

# World Grand Masters Association

## Over 60 Grand Masters Hockey

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**GRAND MASTERS  
HOCKEY WORLD CUP  
NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA**

## 8th GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP

## NEWCASTLE, NSW, AUSTRALIA

3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

### Invitation and Advance Information

*WGMA would like to invite national Grand Masters teams to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP tournament to be held the Newcastle International Hockey Centre, Newcastle, NSW, Australia from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.*

*Hockey Australia will host the tournament in association with Australian Masters Hockey and their organising committee will be responsible for managing the event and liaising with team managers. Training pitches will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the opening ceremony will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Matches will start the following day – 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It is currently planned that the tournament will end on 13<sup>th</sup> May but this is still dependent on the number of teams entering the tournament so don't finalise return flights at this stage.*

*Newcastle International Hockey Centre has three waterbased pitches and good clubhouse facilities. The seaside city of Newcastle is a great holiday destination with fantastic beaches, heritage ocean baths and a number of attractions steeped in maritime history - <http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/north-coast/newcastle-area/newcastle> Newcastle is situated 160 km north of Sydney (approx 2 hour drive or 45 minute flight) and 800 km south of Brisbane (approx 1.5 hour flight).*

*The Grand Masters Hockey World Cup pools will be organised as follows:*

**Over 60 - GRAND MASTERS (MEN)**

*Tournament for men aged sixty years or over (born 1956 or earlier):*

*Division A for National (1<sup>st</sup>) teams*

*Division B for second teams and non-national touring teams.*

**Over 60 - GRAND MASTERS (WOMEN)**

*Tournament for women aged sixty years or over (born 1956 or earlier)*

*Division A for National (1<sup>st</sup>) teams*

*(to be played at the National Hockey Centre, Canberra 29<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016)*

**Over 65 - GREAT GRAND MASTERS**

*Tournament for men aged 65 years or over (born in 1951 or earlier)*

*Division A for National (1<sup>st</sup>) teams*

*Division B for second teams and non-national touring teams*

**Over 70 - SENIOR GRAND MASTERS**

**Tournament for men aged 70 years or over (born in 1946 or earlier)**

**Division A for National (1<sup>st</sup>) Teams**

**Division B for second teams and non-national touring teams**

**Over 75 - VINTAGE GRAND MASTERS**

**Tournament for men aged 70 years or over (born in 1941 or earlier)**

**Division A for National (1<sup>st</sup>) Teams**

**Please note that it may be possible for teams having difficulties raising an adequate side to register up to two players who were born two years later than the specified year for that age group, subject to prior formal approval from the WGMA.**

***N.B. The Division B tournaments could be subject to changes, depending on the number of teams that register.***

***This tournament will be staged under the authority of WGMA and the matches and competitions will be played in accordance with the FIH Tournament Regulations subject to the approved amendments for Grand Masters hockey.***

***Please send your completed Registration form(s) by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the latest to:  
Adrian Stephenson – [stephenson@lennardgap.co.uk](mailto:stephenson@lennardgap.co.uk)  
with copy to Wim van Noortwijk - [info@wfnbeheer.nl](mailto:info@wfnbeheer.nl)***

***The Registration Fee has been set at AUD\$1150, the equivalent of 750€ at the time when the Hosting Agreement was signed with Hockey Australia. AUD\$1150 should be paid in AUD\$ regardless of any subsequent currency fluctuation. Teams will be notified of payment details by the organising committee.***

***Other information regarding hotels, transport arrangements between team hotels and hockey venue, social programme and other activities will be forwarded to you by the organising committee.***

***Teams will also be given the address of the tournament website as soon as this is operational.***

***We hope that you will be able to support this tournament by entering a team in as many categories as possible***

***Kind regards,***

***Wim van Noortwijk  
Adrian Stephenson***

***WGMA President  
WGMA Hon. Secretary***

***Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015***

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