



# USA Field Hockey Masters Program

**USA Field Hockey Board of Directors Update:  
Saturday February 6, 2016**

*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 O-35 to O-55
  - World Grand Masters Association (WGMA) for ages O-60 to O-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)*

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Questions?

