

OFFICIALS ADVISORY GROUP (OAG)

Minutes of Meeting (Redacted), January 28th, 2021.

Held online via Teams Platform.



Meeting commenced 8:30 pm

Present: Jackie Tomlinson (JT), Lynette Farrell (LF), Mike Treloar (MT), Dave Potter (DP), Colin French (CF - HNZ)

Review minutes and action points from previous meeting

All actioned – no matters outstanding

FIH & OHF Update

2021 Junior World Cup

- CF updated OAG members with details of the Oceania Hockey Federation nominations for JWC.

Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy

- CF tabled award created by FIH – awarded every 2 years by the FIH EB.
- Recommendations to be submitted by NA's, CF's, or Individuals
- Advisory Group members to consider NZ based nominations.

HNZ

2020 HNZ Awards

- 5 strong and worthy nominations received for HNZ Community Umpire of the Year – 3 finalists chosen by OAG members together with an overall winner based on applications and supporting information provided.
- Discussions over the HNZ Male Umpire of the Year and HNZ Female Umpire of the Year also undertaken. Feedback and recommendations from Premier League UM's to also be obtained.
- Due to both the limited and regional nature of domestic tournaments in 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and associated NZ alert levels, the OAG members have made the decision that no awards can be fairly or prudently assessed for the Junior Umpire of the Year (male and female awards) in 2020.

2021 HNZ Awards

- We need to ensure a Technical Officials award is considered for 2021 and going forward. CF to circulate a draft Awards criteria for OAG members feedback.

FIH/HNZ Fitness Policies

- New FIH Fitness policy received in mid-December 2020. FIH to circulate policy to all FIH umpires on various panels. Main changes are in reporting process and a change to some yoyo level requirements for the International & Elite women's panels.
- CF to review FIH policy and amend new HNZ Fitness policy to ensure our domestic policy is aligned with FIH criteria and timelines etc.
- HNZ Fitness Policy to be circulated to our Performance Panel umpires and also made available on HNZ Website.

2021 HNZ Officials Budget

- CF spoke to change/reduction in HNZ Officials budget for 2021.

New CEO Update

- CF spoke to new CEO appointment; Anthony Crummy who started 18 January 2021.

HNZ 2021-2025 Strategy Document

- CF tabled a draft of new 5-year strategy document. Further input and details still to be worked through by incoming CEO and HNZ Board sign off.
- OAG outcomes for 2021 to be progressed in line with final strategy document.

HNZ Officials Advisory Group Page

- CF to establish new OAG page on HNZ website, incorporating contact email addresses for OAG members, copy of terms of reference, and copies of OAG meeting notes (redacted).
- CF to update terms of reference and circulate to OAG members for feedback.

SIC Indoor Hockey Update

- CF updated OAG on SIC Indoor Hockey tournament and opportunities for officials appointments.
- HNZ has appointed a HNZ Indoor Hockey Advisory Group following a EOI application process.
- The growth and development of Indoor Hockey in NZ will provide further pathway and development opportunities for our officials.

2021 National Masters Tournament Update

- CF updated details around 2021 NMT – 92 teams and circa 70 officials. A huge participation tournament for our Masters officials and community.
- Strong Technical Team under direction of Kit Rutherford as Tournament Director
- Tauranga Hockey will be great hosts with a lot of work already under way in terms of logistics, venue preparation, Alert Level 2 planning, Village Green, etc.

AOB

Nil

Meeting closed 10:05 pm

Next meeting scheduled via Teams for Monday 8th March @ 8:30 pm

ACTION POINTS (5):

Action required:	By when:	By whom:
1. CF to prepare and circulate awards criteria for Technical Official of the Year Award to OAG members for feedback	31 March	CF
2. CF and DP to review FIH Fitness Policy and amend/align any new changes or criteria to HNZ Fitness Policy.	31 March	CF/DP
3. CF to circulate new HNZ Fitness Policy to Performance Panel umpires	31 March	CF
4. CF to make final HNZ Fitness Policy available on HNZ website officials page	31 March	CF
5. CF to establish new OAG page on HNZ website, incorporating updated TOR, and copies of meeting notes (redacted)	8 th March	CF