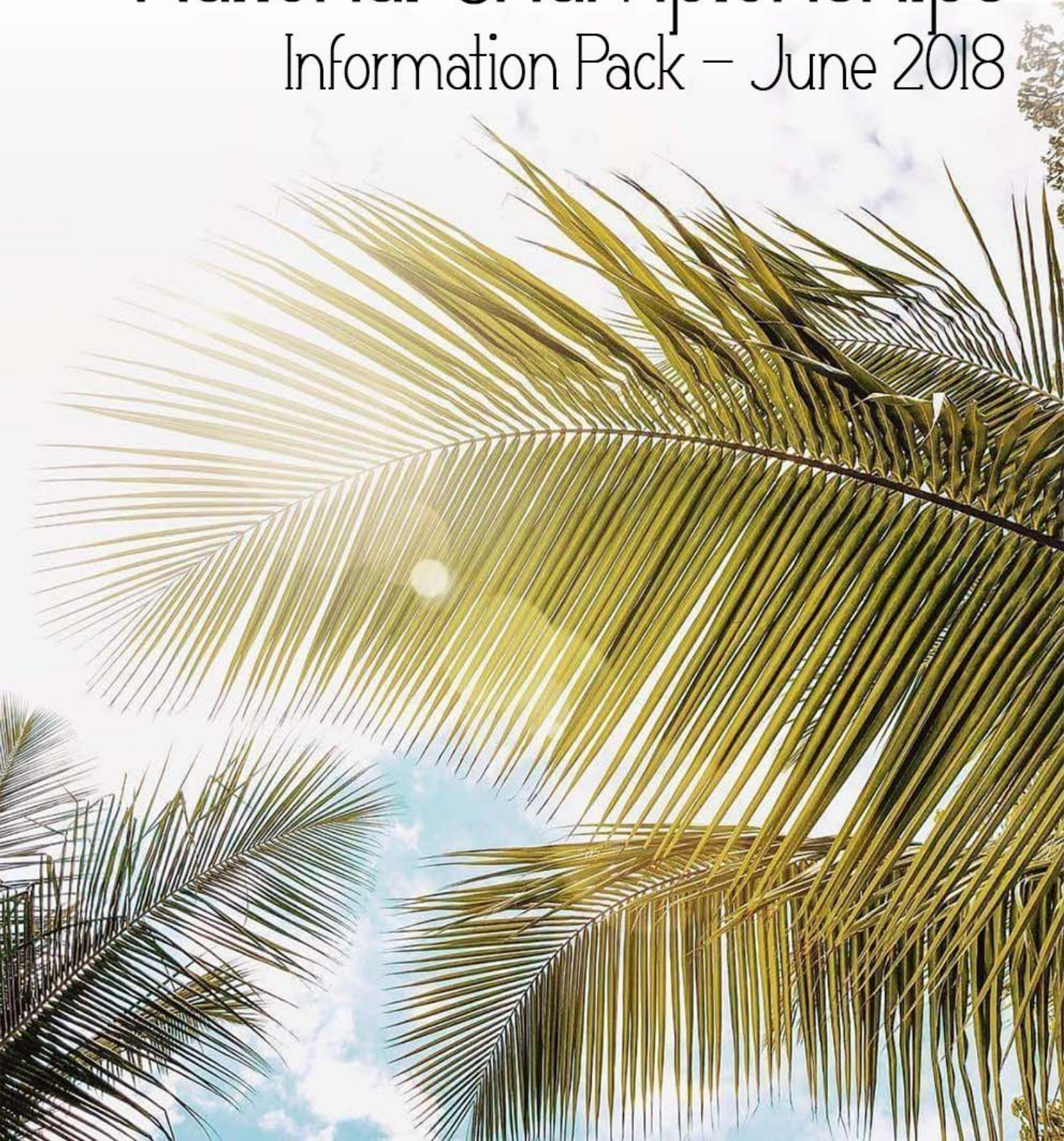


2019 Australian Underwater Hockey National Championships

Information Pack – June 2018



INITIAL INFORMATION – JUNE 2019

AUSTRALIAN UNDERWATER HOCKEY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 20th January to Thursday 24th January
Tobruk Memorial Pool – Cairns QLD



Welcome & Introduction

The Queensland Underwater Hockey Commission and Cairns Crays Underwater Hockey extends a very warm welcome to all states and teams competing in the 2019 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships to be held in January 2019 at Tobruk Memorial Pool, Cairns.

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 2019 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships, please forward them to the event email - uwhnationals2019@gmail.com. State reps/team managers please use this email address in the first instance for any information regarding the Nationals. Players should contact their state reps/team managers beforehand so that questions are collated.

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Venue

Tobruk Memorial Pool

370 Sheridan St

Cairns North

Queensland 4870



Pool Description

The recently redeveloped facility offers members and guests a FINA approved 50m Olympic Pool, a 25m lap pool, a warm water therapy pool, a toddler splash area, a Flow Rider, Café, two function rooms and retail. The Tobruk Memorial Pool is by far the most exciting aquatic facility in North Queensland.

Whether you're a future flowboarder, a young Ian Thorpe, an aqua aerobics lover or just looking to enjoy a good coffee; Tobruk Memorial Pool is a place where tourists and locals can come to socialise, train and enjoy state of the art facilities.

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

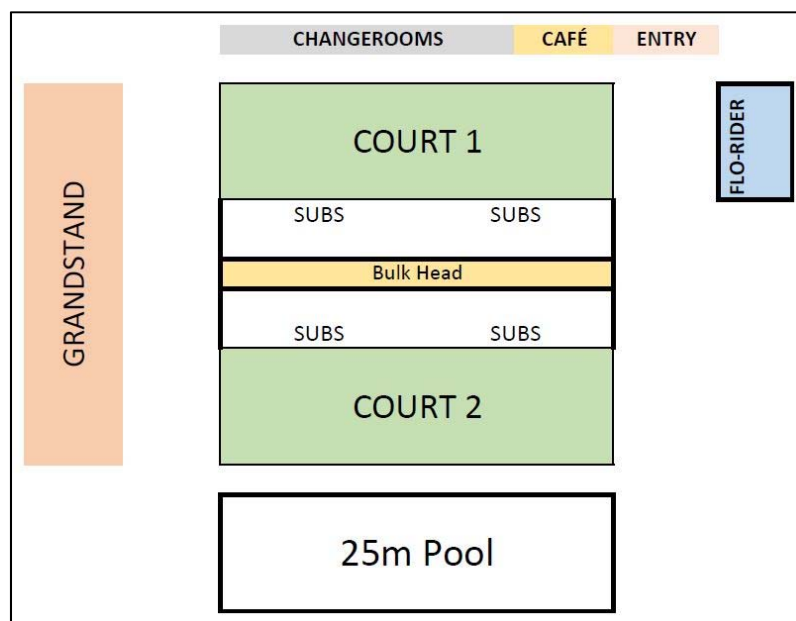
The following categories will be contended at the 2019 Australian National Championships

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

Pool Layout

The 2019 Australian Championships will take place using two (2) courts running simultaneously. In - Water substitution will be employed in all courts.

Court Two will have permanent markings, with Court One having temporary markings for the duration of the tournament.



Team & Player Costs

The final costs for the 2019 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.

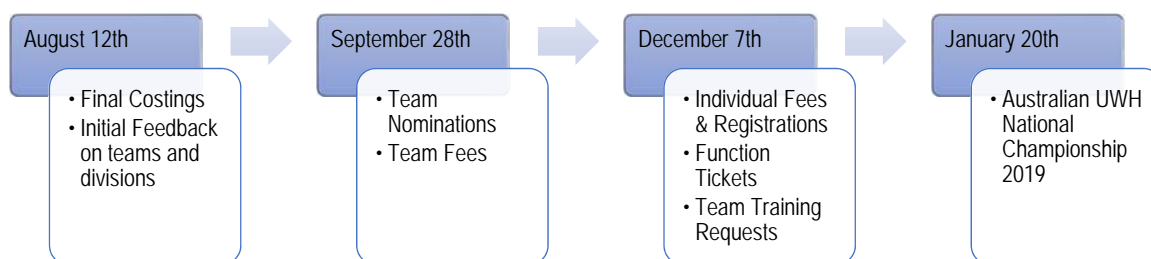
Expect costs to be similar to recent Nationals.

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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.



Tournament Schedule

Note: Australian team training camp for Elite/Masters teams may be held prior to or after Nationals 2019. This is yet to be confirmed.

Saturday 19th	Pool Set Up Optional Team Training Opening Ceremony Captains & Referees Meeting
Sunday 20th	Round Robin – Day 1
Monday 21st	Round Robin – Day 2
Tuesday 22nd	Round Robin – Day 3
Wednesday 23rd	Round Robin – Day 4 Semi Finals
Thursday 24th	Finals Australian Team Trials Closing Ceremony and Medal Presentation Functions – Junior and Senior
Friday 25th	Potential for Training Camp Pool Bookings
Saturday 26th	Australia Day – Potential for Training Camp Pool Bookings

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 uwhnationals2019@gmail.com.

Puck

The competition puck 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

Details on Team Training slots will be provided at a later date. To assist with negotiations with the pool, can State Reps please provide an indication of interest for the Friday and Saturday.

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.

Local Amenities

The pool facility has sufficient parking, and is a 5 minute drive from the middle of the Cairns CBD.

Food at the Venue

Tobruk Pool has a café and with prior notification are able to make up lunch packs.

Shops/Supermarkets

There is an IGA within 2 minute drive of the pool. A five minute drive will get you to Cairns Central Shopping Centre which has a food court, cafes, Coles supermarket, Medical Practice and Pharmacy.

Medical Facilities

Cairns Hospital is a 4 minute drive away, with a number of medical centres and pharmacies near the pool. Standard pool-side first aid facilities are available.

Dive Stores

With the Great Barrier Reef on our doorstep, there are a number of dive shops should extra equipment be required during the tournament. Cairns Crays are supported by Divers World and Cairns Spearfishing Superstore.

Places of Interest

The Cairns Esplanade has a number of restaurants, cafes, and shops, as well as a nice 2.5km parkland to walk.

There are a number of freshwater swimming holes, during the wet season please exercise caution with potential for rapidly changing conditions (Babinda Boulders, Josephine Falls, Behanna Falls, Crystal Cascades). In January swimming at beaches is between the flags and in the stinger nets. Palm Cove and Yorkeys Knob are two of the most popular.

An obvious one while in Cairns - Go to the reef. There are lots of companies to choose from, please contact if enough interest we can organise a group booking. The fishing and spearfishing are awesome up here so well worth doing but can be expensive unless you know the locals well.

Further information and suggestions can be provided to State Reps on request.

Accommodation

There are a range of accommodation options within easily accessible distance from Tobruk Memorial Pool. 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.

If States have any questions around locations or accommodation options please contact email the tournament email address.