Structure of competition for Grand Masters Hockey World Cup 2018 (total 240 matches)

Men O60 - total 58 matches
18 teams: two pools of 5 (A and B) and two pools of 4 (C and D)

after the pool phase, the four nrs 1 and four nrs 2 play Quarter Finals:
A1 vs D2 (1), B1 vs C2 (2), C1 vs B2 (3), D1 vs A2 (4)
followed by Semi Finals: winner (1) vs winner (3) and winner (2) vs winner (4)

the winners of those matches play the Final and the losers play for 3rd place

the losers of matches (1), (2), (3) and (4) above play for places 5-8 in a similar sequence

after the pool phase, the four nrs 3 and the four nrs 4 play for places 9-16 in the same sequence as described above for places 1-8

after the pool phase the two nrs 5 play each other twice to decide places 17-18

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Men O65 - total 45 matches
14 teams: two pools of 5 (A and B) and one pool of 4 (C)

after the pool phase, the nrs 3 and 4 of pool C play each other again; the aggregate result of this match and the one they played in the pool, determines who earns the right to take part in a shoot-out competition with the two nrs 3 of pool A and B.

the winner of the paragraph above and the nrs 3 of pool A and B will hold a shoot-out competition to determine the two best nrs 3.

following this, the three nrs 1, the three nrs 2 and the two best nrs 3 play Quarter Finals:
A1 (match 1) and C1 (match 2) will play the two remaining nrs 3, making sure they each play an opponent from a different pool, while B1 (match 3) will play the lowest ranked (=points divided by nr of matches) of the two nrs 2 of pool A and C. The remaining two nrs 2 play each other (match 4).

followed by Semi Finals: winner 1 vs winner 3 and winner 2 vs winner 4

the winners of those matches play the Final and the losers play for 3rd place

the losers of matches (1), (2), (3) and (4) above play for places 5-8 in a similar sequence

after the pool phase the 3rd nr 3 and the three nrs 4 play cross-overs:
3rd nr 3 vs lowest ranked (=points divided by nr of matches) of the three nrs 4.
if this happens to be the nr 4 from their own pool, they play the next lowest ranked nr 4.
the remaining two nrs 4 play each other.

the winners of those matches play for places 9-10
the losers of those matches play for places 11-12

after the pool phase the two nrs 5 play each other twice to decide places 13-14
**Men O70 - total 35 matches**

11 teams: one pool of 6 and one pool of 5

after the pool phase the two nrs 1 and two nrs 2 play Semi Finals: A1 vs B2 and B1 vs A2
the winners of those matches play the Final and the losers play for 3rd place

after the pool phase the two nrs 3 and two nrs 4 play for places 5-8 in a similar sequence: A3 vs B4 and B3 vs A4, etc.

after the pool phase B5 plays against A5 and A6; the result of these two matches together with the result of the pool match between A5 and A6, which is carried forward, determine the places 9-11.

**Men O75 and Men TT75 - total 18 matches**

Both the three National teams and the three TT teams will play a round robin, i.e. 4 matches each.

After the first round of these matches, the following cross-over matches will take place between national and TT teams:

Australia vs Alliance
England vs Southern Cross
Netherlands vs England LX
Australia vs England LX
England vs Alliance
Netherlands vs Southern Cross

In the second round of the round-robin, the teams placed 1 and 2 after the first round will play the last match in their competition.

**Men TT60 - total 30 matches**

10 teams: two pools of 5 teams

after the pool phase the two nrs 1 and two nrs 2 play Semi Finals: A1 vs B2 and B1 vs A2
the winners of those matches play the Final and the losers play for 3rd place

after the pool phase the two nrs 3 and two nrs 4 play for places 5-8 in a similar sequence: A3 vs B4 and B3 vs A4, etc.

after the pool phase the two nrs 5 play each other twice for places 9 and 10
Men TT65 - total 15 matches

one pool of 5 teams
all 5 teams play each other once
after the pool phase, the first four teams play Semi Finals: 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3
the winners of those semi finals play the Final
the losers of those semi finals each play another match against the nr 5 while the result of the pool match between them is carried forward. The cumulative result of these three matches determines places 3, 4 and 5.

Men TT70 - total 12 matches

one pool of 4 teams
all four teams play each other twice (full round robin), without real Final
the teams ranked 1 and 2 after the first round of matches will play the last match of the pool
final ranking in the pool determines the medal positions

Ladies O60, O65, TT60 and TT65 - total 27 matches

one pool of 4 National O60s teams and one pool of 1 O65s team plus 4 TT teams
in the National pool all teams play each other once
in the mixed pool all teams play each other once (England LX 60-Alliance 60 to be kept until the end as this is the medal deciding match for the TT60)
in addition the following cross-over matches will be played (order of play to be decided):
England O65-Argentina O60
England O65-Netherlands O60
England LX60-Scotland O60
England LX60-Argentina O60
Alliance O60-England O60
Alliance O60-Netherlands O60
England LX65-Scotland O60
Alliance O65-England O60

after this, England LX65 and Alliance O65 play each other a second time to decide the medals for the TT65.
finally, the nrs 1 and 2 in the National teams pool play each other in the Final O60s and the nrs 3 and 4 play each other for third place.
England O65 win the cup by default and have agreed to this “friendly” matches only scenario