



To: all members of EuroHockey

Utrecht, 21th of May 2025

Re: Supporting letter KNHB candidacy Peter Elders Executive Board EuroHockey

Dear Member,

The Netherlands strongly supports the candidacy of Peter Elders for re-election as a member of the Executive Board of the EuroHockey. We are convinced that Peter Elders will again make the difference in contributing to the following areas of European hockey during the years ahead. And therefore, we are happy and pleased to be able to nominate Peter.

The growth of hockey and connecting people

Our joint aim is to get as many people as possible playing hockey. The Netherlands has the highest numbers of people playing hockey in Europe and, together with our clubs, the KNHB is succeeding in giving very many people a lifelong association with the sport. Both Peter and the KNHB are committed to growing our beautiful sport throughout Europe. By enlarging the European hockey network, we will all automatically be able to bring people together through our beautiful sport. Therefore, we are proud of and happy with Peter leading and inspiring the further development of European Hockey in all parts of our continent.

Creating social impact, networks and communities

The KNHB and Peter support initiatives that make a positive social impact using knowledge, capability and equipment. Hockey is seen as innovative, ambitious and socially committed. By building bridges to business, municipalities, neighbourhoods, other sports, schools and other institutions, the KNHB has reinforced this position and allows all parties to make a joint, positive contribution to society in general. Therefore, we are proud of and happy with Peter leading by example in terms of exchanging knowledge and building bridges.

Exchange of knowledge and experience in a sustainable manner

It is vitally important for the development of the sport that we share our knowledge and experience with one another: both specific knowledge concerning hockey *and* centrally held information and data. The KNHB is aware of its privileged position and has developed new opportunities and ways of thinking, thanks in part to its international relationships and exchange programmes. Peter is and will continue to be one of the people driving this knowledge-sharing.

Developing umpiring in terms of quality, numbers, image and innovative approaches at all levels

Peter has many years of experience umpiring at the top international level, with a basis in club hockey and umpiring at grassroots level. After finishing his umpiring career, Peter continued to contribute to the development and quality of umpiring at all levels through his

membership of the KNHB Board, the EuroHockey Executive Board and of the FIH umpiring and rules committee. Peter is committed to passing on his knowledge in order to develop hockey and umpiring in Europe even further. In so doing, he focuses not only on top-level hockey and highly developed countries, but also on the development of countries that have less experience. In doing so he always looks at the broader perspective from different angles in order to maximize the effects in terms of both quality and quantity of umpires as well as marketing and innovative approaches. We are proud of and happy with Peter being available for all talented umpires and hockey nations to develop their umpiring skills, management and organisation.

The KNHB is convinced that Peter will again be an excellent member of the EuroHockey Executive Board. Not only because of the knowledge and experience presented above, but also because he is a great team player and a pleasant person to work with.

Kind regards,



Erik Klein Nagelvoort
President



Erik Gerritsen
CEO