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## INVITATION

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Registrations are invited for the

# INTERNATIONAL GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

to be held in Nottingham, England

from 29th June to 6th July 2025.

The Festival is being organised by The LX Hockey Club (England) in celebration of its 30th year (founded 1995) and in collaboration with the World Grand Masters Association (WGMA). It follows the very successful WGMA festivals in Barcelona, Spain (2022), Bra, Italy (2023) and The Hague, Netherlands (2024).

As this includes a **Spirit of Masters** hockey tournament we ask countries not to enter their national teams, unless your country has only enough registered players for one team in a given age group.

All teams may include players of any nationality, indeed “multi-national” teams are welcomed if this provides players from two or more “smaller” countries (in hockey terms) with the opportunity to combine to form a team that would not otherwise be possible.

### AGE CATEGORIES

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Separate competitions will be organised for the following categories

- Men over 60 years
- Men over 65 years
- Men over 70 years
- Men over 75 years
- Men over 80 years
- Ladies over 60 years
- Ladies over 65 years
- Ladies over 70 years

### THE VENUE

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The festival will be held at the Nottingham Hockey Centre  
University Blvd, Nottingham NG7 2PS.

[www.nottinghamhockeycentre.com](http://www.nottinghamhockeycentre.com)



## SPIRIT OF MASTERS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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Matches will be played on 5 pitches, starting at 0900 on Monday 30th June and finishing at 1330 mid afternoon on Sunday 6th July 2025. It is hoped All teams will play six matches over the 6½ days.

Every team will have one day off with no hockey, allowing time to visit local attractions in and around Nottingham.



## TRAVEL TO AND FROM NOTTINGHAM

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Nottingham is located in the heart of England and is serviced by a variety of travel options.



### AIRPORTS

The nearest international airport is East Midlands (20km). Further information can be found at [www.eastmidlandsairport.com](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com) including travel to and from the airport.

The next nearest airports are Birmingham and Manchester with the London airports further afield.



### EUROSTAR TRAIN

Trains arrive at St Pancras Station, London. Transfer to a direct train to Nottingham (journey time between 1hr 30mins to 2hrs). Further information can be found at [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) including booking tickets.



### FERRY

The nearest UK car ferry ports are on the East coast (Harwich, Hull and Newcastle). These all have good motorway connections to Nottingham. South coast ferry ports such as Dover and Folkestone are further afield.

## HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

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Accommodation has been reserved specifically for Festival Teams and Technical Staff.



- This includes a variety of 4-star Hotels in the centre of Nottingham, 4 to 8 km from the Hockey Centre. Most are easily accessible by Tram. Costs range from £109 to £150 per for a twin/double room and breakfast.
- In addition, single bed and breakfast accommodation is available at the University, approximately a 1.8 km walk to the Hockey Centre.

Further details about hotels, and other accommodation, including a direct link to facilitate booking will be included in the first Festival Newsletter (November 1st).