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2005 FIRS Men & Women World Inline Hockey Championships

Because of inadequate financial support from previous candidate cities, it became necessary once again that we change the venue from Colombes to VIRY-CHATILLON. Be assured that this is definitely the last venue change and this new location will not affect any previous plans for air travel to Paris, France. The location of the world championships is now definitely the city of VIRY-CHATILLON, which will host the 2005 FIRS Men & Women World Inline Hockey Championships simultaneously. The City of Viry-Chatillon, is an attractive town situated in the South of Paris.

Event Dates remain:

Men: Practice Days June 29 & 30, 2005
 Competition Dates: July 1- July 8, 2005
 Medals Games Date: July, 9 in POPB Paris-Bercy

Women: Practice Days June 29, 30, 2005
 Competition Dates: July 1- July 9, 2005
 Medals Games Date: July, 9 in POPB Paris-Bercy

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

It is too early to determine with certainty the total team participation in the 2005 world championships. We would not rule out the return of all the teams that played in London, Canada to play again in Paris and Viry-Chatillon, France. However, a few of last year's teams are yet to confirm. Finances for overseas travel are always an important consideration for some of the American teams. We have also received interest from some teams that are new to FIRS. If we were required to compile a list as of today, it would be as follows:

MEN - Fairly Certain

These teams gave positive answer to participation survey

1. France
2. Spain
3. Australia
4. Germany
5. Czech Republic
6. Korea
7. Great Britain

WOMEN - Fairly Certain

1. France
2. Australia
3. Great Britain
4. Germany
5. Czech republic
6. U.S.A.
7. Mexico



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8. Belgium
9. USA
10. Mexico
11. Sweden
12. Switzerland

MEN - Not yet confirmed **WOMEN - Not yet confirmed**

These teams gave stand-by answers to participation survey

Denmark	Denmark
Singapore	Singapore
	Spain

These teams which have played in previous world championships have not yet given a response to our participation survey

Canada	Canada
Japan	Japan
Singapore	Singapore
New Zealand	New Zealand
Italy	
Columbia	
Israel	

MEN - Possible Entry

Ireland
Brazil
Argentina

WOMEN - Possible Entry

Greece said no participation on 2005 world championships.

We have also had conversations with: China, Hong Kong, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine and Slovenia. We are not confident that their federation's economic or sport development has progressed enough for them to field a team at the 2005 World Championships in France. Portugal, Ecuador and Austria have participated in past World Championships, but we have had no recent contact with their federation headquarters to indicate their interest in the 2005 World Hockey Championships.

Notice from French Organizers: Critical Dates for 2005 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships

Confirmation Date for Participation:

May 1, 2005

Notice by E-mail directly to pickard.cirilh@alltel.net and rollerhockey@wanadoo.fr
Federations seeking to enter the 2005 World Championship must verify if it will be:



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- Men and/or Women team,
- Number of players, number of staff
- Accommodation package by France Sport or by yourselves.

Player & Team Accommodations:

The Organization Committee wants to focus on sport organisation so they asked “France Sport” to manage all accommodations and transportation for Teams. France Sport is a non-profit organization specializing in creating 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 each national team’s needs and world championship budgets.

- France Sport is our agent to service all commercial hotel and requests from teams attending the Championships. Each participating Federation have to contact France Sport to order one of the proposed packages.

FRANCE SPORT 79 rue du Faubourg Poissonnière – 75009 – PARIS – France.

Phone : (33) 145 23 23 54 – Fax : (33) 145 23 23 55

Contacts *FRANCE SPORT*

Renaud LACOMBE, General Manager renaud@france-sport.com
And Nicolas GERBAUD nicolas@france-sport.com

Information about France Sport hotel packages are on www.france-sport.com click on French flag, skip intro and you will be able to get information in French, English or Spanish languages, as you wish. Ground transportation between airport and hotel and hotel and sports rinks are built into the rates being quoted.

- It is the right of any team to chose their accommodations independent of France Sport, however, in that case they have to assume the responsibility for their own ground transportation.

Flight Confirmation:

May 15, 2005

Flight Details (Arrival & Departures) submitted to rollerhockey@wanadoo.fr and France Sport.



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It is important that the Organizing Committee knows of the arrival dates and time of each team participating in the World Championships, not only to arrange pick up at the airports of Paris, but to schedule practice times on June 29 and 30. Teams may request preferred practice times, but in fairness to all participating teams, CIRILH will make the final determination of this. Practice times that are not used as scheduled must, of course, be forfeit. One practice period is guaranteed for each of the two dates. Assignments are final unless a swapping arrangement can be made with agreement from another team's.

Send your preferences no later than May 25, 2005 to rollerhockey@wanadoo.fr

CIRILH - World Championship Team Registration and Fees;

According to the CIRILH rules, teams size shall consist of no more than 16 players, to include 2 goalies. The minimum age of a player is 14 years by January 1, 2005. The 2005 World Championships are open to In-line Hockey Teams from all the National Federations affiliated with the FIRS, **provided that they confirm their entry prior to 1 May 2005**. Payment of the **\$750 USA Dollars** entry fee must be received by this deadline date to assure accurate count for the number of teams and the integrity of the games schedule, to be mailed to all participating teams after this deadline. All participating team members will be required to prove appropriate nationality and age at the Championship Assembly on the day prior to the scheduled games by means of a valid passport issued from the country being represented.

The entry fee to the World Championships is to be paid directly to the CIRILH by each participating national team in the amount of **\$750 USA Dollars**. This fee may be submitted by bank check or wire transfer. If certain national monetary restrictions make such payments difficult, teams must write CIRILH for alternate arrangements. CIRILH wishes to be reasonable about the necessary money matters, but it benefits all teams if we insist on a firm financial commitment for the appearance by teams by **1 May 2005**, prior to the formulation of a games schedule.

• **Address for team registration**
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FIRS/CIRILH Account
Bank of New York
Swift Code IVRTUS3N
FFC Commercial Federal Bank
3040 72080
FBO FIRS #955527738



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Please review new material on the website regarding World Championships:
<http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/>

There will be numerous documents there that can be opened and printed off to help you to better prepare for the World Championships. Please contact Gilbert PORTIER directly if you have any questions. His email is: rollerhockey@wanadoo.fr.

Transportation:

- Each participating Federation national team will be responsible for the cost of its own air transportation to Paris International Airport, (CDG Airport or Orly Airport) as well as its lodging and living expenses during the championships.
- Local transportation is covered by organizer; France Sport will provide shuttle to and from the Athlete Hotels (proposed by France-Sport) to the arena throughout the day for all teams. Teams staying in hotels other than supported by France-Sport may be required to furnish their own local transportation to venues.
- The Charles de Gaulle Airport is about 60 to 75 minutes drive to Viry Chatillon arena complex and hotels proposed by France Sports;
- France Sport buses will provide airport pick-up and return to and from the City of Viry Chatillon and Paris International airport at no additional fee;

More about the installation:

- The arena is an established ice hockey rink used by the Jets de Viry, a well know French Ice Hockey Team. Size of the rink 57m x 26m. There are 4 player's dressing rooms and seats for about 800 spectators. There will be a Stilmat floor.
- The other rink will be in an indoor stadium with 12 dressing rooms, approximately 200m away. A rink with a Stilmat floor will be specially installed there. At the moment we have a 50m x 25m rink, but we would like to install one at 57m x 26m.
- A bar and snacks are available in the Arena.

More about the medals games on July 9th :

The Men and Women finals and medals games will be at Paris – Bercy the best place in Paris for sports an others events. The floor will be a Stilmat and there are 14,000 spectators seats. <http://www.popb.fr/> click on Présentation (5th arrow on left side) to have a virtual visit.

Official Websites :

French language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index.php?lang=fra>
English language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index.php?lang=eng>
Spanish language <http://2005world-inlinehockey.com/index.php?lang=esp>



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

PLAYING RULES AND SEEDING OF TEAMS

All matches will be played in strict accord with the published CIRILH Rules of the Game. All teams are expected to be familiar with these rules. Those federations that lack a copy can be sent these rules via email or in print via postage if they will contact CIRILH as noted above.

Seeding of teams into matches will be according to CIRILH rules, using the serpentine method based on last year's World Championship final placements, and then alphabetically according to English spelling of the team's country if the team did not participate in the 2004 World Championships.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Each team should have 2 sets of their own matching jerseys, one light and one dark in color. There are no restrictions imposed by CIRILH for advertising or sponsors names and logos appearing on the team uniforms.

REFEREES NOMINATED FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

International In-line Hockey referees, examined, certified and designated "Category A" by the CIRILH are the only referees permitted to referee World Championships.

- CIRILH Organizational Rules Part III, Article 11 1.(a) states: The eight highest placing National teams participating in the previous World Championship may nominate one qualified "A" Referee for the 2004 World Championship.
For the Men's World Championship, this would include: USA, Canada, Italy, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Sweden, France, and Spain.
For the Women's World Championship, this would include: Canada, USA, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain.
Nominations by National Federation officials must be made by April 30, 2005.
- If a national federation does not currently have a CIRILH credentialed "A" Referee or wishes to substitute another referee not yet so designated, the national federation may send as many candidates at its own expense to the World Championships as it feels are qualified by experience. These will be tested in Viry-Chatillon, near Paris, France during the scheduled men's and women's practice days of June 29 and 30, 2005 by CIRILH on their knowledge of the CIRILH Rules of the Game, adequate in-line skating ability to referee games and sound judgment as a referee. This will be accomplished during the two practice days preceding the men's and women's world championships, therefore it is important that all referees, both male and female, be present for testing or for a refresher conference prior to the start of the games.
- Each selected "A" Referees will have their hotel room (shared with another referee) and food expenses paid by the host Organizing Committee and receive a \$ 50 USD per day stipend for the days in which they are assigned games. If you have questions pertaining to referee applications or testing, please contact CIRILH headquarters.
- As it did last year, CIRILH will provide \$750 US per referee in 2005 to reimburse for actual economy coach air fares to Paris, France, provided that the ticket is purchased a minimum of 30 days prior to the beginning of the actual starting date of the



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Championships. The referees so selected by CIRILH must commit to the full run of the championships for which they are invited, including the prior two practice days, during which referee conferences will be conducted by CIRILH. Referees for both the Women's and Men's events must be present in London on June 29 through July 9, 2005.

- The event Organizing Committee is committed to paying referee hotel costs (double occupancy), providing food or an allowance for food covering the entire time, and a \$50 per day referee stipend for the number of days in which the actual games occur. Therefore, if an "A" International Referee is accepted for the Men or Women's World Championship, the only cost liability that they may incur would be that of the Airline ticket in excess of an allowance of \$750 US. To avoid extra cost it will be important to purchase airline tickets early, but only after confirmation of appointment by CIRILH.

CIRILH takes a very serious attitude toward referee selection for the world championships. The intense competition for World Championships medals between national teams from all over the world requires that referees be chosen are also the best available in the world. CIRILH has identified these qualities as: a) having an instant and thorough knowledge of the CIRILH playing rules; b) having actual referee experience from international in-line hockey competitions; c) demonstrates competent skating ability on in-line hockey skates so that as a referee, he or she may closely follow the game action; d) knowledge of where to position themselves with respect to the other referee on the floor in order to be complementary to each other and remain in a position to best witness the action; e) and finally, to demonstrate decisive and fair decision making regarding floor action, calling of fouls and penalties. The referees meeting during the World Championship practices on June 29 and 30, will assist with the establishment of these attributes.

CIRILH will make the ultimate decision as to what individual referees qualify to officiate at the World Championships. If a national federation does not currently have a credentialed "A" Referee , all expenses for such individuals must be initially assumed by the sponsoring national federation. If a candidate for International Referee qualifies and be accepted as one of the designated World Championship referees, CIRILH will reimburse \$750 US toward their airfare. Only as a selected "A" Referees will they have their hotel room (shared with another referee) and food expenses paid by the host. If you have questions pertaining to the application of these procedures, please make further contact with CIRILH headquarters.



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