



2016 Report of the Chair Field Hockey Canada Board of Directors

In the last 12 months, the Board has focused on a number of issues, some new and others on-going from previous years.

One of the highlights we took pleasure in seeing come to fruition was, for the first time in 20 years, Canadian Men's and Women's Masters teams took part in the FIH Masters World Cup in Canberra, Australia. Whilst game results were muted, participation was the key ingredient to encourage future excitement and we're already receiving queries about the next Masters World Cup event in Spain in June 2018. Equally important is that this was another example of Field Hockey Canada's effort to engage with our community and work towards our strategic goal of building a "strong and robust Canadian hockey family."

With the Masters being the "rookie" National Teams, they had plenty of motivation with a successful year on the pitch for our Women and Men's National programs. With an enhanced communications platform, we were better able to closely follow those athletes who wear the Canadian jersey. We were excited to follow our Men's National Team as they qualified for the Olympic Games this summer, and our Junior Men who qualified for the FIH Junior World Cup in December. It must be noted what an important support role the Canadian Olympic Committee played in our teams' success.

With the successful Pan American Junior Men's World Cup qualifier held at the University of Toronto in May, we have another opportunity to watch International Hockey in Canada when we host the FIH World League II Women's event in April 2017. Our Women's National team will use the home crowd to propel them to qualify for the 2018 FIH World Cup. They continue to progress as planned (often exceeding milestones along the way) towards the goal to push for the podium in 2020. Thank you to Sport Canada and Own The Podium for the continued support of all our National Programs.

Thank you to all the athletes who represent us all.

Thank you also to our Members - the Provincial Sport Organizations and for all their work in developing the game across the country. We were encouraged by the progress on the Coach Development front and thank the CAC for their endorsement and guidance.

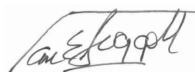
Provincial leaders have been instrumental in developing a new 5-year vision for domestic events (National Championships) and the supporting structure. The report will be presented at the AGM.

Supporting the sport is a dedicated staff and Board. There is a great deal of work "behind the scenes" to run a National Sport Federation and we are proud of the vast improvements we continue to make in our operations.

In the AGM material you will find a report on our key priorities for 2016 / 17. So central to all sport organizations, amateur and professional alike, is the issue of concussion in sports. Government agencies are working on guidelines and regulations and Field Hockey Canada will work with their Members to best ensure those who compete in our sport are educated on the issue of concussions.

The Board continues to be strongly supportive of new and proactive initiatives, to provide better future concern for our National athletes, to encourage still active older players to be involved and develop better contacts and dialogue with our diverse and widely separated communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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