## Field hockey — search on for new Scotland women's coach

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Gordon Shepherd giving a half-time team talk to his players at Bromac Kelburne. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Scottish Hockey have started a search for a new head coach for their senior women's side.

Gordon Shepherd has left the job with immediate effect after leading Scotland to seventh position in the Commonwealth Games at Delhi in 2010, sixth in Glasgow four years later and seventh at the recent Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast.

During his tenure Scotland women won Gold in EuroHockey Championship II in Poland in 2011, resulting in promotion to the top division of European international hockey.

Scotland women retained their status until 2017 where they were relegated to EuroHockey Championship II.

Shepherd also led Scotland to the bronze medal at the 2011 FiH Champions Challenge in Dublin.

Andy Tennant, Scottish Hockey's head of performance, said: "His record speaks for itself, having led the team through three Commonwealth Games, four European Championships and two World League campaigns – and we would like to take this opportunity to wish him every success in the future."

Gordon Shepherd added "It has been an honour to coach the senior women's team over the last eight years,"

Scottish Hockey will make an announcement in the near future on arrangements for an interim coaching team and the recruitment process for a new head coach for the Scotland women's national team.