



A Note from the Board

May 2025

Hello everyone. Earlier this year we committed to keeping members up-to-date with key points discussed at our regular board meetings.

Playing kit:

The supply of playing kit was high on the agenda at the April meeting, as squads finalise arrangements for taking part in competition. Board members Bernie Morrison and Simon Chambers will represent SMH at Scottish Hockey's tendering and selection process for a new kit supplier. Their involvement is to consider whether we wish to remain part of joint arrangements for kit with Scottish Hockey, or whether we look to a different supplier or process.

In the meantime, kit can be purchased from Sports Direct. We are aware that there are slight colour differences in the royal blue and navy skorts and shorts, and this is acceptable provided the Scottish Hockey logo is on these items. Players / managers should contact their respective IC reps for details of which companies can add these logos.

Following requests from teams regarding whether they could have tournament shirts designed and worn, the Board decided to approve this with the following

caveats: this clothing should not be worn to or from games, should not include the Scottish Hockey emblem or name the tournament players are attending (so as not to infringe any copyright).

Finances:

A number of finance duties have now been delegated to squads, with the handover of bank accounts to those undertaking financial duties for their squad. Any formal costs - for example competition entry fees - must still be paid through the SMH central account, whilst squad-specific costs, such as training fees, coaching costs etc, will be administered and decided upon by each squad.

Sponsorship:

A presentation from the Women's International Committee will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Board membership:

Martin Boag, the Board member with responsibility for IT and Communications, has resigned effective as of 31 May 2025. Martin was thanked for his work to date, particularly in leading through the IT system change last year. Consequently, a new lead will be sought, with adverts going out soon.

Upcoming competitions:

The Board wish to congratulate all players selected for this season and wish them well in their respective competitions. We hope you will be as proud playing for your nation as we are of you representing Scotland across the UK and Europe.

Lee Edmonds-Ward

President

For and on behalf of the SMH Board