



SCREECH

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Welcome to the latest edition of *SCREECH*, Newsletter of the ACT Masters Hockey Association.

HOCKEY AUSTRALIA MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year will see ACT Masters Hockey Association enter its biggest contingent since the National Championships commenced in 1980. Teams will be representing the ACT in 40/2, 45/1, 50/1, 55/1, 60/2, 65/1, 70 and 75 Age Groups.

This year will see the 55s return to the Div 1 competition and our inaugural 75s team playing against their fellow elder statesmen from across the country. The 75s are certainly living up to the old adage of “it’s harder to get out than it is to get in” to Masters Hockey.

The Championships will be held from 24 September to 8 October, with games being played at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre at Labrador and the Nikki Hudson Hockey Centre at Runaway Bay. The two complexes are just 10 minutes apart.

During the Championships the Association will hold its Annual Dinner, the first since 2019 after the championships were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. The evening is very much a casual affair and this year’s dinner will be held at the Southport Yacht Club at Main Beach on Tuesday 27 September, commencing at 6:30pm. Using the Club’s *Compass Room*, with spectacular views of the Gold Coast, members and their partners will experience a 3-course meal and guest appearances throughout the night by MCs *Waldorf & Statter*, the Association’s *Official Heckling & Sarcasm Team*. The Association will also be presenting several Service Awards and Life Memberships during the night. Keep an eye for more details from Team Managers in coming weeks.

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- NSW O/60 Championships victory by Goulburn
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GOULBURN VICTORIOUS AT INAUGRAL NSW MASTERS O/60 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Early July saw Goulburn Masters Hockey Association, with strong support from ACT Masters players, take out the inaugural NSW Masters Hockey O/60 B Division title at the Central Coast Hockey Centre in Wyong. With unpredictable weather across all 3 days, teams from across NSW played on for 2 full days of outstanding hockey until rain forced delays and ultimately cancellation of the finals matches. Finishing on top of the ladder after the round robin games Goulburn were declared winners. The team is looking forward to defending their title in 2023.

Game results:

Goulburn 2 d. Newcastle 0
Goulburn 2 d. Bathurst 0
Goulburn 2 d. Coffs Coast 0
North Inland 2 d. Goulburn 1



CHANGES TO PLAYING EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS FOR ACT COMPETITIONS

Earlier this year Hockey ACT's Competitions Committee made several amendments to the regulations surrounding all competitions played in the ACT. The most notable is the mandatory requirement for **ALL** players to wear shin pads, and the strong recommendation to wear a mouthguard. These requirements were sent out to all ACT Masters Association Members via a Newsletter on 4 April.

Your Association and Committee have a duty of care to every player and official and are required to comply with all ACT Masters Hockey Assn, Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia policies and regulations. As such, we ask **ALL** members to ensure the requirement to wear shin pads is complied with in every game. Player safety remains paramount. These amendments affect the ACT Masters Monday Night Competition and events we hold throughout the year, including the Canberra Cup and the InterCity Challenge.

LOOKING FOR MONDAY NIGHT UMPIRES

Many of those who play on a Monday night will have noticed that a number of games in recent weeks have only had 1 umpire. For a variety of reasons, including exams, illness, etc, the Hockey ACT pool of umpires who regularly officiate our competition has dwindled in number.

If you are interested in being a regular or casual umpire, fitting in around your playing commitments, the Association has the perfect job for you. Each umpire is paid \$25 per game and appointments can be scheduled for before or after the game you play.

If you're interested send a quick e-mail to umpire-contact@actmastershockey.com and register your interest. Include a contact phone number (mobile), e-mail and the Team you play for on Monday nights to assist with scheduling. Also indicate whether you would like to umpire regularly or be a casual doing games every second or third week.



NEW UNIFORM ITEMS AND OFF-FIELD APPAREL

This year will see the introduction of new playing shorts, to compliment the playing shirt change from a couple of years ago. New playing shirts from 2022 will also see an improved, lightweight material, better suited to hotter climates.

Those heading to the Gold Coast will have received an order form from Clive. Look out for further opportunities in coming weeks to purchase off-field apparel, including beanies once the Championship orders are placed for teams.



TUGGERANONG CHALLENGE

If you are not heading to the Gold Coast for the HA National Championships you can still be in the action. Late-September-early-October will see a Masters Hockey Challenge for local players being played at Tuggeranong.

Watch out for more details

ACT MASTERS SHOP

ACT Masters Hockey has a small range of promotional items available for sale, including our new metal drink bottles, 2021 & 2022 Limited Edition stubby holders and badge/lapel pin.

Supplies are getting low as players stock up for the National Championships. Get in quickly so you don't miss out.



ACT MASTERS HOCKEY



LAPEL PINS \$5



2022 STUBBY HOLDERS
LIMITED EDITION OF 25
\$15



METAL DRINK
BOTTLES \$15



CLEAR CAR WINDOW
STICKERS \$5



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