APPENDIX C

TOURNAMENT FORMAT REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix summarises the Rules for Tournament format competition. The following Club Outdoor competition dates are played under these Tournament Rules:

- EY Hockey Champions Trophy

If there is any conflict between this Appendix and the main body of the Clubs Outdoor Regulations and other Appendices, this Appendix takes precedent for the competition dates above.

2. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

A Tournament Director will be appointed the Technical Officials SG on the request of the Outdoor SG to run the *Final/Playoff*. The Tournament Director has full power and authority of the Outdoor SG in matters concerning the conduct of the *Final/Playoff* in accordance with the Club Outdoor Regulations.

The Tournament Director shall appoint the Technical Officer and Judges to each match from those selected by the Technical Officials SG for the *Final/Playoff.*

The Tournament Director has the authority to suspend players, team officials or other officials, who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, are guilty of misconduct. In deciding the length of any suspension, the Tournament Director is not limited to the remaining matches of the *Final/Playoff* but may impose a suspension that has effect beyond the conclusion of the *Final/Playoff*.

3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S (TD) MEETING

It is mandatory for each participating team to send the Team Manager to the TD's Meeting which will be held prior to the start of the Final/Playoff. Details of the meeting will be notified to the participating teams prior to the Final/Playoff.

Team colours for each match will be agreed at the TD's meeting.

4. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS FOR THE TOURNAMENT

For the Final/Playoff, each team manager must submit a list of up to 20 eligible players to Hockey Ireland Office eight days before the Final/Playoff in order that the tournament program can be produced. The Teamlist of up to 18 players (see Composition of Teams in the Clubs Outdoor Regulations) for the Final/Playoff must be provided to the TD by the start of the TD's Meeting. If a player(s) of a team has been suspended by a TD for one or more matches then, for those matches, the squad of that team will be reduced by the number of players suspended.

5. MATCH RESULTS

For matches drawn at the end of regulation time a Shootout Competition will occur as per the FIH Tournament Rules for Shootout Competition (no extra time).

6. DISCIPLINE

Refer to the Discipline section in the Club Outdoor Regulations. It should be noted that Hockey Ireland Games Disciplinary Procedures for Tournaments will apply to the *Final/Playoff* – see HI website.

Hockey Ireland Games Disciplinary Procedures includes the process for handling appeals related to red cards.

Cumulative Yellow cards gained in Hockey Ireland Competitions by each player notified as potentially participating in the Final/Playoff will be provided to the TD in advance. Should a player receive a further Yellow Card in the course of the Final/Playoff, this will be included in the decision of the TD in relation to any disciplinary action.

7. PROTESTS

When signing the match sheet at the end of the game the Team Manager must indicate on the Match Card that a protest is to follow. The written protest must follow within 15 minutes, accompanied by a €200 (STG equivalent at prevailing rate) fee, otherwise any protest is invalid.

The Tournament Director must make a decision and publish it within 2 hours of the protest being lodged. The decision will be communicated to the Team Manager.

No protest can be lodged from a field of play decision made by the umpires. The Tournament Directors decision regarding the protest is final.

8. INTERRUPTED MATCHES

In the event of a match being interrupted (e.g. weather), the match will re-commence as directed by the Tournament Director and the time remaining shall be completed.