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Dear All

ANTI DOPING REQUIREMENTS

The EHA is required by the FIH and Lottery to conduct an effective testing programme both at national and international level.

SELECTION OF MATCHES

The selection of matches is performed at random by UK sport and EHA and testing will take place at no notice to the clubs involved in the selected matches. It is therefore vital that changes in start times/venues are relayed to the EHA as soon as possible to ensure that alternative arrangements can be made should a match be selected for testing. Failure to do so will be perceived as unwillingness on the part of clubs involved to participate in the testing programme.

FACILITIES FACT SHEET

It is vital for the effective conduct of any anti-doping test to have adequate facilities available. **It is the responsibility of the home team at each match selected for testing to have the necessary doping facilities available.** As testing can take place at any match during the season, contingencies must be made at every game to ensure that doping control facilities are available. Please find enclosed a fact sheet, produced by UK sport highlighting the requirements of a suitable Doping control Station.

The EHA appreciates that some club facilities may be limited. We suggest that you consider having a spare changing room available.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

If a match has been selected for testing, the draw for the players to be tested will be conducted at half time, by UK sport sampling officers, in the presents of an accredited representative from both teams. This will be Mary McAllister, the EHA anti-doping officer or someone appointed by her who will be in attendance through out the whole of the test and will Liase with the club, the players and the sampling officers. Lists of players for each team must be made available to the sampling officers prior to the draw to enable all players to be included. The players selected will be notified after the match and will be required to attend the designated DCU immediately, and in exceptional circumstances {such as a medal ceremony} no later that one hour. Players selected for testing must remain within sight of the UK sport sampling officer {or authorised chaperone} at all times from the point of notification to the point of arrival at the DCU.

The testing procedure is explained in the UK sport Drug testing procedure handbook, which is also enclosed.

Please also find enclosed a card with the list of banned substances. For more information you can contact the

UK sport Drug information hot line on: 0207 7841 9530

Or speak to Mary McAllister, Anti Doping officer for EHA on:
01908 544652

Many Thanks for your co-operation in this matter

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