



WOMEN'S YOUTH PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP – from 11 to 15 of February, 2014

Bulletín #1
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Dear participant countries,

Please receive a warm welcome from the Organizing Committee and from the PAHF to the Women's Youth Pan American Championships 2014 - Hockey5s format, a qualifier for the Youth Olympic Games - Nanjing, 2014.

This newsletter is intended to provide important information about various aspects of the Event and operational procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have queries, concerns or comments regarding any matter.

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A) BEFORE DEPARTURE

IMPORTANT: Your team is composed with players who are still considered minors, so we would like to remind that before players departure parents or legal guardians must sign Form Code of Conduct (to be presented at the Technical Meetings before the tournament starts), and any other Travel Permits required by the laws and regulations in your country.

ATTENTION: According Regulation # 4.2b (see link below), players are required to submit PASSPORT as proof of identity, nationality and age - all teams. If a player has dual nationality, for purposes of the tournament, he will have to show the passport of the country represented in the competition for passports check. [even if player is traveling with another passport due to visa issues]. We remind that all delegations (Team Managers) must bring passports of the players to check with the Entry Forms at the technical meeting.

B) LOCAL TRANSPORT

1 – As the Organizing Committee is planning transport to and from the airport, we kindly request participant teams to inform all **travel details** (flights of arrival and departure) and **confirmation of Hotel** where your team will be staying. Please do so directly to the staff of the Organizing Committee **by**



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January 30, 2014 (18 hours of Montevideo). Please locate tournament staff upon arrival (look for signs with the tournament logo).

2 – **Transport for Practices/Training:** Transport for practices/training (Practice-Hotel-Practice) will be provided on the 09th, 10th and 13th of February, 2014. For teams training before those dates, the organization may make arrangements, but teams are responsible for the costs of the transportation to and from the stadium.

3 – **Transport to matches:** Teams will be required to arrive to the stadium 45 minutes before game time. Departure times of the hotels will be confirmed on arrival of the teams to Montevideo. Team Managers are required to communicate with the Local Organization for ground transportation arrangements.

C) VENUE & TRAININGS

The Venue for both Tournament and Trainings will be:

Carrasco Polo Club

Cno. Brig. Gral. Servando Gómez 2749
esq. Camino Carrasco - Montevideo – Uruguay

The pitch is sand-based and smooth balls (no dimples) will be used. Practice balls are the responsibility of the individual teams. A video of a ball hit against the Hockey 5s boards is available upon request to Laura Macchiotti or Lurah Hess.

Video towers are available at both ends of the pitch and each team may have two (2) video operators in the tower for each match, provided they have signed the "FIH Code of Conduct - Video Operator Policy Acknowledgement and Agreement"

Training requests must be sent to the Tournament Director, Lurah Hess (lurahhess@yahoo.com) and to the Competition Coordinator, Laura Macchiotti (pahf@lauramac.com.ar), responsible for the official schedule of tournament practices. The same will be sent shortly. (Bulletin#2)

According to the possibilities of meeting countries requests, to ensure that all teams have, at least 2 training sessions of 1h hour in the field of competition before the tournament starts, and to guarantee equity in the distribution of the number of hours of practice during the tournament, an official training spreadsheet will be prepared. Please send your requests, with preferred time to practice, to Lurah Hess and Laura Macchiotti **before January 29, 2014.**



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D) MEALS

The choice and arrangement of meals will be responsibility of the teams (Team Managers). Meals at hotels should be coordinated by the Team Managers with their respective hotels.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting us.

E) TOURNAMENT BRIEFING MEETINGS

It is **MANDATORY FOR ALL** teams to attend the Tournament Briefing Meetings by sending a maximum of 2 representatives per team (must be the Team Manager and the stand-in Team Manager).

ATTENTION: The following will be required to present to the Tournament Director at the meeting:

1. Final Team Entry Forms;
2. Acknowledgement Forms of the Code of Conduct* completed and signed by ALL team members as named at Team Entry Form;
3. Player's passports for check and confirmation of identity, nationality and age (only passports will accepted according Regulations);
4. Uniforms** sets (four distinct colors between Player and Goalkeeper Primary and Alternate sets);
5. Goalkeeper equipment and players gloves.

*http://www.panamhockey.org/files/documents/2012/2012-07-FIH-Acknowledgement_Form_World_Level_Events.pdf

**Uniforms may be reviewed prior to the tournament by emailing color photos of the front and back to Laura Macchiotti or Lurah Hess. This option may allow any obvious conflicts to be resolved prior to leaving your home country.

Tournament Briefing Meetings are scheduled for **February 10th, 2013**. We will soon inform place and time (Bulletin#2). Transport to the meeting place (to and from hotel) will be provided for the 02 representatives from each delegation.

F) RULES & REGULATIONS

The **FIH Hockey5s Rules dated 01 of September 2012** will be in effect for this tournament.

Current **FIH Hockey5s Regulations dated December 2013** will be applied.

All tournament documents, guidelines, forms and regulations maybe downloaded from

[http://www.panamhockey.org/en/competitions-29-2014-pan-american-youth-championship-women-under "Official Communications"](http://www.panamhockey.org/en/competitions-29-2014-pan-american-youth-championship-women-under-Official-Communications).

Since the Hockey5s format is still in its infancy, there are some inconsistencies between the Regulations and Rules, which were already detected and were sent to the FIH for clarification. Same thing about the sideboards and backboards. As soon as we have concrete resolutions, we will inform (Bulletin # 2).

Meanwhile, do not hesitate to send us any inquiry or question.



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G) ACCREDITATION

More information to be sent in Bulletin#2.

H) MEDICAL

Team Managers are required to inform PAHF and the Organizing Committee, **before February 03rd, 2014**, which hospitals are allowed by your team's health insurance for use in Montevideo, if needed. More information to be released in Bulletin#2.

I) CONTACT & MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 – Your Team Manager must provide contact information (e-mail, phone) for a regular and fluid communication with the organization of the tournament, together with the Entry Form (**deadline January 28, 2014**).
- 2 – Tickets for the tournament will be free of charge
- 3 – The rooms for team meetings in hotels must be directly requested by the team managers in their respective hotels.
- 4 - If Team Managers can send pictures of the uniforms for previous checking, we'll appreciate it. Please send your uniforms photos (primary and alternate) to the TD Lurah Hess, lurahhess@yahoo.com .
- 5 – Uniform Advertising specifications at <http://www.fih.ch/files/Sport/Event%20Management/Uniform%20Advertising%202013.pdf>

J) SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- 1- Send the Team Entry Forms by: **January 28th, 2014**
- 2- Send request for practices by: **January 29th, 2014**
- 3- Send travel and hotel information by: **January 30th, 2014**
- 4- Send information about medical/health insurance and permitted hospitals by: **February 3rd, 2014**
- 5- Tournament Briefing Meetings: **February 10th, 2014**

We are looking forward to a great event and your cooperation will be important and appreciated.

Note I will be staying at Hosteria del Lago arriving February 6th to February 17th. Local Mobile number will be provided at my arrival.



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Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Laura Macchiotti'.

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