

FIH Venue Specifications

Commonwealth Games

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	Field of Play - Facilities					
	Competition Pitch	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				
	Warm Up Pitch	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				
	Pitch Lighting	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				
	Watering	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				
	Fencing	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				
	Technical Table	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				

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	Technical Table Equipment				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A laptop computer for CRIS, a mouse, and a linked printer plus a cover to prevent glare in case of sunshine; • A back-up internet connection via a mobile WI-Fi USB (“dongle”) for CRIS; • Copies of the Rules of Hockey and FIH Tournament Regulations (for information and reference) • 1 stop watch; • Scoreboard operational panel • 2 audible hooters (air horns) • 1 set of official warning cards (green, yellow and red) as used by the umpires; • 2 spare whistles; • 2 captains’ arm-bands or ribbons in plain colours, and safety pins; • FIH will provide stick control rings, stick bow measurement devices and stick compliance stickers. Host to provide hand protection measuring box and goalkeeper gauges. • Container of non-acid disinfectant surface cleaner or an 80% alcohol solution, and 2 pieces of cloth for cleaning blood-stains from the Field of Play; • Plastic gloves and waste disposal facility; • Paper and pen/pencils; • 2 clipboards with covers; • A waste bin 	

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Team Benches	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered to protect from the weather • Electrical outlets and running water • Room for storage of 18 x player equipment bags & team medical equipment • Waste bin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screens to protect the bench from the watering system are recommended • Table (3m²) for drinks and medical equipment • In warm climates, industrial cooling fans are to be provided • The strong preference is that changing rooms and team benches are located on the same side of the pitch
Suspended player seats	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games					
Changing Rooms – Athlete	Preferably 75m ² per room	4	Preferably located within 25m of the FOP and located on same side of pitch as team benches. A secure area that is not accessible by the general public and media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 36m² dry area • Showers (min 3) with hot & cold water • Toilets (min 3) • Electrical outlets • Seating for a minimum of 24 • Treatment Table 	Must be lockable and secure.	
WC Facilities for Athletes / Officials	10m ²	1 per gender	Within 25m of the competition pitch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be provided if the change rooms are more than 25m from the competition pitch. 	Use is restricted for these groups.	
Ice Bath Facilities	Minimum 20m ²	2	Located near (if not in) the change rooms. In case that cannot be locate in the changing rooms, the size of the change room can be smaller (50m ²)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large tubs or small pools that allow athletes to submerge themselves– to approximately waist depth. • Facilities to service a minimum of 3 athletes at one given time are required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must ensure privacy from the spectators. Ideally, the ice is to be stored on site to allow immediate servicing as required. 	

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Changing Rooms – Umpires and Technical Officials	Preferably 30m ² per room		2	Preferably located within 25m of the FOP. A secure BOH area that is not accessible by the general public and media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating for up to 6 people • Showers with hot & cold water (min 2) • Toilets (min 2) • Electrical outlets • Lockers for officials' belongings 	Must be lockable and secure.
WC Facilities for Athletes / Officials	10m ²		1 per gender	Within 25m of the competition pitch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be provided if the change rooms are more than 25m from the competition pitch. 	Use is restricted for these groups.
Equipment Storage Room	Minimum 75m ²		1	Located in the Sport BOH area in proximity to the change rooms and FOP areas.	Adequate size to accommodate 2 goal keeper kits per competing team. A space to store any excess FOP equipment such as goals, hockey balls, extra training devices.	Must be dry, lockable, secure and ventilated.
Pitch & Sport Equipment	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games					Sport Equipment should conform to the requirements in the Rules of Hockey
National Flags			1 per NA	To be located in an area that allows the athletes to view the flags while facing their team bench and the Games Family area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flag of each competing nation is to be displayed, along with the CGF and FIH flag. 	This will be directed by CGF protocol. These may be hung from flag poles or from the stadium roof or similar.

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Field of Play – Technical Areas						
Team Match Analysts and Umpire logging Work Area	Variable – Sufficient to accommodate 1 person per competing team, umpire logging operator, camera operator and all technical equipment.	1	Located BOH or in the broadcast area. A view of the pitch is desirable. In case of not providing this, position should be discussed and approved with FIH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully weather proof & covered • Technical equipment – TBA • 1 table and chair per operator • Ethernet to bench • SDI cable from camera to SDI Distributor/Splitter in Analyst area • SDI Distributor/Splitter so that 10 teams can capture the live feed 		
Video Umpire Room	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications	1	To be defined with FIH. This will either be a booth located with a view of the FOP, or a location to be identified in the EVS supplier's vehicles.	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games	To arrange (through broadcasters); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x 19" (48.25cm) colour monitors (live feed and replay) • EVS record and replay machine • Communication system between truck and VU room for audio feed • Video feed of live broadcast (format to be specified) • Important this room is not part of an access way to other areas of the production area. 	

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Video Analyst Tactical Feed camera	minimum 10 meter high	1	Behind the goals at one (or both) ends of the pitch. As central as possible. Located separately to the broadcast towers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unobstructed view for camera and analysts • Height of camera (min 10m) • Wide angle lens on cameras used • HD 720 50p as minimum (no interlaced footage e.g. no HD 720 50i) • Ability of camera to smoothly follow play (not jerky, nor being blown from side to side) • Protection from rain/water ability to clean camera in case of water getting on lens • Ethernet connection for the 2 teams playing to the bench and Assistant coach areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera operator required 	
Sports Presentation	Minimum 30m ²	1	To accommodate the Sport Presentation team (DJs, Announcers, Technicians). Ideally centrally located to the FOP with a clear view of the entire pitch.	Host to arrange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A powered booth closed off area from spectators (covered and enclosed) • Chairs to accommodate all people • Tables to accommodate the electronic equipment required. • Electrical and data outlets 		
Commentary Booths	Min 4m ² Preferable 2m x 2m	2+	Each booth to accommodate 2 people. Ideally centrally located to the FOP with a clear view of the entire pitch.	Host to arrange (per booth); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office space - closed off area from spectators (covered and enclosed) • Chairs • Tables to accommodate electronic equipment required • Electrical and data outlets 	To arrange equipment with broadcaster.	

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Mixed Zone		Minimum 40m ² Preferable 10m x 4m		Immediately adjacent the exit of FOP, allowing athletes to pass through as they leave the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority area is to be given to the host broadcaster and the rights holder broadcasters, with athletes to then move onto the remaining media. • Barricading to separate the athletes and media. • Space to erect a backdrop. 	
Score Board		Variable	Minimum 1	At the end or corner of the FOP, visible to the technical table, team benches and as many spectators as possible.	<p>As laid out in FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games</p>	<p>A scoreboard is required to display all of the specific requirements identified in the FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications; Commonwealth Games</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match time (playing and breaks) & match score • Participating teams - 3 letter CGF Code • Clock capable of adjusting to different timings showing seconds and minutes • Video referral status • Integrated siren at the end of identified periods and to start and finish shoot-outs

Video Screen	Minimum 6.5m x 4.4m	Minimum 1	At the end or corner of the FOP, visible to the technical table, team benches and as many spectators as possible	Specifications for the scoreboard are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum resolution of 6,000 Led / m² • Minimum intensity of 4,000 cd/m² • Minimum useable screen surface is 23m² 	See FIH guidelines on the preferred layout and details to be displayed.
Data capture	Variable – Sufficient to accommodate capture of data for each match	Minimum 2	Ideally centrally located to the FOP with a clear view of the entire pitch. Possible in the media grandstand space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table and 3 x chairs per team • Weather protection • Ethernet to bench • Tables to accommodate electronic equipment required • Electrical and data outlets 	To be defined with FIH.

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Sport Operational Offices						
International Federation Office		Minimum 25m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area with immediate access to the FOP, hospitality and all operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work spaces for 6 people, with sufficient electrical outlets. • Internet and printer capabilities • To have a TV monitor with a live feed from broadcast • Must be lockable and secure 	
President's /Secretary General Office		Minimum 12m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area, with immediate access to the FOP and Hospitality areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work space for 1 person, with office table and chair. • 2 more chairs for meeting purposes. • Small couch and coffee table. • To have a TV monitor with a live feed from broadcast • Must be lockable and secure 	
Technical Delegates (x2)		Minimum 25m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area with immediate access to the FOP and operational areas and a good internet connection with LAN and WIFI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work space for 2 person, with office table and chairs. • Up to 8 more chairs for the purpose of hearings / meetings. • Lockable filing cabinets • To have a TV monitor with a live feed from broadcast • Must be lockable and secure 	Preferable for this area to overlook the FOP.
Umpire Managers (x4)		Minimum 25m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area with immediate access to the FOP and operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work space for 4 people, with office tables and chairs. • 4 more chairs for post-match meetings. • 2 spare tables for the setting out of umpire radio's (3m²) • Must be lockable and secure 	Preferable for this area to overlook the FOP.

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Officials' Lounge		Minimum 50m ²	1	Preferably located on the same side of venue as all operational offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables and chairs for up to 20 people • Electrical outlets • Tables for the provision of catering • 2 x small couches & coffee table • Fridge for cold drinks • Good internet (WIFI) connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monitor with a feed from the broadcasters is a preferable feature. • May be used for briefings if alternate space not accessible
Athletes' Lounge		Preferably 100m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple tables and chairs • Fridge for cold drinks • Notice board for event & logistical detail • Preferable to have a TV monitor with live feed from broadcast. • Good internet (WIFI) connection 	Located as such to provide easy access to change rooms and the athlete transport areas. (ideally should include the sport information desk in this lounge as well.
Sport Meeting Room/Jury of Appeal room		Minimum 50m ²	1	Located in the BOH Sport area, within close proximity to all operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables and chairs to accommodate meetings between officials and teams, approximately 20 people. • TV screen with the ability to accept external AV equipment. 	
Sport Information Desk		Minimum 25m ²	1	Located in the BOH Sport area, within close proximity to all operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An environment where athletes can obtain information about transport, match schedules and other event associate details. 	Located in close proximity to, if not within, the athletes lounge.

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Venue Operational Offices						
Competition Management Office		Minimum 75m ²	1	Preferably located on the same side as the technical table and team benches, with immediate access to the FOP, hospitality and all operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work spaces for at least 8 people, with sufficient electrical outlets. • Internet and printer capabilities • Must be lockable and secure 	A monitor with a feed from the broadcasters is a preferable feature.
Venue Accreditation Office		Minimum 12m ²	1	Located on the security perimeter of the venue to assist with accreditation inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work spaces for 2 people, with sufficient electrical outlets. • Internet and printer capabilities 	
Technical Facilities Management Office			1	Preferably located on the same side as the technical table and team benches, with immediate access to the FOP	Ability to control all pitch watering and lighting requirements from the one central location.	
Ball Patrol		Minimum 15m ²	1	Located BOH in proximity to the FOP	Change room and assembly area for all ball patrol personnel.	Must be lockable and secure
Volunteers		Minimum 40m ²	1	Located at a central point in the venue, free from athletes and spectators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workspaces for volunteer coordinators • Fridge(s) for drinks • Tables for catering • Seating appropriate to numbers 	A monitor with a feed from the broadcasters is a preferable feature.
Ceremonies Office Change and Storage		Minimum 100m ²	1	Located in the BOH area with immediate access to the FOP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate space for the storage of presentation podiums and event signage. • Space to accommodate 30 people. 	This room can also act as a change room for individuals involved in sports presentation activities.

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Medical						
Athlete First Aid Room	60m ²	1	Located in the Sport BOH area with immediate access to the FOP and venue entry / exit. Access must be flat and not inhibited by stairs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first aid room must be well lit and contain the equipment as detailed in the CGF / IF medical regulations. • It must contain running water, a basin and immediate access to separate male and female bathrooms. 	This area must allow treatment of male and female athletes simultaneously in a private manner.	
Pitch Side Medical Services		1	At or near the technical bench for immediate access to the FOP.	<p>The area established for this feature must be adequate to accommodate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event medical personnel. • 2 x dedicated stretcher bearers • Medical supplies and equipment as detailed in CGF / IF medical regulations. 		
Doping Control Room(s)	90m ²	Based on 3 Processing areas, 1 waiting area & 2 dedicated toilets.	Located in the Sport BOH area with immediate access to the FOP and changing rooms.	<p>The Doping Control room must have the following sections;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting room – 1 x table, 12 x chairs, 1 x fridge with bottled water • Processing room – 1 x table, 4 x chairs, 1 x lockable fridge, and lockable cupboard. • Toilets must be large enough to accommodate athlete and chaperone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Doping Control room is to be locked at all times and only accessed by the Doping Control staff, medical staff and the selected athletes. • It is imperative that athletes in the waiting room must not be able to hear the conversations between the DCO and athlete providing personal details. 	

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Medical						
Ambulance Pitch Access	Adequate to allow a medical evacuation device as a minimum.	1	Near the FOP with unrestricted access to the pitch and venue exit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum requirement is access to the FOP with an appropriate medical evacuation device • Preferable is double gates to permit emergency vehicle access to the pitch • A dedicated driveway to access that pitch in a smooth manner. 	Fence perimeter / advertising boards in this area must be moveable.	
Public First Aid		Minimum 1	A central point within the spectator area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paramedics and first aid staff with a fully equipped first aid station to treat spectators as required. • Access to ambulance and hospital as required. 		

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Venue Seating						
VIPs	To be determined in consultation with FIH		The best seats available in the main grandstand.	All VIP seats are to be covered	Covered by CGF Protocol	
Spectators	Minimum 5000 capacity unless otherwise agreed		Positioned to allow full viewing capacity as close to the pitch as possible.	20% to be covered		
Athletes seating	To be determined in consultation with FIH		To be seated outside of the line of site of the main camera arc.	Sufficient seating to accommodate all teams and staff for the finals.	In addition to the 20% seating capacity referred to above, It is preferable that this seating area is covered.	
Coaches Seating	2 seats per team		To be seated in the accredited side of the stand behind the team benches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 seats per team • Elevated view of the pitch • Separated from spectators • A table / bench to work on with access to data, power and communications. • Covered seating 	This must enable the coach quick access to the FOP and change rooms and provide an elevated view.	
Officials	Event specific		To be seated outside of the line of site of the main camera arc	Sufficient seating to accommodate all appointed officials.		
Media Tribune	75 seats		A covered seating area that allows the media to oversee the entire FOP uninterrupted. On the same side of the venue as all media operations.	Designated tables and seating for a specified number of media. Ideally in covered area	Covered by CGF Protocol	
Accessibility seating	Compliant with venue licensing requirements		Located in an area that is accessible and will always maintain a clear view to the FOP.		Dependent on venue licensing requirements	

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Media / Press						
Media Centre	100 work stations Approx. 150m ²	1	Located on the same side of the pitch as the media tribune and mixed zone. It is important to ensure easy access to the media centre from the pitch side operational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be well lit and serviced by air conditioning / heating as appropriate. • A reception desk for a media assistant to be based at to help service all media requests. • Work areas to adequately accommodate the expected volume of media. • Internet for all media • Lockers for the safe storage of photography equipment. • Open 2 hours prior to the first match and remains open 2 hours after the completion of the last match, or until all media have finished their work. • TV monitor/s to have a live feed from broadcast. • Catering 	<p>Covered by CGF Protocol</p> <p>Inclusive of</p> <p>Catering for the media to consist of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sandwiches / snacks • coffee and tea making facilities • water 	
I-Zone			Shall be located in a quiet, comfortable indoor space connected to the Media Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • made up of no fewer than six pods • each pod have a media backdrop in line with the requirements of the event contract + benches for interviews 	Covered by CGF Protocol	

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	Broadcast					
	Area for OB Vehicles		1	Same side of the pitch as the commentary booths.		
	Camera Positions		14+	Variable involving elevated	A camera plan should be agreed with FIH, involving elevated and pitch side camera locations.	

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	VIP					
	Protocol Lounge	To be determined in consultation with CGF & FIH	1	In close proximity to the VIP seating area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to accommodate all VIPs • Must be a secured and controlled area • Must have provisions of catering services and where possible facilities. • Preferable to have a TV monitor with a live feed from broadcast • Must have access to VIP only bathrooms • Preferable to have a view of the FOP 	

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Vehicle Access, Parking and Flows						
Team Arrival / Departure load zone	50m ²	1	Direct entry into a secure athletes / operational area only.	Athletes should be able to leave their transport and enter their change rooms immediately, without having to move through spectator areas.	Athletes should be able to access the warm up areas and FOP without moving through spectator areas.	
Officials Arrival / Departure load zone		1	Preferably a direct entry into a secure operational area.	Preferably officials should also be able to arrive in an area that allows them to access their offices and change rooms directly.		
VIP Arrival / Departure		1	Direct entry to the VIP section of the venue	VIPs should be able to arrive at the venue and move immediately towards the designated VIP area of the stadium.		
Emergency Vehicles		Minimum allocation - dedicated ambulance per client group - 1 x athletes and officials & 1 x spectators	Clear emergency evacuation plan and medical plan	Emergency vehicles movement plans must be established in advance of the event in order to coordinate efficient access to all areas of the venue, along with planned exit pathways.	Subject to the licensing requirements of the venue/country.	

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Spectator Plaza						
Plaza Area		Compliant with local health and safety regulations	1	Situated in an area that encourages the spectators to move through upon their arrival into the grounds and pre accessing the seating.	To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey initiation activity • Retails stands • Catering services • Fan zone activity • Public bathrooms • Event information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliant with local health and safety regulations • A big screen with a live feed, and a sound system are desirable features, yet not mandatory.

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Training Facilities						
Training Pitch		Playing area: 91.4 x 55m Total area: (101.4 x 63m – 6388.2m ²)	1	Within 20 minutes of the Athletes' village	Refer FIH Field, Lighting and Equipment Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting should be illuminated to non-televised FIH Class 1. • Pitch equipment should be provided in good condition.
Changing rooms			4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of towels and ice 	
Ice baths			2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions to provide this service to teams 	
Medical room			1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic medical provision plus an area identified for doping control testing. 	

Athletes Lounge		1		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A lounge with basic refreshments to accommodate teams on arrival and departure to training.	
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