

## Explanatory Note about the Format of Hockey World League 2014 / 2015

The 2nd Hockey World League will be played over 4 rounds over a 2 year period, with the Round 1 of the competition taking place in 2014 and Round 2, the Semi-Finals and Finals, being played in 2015. However, if any country wishes to play a tournament outside of the identified windows, please contact FIH to discuss to any such proposal.

### Format

- Teams ranked 1 – 11 in the FIH World Ranking as at 1 January 2013 will be granted a bye through to Round 3; teams ranked 12 – 19 in the FIH World Ranking as at 1 January 2013 will be granted a bye through to Round 2.

**Note: All teams must enter by the closing date of Friday, 14 June 2013. This includes teams with byes into Round 2 and the Semi-Finals. If a team with a bye does not enter, it will be replaced by the next highest placed country in the FIH World Ranking as at 1 January 2013. The FIH reserves the right to accept entries after the deadline of 14 June 2013.**

- World Ranking points will be awarded to teams at all levels of the FIH World League. Details of the amount of Ranking Points will follow in due course.
- The number of tournaments in Round 1 will depend entirely on the number of entries. It is FIH's intention to make these tournaments as local as possible, therefore keeping costs to all participating teams down to a minimum.
- Teams winning through to Round 2 will join those ranked 12 – 19 in the FIH World Ranking and will play in 3 tournaments of 8 teams on a more regional basis, which will involve teams from more than one continent. The teams with byes into Round 2 will be placed in tournaments recognizing their World Ranking.
- At the end of Round 2, 9 teams will join those teams ranked 1 – 11 in the FIH World Ranking as at 1 January 2013, which have been granted a bye through to this round
- Semi-Finals will be played in 2 tournaments, each comprising 10 teams.
- The number of teams winning through to the Finals will depend on whether the hosts of have qualified by performance to play in it.

### Men's teams ranked 1 – 11 as at 1 April 2013 and having a bye through to the Semi-Finals

Germany, Australia, Netherlands, England, Pakistan, New Zealand, Spain, Korea, Belgium, Argentina and India

### Men's teams ranked 12 – 19 as at 1 April 2013 and having a bye through to Round 2

South Africa, Malaysia, Canada, Ireland, Japan, France, China and Poland

### Women's teams ranked 1 – 11 as at 1 April 2013 and having a bye through to the Semi-Finals

Netherlands, Argentina, New Zealand, England, Germany, Australia, China, Korea, Japan, USA and South Africa

### Women's teams ranked 12 – 20\* as at 1 April 2013 and having a bye through to Round 2

India, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Azerbaijan, Italy, Chile and Russia\*

- \* Russia qualify as Scotland play as part of Great Britain during an Olympic Qualifying Tournament

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