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Bulletin #1

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2008 FIRS SENIOR MEN & WOMEN WORLD INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Host Federation will be Deutscher Rollsport und Inline Verband of Germany. The location is in the city of Düsseldorf and Ratingen. Dirk Schulz is in charge of the Local Organizing Committee. **The dates are firmly set for a practice on July 5 and competition will begin on July 6 through 12, 2008.**

VENUES: Dirk Schulz tells us that the organizers will have the opportunity to use the "Benrath" venue and the "Ratingen" venue. The 2005 World Games Sports Court tile flooring used in Duisburg will be installed in "Ratingen". At the "Benrath" venue the same type of Sports Court flooring will be installed. The floor size will thus provided will be full use of the ice hockey surface (30m X 60m) and its surrounding boards.

HOTELS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: The following hotels have been contracted for special rates for the World Championships teams. The host organizers will arrange transportation to and from the airport to the hotel and daily to and from the hotel to the venues. Final arrangements will be made contingent upon the number of teams that will register.

The Relexa Hotel in Ratingen will also offer the official World Championship catering. A variety of substantial meals (e.g. vegetarian, different meat) will be served. Every Team has the opportunity to book individual lunch and dinner packages in advance. More information will be given soon.

Beside the World Championship a hockey-equipment trade-fair especially for the participating teams will be held in the Relexa Hotel.

All press-conference, federation- and commission-meetings will take place in the Relexa Hotel also. The host recommends that all teams book their accommodation at this hotel, to ensure a smoothly run of the competition schedule and an optimal support of all participants.

Hotel 4 stars (Relexa Hotels Ratingen) - 200 rooms are available, is approximately 5 minutes transportation time (2 km) to get to the Ratingen rink, and approximately 25 minutes (22km) to get to the Benrath rink.

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| Relaxa Hotel – Ratingen Accommodation including international breakfast buffet, isotonic sports drinks on the floors Transfers airport/train station to the hotel, and return daily shuttles for the competitions from 5 th till 12 ^h of July 2008 Double room price per night per person | 48,00 € |
| Individual room supplement per night per person | +21,00 € |

Furthermore the following hotels are available:

Hotel 3 stars (Mercure Düsseldorf Nord) 60 rooms are available is approximately 10min transportation time (7 km) to get to Ratingen rink and approx. 25minutes (16km) to get to Benrath rink.

Hotel 2 stars (IBIS Düsseldorf/Zentrum) approx. 15min transportation time (12 km) to both venues, 80 rooms are available. This hotel and the hotel Mercure Stresemannplatz should be preferred when playing in “Benrath” most of the time.

Hotel 4 stars (Mercure Stresemannplatz) approx. 15min transportation time (12km) to both venues, 55 rooms are available. This hotel and hotel IBIS should be preferred when playing in “Benrath” most of the time.

| | Mercure Düsseldorf Nord | Mercure Stresemannplatz | IBIS Düsseldorf Zentrum |
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| Accommodation including international breakfast buffet (warm breakfast) (at IBIS continental breakfast buffet only) | | | |
| Transfers airport/train station to the hotel, and return daily shuttles for the competitions from 5 th till 12 ^h of July 2008 Double room price per night per person | 47,00 € | 42,50 € | 32,50 € |
| Individual room supplement per night per person | +23,00 € | +23,50 € | +23,50 € |

NOTE: At the suggestion of the Organizing Committee, the Men teams will begin their Round-robin play at the Ratingen Rink, the Women at the Benrath Rink. Some men’s

games will also be played in Benrath, depending upon the number of world championship teams registered. As of this moment, for the medal round games, those qualifying teams for both men and women are scheduled to play at the Ratingen Rink, which has the greater spectator seating. The placement games will be held at the venue in Benrath.

You must contact Marc Janssen and Dirk Schulz (inlinehockey@ihd-online.net) to have access to these rooms, which are reserved first of all for participating international teams. The deadline for reservations will be the 25th of April 2007. A 100% deposit must be paid six weeks (21 May) prior to the event. Tax regulations, terms and conditions apply.

You may contact Dirk Schulz who will coordinate ground transportation for the 2008 Senior Men and Women World Inline Hockey Championships. He can be reached by telephone at ++49 (0) 174-7993553 or via email at schulz@rhein-rollers.de.

Consult the following web pages for additional information:

www.eissporthalle-ratingen.de and www.duesseldorf-tourismus.de.

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| JULY | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12, 2008 |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Men Teams | Practice | Pools | Pools | Pools | Pools | Qtr. Final | Semi Final | Final |
| | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| Women Teams | Practice | Pools | Pools | Pools | Pools | Qtr. Final | Semi Final | Final |

SEEDING FOR ROUND-ROBIN POOLS

For the Senior World Inline Hockey Championships, FIRS will continue to use the same seeding plan as initiated in 2005, with the top 8 teams from 2007 going into Group 1 and the remaining teams into Group 2 (two pools for each consisting of 3 games maximum for Group 1 and the possibility of 4 games in each pool for Group 2, dependant upon entry). Seeding of teams into pools will proceed according to the serpentine method by last years placement, conforming to published procedures. The lowest finishing team in each of the individual pools of 4 for Group 1 will drop down into Group 2 for the FIRS NATIONAL TEAM WORLD CUP competition (with medals), and the top teams from each pool of Group 2 will join Group 1 for World Championship play. This formula keeps the less experienced World Championship teams apart from the strongest, yet every team that enters the FIRS World Inline Hockey Championship is on a direct course toward the World Championship Gold Medal. If you have questions concerning this procedure, please email me and I will send you a complete description of the procedures.

TEAM SIZE AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team size shall consist of no more than 16 players, to include 2 goalies. The minimum age of a player is 14 years by January 1, 2008. The 2008 World Championships are open to In-line Hockey Teams from all the National Federations affiliated with the FIRS, provided that they confirm their entry prior to 15 May 2008. Payment of the \$ 750 USA Dollars entry fee must be received by this deadline date to assure acceptance and an accurate count of the number of teams placed in the games schedule. All participating team members will be required to prove appropriate nationality and age at the Championship Assembly on the day prior to the scheduled games by means of a valid passport issued from the country being represented.

FEES: The World Championship team registration fees, that are to be paid directly to CIRILH, the FIRS Inline Hockey Committee, in \$750 USA dollars. All wire transfer fees must be absorbed by the applicant team. Payment by bank cashier's check or by wire transfer must be in USA funds. Contact CIRILH Headquarters email address for its bank wire instructions at: pickard.cirilh@alltel.net.

It benefits all teams when we insist that a firm commitment for appearance is made by 15 May 2008, prior to the formulation of a games schedule.

Address for team registration

George Pickard, CIRILH President

3020 Prescott Avenue

Lincoln, NE 68502-5944 USA

Phone: 1-402-489-1550

Fax: 1-402-489-1598

e-mail: pickard.cirilh@alltel.net

Contact CIRILH via email for instructions if preferred payment is wire transfer.

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT CIRILH SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

George Pickard
CIRILH President



**Application Form: (submit separately for men and women)
2008 SENIOR WORLD INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS
JULY 5 through 12, 2008 – DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY**

Name of FIRS National Federation: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Current FIRS federation paid dues status (required): YES _____ NO _____

SENIOR MEN TEAM

Number of male team players _____ Other Officials including Coach _____

SENIOR WOMEN TEAM

Number of women team players _____ Other Officials including Coach _____
(See CIRILH rules manual for restrictions)

Email Address(es) for Team Representative: _____

Estimated Date of arrival in Dusseldorf: _____

Need help with hotel reservation: Yes _____ No _____ See Bulletin for pricing info.

Please Note HOTEL DEADLINES: Very Important - 25th of April 2008

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