

APPLYING FOR FIH SANCTION FOR AN EVENT

1. In accordance with the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, certain types of event must be sanctioned by the FIH before any National Association or any organisation or individual under the jurisdiction of that National Association may participate in it.
2. The FIH may sanction certain events or categories of event in advance. For example, the FIH has granted its sanction in advance for all of the events listed in the official FIH calendar as of [1 February 2011]. However, where a proposed event has not been sanctioned in advance, the organiser of the proposed event must apply to the FIH for such sanction. This information sheet gives guidance on the making of such an application.
3. Anyone wishing to organise an event for which FIH sanction is required and has not been granted in advance must submit a written application by post or by email to the following address:

International Hockey Federation
For the attention of: Martyn Gallivan, Competitions Manager
Rue du Valentin 61
CH-1004 Lausanne
Switzerland
Email: events@fih.ch
4. The application must be submitted as soon as possible after the details of the proposed Event are known and must include the following information:
 - 4.1 The name and address and (if applicable) company registration number of the applicant (which must be the organiser of the proposed Event).
 - 4.2 The proposed name, venue(s), date(s) and format of, the proposed participants in, and the proposed technical officials and umpires for, the proposed Event.
 - 4.3 A binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment by the organiser to stage the Event in accordance with and subject to all applicable regulations of the FIH and its Continental Federation, and to be accountable to the FIH and its Continental Federation for applying and enforcing those regulations in relation to all participants in the Event.
 - 4.4 A detailed explanation of:
 - 4.4.1 The extent to which the proposed Event will contribute to the maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of Athletes, including by the prevention of overplaying (Athletes must have adequate time to rest and recover, as well as train, between Events).
 - 4.4.2 How the organiser will ensure the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed Event.
 - 4.4.3 The extent to which the proposed Event may be accommodated within the existing calendar of Events without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) Events already in the calendar, and/or (ii) any commitments that the FIH or the Continental Federation has made to any commercial partner(s).
 - 4.4.4 The extent to which the proposed Event would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.
 - 4.4.5 Any other factor that the organiser believes the FIH should take into consideration.
5. The FIH may ask the applicant for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the application until that information is received.

6. The FIH will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the organiser at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), the FIH may require that the proposed Event is played in accordance with and subject to specified codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. Where an application is granted conditionally, the proposed Event shall not be deemed sanctioned unless and until the FIH confirms in writing that the organiser has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the FIH that all of the conditions have been met.
7. An application for sanction made to the FIH may not be deemed approved unless and until written notice is received from the FIH that the Event is sanctioned and (if applicable) that any relevant conditions have been satisfied. The Event organiser should not issue any formal invitations to participate in the Event until such notice is received.
8. Any sanction granted by the FIH shall amount solely to recognition of the Event as a Sanctioned Event for the purpose of the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by the FIH of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the Event. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the Event organiser.
9. If a proposed Event requires the FIH's sanction under the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, and the Event organiser fails to obtain the FIH's sanction for the Event in accordance with the above provisions, then for purposes of the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events the Event shall be considered an Unsanctioned Event.
10. The FIH will include details of all Events that it has sanctioned in its official fixture calendar posted on its official website, and will update that calendar regularly to ensure that it includes details of all Sanctioned Events. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether or not an Event has been sanctioned by the FIH, clarification should be sought from the FIH at the address set out above.
11. The FIH Executive Board reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this Information Notice as it sees fit from time to time.

Lausanne, Switzerland
11 March 2011