HONG KONG CHINA UNDERWATER HOCKEY FEDERATION

OFFICIAL BULLETIN: INITIAL SELECTION PROCESS FOR FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

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1. Purpose

This selection process aims to select an official representative team to represent the Hong Kong China Underwater Hockey Federation (the "Federation") in upcoming sanctioned competitions. The selected squad will officially be designated as the **Federation Representative Team** and referred to represent Hong Kong.

2. Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, 17th October 2026
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Entry Fee:** HKD $80 per participating player *(No fee applies to applicants who do not participate in matches)*
- **Application:** Complete the official entry form and submit via whatsapp to +85298374774
- **Entry Form**: Application Form - Initial Selection for Underwater Hockey Repres…

3. Eligibility & Team Categories

Applicants may register under one of two categories:

A. Formal Team

- **Composition:** Registered roster must list at least six (6) players.
- **Player Eligibility:** All listed players must satisfy CMAS nationality and representation eligibility criteria to represent Hong Kong.
- **Coaching Staff:** The named coach must hold a valid Hong Kong Work Visa or be a Hong Kong Permanent Resident / Citizen.
- **Guarantee:** The Federation guarantees competing opportunities in the selection process to all qualified Formal Team applicants.

B. Demonstrative Team

- **Eligibility:** Open roster with no nationality or residency restrictions.
- **Participation:** Participation is subject to schedule availability and is **not guaranteed** by the Federation.

- **Outcome:** Matches involving Demonstrative Teams serve solely as reference matches for the Federation and carry no qualification standing.

4. Selection Match Regulations

- **Rules:** All matches will be conducted in strict accordance with official **CMAS Underwater Hockey Rules**.
- **Squad Size:** Up to twelve (12) players may be named on the match sheet, with a maximum of ten (10) players fielded per game (6 active players + 4 substitutes).
- **Minimum Attendance:** Teams must field a minimum of three (3) active players during selection matches.
- **Selection Outcome:** The **Top Formal Team**—defined as the Formal Team that prevails against other Formal Team(s)—will be appointed as the **Federation Representative Team**.

5. Duties and Rights of the Federation Representative Team

1. **Official Status & Tournament Representation:**
   The Federation Representative Team holds exclusive recognition as the official representing team of the Federation and will be referred to represent Hong Kong in designated tournaments. The Federation Representative Teams are expected to be available to participate in the 2027 CMAS World Championship, if successfully referred. Should the Representative Team refuse or be unable to participate in a designated tournament, the Federation reserves the right to endorse and refer another eligible team to participate in its place.

2. **Ongoing Challenge Mechanism:**
   Any eligible Formal Team may challenge the incumbent Representative Team at any time of the year under the following conditions:

   - **Cooling-Off Period:** No player on the challenging roster may have played in any match with or against the Representative Team within the three (3) months preceding the proposed match date. Cooling-Off Period will not be required if there are any changes of the list of the Federation Representative Team.
   - **Notice & Scheduling:** The challenging team must submit a written challenge giving at least fourteen (14) days' advance notice and proposing a 14-day window for the fixture. Within seven (7) days of receipt, the Representative Team must select an exact match date and time within that 14-day window.
   - **Sanction & Costs:** Subject to pool venue availability, the Federation will sanction and organize the Challenger Match. All operational costs and administrative fees are borne by the challenging team.
   - **Match Format:** Conducted under CMAS rules (maximum roster of 12; max 10 active players per game in 6v6 with 4 substitutes; minimum 3 active players required).
3. **Transfer of Status:**
   If the challenger wins the Challenger Match, it will immediately assume the title and privileges of the Federation Representative Team. However, any competition entries or athlete registrations already finalized and unalterable prior to the match result will

remain unchanged.

4. **Roster Additions:**
   If the Federation Representative Team roster comprises fewer than twelve (12) athletes, the Coach, Captain, and Vice-Captain—each holding equal voting rights—may jointly decide by simple majority to add an eligible athlete to the official list. The Team must notify the Federation of any such addition as soon as feasible.

5. **Removal of Listed Athletes:**
   If the Coach, Captain, and Vice-Captain reach a unanimous decision that an athlete currently listed on the Federation Representative Team is no longer suitable to remain enlisted, that athlete may be removed from the official roster.

6. **Voluntary Withdrawal:**
   Any listed athlete may voluntarily request removal from the team roster at any time by providing written notification to both the Coach and the Federation.

7. **Tournament Participation & Forfeiture of Endorsement:**
   If the Federation Representative Team declines or fails to participate in an assigned or designated tournament, the Federation reserves the right to select and refer another eligible team to represent the Federation in that tournament.

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