Comité Européen de Rink-Hockey

To:
The European National Federations and Refereeing Committees.
The Clubs, managers, technicians and players.
The Referees.

The ETC – European Technical Committee –, once approved the new rules of the game, has not been shut down, but continues working, in different fields, to try to improve the game itself and the image our sport communicates among the public and in the media.

At the ETC's last meeting in November, the issue of discipline was once more on the agenda. We concluded that, until the new rules of the game come into force, certain initiatives have to be taken so that in 2010 the adaptation to the new rules is as easy as possible.

CTE members are very much concerned with the implementation of the rules and the understanding of the aims that oriented this project, and we are fully aware that success will only be complete when assimilated by the refereeing sector.

To make that possible there is a huge task awaiting us, in which we are willing to cooperate.

This is the reason for our "call of attention" to discipline.

We believe that everybody – federations and refereeing councils, clubs and players, managers, delegates and technical staff, referees and international bodies (where CERH is included) – must make an effort to apply with rigour and determination the rules of the game that are presently in force, and its disciplinary measures.

If referees follow the present rules and apply them on the rinks, if players and other persons involved in the game respect and understand the decisions, the time we have left until the coming in force of the new rules will be put to good use and the work done will help to soften the disciplinary "shock" brought by the new rules.

Hoping that our "call" will be followed, for the best of Rink-Hockey sport, we wish you all the best success for the present sports season, and avail the opportunity to send you our sincerest

Sporting regards,

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