8 Rules of Hockey Briefing and Guidance for Umpires

Further to our August 2006 Newsletter, a 2007/8 Rules of Hockey Briefing and Guidance was posted to the FIH Website on 6 September 2006, and can be found via the following link: -

<http://www.worldhockey.org/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,1181-136925-154141-nav-list,00.html> and clicking on the relevant file.

The most important points from the 2007/8 Rules of Hockey Briefing and Guidance will be incorporated into the current FIH Outdoor Umpires Briefing and the 2007 version should be available around November 2006.

Umpire Manager Trainees

We are pleased to confirm that following their recent retirements from umpiring both Shakeel Qureshi (IND) and Tony Kelleher (ENG) have had applications accepted from their respective National Associations to become trainee FIH Umpire Managers.

Each will be required to participate at a Tournament as a trainee and successfully work alongside the appointed Umpires' Manager throughout that event before they can be accepted onto the full List. It is hoped to schedule their traineeship events during appropriate events in the 2007 calendar.

Golden Whistle

Following some queries, we can confirm that a Golden Whistle is awarded to those FIH International Umpires who have officiated in 100 official Senior international matches. 'Official' means that the match must be recorded by FIH. U-21 Tournaments and matches do not count towards the Golden Whistle, but are still counted as international caps.

(Therefore when umpiring Test Series or one off Test Matches and in order to help keep your FIH umpire record up to date, please request your National Association sends us the official match reports).

The first Golden Whistles were awarded in 1984. To date, only 24 Male Umpires and 23 Female Umpires has achieved this milestone.

Finally ...

The BDO Hockey World Cup for Men is currently taking place in Mönchengladbach (GER). For those of you who wish to follow the Tournament, there is an FIH Microsite which covers the Tournament, which can be found by following the link: -

<http://bdoworldcup.worldhockey.org/>

If you would like to watch the games from Germany, the Microsite contains the details of the TV broadcasts worldwide: -

<http://bdoworldcup.worldhockey.org/vsite/vcontent/page/custom/0,8510,5152-178056-195274-39522-262274-custom-item,00.html>

For those of you unable to watch on TV, highlights from every match at the Men's BDO Hockey World Cup are available to watch on FIH's broadband internet television channel, [WorldHockey TV](#).

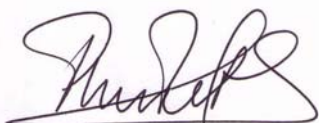
Click the 'on demand' tab once the player has launched, then select the 'category' and 'sub-category' to view the action from Mönchengladbach as the twelve teams compete for the 2006 World Cup title.

WorldHockey TV is managed by FieldHockey TV using the television operating system developed by Narrowstep. Use the link above or on homepage of the website to access the television channel.

Please note that you will need to have a high speed Internet connection to view the highlights.

Best wishes.

With kindest regards



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