

# World Hockey



To: All International Umpires and Umpire Managers

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Dear Friends,

The following will update you with essential umpiring information and advice on what has been happening since our last Newsletter.

### **Appointments for 2009**

The FIH Appointments for 2009 are normally posted to the FIH website on a monthly basis, with the most recent version being posted yesterday: -

<http://www.fihockey.org/vsite/vfile/page/fileurl/0,11040,1181-198609-215832-156037-0-file,00.pdf>

We also hope that the first edition of the FIH Appointments for 2010 will be posted very shortly. At this stage, very few of the appointments have been made for next year. Nevertheless those which have been made are for some of the most important Tournaments in the Hockey Calendar.

In particular the Umpire Manager appointments for the Women's World Cup Qualifiers have been made and the pool of Umpires for these competitions has also been announced.

One of the Qualifiers will be held in Santiago (CHI), although the dates are yet to be finally confirmed, and we will only know in the next couple of weeks where and when the other two Qualifiers will be staged. The final Continental Qualifier for the Women's World Cup will be taking place very shortly in Bangkok (THA). Following this Tournament we will then know all of the teams who will play in the World Cup Qualifiers and be able to allocate the Umpires to the 3 Tournaments.

The Umpires Managers and Umpires for the 2010 Men's World Cup have also been recently announced and we congratulate all concerned on their appointment to the FIH's top World level Tournament.

The Umpire Manager appointments to the Women's Champions Trophy and Women's World Cup have also been made. Again we send our congratulations to the respective appointees.

### **Rules of Hockey 2009 Outdoor and Indoor**

By now all of you should have received hard copies of the Rules of Hockey 2009 (Outdoor and Indoor) in the post.

If you have not it will be because the parcel has gone astray, or more likely because we do not have your correct postal address in our FIH database. Even as recently as this week we are still finding these sendings returned to us! Please ensure that we have your correct postal address - see the section below regarding Contact Details.

As per the supplementary e-mails that you are sent, the most recent versions of the FIH Umpire Briefings can be found via the following link to the Umpires section on the FIH website: -

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

A change was made to the Indoor Briefing this week, which relates to a further clarification for Free Pushes taken by the attacking team inside their attacking half of the pitch: -

<http://www.worldhockey.org/vsite/vfile/page/fileurl/0,11040,1181-196121-213344-149514-0-file,00.pdf>

### **Monthly Upgradings, FIH Umpire & Umpires Manager Lists and Retirements**

The monthly Umpire Upgradings, FIH Umpire and Umpires Manager lists are posted to the Umpires section of the FIH website at the start of each month and can be accessed from this link: -

<http://www.worldhockey.org/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,1181-117486-118753-nav-list,00.html>

As at 27 October 2009 we have been notified of the following retirements from International Umpiring since our last Newsletter, due either to personal reasons or reaching the stipulated retirement age.

#### Men:

Mark Staunton (GAL), Vito Giannico (ECO), Mike Walkingshaw (ECO) & Clive Hough (ENG)

#### Women

Monica Rivera (ESP), Letty Mackinnon (ECO), Jun Kentwell (USA), Julie Beamish (IRL) & Anne McRae (ECO)

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

### **FIH Umpires**

The FIH Open Places agreement with EHF continues, with a further Outdoor appointment having been made during the summer: -

- Keely Dunn (CAN) was appointed as a Neutral Umpire at the EuroHockey Nations Trophy in Rome (ITA), 19-26 July 2009

We are pleased to advise that this co-operation has now been extended to Indoor Hockey with the following appointments for the 2010 EHF season: -

- Wendy Stewart (CAN) appointed as a Neutral Umpire at the EuroHockey Indoor Nations Challenge in Rouen (FRA), 15-17 January 2010
- John Hrytsak (CAN) appointed as a Neutral Umpire at the EuroHockey Indoor Club Champions Trophy in Vienna (AUT), 19-21 February 2010

### **FIH Umpire Managers**

Since the last Newsletter Edmundo Saladino (ARG), Faiz Faizi (PAK), Antonio Bustos (ESP), Philip Schellekens (NED), Rui Figueiredo (POR), Sarah Garnett (NZL) and Minka Woolley (AUS) have all successfully completed their traineeships and have been added to the full FIH Umpire Managers list.

Traineeships are scheduled for Sumesh Putra (CAN) at the Champions Challenge I in Salta (ARG) in December 2009, Renate Peters (GER) at the EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship in Duisburg (GER) in January 2010 and Tom Goode (IRL) at the EuroHockey Indoor Club Champions Cup in Cologne (GER) in February 2010.

Traineeships for a number of the other FIH Umpire Managers list candidates will be scheduled as the opportunities present themselves.

In line with the policy of the Umpiring Committee of trying to increase the number of development opportunities for Umpires, there have only been four FIH Invitational 3-5 Nations Tournaments which have taken place this year without an Umpire Manager being appointed (either formally or informally).

We are looking into the possibilities, as our budget permits, to appoint Assistant Umpire Managers at a number of Tournaments for development purposes. The first such appointments have been made to the Men's WCQ in Quilmes (ARG) and to the Men's World Cup in New Delhi (IND).

### **FIH Rule Variations**

For your information, please note that the following variations to the Rules of Hockey will apply at the following Tournaments: -

- Men's World Cup Qualifier, Lille (France) – 31 October-08 November 2009
- Men's World Cup Qualifier, Invercargill (New Zealand) – 07-15 November 2009
- Men's World Cup Qualifier, Quilmes (Argentina) – 14-22 November 2009
- Men's Champions Trophy, Melbourne (Australia) – 28 November-06 December 2009

### **Green Card – Two Minute Suspension**

For any offence, the offending player may be warned (indicated by a green card).

- Where a green card is issued the offending player is temporarily suspended for two (2) minutes.
- Temporarily suspended players must remain in a designated place until permitted by the technical officer on duty to resume play.
- During the period of temporary suspension of a player, the team plays with one less player.
- The umpire immediately restarts the game after the issue of the green card.
- The offending player must leave the field immediately. If the player interferes with play on the way to the designated place the umpire further penalises the player under the normal conduct of play provisions.
- The two minute temporary suspension commences when the player is seated at the designated area.
- The timing of the suspension is controlled by the technical officials on duty at the technical table.

The success of this trial variation will be reviewed following these Tournaments.

### **FIH Umpiring Committee**

A meeting of the FIH Umpiring Committee recently took place in Dubai (UAE) over 3 & 4 October 2009, where reports were received from the various project Taskforces.

The Taskforce looking into the Umpire Marking system has resulted in a new marking system being proposed to, and approved by, the Competitions Committee for trial use during the forthcoming three Men's World Cup Qualifiers, the Men's Champions Trophy and the Men's Champions Challenge I. The new system aims to: -

- Move from a pure performance based to a career based system of assessment to indicate to an umpire where he/she is in their career development
- Indicate what qualities/experiences are needed to go to the next level
- Assist assessors to mark an umpire by providing a guide to what to look for in guiding an umpire's career and/or judging a performance

In this way we hope to develop a step by step marking system that clearly describes the achievement of an umpire to date and what skills/experiences are required to move up to higher levels. The mark achieved by an umpire should therefore encapsulate his/her capability level as opposed to being a subjective score of an isolated performance. The language to be used in the new marking system is entirely consistent with that already in use in the existing UPF forms. Provided that the trials are successful, it is hoped to have the new system fully operational in 2010.

A Video Library Taskforce (in co-operation with the HRB), is investigating the provision of an accessible video library of resources for Umpires and Umpire Managers.

An Umpire Manager Taskforce is looking into the job description and evaluation of our FIH Umpire Managers. This will assist us in classifying our FIH Umpire Managers into groups based upon their capabilities, much the same as the list of FIH Technical Officials i.e. formalising what we have at present, while at the same time providing more clarity on the assessment and appointment of Umpire Managers.

A further Taskforce has been considering the Development of Women Umpires and investigating how we may increase the number and quality of Women Umpires (given the current low numbers on our World and World Development Panels). A plan of action has been developed which is aimed at identifying a core group of Umpires to work with a specially selected group of Umpire Managers and Mentors. The short term objective will be to reach specific target numbers of WDP & WP Umpires during the course of 2010 & 2011. A longer term target in 2011 & 2012 will be to identify suitable numbers of PUL and Grade 1 panel Umpires.

These various projects and plans are, of course, still subject to our Umpiring Committee budget allocations for 2010 and beyond!

### **Contact Details Reminder**

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 any of your contact details (in particular your e-mail address) alter through changing jobs, moving house etc, please let Richard Wilson know immediately at [richard.wilson@worldhockey.org](mailto:richard.wilson@worldhockey.org)

### **Replies to e-mails**

Please reply promptly to e-mails both from FIH and Tournament Organising Committees, whether they concern appointments, travel plans or other arrangements.

In case of problems in contacting, or getting replies from, Organising Committees, when you have been appointed as a Neutral Umpire or Umpires Manager to FIH World and FIH Invitational events, please advise Richard Wilson. He will do his best to assist you to obtain the information that you require.

It is acknowledged that, on occasions, we do have considerable problems in obtaining information from Tournament Organisers. However, if we are poor in replying to e-mails, we can scarcely complain when it happens to us!

### **Finally ...**

I hope that this information is helpful in keeping you up to date with all of our various activities and projects. My e-mail address, should you wish to contact me with any questions or to raise any concerns, is [silvano@fastloc.it](mailto:silvano@fastloc.it)

I wish you all the best and send you my regards.

Ciao e arrivederci!!!



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