

Wednesday 21st October 2015

Hockey NSW is pleased to announce the venues and dates for the 2016 Field State Championships.

Thank you to all members for your patience whilst we finalised next season's Championship calendar. It has been a busy period reviewing the 2015 Championships and also investigating some new opportunities.

Hockey NSW identified a number of opportunities associated with conducting our State Championships, particularly after promoting the profile of these events to various local government authorities in regional New South Wales.

Regional Associations and Councils are particularly interested in hosting participants and their families who would be attending the U13 and U15 State Championships. It is well-known that regions receive tremendous economic benefits from hosting large junior team events, particularly in regards to the provision of accommodation, catering and dining, as well as other essential services.

We will continue to implement the recommendations of previous Championship reviews in respect of minimum venue requirements for different championship sizes and formats.

OPENS WOMEN'S AND MEN'S, U18 GIRLS AND U18 BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hockey NSW will continue with the three turf preferred model with a 30 team maximum for the 2016 Field State Championships.

U13 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hockey NSW will continue to incorporate goalkeepers and player development sessions prior to the commencement of Day 1 of the Championships. These sessions will take place late afternoon and evening, featuring high level coaches assisting in the up-skilling of goal keepers and players as well as providing them with the support they need ahead of their first day of competition.

Further information will be provided to Associations in the early stages of 2016.

HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN REGIONAL CENTRES

Hockey NSW encourages members to contact the Tourist Information Centres operating in each of the regional centres hosting events in 2016. Tourist Information Centres provide a great, centralised resource for investigating accommodation options in their communities.

Please note, by accessing the local knowledge of Tourist Information Centre staff, accommodation options and room rates are not inflated.

LOCAL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

GRAFTON	Clarence River Visitor Information Centre Pacific Highway South Grafton Phone: 02 6642 4677	www.clarencetourism.com
ILLAWARRA	Southern Gateway Centre Information & Booking Centre Princes Highway, Bulli Phone: 02 4267 5910	www.visitwollongong.com
MACARTHUR	Campbelltown Visitors Centre Quondong Cottage 15 Old Menangle Road, Campbelltown Phone: 02 4645 4921	www.visitmacarthur.com.au
TAMWORTH	Peel Street Tamworth NSW 2340 Phone: 02 6767 5300	www.visittamworth.com
TAREE	Manning Valley Visitors Centre 21 Manning River Drive Taree North Phone: 02 6592 5444	www.manningvalley.info
WAGGA	Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre Tarcutta Street Wagga Wagga Phone: 02 6926 9621	www.waggawaggaaustralia.com.au
BATHURST	BATHURST VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 1 Kendall Avenue BATHURST NSW 2795	http://bathurstregion.com.au/visit-bathurst/

As part of our detailed annual review process, we will once again conduct an end-of-season survey of participants, supporters and officials from each age group and venue to gather insights on their experiences during the 2016 season.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this memo or the 2016 Field State Championships dates.

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Competitions and Officiating Manager

EVENT	DATE	HOST ASSOCIATION	LOCATION
Overs 35s Mens Masters	18 th – 20 th March	North West Sydney Hockey Association	Pennant Hills Pennant Hills Park, off Britannia St, Pennant Hills
Over 55s/63s Mens Masters	15th – 17th April	Newcastle Hockey Association	Newcastle International Hockey Centre Turton Road, Broadmeadow
U18 Boys	29th April – 1st May	Bathurst Hockey Association	Bathurst Hockey Complex Lion's Drive, Bathurst
U18 Girls	6th-8th May	Metropolitan South West Hockey Association	Macarthur Regional Complex Millwood Ave, Narellan
Over 50s Mens Masters	20 th – 22 nd May	Bathurst Hockey Association	Bathurst Hockey Complex Lion's Drive, Bathurst
U15 Boys	27th -29th May	Tamworth Hockey Association	Tamworth Hockey Complex, Greg Norman Drive, Tamworth
Open Men	11th-13th June	Metropolitan South West Hockey Association	Junction Road, Moorebank
Open Women	11th-13th June	Metropolitan South West Hockey Association	Macarthur Regional Complex Millwood Ave, Narellan
Over 45s Mens Masters	17 th – 19 th June	Illawarra South Coast Hockey Association	Illawarra Credit Union Hockey Stadium, Waples Road, Unanderra
U15 Girls	24 th – 26 th June	Manning Valley Hockey Association	Taree Recreational Centre, Recreational Lane, Taree
U13 Girls	30th June - 3rd July	Wagga Wagga Hockey Association	Jubilee Park Wagga Wagga
U13 Boys	7 th -10 th July	Grafton Hockey Association	Grafton Hockey Centre Fisher Park, Oliver Street, Grafton
Over 40s Mens Masters	15 th - 17 th July	Metropolitan South West Hockey Association	Junction Road, Moorebank
Women's Masters Half State (North)	29th-31st July*	Manning Valley Hockey Association	Taree Recreational Centre, Recreational Lane, Taree
Women's Masters Half State (South)	29th-31st July*	Metropolitan South West Hockey Association	Junction Road, Moorebank

NB *Thursday afternoon games may be needed depending on team numbers.