

Hallo all!

On behalf of Kettering Hockey Club, it is my pleasure to invite teams to participate in our 7-a-side event next April.

We are still waiting for certain rule changes (enabling players to still take part in 70s regionals as well as 75s and accepting the 7-a-side format) before confirming that the Regional 75s are "official", but they will take place anyway. It seems likely that we will be able to welcome a 75+ squad from the North in 2020 to complete the line-up.

We hope that the Over 80s (from Holland and England) will follow their Internationals on the 15th and 16th by joining in and look forward hopefully to entertaining a Southern Cross team or two as they warm up for Tilburg the following week.

(If all goes to plan, there will be 2 11-a-side games on Thursday 16th - a 70+ men's Southern Cross v LX or ??, and an LX Ladies v Alliance or ??. Confirmation is anticipated some time in October, so watch this space..)

As usual, players and companions are invited to the Saturday evening buffet and social evening at Kettering Hockey Clubhouse.

Aspirants should be aged around the 70 mark while the Ancients are expected to be 75 or more (60-ish and 65-ish in respect of the ladies). The O75s speaks for itself!! The rules are normal hockey rules, using the halfway line as the 23m line regarding free hits. The 2 defending team members who are not behind the goal line defending short corners should retire to the far D. Penalty shootout involves the 7 players of each team concerned who were on the pitch at the end, in turn, propelling a stationary ball from behind their goal line into the far goal.

Accommodation.

Hind Hotel, 38 Sheep St., Wellingborough Tel. 01933 222827
(Town centre, about 800m from the pitch)

Premier Inn, London Road, Wellingborough Tel. 0870 1977262
(300m from the pitch. Probably best booked on line)

Ibis, Enstone Court, Wellingborough. Tel. 01933 228333
(About 4 km from the pitch)