



NEWSLETTER 1 - 1/12/24

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[Nottingham 2025 IGMF](#)

INTERNATIONAL GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

to be held in Nottingham, England.



from 29th June to 6th July 2025.

HELLO HOCKEY FRIENDS WORLDWIDE

The LX Club is absolutely delighted to be hosting the WGMA Festival next June at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. After a wonderful series of annual WGMA events, it is our turn to invite you all to meet in the land of the legendary Robin Hood!

Our Festival Committee is working with great energy to put on a memorable show for everyone, both on and off the pitch. We will be communicating with you regularly, and in this, the first in a series of newsletters, we can give you a flavour of what is in store with some specific details about accommodation.

Successive newsletters will build on this and offer more information and opportunities to sign up for exciting activities.

You won't want to miss it!

Mike Leatt
Chair of LX

AND FROM WGMA

A very warm welcome to all of you hockey lovers – be you a supporter, volunteer, host, worker, umpire, organiser or even a player! Without you all working together we would have nothing – so we from the WGMA salute you all!!

An important part of veterans hockey is that it has become truly international allowing us all to meet in many different countries and experience a variety of cultures, eat local foods and explore places of interest. As well as that we all get to meet up with old friends and or make new friends in what can only be described as the ever expanding hockey family!!

An enormous thank you to the LX Hockey Club for organising what I am sure will be a truly memorable week of hockey and also congratulations to LX on their 30th anniversary. Finally, good luck to everyone who will be involved and we at the WGMA wish you all much fun and happiness.

John F Willmott

President - World Grand Masters Association - Nov 2024

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION

It's now time to turn your expression of interest into an actual team registration.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW – DEADLINE 31st DECEMBER



'Spirit of Masters' team registration criteria. These are available by [clicking here](#), and scroll down beyond the welcome statements. These reflect the ethos behind the event together with available age group categories. Our mission is to provide the masters hockey community with an event of exciting and skilful hockey mixed with entertainment and opportunities to meet old friends and make new friends across the hockey world.

HOT NEWS (REGISTRATION STAGE I)

We have received a huge amount of interest in this festival. Our current priority is to turn these expressions into formal registrations.

Can we ask for your help with this?

Please register your team(s) online by [clicking here](#) before **midnight on 31st December 2024**.

HOT NEWS (REGISTRATION STAGE 2)



To secure your place the participation fee of GBP900 per team must be paid by **midnight on 9th February 2025**. Additional payment information is available by [clicking here](#), and scroll down beyond the welcome statements.

- Incentives are applicable for those paying before 1st January 2025. For the first 6 teams to pay their full entry fee, by the end of 2024, they will receive a GBP50 festival events voucher. An offer not to be missed!
- Refunds. Should this be required details are available at [refunds](#).

VENUE & MATCHES AND OFFICIALS

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

The festival will open on Sunday 29th June. Held on this day will be the opening ceremony, team officials briefing and bookable pitch times for team practice sessions.

Festival matches will be played on 5 pitches, starting early on Monday 30th June and finishing early afternoon on Sunday 6th July 2025. Our current plan is to maximise playing time for all with every team having one day off with no hockey, allowing time to visit local attractions in and around Nottingham.

We have been making excellent progress with the appointment of all the senior festival officials. Together they will organise and run a first-class festival.

If you intend bringing umpires or match officials with your team please notify us as soon as possible and no later than 31st December. To register your official then let us know by [clicking here](#) to complete the expression of interest form or email steve.seymour53@gmail.com



HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

We are delighted to announce that Carla from Abstract Events (carla@abstract-events.co.uk) is managing all requests for festival hotel and university accommodation.

She has negotiated preferential rates for Festival participants. We ask team organisers to contact Carla directly with their requirements.

Hotel Accommodation

The suggested hotels are all in the centre of Nottingham and can be viewed by using the highlighted links. The list is arbitrary and not a ranking so it's up to you!

- The Delta by Marriott Nottingham Belfry [click here](#)
- The Plaza Park [click here](#)
- The Hilton [click here](#)
- The Leonardo [click here](#)
- The Village [click here](#)
- The Crown Plaza [click here](#)



Two helpful hints:

1. Use Google Maps to determine distance from hotel to festival venue. [click here](#)
2. Use Trip Advisor for hotel reviews. [click here](#)

Nottingham University Student Campus Accommodation

There is limited university campus accommodation over the period of our hockey festival. We have responded to teams who have clarified their existing expressions of interest and explained how we intend to prioritise the allocation of campus accommodation.

At this moment in time there is only accommodation at Lenton and Wortley Hall [click here](#) or Rutland Hall [click here](#). Once again use Google Maps above for location.

DON'T FORGET. Make all your accommodation enquiries/ bookings through:

Carla Garman

carla@abstract-events.co.uk

07866 466 378 | 0115 9728 198

Other Accommodation

Information about booking camper van pitches at the Hockey Centre and local campsites will appear in the next Newsletter.

TRANSPORTATION TO NOTTINGHAM AND AROUND THE CITY



AIRPORTS

The nearest international airport is East Midlands (20km). Further information can be found by [clicking here](#), 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 by [clicking here](#), 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.

UK ENTRY

information on UK entry requirements can be found by [clicking here](#).

LOCAL TRANSPORT

General information for Nottingham can be found by [clicking here](#).

- **Bus and Trams** - the Nottingham Hockey Centre is served by both bus (18, 18a, 18b) and tram connections. The transport stop for both is a 10-minute walk from the ground. Further information about buses can be found by [clicking here](#) and for trams by [clicking here](#). Discounted tickets will be available once details are finalised.
- **Car and coach parking** - will be available on site. Details of local coach hire companies will be available later.
- **Taxi hire** - both Uber and standard taxis are available. Further Uber information can be found by [clicking here](#).
- **Bike hire** - an app for E-bike hire can be found by [clicking here](#).



ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Provisional details/ events are available by [clicking here](#). More events will be scheduled nearer to festival start date. Look out for a dedicated 'entertainment and social' update in future newsletters.

MERCHANDISE AND MEMORABILIA

There will be Festival memorabilia and hockey gear on sale at the Nottingham Hockey Centre site. A dedicated pre-order form for Festival memorabilia will be available on-line soon (further details to follow) including:

- Bucket hats
- Caps
- Stubby coolers
- Tournament shirts.
- Pin Badges, cloth badges & pennants will be available on request.



We are also hoping to produce some LX Club labelled wine for our 30 years birthday celebrations.

Are we missing something? Let us know if you have any additional exciting items for us to try and make available.

MEDICAL CARE

There will be first aid provision throughout the tournament, however, all teams are requested to have their own first aider pitch side during their matches where possible.



The local hospital is less than 10 minutes from the ground. Further information about hospitals, emergency care, dental facilities and local pharmacies will be provided in later newsletters.

Qualified physiotherapists - will be centrally available to all teams on site throughout the Festival. Sessions will be available via an online booking link (to be provided) or booked directly with the therapist.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Watch out for further additional information in a series of newsletters over the coming months.

Information will also be continuously available on the Tournify platform: [click here](#)

IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT FESTIVAL GURU:

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