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Information Bulletin # 1:

To: All IIHF National Associations
From: Dave Fitzpatrick, Sport Director
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Subject: 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp, July 4 – 11, 2009 in Vierumäki, Finland

Dear Friends,

We are writing to all IIHF member National Associations to advise that the next global IIHF Hockey Development Camp will be held at the end of this current season, operating from July 4 to 11, 2009 in Vierumäki, Finland. As such, the arrival date will be July 4th with a departure date of July 12th.

We request your written commitment to participate in the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. Attached to this Information Bulletin is the Commitment Form that we ask your national association to sign, date, stamp and return to the IIHF office committing your National Association's participation in this camp. We would ask that this commitment form be returned to the IIHF by December 1, 2008 so that we may budget and plan accordingly.

The following information will provide National Associations with the purpose and goals of this camp, and an overview of the whole program. We have started this process now in order to provide your National Association with ample time to budget accordingly, inform your people, as well as nominate and select the best candidates to attend this camp. As in the past, National Associations will be responsible for the selection and the cost of the international travel for all of their participants to Helsinki. The IIHF will be responsible for all of the camp arrangements and costs including meals, accommodation, facilities, administration, operations, instructors, materials and program contents of the camp for all registered participants and for the ground transportation between Helsinki and Vierumäki.

IIHF member National Associations are invited to participate in all seven of the proposed development programs planned for operation during this camp. The seven proposed areas of development are:

1. Player Development
2. Officiating Development
3. Team Coach Development
4. Team Manager Development
5. Equipment Manager Development
6. National Association Development or Coaching Director Seminar
7. National Association Learn to Play Instructor Development



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Purpose and Goals of the Hockey Development Camp

The primary purpose of the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp is to operate a leadership program to educate and train the participants. This is done in order that the participating countries can upgrade and operate quality educational programs in their hockey association. Each National Association is encouraged to use the information gained during this camp to improve their development program which is operated within their country. Following completion of the IIHF camp, participants must return home and share their experiences to improve existing educational programs inside their National Associations.

Further to this, the goals of the camp are to:

- Develop the Partnership between the IIHF and the member National Associations
- Educate the future leaders of ice hockey throughout the world
- Encourage Fair Play and Respect
- Develop and enhance the skills of hockey leaders of member National Associations
- Encourage the use of the IIHF Development Program resources by all IIHF member National Associations
- Provide theoretical sessions and practical experience to representatives from member National Associations
- Develop networks amongst the ice hockey family to share issues and find solutions
- Provide personal growth and development of all the participants
- Promote international friendships and relations

Summary

Please read through this first camp bulletin carefully. We would then ask that your National Association complete the attached Commitment Form and return it to the IIHF office, indicating your wish to participate in the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. We require this signed, dated and stamped commitment form be returned to the IIHF office, fax number on the first page, by December 1, 2008. Following this, we will work with those National Associations committing to this program, filling the positions available for this camp.

We will be preparing a second bulletin to be sent out in December 2008, which will have more information about the organization and operations of the program, selection criteria for National Association attendees plus application forms for Team Coaches, Team Managers and Equipment Managers. These positions have some restrictions due to team size and training possibilities. For these reasons some positions will be selected from received applications. These positions will include the following:

- Game Officials (selected by the IIHF Officiating Committee)
- Team Coaches (selected by the IIHF Development Committee)
- Equipment Managers (selected by the IIHF Development Committee)
- Team Managers (selected by the IIHF Development Committee)



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In general, each National Association has the opportunity to send the following personnel attend this camp:

- Players
- National Association Development or Coaching Director
- National Association Learn to Play Instructor

If you have any questions or issues that require clarification, please contact Anna Eskola at the IIHF Office (eskola@iihf.com OR tel. +41 44 562 22 51).

Regards,

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