



World Masters Hockey

MEMORANDUM

To: Continental Federations
National Associations

cc: John Wyatt, FIH

Subject: World Masters Hockey Postpones WMH World Cup 2020 to 2021

Date: 26th March 2020

Dear all,

The World Masters Hockey (WMH) Executive Board has been working very hard with our three host National Associations and their Organising Committees to plan the first ever WMH World Cup in 2020. Recent world events have created great social upheaval. We had hoped that things would return to normal in a relatively short time but it appears that this will not be the case.

Having reviewed the situation across the world, we believe that it is best to postpone the WMH 2020 World Cup. This is not a decision we have taken lightly.

In conjunction with the current organisers we are planning to hold the tournaments in 2021 on, or around, the same dates as we had planned for this year. The date for Tokyo is completely dependent on what happens with the Olympic Games, so it will be a while before we will be able to firm up on those dates.

As the WMH World Cup 2020 tournaments will take place in 2021, the other tournaments organised by WMH, such as the European and Asian Cups, currently in planning, will now not take place in 2021. We will be issuing further information on how the decision to postpone the 2020 tournaments will impact on the ongoing cycle of events.

As this is a postponement, the event will still be the WMH World Cup 2020. The eligibility rules will be those in place now so, for example, the relevant qualifying age for players is as at 31 December 2020.

As no competitions will have taken place in 2020, the Executive Board has agreed that the first-time team registration fee payment (£50 per team) will be carried forward to 2021. Clearly the annual membership fee which is used to cover ongoing administration costs is being used for that purpose so there is nothing to refund in this respect.

As each of the tournaments were at different stages of planning so this will impact each of them in slightly different ways, a separate email explaining exactly what this means for each of the tournaments will be issued shortly.

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The WMH Technical Committee are aware of the issues and will be in contact with all appointed officials and umpires soon.

Impact of the postponement of WMH World Cup 2020 on the individual planned tournaments

As stated above, the WMH World Cups 2020 were at different stages of planning when the postponement decision was made. The WMH Executive Board has decided that it is appropriate to take slightly different approaches to the ongoing tournament administration.

Nottingham - Tournament 1

The entry process had been completed, entry fees received and the schedule published. The tournament will take place as originally planned with all the currently registered teams between Friday 6 and Sunday 15 August 2021, subject to FIH sanctioning. Entered teams do not need to do anything in relation to the entry fee and team registration as this will be rolled forward. Clearly you will need to contact your accommodation providers and airlines to rearrange your bookings.

There may be National Associations which were unable to commit teams to the original tournament but which might like to enter teams in the postponed tournament. We are running a reserve list on a first-come basis. If you would like a team(s) to be added to the reserve list then please forward £300 deposit to us to reserve your place. If you are successful the balance (£550 + £50 first time entry fee) will become payable as soon as you are offered a place. If you are unsuccessful, the deposit will be returned to you when the schedule is finalised.

Cape Town - Tournament 2 & 3

The entry process had been completed and the schedule was being drafted, but some National Associations had missed the deadline for payment for a variety of reasons. Given that there is more certainty concerning the event, we will complete the entry process. Those National Associations that have not yet paid their entry fees will be given until 25 April to make the appropriate payment. If payment is not received by this date then we will conclude that the team(s) in question no longer wish to participate and these will be removed from the entered teams list. As with Nottingham, entered teams do not need to do anything in relation to the entry fee and team registration as this will be rolled forward. Clearly, you will need to contact your accommodation providers and airlines to rearrange your bookings. We are waiting for the hosts to confirm new dates with us as they must ascertain when the required facilities will be available.

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Teams that expressed an interest but did not pay at the stated time, can either join the reserve list or wait until closer to the tournament before applying again. However, at this stage they will be behind teams on the reserve lists.

Tokyo - Tournament 4

The entry process had only just started and only a handful of teams have paid their entry fees. Teams who have completed the entry process and have paid the fee do not need to do anything in relation to the entry fee and team registration as this will be rolled forward. If you wish to guarantee your place in the postponed tournament then you should pay the relevant entry fee on or before 30 April 2020. Teams who have expressed an interest but who do not pay by this date will not be guaranteed a place in the rearranged tournament.

There may be National Associations that were unable to commit teams to the original tournament but which may like to participate in the postponed tournament. Again, as with Nottingham and Cape Town, we are running a reserve list on a first come basis. If you would like a team(s) to be added to the reserve list then please forward £300 deposit to us to reserve your place. If you are successful the balance (£550 + £50 first time entry fee) will become payable as soon as you are offered a place. If you are unsuccessful the deposit will be returned to you when the schedule is finalised.

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To assist with the payment of team entry fees the WMH Bank account details are shown below.

Account Name: World Masters Hockey		Bank: Westpac	
Branch: Glenferrie Road Malvern but if this is not allowed, type Sydney.		SWIFT Code : WPACAU2S	
Currency Accounts			
AUD\$ BSB : 033 059 Account: 724477	USD\$ BSB : 034 702 Account: 270406	GBP£ BSB : 034 703 Account: 048866	EUR€ BSB : 034 705 Account: 043372

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Regards,
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