



# World Masters Hockey

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EC2020/0001	<b>Events Sanctioning and Endorsement</b>	26/02/2020	Events Committee

## 1. Introduction and rationale

The process of controlling hockey throughout the world is vested in the FIH. A key document in setting the framework for this is the FIH document *Regulations on Sanctioned & Unsanctioned Events* which was last updated on 15 December 2019.

1.1. World Masters Hockey (WMH) is not listed in that document as an organisation with sanctioning powers but as part of the discussions around the operation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FIH and WMH it has been agreed that the FIH will take direct responsibility for the sanctioning process in relation to all Masters Hockey Events.

1.2. Continental Federations will not need to become engaged in this process. FIH has been working with WMH on the process of the sanctioning of Masters Hockey Events.

1.3. All requests for sanctioning Masters Hockey Events should be directed to [sanctioning@worldmastershockey.org](mailto:sanctioning@worldmastershockey.org)

1.4. All requests will be reviewed by WMH and they will make appropriate recommendations to the FIH.

2. International Events cover Tournaments, Competitions and Matches where National Associations have entered teams, all participants agree to be bound by the WMH Rules and Regulations and sanctioning is required.

3. Invitational Events are Tournaments, Competitions, Matches and festivals organised by National Associations, clubs or individuals which are not deemed to be Internationals but still need to be endorsed if they want to be recognised and reserve space on the World Masters Hockey official calendar.

4. Masters Hockey not only incorporates International Events but also incorporates global non-National teams and Invitational Events. Under the FIH *Regulations on Sanctioned & Unsanctioned Events* – Annex 2 (ii) these types of activity do not require sanctioning.

- 4.1. The FIH and WMH recognise that National Associations, their clubs and individuals are keen to organise Events for Masters age groups throughout the year.
  - 4.2. WMH want to actively promote and encourage the development of Masters Hockey throughout the world.
  - 4.3. The Masters Hockey calendar is already quite full. Both the FIH and WMH agree there is a need to ensure that this activity is appropriately managed, publicised and administered and that date clashes need to be avoided where at all possible.
  - 4.4. Together, the FIH and WMH have designed a sanctioning and endorsement process to allow Invitational Events to be endorsed. An endorsed Event will be able to use the WMH logo for promotional purposes and WMH would actively support and promote such an Invitational Event.
5. The FIH and WMH see the World Cup as the pinnacle Event and recognise Continental Championships as flagship Events.
- 5.1. WMH is happy to work with Event organisers on developing their Event but will not recommend that FIH sanction an Event if it believes that it would have a negative impact on a World Cup or Continental Championship.
  - 5.2. WMH will not endorse any Invitational Event if it believes that it would have a negative impact on an Event referred to in 5.1. In fact WMH will recommend to the FIH that any such Event is designated as an unsanctioned Event.
  - 5.3. Any Event which has more than 4 NAs and/or 24 matches and does not comply with WMH Policies and Regulations is unlikely to be approved or endorsed.
6. The WMH Strategy document identifies five levels of Events. The sanctioning and endorsement process identifies sub levels within each level. WMH has created *Sanctioning and Endorsement Levels*, explaining how Events will be categorised.

	Nature of Event	Status	Description	Approval	Sanctioning	Conditions	Promotion
<b>Level 1</b>	World Cup	International	National Association entered International teams (or in the future possibly club) competitions run through WMH.	WMH EB	WMH EC to FIH	Full WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website Social media for all promotion
<b>Level 2</b>	Continental Championships/ Competitions	International	National Association entered International teams (or in the future possibly club) competitions run through WMH.	WMH EB	WMH EC to FIH	Full WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website Social media for all promotion
<b>Level 3.1</b>	Seeding event across CFs	International	Championship trophy type event with additional seeding points available	WMH EB	WMH EC to FIH	Full WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website
<b>Level 3.2</b>	Seeding event within CF	International	A group of NAs wish to organise a Tournament or Competition and want seeding points to be allocated. E.g. 4 Nations, Trans Tasman, Pan-American	WMH EC	Organising NA to WMH	Full WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website
<b>Level 3.3</b>	Spirit of Masters Tournament Trophy replacement	Invitational	Non national teams such as LX, Alliance, Southern Cross. Potentially could be B National teams	WMH EC	WMH EC or NA to WMH	Adapted WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website
<b>Level 3.4</b>	Non-seeding event across CFs	International	Championship trophy type event with no seeding points	WMH EC	WMH EC to FIH	Adapted WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website

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<b>Level 3.5</b>	Non-seeding event within CF	International	A group of NAs wish to organise a Tournament or Competition with no seeding points. E.g. Celtic Cup	WMH EC	Organising NA to WMH	Adapted WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website
<b>Level 3.6</b>	International Friendlies	International/ Invitational	Where two or three National Associations want to play against each other and want to treat these as full internationals	WMH EC	Organising NA to WMH	Adapted WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	WMH Website HNOC Website
<b>Level 3.7</b>	B Internationals	International/ Invitational	??	WMH EC	Organising NA to WMH	Adapted WMH Rules Code of Conduct TMS/TD	HNOC Website
<b>Level 4.1</b>	Global Tournament with full matches	Invitational	Festival of hockey incorporating teams from around the world where the organisers want acceptance from WMH	Will endorse if appropriate	N/A	Normal rules of hockey to apply Disciplinary issues must be reported to WMH	WMH Website Organisers Website
<b>Level 4.2</b>	Continental Tournament with full matches	Invitational	Festival of hockey incorporating teams from within a CF where the organisers want acceptance from WMH	Will endorse if appropriate	N/A	Normal rules of hockey to apply Disciplinary issues must be reported to WMH	WMH Website Organisers Website

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<b>Level 4.3</b>	Global Tournament with amendments to normal rules	Invitational	Festival of hockey incorporating teams from around the world where the organisers want acceptance from WMH but wish to alter some of the rules	Will endorse if appropriate	N/A	Amendments to normal rules of hockey to be approved by WMH EC Disciplinary issues must be reported to WMH	WMH Website Organisers Website
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<b>Level 4.5</b>	NA Club and associated Masters Championships	Local	National Association Masters events	N/A	N/A	Normal rules of hockey to apply Disciplinary issues must be dealt with by NA.	Potential incorporation in a what's on section or perhaps linked to NA website
<b>Level 5</b>	Local Masters tournaments	N/A	These are the kind of things that take place such as Easter festivals and summer leagues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A