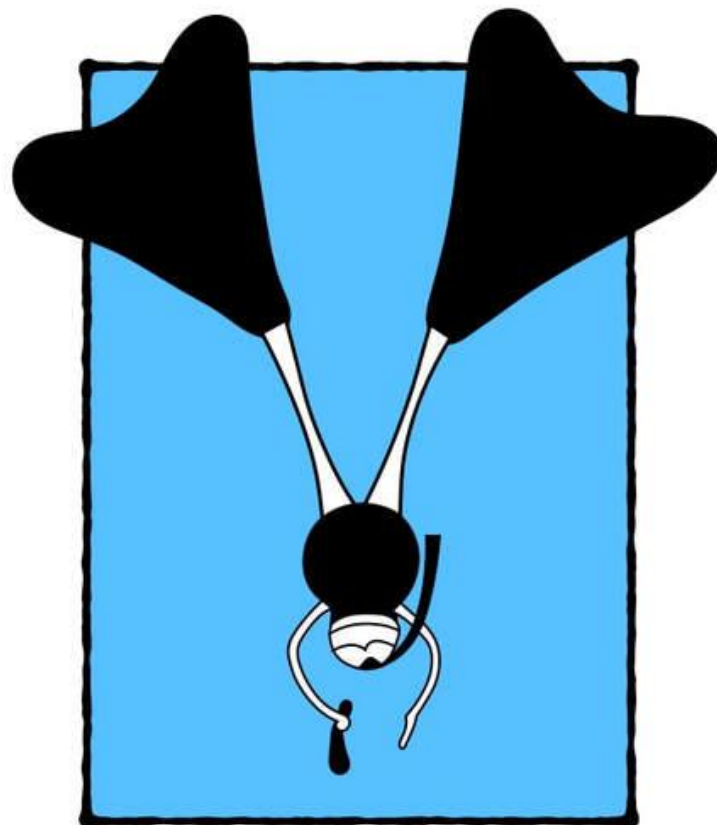




AUSTRALIAN UNDERWATER HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hobart, TASMANIA
3rd – 8th April 2021
Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre



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Welcome



The Tasmanian Underwater Hockey Association extends a very warm welcome to all state to complete in the 2021 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships to be held in April 2021 at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, Hobart.

The pool will be divided into 2 courts approximately 22 metres x 20m. The following document will provide you with all the initial information you need with final costings to be released to states by mid January 2021. Covid-19 has had an impact on Underwater Hockey Australia wide and it is recommended that ALL states consult the Corona Virus web site @ www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au on a regular basis to ensure that they are aware of any restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding the 2021 Championships, please forward them to me and I will direct them to the appropriate person.

Regards,

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Dates

3rd- 8th April 2021

Venue

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, 1 Davies Avenue, Hobart TAS 7000



The **Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre** is a major, \$17 million aquatic sporting facility located upon the Queens Domain, within less than 1 kilometre of the CBD of Hobart, the capital city of Tasmania, Australia. The venue has hosted the Australian Swimming Championships, the Tasmanian Swimming Championships, FINA Swimming World Cup, Pan Pacific Games and the Qantas Skins. Other major events held at the venue throughout its first seven years of operation include the Australian Canoe Polo Championships, Australian Diving Championships, Australian Water Polo Under Age and National League events and the World and Australian Underwater Hockey Championships.

Pool Layout

The 2021 Australian Championships will take place using 2 courts running simultaneously.

Both courts will have temporary markings used for the duration of the tournament.

Court 1: Used for all Elite Men's, Elite Women's games and Masters Games

Court size: Court Depth 2.0 metres

In water subbing

Court 2: Used for U15, U19 and U23 games.

Court size: Court Depth 2.0 metres

In water subbing

Pucks

The puck that will be used will be the Simms Puck. Other super soft orange pucks will also be used in the pool. Hard plastic pucks and pink coloured pucks are not to be used as they damage the tiled floor of the pool. There will be soft orange pucks available for warm up.



Filming

All games will be streamed live on the Underwater Hockey Australia (UHA) YouTube channel, with streaming services kindly provided by UHA.

Format

The games format that will be followed is the one recommended by UHA, however in the event that there are 6 or more teams in a division a double round robin will occur, permitted organisers can facilitate within the time booked at the pool.

National Games Format						
No. Teams	2	3	4	5	6	7
No. Rounds	6	3	2	2	1.2	1
No. RR Games	6	9	12	20	21	21
Finals	1	1	2	2	4	4
Total Games	7	10	14	22	25	25

Categories

- Open Elite
- Women Elite
- Open Masters
- U23
- Junior U19
- Junior U15

International Teams (only countries that are within the Travel bubble) ie New Zealand are also welcome to attend, however will be ineligible for medals.

Costs

The committee is finalising the costs for the championships. We are aiming to release these in the next 4 weeks along with the initial team and individual registration forms.

For initial planning, costs will be similar to previous years.

Payment Schedules

In light of Covid-19 and the uncertainty in planning the National Championships these are the critical dates which must be adhered to in order to reduce any risk to teams/organisers;

15/01/2021	Initial Feedback due – Number of Teams & Divisions.
31/01/2021	Team Fees due Team Nominations due
25/02/2021	Individual Fees due Individual Registrations due UHA capitation fee due Referee Levy Due

Functions

Function location and costs are still to be finalised by the committee due to increased contact tracing requirements by the Tasmanian Government. We will advise states in due course.

Tournament Timetable

3 rd April 2021	Pool Setup / Training / Opening Ceremony/Round Robin
4 th April 2021	Round Robin
5 th April 2021	Round Robin
6 th April 2021	Round Robin
7 th April 2021	Semi Finals/Finals/Medal Presentation/Closing Function (TBA)
8 th April 2021	Finals/Medal Presentation/Closing Function (TBA) (Depending on number of team's competition may finish on 7th April, 2021 if more time is needed finals will be played on 8th April and the Closing Function will be held then also.

Volunteers

As with any competition, many hands make light work. The organising committee is calling out for anyone who may be coming to the nationals as a non-player who would be keen to help out during the comp to help at the score desk to ensure that players can use their non playing time to relax and unwind. We will work around their schedule and commitments, an hour a day adds up over the entire comp. Any interested parties are asked to contact the Nationals Convenor – Sharon Williams.

Referees

Such as previous years the intention to use as many non-playing referees (NPR) as possible. During the team registration process, States will be asked to name the number of NPR's as suggested by Underwater Hockey Australia

Local Amenities

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre is 5 minutes drive from the Hobart CBD or 10 minutes walk. Woolworths supermarket is located in Argyle Street Hobart along with other Cafes, Restaurants and takeaways. Salamanca market is 15 minutes walk from the CBD and is popular on Saturdays from 6 am. Car hire is available in the CBD or at the Airport which is about 15km from the CBD.

Accommodation

TUHA has been able to secure a 10% discount off room rates at the Mantra hotel Collins Street Hobart. This hotel is 5 minutes walk away from the Aquatic Centre and has car parking at Market Place directly behind the hotel. There is also a café – Davey Collins Café , www.drcoffeecollins.com.au , down a laneway next to the hotel that does excellent coffee, breakfasts and takeaways and Avis car rental is next to the Market Place Carpark.

Code for accommodation discount is:

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You will need to go to Mantra Collins:

<https://www.mantra.com.au/tasmania/south/hobart/accommodation/mantra-collins-hotel/>



Other accommodation options that are nearby are:

- Travelodge Hobart 0.5km to City Centre
- Argyle Motor Lodge 1.8km to City Centre
- Waterfront Lodge 4.3km to City Centre
- Riverfront Motel and Villas 8.9km to City Centre

As there are so many options use [trivago.com.au](https://www.trivago.com.au), [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or [AirBnB](https://www.airbnb.com) to search for whatever you require. Should you have any issues in booking accommodation please let us know.

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre does have carparking available for use by UWH competitors and access around Hobart with a car/minibus is easy with no tolls.