



## Alliance International Hockey Club

### Over 60 international hockey

60 years of age! Does the game continue for the aged hockey player?  
The answer is simple; "yes, it does"!

The FIH has recognised the World Grand Masters Association ([WGMA](#)) as the body to promote hockey for persons of 60 years and older. The WGMA for that purpose organizes several tournaments each year. In those tournaments national teams compete for various cups. The participants in those tournaments are grouped in the categories 60+, 65+ and even 70+ (named respectively Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters and Senior Grand Masters). In parallel to the tournaments for national teams, these tournaments also have a division for a Tournament Trophy, for second teams or for non-national teams. In this way the possibility for persons of 60 years or older to play hockey in an international setting is guaranteed. National Associations are the members of WGMA.

In 2002, when the Grand Masters World Cup was played in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) several persons wanted to play, but were unable to get together a full team of their own country. The foremost of these was Mr. Johan Herbert from Belgium. Together with several others he formed a team comprising players of different nationalities and thus was able to successfully take part in the Kuala Lumpur tournament. The team was entered under the name of "Alliance". All members of that team were very enthusiastic about being able to play at an international level and it was decided that Alliance International Hockey Club ([website](#)<sup>1</sup>) would become a formal club and also the only international member of WGMA, with Mr. Johan Herbert as its first president.

Today the club has ca. 115 members from 12 nationalities and takes part in all the tournaments organised by WGMA and also in tournaments organised by others all over the world. The club welcomes new members from any country.

#### Practical matters:

- **How to become a member:** simply write an e-mail to the secretary (see below) expressing your wish to become a member. In a reply you will receive the necessary form to fill in.
- **Costs:** an entry fee of EUR 25,00. Thereafter you pay only when you are playing, EUR 25,00 per tournament plus your part of the registration fee for the tournament. Any expenses (travel, lodging, meals etc.) are of course for you
- **Nomination for tournaments:** at the end of a calendar year (or more often if needed) the club secretary sends to all members a list of tournaments for the coming year(s). Any member interested in taking part in one (or more) of the tournaments listed writes an e-mail to the secretary or to his local Alliance-coordinator (if such a person exists) naming himself as a potential player for the tournaments he mentions in that e-mail.
- **Selection of players** after their nomination: if more than 16 players have nominated themselves to take part in (one division of) one tournament, then the executive committee of the club will make a selection.
- **Managers, captains:** for each tournament there is one person who acts as manager for the teams, each team has a captain. Generally, volunteers fill these functions, but the executive committee has the final decision which person shall be manager and/or captain.
- **Playing kit** (shirt, shorts, socks): shorts & socks need to be bought by the player. Numbered shirts are property of the club and are issued at those tournaments where numbered shirts are needed.
- **Current executive committee:**
  - o Mr. Jorgos Dramitinos (from Greece): President
  - o Mr. Daniel (Daan) Holsboer (from The Netherlands): secretary
  - o Mr. Peter Terleski (from England): treasurer.
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<sup>1</sup>) currently under a much needed reconstruction, including name change