

## WMH World Cup – Tokyo 2022



### Greetings,

I am pleased to share with you the important steps that our partners in Tokyo have taken to ensure your smooth and safe entry into Japan.

The Japan Hockey Association (JHA) and the Host National Organising Committee (HNOC) met with the Japanese government, which has agreed to recognise the WMH World Cup as an official sporting event, where players, officials and travelling families / supporters attending this event, will be exempt from current entry restrictions.

The JHA will be the guarantors of all foreign visitors attending the WMH World Cup in Tokyo. This means that JHA will need to submit visa applications for all participants well in advance of the event. This has to be done through their ERFS (Entrants, Returnees, Follow-up System), where everyone will need to provide their name, date of birth, passport number and nationality. The visa applications must be submitted to the Japanese Embassy, or equivalent in your country and the HNOC recommends using your team(s) travel agency to assist with the visa application process. Several other sporting events including Triathlon, Football, Basketball and Badminton are being held in Japan this year under the ERFS.

When you arrive in Japan, you will be asked to submit a Certificate of Vaccination showing that you have received three (3) doses of recognised Covid-19 vaccines. To avoid having to quarantine for 3 days on entry to Japan, your third dose must have been either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. The other vaccines, acceptable as first and second doses, are the AstraZeneca, Janssen and Bharat vaccines.

Once you have entered Japan, there are no other particular restrictions for you, as a foreigner, though you will be required to comply with any restrictions applying to everyone in Japan at the time. Given the special entry agreements which apply, please remember that you will be in Japan primarily to attend the WMH World Cup and you will be expected to act responsibly and help prevent the spread of Covid-19 or its variants.

You will be free to participate in any and all of the social events being arranged for us and / or hosted by WMH, JHA, and the Shinagawa Ward (the main event location). The HNOC also has an agreement with recognised hotels that will allow free cancellation of reservations up to two months prior to the start of the WMH World Cup. The HNOC recommend that you contact the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB), their official travel agent, to make these arrangements.

I trust you will share these details with your teams. WMH looks forward to a very successful 2022 World Cup in Tokyo, October 19-29.

### **Ishbel Dickens**

Chair of the Events Committee

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