

FRAMEWORK TO EXTEND CELT COOPERATION

“Celt” refers to each and any combination of Irish Exiles (was Shamrocks), Scottish Thistles and Welsh Dragons.

BACKGROUND

Celts already cooperate in regard to sharing players; this framework is to expand the cooperation.

First and foremost members join to play as their home Celt team. Secondly for events each of the home Celts aim to put out as many of their own teams as they can.

However a “Shortfall” can occur for an event or age group where the home Celts:

- chose not to enter a team
- are unable to enter a team due to lack of numbers
- have players wanting to enter but cannot include them due to squad sizes.
- have players wanting to enter but are in a different age group or category.

The proposal is to share the awareness of availability of players affected by Shortfall to allow them to attend an event in a “Combined Team” either:

- to be included as a guest player in a Celt team (e.g. playing as a Dragon)
- to come together with other Celts and to enter as a combined Celt team.

DUTIES FOR EACH CELT ORGANISATION

The Fixture Secretaries will keep in touch about plans for entering teams into events. On becoming aware of a Shortfall the relevant Fixture Secretary will notify the others, post the potential Shortfall on the Celts Grand Masters Hockey Club Facebook page and cause a Spond ‘event’ to be raised.

Members from any of the Celts are welcome to contact their own Fixture Secretary and are encouraged to use the Spond platform to nominate their attendance in a Combined Team. The Fixture Secretaries will aid in communicating with available players.

Where a Combined Team becomes feasible the Fixture Secretaries will agree which of the Celts will take the lead on that event and appoint an organiser from those who wish to attend.

FAIRNESS: Should a Shortfall be resolved before any other Celt player commits to play then the Shortfall can be withdrawn. However it is only fair that once a Celt player has committed to a Combined Team then that player has priority over any potential new home Celt player.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS

Members are always welcome to contact their Fixture Secretary however to ease communication across the Celts we want to use the following shared media for announcing Shortfall and communicating about and with a Combined Team:

FACEBOOK. A “Celts Grand Masters Hockey Club” page has been established and anyone is entitled to perform normal Facebook activities thereon. Please note that nothing on the Facebook page is official until the Fixture Secretaries have agreed a plan of action and an ‘event’ has been raised on Spond.

SPOND. This is a team organisation software and once a Combined Team is established this is likely to be the normal means of communicating with the individual players. This may be supplemented by a squad Whatsapp group for that event.

OVERRIDING AUTHORITY

The President and the Executive Committee of each of the Celts has an overriding authority on any action taken and any communication posted in regard to Shortfall, Combined Team and the actions of their own members.

The Executive Committee of each of the Celts may delegate to one or more individuals from any of the Celts to act as Administrator for Facebook, Spond and any other communal system.

Facebook and Spond are social media and have room for abuse. The Administrator(s) will police it to ensure this does not happen.

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