

## PRESS RELEASE

### Field Hockey Canada hosts the Indoor Pan American Cup in Calgary, AB

The best of the Pan Americas descend on Calgary March 19-22, 2024

CALGARY, ALBERTA — Field Hockey Canada, in collaboration with Field Hockey Alberta and the Pan American Hockey Federation, is set to host the 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup at the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex & Jim Starlight Centre on the Tsuut'ina Nation. Taking place from March 19 to 22, 2024, this event will spotlight the premier indoor hockey talent from across the Pan American region.

Field Hockey Canada eagerly anticipates hosting this world-class event, underscoring its commitment to nurturing the growth of field hockey in the country. Beyond offering a platform for indoor hockey athletes to compete, the tournament will also serve as a qualifier for the 2025 FIH Indoor World Cup, adding an extra layer of significance.

#### Attending Teams

Women's Division: Argentina, Canada, USA, Uruguay

Men's Division: Argentina, Canada, USA, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago

The last time Canada hosted the Indoor Pan American Championships was in 2005 in Waterloo, Ontario. Since then, the event has taken place in Argentina, Venezuela, Uruguay, Guyana, and in 2021, it was held in Pennsylvania, USA. Canada's men's team last qualified for the Indoor World Cup in 2015, and the women's team achieved a record eighth place at the 2023 FIH Indoor World Cup in South Africa.

Indoor hockey originated in Europe as an alternative way to practice hockey during the winter months when it was too cold to play the sport outdoors. Over the years, the game has evolved into the fast, skillful, and action-packed version of field hockey we know today, with countries worldwide playing the sport year-round.

The Team Canada rosters and official schedule will be released shortly on the Field Hockey Canada website.

## ORGANIZATION QUOTES

“We are delighted to welcome our continental neighbors to Canada. Indoor hockey is an important part of our Canadian hockey community and the pathways within FHC. By bringing this world-class tournament to western Canada, we build the sport from coast-to-coast-to-coast in a truly inclusive manner. I am delighted that we are supporting the opportunity for our athletes to play at home in front of our passionate supporters. I know the Albertan community will make this a home tournament to remember.

I would like to give my many thanks to Field Hockey Alberta, the Pan American Hockey Federation, our local organizing committee, the greater Calgary sports community, partners, sponsors and supporters for making this happen. It promises to be a memorable and exciting event. One that is sure to continue to build the Canadian hockey pathways and celebrate hockey in Canada.”

- SUSAN AHRENS, CEO FIELD HOCKEY CANADA

“The Indoor Pan American Championships tournament has become a pinnacle event in our calendar because it provides a platform for our athletes and officials to excel and compete at the highest level of indoor hockey. Canada’s rich hockey heritage, combined with its commitment to hosting world-class events, makes it an ideal setting for this tournament. Together, we are committed to delivering a tournament that will exceed expectations, leaving a lasting legacy for indoor hockey in the Americas.”

- ALBERTO BIDEISKY, PRESIDENT PAN AMERICAN HOCKEY FEDERATION

“Calgary is thrilled to be hosting the 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup. As we prepare to welcome close to 200 athletes from across the Americas, our city eagerly anticipates the energy and excellence they will bring to our doorstep. Collaborating closely with our local Field Hockey community, we are committed to ensuring an unforgettable experience for all involved.”

- CARSON ACKROYD, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AT TOURISM CALGARY



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