

About the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS)

Established in 1991, WRAS is a non-profit organisation which aims to assist young athletes from the region to achieve sporting excellence. The Academy is one of 11 regional academies in NSW supported by the NSW Government. The WRAS catchment covers a geographical region of 91,522 square kilometres which includes 17 local government regions.

About the WRAS Hockey Program

The 2019 hockey program will run November 2018 – April 2019 (with the athletes and coaches to be recognised for their achievements at our annual awards night scheduled for August 2019). The program will involve:

- ✂ Orientation weekend 3-4 November (introduction to WRAS, team meeting, sports science testing, uniform handout, etc)
- ✂ 4-5 squad training days and/or camps (locations to rotate within the western region)
- ✂ Inter-Academy camp (weekend training camp supported by HNSW with coaches and athletes from surrounding regional academies)
- ✂ Weekly satellite sessions for athletes in their home town (or close to home town)
- ✂ Competition at 2019 Academy Games (Newcastle - April 2019)
- ✂ Education Seminars
- ✂ Weekly Injury Prevention and Strength & Conditioning sessions

Hockey Squad Staffing Structure



Positions available for 2019 program include:

- ✂ Assistant Coaches
- ✂ Goal Keeper Coach
- ✂ Apprentice Coach
- ✂ Satellite Coaches
- ✂ Manager

All positions are voluntary. Upon successful completion of duties hockey squad staff will receive an honorarium to assist with costs associated with their involvement in the program. Squad staff will not be required to pay for any accommodation costs associated with the Inter-Academy Camp and 2019 ClubsNSW Academy Games. Squad staff will receive a WRAS polo shirt, socks, and a hat. Squad staff members are able to purchase other uniform items when available (eg. jacket, track pants).

A 'Working with Children Check' is a prerequisite for all WRAS squad staff.

Individual conditions are negotiated prior to appointment and are included in the Squad Staff Agreement.

Assistant Coaches - reports to the Head Coach and may be required to assist as the Satellite Coach in their home town

- Currently hold a HockeyEd Level 1 qualification or higher
- Coaching experience at representative level or high performance players
- Good communication and organisational skills and the ability to work as a part of a small team
- Required to attend all squad training days/camps including Orientation, Academy Games Competition, Inter-Academy Camp and presentation night

Goal Keeper Coach- reports to the Head Coach and may be required to assist as the Satellite Coach in their home town

- Currently hold a HockeyEd Level 1 qualification or higher
- Coaching experience at representative level or with high performance players
- Good communication and organisational skills and the ability to work as a part of a small team
- Required to attend all squad training days/camps including Orientation, Academy Games Competition, Inter-Academy Camp and presentation night

Apprentice Coach- reports to the Head Coach and may be required to assist as the Satellite Coach in their home town

- Preference for these positions will be given to WRAS graduate athletes interested in coaching
- Currently holds their Australian Sports Commission Community Coaching General Principles qualification and/or working towards attaining their HockeyEd Level 1 qualification
- Playing or coaching experience at representative level
- Good communication and organisational skills and the ability to work as a part of a small team
- Required to attend all squad training days/camps including Orientation, Academy Games Competition, Inter-Academy Camp and presentation night

Satellite Coaches - reports to the Head Coach

- Could hold a HockeyEd Level 1 qualification
- Required to conduct weekly sessions for WRAS athletes who reside in their hometown. Satellite coaches may be invited to attend other training sessions and tournaments if decided by the head coach
- Coaching experience at representative level or higher
- Good communication and organisational skills

Manager - reports to the Head Coach and also liaises with the WRAS Sports Program Manager on a regular basis

- Could hold a sports administration or coaching qualification or have experience as a manager of a representative team
- Good communication and organisational skills and the ability to work as a part of a small team anticipating the needs of the squad and squad staff
- General assistance with the program organisation as required by the Head Coach and WRAS Sports Program Manager. Examples include; submitting event reports after training sessions, recording attendance at events, arranging water and ice on hot days, general supervision of athletes, etc.
- Required to attend all squad training days/camps including Orientation, Academy Games Competition, Inter-Academy Camp and presentation night

This is **not** an exhaustive list of the squad staff responsibilities – it is to give applicants an idea of the responsibilities. If you do not have current formal qualifications for your sport, you will need to complete the 'Community Coach General Principles Course' available on line at ausport.gov.au.