

Hockey Hong Kong, China
Masters' Section
Chairman's Report 2024-2025

The highlights in this last season have been the World Master Hockey (WMH) World Cup appearances by our Ladies O35 team in Cape Town in October 2024 and our Mens O50 team in Auckland in November 2025

Being part of tournaments with over 100 Masters teams was a great experience for both groups and the level of competition tested both of the teams.

The Ladies had games against Netherlands (1-5), Australia (1-1), USA (2-0), Ireland (0-1), Wales (2-3), and France (2-1), showcasing their ability to compete with some of the best hockey nations

The Mens had games against South Africa (0-4), Chile (0-3), Argentina (1-3), Australia A (1-1), New Zealand A (2-2), Japan (9-2), improving after a slow start to comprehensively beat the only Asian competitor they faced.

A lot of work went in to making these trips happen and thanks are due to all who contributed their time and expertise to make them such enjoyable experiences for all concerned.

At the Auckland event, WMH requested Hong Kong to consider helping with the next Asian Continental Cup for 2025 as no bids had been received.

Hong Kong agreed to potentially host a couple of age groups, but with no other countries stepping forward, the number of age groups has been extended to 5 (Mens O40, O50, O60 and Ladies O35 and O40) with the event to be held from November 26th to 30th 2025.

The event will be hosted by Hong Kong Football club with other games to be played at the Happy Valley pitches, and the event is deliberately shorter to encourage more Asian teams to participate.

To date 17 teams have registered, with more targeted to be added before the deadline at the end of June.

An Event Committee has been formed to plan for all aspects of the event and regular meetings are being held to organise the requirements.



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The three Ladies Masters teams competed in the Premier, 2nd and 3rd Divisions, with A's finishing 2nd in Premier B, the B's finishing 6th in the 2nd Division, and the C's finishing 2nd in the 3rd division.

Masters' events included the KCC Sixes Tournament that was played in January, and then completed in May following the untimely incident at the event which sadly ended with the passing of Naveed Khan, with players going back to their origins in playing on grass.

We thank the Hockey Hong Kong, China for their support of the Masters' League and we also thank the Hong Kong Football Club for allowing us use of their pitch for many of the games and training for the Masters as well as their great support for the upcoming November tournament.

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