

2020 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships
– Initial Information Pack

AUSTRALIAN UNDERWATER HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sydney, NSW

19 – 24 January 2020

Knox Grammar Aquatic Centre, Wahroonga

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Welcome

The NSW Underwater Hockey Commission extends a very warm welcome to all states to compete in the 2020 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships to be held in January 2020 at the Knox Grammar School Aquatic centre. The pool will be set up similar to 2015 nationals with differing court types for both juniors and seniors.

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

If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships please forward them to me and I will be able to put you in touch with the relevant contact person.

Regards,

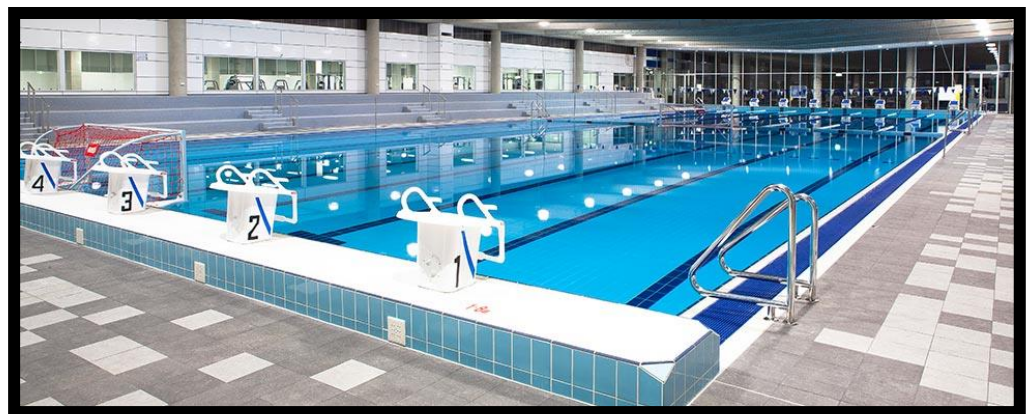
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Dates

19th - 24th January
2020

Venue

The Knox Grammar
Aquatic Centre
Senior School Campus
7 Woodville Avenue,
Wahroonga



The Knox aquatic centre was opened in August 2011 and is a world class facility. The Indoor, heated, eight lane 50m Olympic length pool has seating for over 500 spectators and competitors. The centre uses a cutting-edge ultra violet and DE filtration system ensuring pristine water quality and low levels of chlorine. No canteen facilities are available at present, however vending machines are available.

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Pool layout

The 2020 Australian championships will take place using 2 courts running simultaneously. In water substitution will be employed in both courts.

Both courts will have temporary markings used for the duration of the tournament.

COURT 1: Used for all Elite Men's and Elite women's games and some Masters Games

Court size: 21m x 15 m

Court Depth: 2.00 m

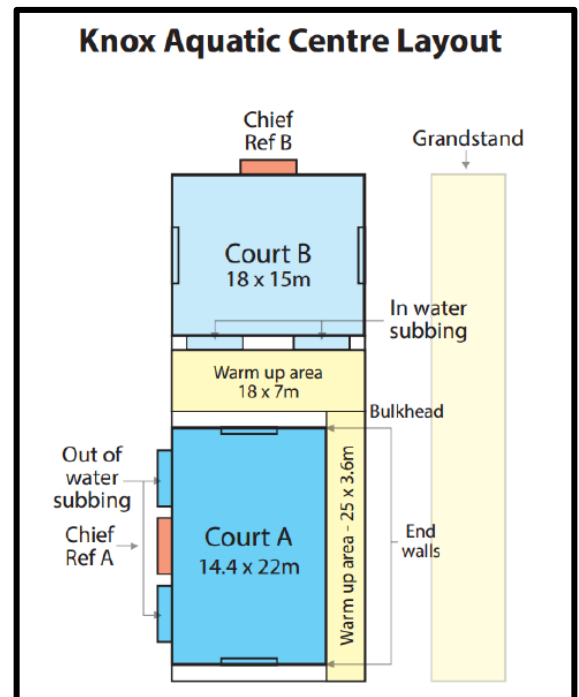
Court 1 will use three temporary side/end boundaries and one permanent side boundary.

COURT 2: Used for U19, U15 and some Masters games

Court size: 21mx 15m

Court Depth: 1.80 m

Court 2 will use three permanent boundaries and one temporary side boundary



Puck

The puck used throughout the championships will be the GB Simms Puck (2013 Worlds Puck). Other super soft pucks may be used in the pool, however some of these other style pucks do not suit the bottom. Pucks will be made available for warm ups



Filming

As per recent nationals, all games will be streamed live on the Underwater Hockey Australia Youtube channel, with streaming services kindly provided by UHA.

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Format

The games format is will follow that recommended by the Australian Underwater Hockey Commission, however **in the event that in a division has 6 or more teams a double round robin will occur, permitted organisers can facilitate within the time booked at the pool.** In turn, this means that Round Robin games will occur on Day 0 of the competition (19th), which previously been used for training.

National Games format						
No. teams	2	3	4	5	6	7
No. Rounds	6	3	2	2	1.2	1
No. RR Games	6	9	12	20	21	21
Finals	1	1	2	2	4	4
Total Games	7	10	14	22	25	25

Categories

The following categories will be contended at the 2020 Australian Championships:

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

International teams are also welcome to attend, however will be ineligible for medals.

Costs

The committee is currently finalising final costs for the 2020 Australian Underwater Hockey championships. We are aiming to release these by mid August along with the initial team and individual registration forms.

For initial planning, costs will be similar - if not less than recent years.

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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

End of August (30/08/19)	Initial feedback due (no of teams and divisions)
Mid October (18/09/19)	Team Fees Due Team Nominations Due Accommodation Deposit Due
End of November (29/11/19)	Individual Fees Due Individual Registrations Due UHA Capitation fee Due Referee Levy Due
Mid December (20/12/19)	Function Money Due

Functions

Function location costs and locations are still being finalised by the committee. We intend to have this done by mid August; state team contacts will be notified by the convenor once a decision has been made

Tournament Timetable

19th	Day 0	Pool Set Up + Training + Referee Course + Training + Opening Ceremony
20 th	Day 1	Round Robin
21st	Day 2	Round Robin
22nd	Day 3	Round Robin
23rd	Day 4	Round Robin + Semi Finals
24th	Day 5	Finals + Aust Team Selections + Medal Presentation + Closing Function

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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 comp 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 a day adds up over the entire comp. Any interested parties are asked to contact the Games Convenor.

Referees

Such as previous years the intention to use as many Non Playing referees as possible. During the team registration process, States will be asked to name the number of appropriate amount of NPR's as suggested by Underwater Hockey Australia

Referee Course

If enough interest is shown a Level 1 and/or Level 2 Referee Course will be held on the morning of the 19th January.

Local Amenities

The Wahroonga High Street is approximately 10 minutes walk from the pool. A petrol station and small independent food businesses can be found. (Bakers Delight/Chicken Shop/Chinese/ Fruit shop, etc)

Westfield Hornsby is less than a 10 minute drive north or 15 minute train away and has everything you will need.

Coles Turrumurra is less than a 10 minute drive south.

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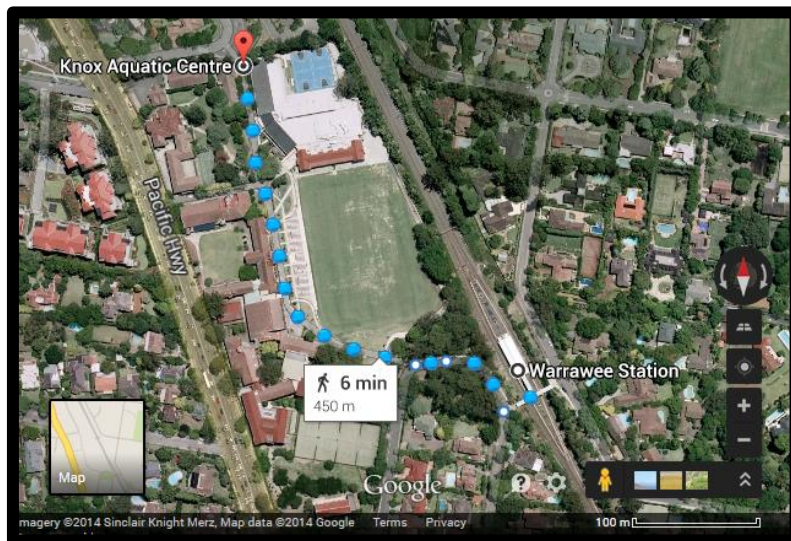
Universal bus train ferry timetable tool and fare calculator <http://www.transportnsw.info/>

Sydney Northern Train line Map

http://www.sydneytrains.info/stations/network_map



Directions to Pool from Warrawee Station



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Getting around Sydney with a Car

Sydney has a lot of toll roads so bring your E-Tag/Pass or register your number plate with RMS. Some tolls close in Sydney are up to \$10 and the penalties are much more. Between the pool and airport there are only 2 tolls that should apply and there are no tolls between Chatswood or North Ryde and the pool. Most hire car companies should have E-tags provided but best to double check, particularly with mini-vans.