Hi all,

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately Bushfields Sports Centre have increased their costs by 35%, which take effect on 1st September 2008. We have been lucky enough to have benefited from an unchanged rate for the last three years, however this increase will mean that I will have no alternative but to increase the costs of attending the National Training from September 2008. I appreciate that times are difficult for us all at the moment and this is not good news, but I need to stress that I am making these increases because I need to cover the increase in Sports Centre costs, not because I am looking to make additional money.

I will therefore be increasing costs as below:

Current Fee	**New fees from September 2008**
£10 per player for first session attended	£12 per player for first session attended
£5 per extra session attended	£6 per extra session attended
£5 per sibling	£6 per sibling

In recent months I have had to extend the length of the National Training day from 09:00 - 18:00 to 09:00 to 20:00 to accommodate the National and Development training.

My costs for the weekend are:

Expenses for Coaching staff	£ 70
My overnight accommodation	£ 50
My Fuel	£ 45 (180 miles @ 25p per mile)
Weekend Sports Centre charges	£550 (Large rink @ £25 per hr x 22hrs)
Weekend Sports Centre Charges	£ 40 (Small rink @ £8 per hr x 5hrs)
Total cost	£755

I have looked at the average amount of players attending in the last 6 months and this is 70 full paying players and 20 extra sessions/siblings. By increasing the costs, as I have suggested I will receive:

70 x £12 = £840
20 x £6 = £120

Total = £960

As agreed by the executive, I am looking for an income between £250 and £300 from the National Training Weekends, even with the increase this gives me an average gross income of £205, for 22 hrs. As you can appreciate I will need to review the situation on a monthly basis to ensure that I cover the costs and maintain my income, as well as providing a high standard of training for English Roller Hockey. I may therefore have to make further changes to either the cost or the structure of National Training in the future if I am unable to achieve my objectives.

Kind regards
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National Coaching Director