

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sue Briggs, recipient of the **2016 Karen Kennedy Women's Masters Achievement Award** for her outstanding service, performance and administration. Sue has played Masters for NSW for 26 years, Australian Masters 19 times and has been the driving force behind the development of Masters in Sydney SWHL competition since its inception. Well-deserved recognition for many years' service to Masters in NSW.

SERVICE AWARDS FOR ASSOCIATIONS

Women's Masters would like to honour the unsung "saints" who work hard behind the scenes in Masters hockey. Please consider anyone who has given 10 or more years to their local Association in the areas of playing, officiating, administering etc. and send a detailed resume of your nominees to the Women's Masters Committee (contact details below) to be assessed for reward.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

If you turn 35 years of age in 2016 (e.g. were born in 1981) then you are eligible to trial for NSW Masters Teams and participate in State Championships.

EOIs FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

We require four physiotherapists to travel with our seven State Teams to Hobart in October. Please ask anyone you know who might be interested in being appointed. The EOIs will be published shortly.

STATE SELECTION TRIALS

State Selection Trials will be held at Newcastle Hockey Centre on Saturday, 18th June beginning with a sign-in for 50s, 55s, 60s and 65s at 8.00am. Other age groups will follow these four groups, with a final timeline published closer to the trials.

As this day is the only selection day, it is expected that all nominees will be in attendance on the field of their respective age group and participate to the best of their ability in order to be considered. Even if an exemption is obtained because of injury, the player must still go to Newcastle and have submitted authenticated medical certificates.

Exemptions can be applied for to the WMC on valid grounds and each will be considered on their individual merits. All exemption applications must be accompanied by relevant supportive documentation such as detailed medical/physio reports, official copies of work rosters etc. The Trial date has been published well ahead of the event so that work rosters can be organised appropriately.

MASTERS ONLY FEE

Jane Rowlands (contact details below) is still accepting submissions regarding the need to have a "Masters Only Fee" for ladies playing at State Championships who are not registered with a Club. They may wish to play and enjoy a single weekend of hockey and friendship, but can no longer do so – please contact Jane with information regarding the number of ladies this has affected.

HALF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Associations should be assembling their teams for the two Half State Championships – North (Taree) and South (Moorebank). Please include an umpire with each team nominated. If you have to use an umpire from the Host Association then the cost will be \$30 per game. As there is a limit to the number of capable umpires the Host Association can supply it is important that teams provide their own umpires and state what grade they can competently umpire.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

There appears to be considerable interest in local players playing in the Half State Championships at Moorebank. There are limited facilities (3 turfs and 3 grass fields) and we may have to put a ceiling on the number of teams nominating. We are giving notice that the games may start as early as 9:00am on the Friday – for “local” teams (Sydney and surrounds). Teams from afar (Wagga and Far South Coast for example) would not be given games earlier than 11:00am.

CONTACTS

Would all Associations and, if necessary, “old Associations” please email the Women’s Masters Committee the details of their Women’s Masters Contacts within their group. Sometimes Association Secretaries do not pass on Women’s Masters information and as such we require these contacts (email addresses, phone numbers) ASAP so that Host Associations can contact them with info for the State Champs and the Committee can provide direct contact for important matters relating to Masters.

NON-PLAYING MEMBERS

All non-playing members or officials (NPOs) should register through their Club to Hockey NSW. The fee is \$25.58 and covers the NPO’s insurance.

RULE CHANGE

Make yourself aware of the new rule change that has been adopted by HNSW for Free Hits by Attacking Teams within 5 metres outside of the circle. This rule will be played at the State Championships and Nationals and all Associations are encouraged to adopt it.

JUMPERS

Women’s Masters Jumper orders are due by the 29th April.

Over 50s: navy with gold writing

Over 60s: bottle green with silver writing

Over 70s: maroon with cream writing

Over 75s: sky blue woollen jumper with coloured waratah

Please email Sue Abba at sue@peterabba.com with your orders before the due date so that the jumpers are available by the time of the State Championships. All jumpers are \$80.

Best wishes to all the NSW players and OFPs who are participating with Australian Teams in the Masters World Cup being staged in Canberra, 29th March – 6th April.

Hope you are all training well and stretching those muscles ahead of an enjoyable 2016 hockey season.

Don't forget we'd like to see lots of ladies trialling for our seven State Teams in Newcastle on the 18th June.

Kind Regards,

Helen, Gretchen & Jane

Women's Masters Committee

2016 WOMEN'S MASTERS EVENT TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT
29th April	Jumper orders due
13th May	SC Team Nominations Due
3rd June	State Team Selection Nominations Due
18th June	State Team Selection - Newcastle, 8:30am - 5pm
21st June	State Team Announcement
1st July	First State Championships Draw
1st July	State Championship Team Lists
15th July	Final State Championship Draw
29th - 31st July	State Championships NORTH: Taree, SOUTH: Moorebank
3rd - 16th October	National Championships (Hobart)

CONTACT THE COMMITTEE

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