

*Pan American Federation*

Constitution of the  
PAN-AMERICAN FIELD HOCKEY FEDERATION

Adopted October 17, 1959 at Greenwich, Connecticut, U.S.A.

In Greenwich, Connecticut, United States of America, on October 17, 1959 the following signatories met with the purpose of forming the Pan-American Field Hockey Federation: J. William Middendorf and Richard K. Hulbert, representing The Field Hockey Association of America, and George N. Parsons and Dante Franceschini, representing the Asociacion Amateur Argentina de Hockey sobre Cesped.

After due consideration of the several drafts submitted and following an exchange of ideas as to the relative merits of each draft, the representatives abovementioned arrived at the set of rules given below which will serve as a Constitution for the Pan-American Field Hockey Federation. It was agreed to submit this Constitution to the respective Association of each country represented at this meeting, and of each other country which initially signs this Constitution, for its approval, and that once sufficient approvals have been obtained, the project be submitted to the International Hockey Federation for its official sanction. The Constitution reads as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF  
PAN-AMERICAN FIELD HOCKEY FEDERATION (P.F.H.F.)

Art. 1.- The P.F.H.F. is formed for the purpose of centralizing to the fullest possible extent in one body, the interests of the game of Field Hockey throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Art. 2.- Every country of the Western Hemisphere may become a Member of the P.F.H.F. provided that the game in that country is organized under a representative Association or similar body and that such body is affiliated with the International Hockey Federation. Each application for membership must be approved by the Assembly by a vote of two-thirds of existing Members. A country which is not a member of the International Hockey Federation may be elected to conditional membership but may not vote or have any other privileges of membership until it has become a member of the International Hockey Association. The Charter Members of the P.F.H.F. shall be Argentina and the United States of America, which are already members of the International Hockey Federation, and those countries which sign this Draft of Proposed Constitution but are not yet members of the International Hockey Federation. Such countries shall be conditional members until they become members of the International Hockey Federation, but thereupon shall become full Charter Members.

Art. 3.- Only amateurs may represent their country before the P.F.H.F. or take any part in the activities thereof.

Art. 4.- The objects of the P.F.H.F. are: a) The furthering of the interests of Field Hockey throughout the Western Hemisphere; b) the organizing of competitions, exhibitions, conferences and any other form of activity which will tend to the improvement and/or expansion of the game of Field Hockey in the Western Hemisphere, and also to support activities organized by others to those same ends; c) The setting of the rules which will govern Western Hemisphere Field Hockey Championships whether held as part of or separate from the Panamerican Games.

Art. 5.- The P.F.H.F. shall apply for recognition by the International Hockey Federation as the body ruling the game of Field Hockey in the Western Hemisphere set forth in Article 1.

Art. 6.- Any and all competitions organized or patronized by the P.F.H.F. shall be played under International rules as set out by the International Hockey Federation.

Art. 7.- The supreme authority of the P.F.H.F. shall be the Assembly, which shall be composed of not more than two representatives of each member country. Each country shall be entitled to two votes in the Assembly. The Assembly shall meet at least once every four years and shall be presided over by a representative of the host country. The first meeting of the Assembly shall be held not later than 1963. Except for the election of new members, or unless a higher vote is ordered by the Assembly, all action of the Assembly may be taken by a majority vote of representatives present.

Art. 8.- At each Meeting of the Assembly all matters submitted for its consideration shall be acted upon and it shall decide the place and date of the next Ordinary Meeting. The Assembly shall also elect from its membership officers to serve for four years. The initial officers may be chosen by the representatives of the Charter Members present at the time of signing of this Draft Constitution, and shall serve until the first meeting of the Assembly.

Art. 9.- If a country sends two delegates, each shall have one vote; if a country sends only one, such delegate shall have two votes. Any country may be represented for its two votes by proxy through a delegate of a member country. No one delegate shall hold the proxies of more than two countries.

Art. 10.- The officers of the P.F.H.F. shall be: a) President; b) Vice-President; and c) Secretary-Treasurer. Such officers, during the recess of the Assembly, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the P.F.H.F. A vacancy occurring among the officers may be filled by the remaining officers.

Art. 11.- The Executive Committee, composed of the officers named in Article 10, shall function for four years in the country where the last Assembly was held, unless for special reasons the Assembly should decide otherwise. The newly-elected Executive Committee shall receive from the outgoing Executive Committee all the books, papers, funds, etc. appertaining to the P.F.H.F. This step shall be taken at least two years before the next Assembly and in turn the new body shall deliver them to its successor not more than two years after such next Assembly.

Art. 12.- The functions of the Executive Committee are:  
a) To receive and make known to all Members and all interested parties any matter submitted by a Member, or which may come from any source, which should be submitted to the next Assembly for decision; b) To care for the interest of the P.F.H.F. while the Assembly is recessed; c) To keep in permanent contact with the International Hockey Federation, which shall be kept informed of the activities of the P.F.H.F. and of the results of competition, tours, conferences and other activities held under the auspices of the P.F.H.F.; d) To keep a record of the Championships and Competitions organized by the Associations of the affiliated countries (to this end such Associations shall submit, as promptly as possible, details of all such activities); e) To call an Extraordinary Assembly Meeting in the event that, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, such a step becomes necessary.

Art. 13.- The expenses of the Executive Committee shall be defrayed by the country where it is functioning.

(UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

s/ J. William Middendorf  
J. William Middendorf

s/ Richard K. Hulbert  
Richard K. Hulbert

Field Hockey Association of  
America

(ARGENTINA)

s/ George N. Parsons  
George N. Parsons

s/ Dante Franceschini  
Dante Franceschini

Asociacion Amateur Argentina de  
Hockey sobre Césped

The above countries and those countries signing below which

become members of the International Hockey Federation shall be Charter Members.

(BERMUDA)

Dr. Ray Smith  
Dr. Ray Smith

by s/ John Rote (as duly authorized proxy)

Bermuda Field Hockey Association

(JAMAICA)

s/ L.O. Ramson  
L.O. Ramson, Pres.

s/ R. H. Dickson  
R. H. Dickson, Mgr.

Jamaica Hockey Association  
P. O. Box 51  
Kingston, Jamaica

(NETHERLANDS ANTILLES)

s/ H. Zeydel  
H. Zeydel, Pres.

s/ F. J. N. Baden  
F. J. N. Baden, Treas.

Curacao Hockey Club  
FF Santa Rosaweg  
Curacao, N.A.

The following are the Initial Officers elected under Article 8 to serve until the First Assembly:

		(Country)
President:	J. William Middendorf	United States of America
Vice-President:	George N. Parsons	Argentina
Secretary-Treasurer:	Richard K. Hulbert	United States of America

PROPOSED TECHNICAL REVISION OF  
CONSTITUTION OF THE  
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By action of the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 12 of the Constitution, and with the approval of the countries signatory to the Constitution, Articles 5 and 6 are amended in accordance with certain technical suggestions of the International Hockey Federation, to read as follows:

Art. 5.- The P.F.H.F. is recognized by the International Hockey Federation as the single body authorized to rule, for the Western Hemisphere, the matters set forth in Article 4. The P.F.H.F. is not empowered to deal with any other matter, on behalf of its member countries, same having to act in this regard as separate bodies and to treat directly themselves with the International Hockey Federation.

Art. 6.- Any and all activities of the P.F.H.F. shall be in accordance with the Statutes of the International Hockey Federation; any and all competitions organized or patronized shall be played under the International Rules as set out by said International Federation.

PAN-AMERICAN FIELD HOCKEY FEDERATION  
Approval by the Executive Committee

J. William Middendorf      George N. Parsons      Richard K. Hulbert

Approval by Member Countries

(UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)      (ARGENTINA)

J. William Middendorf

George N. Parsons

(BERMUDA)

(NETHERLANDS ANTILLES)

(JAMAICA)

(CANADA) (when elected)