



MASTERS

Transition Team Town Hall

March 1, 2023

8:00pm EST

USA FIELD HOCKEY

GROW THE GAME

SERVE & INSPIRE MEMBERSHIP

SUCCEED INTERNATIONALLY



USA MASTERS PRIORITIES

DOMESTICALLY -
GROW number of
people playing O35+
and playing
opportunities for
Masters age players

INTERNATIONALLY -
field **strong**,
COMPETITIVE WORLD
CUP TEAMS

TRANSITION TEAM FORMED

- Two Committees – Men’s and Women’s Masters Committees
 - Identified in 2014 by USA Field Hockey to lead Masters
- November 2019 a Memo of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and World Masters Hockey (WMH)
 - National Governing Bodies (NGB) liable for Masters Hockey in respective country.
- **Transition Team formed in spring of 2022 and endorsed by USA Field Hockey Board of Directors (BOD)**
 - **Responsible for leading Masters Hockey in the United States.**
- **One united Masters Team, including men and women.**
 - **Work to accomplish our USA Masters mission, goals and priorities.**

TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS

- Diane Clune Molinaro
- Christine Couteau
- Peter Jones
- Alva Serrette
- Pam Stuper, Chair
- Maria Keesling, Coordinator
- Kendra Lucking, USA Field Hockey Lifetime Engagement Manager



TRANSITION TEAM MISSION

Develop a **NEW STRUCTURE** and **STRATEGY** for Masters leadership

TRANSITION TEAM GOAL

Create an **INCLUSIVE & DIVERSE** Masters leadership team

OPEN ACCESS to positions
Representing ALL genders, race, age, geography, etc.



WE HEARD YOU!

Town Hall – November 2022

SURVEY RESULTS

Key Takeaways:

- Take Competitive Teams to WMH Events
 - Fair and independent selection process
 - Multiple opportunities/sites for selection
 - Coaches involved much earlier in the process.
 - Ultimately pick teams from squad and develop teams
 - Coaches provide feedback from previous performances
 - Prioritizing fitness to play at elite level

- Sponsorship to Decrease Cost

USA MASTERS FIELD HOCKEY LEADERSHIP



- Board (currently the Transition Team)
- USA Field Hockey Lifetime Engagement Manager
- Coordinator
- Standing Committees
- International Tournament Committees

BOARD

Transition Team currently serves as Board

- Volunteer, Non-Paid, Strategic Position
- Must be current USA Field Hockey Member, background check and current in Safe Sport
- Meet approximately 1-2x/Month
- Report to USA Field Hockey Board of Directors
- Approximately 9 Members
- Officers
 - President/Chair
 - Vice-President/Vice-Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Serve as liaison(s) to Committees
- 4-Year Term
- 2-Term Max



STANDING COMMITTEES

- Volunteer, Non-Paid, Operational Position
- Current USA Field Hockey Member, background check and current in Safe Sport
- Meet approximately 1x/Month
- Report to USA Field Hockey Masters Board (currently Transition Team)
- Committees:
 - **Finance**
 - **Governance**
 - **Communications**
 - **High Performance** - Technical/Performance Directors, Coaches, Managers, Trials, Practices, Training Program, etc.
 - Nominating
 - Indoor*
 - Umpiring*
 - Domestic Play*
 - Event Management*
 - Commercial Partnerships and Marketing
 - Social

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

- Volunteer, Non-Paid, Operational Position
- Current USA Field Hockey Member, background check and current in Safe Sport
- Meet approximately 1x/Month or Bi-Monthly
- Report to USA Field Hockey Masters Board (currently Transition Team)
- Committees:
 - **Selection**
 - Kits
 - MLT (Meals, Lodging, Travel)
 - Support Staff – Doctor, Physical Therapist, Athletic Trainers

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Alison Smith, Chair
Savannah Devarney
Susan Elliott
Alan Golding
Alan Scally

Christine Couteau, Transition Team Liaison

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Florencia Manero, Chair
Ashley Johnston
Darryl Michael

Alva Serrette, Transition Team Liaison

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chip Rogers, Chair

Laura Darling

Kelly MacKinnon

Pam Stuper, Transition Team Liaison

Denise Zelenak, Chair
Shiv Jagday, Vice-Chair
Janelle Benner
Adam Falla
Heidi Lewis
Marian Mueller

Peter Jones, Transition Team Liaison

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Denise Zelenak, Chair
Shiv Jagday, Vice-Chair
Michelle Finegan
Bob Khosla
Nicole Morgan

Diane Molinaro, Transition Team Liaison

OUTDOOR TRIALS for 2023 SQUADS

Scan QR Code to REGISTER!



11–12 Mar.

Men and Women @ MAST Academy (Miami, FL) – FIELD TURF

- O35, O40, O45: Saturday 11am-2pm and Sunday 10am-12pm
- O50, O55, O60, O65: Saturday 8am-11am and Sunday 8am-10am

1–2 Apr.

Men @ The Proving Grounds (Conshohocken, PA) - ASTRO

- O35, O40, O45: Saturday 2pm-5pm and Sunday 10am-12pm
- O50, O55, O60, O65: Saturday 11am-2pm and Sunday 8am-10am

Men and Women @ MG Sportsplex (Phoenix, AZ) - ASTRO

- O35, O40, O45: Saturday 3pm-6pm and Sunday 11am-1pm
- O50, O55, O60, O65: Saturday 12pm-3pm and Sunday 9am-11am

18–19 Mar.

Women @ Ursinus (Collegeville, PA) - ASTRO

- O35, O40, O45: Saturday 4pm-7pm and Sunday 11am-1pm
- O50, O55, O60, O65: Saturday 1pm-4pm and Sunday 9am-11am

1–2 Apr.

INDOOR TRIALS for 2023-2024 SQUADS



13 Mar.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

- Early Bird
- Regular
- Late and Alternate Selection



15 Apr.

TRIALS

Men and Women @ The Training Center
(Spring City, PA)

- O35, O40, O45, O50, O55, O60, O65: Saturday 12pm-8pm

2023 TRIALS

- **Accessibility** – Outdoor trials at 3 different sites – South (FL), West (AZ), and East (PA)
- **High Performance/Selection Chair and/or Vice-Chair present at all sites**
- **Consistent and Fair Selections**
 - Selectors:
 - Include both Males and Females, some designated to select across genders
 - Selectors who are trying out will only evaluate players outside of their age groups
Ex. A 53-year old evaluator will not select for O45, O50, or O55 age groups
 - Consistent Rating System across all sites, all ages, and all genders.
 - Feedback on respective players from 2022 World Cup Team coaches
- **Trial Format**
 - Will be consistent across all sites and age groups.
- **Goalkeepers**
 - Goalie specific drills
 - Will videotape as needed
- **Squad Selection**
 - **Size of squad may vary depending on player level in respective age group.** This will help the High Performance and Selection Committees determine the number of teams named to compete at WMH Events.
 - **Squads may be combined to in order to take competitive national teams.**
- **Teams will be named, ultimately with input from respective Coaches.**

NEW LOOK!

2023 DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL PLAYING CALENDAR

Squad Practices
TBD

Beach Bash
April 29-30
(Women)

Shooting Star
Summer

**Pan Am
Continental
Cup**
December 6-17

2024 World Cup Hosts



World Masters Hockey



**Auckland
New Zealand**



Cape Town – South Africa



Question & Answer

WHAT NEXT?



- Masters Website with Transition Team Updates
- Transition Team, currently serving as Board, will continue to work on new structure.
- EOI for Indoor, Umpiring, Domestic Play, and Event Management Committee.
- Once *NEW* USA Masters Field Hockey structure is formally approved, positions will be re-opened for election and/or appointments as per adopted policy and procedures.

**JOIN US for our NEXT
Transition Team Town Hall Meeting**
June 2023

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