



5 December 2008

To: Provincial Associations
From: Field Hockey Canada,
Board of Directors and National Championships Committee
Re: 2009 U16 National Championships and 2010 PAHF Youth Championships

Dear Provinces,

The FHC Board of Directors and National Championships Committee are happy to announce that the winning province of each the 2009 Men's and Women's Under-16 National Championship tournaments will be awarded the opportunity to send their team, as representatives of Canada, to the 2010 PAHF Youth Championships (location and date TBD).

This increased reward will undoubtedly enhance the quality of hockey and the competitiveness of the participating athletes as they contend for the chance to represent their country on the international stage. It is our hope that this added incentive will also further the preparation of our provinces' top coaches and officials as they prepare for one of the highest stakes events in National Championship history.

Below you will find information about both events as well as some details on how the process will work. Further details will be provided as the events near.

About the U16 National Championships

The 2009 U16 National Championships will be held 30 July – 3 August at the Iceland Fields in Mississauga, Ontario. The Provincial Association of the winning men's and women's team will be granted the opportunity to send a team to the 2010 PAHF Youth Championships as representatives of Canada.

About the PAHF Youth Championships

The 2010 PAHF Youth Championships will be held during the month of February or March 2010 for athletes under the age of 17 as of 31 December 2009 and over the age of 15 as of 1 January 2010. It will serve as the qualifier for the First Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in the summer of 2010.

Please note: Policy surrounding the 2010 Youth Olympics prohibits a country from sending more than one team sport to these Games. The Canadian Olympic Committee has final authority over which qualified Canadian team sport will attend.

1101 Prince of Wales Dr.
Suite 240
Ottawa, Ontario
K2C 3W7

Phone: 613-521-8774
Fax: 613-521-0261

fhc@fieldhockey.ca



Team Control and Discretion

The winning Province may waive the right to send a team to the PAHF event. In this case, the opportunity will be granted to the runner-up Province, etc.

The Provincial Association is responsible for preparation of the PAHF team as well as funding and/or fundraising efforts. **FHC will not fund the PAHF team's participation in this event.** However the National Office will assist with the administration and coordination between the team and PAHF Organizers.

The Provincial Association retains control and discretion over the selection of the final 18-member roster to be sent to the PAHF event, however all athletes must be FHC members in good-standing and meet all other international requirements. National Championship policy with regards to out-of-province player transfers will apply.

FHC must approve the selection of the head coach of the PAHF team.

The PAHF team will be subject to FHC policies regarding code of conduct, doping control, and other guidelines normally pertaining to FHC National Teams.

Please feel free to provide feedback or for more information please contact the National Office.

Regards,

FHC Board and NCC

1101 Prince of Wales Dr.
Suite 240
Ottawa, Ontario
K2C 3W7

Phone: 613-521-8774
Fax: 613-521-0261

fhc@fieldhockey.ca