

2018 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships
Initial Information

**AUSTRALIAN UNDERWATER HOCKEY
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Tuesday 9th – Saturday 13th January 2018

HBF Stadium - Perth, WA



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Welcome

The WA Underwater Hockey Commission extends a very warm welcome to all states to compete in the 2018 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships to be held in January 2018 at HBF Stadium, Perth.

The following document will provide you with all the initial information you need with final costing and details to be released to states by the end of August.

If you have any questions regarding the 2018 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships, please forward them to Sarah Walker – Event Manager (uwhnationals2018@gmail.com). State reps/team managers please contact Sarah for any information regarding the Nationals. Players should contact their state reps/team managers beforehand to save Sarah getting the same questions over and over.

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Venue

HBF Stadium,
100 Stephenson Avenue,
Mount Claremont,
WA 6010
<https://www.hbfstadium.com.au/>



HBF Stadium (formerly known as Challenge Stadium) is a world class facility boasting three 50m pools, a gymnastics training centre, a gym, crèche, cafe, dive pool and a water polo pool. The indoor 8-lane pool is a championship pool used for many high-level swimming competitions. It is a depth of 2m and is heated to 26.5 degrees. The dive pool, half of which is at a depth of 3m, is heated to 27.5 degrees.

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Format

The games format will follow the format recommended by the Australian Underwater Hockey Commission.

Nationals Games Format						
Teams	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rounds	6	3	2	2	1.2	1
RR Games	6	9	12	20	21	21
Finals Games	1	1	2	2	4	4
Total Games	7	10	14	22	25	25
RR Games/Team	6	6	6	8	7	6
Max Total Games/Team	7	7	8	10	9	8

Categories

The following categories will be contended at the 2018 Australian National Championships

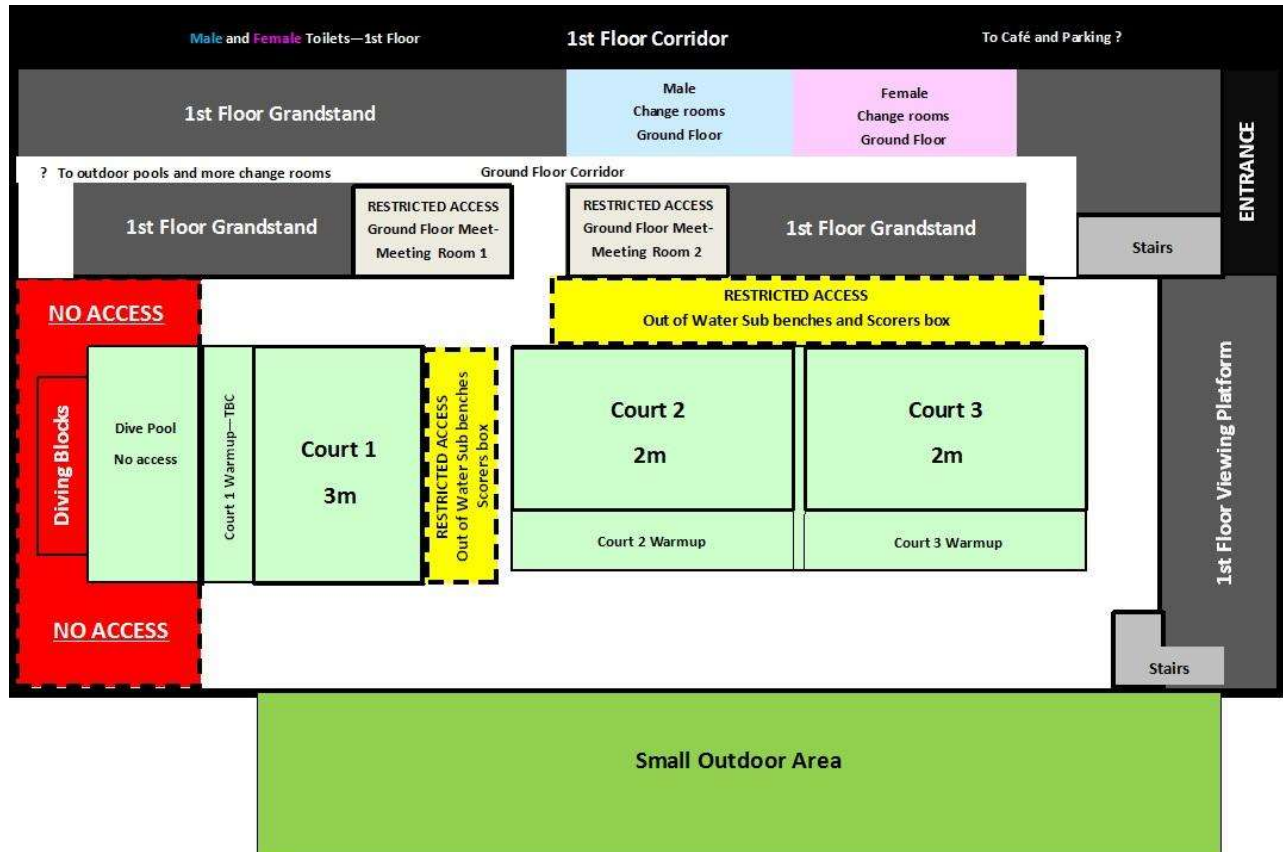
Open Elite
Women Elite
Open Masters
U19 Open
U19 Girls
U15 Open

Pool Layout

The 2018 Australian Championships will take place using 3 courts running simultaneously. Out of Water substitution will be employed in all courts. All courts will have temporary markings used for the duration of the tournament.

Court 1: Used for all Elite Men's and Elite Woman's games

Court 2 and Court 3: Used for U15's, U19's and Masters games.



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Cost

The final costs for the 2018 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships are still being finalised.
We are aiming to release these by the 15th of August along with the team and individual registration forms.
Expect costs to be similar to recent Nationals.

2017 figures

Senior Team: \$850
Junior team: \$750
Senior Player: \$100
Junior Player: \$80
Referee: \$85
UHA: \$35

Payment Schedule

The key to this payment schedule is communication. If any state needs more time, please contact us and we will work something out.



Tournament Schedule

Note: Australian team training camp for Elite/Masters teams may be held prior to or after Nationals 2018. This is yet to be confirmed.

Monday 8th	Pool Set-Up
Tuesday 9th	8AM Optional Team Training
	1PM Referees & Captains Meeting
	2:30PM Opening Ceremony at HBF Stadium
	4PM RR Day 1
Wednesday 10th	RR Day 2
Thursday 11th	RR Day 3
Friday 12th	AM RR Day 4
	PM Semi-Finals
Saturday 13th	8AM Finals
	1PM Australian Team Selections
	2:30PM Closing Ceremony and Medal Presentations
	7PM Senior and Junior Functions

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Functions

Function costs and locations are still being finalised by the committee. We intend to have this completed by the end of August; State Reps will be notified once a decision has been made. The committee intends to keep costs of functions to a minimum to ensure affordability for all competitors and associated parties.

Volunteers

As with any competition, many hands make light work. The organising committee is calling out for anyone who may be coming to the Nationals as a non-player who would be keen to help out during the competition to help at the score desk to ensure that players can use their non-playing time to relax and unwind. We will work around their schedule and commitments. An hour of volunteer time a day adds up over the entire comp. Any interested parties are asked to contact the event manager on uwhnationals2018@gmail.com.

Puck

The Competition Organisers are currently undertaking a cost-benefit analysis to determine the Competition Puck to be used throughout the Championships. It will either be the Super Soft Orange Puck or the Simms Puck. Pucks will be made available for warm ups. No other pucks are to be used in the pool at any time.

Filming

The Competition Organisers are still in negotiation with various parties about how we will go about this. Once a decision has been made all State Reps will be notified.

Team Training

Limited team training will be available between 8am and 12pm on Tuesday 9th in 30 min blocks at a cost of \$50 per court, per 30 min block. State Reps - please indicate the number of 30min blocks you would like by the 1st of December. The schedule will be released with the Competition Draw.

Referees

As in previous years, the intention is to use as many Non-Playing Referees as possible. During the team's registration process, States will be asked to name the number of appropriate amount of non-playing referees as suggested by Underwater Hockey Australia.

Referee Course

If enough interest is shown, a Level 1 and/or Level 2 Referee Course may be held prior to the beginning of the National Championships. States will be asked to express interest at a later date.

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Local Amenities

Shops/Supermarkets

- Floreat Forum is a 5 minute drive from the pool. A petrol station, café's and supermarkets can be found here.
- Claremont Quarter (7 min drive from the pool) and Westfield Innaloo (12 minute drive from the pool) are the closest Shopping Malls to the pool. They contain a variety of different retail stores as well as food outlets and supermarkets.

Medical facilities

- Emergency Department located at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, only a 9-minute drive from the pool.
- After Hours GP Clinic located at St John of God Subiaco Hospital, only a 6-minute drive from the pool.

Dive Stores

- Dive Superstore, Mount Hawthorn
- Perth Diving Academy, Balcatta

Places of Interest

- Elizabeth Quay
- Kings Park
- Scarborough beach
- Cottesloe Beach
- Fremantle
- Rottnest Island
- Perth Zoo
- Swan Valley
- Wembley Golf Course

Use the link below to find an interactive map with all of the above locations plus the accommodation options provided on the following page.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1K5JDu7jIQ3A2osiKNLzz4seuLPo&usp=sharing>

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Accommodation

Please see below a range of accommodation options within easily accessible distance from HBF stadium. The number of rooms available were at the time of inquiry and may differ as no rooms are being held on reserve. It is up to states to contact and book accommodation for their teams. It is highly recommended to book as soon as possible to secure the best available accommodation at a reasonable price.

<p><u>St Georges College</u> Student Accommodation at UWA on the banks of the Swan River. 12 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms: 90 single rooms with shared bathroom facilities, Cost: \$75/night, inclusive of breakfast each day. All 3 meals can be provided by the college at \$100 per person per night.</p>	<p><u>Beatty Lodge</u> Dormitory style accommodation located in West Perth. 12 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms: 3-bed, 4-bed and 6-bed dormitories with access to shared bathrooms and kitchen facilities. Cost: \$23-25 per person per night They also have lots of twin and single rooms available at an increased price. At an extra price Beatty Lodge offers catering options, including full board.</p>
<p><u>Quest Scarborough</u> Apartment style accommodation at Scarborough Beach. 10 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms and Cost: 2-bedroom apartment (4-single beds) - \$400/night 1-bedroom apartment (2 single beds) - \$220/night May negotiate prices for groups</p>	<p><u>Seashells Scarborough</u> Apartment style accommodation at Scarborough Beach. 10 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms and Cost: 3-bedroom apartments (sleeps up to 6 guests) - \$400/night 2-bedroom superior apartments (sleeps up to 4 guests) – \$340/night 2-bedroom collections apartments (sleeps up to 4 guests) for \$315/night May negotiate prices for groups</p>
<p><u>Mountway Holiday Apartments</u> Apartment style accommodation in West Perth. 12 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms and Costs: Triple Room (3 singles) - \$90/night Triple Room (1 double, 2 singles) - \$120/night This is a group discount rate so let them know it is for Underwater Hockey. They currently have availability for over 100 people.</p>	<p><u>Comfort Inn & Suites Goodearth Perth</u> Apartment style accommodation in East Perth. 20 minutes from HBF Stadium by car. Rooms and Costs: Family/Double Suite (each sleeping up to 4 guests) are \$60 per person per night 2-bedroom apartments (sleeping up to 4 guests) are \$80 per person per night. A cooked buffet breakfast can be added at an additional price of \$15 per person.</p>