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The 2007 World Ice Hockey 5's Asia's Largest Ice Hockey Tournament Returns to Hong Kong

Hong Kong - Asiasports Limited, the leading ice skating and ice hockey promoter in South East Asia since 1996, today announced that the 'Largest Ice Hockey Tournament in Asia' – the 2007 World Ice Hockey 5's will return to Hong Kong for the first time since 2004. Hong Kong has won the bid to host the 2007 event which will take place at the city's first and only international standard size ice rink in Kowloon Bay. This "festival of hockey" will be held from **June 13th to June 17th, 2007**. A variety of divisions will be offered to teams from around the world ranging from Atoms (age 4-6) to Semi-Professional, making it possible for all levels and ages to join.

The 2nd Annual World 5's Happy Gilmour Golf Tournament as well as the exciting Super Skills Competition will once again be featured in this tournament. Skating, shooting, referee and coaching clinics will be offered throughout the 5 day event. Other fun and exciting activities and events will be organized and announced shortly, which teams will not want to miss.

The Officiating Crew will once again be handled by Level VI Referee's Dan Emerson & Dan Pavich from Vancouver, Canada and assisted by a number of other certified and competent officials. Only certified referees will be officiating in this tournament.

The 2007 World Ice Hockey 5's Tournament Info –

Division:	Level of Play:	Expected # of Teams:
Elite	Semi Pro	4
International A	Competitive	10
International B	Recreational	8
Over 40+	Recreational	5
Asian A	Competitive	8
Asian B	Recreational	5
Women	Recreational	5
Midget - (1990/1991)	Competitive *	5
Bantam - (1992/1993)	Competitive *	5
Pee Wee - (1994/1995)	Competitive *	5
Squirt - (1996/1997)	Competitive *	5
Mini Squirt - (1998/1999)	Competitive *	5
Atom - (2000/2001)	Competitive *	5
* Split A and AA divisions depending on the amount of teams		

Official team invites will be sent out shortly along with registration details.

Asia's largest ice hockey tournament, the World 5's, originally started in Hong Kong in 1993 with 4 local teams. Being the first recreational ice hockey tournament in the region, the event rapidly grew in popularity as well as competitiveness. In 1999, the tournament featured a very special guest – Mr. Gordie Howe and attracted 44 teams including an International Men, Asian Men, Women and Youth divisions.

Due to the increase level of competition, lack of facilities in Hong Kong and the desire to grow the game around the region, Asiasports moved the tournament to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2001. The tournament continued to flourish attracting many more players from around the world, which included teams from Finland, Canada, US Singapore, Japan, United Arabs Emirates, Dubai, Thailand, Philippines, Korea, China and more. In 2005, The World Ice Hockey 5's attracted 30 teams and doubled to 60 teams in 2006.



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Registration –

Registration will begin on **Monday, December 11th, 2006**. Official Team and Player Invites with details regarding fees and deadlines as well as other Tournament info, will be sent to the various clubs and associations on December 11th, 2006.

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- The Asiasports Team-*

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