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**INFORMATION SHEET FOR NATIONAL INTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP  
25-27 APRIL 1997- THE STADIUM, MILTON KEYNES**

**1. Venue**

The National Inter League Championship will be held at The Stadium, Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes on the water based artificial turf pitch at The Stadium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 25-27 April 1997.

**2. Rules**

A copy of the rules for the National Inter League Championship is enclosed. Please read these thoroughly and ensure your team and team management comply with them. Your attention is drawn particularly to Rule 3 - Player Eligibility. National League Clubs do not have to restrict themselves to NHL registered players but Rule 3 must be complied with.

**3. Teams**

- a. Team Managers attentions are drawn to regulation 4 which allows for 2 "Friday Players" to be added to the team lists.
- b. The attached team sheet must be completed and returned to me at The Hockey Association, the Stadium, Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 1HA by no later than Wednesday 9 April 1997, earlier would be useful as it will assist with the programme production. It is essential that this date is complied with. Any changes thereafter can be made at the Tournament Director's Briefing Meeting. However, once the team is declared at this meeting, no further changed can be made during the weekend.
- c. A copy of the match timetable and pools are attached. The two NHL teams will be drawn into each pool after the last week of NHL games on 6 April 1997.

**4. Officials**

A list of Tournament Officials is listed for your information. All officials should report to the Tournament Director at the Briefing Meeting where they will receive a copy of the appointments rota for the weekend.

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Umpires should supply their own NHL Umpire shirts for this tournament.

Martin Gotheridge	Tournament Director
Bob McBlane	Technical Director
Richard Wilson	Umpire Manager
David Collier	Umpire
Stuart Crisp	Umpire
Mike Graham	Umpire
Andy Hoyes	Umpire
Clive Hough	Umpire
James Pilgrim	Umpire
Steve Brooks	Umpire
Kevin Churchman	Umpire
Roger Dear	Judge
John Doran	Judge
Dil Bahra	Judge
Stephen Barlow	Tournament Manager
Reg Price	Pitch Manager

## 5. Ground Arrangements

- a. The HA will provide Kookaburra Dimple hockey balls for use during the tournament. Teams are responsible for providing their own practice balls.
- b. Benches on either side of the centre line will be provided for use of team officials and substitutes. Only those whose names appear on the team sheet may occupy the bench. Chairs will be provided at the officials table for any suspended players.
- c. Car parking will be available at the Stadium and passes will be available for teams and officials only. There is ample free parking for spectators near the Stadium.
- d. Isostar will be provided for use by teams throughout the tournament. Non NHL teams will be issued with Isostar bottles which must be returned at the end of the tournament.
- e. Changing facilities are available at the ground and teams are encouraged to arrive changed wherever possible. Players may shower at the ground after matches if required.
- f. A map showing directions to the ground is attached.

## 6. Accommodation

### a. Teams

- (1) Accommodation has been reserved for teams and officials for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at The Friendly Hotel, Monks Way, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes MK8 8LY. Tel 01908 561666. The costs are £37.00 per person in a twin room (£40.00 in a single) on the Thursday evening and £27.00 per person in a twin room (£30.00 in a single) on the Friday and Saturday. These rates include bed and breakfast. An evening meal can be arranged at the hotel at a cost of £11.00.

- (2) I would be grateful if clubs would confirm with me by Monday 17 March 1997 if they intend to stay at the Friendly Hotel or if they are to make alternative arrangements. This will allow us to cancel any rooms we have pre-booked which are not required without incurring cancellation costs.
- (3) I acknowledge a booking for 30 places for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from Norton HC.
- (4) Details of other hotels in the area are enclosed.
- (5) Following incidents in the tournament hotel last season you are advised that your contribution towards expenses may be withdrawn or other penalties imposed if reports of misbehaviour are received from the hotels.

**b. Officials**

Accommodation at The Friendly Hotel has been booked for the following officials and the cost of bed and breakfast met and paid for by the Hockey Association. Individuals must cover the cost of any extras:-

Tournament Director  
Tournament Officer  
Pitch Manager  
Umpire Manager  
Umpires

**c. Supporters**

Hot and cold food and drinks will be available at the ground for the duration of the tournament.

**8. Practice Time**

- a. The pitch at the Stadium may be booked prior to the tournament. Please discuss your requirements with the Manager, Andy Rushton, on 01908 246800. A charge will be made for these bookings.
- b. Additionally, teams will be allowed on the pitch for 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match although they must fit in with watering requirements.

**9. Finance**

The Hockey Association will make a contribution of £200 to each club towards the cost of accommodation. It is therefore advised that clubs contact their respective Regional League Committees to enquire if they are willing to assist further in respect of travel or accommodation costs. No other expenses will be paid to clubs.

**10. Tournament Director**

The Tournament Director is Martin Gotheridge. He is empowered to interpret the rules of the Tournament at his discretion and his ruling on any matter under dispute will be final. Should there be a need for a protest it will be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Director in line with the rules of the tournament.

11. **Briefing**

The Tournament Director will hold a Briefing Meeting for all Team Managers, Umpires and Officials at 0900 hrs on Thursday 24 April 1997 at the offices of the Hockey Association in the Stadium. You are reminded that it is compulsory for the Team Manager and Captain to attend this meeting. If either or both are unable to attend you must ensure further suitable representatives are present. These must be members of the squad who will be on the Team Sheet. Team Liaison Officers will also be present at this meeting. If Managers are unable to attend the captain would be considered an appropriate stand-in. Representatives should bring playing shirts to the meeting as the TD will issue team colours.

12. **Medical**

St John Ambulance will provide first aid assistance throughout the weekend. Team Managers should be aware that the Sports Council may wish to carry out random drug tests at the event and please ensure your players are aware of the following points:-

*Please note that any player selected to be dope tested must stay at the site until a sample is provided. Departure from the site without providing a sample is considered by the Sports Council to be a refusal to provide a sample and action could be taken by The Hockey Association against the player. Players should be prepared to stay on site until such a sample is provided and make appropriate arrangements to return home.*

13. **Entry Tickets**

Teams and Officials will be issued with passes at the Briefing Meeting to allow them free entry to the ground. These must be worn at all times and returned at the end of the event. Individuals/clubs will be asked to pay £1.00 for any pass lost as they are re-usable! The cost of tickets for supporters are as follows:-

Adults £4.00

Children (U19) £2.00

14. **Play Offs**

Those teams finishing in second place in each pool will play a further match on Saturday 3 May 1997 to determine which team joins the two pool winners in next season's National League. This match will be played at the Stadium.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.



Stephen Barlow  
Competitions Organiser  
7 March 1997



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**DRAW FOR NATIONAL INTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP  
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**Friday 25 April**

TIME	MATCH	POOL
1100 hrs	Chelmsford v Loughborough Students	A
1300 hrs	Hampstead v Norton	B
1500 hrs	Robinsons v NHL 1	A
1700 hrs	NHL 2 v Anchorians	B

**Saturday 26 April**

TIME	MATCH	POOL
1000 hrs	NHL 1 v Chelmsford	A
1200 hrs	NHL 2 v Hampstead	B
1400 hrs	Loughborough Students v Robinsons	A
1600 hrs	Norton v Anchorians	B

**Sunday 27 April**

TIME	MATCH	POOL
1000 hrs	NHL 1 v Loughborough Students	A
1200 hrs	NHL 2 v Norton	B
1400 hrs	Chelmsford v Robinsons	A
1600 hrs	Hampstead v Anchorians	B

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## NATIONAL INTER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT, 25-27 APRIL 1997 AT THE STADIUM, MILTON KEYNES

In order to assist with the production of the tournament programme please could you complete the following form and return it to me with your team sheet.

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Brief History of Club**

*eg formation date, any successes on and off the pitch, any international players*

### **Details of 1996-97 season**

*eg any new players, top scorer, key matches*

*Thank you for your assistance!*



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**ENTRY FORM**

To be completed by Clubs qualifying for the above Championship and returned to the Hockey Association as soon as possible.

Club:..... From:.....League

Team Liaison Officer:		
Address		
		Postcode:
Telephone: (H)	(O)	(Fax)

All communication will be directed to the Team Liaison Officer

Team Colours:	Shirts:	Alternative:
	Shorts:	Alternative: -
	Socks:	Alternative:

Does your Club have any sponsorship at present Yes/No

If Yes, name of company:.....

Address and contact for company:.....

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I confirm that we wish to enter the National Inter League Tournament for 1996/97 and agree to abide by the rules of the event.

Signed:..... Position:..... Date:.....

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**NATIONAL INTER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT, 25-27 APRIL 1997 AT THE  
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**TEAM SHEET**

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Shirt</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Forename</i>
<b>1GK</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		
<b>10</b>		
<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b>		
<b>13</b>		
<b>14</b>		
<b>15</b>		
<b>16</b>		

*Please indicate second goalkeeper*

*Friday Players as per Rule 4b (please give shirt number)*


Manager:		Coach:	
Captain:		Physio:	
Doctor:		if applicable	

	Team Colours	Alternative Colours
Shirts:		
Shorts:		
Socks:		

I certify that the above players are eligible to play for this Club in accordance with the current Rules & Regulations of the National Inter League Tournament.

Signed:		Position:		Date:	
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## National Inter League - Rules and Regulations - 1996/97

### 1. General

The Rules of the Game of Hockey shall be observed except as herein provided.

### 2. Qualifiers

The Tournament shall be held between the winners of the East, Midlands, North and West Regional Leagues, plus the winners and runners up from the South League and the teams finishing in 20th and 21st places in Division 1 of the National Hockey League.

Details of teams qualifying must be notified to the HA Competitions Organiser by 7 April 1997. If any League has not completed all its matches by that date or if any eligible club does not wish to participate in the Tournament, that League will be asked to nominate its qualifying Club.

### 3. Eligibility Of Players

To be eligible to represent a Club in this Competition a player must have:-

- a. Been eligible in accordance with the rules of the League through which that Club qualified, to play for that Club in its last regular League game, and
- b. NOT played regularly for any other League Club during the Season (save insofar as there may have been a genuine transfer of Clubs by that player which transfer has been recognised and accepted by that League - see (a) above).
- c. Been a bona fide member of that Club on 1 January 1996.

*NB. Players from National League clubs who have not been registered to play in the National League are eligible as long as they comply with points b. and c. above.*

### Briefing And Team Sheets

- a. Team squads shall consist of a maximum of 16 players and must accord as to names and numbers with the details given on the team sheet.
- b. Teams will be allowed to include up to 2 players on their team sheet for the Friday of this competition who shall be allowed to play on that day and who may be replaced by a further two players for the Saturday and Sunday of this competition.
- c. Team Managers or Captains must report for a briefing by the Tournament Director at the time and place appointed by him. Failure to do so will be reported to the Competitions Committee who may, having considered the circumstances, impose such financial or other penalty as they consider appropriate on the Club concerned.
- d. At the start of the Briefing Meeting the Team Manager or Captain of each team shall hand to the Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate a team sheet of players who shall constitute their team for the Tournament, and must include on that list the names of up to 3 persons entitled to occupy the Team Bench (Manager, Coach, Physio/Doctor). Only those persons listed shall be entitled to sit on the Team Bench. The team sheet shall be signed by the Team Manager or Captain and in so signing he shall be deemed to vouch for and confirm that each player so listed is eligible to play pursuant to Regulation 3.

### 5. Matches

- a. The 8 teams will be drawn into two pools of 4 teams, although those 2 teams from NHL Division 1 will first be placed into separate pools.
- b. After each team within a pool has played all other teams, the winners from each pool will gain automatic promotion to NHL Division 2 for the following Season.
- c. Those teams finishing third and fourth in each pool will remain in, or return to the Regional Leagues from which they originated.
- d. Those teams finishing in 2nd place in each pool will play a crossover match, the winners of which will qualify for the NHL Division 1 and the loser of which will remain in or return to their Regional League. This match to be played on a date and at a venue as determined by HA Competitions Committee. If in either of these matches the scores are level at the end of full time, the Captains shall toss for ends and after an interval of 5 minutes, extra time shall be played in full consisting of two 7½ minute periods, separated by a 3 minute interval during which the teams shall change ends. If the scores are still level after extra time, the outcome of the match shall be determined by a Penalty Stroke Competition in accordance with Regulation 5. i below.
- e. The match times of the Tournament will be decided by the H.A. Competitions Committee.
- f. For each match, teams will be awarded three points for a win, one for a draw and none for a defeat.
- g. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points within a pool, the final placings shall be decided in the following order.
  - i) Goal difference
  - ii) The team having scored the most goals
  - iii) The result of the match between the teams.
- h. If all these are equal then the positions shall be determined by a Penalty Stroke Competition for which a separate draw will be made by the Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate. The procedure for the Penalty Stroke Competition is laid down in Rule 5.i below.

i. **Penalty Stroke Competition**

- i) The Tournament Director and the Umpires shall together choose the goal to be used and the Captains shall toss to decide which team shall take the first penalty stroke.
- ii) Five different players from each of the teams, chosen from the players listed on the team sheet, but excluding any player who has been permanently suspended from the game (Red Card), shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team. Only if that goalkeeper is, in the opinion of the umpires, incapacitated through injury, or is suspended, shall a team be permitted to substitute the goalkeeper during the course of a particular series in the stroke competition.
- iii) The team which has been awarded the higher number of goals shall be the winner.
- iv) In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be taken under the above conditions and with the same five players (subject to any incapacitated player being replaced) but on a sudden death basis, that is, the team having been awarded the most goals, after an equal number of strokes have been taken, shall be the winner. The sequence in which the players take the strokes for their team need not be the same as in the previous series. The team manager has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the five nominated players will take the stroke although must use all five nominated players per round.
- v) The team which has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the following series (if any).
- vi. If one team fails to appear for a penalty stroke competition, the match or place will be awarded to the team which is present.

6. **Dress**

- a. All teams participating in the Competition shall wear shirts each bearing a different number of at least 9 inches in height and contrasting colour to the shirts. Numbers shall be worn in the centre of the back of the shirt and shall correspond the numbers on the team sheet and to the numbers in the programme.
- b. The goalkeeper of both sides shall wear shirts numbered front and back and different in colour from those of their own team and those of their opponents.
- c. Both Captains shall wear arm bands in a contrasting colour to the shirts.
- d. If, in the view of the Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate, there is a clash of colours (shirts or socks), the second named team shall change.

7. **Fitness Of Pitches**

The decision as to whether or not a pitch is fit for play shall be determined by the Tournament Director.

8. **Start Of Matches**

All matches shall be started at the appointed time unless the Tournament Director in his discretion allows a delay. If one team is ready to start but the other is not, the Umpire concerned shall blow his whistle for the game to start and the match shall be awarded to the team which is ready to begin. Thereafter the Tournament Director shall decide in his discretion what further penalty shall be imposed on the defaulting team, and the team ready to start shall be deemed to have won the game 3-0 or a greater score if decided by Competitions Committee.

9. **Tournament Director**

The Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate shall be appointed by the HA Competitions Committee. He is empowered to interpret the regulations of the Tournament at his discretion and his ruling on any matter shall be final. The Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate shall be empowered to suspend any player for one or more matches for misconduct on or off the field of play during the tournament.

Should there be a need for a protest to be made, it shall be made by the Team Manager or Captain in writing to the Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate within ten minutes of the termination of the match. The Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate should communicate his decision on such a protest to both teams involved as soon as possible and not later than one hour of the receipt of such protest. The written decision of the Delegate shall be sent to both teams and the HA Competitions Organiser within five working days of the date of the match. The Tournament Director/Competitions Delegate is empowered to make decisions on all such protests.

10. **Competitions Committee**

- a. For any breach of these Regulations the Committee is empowered to impose a penalty on the offending Club.
- b. Any Club taking part in this competition is deemed to have accepted these regulations and all other regulations issued by the HA relating to the playing of matches.
- c. The Committee is empowered to amend or vary these regulations as appropriate. Their decision on all matters is final. Attention is also drawn to the Standing Instructions for Competitions.

**HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITIONS  
UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE  
(Revised July 1996)**

1. The following Competitions are being run by this Committee in 1996/97:

County Championship  
Junior County Championship  
HA Cup  
Indoor Club Championship  
National Inter League Tournament  
Junior Divisional Tournament  
Club Trophy  
National League  
Veterans Cup  
Veterans Trophy

2. The Competitions Committee is a Standing Committee of the Hockey Association appointed by the Management Committee to organise its Competitions and consisting of representatives from each of the six Divisions.
3. The Competitions Committee has the power to appoint such sub committees as it thinks fit to organise competitions on its behalf.
4. Any question or dispute which may arise and is not especially provided for in the Rules and Regulations, shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final.
5. Contact with the Competitions Committee should be made in the first instance through Divisional Representatives, or failing that, through the Competitions Organiser at the Hockey Association on 01908 241100.
6. All teams participating in any of the above events will be expected to conform to the arrangements made by the Competitions Committee on their behalf.

7. a. Subject to sub-clause b. of this instruction entry to or participation in the above events by any team of any club or body affiliated to the Association shall constitute acceptance of and submission to the authority of the Competitions Committee by that club or body, its players and officials in all matters of discipline or otherwise and shall signify agreement that the Competitions Committee shall have all necessary powers to deal with any matters relating to those events howsoever arising out of the conduct of that club or body, its players, officials and any spectator at any match organised by such club or body.

It shall further constitute an acceptance by that club or body of the Competition Committee's right to impose penalties of whatever nature in its absolute discretion without any right of appeal from the Competitions Committee's decision.

All such decisions shall be reported to the Management Committee, who may in their absolute discretion vary the penalty imposed (before implementation) but without the club or body having the right of appeal to or any right to be heard by or to make representations to the Management Committee unless that Committee shall in its sole discretion so decide.

- b. Offences committed on the field of the play in the above events and covered by the Hockey Association Disciplinary Code will remain subject to and continue to be dealt with under the terms of that Code.



8. In all competitive matches, whether under the auspices of the HA Competitions Committee or otherwise, and whether in a League Cup or Tournament of whatever nature, and where no Tournament Director, or Match Delegate is appointed, then for the duration of the game all members of a team's squad including substitutes, manager, coach, physiotherapist or doctor are under the control of the umpires and are subject to the discipline of those umpires in precisely the same way as the 11 players on the pitch.
9. Where any matter relating to competitions requires an immediate decision which cannot be deferred until the next Meeting of Competitions Committee or where it is necessary to give any directions as to the day, date, time and venue for the playing of any match or re-arranged match then such decision may be made on behalf of the Committee by the Chairman and the Competitions Organiser (or persons designated to act in their absence). The decision or directions will be reported by them to the next full Meeting of the Committee.
10. In all competitions under the jurisdiction of the HA, goalkeepers must wear a suitable protective helmet incorporating a face mask. This protection must be worn at all times during the game including when defending a penalty stroke. (The only exception is if a goalkeeper is taking a penalty stroke).
11. Where team benches are provided these should be placed on the side of the pitch (preferably on the side away from the crowd) at a point between the halfway line and the 25 yard line. When no bench or seats actually available then the 'notional bench' for each team is the area on the appointed side of the pitch between the halfway line and the 25 yard line. Substitutes and team officials listed on the team sheet must remain within that area and as far as practicable, others should be excluded from that area.
12. In all Competitions under the jurisdiction of the HA a team must have a minimum of seven players on the pitch at the start of a game for the match to start.
13. During any one season, any player who has played in another country in any outdoor match which could lead to qualification in any European Club competition organised by the European Hockey Federation is ineligible to play for an English club in any outdoor match within a competition which could lead to qualification in a European Club competition.  
  
During any one season, any player who has played in another country in any indoor match which could lead to qualification in any European Club competition organised by the European Hockey Federation is ineligible to play for an English club in any indoor match within a competition which could lead to qualification in a European Club competition.
14. Any additional item of clothing e.g. cycle shorts or long sleeved tee-shirts, worn by a player during a match must be of the same colour specified for the corresponding item of clothing shown on his club's teamsheet.
15. In addition, the attention of all participants is drawn to the Regulations for all Competitions as printed in the Official Handbook of the Hockey Association 1996/97.