



2015 Jan NEWSLETTER

An update from our Jan 2015 Annual General Meeting held on the 19th January and other information of interest.

1. Elected Positions for Association 2015

Thank you to the members who attended the Annual General Meetings of the Board of Management and the Sub Committees
Your Management Team for 2015 are
Board of Management

President: Craig Colvin

Vice President: Bronny Fuller

Treasurer: Doug Davidson

Secretary: John Surees

Mens Representatives: Dave Muscatt and Dylan Turner

Womens Representatives: Lyn Turner and Deb Monk

Junior Representatives: Shaun Muldoon and Adam Birkefeld

Men's Chairperson: Dylan Turner

Assistant Secretary: Richard Johnson

Women's Chairperson: Michelle Collier

Assistant Secretary: Marlene Masters

Please Note: No executive Positions were filled at the Junior AGM. Members please think about how this situation can be remedied.

Junior Umpire Coordinator Bridy Wiley

Junior Representative Team Coordinator: Marion Parvin

Coaches and Managers for 2015

Under 15 Girls Representative Team Coach Leanne Yarnold and Manager Fiona Coleman

Under 15 Boys Representative Team Coach Steven Parvin and Manager Marion Parvin

Under 18 Boys Representative Team Coach Shaun Fuller

Junior Match Committee

Sharks Marion Parvin

Wingham: Timothy Lestrangle

Tigers: TBA

Cougars: Katrina Green

Chatham: Stephanie Johnson

Meeting Times for BOM and Sub Committees as per last year ie.

Men 1st Monday in the month

Womens 2nd Tuesday in the month

BOM Meeting last Monday in the Month

Junior Division Playing Rules

There has been an intensive review of the Junior Playing Rules that have been circulated by Tony Lewi who will facilitate **a meeting on the 28th Feb 2015 at 7pm at the Taree Hockey Centre Clubhouses**. Written ammendments must be submitted by 28th Feb 2015 by 6 pm.

“Life” for Marlene Masters

Congratulations to Marlene on being awarded Life Membship of Manning Valley Hockey Association. Her critique can be found n our Hall of Fame section on the Association Web Page.

Face Masks

A directive from FIH

“Over recent months the FIH have been reviewing the risks and safety issues around the wearing of protective headgear by defenders at penalty corners. The relevant part of the Rules of Hockey 2015 has changed from the previous edition, and the below should be noted

- Metal grilled masks are not prohibited from being worn, as well as there being a lifting of the ban on certain other types of face masks.
- Wearing of face masks which are consistent with the underlying spirit of the amended rule and its guidance should be allowed.

· Since this Rules change was agreed by the Executive Board, FIH has been looking more closely at previously banned face masks and the examples shown in the attached photographs, in line with the Rules of Hockey 2015, are now deemed acceptable to be worn by defenders at penalty corners.



Please distribute as required, but at a minimum please ensure the Team Managers for upcoming State Championships are provided with these details so that they are aware of the changes.

If there are any further queries on this subject please contact the Events Team on 9764 1911”

It is strongly recommended under our Risk Assessment thatour members encourage players to wear Facemasks defending corners.



“Retirees”

Jane and Di did not seek reelection for positions on the Board of Management. On behalf of the members I would thank both ladies for their contributions to hockey in the Manning Valley.

Photo courtesy of Doug Davidson

Joint Match Committee Meeting

Match Committee Members please note meeting would be held on **17th February, 2015 at 7pm** at the Club House. This is an important meeting as there needs to be discussion on competition dates and a Joint Draw.

Wheels for Turf Goals and Gate on western side fence near dugouts at Alan aylor Field

I have instructed an engineering firm to attach the wheels onto the goals so they can be moved during training on the turf fields. Also as a result of request by many people we will also put a gate on the fence at the Alan Taylor Field so there is easy access to the scoreboard.

Regional Coaching Coordinator

The Club Presidents and Secretaries have met our newly appointed RCC for 2015

He is Greg Doolan and hails from Tamworth. He is very passionate, has many years of experience and will be responsible for maintaining relationships and ensuring Associations are being effectively serviced and all KPI's are met. I'm sure you will make him feel welcome. He will be here for three days per week. His other areas of responsibility is Newcastle and Central Coast.

HockeyNSW's focus this year is recruitment of Under 9 players and retention of under 18 players.

The community Coach Accreditation through HNSW is free but I have heard some members have had trouble accessing the site.

Centre of Development

Aimed at under 9 and under 11 and will be conducted over 4 weeks before the competition begins. We are giving the program our turf free of charge to help keep the cost down. When it will begin has not been decided by HNSW.

Photo ID's

All members of HNSW will have a photo ID. And they will be organising it.

Fees

These have been set by HNSW. The BOM has been working on setting our fees and will be discussed and finalised at the next BOM Meeting at the end of this month.



Gala Day for Primary Schools students

Craig has been liaising with Chatham Public School to conduct a gala day at the hockey centre. **Clubs will be asked to provide volunteers** to help out on the day. A possible program is skills tabloid in the morning with small groups and mini games in the afternoon. Input from members would be appreciated.

2015 Centre of Development for U9s and U11s.

This information has been sent out but I will include it here for your interest

Why should I join my local CoD?

- A great introduction or extension of skills in a sport that is fun, active and challenging
- An opportunity to learn and grow with like-minded individuals under the supervision of Hockey NSW accredited coaches
- A strong connection with the other high performance and development programs offered by Hockey NSW
- Consistent, weekly training in your local area
- Giveaways from Hockey NSW

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	Under 9s	Under 11s
Cost per player (incl. GST and admin fee)	\$68.90	\$92.00

For the first time, entrants to this year's Centre of Development also have the chance to WIN 1 of 20 Kookaburra Pro Player Promotional Packs valued at \$600 including:

A Kookaburra Playing Stick (your choice of length)

A Kookaburra Stick Bag

A Kookaburra Ball

A Kookaburra Tristan White poster

A Hockey NSW Waratahs or Arrows playing top

Hockey Rules for 2015

I put the PDF File on Association Facebook Page

Trial Matches

Saturday 31st Jan 9 am to 11 am - training for Tigers Newcastle Premier League side and Macquarie University side are training on turf. 1pm they will play trial matches against each other as well as our Chatham A Grade team. They train again at 4 pm. On Sunday 1st Feb they will train again. Umpires are needed for the matches (Contact Dylan Turner). James Birkefeld trains both visiting teams. Spectators are welcome

Fields Closed for Turf Maintenance

Sports clean will be carry out routine maintenance of our fields on Wednesday 4th February 2015 for the whole day.

Regards and welcome back to hockey for 2015

John

Friday, 23 January 2015