

World Grand Masters Association Over 60 Masters Hockey

*Founded in 2002
Recognised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)*



GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday 20th JUNE – Saturday 30th JUNE 2018

Invitation and Advance Information

The WGMA would like to invite Men's and Women's Grand Masters teams to participate in the 9th GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT which will be hosted by SPAIN at Real Club de Polo de Barcelona from 20th June – 30th June 2018.

Training, the briefing of team managers and umpires, the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception will be on Wednesday 20th June. The individual competitions are planned to start on Thursday 21st June with the final matches and Closing Ceremony on Saturday 30th June. Teams are expected to attend both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and are encouraged to arrive in Barcelona on Tuesday 19th June.

For your information, Real Club de Polo de Barcelona is situated in a historic part of Barcelona and was founded in 1897. The club was the host venue for the World Hockey Championship in 1971 and the pre-Olympics in 1996. A successful Grand Masters tournament was held there in 2013.

The Club has three water-based hockey pitches, player facilities and a range of restaurants and facilities for tennis, polo, show jumping, swimming etc. The address is

Real Club de Polo de Barcelona
Avda. Dr. Marañón 19-31 08028-Barcelona
Teléfono: +34 93 448 0400
Fax: +34 93 334 1317



More information can be found on the listed websites below:

<http://www.rcpolo.com>

<http://www.worldcupgm2018.com>



*The organising committee will soon send out details of recommended hotels in the area and other information, along with the first newsletter for the tournament. **Key advice is to make your hotel bookings as soon as possible.***

The Tournament Pools:

The Pools will be organised as follows:

60 + MEN

Tournament for men aged 60 years or over (born in 1958 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

60 + WOMEN

Tournament for women aged 60 years or over (born in 1958 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

65+ MEN

Tournament for men aged 65 years or over (born in 1953 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

65+ WOMEN

Tournament for women aged 65 years or over (born in 1953 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

70+ MEN

Tournament for men aged 70 years or over (born in 1948 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

75+ MEN

Tournament for men aged 75 years or over (born in 1943 or earlier):

Division A (World Cup) for “National”(1st) Teams

Division B (Tournament Trophy) for second teams and non-national touring teams.

This tournament will be staged under the authority of WGMA and the matches and competitions will be played in accordance with the current FIH Outdoor Regulations with the approved amendments for Masters hockey.

Please note: *The number of teams and nations at WGMA has grown dramatically in recent years and it is possible that almost 80 teams may wish to register the Grand Masters Hockey World Cup 2018. This means that we have had to make a difficult decision regarding the number of teams that can be accommodated in the Tournament Trophy. As you will see on the*

Registration Form we regret that we **have to limit the Tournament Trophy entries to one team per member per age group.**

REGISTRATION FORM

**Please send your completed Registration Form by 30th September 2017 at the latest to:
David Ewing [WGMA Hon Secretary] - email : wgmasec@hotmail.com**

No registration of a team is possible after 30th September 2017

REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration Fee will be 800 Euros per team, payable by 31st December 2017 to an account specified by the organising committee.

If the payment is not received by 31st December 2017 the team is withdrawn from the tournament.

There will be no refund of registration fee for any team that is withdraw after 31st December 2017 as this amount will by then have been allocated in the tournament budget.

More detailed information regarding the organisers contacts and website, hotels, transport arrangements, men's and women's programmes and festivities, etc. will be forwarded to you in due course by the organising committee, who will brief you on a regular basis by email, newsletter and via their website.

*We are looking forward with great pleasure to a gathering again at **Real Club de Polo de Barcelona**. We are confident that it will be another memorable event.*

Best regards,

Wim van Noortwijk **[WGMA President]**

David Ewing **[WGMA Hon. Secretary]**

31st July 2017

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