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Subject: Call for Bids to Host PAHF Competitions for Period 2013-2015

To: All PAHF Affiliated National Associations

From: Aaron Sher, Hon. Secretary General
Alberto “Coco” Budeisky, Chair Competitions Committee

Dear Members,

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is continuously working at all possible levels to turn Competitions into Events, where more than just matches will take place. Development, Coaching, Technical and Umpiring Courses and/or Workshops will be conducted simultaneously with match competitions. PAHF Board Meetings, Congresses and Committee Planning Meetings may also be held as part of these Events.

During the year of 2011, the PAHF awarded Events to countries that had presented proper bids, by filling out Bid Forms as proposed by the Competitions Committee (attached). The fundamental idea with this procedure is to provide plenty of information for the PAHF Board of Directors to decide which country will be able to offer conditions to organize a PAHF Event for all member countries, to raise the profile of the sport in the host nation and to advance the status of Hockey in the Americas.

Moreover, the PAHF considers the use of Indoor Hockey to be a good strategy to promote the sport in countries that are starting hockey development or who do not possess artificial turf fields and facilities. Therefore, the PAHF plans to hold future Events focusing on U-17, U-19 and U-21 for Outdoor and Indoor categories in order to promote and encourage development, exchange and international competition to elevate the standard of Hockey in the Americas.

Considering the above and the Events not awarded yet, we are pleased to call all our member National Associations to bid for hosting one or more of the PAHF Events as listed below for the period 2013-2015:

PAHF Events Planned for the period 2013-2015

2013

→ PAHF U-19 Indoor Pan Am Championships (M&W) 2013

2014

→ PAHF Board Meetings 2014

→ PAHF Pan Am Youth Championships (M&W) 2014

- mandatory date: JANUARY or FEBRUARY of 2014

→ PAHF Indoor Pan American Cups (M&W) 2014

2015

→ PAHF Pan Am Challenge (M&W) 2015

Note: The PAHF Board Meetings and Congress for 2015 will be held in conjunction with the Pan Am Games - 2015 (Toronto, Canada)

All Events must be considered accordingly to their profile and importance. See below for a brief summary regarding the above competitions and their specific international level.

Pan Am Challenge

Qualifier for the Pan Am Cup and consequently to the FIH World Cup. Entry opportunity for intermediate level countries to compete and to raise their level and ranking.

Pan Am Youth Championships

Qualifier for the Youth Olympic Games (Nanjing 2014). Important opportunity for U-17 players and teams to start competing at a high-performance level for their age group.

Indoor Pan Am Cups

Qualifier for the FIH Indoor World Cup. Highest level of Competition for Indoor:

U-19 Indoor Pan Am Championships

New Competition to promote development and exchange for young players from all countries of the Americas, including those countries who do not possess artificial turf fields.

The PAHF invites National Associations to submit their Bid (s) by the **31st of March, 2012**, identifying the Event or Events with preferred dates to:

Mr. Julio Neves, PAHF Project Co-ordinator – julio.neves@panamhockey.org, and

Mr. Willard Harris, PAHF Competitions Committee Secretary - willardpharris@gmail.com

Attached is the bid documents required. For more information about the PAHF technical, commercial, financial, media and protocol requirements for a host organizer to fulfill, please contact Julio Neves at julio.neves@panamhockey.org. For more details, see the PAHF web-site, <http://www.panamhockey.org/en/administration>

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Julio Neves if you require any further information concerning this request.

Sincerely yours,



Aaron Sher, Hon. Secretary General

CC. Alberto "Coco" Budeisky, Chair Competitions Committee