

Alliance Team Selection Process

Aim of Alliance International Hockey Club

To provide the opportunity for committed hockey players to play hockey after the age of 60 (at an international level). Particular emphasis is placed on recruiting players from countries whose national teams are rarely or never represented at the various WGMA tournaments.

Commitment of the Club

The Alliance International Hockey Club will be administered and managed by an Executive Committee, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

The Club will:

- Be a member of the world governing body for masters' hockey, and will abide by its rules.
- Provide players with the opportunity to play at various tournament worldwide, and will advertise these on the Alliance International Hockey Club website (www.alliancehockey.net) to members of the club.
- Organise players into teams for each tournament by age groups (see Selection Process notes).
- Provide players with an individually numbered shirt and some other kit.
- Circulate a newsletter at regular intervals.

The Executive Committee will:

- Nominate two selection committees, one men's and one ladies' from its members and others as appropriate.
- Prepare and maintain a website giving information about the Club and the availability of tournaments as information is received.
- Publish on the website a full list of those players who have nominated themselves for all tournaments that Alliance are entering
- Grant approval to the selection committees on their choice of players prior to advising the players

Prior to each tournament the selection committees will advise:

- Nominees of the selection results
- Full details of the relevant tournament to selected members, and
- Details of the appropriate fees to be paid

Commitment of Members

- Pay membership joining fees (and any relevant tournament fee and participation fee)
- Look at the Alliance website to see the list of available tournaments
- Nominate themselves as a potential player by sending an email to the Secretary, copied as appropriate to the local Alliance co-ordinator, indicating interest in a specific tournament
- Selected players are expected to show commitment to the team and their team mates by actively preparing for the tournament, e.g. improving fitness, and whilst at the tournament attending training sessions, warming up and down sessions with the team, and playing to the best of their ability at all times.

Selection Process Notes

1. Life membership in Alliance does not guarantee that either you will be automatically selected for a particular tournament, or that, if selected, you will be given priority of pitch time at the tournament. Life membership is more a way of showing your support for Alliance and lifetime hockey.
2. Simply by nominating yourself does not guarantee selection. If there is over-subscription to a tournament, our Selection Committees will have the challenging task of selecting teams.
3. From a coaching perspective, we will always strive to have a balanced team of well-matched players, where every position is filled with the strongest player available. This applies particularly to major tournaments such as World Cups.
4. Once selected, tournament fees and other payments should be paid promptly to the Treasurer.
5. The FIH rules specify a maximum of 18 players in each team. The Alliance Executive Committee will decide the maximum number of players to be selected for each team at each tournament. On occasions the optimum number of players decided may be less than 18. Decisions made by the Selection Committees are final.