

CHICAGO INTER HANDBALL CLUB



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Dear Team Handball Coaches/Managers & Players,

The **Chicago Inter Handball Club** cordially invites your team(s), families and friends to attend our annual Chicago tournament. This year the event will take place on the weekend of **October 28-30th, 2022** (*anticipated to begin at noon on Friday, October 28th and conclude no later than 4pm on Sunday, October 30th*). Our tournament will be held at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago (5500 North St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625).

We hope you will make the trip and enjoy the best Chicago has to offer while competing against the talented teams that will comprise our invitational tournament.

The tournament will be run in a round-robin format with placement matches played on Sunday. Most games will be contested on a regulation court, though some will be on a shorter court. All games will be officiated by at least one USATH certified referee and according to current IHF rules.

We welcome all of you and await your earliest response. Please read all the attached information carefully and feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

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COVID-19 protocol

At this time, we don't expect to need to enforce a dedicated protocol, but that may change based on the requirements of our host venue.



Participation requirements

Please read the following carefully:

1. There will be a participation fee of **\$650** per team (must be paid in US dollars). Entry fees are due in full no later than one (1) week before the start of the tournament, i.e. **Friday, October 21st, 2022**.
2. The team's registration on Sport:80, accompanied by a **\$100 non-refundable deposit**, are required to secure your place in the event as the tournament is limited to four (4) women's and eight (8) men's teams. If you plan to join us, please submit your team name and contact information, along with your deposit, by **Wednesday, August 31st, 2022**. We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in our tournament. Due to limitations in our gym space, we expect to have to turn teams away. The deadline is August 31st, but please understand that we will close the registration as soon as the maximum number of teams has been reached.
3. The tournament is set up on the USA Team Handball platform Sport:80 and can be accessed through a dedicated link to be published shortly. Teams and players are **required** to register through this website.
4. Each team must post **a minimum roster bond** of **\$250** that will be kept in escrow and returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament. The minimum number of players will be ten (10) including one (1) goalkeeper. We will be allowing teams to register up to 20 players for the weekend, provided that:
 - a. They identify a 12-player core lineup;
 - b. They identify a maximum of 16 players for each game, no later than two (2) hours before the start of the game.
5. Each team must post **a sportsmanship bond** of **\$250** that will be kept in escrow and returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament if:
 - a. None of the team members or team officials is disqualified from a game for one of the violations described in the currently enforced USATH Competition Rule Book, i.e. rough/dangerous play, unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse or physical assault.
 - b. None of the team members uses unapproved glue during the tournament. Due to concerns expressed by Northeastern Illinois University, we will be only allowing players to use **water soluble glue** - which we will provide so please just leave any other forms of glue at home - on the main court and **no glue** on the second court.



6. Each team must submit their final roster through Sport:80 no later than **Friday, October 14th, 2022**. This will be a USA Team Handball sanctioned event counted toward the Wild Card race, meaning all players must be in good standing with their USA Team Handball membership **and follow the rules included in the currently enforced USATH Competition Rule Book**. Please note that all USA Team Handball memberships expire on **August 31st**. As a result, please ensure that all of your players renew their membership after this date. Players who are not in good standing will not be allowed to play.
7. All players and officials **must** sign the **Waiver and Photo Release** document. This document will be made available and shared shortly. In addition, all players must be SafeSport compliant. This is a recent mandate from the 2021-2022 season, and is handled through the USATH platform: Sport:80.
8. All team officials (coaches, trainers, staff) **must** pass a Background Check. Those requirements are driven by the United States Congress and handed down through our organizational chain. This process is now handled through the USATH platform: Sport:80.

Registration

Please submit your registration information as soon as possible to patrick@chicagointer.org along with your \$100 non-refundable deposit. Payments can be made via PayPal¹ or Zelle - sent to payment@chicagointer.org - or by check to **Chicago Inter Handball**. If you choose to pay by check, you can mail it to:

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Accommodation

Based on previous years' experience, we will not be seeking to set up a room block, but please let us know if you would like advice on where to stay.

Competition format, seeding and scheduling

This will be dependent on the teams that register. An update will be provided as soon as possible.

¹ If using PayPal, please use the "friends and family" option so we don't get a percentage shaved off the top.



Technical “meeting”

As was done successfully in previous years, the technical meeting will be held virtually, with a simple request that participating teams acknowledge the contents below.

Bonds

You can either send your two bonds checks - sportsmanship (\$250) and minimum roster (\$250) - ahead of time, or deliver them to me in person *as soon as you arrive at the gym*. Checks must be made out to **Chicago Inter Handball Club** and will be kept in escrow until Sunday. This year, we will also offer the option to use digital payment methods for bonds instead of checks (same as for the entry fees).

Safe Sport

Per the guidelines set forth by the USOPC and the US Center for Safe Sport, only players in uniform and officials who have passed the Safe Sport requirements will be allowed to sit on the bench during games. Any additional members of your group (staff, trainer, other teams, etc...) will have to sit in the bleachers.

Stick-em (glue)

We will provide glue for use during the tournament so please *do not bring your own*. We will be using hummel water-based resin, provided by hummel USA, our Apparel and Equipment Sponsor for the event.

Auxiliary gym

All games and warm-ups in the auxiliary gym must be without any glue! As stated in the invitation, this will be a sportsmanship bond issue because we value our relationship with our facility. Please note that if we notice glue being used during a game in that gym and cannot determine which team is the guilty party, **both** teams will lose their bond.



Punctuality

To make the tournament successful, we will need everyone to respect their game times. Please be on-site ***ready to play*** no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled start of your game.

Video reviews

It is a question that has come up in the past so we wanted to make it clear ahead of time: ***there will be no video reviews***. We will likely be setting up a live stream of the event, but it will not be used to review the referee calls after the fact.

Tie breakers

If needed after group play, ties on points will be broken as follows:

1. Head-to-head result
2. Overall goal differential
3. Lowest number of goals conceded.

Important note on parking

Teams and staff can park in Lot L. ***You will need to pay*** on Friday but not on Saturday and Sunday. Please download the PASSPORT app to park in that lot.