

WORLD MASTERS HOCKEY

WORLD CUP HOCKEY ROTTERDAM '26

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CELEBRATIONS IN ROTTERDAM



Even before you get here, huge celebrations in Rotterdam! Over the last two weeks we've seen lots of top-level hockey in Rotterdam, thousands of fans, a promotion, a national championship and lots of media attention. When the smoke clouds had cleared the women of HV Victoria have made it into the Dutch top league "Hoofdklasse" as champion of second level "Promotieklasse" and Rotterdam men crowned themselves in a packed home stadium (5.000 visitors) as national champions. The **TV coverage** of this match offers you a sneak preview to the venue you will play in less than two months.

Then, no time to rest. As from June 13th it's FIH Pro League time! At Rotterdam we welcome the teams from Ireland (F), Spain (F), Germany (M), India (M) and, of

course, the Netherlands (F/M). Full program [here](#). All matches will be streamed via FIH's TV platform [Watch.hockey](#).

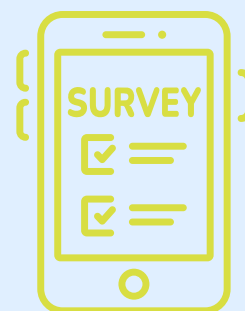
And after Pro League we roll out the red carpet for you - the **WMH 2026 World Cup Rotterdam**, with over 100 teams (O45 & O50, F/M & International Masters Cup O35-O50) as from July 22nd.

Your help is needed: please complete survey

As we prepare for the WMH 2026 World Cup in Rotterdam (O45 & O50 and O35–O50 IMC) this summer, we would like to ask for your support. To help us organise logistics, services and the overall tournament experience as effectively as possible, we ask team managers (or team representatives) to respond our survey. You can find this survey [here](#).

!! Please complete the survey by Thursday, 5 June !!

The collected information will help us better understand the team's plans and expectations and make the necessary preparations in advance.



WORLD CUP FANSHOP IS LIVE!



We've launched the WMH 2026 World Cup Rotterdam **fanshop**, the place to book a variety of services to help your team prepare for and enjoy the tournament, including team meals, training pitches, treatment rooms, training equipment and goalkeeper lockers.

OUR PROGRAM

While the event organisation is in full swing, the (daily) program is also taking shape. The main components are already set (equipment checks, briefings, opening and closing ceremonies), and we'll also provide some entertainment. View our (preliminary) program [here](#).



Match Schedule

All matches are from Thursday July 23rd until Saturday August 1st: ten days full of hockey! World Masters Hockey is responsible for the WMH 2026 World Cup Rotterdam match schedule. It's expected to be available in the first week of July.

ONE EVENT, TWO LOCATIONS



HC ROTTERDAM



HV VICTORIA

All matches of WMH 2026 World Cup Rotterdam are played across two locations: HC Rotterdam and HV Victoria. HC Rotterdam is situated in the north of the city, HV Victoria at the east side. Both venues are connected via highway A16 - it's a ten minutes drive.

All matches will be divided between both locations. WMH strives to hold national team matches on the same day and location as much as possible, making it easy to cheer each other on. You can find all information regarding addresses and directions [here](#).



WORLD CUP OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED



World Masters Hockey recently has announced the **officials** for the World Cup 2026 in Rotterdam with Nicola Ogden heading the team as Technical Delegate. We're very happy to see WMH is bringing in officials with a wealth of experience for the event.

And, we're even more happy to see old friends who were in Rotterdam before and helped us with the 2014 World Cup and the 2019 European Championships. So, Nicola, Sarah, Swampy, Reinier, Alice, Edna - great to have you back at our club!

FAQ'S AND MORE INFO

You have a question about the upcoming World Cup and/or your stay in Rotterdam? Or, you're just a bit nosy? We've composed a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and, of course, the answers to those questions. In the coming weeks we'll update this list - so stay tuned! View the FAQ's **here**.

In addition, there is a series of "Information Documents" with more extensive explanations on numerous topics. We've produced them to inform you about several subjects, as a kind of "backgrounders" or extended FAQ's.

These “info docs” are posted on our **website**. Most information is or will be included in our newsletters in abbreviated form, but it is also available in full length. Where possible, links are added for more detailed information.



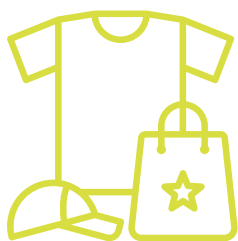
Rotterdam Instagram account

Especially for the WMH 2026 World Cup in Rotterdam we opened up an Instagram account. Join us at **Hockeymasters.Rotterdam** for news updates & sneak previews, share our posts and let us know how you and your team prepare for the World Cup event in Rotterdam!

TRAINING FACILITIES

In the days ahead the World Cup training facilities at both HC Rotterdam and HV Victoria are limited due to summer camps. At both venues training/practice is possible only as from 17:00 hours. Bookings can be made via our **fanshop**.

MERCHANDISE & SOUVENIRS



For World Cup 2026 merchandise we've joined forces with UK based **The Hockey Centre**. It is providing the online and on-venue service for you to get all your official **World Cup Rotterdam merchandise**. Pre-order for delivery at your venue is possible.

To take home a Rotterdam souvenir from HC Rotterdam or HV Victoria, both clubs have a fanshop offering club merchandise. Check the venues for opening hours during the tournament.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PREPS

We assume that you all are preparing well for the upcoming World Cup. We love to hear from about these preps. Please sent us some info & photo's of your trainings, team meetings and other activities. At the eve of the World Cup in Rotterdam we'll share this stuff as a “warming up”. **Mail** us your stories and info!

YOUR WORLD CUP PLAYLIST



Playing a World Cup is hard work and some moments of relaxation are welcome, we know by experience. At both our venues we'll do our best to offer comfort to recover, with or without drinks and a meal. We'll create a pleasant atmosphere with some (background) music.

Our club dj's are preparing for the event too and they like to hear from you what music you like. **Sent us** your playlist!

EXPLORE THE CITY OF ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam is a vibrant city, known for not only the port - the largest one in Europe! - but also for amongst other its diversity (174 nationalities), festivals, top sport events, musea and modern architecture. Read **more**.

All tourist information can be found **here**.



SNEAK PREVIEW

New to Rotterdam? Nosy? Like to explore the city? Watch **this**!

CONTACT US

Questions? Requests? Suggestions? Please don't hesitate to contact us by **email**.

