



Dear Central Member,

The 2020 outdoor season is fast approaching with your committee working extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure everything is in place in preparation for both the senior and junior competitions. With this in mind, it is timely to provide an update on all things Central, including some exciting new initiatives planned for the year 2020:

2020 JUNIOR AND SENIOR OUTDOOR REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Player registrations, seniors and juniors, are now open for the 2020 outdoor season. Visit the Central Hockey website registration page (<http://centralhockey.org/minkey-and-juniors-registration/senior-junior-hookin2hockey-registration/>) to access information sheets and the link to the Central RevSport registration site. As the RevSport registration system matures, we have attempted to simplify the registration process from last year and you will again have the opportunity to pay online after “checking out” or pay on invoice. The information sheets, via the above link, provide details on how to go about registering under the different payment options but if you have any queries, or encounter any problems, please contact Central’s Treasurer (Andrew Brick) on treasurer@centralhockey.org.

Based on information received to date, Central has nominated teams in every senior grade and will be entering teams in every junior grade for the upcoming season; this including 2 teams in the Men’s SL2 competition. To assist the Coordinators with playing numbers and lists, please register as soon as possible.

It promises to be a fantastic season and I’m looking forward to seeing you all.

2020 OUTDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Outdoor training for all senior grades is scheduled to start as and from 10 March with juniors commencing 18 March:

- Tuesday Carter field (Half Field) 8.30pm to 9.30pm Central CL1 Women training start on the 3rd March.
- Tuesday Powell field (Full Field) 8pm to 9pm Central Men’s Club training start on the 10th March.
- Wednesday Powell field (Full Field) 5pm to 6pm Central Junior Boys training start on the 18th March.
- Wednesday Watt field (Full Field) 5pm to 6pm Central Junior Girls training start on the 18th March.
- Thursday Carter field (Half Field) 6pm to 7pm Central CL1 Men’s Club training start on the 12th March.
- Thursday Powell field (Full Field) 7pm to 8pm Central Women’s Club training start on the 12th March.

CENTRAL CLUB DAY – SATURDAY 4 APRIL

The Central Club Day will once again be held at the Lyneham Hockey Center. Michael Page (Pagey) is organizing the event and will provide confirmation of the day’s activities as the event approaches. The draws are yet to be finalized but it is likely that all teams will play on the 4th and hopefully all at Lyneham. The Central Club Day promises to be a great day of memories and hospitality.

THE LAUNCHING OF CENTRAL'S COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

You are invited and encouraged to attend

What: The Central Development Platform Strategy Launch

Where: Belconnen Labor Club (Whitlam Room)

When: 5.15pm Monday 9 March 2020

The Central Development Platform is an exciting and important "Whole of Club" initiative that will assist and support into the future, coaches and players to reach their potential at their preferred level of participation. Central 2019 Coaching Director Ray Dorsett will introduce Ryde Hockey Club (Sydney) High Performance Coaching Adviser and HNSW High Performance Consultant, Larry McIntosh who will speak at the launch. Ben Craig, a recent Kookaburra who has joined Central HC for the 2020 season, will also be introduced as having a key role in the evolution of the Development Platform Strategy.

What a ground-breaking and exciting time to be a part of the Central Hockey family!!

CENTRAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Late last year, Central welcomed on board a new sponsor in Pragma Partners. Pragma is a professional services company that, amongst other things, specialise in the design and implementation of business solutions to both the private and public sectors. Pragma is assisting Central to modernise and expand the Club's methods of member communication including, but not limited to, the website. The GC are excited with the improvements that will occur in this space once Pragma have completed their research and design phase.

Jay and Naomi own and manage Pragma with both their daughters (Ava and Scarlett) playing junior girls for Central. On behalf of the GC, and indeed all Central members, I welcome Pragma as a valued sponsor and I thank Jay and Naomi for their most generous support of the Club.

CENTRAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE AT THE 2020 MASTERS WORLD CUP

The Hockey Masters World Cup is held every two years and in 2020 will be played in three tournaments:

- over 35 and over 40 in Nottingham UK;
- o45, 50, 55 in Capetown South Africa; and
- o60, 65, 70 and 75 in Tokyo Japan.

I am thrilled to advise that the following Central members have been selected to represent Australia at the tournament – what a fantastic achievement:

- **Matthew Hotchkis** - o35 Australian team captain;
- **Kate O'Keefe** – o35 Australian team (shadow);
- **Matthew Hamilton** – o45 Australian team (shadow);
- **Andrew Bewick** – o50 Australian team (shadow);
- **Jess Bingley** - o40 Australian women's coach; and
- **Michael Young** – Australian umpire at Nottingham.

CENTRAL 2020 SPONSORS

As well as welcoming Pragma on board as a 2020 sponsor, I am also pleased to advise that all of our 2019 sponsors are back for the 2020 season:

- Canberra Labor Club;
- Select Sports;
- Podiatry Professionals / Heel Pain Institute;
- Ministry Grounds; and
- Weerona Apiaries.

Note that due to adverse spring and summer environmental conditions, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to have our annual Weerona honey drive this season. Weerona has been a valued supporter of Central for a long time and I'm sure we will all be enjoying Weerona honey as soon as it becomes available – thanks for all of your support Jess!!



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