2012 VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES SHEET

SOCIALS:

Friday Night's Social/Registration: **The Vancouver Rowing Club** will play host to the Friday evening Registration social. Each team will receive a tournament package, a jug ticket (beer), food and music round out the festivities. (see details under Registration).

Saturday Night: **The Burnaby Lake Clubhouse** (3760 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5B 4X5; 5 minutes walk east of the main venue at Burnaby Lake West Complex) – Dinner and Dancing with **'Big Steve' Disco and Karaoke**. Out-of-town teams will receive 15 tickets as part of their registration package; local teams will receive 5 tickets. Extratickets may be purchased for $30. Doors open at 6:30pm – dinner from 7:30pm

REGISTRATION:

Come and enjoy the spectacular view of the Vancouver skyline at the Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) where registration will begin Friday at 6:30pm in the **Carver Room**. The VRC is located in Stanley Park. Take West Georgia Street until you reach the entrance to Stanley Park. The Club is the first building on your right (English Tudor style).The registration table will be in the main hall. **Warning** – pay parking is in effect from 6:00am to 9:00pm everywhere in the park - so bring loonies.

You must provide:

- Team Roster (with numbers if your shirts have them). Remember a player may only participate in one division other than the Mixed Division.
- Balance of entry fees. Any team not paying the balance of fees will not be permitted to play. Any team that withdraws will still be responsible for the entry Fee.
- Good party demeanor and attitude!

You will receive a package containing:

- Team programs
- Game ball
- Map for fields and Saturday evening dinner tickets
- Beer ticket for 'jug of beer'
- Tournament rules
- Emergency protocol
- Game Cards
- Warm and hearty welcome

GAME CARDS:

Each team will receive game cards to present to the Umpires prior to a match. Only one card will be returned to the Technical Table signed by the umpires.

PITCHES:

The main Tournament Venue is The Burnaby Lake Complex, where there are 4 field turf artificial surfaces. Check the schedule carefully to make sure you go to the right field! The Burnaby Lake Complex is located on Kensington Avenue at the West End of Burnaby Lake Regional Nature Park. There is free parking at the Burnaby Complex.

INSURANCE:

Please note Field Hockey Canada dental insurance only covers injuries sustained while wearing a mouth guard for Canadian teams only. Medical and liability coverage for Canadian teams is

provided as part of your annual national and provincial membership. Members must be in good standing at the time of this event in order to be covered to play.
Out-of-country teams must provide their own medical/dental and liability coverage and be able to provide the Tournament Director with this information prior to play commencing.

MEDICAL SERVICES:
There will be an athletic trainer located at the main event venue. For a serious emergency, call 911 and file a report at the Technical table at Burnaby Lake.

MAIN VENUE:
There will be a concession facility open at the Burnaby Lake Complex on Friday evening and throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be a Beer Garden located at Burnaby Lake on Saturday, Sunday and Monday from10.00am. The VRC Jokers Field Hockey Club will be operating the garden on behalf of the Tournament Committee and will be once again promoting the use of an environmentally friendly re-usable beer glass! Be sure to stop by often to wish them luck and make your 'donation'. Washrooms and Changing facilities will be readily available at Burnaby Lake West Complex and at the Burnaby Lake Clubhouse on Saturday evening. You may not need to return home or to your hotel!

Rules specific to The Burnaby Lake Complex:

- ***All alcoholic beverages MUST be consumed within the Beer Garden Perimeter. Failure to do so could result in the closing of the Beer Garden by Burnaby Park Officials.***
- ***Under no circumstance are BBQ's or Propane instruments of any kind allowed at the Burnaby Lake Complex.***
- ***Spectators are not permitted to watch any game from inside the pitch perimeters.***
- ***The consumption of nut products or sunflower seeds is prohibited.***
- ***Please keep your trash off the fields and in the trashcans provided!!***

The future of the tournament at this venue depends on everyone adhering to local rules. Your cooperation is appreciated.

MERCHANDISE:
The Tournament Committee will be selling VIT Dri-Fit Polo Shirts at the Technical Table located in front of the Burnaby Lake Pavilion. A number of equipment vendors will also be at the main venue. Be sure to drop by and check out the latest Field Hockey equipment.

FUNDRAISING:
A number of local participating teams will be raising funds for their clubs. Please support them, and who knows, you may be a lucky winner.

Tournament Rules

1. **RULES:** The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey (FIH) and Field Hockey Canada Mandatory experimental rules. Please refer to the accompanying attachment 'FHBC Rule Interpretation with FIH Clarification'

2. **POINTS:** Points will be awarded as follows: 3 pts – win; 1 pt - tie; 0 pts – loss

3. **TIES**
   a) If at the end of pool play or round robin play, 2 or more teams have the same number of points, they will be ranked accordingly:
      i) Goal differential
      ii) Goals for
      iii) Result between the tied teams
      iv) Penalty Stroke Competition
   b) Ties at the end of regulation play in the semi-finals or finals will be broken as follows:
      i) One round of penalty strokes, 5 per team.
      ii) Sudden death penalty strokes.
      - Note: due to time constraints, these may be taken at a spot not on the field of play as designated by the Tournament Director.

4. **MATCH LENGTH**
   i) The matches shall have 25 minute halves.
   ii) The halves will be started and ended by one long blast of the horn at Burnaby Lake.
   iii) One minute before the start of the halves, there will be three short blasts.
   iv) **Umpires are not to start the game early.**
   v) If a penalty stroke or penalty corner is awarded before the horn ending the half or the game, they shall be taken.

5. **UMPIRES**
   i) Umpires shall record the scores of all the games on the game card provided by the teams **and submit them to the technical table at Burnaby Lake.**
   ii) Umpires shall also record any yellow or red cards and the name of the player(s) **and submit them to the technical table at Burnaby Lake.**

6. **GAME BALLS:** Each team will be given a game ball at the beginning of the tournament. The team listed first is responsible for providing the game ball.

7. **UNIFORMS:** Teams are requested to wear presentable and appropriate uniforms, i.e. matching shirts, shorts/skirts, socks.
   i) The team listed first has the choice of uniform colors.
   ii) Should there be a conflict, the second team listed must change.

iii) Alternate shirts or pinnies will be available from the Technical Table.
iv) All teams are required to bring an alternate set of socks and a white shirt.
v) Team shirts do not need to be numbered or crested.

8. DISCIPLINARY CARDS: One red card or two cumulative yellow cards issued to a player shall result in suspension from the following game. A second red card or equivalent will result in suspension from the rest of the tournament.

9. TEAM ROSTERS: Team rosters must be received before the tournament.

a) No player may appear on more than one roster except for the Mixed Div.
b) ***Currently Carded National team members are not permitted to play for any team in the 2012 tournament.***
c) ***Players must have played at least one round robin game for their team in order to play in the playoffs.***
d) Teams may apply to the TD in writing for roster changes or additions.
e) Any team playing an illegal player will forfeit the match(es). The result of this match will be a 3-0 score.
f) The Mixed Division shall include a minimum of 5 women on the pitch at any one time.

10. CAPTAINS

a) Team captains MUST wear captain's bands. If you do not have one, they will be available for sale at the technical table.
b) Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their teammates, coaches,managers and spectators. Any disciplinary action required will be applied to the captain as well as the other parties involved.

11. PROTESTS

i) All protests must be submitted in writing, with a two hundred ($200) dollar cash deposit, within 20 minutes following the game to the Tournament Director.
ii) All decisions are final.
iii) The deposit will be refunded only if the appeal is successful.

12. FAILURE TO APPEAR: Any team failing to appear for a match, may be disqualified from the tournament.

13. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to add any additional rules as required to ensure the integrity of the event

14. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Every player on a Canadian domestic team must be a current registered member in good standing of Field Hockey BC and Field Hockey Canada.

15. MOUTHGUARDS: Mouthguards should be worn by all tournament participants. **Dental claims will only be honored if the claimant was wearing a mouthguard at the time the injury was incurred.**

16. OUT-OF-CANADA TEAMS: All members of foreign teams must have private medical and insurance. Medical expenses will not be covered by Field Hockey Canada's insurance policy.