March 2, 2020

Dear Team Handball community,

Boston Team Handball Club is hosting their first sanctioned tournament, the New England Cup, on the weekend of April 4-5, 2020, and we are inviting you to participate in a competitive tournament to get you ready for Nationals. We hope to host a 6 team tournament starting on Saturday, April 4 at 9:00 AM and concluding no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 5. The tournament will be held at our gym, Melnea Cass Sports Complex, on 120 MLK Jr. Blvd in Boston, MA where you can use water based glue/resin that we will be providing.

The tournament will be in a round-robin format with placement matches held on Sunday. All game will be contested on a regulation court with fixed lines. All game will be officiated by USATH certified referee and according to current IHF rules.

The top three teams will receive trophies and there will be special prizes for the Top Scorer, the Most Valuable Goalkeeper, and the Most Valuable Player.

We hope that you are able to explore Boston during your stay. Some of the most important events that shaped American history took place in Boston. We plan to host a social event Saturday evening where you can relax and share a drink and stories with fellow competitors. More details will come later.

We welcome all of you and hope that you can make it to the New England Cup. If you plan on attending the tournament, please let us know and send a deposit as soon as possible. The deposit is due March 13 but spots may get filled before then.

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Participation Requirements

1) There will be an entry fee of $500 per team (must be paid in US dollars). Entry fees are due in full no later than 2 weeks before the start of the tournament, i.e. Saturday, March 21, 2020.

2) The team’s registration on Sport:80, accompanied by a $100 non-refundable deposit, is required to secure your place in the event as the tournament is limited to 6 men’s teams. If you plan on joining us, please submit your team name and contact information, along with your deposit, by Friday, March 13, 2020.

3) The tournament should be set up on the USA Team Handball platform, Sport:80

4) Each team must post a **minimum roster bond of $250** that will be kept in escrow and returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament. The minimum number of players will be ten (10) including one (1) goalkeeper.

5) Each team must post a **sportsmanship bond of $250** that will be kept in escrow and returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament if:
   a) None of the team members or team officials is disqualified from a game for one of the violations described in the currently enforced USATH Competition Rule Book, i.e. rough/dangerous play, unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse, or physical assault.
   b) None of the team members uses unapproved glue during the tournament. We will be providing water based glue.

6) Each team must submit their final roster through Sport:80 no later than Friday, **March 13, 2020**. This will be a USA Team Handball sanctioned event meaning all players must be in good standing with their USA Team Handball membership and follow the rules included in the currently enforced USATH Competition Rule Book. Players who are not in good standing will not be allowed to play.

7) All players and officials must sign the Waiver and Photo Release document. This document is available on the online platform for electronic signature.

8) All team officials (coaches, trainers, staff) must be SafeSport compliant and
pass a Background check. Those requirements are driven by the US Congress and handed down through our organizational chain.

**Registration**

Please submit your registration information by **Friday, March 13, 2020** to robin.chan2@gmail.com along with your $100 non-refundable deposit. Payments can be made via PayPal to webmaster@bostonteamhandball.org, Venmo @the_Chanimal, or a check made out to **Boston Team Handball Club**. If you choose to pay by check you can mail it to

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