



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.

REAL CLUB DE POLO DE BARCELONA

Equestrian Society 1897

The Real Club de Polo de Barcelona was founded in 1897 and has five official sporting sections: polo, equestrian, paddle tennis, hockey and tennis. It has 10,600 members and its facilities cover 27 hectares. RC Polo is the third Catalan sports club in number of members, just behind football giants FC Barcelona and RCD Espanyol.

For more than 100 years, the Club has hosted great international competitions of the highest level in several of its sports. Particularly important is the CSIO Barcelona, the oldest international sporting event in Spain, which started in 1902 and has celebrated 106 editions. In the last 5 years, RC Polo has hosted the Nations Cup final, the most important equestrian competition of the year.

In 1992, the Real Club de Polo was the site of the equestrian competition of the Barcelona Olympic Games, reason for which its equestrian facilities were entirely remodeled. Currently, it is known as one of the highest-level sporting clubs in the world.

The Hockey history in RC Polo is also great and intense. In the 1910's, Hockey arrived to the Club. Since then, it's potential has increased year by year, to become actually one of the most important clubs in Spain. Over 400 boys and girls play in the hockey school, and the first teams compete each season at high level in national and international competitions. The organization of the first Hockey World Cup in 1970, or the 1978 and 1980's European Cups show how important hockey is for the club.

In 2017, RC Polo celebrated its 120 anniversary ([watch video »](#)). Though it is a private club, RC Polo is always open to the city and citizens of Barcelona, opening almost all competitions to all visitors. It's connected to Barcelona city center by tube (Line 3), buses and light train.



BARCELONA – CITY OF GAUDI

With 1'5 million population, Barcelona is one of the most touristic destinations of Europe. Actually, it is the most visited city in Spain and receives visitors from all over the world.

The city offers whatever you need: history legacy, amazing architecture, cultural life, luxurious and trendy shopping, an exquisite cuisine, good weather almost all year, kilometres of beaches and all services needed to have a safe and pleasant stay.

Barcelona is the city of Antonio Gaudi. One of the most innovators and imaginative architects designed more than 100 years ago the Sagrada Familia, an impressive modernist style church located in the Eixample district. Its construction, still unfinished, is only financed by individual donations since it was projected in 1882. Other Gaudi's famous work is Parc Güell, an creative fantasy park with gardens and architecture elements with amazing views of all the city. In the Passeig de Gràcia avenue, Casa Milà, known as La Pedrera, very close to famous Casa Batlló, complete the Gaudi's heritage in Barcelona.

But Barcelona is much more than that. The gothic quarter, the Born district or Barceloneta, concentrate the most important touristic services. The famous walking avenue Ramblas connect the port with Plaça de Catalunya, the city centre.

Barcelona is a city worth to visit. Please check the competition's official travel agency for more information: www.travelconnectionevents.com/contact-spain.html, and official touristic site to plan your visit to Barcelona. www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/



THE FOURTH PITCH AT CASTELLDEFELS

The city of Castelldefels, located 18 km to the south of Barcelona, is the secondary host of the competition. Castelldefels is a touristic and residential city, with long beaches, all touristic services and rail and bus connexion to Barcelona.

Easy to reach, the Via Ferrea Municipal pitch is just two minutes walk from the city rail station, that connects Castelldefels to Barcelona downtown in 30 minutes. From the stadium, several buses take to the beach in a few minutes.



Featured

- The Real Club de Polo de Barcelona will be accepting teams for three days training from 18th June up to 20th June, by request to OC.
- The Managers Meeting and Umpires Meeting will take place on Wednesday.
- 20th June The Opening Ceremony will be Wednesday 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.