

To All WMH Members

**Re: Ranking and Divisions Approach** 

World Masters Hockey (WMH) is committed to ensuring competitive events for all masters-aged players. To that end, and given the enormous enthusiasm for masters hockey and its potential future growth, WMH is considering the introduction of Divisions for all World Cup and Continental Cup events being held in 2022 and beyond.

WMH is formulating a ranking system whereby the positions national teams earn over the preceding three (3) years will be used, with a weighted formula, to determine a team's rank for a particular event and thus determine the actual Division for a team.

In relation to World Cups, WMH will also seek to provide, through the ranking system, geographic diversity in each Division.

WMH does not have enough data at this point to implement a ranking system for 2020, but it is in every team's best interest to participate in as many events as possible for which it is eligible, to ensure the best possible ranking and thus an opportunity to play in the top Division.

Please see the attached spreadsheet as an example of how this might work going forward. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Ishbel Dickens, Chair WMH Events Committee at: <a href="mailto:events@worldmastershockey.org">events@worldmastershockey.org</a>

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