

Masters Representative Team – Player Expression of Interest Now Open!!!

Wellington Hockey are excited to open the door for anyone who is of age, to express their interest in representing the region at the 2017 National Masters Tournament, which will be held in Auckland this year.

Use the following steps to help determine your eligibility and team;

1. Can you play.....Player Eligibility

- To be eligible you must have attained the stipulated age by 31 December of the year in which the tournament is play (e.g. A player whose birthday is on or before the 31 December, the year of tournament is eligible to play in the over 35 division, a player whose 35th birthday is after the 31 December is ineligible to play for the over 35 division)
- You must have played/play 2 games in the 2016/2017 Masters Competition (*or 5 games in the Open Grade Competition*)
- Must be registered with Wellington Hockey Association

Exceptions – Winter Competition Players

If you are unable to play in the Masters Competition, but will be playing in the 2017 WHA Open Grade Competition, you are eligible to express your interest for the National Masters team. To be eligible you must;

- Complete a player EOI for the National Masters Tournament, this is to ensure coaches can consider you in the squad. Please state 'Open Grade' for your team name and add what team you play for e.g Harbour City 3W
- Play at least 5 games in the WHA Open Grade Competition

By completing an EOI, the coaches are aware of your interest

Exceptions – Guest Players

If you want to play for Wellington but we are not your registered Association you must complete a Guest Player Agreement form at least 2 weeks before the tournament begins.

An Association may withhold permission for a player to become a Guest Player if;

- The player didn't make themselves available for their own association
- The player is unfinancial to a club within their Association
- The player has been suspended from hockey due to current or pending disciplinary



2. Which team can I register my interest for.....Masters Teams for 2017

Based on past year and consultation from the Masters Council, the following age divisions are on offer to apply for;

Men (35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60)

Women (35, 50)

- Cusp players will register for the division based on their age as of 31 December, the year the tournament will be played (A player who turns 40 on or before the 31 December, year of the tournament is eligible to register for the over 40's team, a player who turns 40 after the 31 December has to register for the over 35's)

If your age division isn't stated

If your age division is not stated on the above list, you may apply to the division below.

3. Selection process

Due to the number of players that have registered their interest for the teams, no trials will be taking place. The coaches will be using the Open Grade games to select players if there are more than the maximum number of players registered, or more than 2 goalkeepers per team.

If you are not selected for your age division, you may be selected for the age division below, at the coaches' discretion.

If you are selected for a team, you will be required to pay a \$200 deposit to enable the Masters Council to book accommodation and transport for the tournament. This deposit is to be paid to Wellington Hockey by the 6th September to our bank account (more details will be sent in relation to the payments)

This deposit is non-refundable for top 16 players, if you can't attend National Tournament for any unforeseen circumstance we can't reimburse.

4. Team Trainings

A 6-week block of training will begin with two sessions per week, to ensure you are given time to prepare for the National Tournament.

Each team will be given a ½ turf, one day being a Sunday with the other weekday still to be decided.

There will also be a High-Performance Training available at an additional cost for all national tournament players. This will be delivered by WHA and work around the standard trainings to offer all masters players an extra edge to their preparations.

