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**HOCKEY AUSTRALIA
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COVID-19 FAQ'S

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Will there be a hockey season in 2020, including an indoor/summer season?

At this time, Hockey Australia and the Members Associations are working towards relaunching local competitions later in the year. While this will be subject to further advice from respective Government agencies, it is our hope that we will be in a position to resume playing local hockey before the end of 2020, including indoor hockey.

Please refer to the relevant Member Association (MA) FAQs or website for the latest information and details on all hockey programs. Hockey Australia (HA) and all MAs will continue to act on the advice received from state and federal governments. Links to the respective websites and contact details for each MA can be found by [clicking here](#).

Can clubs continue to train during this period?

On current advice, teams or groups are not permitted to train together and necessary measures and directives from the Government should be followed in terms of social distancing. Please refer to the relevant MA FAQs or website for the latest information and details. HA and all MAs will continue to act on the advice received from state and federal governments. Links to the respective websites and contact details for each MA can be found by [clicking here](#).

In the meantime, HA reiterates continuing to practice good hygiene by doing the following:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin straight away.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – or use hand sanitiser gel.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Keep a 1.5 metre distance from other people and practice [social distancing](#).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

If the season does commence later in the year, will the season be shortened or will it have the same number of games and conclude at a later date?

While HA and MAs have been modelling a variety of scenarios, the intention is to work towards delivering a shortened hockey season in 2020. HA and all MAs will continue to act on the advice received from state and federal governments. Links to the respective websites and contact details for each MA can be found by [clicking here](#).

Senior teams for the season have already been nominated. What happens if we do not have enough players to fill the teams that were nominated?

This is an area that will need to be further navigated by each MA. Please refer to the relevant MA FAQs or website for the latest information and details on all hockey programs. Links to the respective websites and contacts detail for each MA can be found by [clicking here](#).



Are clubs still expected to pay for turf bookings for cancelled games and scheduled training times?

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What happens if things have not improved in time to hold a season?

HA and all MAs will continue to act on the advice received from state and federal governments. If it appears that the situation and conditions regarding COVID-19 have not subsided with enough time to hold any matches this year, HA and the MAs will provide a further update regarding community hockey in due course. Links to the respective websites and contact details for each MA can be found by [clicking here](#).

Will the HA levy and any registration fees be refunded?

Other than ensuring the health and wellbeing of all players, staff and officials, HA and the MAs number one priority is to work with members to ensure they can run viable competitions in 2020. It is HA and the MAs broader ambition to ensure that we get games underway and hockey sticks in our members hands at the soonest possible time.

Given the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve and change rapidly, a decision on HA and HQ registration fees will be made once a full understanding of the impact of COVID-19 is available.

The hockey community is committed to complete the season as best we can and at this point it's premature to consider refunds from Associations and Clubs. However, given the ever-changing position and unknown impact on different families and communities, it would be advisable that Associations and Clubs review requests for refunds under special circumstances.

Further information in this regard will be provided once HA and the MAs understand the full impact COVID-19 will have.

What is happening with club based or regional association events and tournaments?

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Hockey isn't a high risk/contact sport, why can't we play?

Hockey, like many sports, is conducting a risk assessment which will guide a return to playing and a resumption in competitions in conjunction with government advice. Until this time all hockey activity has been postponed due to state and federal government directives to prevent the ongoing threat and spread of COVID-19.

How will this affect State Teams and National Championships, including this year's Australian Women's and Men's Masters?

All National Championships, including the Women's and Men's Masters Championships, have been cancelled for 2020. The decision was made after consultation and agreement from the MAs and the HA Masters Committee, coupled with the latest developments and government directives regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.



The decision to cancel the entirety of HA's national events was made in the best interests of the hockey community and to ensure the health and wellbeing of all players, staff and officials. It was also agreed that with the current restrictions in place, there would not be adequate opportunity to hold selection trials or competitions in order to select squads for the various championships. Planning around the timing and make up of all National Championships for 2021 has already commenced.

In regards to the selection of national teams usually selected from national championships, this is being worked through and will be communicated in due course. The 2021 Calendar of Events (locations and dates) will be released by HA once finalised.

To read the latest Hockey Australia statement that addresses these plus other matters, [click here](#).

[**Will the Sultana Bran Hockey One League 2020 season go ahead?**](#)

Season 2 of the Sultana Bran Hockey One League has been postponed until 2021 due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 global health crisis. [Click here for full details](#).

[**What other talent programs are suspended?**](#)

All National Training Centre hockey activities, which includes any scheduled training camps for the Jillaroos and the Burras, have been suspended until further notice due to the ongoing uncertainty around COVID-19.

[**What insurance cover is in place?**](#)

All clubs and regional associations are covered under the HA Group Insurance Scheme. The policies in place are: Public Liability (covers legal or medical costs that arise from an incident connected with your activities, such as negligence), Club Management Liability (covers exposure/wrongdoings from things such as libel, slander, employee theft, misrepresentation etc), and Personal Injury Insurance (covers costs related to injuries sustained whilst involved in hockey once HA Levy is paid). All participants currently remain covered under these policies. Claims that arise as a result of COVID-19 are being assessed on a case by case basis by the insurer. Full details of what is covered can be found by [clicking here](#).

[**How can I contact Hockey Australia and the relevant Member Associations?**](#)

HA has implemented a Remote Working Strategy in which the majority of staff are currently working from home. As such, please email ha@hockey.org.au and it will be forwarded to the relevant department.

HA support staff are still available via support@hockey.org.au for any club, database and HookIn2Hockey related questions. To contact a Member Association, [click here](#) for details.

[**What is the latest update regarding the FIH Pro League?**](#)

The postponement of the FIH Pro League has been extended to 17 May 2020. This means the Hockeyroos' and Kookaburras' scheduled home matches against New Zealand on 16/17 May in Perth have been cancelled. If you have purchased tickets to these matches or the associated kids coaching clinics, you will receive a full refund from Ticketek.



What is the latest regarding the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has confirmed that the Tokyo Olympic Games have been postponed until next year due to changes in the public health landscape across the globe due to COVID-19. For further information visit www.olympics.com.au