Hockey — members to be consulted on the future of the sport

Scottish Hockey are hiring an independent consultant to put their sport under the microscope. The move follows recent mail to chairman Robin McLaren on a number of issues.

Members will be urged to take part in the process which is scheduled to start later this month with the results published in mid-October.

McLaren said: "The past few months have been a difficult time for us all, due to the unprecedented impact on our health, society and economy due to COVID-19, a situation that none of us ever anticipated we would find ourselves in.

"These circumstances have challenged how the whole of Scottish sport and Scottish Hockey has operated and has offered the opportunity for us to review how we manage our sport."

And Edinburgh-based McLaren said: "The Scottish Hockey Board has decided to commission an independent consultant to conduct a wider discussion with our membership and analyse the resulting issues in order to enable the board to make improvements.

"It is important that we have an independent assessment in order to accurately reflect the views of all of our members."

He urged members to take part and said: "This is an excellent opportunity for you as individuals and as member clubs to identify and influence areas where Scottish Hockey can be improved at all levels, and I encourage you all to participate in this significant engagement."