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FINAL NOTICE FOR TEAM REGISTRATION
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. Men and women games will be conducted simultaneously in two rinks. The dates are set for: Scheduled team practice on July 5, with pool play competition to 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 SportsCourt tile flooring used in Duisburg will be installed in "Ratingen". At the "Benrath" venue the same type of SportsCourt flooring will be installed. The floor size thus provided will make full use of the ice hockey surface (30m X 60m) and its surrounding hockey boards.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: The host organizers will arrange transportation to and from the airport and daily from the hotel to the venues for scheduled games. A game schedule and related transportation program will be prepared after the final deadline, which is contingent upon the total number of team registrations that will enter pool play.

Contact Dirk Schulz with your teams arrival and departure and airline scheduled so that they may 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.

HOTELS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Very important: The previous announced deadline for booking hotel rooms reserved for the championships was the 25th of April 2008. As of this writing CIRILH is not aware of what hotel inventory remains available for teams. You must contact Marc Janssen and Dirk Schulz inlinehockey@ihd-online.net to have access to remaining rooms. A full deposit may be required at this time before confirmation is granted. Teams that secure hotel rooms without coordination by the Organizing Committee risk picking locations that are outside of the normal

transportation routes and therefore those teams may be required to furnish their own ground transportation.

2008 FIRS WORLD INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOX SCHEDULE

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	Thur	Fri	Sat
Women Teams	Practice	Pools	Pools	Pools	Pools	Qtr. Final	Semi Final	Final

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 the 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.

NATIONAL TEAMS CONFIRMING 2008 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY:

Men Teams: 1. Australia 2. Belgium 3.Canada 4. China 5. Colombia
6. Czech Republic 7. France 8. Germany 9. Great Britain 10. Korea
11. Mexico 12. Netherlands 13 Spain 14. Switzerland 15. USA.

2007 WC participant teams not yet reported: Italy Japan Belgium
Chinese-Taipei

Also having expressed interest are: Russia Iran.

Women Teams: 1. Australia 2. Canada 3. Czech Republic 4. France
5. Great Britain 6.Finland 7 Germany 8. Mexico 9. Namibia
10. Spain 11.USA.

2007 WC participant teams not yet reported: Singapore

Also having expressed interest are: New Zealand Japan

ATTENTION ALL TEAMS: Please immediately notify CIRILH by email if your team’s World Championship status is not correctly indicated above.

HEADQUARTERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

All press-conferences, federation- and commission-meetings will take place in the Relexa Hotel. The host recommends, if possible, that all teams book their accommodation at this hotel, to ensure optimal support of all participants. Enhancing the World Championship is a hockey-equipment trade-fair especially for the participating teams to be held in the Relexa Hotel.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 1 June 2008. Payment of the \$ 750 USA Dollars entry fee must be received by CIRILH no later than 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 by the same country being represented.

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 path 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. For the purpose of timely scheduling, the CIRILH Committee retains the right to place teams that have medaled in previous Senior World Championships into Group 1 should all of the 8 highest placing teams from 2007 not enter 2008 Championships.

FEES: The World Championship team registration fees of \$750 USA dollars are to be paid directly to CIRILH, the FIRS Inline Hockey Committee. This must be a net amount and all wire transfer fees associated with its transmission must be absorbed by the applicant team. Payment by wire transfer must be in USA funds. Contact CIRILH for bank wire transfer instructions: pickard.cirilh@alltel.net.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CIRILH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF
CIRILH PRESIDENT TO A FOUR YEAR TERM IN OFFICE – JULY 5, 2008**

The CIRILH President is elected to a four year term in office. The next such election will take place at the General Assembly of CIRILH in Dusseldorf, Germany on the evening of July 5, 2008 at approximately 7:30 PM in an exact location yet to be determined by the Organizing Committee of the 14th FIRS Senior Inline Hockey World Championships. All CIRILH delegates to the General Assembly entitled to a vote (see Article (f) below), may propose candidates for President and/or positions on the CIRILH Executive Committee. These nominations, proposed in writing by either the President or Secretary of the National Federation, must be submitted by registered mail and received at CIRILH Headquarters no later than June 15, 2008. Please include an inline hockey sport history. This deadline also applies to any rules changes that may be proposed or other matters applying to the Assembly agenda.

SPECIAL COMMENT BY OUTGOING CIRILH PRESIDENT GEORGE PICKARD

I have been associated with the FIRS Inline Hockey Committee since 1994 when I petitioned the FIRS Congress in Portugal to install this sport as the newest of our four roller sports disciplines within this International Federation. For the past 8 years I have served two terms as the CIRILH President. With your able assistance, we have together achieved remarkable progress for inline hockey development around the world. During the period from 1995 through 2007, there have been 31 different national federations that participated with inline hockey teams at the FIRS World Championships or at Pan American Games. Among the FIRS member nations, there are now 43 countries which organize inline hockey national championships and/or compete in FIRS Continental Championships.

At age 77 I have decided not to again stand for election as CIRILH President. It has been 8 years since I retired from a 40 year career as Executive Director of USA Roller Sports and took up this position as your CIRILH President. I feel that it is now a good time to turn over the leadership of this sport to someone else so that I may return to being retired. Naturally I am as concerned as all of you, that this sport of inline hockey continue to expand and draw new participant teams from everywhere throughout the world. We have all dedicated too much of our lives to this sport to stand back in idleness and watch it fail for lack of vigorous leadership. It is for this reason that I will recommend with confidence that you consider our current CIRILH Vice President GILBERT PORTIER of France as a suitable replacement for me, in recognition of the fine work he has accomplished with the organization of the Inline Hockey Program for the European Confederation, and suggest that he be elected President of CIRILH at this next Assembly. His record of accomplishments as CIRILH Vice President should speak for itself.



Article 5. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The agenda will include the following compulsory items:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call, including a Review of Accreditation
2. Legalization of the Assembly and Designation of Scrutineers
3. Confirmation of the minutes from the preceding General Assembly
4. Presidential Report of Actions taken by the Executive Committee
5. Review and approval of CIRILH Financial Condition, including current balance sheet.
6. Proposed amendments to the CIRILH Organization Rules or The Rules of the Game.
7. Offers to organize future World Championships or other International events.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business for which due notice has been received.
10. Election of President
11. Adjournment

THE VOTE - At a CIRILH General Assembly, according to FIRS Statutes, each Federation with FIRS membership currently in good standing, shall have the right to one (1) vote, provided that they have competed with a team in a FIRS World Roller Inline Hockey Championship within two years preceding the year of the General Assembly.

CIRILH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The CIRILH President works in close cooperation with the members of his Executive Committee composed of one Vice President appointed by the President and a maximum of four members, possibly belonging to different continents. These Executive Committee appointments may be proposed by and shall have the confidence of their Federations of origin at their initial nomination to office, which lasts four years. These members of the Executive Committee are selected by the President, who is elected by the General Assembly. The members of CIRILH Executive Committee are selected by the President from among those proposed by affiliated Federations and/or are directly chosen by the President, except in the case where there is formal opposition by the Federation of origin. During the term of office, the President may withdraw his confidence to a member of the Executive Committee and substitute another for the remaining term of office. The Federation of the withdrawn committee member, however, may propose a replacement. In the case of withdrawal of a President, the Vice President automatically takes over this position and a new member is nominated. (FIRS Gen. Reg. Para 4.2) The President may name a CIRILH Secretary, who must then be ratified by the Executive Committee. The Secretary may receive payment for services but is not allowed to vote.

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