

World Grand Masters Association

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GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday 20th June – Saturday 30th June 2018

WGMA Update

All is shaping up well in Barcelona and the organising committee there is well under way with their preparations for the biggest ever Grand Masters event. It is now time for WGMA to step back and let Spain get on with the management of the tournament. Before that here is a final update from WGMA.

Teams entered

Teams have now registered and paid their fees for the tournament. **Attached is a spreadsheet** showing the teams in each age group for the National and Tournament Trophy competitions.

Match schedule

The format for each age group and the final match schedule will now be developed by the TD (Technical Delegate) in conjunction with the WGMA Technical Director. Details will be published on the tournament website and circulated to national organisers in April.

Team Lists

The organising committee will request squad lists (players, managers etc) for input into the TMS results system and for the tournament programme in April, no need to do anything until they contact you and ask for the names, date of birth and shirt numbers for your players. **Subsequent changes of players due to illness or injury may be made after that date but must be notified to the TD at the team managers meeting on 20th June.** Hopefully these will be minimal.

Training programme

Pitches will be available for training on 18th, 19th and 20th June. Teams will be contacted by the organisers before finalising the pitch allocation and timing.

Communication

WGMA wishes to make it clear that all communication with any personnel on the organising committee should be sent through **Maria Mir Torrents, General Secretary Hockey at Polo** by your national organiser - and only that person - as per the registration form, unless otherwise advised.

Email address for Maria is mariamir@rcpolo.com

We must insist on this procedure as, with 78 teams registered, it is impractical for the organising committee to open communication channels with individual team managers. National organisers will be expected to coordinate with their own team managers and ensure that they are properly advised on all matters. The tournament website will be regularly maintained and it is hoped that the answers to many potential queries can be found online.

Newsletters

The first newsletter from the Organising Committee was sent to WGMA Delegates and listed names on the registration forms in early January and in due course the newsletters will be on their website

<http://www.worldcupgm2018.com/>

There will also be links to the newsletters on the WGMA website

<http://www.wgmahockey.org/>

Key features noted in the first newsletter

- The Real Club de Polo de Barcelona will be accepting teams for three days training from 18th June up to 20th June.
- The Managers Meeting and Umpires Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th June
- The Opening Ceremony will be Wednesday on 20th June.
- WGMA Congress meeting on 26th June
- Gala Dinner on 28th June.
- Tournament finals up to 7.30pm on 30th June
- Closing Ceremony following the finals on 30th June late in the evening

We are confident that it will be another memorable tournament and look forward to seeing you all and your supporters in Barcelona!

David Ewing
Hon. Secretary
WGMA