



NEWSLETTER 2 - 31/1/25

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[Nottingham 2025 IGMHF](#)

INTERNATIONAL GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

to be held in Nottingham, England.



from 29th June to 6th July 2025.

HELLO HOCKEY FRIENDS WORLDWIDE

Happy New Year to all grand masters hockey players!

We are genuinely excited that so many teams are coming to the international hockey festival in Nottingham next June. With all competition and much of the social programme being held at the single venue, it will be a great atmosphere.

Each Age Group for the Hockey Tournament is at, or very close to, capacity. An experienced team of Tournament Officials has been appointed and the selection of umpires will take place at the beginning of Feb. Details about the social programme can be found later in this Newsletter.

As you might expect, the Sheriff of Nottingham is keen to greet you all, there will be an opportunity to meet Robin Hood, use a bow and arrow and be entertained by traditional dancing groups during the week. Festival memorabilia is in production and many teams have already booked accommodation.

We hope this second Newsletter helps you start to plan your visit.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Mike Leatt
Chair LX Club

TO DATE



We have received a huge amount of interest in our festival with 52 teams registered from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, USA, Scotland, Wales, England and of course Alliance and Celts.

You can see more detailed information on which teams have registered by [clicking here](#).

NEXT ACTION

Can we NOW ask for your help with payment of the participation fee?



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

Refunds. Should these be required details are available at [refunds](#).

VENUE, MATCHES AND OFFICIALS

The festival will open on Sunday 29th June at the Nottingham Hockey Centre, University Blvd, Nottingham NG7 2PS.

On this day we will hold;

- bookable pitch times for team practice sessions
- a briefing for team officials, then
- the opening ceremony followed by
- an opening party (the first of our planned social events – more details later)



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, numbers permitting, is to maximise playing time for all with every team having a minimum of 6 games, slightly less for over 80s.

We have made excellent progress with the appointment of all the senior festival officials and we are currently finalising match officials.

TRANSPORTATION TO NOTTINGHAM

Now is the time to start considering ‘how to get to us’.

Comprehensive travel information is available on the festival website which can be found by [clicking here](#). This describes the various transport options available to the festival including local transport options, between accommodation and festival venue.



The following airlines fly to East Midlands Airport (Nottingham); Aer Lingus, Aurigny, Balkan Holidays, Eastern Airways, Jet2, Ryanair and TUI. Details of these airlines can be found by [clicking here](#).

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

As we are all aware the best travel rates are achieved through early booking which is especially important for our hockey friends travelling to the UK.

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

Now that you can get here the next decision is ‘where to stay’.

Carla from Abstract Events (carla@abstract-events.co.uk) is available to assist with booking requests for festival hotel and university accommodation. Preferential rates for festival participants are available. With 52 teams (plus friends and families) expected demand on hotels is likely to be high – early booking is recommended.

Hotel Accommodation

The hotels are all close to the centre of Nottingham and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Distances from festival venue (including direct link): -

- [The Delta by Marriott](#) – 4.9 miles
- [The Park Plaza](#) – (City Centre) - 3.2 miles
- [The Hilton](#) – (City Centre) - 3.4 miles
- [The Leonardo](#) – (City Centre) - 4.1 miles
- [The Village](#) – 3.3 miles
- [The Crown Plaza](#) – 1.2 miles



Nottingham University Student Campus Accommodation

There is still some ensuite accommodation at Lenton and Wortley Hall [click here](#) or Rutland Hall [click here](#). Book now to avoid disappointment. Use Google Maps for location.

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

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Other Accommodation

Camping and Glamping. Sites, local to Nottingham, can be viewed, and booked, by [clicking here](#). The closest is Holme Pierrepont and a little further away is Irondale.

Camper Vans. To book overnight parking at Nottingham Hockey Centre, please register your request by [clicking here](#).

ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL EVENTS

We will be holding three main social events, providing opportunities for participants to mix with old friends and make new ones whilst being entertained.




OPENING PARTY

Sunday June 29th

at The Nottingham Hockey Centre.

Local pulled pork bap and drink.
(Following the opening ceremony)

Tickets £20



**THE MAIN EVENT
Latin Fiesta PARTY**

Wednesday July 2nd

at The Nottingham City Centre Cuban Venue.
(Complimentary drink on arrival - cocktail, beer or wine and Cuban style 2 course buffet.

Live music, saxophonist, Cuban dancers, DJ and entertainment surprises in a fun night. 18:30 until late)

Tickets £45



Fish & Chip Supper

Friday July 4th

at The Nottingham Hockey Centre.
(From 18:00)

Tickets £15

All these main social events will need to be booked and purchased on line. There will be a link to do this in our next newsletter.

MERCHANDISE AND MEMORABILIA

There will be a range of attractive Festival memorabilia and hockey gear on sale at the Nottingham HC shop including:

- Tournament sublimated bespoke festival polo shirts
(Pre-order to avoid disappointment, details to follow in newsletter 3)
- Festival T- shirts
- Teddy Bears
- Bucket hats
- Caps



All the above items will be available with ordering and payment details to follow in our next newsletter. Most items will also be available during the festival in the Nottingham Hockey Centre shop.

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

MEDICAL CARE

A reminder.

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.



Qualified physiotherapists - will be centrally available to all teams on site throughout the Festival. If you intend bringing your own physio please contact trish.slator@gmail.com

SPREADING THE NEWS

As we get closer to the start of the Festival we will be providing more detailed information in our newsletters to share with your players. At this moment please can we ask that you forward this newsletter to known players / festival attendees and or share this [Nottingham 2025 Newsletter](#) link with them.

To receive future newsletters please [subscribe here](#). Our aim is to build, and/or widen, a circulation list so that all can receive updates.

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

IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT FESTIVAL GURU:

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