



Umpiring Committee Report – August 2017

Warehouse Hotel- Manheim, USA

There are 30 National Associations including 1 provisional member within PAHF.

There are 71 PAHF FIH Umpires spread over 16 Nations with 9 Nations having umpires in both genders, this is an overall increase in the number of FIH Umpires in both genders and within the NAs.

Of the 14 other NAs the PAHF UC have been working in conjunction with the PAHF development Coordinator to develop 7 up and coming National Badge prospects (CRC, NCA, GUA, PAN, HON.) this again is an overall increase in the number of recognized National umpires within the PAHF.

Achievements since last Congress 2016:

4 PAHF female FIH umpires are included on the FIH UC panel of prospective nominations for the Road to Tokyo and beyond tournaments.

Another 4 female umpires are included within the Development Group on the Road to Tokyo and beyond tournaments. In addition, 2 female umpires are included within the Monitor Group on the Road to Tokyo and beyond tournaments.

2 of our male FIH PAHF umpires are in a similar panel for the men umpires for the Road to Tokyo and beyond tournaments.

3 of males are included within the Development Group with 2 being included in the Monitor Group.

Therefore, a total of 17 PAHF FIH Umpires are included within one of the groups for the FIH UC Road to Tokyo and beyond.

A total 6 PAHF FIH men and 7 women were appointed to either the men's or women's Junior World Cup or to the men's and women's Hockey World League semifinals to-date.

The PAHF UC with the assistance of committee members Soledad Iparraguirre and Wendy Stewart conducted Umpiring Seminars in places such as Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Canada, Panama, Nicaragua, Chile and Costa Rica (in September).

12 of our Umpires Manager were accepted to participate at the FIH-EHF Umpires Managers Workshop which to be held in AMS (NED) in August 2017.

Committee member Soledad Iparraguirre was successful in being appointed to the FIH Appointments and Officials Committee.

The PAHF UC is continuing its programs of educating and developing our umpire base as for example the Umpiring Workshop which is jointly being conducted with the help of the FIH and the USAFH during this Pan Am Cup in Spooky Nook.



PAHF Umpiring Certification program was implemented in Chile in January 2016 with Committee member Wendy Stewart taking the lead with the program and together with Committee member Martin Schafer we are seeing positive results in Chile with some explosive numbers of persons willing to become umpires. Paraguay was next with Committee member Alexander Schon taking the lead here and we are again seeing similar positive results.

The program is intended to be rolled out during the latter part of 2017 into 2018 with the following countries earmarked Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Guyana, Jamaica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Peru with a schedule to be developed for the other NAs.

A Mentorship Program has been developed by the PAHF UC where all our FIH umpires will be assigned a specific mentor for ongoing specific development. Although it was a collective approach committee member Gus Soteriades took the lead. However, due to some logistics challenges in the first quarter of the year the program will be finally launch in the third quarter of this year.

With the support of Argentina (Thru Sandra Isola) the selected PAHF promising Umpires (National and FIH Umpires) and *with the invaluable assistance from the PAHF President and Soledad Iparraguirre* we were able to have two of ours umpires from PAR as the initial cohort to have 10 days of intensive training in Argentina followed by a number of umpires from CHI. As a result of this successful venture we have identified a number of umpires to begin the process during the later half of this year into 2018.

During 2016/2018 period the Committee had at least 4 Skype meetings and one face to face meeting where plans and strategies were devised and developed and during those meetings there were frank and fruitful discussions. I must single out Lurah Hess who was quite instrumental in many times in getting the drop box updated and her bringing to the table the technical officers aspect of officiating gave us another perspective of the issues.

Priorities 2017/2018:

- Continuation of the implementation of the Umpires Certification Program incrementally during the 2017/2018 cycle.
- Increase the targeted group of umpires selected to be provided training within Argentina in 2017/2018.
- Roll out and implement the Mentorship program in the latter half of 2017.
- Increase the number of female UMs in the region 2017/2018.

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank the very hard working group of committee who during the period toiled under immense pressure. The wider public are obviously not aware of the tremendous amount of work that is being done and most of the times not being recognised.

Gus Soteriades	Member
Lurah Hess	Member
Martin Schafer	Member
Wendy Stewart	Member
Soledad Iparraguirre	Member (Secretary)
Roger St Rose	Chair