

2019 Australian Schools Hockey Championships



FULL EVENT DETAILS

EVENT PROFILE

Event Name:	Australian Schools Hockey Championship
Dates:	14th - 19th July 2019
Venue:	National Hockey Centre - Lyneham, Canberra
Event Host:	Hockey ACT
Event Website:	www.ashc.org.au
Divisions:	Senior Girls (Yrs 10 - 12) Senior Boys (Yrs 10 - 12) Junior Girls (Yrs 7 - 9) Junior Boys (Yrs 7 - 9)
Proposed size:	32 teams / Maximum 80 teams
Endorsement:	The event is endorsed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hockey Australia● Hockey ACT
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Event Partners	Hockey ACT (<i>Event Host</i>) SportsLink International (<i>Tournament management</i>) Just Hockey (<i>Division Sponsor</i>) Pick Up Stix (<i>Catering Provider</i>)

EVENT OVERVIEW

The Australian Schools Hockey Championships (ASHC) aims to bring the best hockey schools from around the country together to be crowned Australia's best hockey school. The event also provides great competition and development opportunities for all competing schools at every level

The ASHC aims to promote the growth and development of the sport of hockey in schools around Australia. It will give secondary students an opportunity to compete against quality opposition and further refine and enhance their hockey skills. Many of these athletes will not have previously had the opportunity to travel domestically and compete in national championship events. The Championship will also assist to strengthen state hockey organisations relationships with school associations to further develop and promote hockey in the Australian schools system.

Depending on entry numbers, divisions may be split into different sections, based on the level of teams entered

Premier Division will include school teams who have finished at the top of their respective state school competitions, with the winner to be acknowledged as the Australian Schools Champion. Due to some states having more than one school competition, it would be envisaged that this division would comprise of eight, but no more than 12 teams. Entry into this division is not automatic, with teams required to nominate for this division and the final teams will be selected based on their performances in their respective state competitions.

Divisions 1-3 would feature all other teams entered

The Championship will start with an opening ceremony early in the week (timing dependent on number of entries) proceeding games. Games will be played in either a round robin format or pool format (dependent on numbers) from Monday to Wednesday, with playoffs and finals held on Thursday and Friday.

The teams will also have the option to visit local sites throughout the week. Social events including a Welcome BBQ and movie night are also planned. Additional activities and social events will also be included

It would be Hockey ACT's intent to host this event on a bi-annual basis, with the alternate years rotated around different cities throughout the country.

EVENT ITINERARY

SUNDAY 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teams arrive & check into accommodation● Managers & coaches meeting● Welcome BBQ
MONDAY 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Opening Ceremony● Round matches
TUESDAY 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Round matches
WEDNESDAY 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Round matches● Social Night (PLAYERS)● Coaches night out
THURSDAY 18th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Playoffs and classifications● Pasta night & teams social event
FRIDAY 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Final matches● Presentations & Closing Ceremony● Teams depart

ENTRY DETAILS

Any school from around Australia is eligible to enter teams into the competition. Overseas teams will also be able to apply to enter. We will look to invite teams to the championship who have finished in the top of their respective state competitions and liaise with the school association bodies and their respective state hockey organisations in order to communicate information about the event.

The Premier Division of the Australian Schools Hockey Championship will be open to the top schools from their respective state competitions and will be limited to maximum of 12 teams. Schools can nominate to be included in this Division, however entry is not automatic. The organisers will determine the teams who qualify to be included in the Premier Division after looking at the number of schools that have requested to be included, and the results from their respective state competitions in the previous seasons.

EVENT TIMELINES

July 2018	Tournament details & nomination forms sent to schools
October 19, 2018	Guaranteed Team nomination deadline for all divisions
November 23, 2018	Team entry fees due
February 23, 2019	“Stay & Play” deposits due
May 10, 2019	Late Entry nomination deadline
May 17, 2019	“Stay & Play” package fees due
June 7, 2019	Full draw and divisions announced including Premier Division teams
June 17, 2019	Final deadline for teams lists to be submitted
July 14, 2019	Teams arrive
July 14 - 19, 2019	Australian Schools Hockey Championships
August 2019	Evaluation forms sent out to participating schools

VENUES

National Hockey Centre in Lyneham includes three state of the art, synthetic, water-based pitches. These pitches are fully equipment with male and female change rooms, showers, and other necessary amenities. The centre also includes cafe & bar, hockey shop, gym and indoor centre. Location: 196 Mouat St, Lyneham

Tuggeranong Hockey Park is located in Greenway and has 2 state of the art, synthetic hybrid pitches, male and female change rooms, including showers, as well as clubrooms. Location: 288 Soward Way, Greenway

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are included in the “Stay & Play” packages.

Each team is required to nominate and provide a suitably qualified umpire for the event. Any team failing to nominate an umpire will be charged a \$795 Umpire fee, which will cover the costs for an umpire to be brought in for the week.

STAY & PLAY PACKAGES

Teams that are based outside a 120km geographical distance from Canberra will be required to take up a “STAY & PLAY PACKAGE” which includes everything for your involvement in the event

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodation
- All meals (Sunday dinner to Friday breakfast)
- All transport, including transfers to hockey matches, educational, sightseeing & social activities
- 2 Educational/sightseeing visits. Sites include Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, CSIRO Discovery Centre, National Library of Australia, National Portrait Gallery, Museum of Australian Democracy, High Court of Australia, National Arboretum, National Museum of Australia, National Archives of Australia, Mount Ainslie lookout etc)
- 2 evening social activities
- Hockey training seminar by dual World Cup Gold Medal winning Kookaburra Glenn Turner
- Souvenir Program
- Souvenir team photograph

For teams travelling from Sydney & Melbourne, as well as from regional areas in NSW & Victoria where there are multiple teams entered, group coaches will also be arranged for those who wish to take up this travel option. Flight deals will also be available from all major regional and capital cities. Transfers from Sydney airport for interstate teams can also be arranged to reduce travel costs of flying into Canberra.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided at a variety of group accommodation options within Canberra.

- **Canberra Park** is located next to Canberra Showgrounds and Exhibition Park, just 3.4kms from the National Hockey Centre. Designed to specifically meet the needs of groups and schools travelling to Canberra, the complex opened in April 2017. The purpose built complex, surrounded by grass playing fields, offers comfortable and secure group accommodation and dining facilities at an affordable price.
- **Leumeah Lodge** is a new group accommodation facility located in the heart of the Gold Creek tourist precinct, just 10 minutes from the National Hockey Centre. The facility contains modern ensuite bunk rooms for students and twin rooms for teachers and support staff, with a 200 seat dining room, large common rooms and break out areas.
- **Bush Capital Lodge** is set in bushland, just 2km from the Hockey Centre. The property features 2 main lodge areas, with separate rooms for staff and students, as well as a common area and dining room

Accommodation will be allocated once final nominations are received to ensure the most appropriate rooms and grouping is provided. This will take into account the ages of players, schools with multiple teams, separate accommodation for boys and girls teams and order of entries received. Players will be in group rooms of 4-8 people, with coaches & staff in twin share rooms. Additional or alternate accommodation may also be used as necessary.

PRICES - STAY & PLAY PACKAGES

<u>PREMIER DIVISIONS</u>	<u>DIVISIONS 1 - 3</u>
★ \$970 per person	★ \$925 per person

1. The cost includes all the items listed above, including tournament entry, accommodation, meals, transfers and events, as well as full management of the tournament, matches and activities for each team
2. Price applies to all players & staff. Schools may choose to incorporate the staff costs into the players costs.
3. For schools who choose to bring their own transport, please contact us for reduced rate on transport costs
4. Assistance with arranging travel from interstate can also be provided as necessary. Estimated costs for group bus travel from Sydney is \$80pp return, Melbourne \$160pp return. We will also assist with airfare rates from other cities either directly to Canberra or via Sydney.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Depending on the number of entries received for each section, teams may be split into pools, or if sufficient numbers dictate, into separate graded divisions (Premier Division, Div 1 -3). The organisers reserve the right to determine the final structure of the competition based on number of teams, standard of competition and available time to complete matches

Premier Division

The Premier Division will be open to teams that finish at the top of their respective state based competitions. As some states have various competitions for the different school affiliations (Public, Private, Catholic, Independent etc), there may be multiple teams from the same state in the Premier Division. This also includes where there may be more than 1 weekly school competitions during the season in some cities (eg. IGSSSA & ISA in Sydney/NSW).

Teams that win their respective competitions would qualify to play in the Premier Division. Teams that finish amongst the top places may also be selected, depending on the number of teams that nominate from the different states, particularly if the winning teams choose not to enter. The final number of teams in this Premier Division will ultimately be determined by the quality of the nominations, but we expect that it will consist of up to 12 teams.

Premier Division of the Australian Schools Hockey Championship will be played under FIH Rules of Hockey, not-withstanding some minor amendments as shown below.

- Games will be played as 4 x 15 minute periods.
- Time out will be taken for injuries, cards etc
- All games will be played until a winner is determined. If the score is tied after the end of normal time, a Penalty shoot-out (1 v GK) will be played with 3 players from each team. If scores are still tied, then sudden death penalty shoot-out will continue until a winner is determined
- Point score for round matches will be as follows:
 - Win (Normal time) - 3 points
 - Win (Penalty shoot-out) - 2 points
 - Loss (Penalty shoot-out) - 1 points
 - Loss (Normal Time) - 0 points
- **PLAYOFF FORMAT**

9th - 12th Playoff 1	5th Pool A v 6th Pool B
9th - 12th Playoff 2	6th Pool A v 5th Pool B
5th - 8th Playoff 1	3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B
5th - 8th Playoff 2	4th Pool A v 3rd Pool B
Semi Final 1	1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B
Semi Final 2	2nd Pool A v 1st Pool B
11th v 12th	Losers 9th - 12th Playoff matches
9th v 10th	Winners 9th - 12th Playoff matches
7th v 8th	Losers 5th - 8th Playoff matches
5th v 6th	Winners 5th - 8th Playoff matches
3rd v 4th	Losers Semi Finals
FINAL	Winner Semi Finals

Division 1 - 3

Division 1 of the Australian Schools Hockey Championship will be played under FIH Rules of Hockey with following modifications:

- Games will be played as 2 x 30 minute periods.
- No time outs
- Point score for round matches will be as follows:
 - Win - 3 points
 - Draw - 1 point
 - Loss - 0 points
- **PLAYOFF FORMAT.** In the event that Division 1 contains more than 12 teams and is conducting using pools of 4-6 teams, teams may be split into Divisions 1 - 6 playoffs as follows. This will ensure that all teams will play similar level teams at end of the competition and all have something to play for on last 2 days
 - Teams finishing 1st in Pools will playoff for Division 1 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)
 - Teams finishing 2nd in Pools will playoff for Division 2 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)
 - Teams finishing 3rd in Pools will playoff for Division 3 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)
 - Teams finishing 4th in Pools will playoff for Division 4 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)
 - Teams finishing 5th in Pools will playoff for Division 5 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)
 - Teams finishing 6th in Pools will playoff for Division 6 title (Semi Finals, 3rd v 4th, Final)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All players must be enrolled as a student of the school they are representing in the year of competition.

TEAM NUMBERS

- Minimum of 14 and maximum of 16 players registered, plus a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 staff
- Females in Male teams.
 - Teams may register up to 3 females to play in a male team
 - No males are allowed to play in female teams
 - Male teams that have female players registered are not eligible to be included in the Premier Division of their age category, UNLESS those females were registered players in the same team during the corresponding season, which based on the results of their state-based competition, resulted in their acceptance into the Premier Division
- Players in alternate Age Divisions
 - Schools that have teams entered into both Junior & Senior Divisions of a gender competition (Male or Female), may register up to 3 Junior aged players (Yr 7 - 9) in their Senior team (Yr 10 - 12).
 - Schools that do not have a Junior team registered to play, may register any number of Junior aged players (Yr 7 - 9) in their Senior Team.
 - Schools that do not have a Senior team registered to play, may register up to three (3) Yr 10 students to play in the Junior Division to make up minimum number (14) for that team. These teams will not be eligible to play in the Premier Division.

AMENDMENTS

Depending on final entry numbers, the organising committee may make changes to game rules and times to facilitate the best possible competition structure for teams registered.

AWARDS & PRIZES

The winners of each division will receive:

- Perpetual Trophy - to be returned each year to annual champion
- Keepsake Trophy - to be retained by the school
- Medals for each individual player & staff
- \$500 Equipment voucher for school

The Player of the Tournament for each division will receive:

- Prize pack including equipment voucher

EVENT BRIEFING

Prior to the commencement of the Championship, all Managers and Officials will be required to attend a briefing, to outline the expectations that organisers have of them. This briefing will occur prior to the opening ceremony.

Managers will be expected to pass on any information to competitors prior to commencement of play.

Prior to the competition, all competitors, and their guardians, will be required to sign an indemnity form. This form will also highlight the expectations of competitors both on and off the field.

CATERING

All meals for the week will be included in the Stay & Play packages. This will include breakfast & dinner provided at the accommodation, as well as lunches at the National Hockey Centre.

Additional food, snacks & drinks will be available at the cafe located at the Hockey Centre throughout the event

RISK MANAGEMENT

The event will be conducted at the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham, plus Tuggeranong Hockey Park (if registrations dictate), which are owned and operated by Hockey ACT. The facility and playing conditions will all be conducted under Hockey ACT policies, complying to all current Health & Safety requirements. Public Liability insurance is held for the facility and. Individual player insurance is not included but as a Hockey Australia sanctioned event, should be covered under the players state injury insurance policy

Qualified sports trainers and first aid will be in attendance for the duration of the event. An on-site physiotherapist will also be available

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