

Australia Underwater Hockey Athlete Selection Criteria 2020 Masters Women – CMAS World Championships, Gold Coast

Eligibility:

Minimum age is 32 and players must have attained her 32nd birthday on or before the first match of the competition. There is no upper age limit. Athletes must either: Hold citizenship of the country for which they are intending to play; **OR** Submit proof that they have been resident in that country for a minimum of 12 months in the previous 18 months (prior to the competition).

Selection Criteria:

A. *Hockey Skills:*

- High level of puck control - Ability to apply skills to games
- Flicking - Passing under pressure in a wide range of passing situations / with deception
- Maintaining possession in confined area
- Execute team-oriented decisions under pressure;
- Scoring and assisting to score goals
- Closing down opposition players
- Creating support position for team player with the puck
- Tackling skills to create possession turnover
- Read the play and set up passages of play

B. *Specific Positional Attributes we will be looking for:*

Forwards

- Possession
- Puck-line running and double-teaming
- Re-positioning skills to maximise team defence

Backs

- Initiate drives and able to give your forwards time to position
- Ability to take risks, swim into space and switch under pressure

C. *Physical Characteristics:*

- Work rate demonstrated during game play
- Speed on and off the puck

D. *Personal Characteristics:*

- Works effectively within a team unit
- Focused during practices
- Level-headed during games
- Executes game plan
- Positive attitude
- Effective communication
- Demonstrated ability to train effectively

SELECTION TRIAL DATES ARE SET AS FOLLOWS:

AUS Training Squad Selection (max 20): 24th January 2020

AUS Team Selection (12): Camp 3 - Training Camp on the Gold Coast *

TRAINING CAMPS (Costs will be equalised by those in attendance)

Camp 1: Oct Perth - Billeting

Camp 2: Nov Melbourne - Billeting

Camp 3: Feb 29 – Mar 1st 2020 Gold Coast – Hotel Accommodation *

Camp 4: Jul 19th – 21st Gold Coast pre-worlds pool (19th TBC)

Assessment:

- Athletes will be evaluated during games at the National Championships, including selection games. This evaluation will be based on the above criteria. Selectors may rank the athletes. State coaches may be consulted. A training squad will be announced at Nationals of no more than 20 players.
- Attendance to the training camp(s) after squad selections are compulsory except in the case of an emergency.
- Attendance to one training camp during 2019 will be favourably looked upon.
- The Additional Selection Criteria Rating (self assessment and coach assessment) will be taken into consideration.

Process:

- All athletes are required to apply before the first game of the National Championships where selection will be undertaken.
- All athletes will need to pay a deposit of \$600.00. Those not selected into the Training Squad will receive an immediate refund.
- Team Managers will circulate a provisional budget and payment schedule at least one month before the Nationals.
- A maximum of 20 players will be named in the Training Squad (at Nationals). The squad will be announced at a suitable time following selections.
- A team of 12 (including two postal nominations) will be named a minimum of 4 months before the World Championship tour. The final Selection Trial is only open to those athletes who were selected in the Training Squad. The final team will be named at the end of DAY 1 and they will train together as a team on DAY 2.
- A ranked list of up to four reserve athletes will be named after the Team has been finalised. At the time of consideration of inclusion of a reserve athlete, a re-evaluation of how they meet the selection criteria may need to be undertaken for inclusion. Only when the list of ranked reserve athletes has been exhausted can an alternative UWH Commission approved process can be developed and implemented.

Selectors

- Three UHA approved selectors (preference given to those who can attend both selections however this is not guaranteed and selectors may change between the two processes).
- The coach is entitled to guide and contribute to the Selection process but not to his/her own selection.

Playing/Coach

- The position of the coach is intended to be a playing/coach role. The coach is entitled to 50% of expenses (flight and accom) covered by the team. The coach is subject to selection criteria in line with all other athletes. In the event the coach is not selected in the final team the coach will attend as a non-playing coach entitled to 100% (flight and accom) of expenses covered by the team.

We aim to select the players with the highest effectiveness to assist the team to win high-level competition hockey and to do Australia proud with their conduct throughout the whole journey, in and out of the water.

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