



NEWCASTLE WOMEN'S MASTERS

Taree, 29-31 July 2016

Newsletter No. 1

CLUB CONTACTS, PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING ON TO ALL SENIOR PLAYERS

Nominations:

Attached is a nomination form to represent Newcastle District Women's Hockey Association at the upcoming NSW Masters Championships to be held in Taree from 26-28 July 2016.

Please complete and return the nomination form to the NDWHA Representative Convenor, Ros Cheetham, at rep@ndwha.com.au by **Friday, 6 May 2016**. No late nominations will be accepted as per the Rules of NDWHA.

Umpire, coach and manager nominations are also due by Friday, 6 May 2016.

All players are required to pay \$110 in nomination fees. Please pay this by direct deposit into the NDWHA Account:

BSB : 012-780

Account No. 2065-88567

Please send a copy of your receipt to the Treasurer of NDWHA at: treasurer@ndwha.com.au.

Teams:

NDWHA plan to nominate 5 teams at this year's championships but this is dependent upon the number of nominations. Please pass this information and form to anyone you know that would be interested.

Trials will be held for players wishing to be selected in the 35, 40 and 45 No. 1 sides. Also requested to attend trials are any players who have not attended a Masters Championship with Newcastle in the last two years. The date and time of the trials will be advised following the closing of nominations.

A 50's side will only be entered if sufficient, eligible players nominate for that age group. I hear that there is a group looking at this, so if you are interested please advise on the nomination form.

Costs:

As we are currently in the preliminary stages of organising, we are not yet able to advise costs. We will advise as soon as possible. Going on previous years, the cost for the weekend should not exceed \$300.

Competition:

It is expected that games will commence on Friday, 29 July, at 10am, therefore players and officials should make arrangements to be in Taree by that time.

Uniforms:

As we are now all part of Hockey Newcastle, a uniform change will occur in the coming year or so, but for this year Masters players will continue to wear the NDWHA uniform. If you do not have a uniform, shirts are \$40, skirts \$35 and socks \$10. Following team allocation, all players will be contacted regarding their uniform requirements and, if they already have a uniform, the number on their shirt to prevent player number double ups in any team.

All players are welcome to purchase any of the following accessory articles - plenty of stock available:

- Hoodie – sizes are very large, therefore order a smaller size than usual - \$60
- Track pants – sizes are normal to a little bit big - \$50
- Track top – sizes are large - \$60
- Socks - \$10

Accommodation & Events:

We will be staying at the Meridian Resort at Old Bar in 2 and 3 bedroom townhouses. Please let me know who you would like to share your room and townhouse with. The accommodation committee will attempt to meet all requests. Due to the expected high number of players attending, partners and families cannot be accommodated, therefore if you wish to bring your partners or family, please arrange your own accommodation.

Accommodation is booked for Friday and Saturday night only, therefore if anyone requires accommodation on Thursday night, please let me know so the appropriate bookings can be made.

Friday night is usually taken up with a team dinner - managers to arrange.

Saturday night is the Association Dinner. The tombola present this year will commence with the letter "T". No dress/party theme has been set for the dinner, so if anyone has any ideas, please let me know. I hear that last year's theme of Bollywood was lots of fun.

Also at this year's dinner we are going to include a presentation of State jumpers. These are available to Masters' players upon reaching the following age brackets. The colour of the jumper changes with the age bracket as you can see below. Jumpers cost \$80 and need to be ordered by 29 April. If you have a reached a certain age and not yet received a jumper but would like to, please let me know your age bracket and the size required and a bulk order will be made.

Over 50s: navy with gold writing
Over 60s: bottle green with silver writing
Over 70s: maroon with cream writing
Over 75s: sky blue woollen jumper with coloured waratah

NSW Newsletter:

The NSW Women's Masters Committee regularly puts a newsletter with updated information. These newsletters and other Masters' related matters can be found on the Hockey NSW website via the following link:

<http://hockeynsw.com.au/Masters/Womens-Masters>

The National Titles this year are in Hobart from 3-16 October. A reminder for those players wishing to nominate for the State Championships, nominations must be in by 3 June 2016. Trials will be in Newcastle on Saturday, 18 June.

Things to do:

- **Nominations close 6 May** – complete and return attached form to rep@ndwha.com.au
- Nomination payment – send copy to treasurer@ndwha.com.au
- Advise your uniform requirements, shirt number and accommodation – to myself at lhi31042@bigpond.net.au
- **State Jumper orders close 29 April** so let me know asap!!