

MEMORANDUM



THE STATE HOCKEY CENTRE

Date: 3 April 2019
To: Member Associations and Women's Masters Delegates
From: HQ Board
Subject: 2019 Women's Masters – Qld Over 65 Team

ABN 64 244 695 151

Acknowledging the
support of the
Queensland Government
and the Queensland
Academy of Sport

The HQ Board endorses the Women's Masters Committee's decision to select two Over 60s Teams in 2019. This decision was taken prior to decision/s taken by Hockey Australia.

This decision is aimed at providing the opportunity for both Over 60s and Over 65s players of the required standard to compete for Queensland selection, and to provide a higher standard of experience for the Over 65s players who are of the required standard to represent Queensland and compete at the national level.

In 2019, HQ will call for nominations for the following age groups for Women's Masters – Over 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 Teams.

The HQ Board strongly encourages Over 65s players to trial and play for selection for the Over 60s teams at the 2019 WM trials and/or State Championships.

This is an operational matter that has been determined by the HQ Women's Masters Committee and endorsed by the HQ Board based on the following:

- the decreasing size of the eligible player group of required standard which is reducing 'selection' opportunities
- insufficient number of players with the physical capacity to successfully compete for the full championship to the required standard
- multiple years of team disharmony creating a negative experience for players and officials on tour, influenced by the variation in player capabilities
- ongoing complaints from Over 65s players regarding the standard of their team mates not meeting National Championship standards
- to further strengthen the development of Women's Masters and provide more positive playing and officiating experiences for all involved.

Selecting two Over 60s Teams increases the size of the player group for selection and provides more flexibility for selection of those players who are most deserving

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of a position in a Queensland team. Those players Over 65 who selectors deem capable of meeting all Championship requirements will be considered for selection in the Over 60s Teams. This approach aims to strengthen the National Championships competition experience for all players and officials.

The HQ Board supports the HQWM Committee's approach to the development of Women's Masters hockey, endorses this decision and encourages players Over 65 to nominate.

The HQ Board also clarifies the required communication protocol for all future correspondence. Where individual players are seeking information, their immediate point of contact for communication is their Association's Women's Masters Delegate. Where the Association WM Delegate is seeking information, the Delegate's immediate point of contact is the HQ Women's Masters Committee. Where this Committee is seeking information on behalf of HQ, the HQ Women's Masters Delegate's immediate point of contact is the HA Women's Masters Committee.

Further, a complaint may be lodged in writing in accordance with the communication protocol and the HA Member Protection Policy (adopted by HQ). Should a complaint lodged with the HQWM Committee remain, correspondence may then be directed to the HQ CEO. Should the complaint remain, the matter may then be escalated in writing to the HQ Board.

Therefore, the information for the 2019 HQ Women's Masters State Championships and selection for Queensland is outlined below.

We look forward to continually improving the experience of HQ Women's Masters players and officials.



Steve Stewart
President

2019 HA Women's Masters Championships - Gold Coast

Hockey Queensland has appointed coaches and managers for the following teams:

- Over 35, Over 40, Over 45, Over 50
- Over 55#1 and Over 55#2
- Over 60#1 and Over 60#2

Nominations for these teams will open on HQ website on 6th May and close at 10.00am on 31st May. Late nominations will not be accepted.

A \$25 non-refundable nominating fee is required when nominating.

Note:

Players who would be eligible for an Over 65 team are invited to nominate for an Over 60 team.

Prior to the HQ Championships, on Thursday 6th June, selection trials will be held in Mackay.

In 2018 three sets of trials were held, Goal Keeper (all ages), an Over 60/65 trial and an Over 55 trial.

In 2019 the trials have been extended to include an Over 45/50 trial.

The program for trials is as follows:

- 1.00pm Over 60 trial (including Over 60 and Over 65 players)
- 2.15pm Over 55 trial
- 3.30pm Over 45/50 trial (including Over 45 and Over 50 players)
- 7.00pm All ages – Goal Keepers

Note:

Attendance at trials is voluntary. However, to be eligible to play for Queensland, players must attend trials AND/OR play in the State Championships.

Players may also nominate and apply for an exemption.

Depending on the number of required standard nominations received in each age category, the selection panel may seek permission to vary the mix of teams that are finally selected.

Note:

A Hockey Queensland team will not be selected in an age category if insufficient nominations of the required standard are received.

Nominees who are not selected in a Queensland team are eligible for transfer to another State or Territory.



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Except in unusual circumstances, transfers to another State will not be granted to a player who has not nominated for Queensland eg. player has played for another state consecutively for their previous four representations at an Australian Championship.

Unselected players are also encouraged to continue their hockey participation by sourcing alternative events eg. Pan Pac Masters Games, Alice Springs Masters Games, Golden Oldies



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