

2024 Hockey NSW Women's Masters Exemption Policy

5.1. If a player is unable to attend the NSW Women's Masters Trials and wishes to stand for selection they must complete the exemption form located on the Hockey NSW website and request an exemption from the Women's Masters Committee. The requirements for requesting an exemption are:

5.1.1. All requests for exemption must be in writing on the '*Exemption Form for NSW Women's Masters State Team Selections*' and must be received by the NSW Women's Masters Committee no later than 5.00pm, two weeks prior to the NSW Masters Trials.

5.1.2. If unforeseen circumstances preclude a player from fulfilling requirements of clause 5.1.1, the player should notify the Hockey NSW State Team Coordinator and Hockey NSW Master's Committee as soon as possible of these circumstances and submit a subsequent written request for exemption.

5.1.3. Requests for exemption must include evidence of the reason for the absence. In circumstances where a player is injured or suffering an illness, a doctor's certificate is required. In circumstances where a player has a work commitment, a letter stating such from the employer is required. In the event of a pre-booked holiday or activity, supporting documentation must be provided as evidence. In the event of bereavement or other extenuating circumstances, the Hockey NSW Women's Masters Committee will make a decision on an individual case basis. Players who request an exemption due to injury are expected to be in attendance at trials.

5.2. All athletes who are unable to attend the NSW Masters Trials due to a commitment with an Australian Masters team will be granted an automatic exemption.

5.3. If a player is unable to attend or participate in all aspects at selection trials or training sessions, they must request an exemption in order to remain eligible for consideration in the selection of the Squad/Team. Requirements of an exemption are as in 5.1, with evidence to be provided to the State Teams Coordinator and NSW Women's Masters Committee.

5.4. Players who request an exemption must provide an opportunity for selectors to view them playing in a game prior to the trials. Players who have not previously been selected in a Hockey NSW Masters Team and do not provide an opportunity to be viewed if they are unable to attend selection trials will not be considered for selection.

5.5. Other special circumstances for non-attendance at the selection trials will be considered by the Hockey NSW Women's Masters Committee on application and on a case by case scenario.

5.6. Should evidence arise that a player who has requested and been granted an exemption has provided false evidence, or been found playing in their local or regional associations competition on the day of the trials without prior approval of the Women's Masters Committee, their selection in the relevant team will be immediately revoked.