



13th December, 2023.

Open Letter To Dr. K.D Asante – Ghana Hockey Association President (2022-2026) VI

Dear Dr. K. D. Asante,

It is another Tuesday and I bring you greetings from Ball & Stick. I trust you are doing well in health, counting your blessings and naming them one by one.

On Friday, 9th December 2.44pm, I came across a publication on GHA Facebook page and I wish to draw your attention on some few things according to the constitution you have sworn to protect and preserve as the President of GHA.

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The Ghana Hockey Association officially invites the general public to send applications for the under listed committees;

1. Media and Marketing
2. Events and Medical
3. Technical Officials and Umpiring
4. Infrastructure and Equipment
5. Finance and Sponsorship
6. Technical Development and Coaching

The Terms of Reference for each committee has been attached. All are entreated to make submissions to the Secretariat through the email, ghanahockey2018@gmail.com by 10th December, 2022.

GHANA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MEMORANDUM

FROM : SECRETARY GENERAL *[Signature]*

TO : REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS DATE: 05/12/2022


EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – GHA COMMITTEES

The Ghana Hockey Association calls on stakeholders with expertise, interest and commitment to voluntarily serve on the following committees of the Association.

1. Media and Marketing

MEMORANDUM AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

In the above snapshot, GHA is inviting the general public to send applications for the under listed committees and went further to list the various committees it is inviting the general public to serve in as volunteers.

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Article 23 COMMITTEES OF GHANA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

23.1 The Committees of the Executive Board shall include:

23.1.1 Events and Competitions

23.1.2 Technical, Development and Coaching

23.1.3 Umpires and Technical Officials

23.1.4 Infrastructure and Equipment

23.1.5 Marketing and Media Relations

23.1.6 Medical

23.1.7 Finance


23.2 The Executive Board shall appoint members of the committees following the ordinary meeting of Congress at which the election of the Executive Board is conducted. They shall determine how many members should be appointed to each committee.

23.3 The Executive Board shall appoint the Chairpersons of the Committees upon the recommendation of the Office Bearers

23.4 The Executive Committee may set up such Committees as and when it deems necessary to do so.

23.5 The Committees shall hold office for four (4) years, and shall meet at least twice every year provided always that the term of any such committee shall not extend beyond the tenure of office of the appointing Executive Committee

I understand the thought of inviting the general public to serve in various committees due to some expertise they have but this request is **unconstitutional**. This invitation also suggests that, there are not enough competent members within the hockey community to execute functions described in your publication. In any case, how will people outside hockey know what is best for we already in it.

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Article 23.2 clearly spells out the function of the Executive Board as far as committees within GHA are concern and has provided the pathway to that effect. The Executive Board which is duly constituted will have the competency to appoint members to various committees because they are equally members of the community and know people who are fit to perform particular assigned tasks. If a nomination of a person to the position of GHA President is by a member of GHA according to Article 13.3.2 why should members of committees be by a general public request to join?

Another concern regarding the publication is some combinations made out of what the constitution already provides. Medical should be separated from Events; and add Competitions to Events instead.


War ceases when man refuses to fight; so I think confusion to basic way of doing things within the hockey community will cease when we refuse to ignore the constitution and everything that pertains to it. I want to stress the need of you passing an immediate and substantial relief to address issues that are in serious conflict with the constitution and which will result in crisis which we may not recover from.

Till you hear from me again next week, enjoy the goodness of God.

Best regards,
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