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Bigger and better 2009 Banks Hockey Festival

52 TEAMS HAVE REGISTERED for the 2009 Banks International Hockey Festival which takes place from August 16th - 22nd.

Now in its 24th year, the Festival has attracted 22 overseas team from as far away as Italy and Germany, while welcoming the return of several regional teams from Trinidad and Guyana. They join 30 local teams for seven days of keenly contested and fun-filled hockey in four divisions; men's, women's, veterans' and mixed. Games will be played at the Wildey Astroturf, Kensington Oval, Banks Breweries' ground and the Police Sports Complex at Weymouth.

Chairman of the Festival's Organising Committee **Roger Broomes** said, "Hockey has become a leader in sports tourism in Barbados and is a permanent fixture on the Barbados Tourism Authority's 'Sports Tourism Calendar.' Following on the heels of our largest national cultural festival 'Crop Over,' the Banks International Hockey Festival is infused with the Barbadian culture of song and dance and has developed a reputation for being a 'fun festival' where the off-the-field social activities are equally as important as the hockey itself."

Banks Beer Brand Manager (Ag) **Christian Gibbs** invited all Barbadians to support the week-long festival. "This year's social calendar boasts several additions including an islandwide rum shop crawl, a water sports day for children, an Awards Dinner Show at The

Plantation Garden Theatre and a catamaran cruise," he said.

Visit the official festival website, www.barbadoshockeyfestival.com for the schedule of activities.



PIX CAPTION:

Banks Beer Brand Manager (Ag) Christian Gibbs (right) finalising plans for this year's Banks International Hockey Festival slated for August 16th - 22nd with Chairman of the Festival's Organising Committee Roger Broomes.