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Memo

From: Aku Nieminen, Sport Manager
To: Member National Associations
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Subject: IIHF Girls' Global Game

Dear Friends,

Last summer, the IIHF organized the Women's Hockey Summit, gathering people working in the female game to review the past and to provide suggestions on how to continue in the future. One of the ideas, later also recommended by the IIHF Women's Committee, was to run one global game which consists of successive games operated in a number of countries, connecting the participating Member National Associations and promoting the game of female hockey.

As such, we are writing you to be part of the 2015 IIHF Girls' Global Game.

This global game will be operated during the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend (WGIHW), held October 10-11, 2015. Whereas many of the WGIHW events are organized by local clubs, the Girls' Global Game is to be organized by the Member National Association. We are only looking for one game per country.

In brief, the concept consists of two teams, for example White and Blue, competing against each other world-wide in successive games hosted by the Member National Associations. The IIHF together with Hockey Canada will keep track of the total score which will be collected and added to the total score following each game. As a practical example, if there are games played in 30 countries in 30 hours and team Blue wins each game 3-2, then final result of the Girls' Global Game is 90-60. We will provide a live score as the game moves through each participating country around the world so that the most current score of the game can be seen at any times.

Also, the objective is to operate the game chronologically from East to West so that it is as continuous as possible. This will depend on the number of the countries committed and the geographical locations of those.

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Only the following is required from the Member National Association committing to operating such a game:

- Commitment prior to the event to the IIHF to allow us to finalize the total concept
- Booking one hour of ice time – each game is to only take a total of one hour and therefore operated in e.g. 2 periods of 20 minutes
- Gathering sufficient number of female players and team staff to form the two teams
- Gathering game officials, off-ice officials and volunteers to operate the game
- Promoting the game domestically and locally
- Reporting the result immediately after the game has concluded

We look forward to having you part of this new initiative! We are kindly asking you to send your commitment to both Mandi Duhamel and me. Mandi can be reached at mduhamel@hockeycanada.ca and I can be reached at nieminen@iihf.com. Please send your commitments latest by **August 18, 2015**.

Should you have any questions about the Girls' Global Game, please do not hesitate to contact Mandi or me.

With kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aku Nieminen', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Aku Nieminen
Sport Manager
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