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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hunter Region Hockey Associations

FROM: Ken Clifford

DATE: 8th September 2013

SUBJECT: **Nominations Coaches 2013 -2014**

DETAILS:

The Hunter Academy of Sport is calling for nominations from coaches wishing to be involved in the Academy Hockey program for 2013-2014.

The focus of the program is to raise identified core skill levels, and hockey knowledge of the athletes in preparation for other NSW Elite Hockey Programs. (ETS, NSWIS) In conjunction with this for those athletes born 1997-1999 they will be in competition to be selected to participate in the Academy Games to be held in the Illawarra in April 2014.

A development program will also be run for those athletes that are born 2000 - 2001 for progression into the Academy Games squad. These athletes will also attend all academy training sessions and will only be considered for the Academy Games Squad at the discretion of the Academy Head Coach.

The following positions will be available:

- 1 Boys Coach under direction from the Head Coach
- 1 Girls Coach under direction from the Head Coach
- 1 Goal Keeping Coach under direction from the Head Coach
- 1 Development Squad Coach
- 7 Assistant Coaching positions 3 Girls coaches, 3 Boys coaches and 1 goal keeper coach all under the direction from the Head Coach and the programme coaches

The coaching commitment will be one Sunday approximately every 3 weeks.

- **26th October 2013** **Session 1** Girls testing 8:00am – 1:00pm (University of Newcastle)
- **27th October 2013** Boys testing 8:00am – 1:00pm (University of Newcastle)
- **15 -17th November 2013** HNSW Coaches weekend. HNSW has made this a compulsory attendance and at the completion will be accrediting coaches up to Level 2 standard
- **8th December 2013** **Session 2** 8:00am – 3:00pm

- **21st - 22nd Dec 2013** **Session 3** NIAS Visit Newcastle - 12:00pm - 4:00pm *Saturday* & 8:00am – 1:00pm *Sunday* (inter-academy testing, skills training then Games)
- **12th Jan 2014** **Session 4** 8:00am -3:00pm
- **2nd Feb 2014** **Session 5** 8:00am -3:00pm
- **14th - 16th Feb 2014** NCAS 2nd Inter Academy visit Grafton or Coffs Harbour, (for the Academy squad)
Coach attendance dependent on costs involved
- **23rd Feb 2014** **Session 6** 8:00am -3:00pm
- **16th March 2014** **Session 7** 8:00am -3:00pm

The responsibilities of the coaches will be maintaining the standards of drills and core skills and overseeing the assistant coaches, including the information provided by the assistant coaches to the athletes and ensuring the discipline of the athletes.

The responsibilities of the assistant coaches will be maintaining the quality of the drills, skills coaching and demonstrating core skills and drills.

There is a requirement to hold a current level 1 coaching certificate, however a willingness to obtain a coaching certificate would be acceptable in some circumstances.

These are non-paying positions; however you will receive additional coaching experience that you can pass on to both your junior and senior clubs.

By applying and being appointed as a coach you undertake to attend all training sessions (obviously there will be some exemptions).

The nominations close Friday 20th September 2013

Notification of appointments will be Monday 23rd September 2013.

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