



# The Mike McInally Hockey Festival

## Scottish Thistles Masters Hockey Club

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Dear hockey friends,

You are invited to send a Tournament Team at some or all age-groups to the Scottish Thistles friendly International Tournament to be held in July 2026. The competition is intended as a Spirit of Masters event and Festival of Hockey. This event has proved extremely popular over the years and hopefully we will be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. This will be on a 'first come' basis, however. We unfortunately had to cancel the 2025 Festival due to clashing with the European Championships in Germany, so we have moved our dates forward to prevent a clash with the World Cup and are determined that the Festival runs in 2026.

Although we will provide umpires and technical officials it would be good to know if teams are able to bring an umpire.

***Please let me know by return using the form sent with the e-mail if your organisation wishes to participate in any/all of the age-groups at this tournament?***

### Venue

The tournament will take place from **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, at 13:00** to **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 16.00** at Dundee Wanderers HC home pitches; Dalnacraig, Mayfield Sports Centre, High School of Dundee, 193 Arbroath Rd, Dundee DD4 7HS.

### Age Categories

Men over 60 - 80

Ladies over 60 - 80

### Overnight Stay and Travel

The railway station is on a direct link from Kings Cross and St Pancras Eurostar while Edinburgh Airport is about 1 hour away by car or by direct Airport bus.

There are many quality hotels in and around Dundee. We recommend the Apex Hotel, Malmaison and the Invercarse Hotel as slightly up market, whilst Premier Inn, Travel Lodge and Holiday Inn are familiar names. On the Saturday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> July, we shall host a Dinner with entertainment. This will be held at the Invercarse Hotel, 371 Perth Road, Dundee, DD2 1PG. Discounted rooms at the Invercarse Hotel will become available in the new year, on a first-come basis.

### Tournament Fee and Subscription

The aim is for the Tournament Fee to remain at **£375.00 per squad**. However, as yet we do not have a definitive price for the Pitch and Changing Rooms for this year. The final amount per team will be advised before payment is due at the end of March.



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### Catering and Bar

We will provide a catering service serving cold and hot food each day together, possibly with a BBQ during the day on both Saturday and Sunday. The Clubhouse bar will be open from 1.00 pm on Thursday and from 11.00 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Further information will be sent in a newsletter later this year. This newsletter will cover aspects of the Tournament, things to do in Dundee, the Edinburgh Festival and travel. We will also let you know more details about the Dinner and Ceilidh.

### Insurance

The Tournament will be covered by Public Liability Insurance. However, we wish to emphasize that each team should arrange its own insurance per player. By sending your application form you agree that you will not institute a claim of any nature against Scottish Thistles Masters Hockey Club, Dundee High School or Dundee Wanderers Hockey Club and will not hold Scottish Thistles Masters Hockey Club, Dundee High School, Dundee Wanderers Hockey Club or any member of these organizations responsible for any damage or loss of any nature.

### Physiotherapist and First Aid

We will have the services of several physiotherapy staff, cost reasonable, and have arranged for First Aid for the event.

### Match Schedule, Results and Photos

Please be aware that during the Tournament pictures and videos will be taken. These will be available on our Club website and on Dundee Wanderers' website. By participating, it will be deemed that all players have given their approval for the publication of these pictures or videos taken during the Tournament, together with any commentary. Any publication will not include personal names. The Tournament Programme will also require us gathering team, and/or individual photos. More information on this will be sent out on this in due course

### Draft Schedule

#### **Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

12:30 Get-together and registration of teams (Mayfield Clubhouse)  
13:10-17:20 Matches

#### **Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

09:00 – 17:20 Matches

#### **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

09:00 - 17:20 Matches  
19:00 for 19:30 Dinner in the Invercarse Hotel and Awards

#### **Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

10:00 – 16:00 Matches



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With our warmest and kindest regards, the Scottish Thistles Organising Committee.  
Any questions or concerns please ask.

*John Lees*



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**Dundee, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



**Registration Form**

We are interested in participating in the Scottish Thistles Masters Hockey Tournament as a  
'Spirit of Masters' Hockey Team.

Name of Hockey Team:

Age-Group(s):

*You can put in more than one team age-group here*

Contact e-mail address(es):

Contact telephone number(s):

Question(s) to be answered:



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Able to bring Umpire(s): **Yes or No** *Please delete as appropriate. Note we should not require extra umpires but it would be good to know if you have anyone willing to assist.*

Please add in the information under the headings above, with any questions you may have, or simply send me your details by e-mail.

Yours,

*John Lees*

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