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WOMEN'S MASTERS NEWSLETTER – 2ND FEBRUARY 2016

WEBPAGE

Women's Masters have a [newly updated webpage](#) on the Hockey NSW website. All policies, duties, descriptions, charter and documents for Women's Masters have been reviewed, updated and are now on the Hockey NSW website.

STATE TEAMS

This year Hockey NSW will be selecting seven State Teams: O35s, O40s, O45s, O50s, O55s, O60s and O65s at the trials in June.

2016 will see the introduction of the Over 65s age group. We ask that you encourage as many players as possible to stand for selection in these teams. Some players do not realise they ARE good enough to stand for selection so experienced players are asked to approach these skilled players and suggest they trial. The Nationals are wonderful Championships, providing enjoyment, camaraderie and competition.

The timeline for the selection day is being finalised and should be available soon. The selections are in Newcastle on Saturday 18th June, 8:30am – 5:00pm, utilising two turfs. Every opportunity will be given to all players in every age group to show their potential.

DIVISION OF ASSOCIATIONS

The division of Associations to go North/South [can be found on the Hockey NSW website](#). The allocation of Hunter to North and Metropolitan South West to South will be for 2016 only.

Please make sure your Association has booked their accommodation for the State Championships, which will run from Friday AM 29th July – Sunday PM 31st July, 2016. The starting time is dependent on the number of team nominations.

TEAM NUMBERING

All Associations will need to number their teams under their name – however, the old Associations may still wear their own uniforms as was the case in 2015. For example, Bathurst Association, which now includes Cowra, may enter six teams. Bath 1, 2, 4 & 5 may be in Bathurst's uniform and Bath 3 & 6 may be in Cowra's uniform. Some Association have already changed to their new uniforms but the changeover period will continue until 2017 to help amalgamations.

NON-PLAYING OFFICIALS

All non-playing officials (managers, coaches, umpires etc.) should register with Hockey NSW using the "**Hockey NSW 2016 Registration – Non-Playing Officials**" Subscription so that they are covered by insurance. The fee is \$25.28.

AGE JUMPERS/RUGBY TOPS

Don't forget to order your age jumpers/rugby tops for 2016 early so that Sue can purchase these tops and have them ready to be given out at the State Championships.

Jumpers/rugby tops are \$80.00 and come in different colours depending on age group:

- O50s: Navy
- O60s: Bottle green
- O70s: Maroon
- O75s: Pale blue woollen jumper

Your orders can be emailed to Sue Abba at sue@peterabba.com.

DATES FOR 2016

State Selection Trials: Saturday 18th June 8:30am – 5:00pm

State Championships: Friday AM 29th July – Sunday PM 31st July

Half-State Venues: -North: Taree
 -South: Moorebank

Australian Women's Masters Championships: Hobart, 3 – 16th October, 2016

Note that these dates are later than usual as there is an Irish Dancing Festival clashing with the original dates, making accommodation an issue.

Warm up well for the start of a wonderful season of hockey,

Gretchen, Jane & Helen

Women's Masters Committee