



# National Roller Hockey Association of England Limited

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World Roller Games, Nanjing, China, 2017

As you know it is proposed to hold a World Roller Games Event in Nanjing, China in August and September of this year.

This is scheduled to involve all disciplines of Roller Sports and should be an amazing event for Roller Sports.

At this moment in time, we are planning to send a Ladies and an U20 Men's team. It is doubtful that we will have a Senior Men's team.

As some of you may know, I recently went to Nanjing to represent the British Roller Sports Federation at the FIRS Congress.

Whilst there, delegates from all around the world were taken on a tour of the venues for the various events.

However, we are now into April and despite many emails from me over the past six months, information is still fairly scant.

We have received a provisional calendar with the proposed dates.

We have been sent a list of hotels with prices for Bed & Breakfast only, but no prices for meals.

We can, of course contact the hotels ourselves for this information.

Having chased further, I have now received confirmation that the closing date for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> July with the event starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Until entries have been received, the playing format cannot be worked out.

If there are not enough entries, it cannot work.

Through the inevitable grapevine, we have heard about various Countries who are not sending any teams for any disciplines.

Others cannot send teams for every discipline.

This is mainly down to cost.

We have heard a rumour that the Ladies event may not happen at all.

So, at this moment in time, we, the NRHA, cannot be confident that our discipline of Rink Hockey will have sufficient teams to make a competition work.

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I find it incredulous that we are now five months away from 'team events' as part of what should be the biggest and most spectacular event in the word of roller sports and we won't know until one month before the event is due to start, whether or not there will be enough teams entered to make the competition work.

I have sent a very strongly worded letter to the FIRS stating the processes that Countries like us have to go through prior to a World Championship, which this will be.

I have explained the fact that 'team sports' need a selection process, a preparation process and in Countries like England this all comes at a cost to the players.

I have explained that in order to get the best prices, hotels and flights need to be booked as early as possible.

I have also asked that should the events not take place due to insufficient entries are the FIRS going to recompense the players for costs that cannot be reclaimed.

The final paragraph of this letter read,

So in conclusion, I need an absolute commitment from FIRS that the competitions will be taking place or an absolute commitment from FIRS that they will cover any costs incurred by our players and delegates should an event not take place.

I have received a confirmation that this email has been received and read and that a response will be forthcoming.

We, the NRHA, cannot ask you all to commit both time and money to this or any other event without total confidence that the event is going to take place.

I am putting this on our web-site to update you all on the current situation regarding the World Roller Games.

I know that many of you are asking Carlos and others for information.

I know that many of you are waiting to book holidays around the time of the World Roller Games.

I will, of course, keep you posted with any developments that happen, as they happen.

Yours sincerely,

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