



Grand Masters

European Cup Glasgow 2017

Newsletter # 2 - March 2017

Dear Hockey Friends, only 150 days to go before we all meet in Glasgow!

The largest number of players ever to participate in a single hockey event in Scotland

Your hardworking Organising Committee took time off to meet with the WGMA executive committee last Tuesday. What a really good meeting it was. It was a delight to be able to tell them the state of preparation and draw on their wide experience of the many and varied factors required to ensure a happy Tournament.



58 Teams

As some of you know, the Executive generously allowed late entries and late confirmations and that of course held up preparation of the complex schedule of games. But hooray! That is now available via the link later in this Newsletter. Congratulations to our TD for managing to overcome the challenges of late entries and many more games than had been anticipated and produce an excellent schedule

Excitement is building. Glasgow is a fun city, and you are certainly going to add to the fun. There is one local custom which I shall draw to your attention in the next Newsletter. It is easy to follow. Watch out for it!

Kieran McLernan, Chair, Organising Committee

157 Games

Playing Schedule

The Playing Schedule is now available on the Tournament Website as downloadable PDFs; one for each age group. The schedule shows the allocation of teams to Pools (where appropriate) and shows the day on which each of the 157 games will be played.

Find the Schedules [Here](#).

1400 Visitors

Because of the number of teams involved and to ensure at least 5 games per team, the TD, in consultation with WGMA Executive, has elected to combine the European Cup & Trophy Competitions for the Women O60 and the Men O75. Only games played against teams in the same competition will count towards medal positions.

The TD is now working on the next step in the process which is to allocate a pitch and time slot to each game. The result of that exercise will be published in Newsletter #3, scheduled for the end of May.





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Practice arrangements

With 58 teams now competing in the Tournament and the need to schedule games on the Opening Saturday (19th August), it has been necessary to schedule all practice sessions for **Friday 18th August**.

For all International Teams, one-hour slots on half a pitch will be available on Pitches 1 and 2 at The National Hockey Centre between 12.00 and 20.00 hours. Slots will be allocated on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Requests by email should be sent **only** to practice@eurogm2017.com.

For Tournament Trophy Teams, there will be 16, one-hour slots on half a pitch available at Clydesdale Hockey Club allocated on a strictly 1st come, 1st served basis. Requests by email should be sent **only** to practice@eurogm2017.com.

A list of local clubs and pitches will be available on the Tournament Website. Those teams not allocated a slot may wish to make their own arrangements through these links. Unfortunately the Organising Committee are unable to guarantee availability or to advise on costs.

Grand Gala Dinner – Wednesday 23rd August

The Grand Gala Dinner will be held in the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Cambridge Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 23rd August from 19.30 until 23.45. This is a fantastic venue which has just undergone a multi-million pound refurbishment.



Dinner will be a sit-down, 3-course meal including tea & coffee and shortbread. There will be entertainment with a Scottish flavour throughout the evening.

Tickets cost €50 per person and will be allocated on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

Ticket requests should be submitted through your National Co-ordinator or Team Manager. A dedicated Mail Box for ticket requests (Dinner@eurogm2017.com) will open at 09.00 hours (UK time) on Friday 31st March 2017. Orders will be confirmed accompanied by a request for payment of €15 non-refundable deposit per ticket, which must be made within 10 days. The balance of €35 per ticket must be paid no later than end of May. Unfortunately, if the deposit and final payment are not received by the due dates, your tickets may be allocated to someone else.

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Transport, Driving and Drinking

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While some parking will be available at both venues, It is the Organising Committee's recommendation that you use Public Transport if at all possible. Public transport in Glasgow (which includes local trains, subway, buses and taxis) is very good and reasonably priced. We will be adding information about public transport to the Tournament Website in the coming weeks.

This is perhaps a good opportunity to remind visitors to Scotland that the Scottish Drink Driving Law is very strict, more so than in England. The legal maximum is 50 milligrams alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. In England it is 80 milligrams.

The best advice is probably just, "Don't drink and drive".

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Tournament Merchandise



You may be aware from Facebook and the Tournament Website, that PSL have been appointed as the Tournament Merchandise Partner. PSL will shortly be launching a dedicated webpage where you will be able to pre order a range of Tournament branded merchandise. Watch out for the launch on Facebook and the Tournament Website.

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Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Pitch 1 at the National Hockey Centre, Glasgow Green on Saturday 19th August.

It is currently planned to start at around 15.00 hours. However this is still subject to change.

Further details will be published _____ in due course.

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Tournament Links

Email: eurogm2017@gmail.com

Web: www.eurogm2017.com

Schedules: www.eurogm2017.com/schedules

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