

Lausanne, Thursday 14 December 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.

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 Indoor Hockey

The Rules of Indoor Hockey 2007-2008 are now posted to the FIH website, as of 11 October 2006, and can be found via the following link: -
<http://www.worldhockey.org/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,1181-116516-117783-nav-list,00.html>

A copy of the Rules of Indoor Hockey 2007-2008 has been posted in the last few days to all International Umpires and Umpire Managers. If you have yet not received your copy of this, or the Outdoor Rules, it may well be because we do not have your correct postal address. Please see above!

Umpire Managers Briefing for Umpires for 2007

The most important points from the 2007/8 Rules of Hockey Briefing and Guidance will be incorporated into the current FIH Outdoor and Indoor Umpire Managers Briefing for Umpires and the 2007 versions should be available on the FIH website very shortly.

FIH Umpiring Committee

The FIH Umpiring Committee recently met in London (ENG) on Sunday 5 November 2006, as part of the FIH Congress week.

We are sorry to report that Gill Clarke (ENG) has recently tendered her resignation from the Committee for personal reasons. She has been thanked for her many years of service to both the Committee and umpiring in general with personal letters from Peter Cohen, Hon. Secretary General, and the Umpiring Committee.

Following the Executive Board meeting which took place on Sunday 12 November 2006, the composition of the new FIH Umpiring Committee is confirmed as follows: - Peter von Reth (NED/Chair), Resham Singh Bains (KEN), Joke Bougon (FRA), Santiago Deo (ESP), Billy Dillon (HKG), Ian Faulkner (NZL), Masako Kamisuki (JPN), Richard Kendrick (IRL), Anthony Mavridis (GRE), Janice McClintock (CAN), Clive McMurray (RSA), Alain Renaud (FRA), Jan-Jo Rommel (GER), Horacio Servetto (ARG), Ermanno Silvano (ITA), Roger St. Rose (TRI), Kukoo Walia (IND), Richard Wilson (Secretary/FIH).

Retiring members of the old Committee, Richard Kentwell (USA), Marianne Kooijman (NED) and Mi Ok Lee (KOR), have received letters of thanks from the Committee for the contribution that they have made not only to the Umpiring Committee, but also to umpiring in general on a regional, national and international basis, throughout their respective periods of office.

The FIH Umpiring Committee will next meet during the period 15-17 May 2007, with the actual date and location to be advised in due course.

Video Umpire

At the Executive Board meeting in London, on the basis of the report from the Umpiring Committee following its trial use at the Women's Champions Trophy in Amstelveen (NED) and the World Cups in Mönchengladbach (GER) and Madrid (ESP), it was agreed that Video Umpire will be used at all FIH major events, Olympic Games, World Cups, Champions Trophies and Olympic Qualifiers subject to the availability of the TV equipment.

TK Gear for International Umpires and Umpire Managers

TK Hockey Equipment is an official supplier to the FIH. As such, it supplies umpiring gear to those Umpires and Umpires Managers who are appointed to the WorldHockey events (Olympic Games, World Cups and their respective qualifiers, Champions Trophies, Champions Challenges and Junior World Cups).

Following discussions with TK, it has been arranged that they will make the WorldHockey range of umpiring gear available for all FIH International Umpires and Umpires Managers to purchase.

The first order, based upon the responses to the e-mails that were sent out Tuesday 31 October 2006, has just been placed with TK. The next order date will be Thursday 1 March 2007. A new circular e-mail regarding the ordering procedure will be sent out to all International Umpires and Umpire Managers in the New Year.

Appointments for 2007

The FIH Appointments for 2007 are now published on the FIH website. These show the Umpire appointments to the Women's Champions Trophy, due to take place in Quilmes (ARG) 13-21 January 2007, and the Men's and Women's Indoor World Cups, due to take place in Vienna (AUT) 14-18 February 2007.

These will be updated on a regular basis as further appointments are made and we become aware of more events on the 2007 Hockey Calendar.

Hockey on TV

The Women's Champions Trophy will be televised by ESPN with the broadcast taken in various countries around the world. The forthcoming Men's and Women's Indoor World Cups will be shown on Eurosport TV.

The TV scheduling for both these events will be advised on the FIH website in due course.

Retirements

As at 14 December 2006 we have been notified of the following retirements from International Umpiring since 24 July 2006, due either to personal reasons or reaching the stipulated retirement age.

Men Outdoor:

Antonio Bustos (ESP), Roberto Curti (ITA), Jason McCracken (NZL), Andrew Williams (GAL)

Men Indoor:

Ludovic Delacroix (FRA), Antonio Jiménez Verdu (ESP)

Women Indoor:

Andrea Bodenstein (GER)

All have been thanked with a letter from the Umpiring Committee.

During the same period the following International Umpires have been placed on the inactive list.

Men Outdoor:

Mario Faria (POR), Shinji Katsurahara (JPN), Matthias Messerli (SUI), Tim O'Connor (NZL), Faisal Ramzan (DEN), Khaled Rashad (EGY), Harkirat Singh Sokhi (IND), Gavin Stephens (ZIM)

Men Indoor:

Mario Faria (POR),

Women Outdoor

Dawn De Foe (SIN), Jummai Sule (NGR), Ann Van Dyk (CAN)

Finally ...

We would like to thank you all for your contribution and support to hockey over the past year. We wish you continuing success and enjoyment in your umpiring during

2007, and hope that we may meet some of you at one of the events due to take place in the 2007 Hockey Calendar.

Finally, we also take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes and with kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter von Reth', with a horizontal line underneath.

Peter von Reth
Chairman
FIH Umpiring Committee

cc Members of Umpiring Committee
Secretaries Continental Federations
FIH Events Manager
FIH Technical Manager