



WGMA Mission Statement 2022

As we all know, organisation of Masters hockey at all ages has now been passed to WMH with effect from 1st January 2020, and as a consequence it has been necessary to redefine the role of WGMA and the criteria for membership.

Membership of WGMA will no longer be restricted to a single membership per country but instead membership will be open to any individual or group recognised by WGMA as being involved in the organisation, development or promotion of Grand Masters hockey or any club that tours internationally or that hosts social international hockey events.

While national Masters affiliation will in future be to World Masters Hockey (WMH) through a country's National Association, it is hoped that individuals and other organisations with a common commitment to all that is best in Grand Masters hockey may wish to join WGMA, which will in future operate as a friendly network of like-minded people working to support the development of Grand Masters hockey internationally at grassroots level for the enjoyment of all involved.

WGMA will continue to promote the concept of Grand Masters hockey which it has so successfully developed over the last 20 years. WGMA recognises the fact that players Over 60 need competitive hockey among people of their own age combined with social interaction off the field, so providing an enjoyable experience for both the players and their partners.

WGMA believes that the organisation of Grand Masters hockey domestically in individual countries not only encourages players to continue playing hockey but also leads to international tours and tournaments for both national and touring teams. Therefore, it strongly supports the view that without the work of those who organise and promote the expansion of Grand Masters hockey within their own countries, there would be only a very limited pool of players from which to select the elite national squads.

WGMA will do everything possible to ensure that the essential character of Grand Masters hockey, so much enjoyed by participants and supporters, is protected and promoted for the benefit of future generations.

WGMA will maintain its own website and keep members advised through emails and newsletters of all developments in Grand Masters hockey.

WGMA members will be encouraged to share information and light-hearted gossip in a continuing spirit of international friendship and cooperation.

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