

ATHERTON TABLELAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Mission Statement The mission of Atherton Tablelands Hockey Association is to promote, preserve, foster and encourage the growth and enjoyment of the sport of Hockey for Players Officials and Spectators.

Vision Statement: Excellence and Sportsmanship in all we do.

Welcome to Hockey 2018

We'd like to extend a welcome back to our players and families and a huge welcome to our new players and parents in 2018. We are excited to have you a part of our hockey family.

- **How we get information out there:** We understand everyone likes information in different ways. We will send information out via email (once everyone is registered online we will have a current & comprehensive list of our members), via our website and via Facebook, so please follow our page. We hope to reach all demographics this way. We also have monthly meetings to which you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- **Online registration:** All registrations and payments are done online. The link to our registration portal is below and links are on our Facebook page and website. Fee structure is finalised at the AGM in January then uploaded to the portal.

* **Hockey Qld registration is mandatory as this covers your insurance.**

You can register at any time here: <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/979/org>

Just log in (for returning players) or register, look for the correct age group for HQ fees and relevant ATHA fees and follow the prompts.

If you have trouble please stop and message or email us with any issues and we will work hard to sort them out for you. If you pay incorrectly it's very hard to undo and HQ charge fees to fix issue.

- **A reminder that all registrations and payment must be completed before taking the field on our first scheduled game on Saturday 10th March.**

- **Divisions and player information:**

***Please note - age for ATHA playing divisions is determined at 1st Jan of the playing year; (unlike registration age division which is determined by Hockey Qld). We will consider reclassification of playing divisions based on age, skill etc.**

DIVISIONS:

Minkies (Under 8's or beginners)

DIV 2 (12 and under) – 4 mixed teams

DIV 1 (16 and under) – 4 mixed teams

LADIES (17+) – 4 teams

VETS LADIES (35+) – 4 teams

GAME TIME each week (subject to confirmation)

10.00am

11.30am

1.00pm

2.30pm

4.00pm

- We encourage new players in all divisions. Chat to your family and friends; bring them along for a look. In recent years we have struggled to keep a Men's competition afloat due to poor numbers. This year we have entered a Tomahawk team in the B Men's Cairns competition.
- **Coach development** – we are hoping to offer some coaching clinics this year for our coaches and players. Some of the things covered are game structure, tactics, positioning and game plan information.

- **Teams** – coaches in DIV 1 & DIV 2 work together to make sure an even spread of talent and experience is found in each team. They will attempt to ensure even numbers; while trying to accommodate family needs.
- **Training times** and locations are determined by the coaches; please refer to your coach for these details. Once teams are finalised we will get this information out to all families.
- **Coaches** are usually parents and all volunteers, so please help them out where and when you can.
- **The canteen** - our primary funding source is operated completely by volunteers. Each week we rotate the roster of parents/teams to staff the canteen based on the teams drawn to play on Field 1. This allows parents to do their turn in canteen and still see their child play hockey. Please volunteer as much time as you can, an extra hand is always appreciated. Check the draw each week for teams on duty. Karen Mitchell is our canteen manager this year and our bar manager is Chrissie Mehmet.
- **Umpiring** is crucial to our game. We try to provide courses and mentoring regularly. Umpires are rotated each week on a team basis, meaning if it is your teams turn to umpire your coach/captain should organise volunteers. Failure to do so can mean games are not able to proceed on time. Points will be deducted from teams not honouring their umpiring duties. Those who wish to try umpiring can volunteer and will be supported to develop and gain certification.
- **The draw** once finalised will be put up on our competition portal and a full copy on our website. Each week results will be entered, and anyone can access this information at any time. The competition portal can be found here: <https://sportsdesq.onesporttechnology.com/979/>
- **Committee meetings** in our association occur each month throughout the season and each team is required to have a representative to attend monthly meetings. All key decisions are made at these meetings therefore it is imperative for your team to be involved in this process. Team managers and/or coaches should ensure your team is represented at each meeting. Meetings this year will be held on the 3rd Saturday each month (during the season) either in the morning or afternoon, keep an eye out for the time advertised each month.
- **Communication** Events, news and information are sent out via email and posted on our website and FaceBook page. The links are at the top of this form.
- If you're not sure about something, please just ask us!

We are looking forward to a great season 😊

Carrie de Brueys & Pamela Clearwater

ATHA President ATHA Vice President.