

Women's Masters Hockey Meeting 22/2/2021 6pm

Present: Dionne Hartley (Coordinator)

Beth Simpson (Norths)

Joanne Duffy (Magpies)

Hannah Partyl (Falcons)

Carolyn Jerome (Wangaratta)

Di Goldsworthy (Beechworth)

There were no Minutes of the meeting held in February 2020.

- It was discussed in 2020, and again tonight that the team reduce to 9 a side to assist clubs in fielding a team.
 - Guidelines:
 - If 11 players turn up for both teams, all players may take the field.
 - If 11-7 players, only 9-7 may take the field, or players shared for 9-9.
- Always consider our golden rule – 'We play in fairness and in the spirit of the game'.
- Best and Fairest count: teams will vote 3,2,1 for the opposition players. Dionne will create some cards for this purpose. So every game will involve 6 votes. The Award will be presented at the HAW B&F Award Night. Last couple of rounds will not count for votes.
- Teams for 2021 unknown yet. More than likely - Falcons, Norths, Magpies, Beechworth, Wombats, only 3 from Wang, no idea about Wodonga. Possibility of a combined WWW team.
- Discussion continued on basis of 6 teams, but could be 5 or 7.
- Subject was raised that the possibility of State League women (who don't yet have a team) wanting to train on Monday night at 6.30. There is a suggestion that there will be no field for us on Monday until the new field is complete. No-one else had heard about this and seems unrealistic given that Masters has been taking place for over 20 years in that time slot and brings in revenue.
- Until new field is ready, we may need to use Wodonga for the first few weeks. Suggest Wodonga/Beechworth be given all home games there. If only 4-5 teams enter, do we play one or two timeslots?
- The best outcome for the season is 6 teams playing 3 full rounds, which requires 15 weeks. All agreed that the season should not start until after Easter, despite HAW comp starting 26 March. The GF will be Monday 13 September.
- Suggested dates that we will not play are 26 April (Anzac holiday); 14 June (QB Long W/e); 5 July (JSC and school holidays).
- We're going to try and get together some teams for State Championships being held in Wagga – expressions of interest should be sought sooner rather than later.
- Umpires: Jo has spoken to a couple of father/son combinations and there seems to be some interest. Jo will co-ordinate the umpires for 2021. In 2019, having Dionne organise umpires seemed to work better than having the HAW umpire director doing Masters.
- Masters Coordinator and Secretary: no nominations. As Dionne leaves in about 5 weeks, it is essential that these positions be filled asap. Not onerous, just needs good communication skills. Little to do once season is organised. Teams to ask their players.
- Clubs to provide confirmation of whether they will have a team, or if only a few players, how many are available for a composite team. Impossible to do the draw without this information.

Next Meeting: Monday 15 May. Clubs to provide 2 representatives to attend, either in person or via zoom.