

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nov 2018- May 2021

The Competitions Committee is tasked with assisting the FIH to implement its Strategic Plan in relation to all forms of hockey. This includes providing Tournament Regulations for inter-nations events and the policies that underpin them; managing the FIH Calendar of Events; development of technical guidelines and resource materials for the Organisation; management and evaluation of tournaments; implementation of guidelines for the Olympic Games and other Multi-Sports Events as they apply to the hockey competition, and the on-going review and development of the new FIH World Ranking System.

The Committee has met twice physically and several times virtually, more so particularly since the beginning of the pandemic, to discuss all the points addressed such as:

- Review of the new FIH World Ranking System;
- Qualification System for Olympic Games, FIH World Cups, FIH Indoor World Cups, FIH Junior World Cups, FIH Nations Cup and FIH Hockey5s World Cup,
- Review of Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events Regulations;
- Discussions around the creation of a long term Global Calendar; and
- Review and amendment of
 - FIH Competition Policies and Responsibility Charts,
 - Review of FIH Tournament Regulations to include provisions and guidelines for managing with the impact of COVID-19; and
- Review and Approval of Match Schedules;

Comprised of very experienced members from around the World, and with a strong voice within their respective Continental Federations, the Committee's biggest challenge in the last 2 and ½ years was to deal with a heavily impacted Calendar of Events due to COVID-19. The capacity of being flexible but still within the Rules and Regulations of the sport, was very important to keep hockey rolling during these difficult times and to structure in the best way for an expected return to "the field of play" in spite of the challenges of the sport it is continuing to face.

Committee Members:

Chair: Willard P. Harris (TTO)

Members: Mathavan Devadas (SGP) Marelize de Klerk (RSA)
Björn Isberg (SWE) David Peebles (AUS)
Nigel Traverso (USA)

Athlete's Committee Representative: Kate Richardson-Walsh (ENG)

Secretary: Eduardo Leonardo (FIH)