

# THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

COURT FARM HOUSE,  
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GLOUCESTER, ENGLAND.

Mrs. G.H.L. Baker,  
21 Egmont Street,  
Hawera,  
New Zealand.

Dear Madam,

Members of the Council of the "British" Croquet Association feel it would be beneficial to form a World Federation of Croquet Associations and we are currently drawing up a draft Constitution for such a body.

I am therefore writing to your Association to tell you briefly what we think the advantages would be and to ask you whether you think such a Federation would be a good idea. If so, would you please comment on the suggested administration and structure of the World Federation.

ADVANTAGES:

1. To improve the flow of information between countries.
2. To enable croquet to be represented on the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and thereby enable croquet to be played in the World Games (The equivalent of the Olympics for minor sports).
3. To maintain a standard set of Rules for Association Croquet for use in international competition.
4. To organise World Championships.
5. To gain sponsorship from a multi-national company to help finance international events.

STRUCTURE:

1. Membership will be open to all recognised national Croquet Associations.
2. The language of the Federation to be English.
3. Each member Association to be entitled to send two voting delegates to any general meeting or to be allowed half a vote per delegate if they are unable to attend.
4. The Chairmanship and administration would be the responsibility of one member Association subject to change every four years. The Chairmanship for the subsequent four years would be elected at the beginning of the current Chairmanship, i.e. 4 years in advance. (The "British" C.A. would be willing to act as Chairman for the first four years).
5. An Executive Committee would be elected at the beginning of each four year term.
6. Each affiliated Association would make an annual payment to the World Federation in respect of its continuing membership.

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AIMS:

1. To promote the playing of croquet on an international basis.
2. To produce an International Newsletter.
3. To organise international events.
4. To obtain sponsorship.

I would welcome your comments and hope that your Association will want to join the World Federation as a founder member. We expect to be able to circulate a draft Constitution for the World Federation within the next few months.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew B. Hope  
Vice-Chairman - Croquet Association