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Initial Information Pack 2021 V2

(note date change a week prior from previous pack)

The Sydney Kings Underwater Hockey Club, in partnership with Gold Coast Underwater Hockey, are excited to announce that we are hosting the second instalment of Australia's open club championships in the same pool that the 202_ UWH World Championships will be someday be contested.

All Australian any NZ clubs in our travel bubble are invited to join us on the Gold Coast in August to battle it out for the 2nd instalment of the King's Cup!

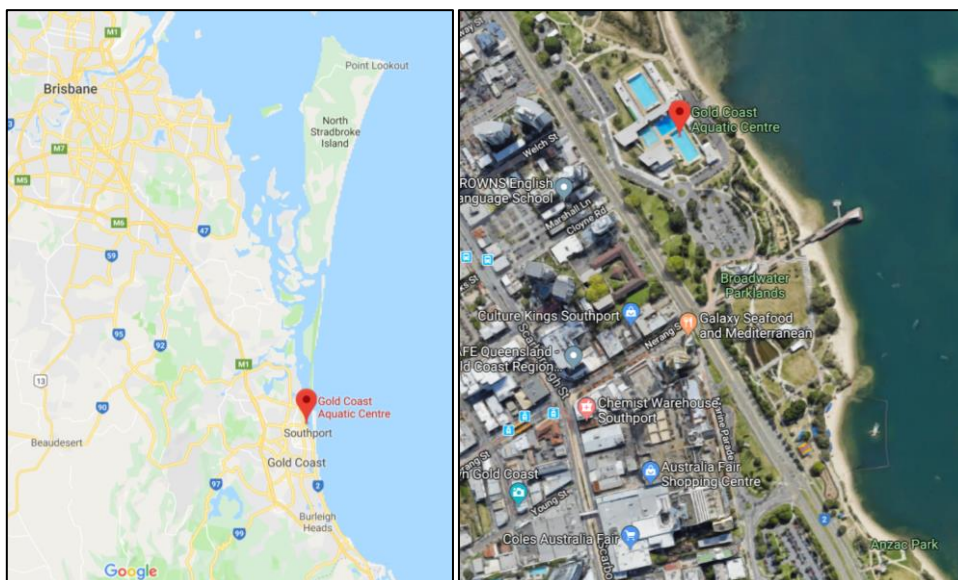
Competition Schedule:

<u>Saturday Aug 21st 2020:</u>	< 9am	Captains meeting
	9am-5pm	Kings Cup
<u>Sunday Aug 22nd 2020:</u>	9am-4pm	Kings Cup
	4.30pm	Medal Presentation
	7pm – 11pm	Function (Location TBA)

Venue:

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Pde, Southport QLD 4215

Yes this is the same venue that will one day host the Elite and Masters UWH World Championships in a few years time. The courts are full competition size and play is width-wise across the pool with 3 walls and a barrier on the 4th side. Substitution will be in water. Warm up lanes will be provided between the 2 courts.



This is an outdoor venue with a grassed area, open grandstands and limited table and shaded areas next to the pool. The competition will be in the Queensland winter so mild temperatures are expected, however teams should still consider sun protection when planning. Marquees will be installed to shade teams while at the venue. There is a café attached to the pool (Café Catalina) which provides food and drinks. Australia Fair Shopping Centre is a 7 minute walk from the pool.

Divisions:

- A Grade (opens)
- B Grade (opens)
- Women's grade

All Australian club teams are invited to attend. Up to 12 players per team will be accepted.

What constitutes a B grade team will be at the discretion of the competition organisers.

We understand that each club may not be able to field a full compliment of women's players, in which case they are encouraged to send regional women's teams.

Female athletes can enter in both the women's grade and A or B grade. U/19 players are encouraged to play as part of their club teams in a grade suitable to their development.

If any individual players would like to attend and are not otherwise affiliated to an Australian club, please message us (see contact details below).

Medal eligibility:

Please note that the non-resident player rule as per the Australian National UWH Championships will apply, whereby to be eligible for medals, teams can have no more than two non-resident players from outside their club*

- As per nationals, players who have been previous members of a club but are not currently living in that area do not count as a non-resident player
- Dispensations will be made for regional teams without a full complement of players to be able to send away a club team, i.e. women's teams.

Barbarian teams can compete in the finals but will not be eligible for medals for the Australian Club Championship.

Format:

- <5 teams per division – double round robin with finals
- 5-8 teams per division – single round robin with top 4 progressing to finals
- > 8 teams per division – 2 pools/groups, single round robin in each with top 2 teams (minimum) in each pool progressing to finals

Game length (Subject to change):

- 8 minute halves
- 3 minute half time
- 7 minutes in between games

Pucks: The SIMMS puck will be used.

Registration:

Competition fees (excludes function):

\$600 per team (up to 12 players)

A \$20 discount will apply for each junior* (U/19) on a team, i.e. for a team with 2 juniors, the team fee will be \$560

*Under 19 years of age on the 1st of January 2021

Initial interest from clubs: Please email sydneybookings@nswunderwaterhockey.com by Friday 26th June 2021 to register your interest. **Please only register interest based on how many teams you can feasibly send.**

Team registration deadline: Friday 30th July 2021 (COVID restrictions pending)

Team lists and final player payments: Sunday 8th August 2021

To enter a team please email sydneybookings@nswunderwaterhockey.com for the registration link/form

Function:

Location TBA, but likely to be at a surf club or pub somewhere close to Southport. Function not included in competition fees. Will be a mixed function (juniors and seniors).

Travel:

Gold Coast Airport – approximately a 40 minute drive from the venue.

Brisbane Airport – approximately 1 hour drive from the venue.

Accommodation:

There are plenty of accommodation options on the southern end of the Gold Coast ranging from cabins within camping grounds/holiday parks, family apartments to high-end hotels.

COVID-19:

As with the recent nationals, running a tournament during a pandemic is a risk but we hope that teams are still able to commit with due course to attending. But for the chance to fit a fun comp in this year we are willing to proceed with planning. Fingers crossed if the comp goes ahead, we will be abiding by all Queensland Health directions and the AUF guidelines for sport at the time in October.

Competition and Game enquiries:

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