

## 2016 HALF-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW

The draft draw has been released and sent to all Associations for checking – any errors/double ups are to be sent to the Committee for rectifying. The final draw will be sent on Friday, 15th July.

Please note that Helen and Nathan have considered all the Associations requests regarding age groups and divisions. These have combined to reduce 16 divisions to 11 competitive divisions to ensure an equitable draw, allowing a minimum of five games per team. Some divisions have been combined to decrease the need for byes and to create a viable competition. Both North and South have 11 divisions.

## ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Players need to be turning 35 years of age (1981) in 2016, or older, to play in the State Championships. If any player is not currently registered within an Association they may register via the Hockey NSW Masters –Association on the Hockey NSW Website to play in the Championships, at a cost of \$62.90.

# EOIS TO HOST 2017/18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Committee are seeking Expressions of Interest from any Associations to host the Half State Championships. More information is available from the Committee and we welcome any EOI.

### North - Taree <sup>64 Teams</sup>

Umpire/Manager meeting: 10.00 am at the fields. Additional Umpires: If an Association can't provide the required umpires there is a pool available – please contact Craig Colvin via Craig.J.Colvin@det.nsw.edu.au The payment of \$30 per game per umpire is to be made directly to the Umpire Coordinator prior to the Managers/ Umpire meeting.

**Tents:** The tent provider is R&B Marquee (02) 6552 3786 or Hire Port (02) 6583 1015. Associations who bring their own tent should liaise with the Taree Association.

**Opening Ceremony:** 12pm Friday **AGM:** This will be held on Friday at 5.30pm. Agenda items are to be sent to Gretchen Gamble via gretchengamble@hotmail.com for inclusion (both North and South AGM's will be held at 5.30pm). Minutes from the 2015 AGM can be found on the Hockey NSW website.

**Function:** The Championship dinner will be held at Club Taree on the Saturday night – the theme is Rio 2016.

#### South - Moorebank <sup>57 Teams</sup>

Umpire/Manager meeting: 9:00am at the fields. Additional Umpires: If an Association can't provide the required umpires there is a pool available – please contact Sue Cotterill via susancot30@gmail.com. The payment of \$30 per game per umpire is to be made directly to Sue at the Managers/Umpire meeting. Tents: Moorebank have a preferred supplier – please liaise with Sue Cotterill – if an Association wishes to bring their own a tent, please liaise with Sue to ensure you have a designated area to erect your tent.

#### Opening Ceremony:

**AGM:** This will be held on Friday at 5:30pm. Agenda items are to be sent to Gretchen via gretchengamble@hotmail.com for inclusion (both North and South AGM's will be held at 5.30pm). Minutes from the 2015 AGM can be found on the Hockey NSW website.

**Function**: The Moorebank function has been suspended due to lack of interest.



# WARATAH SERVICE AWARDS

Waratah Service Awards are given to people who have given outstanding service to Women's Masters in areas such as Development, Participation or Service to Their Association. Please look around your Association and see who has contributed over the past ten years or more and nominate them for these awards. Send your nominations, along with a detailed resume of achievements, to Helen via helenhtaylor43@bigpond.com by Thursday, 14th July 2016. The Women's Masters Committee will consider each nomination for presentation of the Waratah Service Award at the State Championships.

# SEVEN NSW MASTERS TEAMS HEADED TO HOBART -

On the 18th June, the Newcastle Hockey Centre hosted the 2016 Women's Master trails. The 12 independent selectors and OFP's had a busy day organising and selecting the seven (7) teams to represent NSW in Hobart at the Australian National Championships (3rd – 16th October 2016).

All selected team players and shadows received notification from Hockey NSW on Tuesday, 21st June and the pickup roster is now available to the other States.

The committee wish to thank the 12 selectors and all the players who took part in the trials and to congratulate those that have been gained selection (and shadows) to represent NSW in the teams ranging from Over 35s to the inaugural Over 65s.

## JUMPERS

Have you put in your jumper orders to Sue Abba? Sue may be able to source them now if you get your orders in ASAP. If possible, the jumpers will be presented during the Opening Ceremony at each venue. Please email Sue Abba at sue@peterabba.com.

#### 2016 WOMEN'S MASTERS EVENT TIMELINE -

DATE	EVENT
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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