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## Hockey Queensland Covid-19 Announcement #2

Dear Associations and Members,

Following the latest and ongoing developments, government and Hockey Australia announcements, Hockey Queensland provides the below update on State Teams and upcoming State Championships.

### U15 and U18 National Championships and State Teams:

As per the information released by Hockey Australia today it is with regret we announce that the U15 and U18 National Championships will not go ahead this year. We acknowledge this is devastating news to players who have worked hard over the off season and through trials to be selected for the Queensland State team.

Selection to a State Team is a testament to your ability and although a National Championship won't go ahead for 2020 Hockey Queensland will work with the other states to look for opportunities later in the year for our teams to represent Queensland.

I also request that families remain patient as we work through a potential refund process. We are in communication with our accommodation and flight providers and we will advise on a process and timing for athletes to apply for a refund of amounts paid to date, in due course.

### Masters National and State Championships:

Along with the notification today regarding the U15 and U18 National Championships, we have also been advised that the National Masters tournament scheduled for June and July will be postponed.

Hockey Queensland has also made the decision to cancel All Masters State Championships. I have consulted with both the Men's and Women's Masters Committees and it has been agreed that this is the most appropriate course of action to not only align with the Federal Government's directive on gatherings of over 500 people, but also for the health and wellbeing of our hockey community.

When more information comes to light on the new dates for the National Masters Championship we will release information to the Masters community on how state team selection will take place.



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Hockey Queensland is also working with the local councils and host Associations to look at options for championships in the same location next year to provide options for teams to roll their accommodation into 2021. Your Masters Committee's will pass on more information when available on these options.

**Hockey Queensland Championship:**

It is also with great regret that I advise you that the Hockey Queensland Championship will also not go ahead in 2020. We understand that this is a devastating outcome considering how much has been put into getting this event back on the calendar. However we consider this to be a responsible and sensible position to take at the current time.

The Covid-19 pandemic is not a situation any organisation can take lightly and we have a responsibility to ensure the health and wellbeing of all in our community. With so much uncertainty we can only respond to the best information we have at hand and that is currently to suspend all mass gatherings.

Through these difficult decisions that lead to disruptive and upsetting outcomes I ask you to draw on your #teamqld pledge and your resilience.

If you have any questions regarding any of the outcomes communicated today please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Hockey Queensland Staff.

Regards

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Chief Executive Officer