USA Field Hockey
Masters Program

USA Field Hockey Board of Directors Update:
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Simon Gray, USA Field Hockey Men’s Masters Committee
Masters Hockey Worldwide Organization

• A recognized FIH program for both genders, seen as very important to overall hockey development.

• Administered and organized for the FIH by:
  • International Masters Hockey Association (IMHA) for ages 0-35 to 0-55
  • World Grand Masters Association (WGMA) for ages 0-60 to 0-75+

• USA is represented on the IMHA Board of Directors by Peter Jones (Americas Director).

• IMHA USA Country Representative is Warren Prestwich.

• No WGMA affiliation as yet.
Masters Hockey International Tournaments

• **International Tournaments are Large:** Typically over sixty National Teams in 5-year age band competitions over a 10 day period. Can require venues with three international-standard water-based turf fields. *Events are larger than the Olympics and the “other” World Cups!*

• **FIH Masters World Cups and FIH Grand Masters World Cups held every two years:**
  - 2012 Canterbury, UK *(One USA MNT at O-45)*
  - 2014 Rotterdam, The Netherlands *(Two USA WNT at O-40 and O-50; and Two USA MNT at O-40 and O-50)*
  - 2016 Canberra, Australia *(Two USA WNT at O-40 and O-45; and Two USA MNT at O-40 and O-50)*
  - 2018 TBD (Madrid, Spain; or South Africa?)

• **Continental Masters Championships in World Cup Off-Years**
  - 2013 European Masters Open, Lisnagarvey, Northern Ireland *(One USA MNT at O-50)*
  - 2017 or 2019 Pan American Masters Open ? The Nook in 2019?
2016 FIH Masters World Cup, Canberra, Australia, March 28 – April 6

- National Hockey Centre, Canberra, Australia
- 3 international standard water-based turf fields
- 50 men’s and women’s national teams from 14 countries

- USA Women O-40: *Australia, England, New Zealand and Wales*
- USA Women O-45: *South Africa, Australia, New Zealand*
- USA Men O-40: *Australia, England, New Zealand, Malaysia, Hong Kong*
- USA Men O-50: *Germany, England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Malaysia, Hong Kong*

- Final Match Schedule due for release: February 5, 2016
- Working with USA Field Hockey on an event communications plan
Domestic Masters Hockey Organization

- Masters Program founded in 2011 by Simon Gray and Peter Jones.
- Almost 100% self-funded.
- USA Field Hockey BOD approved establishing two Masters Committees in November 2012 to organize Masters Hockey in the US:
  - **Men’s Masters Committee** [Phil Danaher, Simon Gray, Peter Jones, Srinu Karuturi, Jeremy Roberts, Warren Prestwich (Database Manager and Coordinator)]
  - **Women’s Masters Committee** [Diane Clune Molinaro, Lisa Cropper, Meg Dudek, Wendi Massaro, Pam Stuper, Denise Zelenak, Maria Keesling (Database Manager and Coordinator)]
- Men’s Database in 2016: 206 players (youngest 36, oldest 80).
- Women’s Database in 2016: 126 players (youngest 35, oldest 66).
- Good Coordination between the Committees.
USA Masters Hockey: Future Plans

• **Domestic Events:**
  • Annual “National Masters Weekend”: *Scrimmage-type event on a long weekend at The Nook for all standards and both genders. Like to start in 2017.*
  • National Championships: *Probably starting out as East Coast vs. West Coast competition for both genders, ultimately based on a regional team format.*

• **International Events:**
  • Pan American Masters Open every two years: *Host at The Nook in 2019?*
  • Increased MNT and WNT participation at Masters World Cups in more age groups, but without compromising the standard-of-play.
  • International Series with Canada, Argentina and Caribbean Nations
  • Grand Masters *(as our core group ages)*
Questions?