

VCA WOMEN'S OVER 40 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ADELAIDE 26 – 31 OCTOBER 2024



Welcome to the 2nd newsletter!

Time is flying by, with less than 3 months until the tournament.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee have been hard at work progressing the Women's O40s Tournament. We have added a couple more volunteers to the committee, including Angela Egan. Jess Henry from NSW was instrumental in the success of last year's tournament and has also come on board to help with delivering the South Australian Tournament. We still need more volunteers on the committee to oversee key event roles such as catering and events management.

TEAM NOMINATIONS

The most exciting news we have is the registration of **20** teams for the competition. This is five more than last year's tournament:

State/Territory	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Total
WA	1	1	1	3
NSW	1	2	1	4
VIC	1	2	1	4
TAS	1	1	1	3
QLD	1	1	0	2
SA	1	1	1	3
NT	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	6	8	6	20

Division 2 has a healthy 8 teams in the competition which means not all teams will play each other during the limited schedule. A decision will be made by VCA as to how division two will be delivered. It is most likely that New South Wales and Victoria will not play their other team in this division, unless they both reach the finals stage. Stay tuned!



TEAM NOMINATIONS (CONT.)

We are delighted that the Northern Territory can field its inaugural team even though they will be under the banner of SA. There are still some places available for the NT team if there are players from other states who had once lived/played in the NT or just want to play cricket under the NT banner at this tournament. Please contact Jo Posgate at joanne@positivestart.com.au



PLAYING GROUNDS

Some sterling work by Heather Westwood has seen the organising committee secure 8 turf ovals for the mid-week games of the tournament. These games will be held at Adelaide University, North Adelaide (4 grounds) and Adelaide University, West Beach (4 grounds). Debate is still underway for Sunday games as the regular cricket season scheduling will clash with our tournament.

Three clubs have been approached to secure their grounds on Sunday October 27 but are yet to give us a response. We will be approaching more clubs in the coming weeks.

No extra hard wicket grounds have been organised in the event of inclement weather and Adelaide University will be advised that the proposed rest day, Tuesday, is a dedicated day for making up games lost through washout.

Details of the grounds are on the [website](#)

UMPIRES

We have had a positive response for umpires at the tournament. Thirteen people from interstate with umpiring qualifications have expressed an interest in participating at the tournament. This will bolster our local stock immensely. Umpires will be paid \$70 for T20 games and \$140 for 35 over games.

A Tournament Referee has been secured as well. David "Mojo" Crocker will be the Tournament Referee. Mojo is currently a Barrister at Edmund Barton Chambers. He is a member of the University Over 60s Premiership Team. He has played for Australia at Over 50s and for SAVCA at Over 60s Division 1. He has been a selector at Over 50s level for Australia. With his legal and cricketing experience, we are confident he will be an ideal appointment.

ACCOMODATION

By now most teams have discussed or arranged accommodation that suit their team needs. Be mindful of where the grounds are in relation to your accommodation and whether you have appropriate transport to get to grounds, including the availability of public transport options. There are some suggestions on the [tournament website](#).



ACCOMODATION (CONT)

Adelaide public transport system operates with metro cards. These can be purchased at major railway stations or/and can be topped up on an as needs basis. Adelaide public transport also has the capability to pay for tickets by using a debit/credit card or smartphone.

For those staying north east of the city, the O-Bahn busway is an efficient service transit system.

Log on to www.adelaidemetro.com.au for all public transport information and locations for purchasing a MetroCard. We will post the links to Adelaide's public transport system on our website.

If there are teams or individuals still looking for accommodation, we remind you that the Arkaba Hotel (www.arkabahotel.com.au) supports SAVCA and can offer hotel accommodation. For teams playing at West Beach, there are on-site cabins at the nearby West Beach Caravan Park. The West Beach ovals are approximately 9 kilometres from the city centre on the western side of Adelaide. There is no train route close by.



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FUNCTIONS

Tournament functions are still in the planning stage. We are close in securing venues and should have details in the next edition.

Saturday 26th October

Captains & Managers Meeting

This will be held in the late afternoon at the same venue as the Meet & Greet

Saturday 26th October - 6pm - 8pm

Meet & Greet Function

A time to kick-off our tournament. All players are expected to attend

Sunday 27th October - Twilight WBBL



Adelaide Oval will be hosting WBBL games (double header) on the Sunday 27th. The first game is between Adelaide Strikers and the Brisbane Heat during the afternoon but that's when we will be playing.

The second game is between Melbourne Renegades and Sydney Sixers at 4.40pm. It is hoped we can take advantage of this opportunity by scheduling the matches earlier in the day to enable interested players to get to the WBBL game (we may be able to secure group tickets through the SACA) or organise some sort of relevant function to coincide with the game.

Tuesday 29th October - Rest Day

Enjoy a day off by exploring some of Adelaide's sights or just stay in bed.

Thursday 31st October - Presentation Dinner

Celebrate a great week of cricket at the Awards Dinner, details to follow.

WHAT TO DO IN ADELAIDE



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers during the playing week are integral to the success of this tournament. An effective approach has been made to Flinders University, Sport Management programme, for students in this field to offer their services, if interested. The Sport Management Program Director will direct interested students to the website and to email Lynley Ingerson with an expression of interest. SEDA college will also be approached.

If players are travelling with family or friends who may be interested in volunteering during the tournament, please do not hesitate to have them contact Lynley with an expression of interest. We will make sure they get to see the games they want to see but also lend a hand on match days wherever possible.

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE

The [tournament website](#) is up and running. This will be the main source of all information for the tournament. We encourage you to visit it often as there will be updates regularly. We will also be posting updates on our women's Facebook page... [SAVCA Women's Over 40's](#).

BUDGET

The budget is close to being finalised and will be distributed to State organisers soon.

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MEDIA

Steps have been taken to secure some local media through FIVEaa and Sam Tugwell. Sam is the anchor for the sports show and hosts the Sunday Roast sports show with KG Cunningham on FIVEaa in Adelaide and is also the son of Glenni Gabb. He will also spread the word to his TV contacts closer to the tournament. Similarly, an approach will be made to former state cricketer and high-profile media personality, Jenny Williams for interviews and exposure.

Communication apps such as Heja and Stack team app are being looked at as the major forms of engagement for tournament communications between organising management, teams and others.

SPONSORSHIP/RAFFLE

Sponsorship proposals have been prepared and are ready for distribution. There are four primary sponsorship packages on offer:

Platinum - \$5000 (one only)

Gold - \$3000 (multiple)

Silver - \$1500 (one only)

Bronze - \$500 (multiple)

Please refer to the website for the sponsorship proposal and relevant entitlements for each package. The committee is very interested in talking to individuals and organisations who may wish to be involved with this event.

The organising committee are in the process of setting up the RaffleTiX site for a tournament raffle and looking for significant donations towards this raffle. Committee members are working through their contacts for tournament sponsors or donors and raffle prizes.

Stay tuned for our August edition

