



WORLD CUP & CHARITY

We all are very privileged to play hockey (or any other sport) and to participate in events, like the WMH 2026 World Cup, for which we can travel the world. But unfortunately, not everybody is that lucky. There are many people, young and old, for who sport is not an option by background and, mostly, lack of money.

The inability to obtain or purchase sports equipment should not constitute a barrier to participation in sports and, consequently, to social interaction. Sports and social interaction should be accessible to everyone, shouldn't they?

In recent years HC Rotterdam was closely involved in the establishment of the "Sportspullenbank" ("Sports Equipment Bank"), an initiative by our former board member Erna Truijens, which gives used sports equipment (gear, clothing) a second life. The Sportspullenbank works with local social organisations to distribute the collected clothing and materials to people who do not have enough money to buy these items themselves and are therefore in a disadvantaged position.



Rotterdam was the first city where used sports equipment is collected via multiple collection points. Already over 20.000 people were served. Nowadays there's the **Foundation Sport-spullenbank Nederland** and the initiative is copied rapidly all over the country.

As host of the WMH 2026 World Cup, both HC Rotterdam and HV Victoria would like to give the Sportspullenbank a boost by showing that the international Masters community cares for those who are less fortunate than us. In doing so, we act together with you and on your behalf!

Giving that boost can be done in two ways:

- Donate (some of) your sports cloths and materials. (Additional benefit: extra space in your luggage for all World Cup merchandise or other souvenirs of your stay in Rotterdam);
- Donate some money by scanning the QR code to be provided at both venues.

There are collection bins on both venues, clearly marked. At those bins and at some other place in and around our club houses you also find the QR code linking to a payment mode.