

Lausanne, Monday 29 July 2013

To all Participating Teams and Officials at the Men's & Women's 2013 PanAm Cups

Dear National Associations and Officials

Men's Pan American Cup, Toronto (CAN), 11-17 August 2013
Women's Pan American Cup, Mendoza (ARG), 22-28 September 2013

At the World League Semi-final Tournaments, the use of the 'stick over the shoulder' and a 45 second Penalty Corner clock was trialled. It was agreed that their use would be reviewed for possible inclusion at the World League Round 4 Tournaments and at the 2014 World Cups.

Following the positive feedback that has been received from World League Semi-final Athletes and Coaches (via questionnaires), the reports of the Umpire Managers and TDs, as well as from the Umpire surveys conducted, and with the approval of the FIH Executive Board, the use of the 'stick over the shoulder' and the 45 second Penalty Corner clock will be adopted as Regulations for the World Round 4 Finals and the 2014 World Cups.

On 25 July 2013, the FIH sent a communication to all Continental Federations indicating that the use of the 'stick over the shoulder' and the 45 second Penalty Corner clock be highly recommended to be adopted as Regulations at their qualification Tournaments for the final 5 places at each of the 2014 World Cups.

An initial communication to you from PAHF advised that neither Regulation would be adopted at the Men's or Women's Pan American Cups. We would endorse the subsequent decision, following recent conversations between the respective Presidents of the FIH and PAHF, that the principle of the 45 Penalty Corner clock be adopted at both Pan American Cups.

This Regulation proved highly successful at the World League Semi-final Tournaments in ensuring that the time between the award of a Penalty Corner and the injection of the ball was limited to a maximum of 45 seconds and that both attacking and defending teams were ready without delay.

We confirm our agreement that the 'stick above the shoulder' Regulation should not be used at either Pan American Cup, since so few of the participating teams have had the opportunity to either play with or practice using it.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding and wish you all the best for two successful Pan American Cup competitions.

Kind regards.
Yours sincerely



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