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2005 FIRS Men & Women World Inline Hockey Championships

The French Organizing Committee for the 2005 FIRS Men & Women World Inline Hockey Championships is seeking preliminary interest from all FIRS Federations with regards to their possible participation in World Inline Hockey Championships to be held in Colombes, near Paris, France July 1-July 9, 2005.

Why the change to the Paris suburb of Colombes instead of Grenoble?

Approaching 6 months to the 2005 World Championships, the French Organizing Committee was unable to secure a firm commitment from the city of Grenoble for the required two hockey venues, by which we might conduct both men and women's championships. Several letters were sent to the Grenoble mayor to break this impasse, without success. We now know that the famous "Tour de France" cycling competition will pass through Grenoble on July, 10 and 11, very near the dates of our hockey championship, and we must assume that the city of Grenoble has thus lost interest in securing our event. The French Federation searched and found an alternative city to organize these inline hockey championships which is that of city of Colombes, located just outside the capitol city of Paris in a Northwest direction. The French Federation reports that it has achieved more success in just 15 days with getting firm commitments from the city of Colombes for the FIRS Inline Hockey Championships, than it did in one year and a half of negotiations with Grenoble.

Event Objective:

It is the objective of the City of Colombes, French Federation of Roller Skating, Inline Hockey French Committee, Île de France Inline Hockey people, France Sports and France Sports International to host the 2005 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships for both Men & Women simultaneously. Note the expansion of the women's calendar, since it is anticipated that continued growth will occur in 2005.

Event Dates:

Men: Practice Days June 29, 30, 2005
Competition Dates: July 1- July 9, 2005

Women: Practice Days June 29, 30, 2005
Competition Dates: July 1- July 9, 2005

Date	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Men	Pr	Pr	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	Final
Women	Pr	Pr	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	GM	Final





Player & Team Accommodations:

The Organization Committee wants to focus on sport organisation so they asked “France Sport” and “France Sport International” to manage all accommodation, meals and transportation for Teams. France Sport is a non-profit organization specialized in the make-up of sports training camps in France. France Sport is approved by the French ministry of Sports and the Ministry of Tourism. France Sport has been given the assignment by the French Organizing Committee to assist every team in acquiring the correct accommodations in keeping with their needs and budgets.

Delegate Accommodations

During the World Championships there will be a CERILH (Comite Europeen de Roller In Line Hockey) Assembly in order to elect a CERILH President. France Sports is able to propose a hotel to accommodate these European delegates.

Transportation:

- Each participating Federation national team will be responsible for the cost of its own air transportation to Paris International Airport, (Roissy-Charles de Gaulle or Orly) as well as its lodging and living expenses during the championships.
- Local transportation is covered by organizer;
- City transit buses will provide shuttle to and from the Athlete Hotels (proposed by France Sports) to the arena throughout the day for all teams;
- The Charles de Gaulle Airport is about 45 to 60 minutes drive to Colombes arena complex and hotels proposed by France Sports;
- France Sports buses will provide airport pick-up and return to and from the City of Paris International airport at no additional fee;
- VIP delegate (Federation Presidents and voting members of the European Congress) transportation will be provided from host hotel to arena by host operating committee with vans and cars at the convenience of delegates;
- VIP delegates (Federation Presidents and voting members of the European Congress) will be provided airport pick-up and delivery to and from the City of Paris International Airport;
- VIP delegates (Federation Presidents and voting members of the European Congress), teams and families wishing to rent cars or vans for personal use should contact the organizing for arrangements through local companies.

Parc LAGRAVERE :

Colombes is really a town with historic athletic achievement. Colombes hosted the Olympic games in 1924 and the first Soccer World Cup final in 1938.

Parc LAGRAVERE is a Sports complex with an arena, an Olympic pool, a Tennis Halle and other facilities.

Men Round Robin will be on the arena facility, which has an ice hockey skating surface of 56m x 26m with seating for about 1.000. The ice will be removed and the rink covered with a Stilmat floor (same as that use at the 2003 World Championships in Pisek).



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Women Round Robin will be in the Tennis Halle, which will be equipped with a rink 50m x 25 m and a Stilmat floor. Seating there is for 300.

Final and semi-final games will be on the arena facility for both men and women.

Quarter finals will continue on the arena facility for men and Tennis Halle for women.

Relegation games will be on Tennis Halles for both men and women.

The facility is located in North of Colombes about 10-minute walk from downtown.

More about the installation:

- 12 Dressing rooms (6 for women and 6 for men using a modular system which will be installed specially for the championships; inclusive of washrooms and showers in the vicinity) in a private area;
- Food at reasonable cost will be available for teams ordering at least 24 hours in advance in a special room overlooking the arena facility rink;
- A bar and snacks are available on the same level of the arena's rink surface.
- A restaurant is located in the tennis club house overlooking the rink in the Tennis Halle. VIP and/or spectators could have decent meals at normal prices.

Team Costs:

“France Sports” is our agent to service all commercial hotel and food requests from teams attending the Championships.

“France Sports” will quote attractive rates for local room and food at various price ranges depending on your preferred hotel class, and they can even propose school dormitory rooms for lowest possible cost.

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On January, 5 informations on 2005 world championships will be available on:

French language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index.html>

English language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index-eng.html>

Spanish language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index-spa.html>

There will be links on <http://franceinlinehockey.com> the French InLine Hockey National Committee website.



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World Championship Participation Survey 2005 FIRS World Inline Hockey Colombes, France

We would ask that you respond to the e-mail below with the needed information:

Required Information:

COUNTRY: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Yes we will definitely be attending: Men Team _____

Women Team _____

Approximate Number of Players: Men : _____ Women: _____

Approximate Number of Team Staff: Men: _____ Women: _____

No, we will not be attending the Worlds: Men Team: _____

Women Team: _____

We are not sure at this time if we are able to participate in the World Championship Men Team: _____

Women Team: _____

We will know by: Date _____

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Please Respond to Survey By Jan.30/2005

