



HOCKEY INDIA

Newsletter



Message from Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General -Hockey India & Chairman-Hero Hockey India League

28 February 2014 was a red letter day in the history of Hockey India. On this day, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India recognized Hockey India as National Sports Federation and the sole custodian of Indian Hockey. This has been possible with the unstinted support and guidance provided by all our permanent Members, Associate Members, Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and all other stakeholders.

I would also like to put on record a word of appreciation for Uttar Pradesh Hockey, Department of Sports (Government of Madhya Pradesh), Hockey Karnataka and Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu for conducting National Championships. The next three months are very critical for Indian Hockey. Our Senior Men Hockey Team will be participating in FIH World Cup at The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014 and Senior Women Team will take part in Champions Challenge 1 at Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July – 3 August 2014. I wish our teams the best of luck.

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports declares Hockey India as the sole body responsible for promoting the sport in India

It's a moment of ecstasy for Hockey India (HI) with the Government of India, through Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, recognizes Hockey India as the sole body responsible towards promotion of sport in India.

Speaking on the recognition Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra said, "It is a moment of pride for not only Hockey India but even for players and coaches who have worked towards this goal in their own ways and efforts. Our endeavor will always be to make hockey the number one sport in the country and we aim to motivate the Indian team to achieve feats, which Indians will remember and talk about when the history of Hockey will be discussed. We will continue our effort in that direction till the time we do not achieve what we set out to do".

He further added, "I earnestly thank the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for recognizing the efforts that we have been putting in the last few years and giving us the recognition that we deserve".

Going by the guidelines in order to get this recognition, the Nationals Sports Body needs to be recognized as the body by both, the International Federation as well as Indian Olympic Association. Hockey India has fulfilled both the criteria since the year 2009 wherein International Hockey Federation (FIH) as well as Asian Hockey Federation have considered it as the governing body and major tournaments have been organized in association with Hockey India since then.

Since 2012, Hockey India and FIH have organized major tournaments such as FIH Olympic Qualifiers, FIH World League Round 2, FIH Junior Men World Cup and FIH World League Final.

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The manner in which Hockey India has been successfully conducting International tournaments in the last few years has helped them bag major events between 2014 -2018 which includes Champions Trophy December 2014, apart from events like FIH Women's World League Round-2 and FIH Men's World League Final in 2015, FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2016, FIH Men's World League Final in 2017 and FIH Men's World Cup in 2018. This effort towards ensuring that International tournaments being played in India helped Hockey India get this recognition by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Hockey India even has to its credit of conducting 2 successful editions of Hockey India League in 2013 and 2014 which gave an opportunity to Indian players (capped as well as uncapped) to play with international players from different countries which helped them to learn and put into play.

Hockey India has 26 Affiliated Members, 19 Associate Members and two members through State Olympic Association. Hockey India has been regularly holding National Championships since 2011 under men and women's category at senior, junior and sub-junior levels. The 4th Hockey India National Championships 2014 are already underway.

Letter received from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India

F.No.32-14/2013-SP-III
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 28th February, 2014

To
The Secretary General,
Hockey India,
B1/E3, Ground Floor,
Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate,
New Delhi-110044.

Sub: Grant of recognition by Govt. of India to Hockey India as National Sports Federation (NSF) for the sport of Hockey.

Sir,
The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India recognizes the importance of the sport of Hockey in India, its popularity among the masses and medal prospects of India in various international events, etc. Keeping these factors in view, the Ministry realizes the need to quickly resolve the long-pending issue of granting recognition to a federation as NSF for the sport of hockey.

2. Prior to May, 2008, Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) and Indian Women Hockey Federation (IWHF) were controlling the sport of Hockey for men and women respectively. In May, 2008, IHF was suspended by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and an ad-hoc Committee was formed by IOA to look after the affairs of the discipline of hockey. On the basis of the same, the Ministry also suspended IHF in May, 2008. In March, 2009, the President of the International Federation for Hockey (FIH) met the then Minister for Sports and expressed his concern on the delay in forming a unified body for Men & Women Hockey in India and insisted that the same be formed within 6 months. Otherwise, holding of the World Cup-2010 in India would be withdrawn. Accordingly, the Government of India also supported the efforts of IOA for formation of a unified body.

3. In August, 2009, the Government granted conditional recognition to Hockey India till 31-12-2010. On 5th August, 2010, taking into account the judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 21.05.2010 and violation of Government guidelines by Hockey India as well as its open declaration that it is a private body beyond the writ jurisdiction and the Government's regulatory powers, Government withdrew recognition granted to Hockey India.

4. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Court of Delhi have made the following important orders/judgments on the issue.




Trophy Unveiling Ceremony of Hero Hockey World League Final



Mr. J Narian, Advisor Sports, Hero MotoCorp Ltd, Mr. Alberto Budeisky, FIH Representative and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India during Trophy unveiling ceremony at The Lalit in New Delhi.



Mr. J Narian, Advisor Sports, Hero MotoCorp Ltd with the Trophy



The Captains of all the eight teams with the Hero Hockey World League Final Trophy



Hockey India hosted Hero Hockey World League Final 2014

Netherlands win inaugural Hockey World League Title

The Netherlands defeated New Zealand 7-2 to claim the maiden Hero Hockey World League Final title at the Major Dhyan Chand National Hockey Stadium in New Delhi, January this year.

In the 3/4th position play-off, England overcame Australia 2-1 to win bronze medal in the tournament.



The Netherlands celebrating with the winner's trophy.



Runners-up New Zealand in a group photo.



England which finishes at third position is in a group photo.

Individual Awards

Player of the Tournament	Robbert Kemperman (Netherlands)
Young Player of the Tournament	Mandeep Singh (India)
Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament	George Pinner (England)
Top Scorer of the Tournament	Kieran Govers (Australia)



India finishes Sixth in the Hero Hockey World League Final 2014

India finished sixth after going down 2-1 to World Number 5 Belgium in the classification match of the Hero Hockey World League Final 2014 hosted by Hockey India at the Major Dhyan Chand National Hockey Stadium in New Delhi from 10-18 January 2014.

A day before losing to Belgium, India recorded an amazing 5-4 win over World Number 1 Germany in their last league match. Despite losing to Australia with a big margin of five goals in its fourth league match, India had played well in the tournament against New Zealand, England and Germany. The result of Indian Men Hockey Team in this tournament gave 260 ranking points and India moved to number 8 in the FIH World Ranking from number 10. This is India's best ranking since 2006.

Playing against top ranked teams of the World, it was a good exposure for the Indian Men Hockey Team looking ahead of major events to be held this year including Senior Men Hockey World Cup, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Champions Trophy.

Results

Date	Match	Result
10 January 2014	Vs England	0-2
11 January 2014	Vs New Zealand	1-3
13 January 2014	Vs Germany	3-3
15 January 2014	Vs Australia	2-7
17 January 2014	Vs Germany	5-4
18 January 2014	Vs Belgium	2-7





Lt. Gen. Anirudh Chakravarthy (VSM) Director General National Cadet Corps (NCC) presenting Junior Player of the Tournament Award to Mandeep Singh.



Mr. Jan Albers, Executive Board Member FIH presenting Player of the Tournament to Robbert Kemperman from The Netherlands.



Mr. Jason Mc Cracken, Tournament Director presenting Top Scorer of the Tournament to Kieran Govers from Australia.



Dr. R P Singh, Athlete Representative Hockey India presenting Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award to George Pinner from England.



Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindhia, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Sports Government of Madhya Pradesh, Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India, Mr. Jan Albers, Executive Board Member FIH, Mr. Jason Mc Cracken, Tournament Director, Hero Hockey World League Final, Dr. R P Singh, Athlete Representative Hockey India, Lt. Gen. Anirudh Chakravarthy (VSM) Director General National Cadet Corps (NCC), Mr. Alberto Budeisky, Representative FIH and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India.





Mr. Alberto Budeisky, FIH Representative and Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindhia, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Sports Government of Madhya Pradesh presenting gold medals to The Netherlands team.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting bronze medals to the England team.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India presenting silver medals to the New Zealand team.



Mr. Jan Albers, Executive Board Member FIH presenting bronze medal to the England team.



Mr. Alberto Budeisky, FIH Representative presenting FIH flag to Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India.



Mr. Alberto Budeisky, Representative FIH presenting winners trophy to The Netherlands.





Dr. Lalit Bhanot, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association wishing good luck to the players of Indian Men Hockey Team.



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India and Mr. Ajit Mohan Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India watching match at MDC National Stadium.



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India during national anthem.



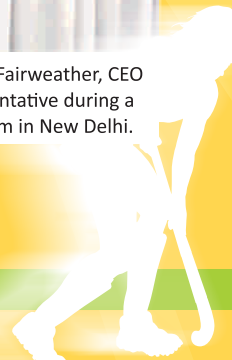
Mr. Sandeep Dikshit, Member Parliament in Lok Sabha, Government of India and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India during national anthem.



Olympian Mr. Harbinder Singh, Government Observer (Hockey) and Olympian Mr. Ajit Pal Singh watching match at MDC National Stadium.



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India, Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO FIH addressing media and Mr. Alberto Budeisky, FIH Representative during a press conference at the Major Dhyana Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.



Moments of Hero Hockey World League Final 2014



Indian Men Hockey Team preparing for Europe Tour ahead of FIH Men's World Cup 2014

With less than two months left before the start of the FIH Men's World Cup 2014, the senior men hockey team is preparing for its tour to Europe from 9-19 April 2014. This tour is in preparations for the FIH World Cup 2014 to be held at The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014. The camp of the Senior Men Hockey team commenced at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on 9 March and will continue till the departure of the team for Europe tour on 9 April 2014.

During the camp Coach Terry Walsh and Director High Performance Roelant Oltmans along with the support staff are working hard for preparing the team. Despite long morning and evening training sessions, the team is also having regular video analysis sessions to know the feedback of their performance from the coaches.

In its Europe, Indian team will play five build-up games including two against The Netherlands, one against Belgium and two games against local club teams.





Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 - Men

The Hague (NED) – 31 May / 15 June 2014



Participating Teams

Pool A	Australia	England	Belgium	India	Spain	Malaysia
Pool B	Germany	Netherlands	New Zealand	Korea	Argentina	South Africa

Match Schedule

Date	Match #	Local Time	Indian Time	Pool	Pitch	Match		
Saturday 31 May	M1	10:30	15:00	MA	K	Australia	v	Malaysia
	M2	16:00	20:30	MA	K	Belgium	v	India
	M3	17:30	22:00	MA	G	England	v	Spain
Sunday 1 June	M4	10:30	15:00	MB	K	Germany	v	South Africa
	M5	16:00	20:30	MB	K	Netherlands	v	Argentina
	M6	17:30	22:00	MB	G	New Zealand	v	Korea
Monday 2 June	M7	13:00	17:30	MA	K	Australia	v	Spain
	M8	16:00	20:30	MA	K	England	v	India
	M9	17:30	22:00	MA	G	Malaysia	v	Belgium
Tuesday 3 June	M10	14:30	19:00	MB	G	South Africa	v	New Zealand
	M11	16:00	20:30	MB	K	Germany	v	Argentina
	M12	19:45	00:15	MB	K	Netherlands	v	Korea
Wednesday 4 June	Rest Day							
Thursday 5 June	M13	13:00	17:30	MA	K	Malaysia	v	England
	M14	16:00	20:30	MA	K	Belgium	v	Australia
	M15	17:30	22:00	MA	G	India	v	Spain
Friday 6 June	M16	13:00	17:30	MB	K	New Zealand	v	Argentina
	M17	17:30	22:00	MB	G	Korea	v	South Africa
	M18	19:45	00:15	MB	K	Germany	v	Netherlands
Saturday 7 June	M19	13:00	17:30	MA	K	Spain	v	Belgium
	M20	14:30	19:00	MA	G	India	v	Malaysia
	M21	16:00	20:30	MA	K	England	v	Australia
Sunday 8 June	M22	10:30	15:00	MB	K	New Zealand	v	Germany
	M23	13:00	17:30	MB	K	Korea	v	Argentina
	M24	19:45	00:15	MB	K	South Africa	v	Netherlands
Monday 9 June	M25	13:00	17:30	MA	K	Australia	v	India
	M26	14:30	19:00	MA	G	Spain	v	Malaysia
	M27	19:45	00:15	MA	K	Belgium	v	England
Tuesday 10 June	M28	10:30	15:00	MB	K	Argentina	v	South Africa
	M29	13:00	17:30	MB	K	Germany	v	Korea
	M30	19:45	00:15	MB	K	New Zealand	v	Netherlands
Wednesday 11 June	Rest Day							
Thursday 12 June	M31	13:30 ¹	18:00	11 / 12	K	6 th Pool A	v	6 th Pool B
Friday 13 June	M32	15:15 ¹	19:45	SF 1	K	1 st Pool A	v	2 nd Pool B
	M33	18:00 ¹	22:30	SF 2	K	1 st Pool B	v	2 nd Pool A
Saturday 14 June	M34	08:30 ¹	13:00	9 / 10	K	5 th Pool A	v	5 th Pool B
Sunday 15 June	M35	08:30 ²	13:00	7 / 8	K	4 th Pool A	v	4 th Pool B
	M36	10:45 ²	15:15	5 / 6	K	3 rd Pool A	v	3 rd Pool B
	M37	13:00 ²	17:30	3 / 4	K	Loser SF 1	v	Loser SF 1
	M38	15:15	19:45	Final	K	Winner SF 1	v	Winner SF 1

Notes: Subject to the approval of the FIH any match(es) may be rescheduled to accommodate commercial requirements.

K Kyocera Stadium G Greenfields Stadium



Senior Women Hockey Team preparing for Champions Challenge 1

The preparatory camp of the senior women hockey team is underway at the NSNIS, Patiala from 24 March 2014 for the preparations of the FIH Champions Challenge 1 scheduled to be held at Glasgow from 27 April to 4 May 2014.

The senior women team will travel to Ireland on 10 April 2014 to play a three match test series against their national side for preparations and acclimatization ahead of the Champions Challenge 1.

The 33 players are currently training in the three week preparatory camp which will conclude on 9 April 2014.

For the Champions Challenge 1, India is placed in Pool A with Korea, Belgium alongwith the host Scotland while USA, South Africa, Spain and Ireland are placed in Pool B. The opening match for India is against Korea on 27 April 2014.

The FIH Champions Challenge 1 is a crucial tournament for Indian Senior Women team as post that they will play other major tournaments including the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow (Scotland) and Asian Games in Incheon (Korea).





Hockey Champions Challenge 1 2014

Women, Glasgow (SCO) – 27 April / 4 May 2014



Participating Teams

Pool A

Korea
Belgium
India
Scotland

Pool B

USA
South Africa
Spain
Ireland

Match Schedule

Date	Match #	Time	Date	Indian Time	Pool	Match	Match
Sunday 27 April	W01	10:00	Sunday 27 April	14:30	B	USA	v Spain
	W02	12:00	Sunday 27 April	16:30	B	South Africa	v Ireland
	W03	14.30	Sunday 27 April	19:00	A	Belgium	v Scotland
	W04	16:30	Sunday 27 April	21:00	A	Korea	v India
Monday 28 April	W05	14:00	Monday 28 April	18:30	B	South Africa	v USA
	W06	16:00	Monday 28 April	20:30	B	Spain	v Ireland
	W07	19:00	Monday 28 April	23:30	A	India	v Scotland
	W08	21:00	Monday 28 April	01:30*	A	Belgium	v Korea
Tuesday 29 April						Rest Day	
Wednesday 30 April	W09	09.30	Wednesday 30 April	14:00	B	Spain	v South Africa
	W10	11.30	Wednesday 30 April	16:00	B	USA	v Ireland
	W11	14:00	Wednesday 30 April	18:30	A	Korea	v Scotland
	W12	16:00	Wednesday 30 April	20:30	A	India	v Belgium
Thursday 1 May	W13	13.00	Thursday 1 May	17:30	QF1 ¹	1 st Pool A	v 4 th Pool B
	W14	15.15	Thursday 1 May	19:45	QF2 ¹	2 nd Pool B	v 3 rd Pool A
	W15	18.00	Thursday 1 May	22:30	QF3 ¹	2 nd Pool A	v 3 rd Pool B
	W16	20.15	Thursday 1 May	00:45**	QF4 ¹	1 st Pool B	v 4 th Pool A
Friday 2 May						Rest Day	
Saturday 3 May	W17	09.00	Saturday 3 May	13:30	5/8 ²	Loser Match 13	v Loser Match 14
	W18	11.15	Saturday 3 May	15:45	5/8 ²	Loser Match 15	v Loser Match 16
	W19	14.00	Saturday 3 May	18:30	SF1 ²	Winner Match 13	v Winner Match 14
	W20	16.15	Saturday 3 May	20:45	SF2 ²	Winner Match 15	v Winner Match 16
Sunday 4 May	W21	10.30	Sunday 4 May	15:00	7 / 8 ³	Loser Match 17	v Loser Match 18
	W22	12.45	Sunday 4 May	17:15	5 / 6 ³	Winner Match 17	v Winner Match 18
	W23	15:30	Sunday 4 May	20:00	3 / 4 ³	Loser Match 19	v Loser Match 20
	W24	17.45	Sunday 4 May	22:15	Final	Winner Match 19	v Winner Match 20

Notes: Subject to the approval of the FIH any match(es) may be rescheduled to accommodate commercial requirements.

¹ The sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of the pool matches

² The sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of the quarter-finals

³ The sequence of matches will be confirmed on completion of the semi-finals

12 December 2013

* Played on morning 29 April 2014

** Played on morning 01 May 2014



Introduction - 4th Hockey India National Championships 2014

Hockey India restructured the conduct of its annual National Championships from the 4th edition which commenced with the Senior Men on 27 February 2014 to ensure a more level playing field for all participating teams. The top teams from the previous year national championship are placed in Division A and rest of the teams are in Division B of the championship.

The two teams which finish at the bottom of the table of the Division A will be relegated to Division B in the next edition and the top two finishing in the 'B' division will get promoted to Division A in the next edition of the championship. This format is applicable to all senior, junior and sub-junior events in men and women's. This will enhance the interest in the National championships.

4th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2014

Air India defends Title

Defending Champions Air India outclassed Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) 4-1 in the final of the 4th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2014 hosted by Uttar Pradesh Hockey at Dhyhan Chand Hockey Stadium in Lucknow on 23 March 2014.

Drag-flicker Gaganpreet Singh who was adjudged Best Player of the Tournament, scored a brilliant hat-trick which helped star studded Air India to defend their title against a young Comptroller & Auditor General of India team. Comptroller & Auditor General of India who participated for the second time in the national championship played well throughout the tournament to win the silver medal.

In the match for third place, hosts Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Railways Sports Promotion Board 4-2. Total 42 teams from different parts of the country participated in the championship including 20 teams in Division A and 22 teams in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams of Division A Manipur and Andaman & Nicobar have been relegated to Division B in 2015

Awards	Players
Best Goalkeeper	Adrain D'Souza (Air India)
Best Defender	Diwakar Ram (Uttar Pradesh)
Best Midfielder	MB Aiyappa (CAG of India)
Best Forward	Shivendra Singh (Air India)
Player of the Tournament	Gaganpreet Singh (Air India)



The winners Air India Celebrating with the trophy



Uttar Pradesh team which finishes third is celebrating with the trophy



Comptroller & Auditor General of India celebrating with the Runners-up trophy.

Hockey Gangpur – Odisha defeats Hockey Maharashtra 3-2 in the final of Division B

Hockey Gangpur – Odisha defeated Hockey Maharashtra 3-2 in a thrilling final of the 4th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2014 (Division B) at the Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium in Lucknow on 13 March 2014. Hockey Gangpur-Odisha played its first National Championship and have prove themselves. Hockey Gangpur-Odisha remains unbeatable in the championship and have won five pool matches and a semi-final.

Earlier, Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd defeated Namdhari XI 3-1 to finish third.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Hockey Gangpur- Odisha and Hockey Maharashtra have qualified for Division A in 2015.



4th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2014

Railways lift 4th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2014

Railways avenged last year's defeat to Hockey Haryana with a 4-0 win in the final of the 4th Hockey India Women National Championship 2014 hosted by Department of Sports, Government of Madhya Pradesh at Aish Bagh Hockey Stadium in Bhopal on 23 March 2014. The star-studded favourites was clearly committed to reclaim the title.

In the third place playoff, a dominant Jharkhand beat Punjab 5-0. In Division A, 16 best teams of the country compete for the title and 16 teams gave fight to each other in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams Bihar and Chandigarh of Division A have been relegated to Division B in 2015

Awards	Players
Best Goalkeeper	Savita (Haryana)
Best Defender	Deepika (Railways)
Best Forward	Poonam Barla (Jharkhand)
Top Scorer	Navneet Kaur (Haryana)
Player of the Tournament	Monika (Haryana)



Mr. Ram Naresh Yadav, Governor of Madhya Pradesh presenting Runners-up trophy to Haryana



Mr. Ram Naresh Yadav, Governor of Madhya Pradesh presenting trophy to Jharkhand who finishes third in the championship



The winners Railways Celebrating with the trophy



Assam overcome Himachal Pradesh to finish top spot in Division B

Hockey Assam clinches away the title of the 4th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2014 (Division B) from Hockey Himachal Pradesh in a hard fought game with a close 3-2 win, played at the Aish Bagh Stadium in Bhopal on 19 March 2014.

In the hard line match, Delhi defeated Tamil Nadu 2-0 to secure the third position in the championship. 16 teams from different parts of the country participated in the championship to compete against each other for the title. Vidarbha Hockey Association and Hockey Gangpur-Odisha participated for the first time in the championship.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Himachal Pradesh and Assam have qualified for Division A in 2015



4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014

Haryana scores Hat-trick of titles in the Junior Women National Championship

Defending champions Hockey Haryana scored a hat-trick of titles as they defeated Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy 2-0 in the summit clash of the 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014 (Division A) hosted by Hockey Karnataka at Chamundi Vihar Astro turf Ground in Mysore on 23 March 2014.

This is the third time in a row that Haryana have won the Junior Women National Championship. Meanwhile, Jharkhand defeated Hockey Odisha 3-1 via penalty shoot out to finish third in the championship. Total 36 teams participated in the championship including 16 teams in Division A and 20 teams in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams of Division A Bengal Hockey Association and Bihar have been relegated to Division B in 2015

Awards	Players
Best Goalkeeper	Nisha N.N. (Karnataka)
Best Defender	Rashmitha Minj (Odisha)
Best Midfielder	Rajni Soreng (Jharkhand)
Best Forward	Priyanka Wankhede (MPHA)
Player of the Tournament	Jyoti Gupta (Haryana)



Mr. K Govindraj, MLC and President Karnataka Olympic Association presenting trophy to the runners-up Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy.



Mr. M C Nanaiah, MLC presenting trophy to Hockey Odisha which finishes third in the championship.



Mr. K Govindraj, MLC and President Karnataka Olympic Association presenting trophy to the winners Haryana. Mr. M C Nanaiah, MLC, Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India and Mr. A B Subbaiah, Secretary Hockey Karnataka are also present.



Chhattisgarh defeats Kerala 6-1 to finish on the top in Division B

Hockey Chhattisgarh girls routed Hockey Kerala 6-1 to win the 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014 (Division B) at Chamundi Vihar Hockey Ground in Mysore on 13 March 2014.

Hockey Gangpur- Odisha finished third with a 2-0 verdict against Hockey Manipur.

Total 20 teams participated in the Division B of the championship including two new entrants Vidarbha Hockey Association and Hockey Gangpur-Odisha.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Chhattisgarh and Kerala have qualified for Division A in 2015



Olympian Jude Felix appointed as Coach of the Senior Men National Hockey Team

Hockey India appointed Olympian Jude Felix as Coach of the Senior Men National Hockey Team. Felix joined the training camp of the senior men hockey team on 27 March 2014 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi for preparations of the FIH Men's World Cup 2014 to be held at The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014. He is appointed on a probationary period of three months with the senior men hockey team.



Jude Felix, an Arjuna Awardee (1995) and was the captain of the Indian Team from 1993-95. He also led Indian team in the 1993 World Cup and in the Asian Games in 1994 at Hiroshima. Felix has played more than 250 international matches and represented India in two Olympic Games in 1988 (Korea) and 1992 (Barcelona), two World Cups in 1990 (Pakistan) and 1994 (Sydney), two Asian Games in 1990 (Beijing) and 1994 (Hiroshima) and three Champions Trophy in 1985 (Australia), 1987 (Pakistan) and 1989 (Berlin). He has also worked as player cum coach with Racing Club in Paris (European league and French League) in 1997 -2000. He also worked as the coach of Dutch U-18 National Team in the Leo Van Der Kar in 1997. Felix has worked as a player cum coach with Singapore Recreation Club from 1995- 1997 and 2001-2011. During this period, he has been awarded as Coach of the year in 2005 and 2007 by the Singapore Sports Council.

Three Indian Technical Officials appointed for Rabobank Men World Cup 2014

Three Indian technical officials including one technical official and two umpires have been appointed for the Rabobank Men Hockey World Cup to be held at The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014. Hockey India wishes success to the officials for their appointments.

Claudius De Sales



The 48 Year Old Claudius De Sales who officiated in the Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013 has also been appointed as Technical Official for Men Hockey World Cup 2014. Claudius has been officiating in FIH tournaments for the past eight years including the Olympic Games in London 2012, Asian Champions Trophy 2011, World Cup in Delhi 2010, Commonwealth Games in Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Asia Cup in 2006.

Javed Shaikh



International Umpire Javed Shaikh has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for Men Hockey World Cup 2014. Javed who officiated in the Hero Hockey Junior Men World 2013 has stood in more than 85 internationals and achieved Grade-1 level from FIH in 2009. He is also the second Indian Umpire who was recently appointed in the FIH World Development Panel of Umpires. He officiated in the FIH World League Round 2 in New Delhi 2013, FIH Champions Challenge 1, 2012, Olympic Qualifiers in New Delhi 2012, Asia Cup 2009, Commonwealth Games 2006 and Asian Games 2006.

Raghu Prasad



The 34 year old international umpire Raghu Prasad has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for the Men World Cup 2014. This will be the second Men World Cup for Raghu Prasad. He is also appointed to the panel of umpires for the Men's event at the Commonwealth Games 2014. Earlier he officiated in the FIH Junior Men World Cup in Delhi last year, FIH World League Round-3 in Malaysia last year, Olympic Games in London 2012, FIH Champions Trophy (2005, 2009 & 2012), FIH World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Junior World Cup Championships (2005 & 2009).



Hockey India Hosts FIH Competitions Committee Meeting at Ranchi



Major decisions taken at 22nd Hockey India Executive Board Meeting in New Delhi

Hockey India held its 22nd Executive Board meeting at Holiday Inn Hotel in New Delhi on 29 March 2013. Some major decisions were taken in the meeting along with routine matters of the Federation.

In the meeting, the appointment of Mr Bjorn Isberg as Tournament Director and Mr. Craig Gribble as Umpires Manager for the Hero Hockey India League 2015 was announced and approved. Both have successfully handled the 2nd edition of Hero HIL and Hockey India is pleased that the sports best Tournament Director and Umpires Manager are available for Hero HIL 2015.

In another major decision, Hockey India appointed Sports Mechanics to provide Video Analysts to each of the four national teams including men and women teams under senior & junior category.

It was also decided that the newly announced FIH tournament rules and regulations featuring four quarters of 15 minutes each will be introduced in India in all domestic tournaments from 1 June 2014. Similar regulations have successfully been implemented in the Hero Hockey India League.

The performance and activities of existing Hockey India members were discussed and a decision was taken to relegate Hockey Andhra Pradesh from permanent member category to Associate Member for changing their President without any prior intimation to Hockey India. A decision was taken to disaffiliate Hockey Hyderabad, who was an Associate Member as they are not an active member of Hockey India and advised they would not be participating in any of the national championships conducted by Hockey India in 2014. A decision was taken to disaffiliate Permanent Member Hockey Delhi on the grounds that they changed their President and Constitution without any prior intimation or approval of Hockey India.

During the meeting, Hockey India has increased the annual grant of State Units members from Rs. 6.00 lacs to Rs. 8.00 lacs. In addition, associate member (non-institutional) will get Rs. 3.00 lacs and other members will get Rs 2.00 lacs per annum.

The recent news of the hockey player Harbir Singh being denied visa and accreditation for participation in the Commonwealth Games 2014 at Glasgow was also discussed and members were informed that during an investigation into the matter it has come to Hockey India notice that Harbir Singh Sandhu was denied a visa by UK authorities on 3 previous occasions-

In 2008 he was denied Work Visa

In 2009 he was denied Student Study Visa

In 2012 he was denied visa for London Olympics

Secretary General Hockey India was authorised to take further action on this matter only after consultation with Indian Olympic Association.

HI Disciplinary Committee imposes ban on players, coaches

The Disciplinary Committee of Hockey India (HI) on 13 March 2014 imposed ban on a few players and coaches for breach of code of conduct and bringing disrepute to the sport.

The Committee recommended a ban of six months on Sarvanjit Singh and Karamjit Singh, players for Punjab & Sind Bank and Gurpreet Singh, player Air India with effect from April 1, 2014 from all Hockey India and Hockey India sanctioned tournaments.

Each of the players will also be on probation for a period of one year from October 1, 2014 and any repeat incident of such nature will immediately result in another ban of one year from the date of that incident.

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The incident took place during the 48th All India Bombay Gold Cup Tournament, when an altercation between the three players resulted in issuance of red cards to each player.

Bachitter Singh, player of Indian Army was also imposed a ban of six months for physically and verbally assaulting the on-field umpire, Virender Singh during the 3rd All India Sahizada Ajit Singh Hockey Champions Trophy 2013.

A ban has been imposed on him as well for a period of nine months beginning April, 2014.

In another case, Harpreet Singh from Namdhari XI Team was banned from playing any tournament for a period of three months beginning April 1, 2014 for getting involved in a disciplinary case and breach of Code of Conduct of Hockey India.

All the 16 members of the NC Railways women's team have been banned for a period of six months beginning April 1, 2014 for walking off the field and not continuing the match against Haryana XI during the India Invitation Prize Money Women Tournament held on February 28th.

Pushpa Srivastava, team manager has been banned for a period of six month along with the other players of the team. Shradha Verma, team coach has been banned for nine months for the unsportsmanlike conduct and bringing the game into disrepute.

The ban was imposed after due consideration of the facts presented before the members and hearing of the players and coaches.

The Members were of the opinion that such a move will discourage others players from indulging in similar actions in future, and will ensure that they follow the Hockey India Code of Conduct and continue to be role models of the sport.

All those who have been banned will each get a chance to appeal against the decision within 30 days with an appeal to Hockey India Athletes Dispute & Grievance Redressal Committee.

FIH decides to implement four quarters match format from September

International Hockey Federation (FIH) on recently announced changes to the structure of the game, moving from two 35-minute halves to four 15-minute quarters, a model that has been tried and implemented by both the Euro Hockey League and Hockey India League. The purpose of the change will improve the flow and intensity of the game and increase the fan experience and opportunity for game presentation and analysis.

Other changes include the implementation of 40-second time-outs following both penalty corner awards and the scoring of a goal. Both stoppages ensure that the 60-minute game time is maximized for actual play and not consumed with penalty corner set up or other dead time when the ball is not in play. The new regulations will be applied to the upcoming Champions Trophy, World League Round 2, World League Semi-Final and Final, all continental Olympic qualifying events as of 1 September 2014 as well as the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Following the already-existing formats of several other sports such as basketball, American football and netball, the FIH Executive Board decided to move hockey into a four-quarter format. Overall game time will move from 70 minutes (previously two 35-minute halves) to a 60-minute game with four 15 minute quarters where there is a time-out for penalty corner setup and goals. After the first and third quarters, each team will have a two-minute break, while the existing 10-minute half time will remain unchanged.

Supplementing the new 60-minute regulation, FIH also announced the implementation of a 40-second time-out when a penalty corner is awarded. Additionally, a 40 second time out will also be added when a goal has been scored. Both time-outs allow for on-field team celebration time, video replays and analysis for televised matches, as well as additional opportunities to engage fans.

The time-outs ensure that the new 60-minute format is primarily actual playing time and eliminates the dead time associated with penalty corner set up while allowing for teams to enjoy their goal celebrations.



Hockey India inducts Food Corporation of India (FCI) as Associate Member

Hockey India inducted Food Corporation of India (FCI) as an Associate Member.

Hockey India now has 19 Associate members, with 26 Affiliated Members and two State Olympic Association Members.

The FCI Sports Promotion Board is promoting sports since 1969 through its stipend scheme for young and talented sportspersons.

Mr. E Vishwanath (CMD, FCI) is the President and Mr. D P Shukla (GM, PR/ Secretary Sports, FCI) is the General Secretary of FCI Sports Promotion Board.

Hockey India adds Five New Academy Members into its fold

With the aim to find fresh talent in the country for the promotion and development of the game, Hockey India has added five new Academy Members into its fold. The newly appointed members are R.D.T Academy, Chennai, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Academy, Punjab, Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy, Tamil Nadu, Nehru- NDMC Hockey Academy and Hubli Hockey Academy, Hubli. Hockey India aims to get more and more academy members into its fold in the future to develop the culture of hockey at grassroot level.

Hockey India introduce Hockey Citizen XI as Hoc-Key Member

Hockey India introduced a new category of membership named as Hoc-Key Member for under-15 teams in its 22nd Executive Board meeting held at New Delhi. Hockey Citizen XI is the first team to get membership in this category.

Player's Birthday



Men

April

Gurjinder Singh	1
Ramandeep Singh	1
M B Aiyappa	5

May

PR Sreejesh	8
SV Sunil	6
Amit Rohidas	10
Stanli Victor Minz	25
Devender Sunil Walmiki	28

June

Pardeep Mor	3
Jatinder Singh	7
Manpreet Singh	26

Women

Lilima Minz	10
Vandana Katariya	15

Anupa Barla	6
Bigan Soy	7
Punam Minz	10
Pooja Rani	14
Manpreet Singh	17

Deep Grace Ekka	3
Lily Chanu	3
Namita Toppo	4
Rajni Etimarpu	9
Sunita Lakra	11
Preeti Dube	13

