



Squash Australia High Performance Memorandum – General Update – February

1. Trans-Tasman Match Coaches

The selected National Junior Coaches who will be responsible for accompany the 2019 Australian Trans-Tasman Team will be:

- Brad Hindle
- Melody Francis

2. AJO Parent Meeting

Squash Australia will hold a High-Performance parent meeting on Saturday the 20th of April at the Australian Junior Open, times to be confirmed.

This will be opportunity for parents to learn about developing elite athletes and what it takes to make it on a world squash stage in today's game.

There is also plenty of opportunity to ask questions about the programme with National Coach Paul Price.

3. World Junior Championships (WJC) Women's Team

We highly recommend that any player wishing to be selected in the women's junior team, compete in the U19 division at the AJO and OJC.

We do have a number of female players who are very evenly matched, so results MAY have an impact on selection.

The closing date for Expressions of Interests for the WJC Individual (Male and Female) and Teams (Female only) championships close on the 26th of April 2019. The selection criteria for the event can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/high-performance/hp-selection-criteria>.

***As a priority, please ensure all female players who may be in-line for selection for the 2019 WJC team are aware of this**

4. National State based camps

As advised Squash Australia aims to run a National Squad in each State over a two year period and we are now getting towards half way through that.

We have given multiple deadlines and thank you for those that have responded.

At these camps we welcome the engagement of State coaches in addition to the national Junior and National Coach. Costs (flight, accommodation) need to be covered for the National coach to attend, but there will be no fee for his time for attending.

This will provide an opportunity for collaboration of knowledge between National, State and local coaches.

For the States where there has been no response, we will go ahead and run these camps direct in the State as we do not want young players to miss out on this opportunity. For the direct run camps we will advertise direct, take application and provide the coaches.

5. World Doubles

2019 WSF World Doubles Championships will be held at Carrara Squash Centre from 17 – 21 June. This will be a world class event with the highest quality players competing in Australia since the 2018 Commonwealth Games. This will provide an excellent opportunity to watch the World's best players in action

Australia's team for the event is due to be announced on March 1.

The **Australian Doubles** will be the days before the World Doubles and we encourage all players to enter. Please note there will be a Junior doubles event also for junior players.

The **Australian National Championships** will be the days after the World Doubles and will see all the National Players compete again we encourage all aspiring young players to compete.

6. Arafura Games

The Arafura Games has been added to the Australian Squash Tour. The event is held from 29 April – 3 May and will consist of a PSA Satellite singles competition and a Doubles competition. We encourage all developing players to play both events.