

**2017 Australian UWH National Championships  
Initial Information and Invitation**

**2017 AUSTRALIAN  
UNDERWATER HOCKEY  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**



UNDERWATER HOCKEY QUEENSLAND

**Gold Coast, QLD**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Palm Beach Aquatic Centre  
1 Thrower Drive, Palm Beach, QLD

QLD extends a warm invitation to all states to join us for some sun, fun and fabulous underwater hockey on the southern end of the Gold Coast for the 2017 National Championships

This document is intended to provide the initial information for teams to help plan their time and begin preparations as well as contact information for queries.



## Venue

Palm Beach Aquatic Centre (Palm Beach Olympic Pool on Google)  
1 Thrower Drive, Palm Beach QLD  
[www.palmbeachac.com.au](http://www.palmbeachac.com.au)

This venue has one of the best underwater hockey pools in Australia. The pool is fully tiled with fast bottom tiles and standard UWH court marking in colours. As the pool is reasonably new the tile surface is clean and smooth. The courts are full competition size and play is width-wise across the pool with 3 walls and a barrier on the 4<sup>th</sup> side. Substitution will be in-water. Warm up lanes will be provided between the two courts.

This is an outdoor venue with a large grassed area, limited tables and shaded areas next to the pool. The competition will be in the middle of the Queensland summer so teams should consider sun protection when planning. Marquees will be installed to shade the teams while at the venue. The pool provides the usual canteen for food and drinks. External food shops are a 10 – 15 minutes walk from the pool.



## Travel

Gold Coast Airport: is within 15 minutes drive from the venue.

Brisbane Airport: is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes drive from the venue.

## Accommodation

There is plenty of accommodation on the southern end of the Gold Coast ranging from cabins within camping grounds, family apartments to high-end hotels.

## Team Costs

TBA – for initial planning, similar to previous years are expected.

## Format

The games will follow the standard format of previous Nationals as required by Underwater Hockey Australia. Individual number of games per team will depend on final team numbers.

It is envisaged the following categories will be contested in QLD:

- Open Elite
- Women Elite
- Open Masters
- Junior U19
- Junior U15

## Puck

We will be using the SIMMS puck, which is great for fast tiled bottoms and was the chosen puck for a number of World Championships in the past. There will be pucks available for practice at the competition.

## Game Times and Events

The timing of games has to work around the swim squad training, which is a permanent fixture in the pool – Matches will be worked around available pool time but may require games running into the evening.

7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Pool Set-up, Team Practice, Referee Course, Opening Ceremony and UWHA Meeting

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Jan: Round Robin Games

13<sup>th</sup> Jan: Finals, Australian Selections, Closing Ceremony & Awards Presentations and After Party

## Functions

Senior and a Junior post game events will be planned for the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.

## Notification Deadlines

<u>31<sup>st</sup> July 2016:</u>	Initial feedback (Number of teams and Divisions)
<u>Early September:</u>	Team Nominations and Registration Payments
<u>Mid November:</u>	Team Lists and Final team/player Payments

## Competition and Game Enquires

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