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To: All FIH Continental Federations and Member National Associations

Dear Continental Federations and National Associations,

**Subject: FIH Support of Beach Hockey**

I am pleased to inform you that the International Beach Hockey Federation has been formally recognized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as a *“Recognised Organisation”*.

The International Beach Hockey Federation shall have full responsibility to FIH for International Beach Hockey tournaments for both men and women under the FIH banner.

This recognition was sought and approved at the recent FIH Executive Board meeting in Antwerp, Belgium on 4/5 July 2015. The recognition is subject to the approval and adoption of a new constitution and other rules in accordance with the FIH Statutes and Regulations.

We would like all our Continental Federations and Member National Associations to show their support for Beach Hockey and formally recognize this new and exciting variant of the sport.

We are in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Beach Hockey Federation and shall shortly provide you with a copy of this and other information on how we intend to build the partnership going forward.

In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could supply the name of a delegated person within your organisation with whom we can keep advised of future Beach Hockey events. Furthermore, should your organization have any contacts within Beach Hockey in your country, please let us have their contact details so they may co-ordinate with the relevant person at the International Beach Hockey Federation to assist promote the sport.

Yours sincerely,



Kelly Fairweather  
Chief Executive Officer