





GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP BARCELONA 2018

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The largest Grand Masters hockey tournament in the world. Our facilities receive again hundreds of players and supporters of different countries that visit us to enjoy hockey and life. To all of them we wish a glorious competition as well as a happy stay in our Club and in Barcelona.

RC POLO PRESIDENT PRESENTATION



It is a great satisfaction for our Club to host the Grand Master World Cup of Hockey. We face this challenge with great responsibility and with the illusion that characterizes us, in the desire that the numerous participants enjoy a successful competition as well as the hospitality of the members of our Club.

The Real Club de Polo de Barcelona has a long tradition in the practice and promotion of Hockey, which is an indisputable part of its DNA. In 1916 our Club was the first Spanish Hockey Champion and



in 1957 it was the winner of the first National League. In our 120 years of history, the titles and the organization of national and international competitions have taken place, highlighting the first Hockey World Cup in 1971, various European Cups of Clubs, the Intercontinental Cup and the 1996 Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

And as a traditional event, with a long continuity, I would like to highlight the International Kings Hockey Tournament "Hockey Reyes", which this year has completed 70 editions and has always been an example of sportsmanship and friendship.

Our hockey school beats with strength and, in addition to competing in all its categories, it organizes the International Tournament of the Inmaculada, which gathers each year in our fields to 1200 boys and girls from different countries, including the category of Hockey Plus or Special Hockey.

The Real Club de Polo de Barcelona is proud to have the opportunity to host the Grand Master World Cup of Hockey, a wonderful event that keeps veterans from +60 on in the world competition. Without a doubt a great initiative. Our thanks to the WGMA Committee for their trust and to our sponsors and institutions for their support to carry out this important competition.

We wish the participants and their families a great experience and that when they leave, they will have won, at least, many new friends.

Curro Espinós de Pascual President Real Club de Polo de Barcelona



18 NATIONS CONFIRMED!



77 different teams from 18 nations are confirmed to participate in Grand Masters Hockey World Cup next June in Barcelona. The entry list of all teams is completed, with teams from all continents, including Africa (South Africa) and Asia (Japan and Signapore). There will be two different tourmanents: Nations Cup and Trophy.

The most represented country will be England, with 12 teams in all competitions (National and Trophy, +60, +65, +70 and +75) and in both men's and women's tournaments. Australia and the Netherlands will come to Barcelona with 8 teams each country, and Germany and Scotland, with 5. The host nation, Spain, will compete with men's teams in +60 and +65 National and +60 trophy. Argentina, United States and Canada will make their first appearance in the competition.

The complete entry list is available <u>here</u>.



RESULTS OF THE WORLD CUP DRAW



The draw for the Grand Masters Hockey World Cup 2018 in Barcelona was held in Stellendam, Netherlands last Thursday 1st March. Pools for the first round matches and competition structure were drawn.

The draw was held under the supervision of Wim van Noortwijk, President of WGMA, and Jaap Quarles van Ufford, WGMA Technical Director. Also present were Margot Reelick, Assistant to the WGMA Technical Director, Henk Rouwendal (Netherlands delegate to WGMA) and Frank Reelick (WGMA photographer). WGMA directors Peter Sweeney (Australia) and Adrian Stephenson (England) witnessed the draw by Skype.

Check the competition structure and the pools drawn.



TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND UMPIRES MANAGER APPOINTED



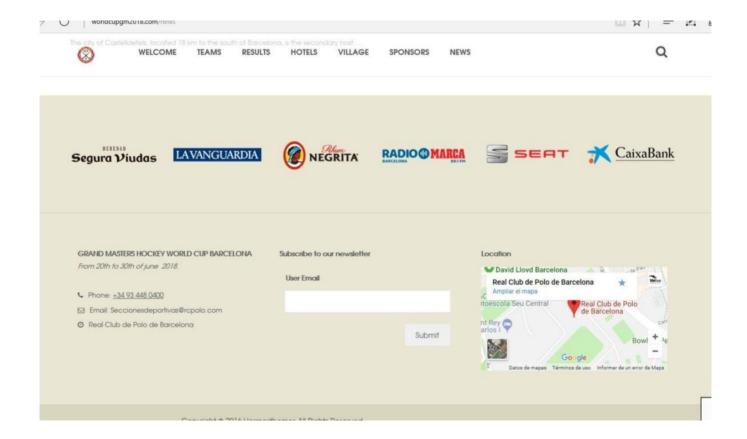
Walter Joosten and Alex Falcones have been appointed as Technical Delegate and Umpires Manager for the Grand Masters Hockey 2018 World Cup. Joosten, member of RC Polo, has much experience as technical director in Spanish competitions. He was team manager of the first team of RC Polo for several years and also has experience as un umpire.

Alex Falcones is one of the most experienced umpires in Spain. He has umpired in Spanish and international competitions for many years.

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