

Ice Hockey UK (IHUK) Board Meeting - 29th March 2023, London

Attendance: CW, EM, MG, HS, TM, GH, KT

10) UKAD

Matt Robbins, Chief Medical Officer, joined the meeting. The board received a report with attachments relating to IHUK's current progress against the required assurance processes of UKAD. The board considered the report and specifically four attachments:

Paper A - Clean Sport Report 2021-22

Paper B - IHUK Assurance Framework submission to UKAD

Paper C - IHUK Clean Sport Education Strategy 2021-23

Paper D - Outstanding Elements of the UKAD Assurance Framework

Eric Morton (EM) explained earlier this year he had circulated the supporting papers to board members who had confirmed their support to demonstrate commitment to the Anti-Doping Strategy. There has since been a conference call with UKAD outlining the extra work needed. EM asked for UKAD to be a regular item at board meetings and said it was important for IHUK to support its work with UKAD by updating the section on the website.

Matt Robbins (MR) reiterated that UKAD require for anti-doping to be discussed and minuted at one board meeting per year minimum. MR will produce a Clean Sport report at the end of the season in June and this will be available for discussion at the next board meeting. MR said this review was required to go on the IHUK website.

MR explained work needed to be done on player agreements for the home nations (EIHA and SIH). He said this was in hand and he was in a position to send it to the home nations and it will then be approved by UKAD. He said IHUK are currently meeting the requirements of UKAD for compliance. EM and MR said IHUK have a good working relationship with UKAD.

There was detailed consideration of the papers presented and a full discussion at the board by all members. (Board members physically present were: Clifton Wrothesley (chair), Eric Morton, Martin Alty, Tom Manners. Ken Taggart and Geoff Hemmerman joined digitally)

CW raised Clean Sport Week and MR said he had spoken with Chris Ellis regarding IHUK giving backing with GB player engagement on social media.

A discussion took place about the home nations signing player agreements for UKAD and how important it was that this should happen. This would taken forward for the 2023/24 season.

Resolutions:

1. The board agreed to receive and accept the 2021/22 Clean Sport Annual Report and publish the report on the IHUK website
2. *The Board of Ice Hockey UK hereby resolves that any and all previously published anti-doping rules of Ice Hockey UK shall, as and from the 31 December*

2022 stand repealed and shall be replaced by the following rule: The anti-doping rules of Ice Hockey UK are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping Limited (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as rules of Ice Hockey UK”

3. The board also recognised that there are still a number of outstanding elements to be addressed and that work continues on these elements to achieve full compliance and a report be brought back to the Board before July 2023 updating the Board on progress and any outstanding elements which may still remain and plans to conclude these.