

2025 PAHF REPORT TO THE CONGRESS (Bi-Annual)

Committee: Competitions Committee

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I) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

On behalf of the Competitions Committee, I would like to take a moment to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to lead this group and for the support and guidance from Walter Kramer its representative. A special thanks to Laura Macchiotti for all she does and for keeping me and the Committee informed and up to date on everything events related.

I would also like to personal thank the Committee members for their time, commitment and continued support in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities placed upon us.

The members of the Competitions Committee are as follows:

Chair: Nigel Traverso (USA),

Secretary: Rene Zelkin (USA);
Yan Huckendubler (CAN);
Reyah Richardson (TTO);
Victor Tomlinson (JAM);
Robert Fernandes (GUY);
Gonzalo Andrade (CHI);
Katherine Perez Santiago (PUR);

II) MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE LAST CONGRESS

Since the last Congress and with the appointment of the new Competitions Committee, we were able to have five meetings to discuss events procedures, as well as receive updates from some of the PAHF Chairs and FIH representatives.

The reporting received from the Chairs and FIH Representatives are very important for the Committee in order to function effectively, knowledgeable and informed on what's going on in and around the world of Hockey.

III) CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Competitions Committee worked as a whole and presented the following documents for Board Approval:

- Deposit and Withdrawal Policy;
- Penalty Sanction and non-compliance;
- Host Country Definition;
- Qualification Procedure for 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games
- Qualification for 2026 ODESUR Game;
- Qualification Procedure for 2027 Pan American Games;
- Qualification Procedure for South American Championship 2024;
- Right and Obligation to Choose Policy;
- Qualification Procedure for Youth Championship;
- Letter of Recommendation Sanctioning Peru;

The following events were held in 2024:

- Indoor Pan Am, Calgary, Canada, March 18 – 22 (2025 IWC Qualifier)
- Junior Pan Am: Surrey, Canada- June 26-July 12 (2025 Jr WC Qualifier)
- Pan Am Challenge Men: Lima, Peru- September 6-14 (Top 1 Qualify for PAC)
- Pan Am Challenge Women: Hamilton, Bermuda- September 20-28 (Top 1 Qualify for PAC).
- CADP Men & Women: Panama City October 17-20, 2024
- Special Olympics Latam, Mixed Gender, Asuncion, Paraguay 5-11 October 2025

The following events were held in 2025:

- Junior Pan Am Challenge, Men & Women Barbados, March 9 – 16
- CAC Games Qualifier, Men & Women, Mexico, May 4 - 11
- Pan American Cup, Uruguay, July 24 - August 3
- Junior Pan American Games, Paraguay, August 10 – 19

2025 – 26 Upcoming Events:

- October 17 -21, 2025: Central American Games, Guatemala
- November 22-27, 2025: Bolivarian Games, Peru

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- January – April, 2026: PAHF Youth (U18) Qualifier (TBD)
- April 7 – 18, 2026: Junior Pan Am Championship, Chile
- June 1 – 8, 2026: H5s Pan Am Cup, Uruguay

- July 24 – August 4, 2026: Central American & Caribbean Games (CAC), Dominican Republic
- September 13 – 22, 2026: Odesur Games, Argentina
- Central America Development Tournament (location TBD)

IV) DEVELOPMENT & PARTICIPATION

The Competitions Committee would like to see the following:

- More progress being made by the Caribbean NA, working together to come up with a viable plan for a Caribbean Developmental event. This discussion is going on far too long and would like to see more progress making this a reality.
- 100% participation in all PAHF events;

V) CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

One of the biggest challenges is securing Host for our events. We need to see more NAs stepping up and agreeing to Host events.

We also see too many NAs withdrawing or pulling out of events for various reason and this needs to be addressed; Too many times we had to revise Tournament Schedules to accommodate those withdrawals.

VI) FUTURE PRIORITIES (next 2 years)

The Competitions Committee believes that we should creating more Indoor playing opportunities as well as opportunities for the younger age group.

- PAHF should have an Indoor Tournament every two years as was in the past. We currently have an Indoor WC Qualifier every four years and this is not enough if we want to compete with the European Nations; We need to play more Indoor in this Region;
- Organize and Host more Youth Events (Ages 16 – 18) for this age group;
- Hopefully we can get the Caribbean Development Event off the ground in the upcoming two year cycle;