

# UNDERWATER HOCKEY NATIONALS

Gold Coast, Australia  
9-14<sup>th</sup> April 2022



## Information Pack

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The Australian Underwater Federation of  
Queensland



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# Gold Coast

Offering 21 beaches along 57km's and on the opposite side to the beach is a subtropical hinterland. The date of the event will be from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> with finals finishing on 14<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be the Gold Coast Commonwealth Aquatic Centre, Southport.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXYKeZgTR2I>

The Gold Coast is a great place to discover on foot or on two wheels. There are more than 1000km of dedicated bike paths, including the 48km Darren Smith Memorial Route that runs from Coolangatta in the south to Paradise Point in the north. [Show me how to get around the Gold Coast](#)

The G:link light rail, which opened in 2014, stretches from [Southport](#) to [Surfers Paradise](#) to [Broadbeach](#), with trams running every seven to 15 minutes. There are more than 60 bus routes through the Gold Coast that connect almost every suburb, and trains run through major centres such as Helensvale, Nerang, Robina and Varsity Lakes.

**Things to do** <https://www.destinationgoldcoast.com/>

## COVID Update

There remains ongoing uncertainty around Australia's path through COVID and interstate travel. We understand this makes tournament attendance and organising complex. We have postponed the event from its original January dates to ensure we can promote maximal attendance across all states. We have also worked hard to ensure we could align our competition dates with the majority of state school holidays. Given current Qld border controls it will be highly likely that interstate travelers entering our state will require full COVID vaccination. Our tournament will have a COVID safety plan to proceed and this will be communicated closer to the tournament dates to reflect up to date health recommendations.

We are still making every attempt to book commitments with refundable deposits.

If cancellation occurs, all AUFQ collected payments will be refunded.

If postponement occurs, AUFQ will retain entry fees for the new scheduled date.



**Key Contacts:**

**AUFQ President:** Russell Cox

**AUFQ UWH Commissioner/Tournament Organiser** Kate Howard,  
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*Please utilise the UWH National's specific email for correspondence.*

**Important Dates:**

15.1.22 Team Registration due

15.2.22 Approval for State Bathers (via Underwater Hockey Australia)

15.2.22 Team fees due

15.2.22 Permission for Non-residential Players applications due

27.2.22 Player, referee and UHA Capitation fee due

21.2.22 Feedback by UHA re: Non-residential player outcomes

### **Cost Breakdown:**

AUFQ will be working off similar yearly costing, utilizing every effort to reduce these further to promote maximal attendance.

Team fee: Adult \$850, Junior \$700

Individual fee: Adult \$100, Junior \$80

UHA fee: Referee Levy \$85, UHA levy \$35

### **Categories:**

The Australian Nationals will include U15 open, U19 open, Women's and Elite Open's and Master's open divisions.

If there is an opportunity for an U23's please register your states intent and if its feasible we will progress with this grade also.

National Games format						
<b>No. teams</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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

### **Opening ceremonies:**

Most likely will be held at the pool or a close local venue.

### **Final Party:**

TBC (max budget \$100pp adults, less for juniors)

### **Team Training:**

Pool time will be available in 45min slots on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> (12-4pm) - Pricing TBC

### **Filming:**

The current plan is to utilise the UHA Filming software to broadcast live games on YouTube.

### **Volunteers:**

We know that nationals are only successful because of the people power behind the scenes. We are calling out for anyone who will be available during the competition to facilitate marshalling, goal scoring and filming.

There is potential for fulltime volunteers to have local accommodation provided.

Please contact the organizers if you are able to volunteer in any capacity, email above.

## Referees:

The UHA chief referee will work closely with states to facilitate non-playing referees in the first instance. If you are interested and available to referee, please email

[jesscowen2000@gmail.com](mailto:jesscowen2000@gmail.com)

## Facilities

The Southport Aquatic Centre

2 x Full size UWH courts (at each end of the 50m competition pool) with clear Perspex walls and in water subbing. Warm up area will be available in between courts for a designated time prior to games. The pool depth is 2M.

The puck will be the British Simms.



1. Aquatic Centre 2. Large Parklands 3. Local Shopping Centre 4. G-Link Tram stop



### Medical Support

Lifeguards will be present every day during the competition for minor concerns.

Doctor Appointment - open 8am-10pm daily (178 Nerang St, Southport. Ph 5680 0000)

Closest Hospital - Gold Coast University Hospital (1 Hospital Blvd, Southport)

### Local Supermarkets / Shopping Centre

**Australia Fair Shopping Centre:** This large shopping centre 5 minutes' walk from the pool venue contained large supermarkets, post office, department stores and cinemas. Undercover parking in the centre is free for <3 hours.

**Harbour Town Outlet:** A large outdoor shopping centre with "outlet/Discount" stores for fashion, sporting wares, food and cinemas 10 minutes' drive from the pool. Outdoor parking is free.

**Pacific Fair Shopping Centre:** A large resort style shopping centre, opposite the casino and on the last stop on the G-Link Tram line.

## Accommodation

There is an abundance of accommodation around the Gold Coast. The Aquatic Centre is on the northern end of the Gold Coast, but easily linked by a short drive or tram ride providing vast opportunities of where to base a team.

- [Southport Holiday Rentals & Homes - Queensland, Australia | Airbnb](#)
- [The 10 best hotels close to Southport Broadwater Parklands in Gold Coast, Australia \(booking.com\)](#)
- [HOME | Aquarius Gold Coast](#) (backpackers)
- [Home - Woodroffe Hotel](#)

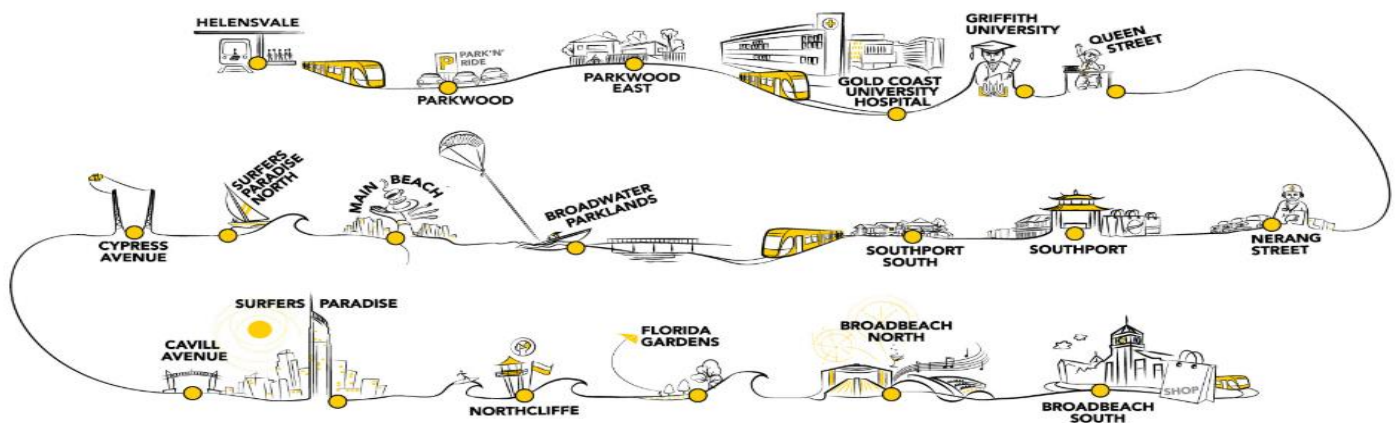
## Transport Options

G-Link Tram: Closest stop to the pool is “SOUTHPORT”

<https://ridetheg.com.au/>

The Aquatic Centre is a 6 minute walk from the closest G-link Tram Station

### G:LINK STATIONS



**UBER/Ola:** provides a cheap option for transporting individuals or small groups.

**Venue Parking:** There is 3 carparks around the venue, please note these are metered.