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2017 IFAF Women's World Championship Federations... Australia, Canada, Finland, Great Britain, Mexico, United States

Re: 2017 Women's World Championship – Canada

Congratulations on your Federation earning the honor to play in this summer's IFAF Women's World Championship in Canada. It should be an exciting and rewarding experience for coaches, players, fans and officials.

Currently the tournament is formatted for six (6) teams. At this time we do not have a tentative game schedule but would assume that there will be three games played on a given day.

With that format in place and in an effort to maintain an efficient budget regarding officiating expenses, we are planning on having two 7-person crews work the tournament games. Each Federation is asked to nominate and support a minimum of two (2) officials and if possible 3 officials for the tournament. With six teams participating this would give us the 14 officials for the two crews. Crews would alternate working 2 games on one game day and 1 game on the other day. Should we have 21 officials, then officials would work one game on a given day. We will finalize this once the game schedule is determined, we assume at the technical meeting next month.

The attached form should be completed and returned to me no later than April 1, 2017. Federations are responsible for the travel, housing, food & ground expenses of these two or three officials. Airfare will vary based on departure city to Vancouver... it is estimated that housing & food will run about \$100-US per day. With the tournament starting on June 24th and ending June 30th, officials should plan on arriving June 22nd so organizational meetings can be held the day prior to kickoff. NOTE: Officials may NOT 'buy' their way into the tournament; officials must be financially sponsored by their Federation for travel, housing & food. Information related to arrival/departure dates, crew assignments, uniform and tournament assignments will be sent out as soon as the officiating staff is finalized.

Additionally, though the requirement for the officiating staff being all female has been waived due to budget considerations, it is imperative that of your 2-3 nominations female officials be given priority over than male officials. We owe this to the development of the sport and the officials involved. If a shortage of officials occurs we will ask Canada to fill the voided spots with local officials... male or female.

Selected officials must, per IFAF policy, speak fluent English. They must have a valid passport and if needed a valid visa for entering Canada. Our goal is to have the officiating staff selected no later than April 15th so travel documents can be processed and approved.

Please work with your recognized officiating organizations in your Federation... they have the best handle on knowing who the best candidates are. Let me know if you have any questions regarding this process. We look forward to your nominations and the tournament.

Respectfully,



2017 IFAF Women's World Championships... Officiating Nominations

Email this completed form no later than April 1, 2017 to: wlemonnier@sbcglobal.net

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You may attach additional information as needed.