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Hockey Queensland COVID-19 Announcement #5

Dear Associations, Members, and State Hockey Users,

With the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and the uncertainty around the length of this crisis, the Hockey Queensland Board has made the following decisions in relation to the State Hockey Centre and the State Championship program.

Hockey Queensland State Championships.

In line with the announcement today from Hockey Australia and based on recent advice, Hockey Queensland will be cancelling all remaining State Championships for 2020. This includes:

Sun 28 Jun – Tue 30 Jun 2020	QLD U18 State Championships	M	Rockhampton
Sun 28 Jun – Tue 30 Jun 2020	QLD U18 State Championships	W	Burringbar Park, Chermside, Brisbane
Sun 5 Jul – Wed 8 Jul 2020	QLD U13 State Championships	M	Townsville
Sun 5 Jul – Wed 8 Jul 2020	QLD U13 State Championships	W	Gympie
Sun 20 Sept – Wed 23 Sept 2020	QLD U15 State Championships	M	Bundaberg
Sun 20 Sept – Wed 23 Sept 2020	QLD U15 State Championships	W	Gold Coast

Hockey Queensland is working with each of the host Associations to plan for 2021 and it is our expectation to shift the 2020 calendar to 2021 so that all accommodation and flights can be transferred rather than cancelled. We will keep you informed as we shape the 2021 calendar and look forward to a well-planned 2021 State Championship program.



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While we recognise that this is extremely disruptive and unfortunate for the players who have been impacted, we consider it a responsible and sensible position to take at the current time. Hockey Queensland believes it is in the best interest of our Associations and players that the focus of hockey in Queensland for 2020 is on local competition. All our energy will be put towards planning and supporting Associations for the return of community hockey and competitions around the state.

State Hockey Centre and Hockey Queensland Office.

Hockey Queensland wishes to advise that the State Hockey Centre will be closed to all activities until further notice. Hockey Queensland will continue to assess the risks, liaise with our stakeholders, and take Government advice before reopening.

The Hockey Queensland Office remains open for now. We are following government guidelines on social distancing and have put in place hygiene measures. The health and wellbeing of our staff is our priority and I am consulting with them daily. There are some staff who are working from home. If you wish to contact a specific staff member I would recommend email as your first point of contact. For general enquires please feel free to call the office line on 07 3399 6577.

I would also like to thank the HQ staff for their adaptability and understanding during this time. They have demonstrated the #TeamQLD spirit by working together (be it at an acceptable distance) to respond to the ever increasing changing environment. As have many of you. Adversity can result in success and I am confident hockey will come through this stronger than ever before because of the support we give to each other now in these difficult times.

Stay safe and at a distance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Lyons'.

Alison Lyons
Chief Executive Officer