



WELCOME

We are honoured that the WGMA has chosen KHC Dragons to host the Grand Masters Hockey European Cup in 2019.

From 19 – 29 June 2019, more than 70 international teams will be competing in different age categories for the coveted WGMA European Cup and tournament trophy. More than 1250 hockey players will be descending on Brasschaat and Antwerp with their entourages **to play hockey, but also to enjoy all that Antwerp and Belgium have to offer in terms of culture, food and recreation.**

The organizing committee of the Grand Masters Hockey European Cup 2019 is already looking forward to a truly unique 10-day tournament in Brasschaat !



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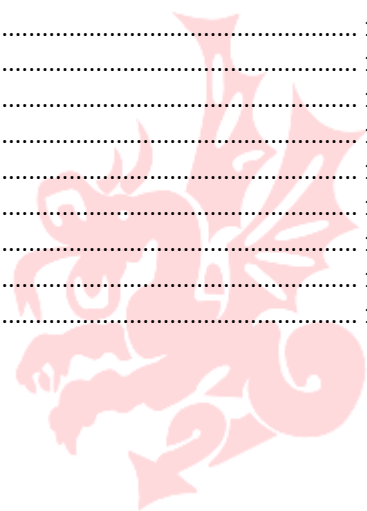
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1. INFORMING YOU & LIAISON

We kindly invite you to acknowledge the organization details enclosed and provide us with all necessary information by completing various online forms.

1.1 TEAM INFORMATION LETTERS

This is the first of 3 ! In due time, additional information letters will be sent containing more practical details about the tournament.

- TEAM INFORMATION LETTER 1: November 2018
- TEAM INFORMATION LETTER 2: February 2019
- TEAM INFORMATION LETTER 3: May 2019

1.2. EVENT WEBSITE

As soon as any new information becomes available, it will always be posted on [our website](#)

<http://www.eurocupgm2019.com>

1.4. LIAISON OFFICER

Every group or nation will be appointed a designated Team Liaison Officer for the duration of their stay in Antwerp.



For any further information or inquiries prior to the tournament, please contact:

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2. DESTINATION

2.1 LOCAL INFORMATION

We recommend the following websites for detailed information on Belgium and Antwerpen:

- <http://www.visitbelgium.com/>
- <http://www.visitantwerpen.be/>

2.1 GOOGLE MAP

There's a Google map available showing locations of various related points of interest:

- Venue
- Accommodations
- Cultural activities & historic places
- Emergency services
- Transportation

[Click here for map](#)





3. VENUE

KHC Dragons was founded in October 1946 and is now **one of the largest hockey clubs in Belgium**. The club focuses on providing both recreational- as well as top hockey to youth and (young) adults. Dragons has organized several successful hockey events in the past, most notably the 2015 Hockey World League, two editions of Euro Hockey League (2011 and 2017) and several Belgian Hockey Finals.

The venue is uniquely situated in the **beautiful 147 hectare municipal Park of Brasschaat** which consists of recreational areas, playing fields, picturesque pond views, fountains, walking paths, castle, flower gardens and children's zoo.

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The Dragons site currently features **three (FIH approved) water base pitches and one semi-sanded pitch** (pitch 4).

At the terrace of "The Mansion" and along the entire length of pitch 1 there's a solid spectator stand featuring four rows of seats (1,200 pax).





4. TRAVEL INFORMATION

The club is ideally located in Brasschaat, near the city of Antwerp in the centre of Europe, close to the border with the Netherlands. Distances from major West-European cities:

- Brussels (BE): 60 km
- Amsterdam (NL): 150 km
- Koln (D): 220 km
- Paris (F): 360 km
- London (UK): 390 km

4.1. AIRPORTS AND TRAIN STATIONS

Transfer from Brussels International Airport will take about 45 minutes up to 1 hour, depending on rush hour traffic (There is also a direct train from Brussel Airport to Antwerp). The smaller Antwerp (Deurne) Airport is far closer, but only a limited number of European destinations are serviced. Connections also through Rotterdam and Eindhoven.

By train: Eurostar / Thalys through Brussel Midi (and connection to Antwerpen Centraal).

4.2. ORGANISATION TRANSPORTATION PARTNER

More information will follow. If you have any questions at this time, please contact:

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4.3. LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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5. ACCOMMODATION



It is important to book your accommodation now! Please consult our website concerning [lodging and accommodations](#).

Or click here to go directly to [the booking site](#).

If you cannot yet confirm the names of the guests you can make a reservation by just mentioning the name of the team manager / leader. The final list of hotel guests should be confirmed by e-mail at least one month prior to arrival.

Are you interested in a longer stay than mentioned on the bookings platform or in case of any booking problems please contact directly the Antwerp Convention bureau:

info@antwerpconventionbureau.be

Do note that all charges for rooms, meals and other accommodation related costs are at your own expense.

For hotels recommended by the organising committee, reservations of 5 rooms or more should be made by 31st December 2018. These reservations can be secured by a deposit of 25% no later than 11th January 2019 with a final balance to be paid 30 days prior to arrival.

Guest rooms can be cancelled free of charge until March 1st 2019 (=90 days before arrival)

- Between 90 days - 31 days before the arrival, 50% of the contracted rooms per night can be cancelled free of charge
- Between 30 days - 16 days before the arrival, 20% of the contracted rooms per night can be cancelled free of charge
- Between 15 days - 8 days before the arrival, 20% of the contracted rooms per night can be cancelled free of charge
- Cancellation between 7 and 0 day(s) before arrival: During this period the penalty is 100% of the contracted room rate for the duration of the stay.

For information on local Brasschaat hotels (which are not on the booking site), please contact:

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6. ACTIVITIES

6.1. TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES

6.1.1. OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will be held at Dragons **on Wednesday June 19th at 16:00.** (date to be confirmed)

Some may be interested to go afterwards to the pro-league games Belgium – Australia in Wilrijk ! (other Pro-League matches take place on June 16th (New Zealand) and June 23rd (Argentina).



6.1.2. TOURNAMENT PARTY

The traditional party is planned for June 26th. Further details to follow in January.

6.1.3. CLOSING CEREMONY

More info will follow.

Contact info on tournament activities:

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6.2. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

"Atypical" Antwerpen: **There's so much more than just hockey!**

We will offer a wide variety of excursions and activities: In Antwerpen or other historic nearby places like Brugge, Gent or Brussel. A separate information brochure will be provided shortly. Activities will also be posted on the [activities section of our website](#).

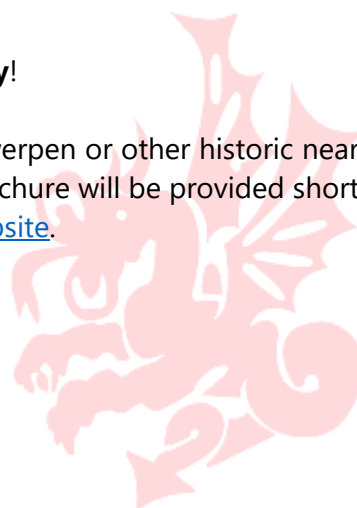
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7. RESTAURANTS & CATERING

7.1. RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

We will recommend restaurants through [our website](#).

7.2. CATERING @ THE MANSION

The exceptional clubhouse ("The Mansion of Dragons") is an elegant Hampton-style villa. The spacious building includes all modern comfort including professional kitchen and two fantastic bars.

Catering packages will be offered on demand. More information to follow in team information letter 2 or 3.

Already need some info now? Do contact:

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8. TEAM CONTACT FORM & REGISTRATIONS

8.1. REGISTRATION FEE



Please make sure your registration fee is paid before December 31st!

Any questions concerning payment methods may be directed to:

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Local Host Finances

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8.2. TEAM CONTACT FORM

For administrator purposes we will ask you to provide us with your team contact information (see second Team Information Letter later).

8.3. PLAYER REGISTRATION

Entrance to the venue is free of charge for both players and visitors. We will however ask you to register your players prior to April 1st. More information will follow in team information letter 2.





9. TOURNAMENT POOLS

The Pools will be organised as follows:

60 + - GRAND MASTERS (men)

Tournament for men aged 60 years or over (born in 1959 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.

60 + - GRAND MASTERS (women)

Tournament for women aged 60 years or over (born in 1959 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.

65+ - GREAT GRAND MASTERS (men)

Tournament for men aged 65 years or over (born in 1954 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.

65 + - GRAND MASTERS (women)

Tournament for women aged 65 years or over (born in 1954 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.

70+ - SENIOR GRAND MASTERS (men)

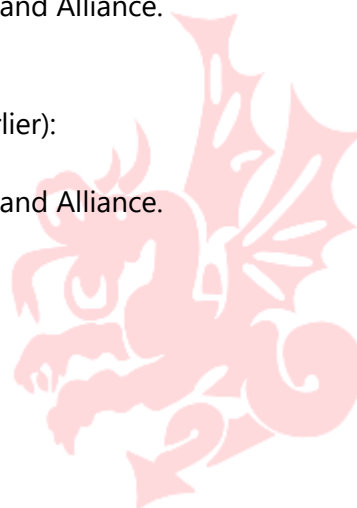
Tournament for men aged 70 years or over (born in 1949 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.

75+ - VINTAGE GRAND MASTERS (men)

Tournament for men aged 75 years or over (born in 1944 or earlier):

- Division A (European Cup) for "National" (1st) teams
- Division B (Tournament Trophy) for non-national teams and Alliance.





10. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is not available yet.

The final game schedule will not be completed until all payments have been made into the account of DragEvents.





11. TRAINING SESSIONS

Training slots prior to the event will be provided on a first-asked-first-served basis. We will try to accommodate all requests and ensure equal opportunities for every team to train in optimal conditions.

As soon as the tournament schedule is available you will be able to make training reservations online.

The final training schedule will be announced as soon as all teams have applied. We aim to give you the final information in Team Information Letter 3.

If you have any further questions at this time, please contact:

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12. OTHER PRACTICAL INFO

12.1. MATCH BALLS

Match balls will be provided for all matches.

12.2. PRACTICE BALLS

It is hard (and possibly expensive) for teams to bring their own practice balls. We will be able to provide you with balls for training sessions (a deposit may be applicable).

12.3. PRE-GAME MEETING ROOMS

Since we have no meeting rooms available at the venue, **we suggest to hold your pre-game briefing at the hotel.** If such does not suit you, please inform the Team Hospitality Manager or Team Liaison (well in advance) to find another solution.

12.4. INSURANCE

Please ensure that each member of your delegation has adequate insurance cover (including health insurance).



Rode Kruis
Vlaanderen

12.5. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Belgian Red Cross will be present at the venue. Also your Team Liaison will provide you with a list of emergency services, such as hospitals and pharmacies. Furthermore the local host will comply with the requirement as mentioned in WGMA (medical) Appendix 4.

12.6. PHYSIO

Physio services will be available locally. Sports massages will be offered at the venue.





13. VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers:

- **Ground Manager**
Operations managers; supervision of all infrastructure and facilities, general troubleshooting;...
- **Ground Manager Assistants**
Technical bench facilities; team bench facilities (water / ice) ; seating suspended players; watering; checks of goals, sideboards and corner flags; lighting; managing competition balls; control of unauthorised pitch entry; ...
- **Technical Officers**
The person appointed on the match sheet to control the match from the table. The Technical Officer has to have experience.
- **Judges**
Timekeeper (siren) for both warm-up time and game; administration (team list; match report & progressive score sheet). Can also be asked by the technical officer to do other things is a specific match (uniform and equipment inspection; line-up; monitoring behaviour; managing substitutions;...)
- **Tournament Organisation Officers**
Planning of trainings and games; responsible for tournament office; daily scoreboard;...
- **Administration**
Assistants to the Tournament Organisation Officer and Organizing Committee; event communication; managing team lists; preparation of daily team lists; input Altius;...
- **Changing Room Officers**
Organisation and supervision of changing rooms;...
- **Venue Cleanliness**
Supervision of cleanliness of all facilities;...
- **Emergency and Security Services**
Contact for emergency services; first aid facilities & operations; Red Cross liaison; Security;...
- **Logistics Coordinators**
General organisation of facilities and services; ICT facilities
- **Merchandising & Cash Desk**
Sales
- **Info Desk & Hospitality**
Welcoming; Daily hosts; general questions; contact with hotels; transport services; restaurant services; cultural events; contact to emergency services;...
- **Team Liaisons**
Assisting teams in all needs
- **Volunteers Management**
Planning of volunteers

If any in your party wish to volunteer to assist the organization, they can do so by registering online:

[Click here to register as a volunteer](#)



14. LOCAL HOST CONTACTS



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