

Hockey Australia Women's Masters Medical Officer Position Description

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Summary

The Medical Officer provides medical assessment and treatment within the scope of their abilities and qualifications to contribute to the overall wellbeing of Australian Women's Masters teams during designated events and competitions. They will oversee and coordinate appropriate response to injuries and medical events.

Responsible to:

HA Women's Masters Council through the National Program Coordinator.

Responsible for:

- Researching and recommending local medical treatment options, including defibrillators and the best method of contacting the local ambulance.
- Emergency medical assessment and/or treatment of members of the Hockey Australia contingent within the scope of professional practice.
It is important that teams' massage therapists remain the primary contact for treatment of players on tour. Only matters that cannot be dealt with by a massage therapist may be referred to the Medical Officer.
- Attending matches and being available at call for consultation with team massage therapists regarding serious injuries and to provide emergency medical treatment, advice, or referral to a medical facility as necessary.
- Assessing and treating injuries referred by a team's massage therapist within the scope of professional practice.
- When appropriate, advising the team massage therapist, manager and coach that a player must not play. The Medical Officer's decision in such a situation is final. If a coach, manager or player overrides or ignores such a decision, their action will be regarded as a breach of the relevant codes of conduct.
- Working in conjunction with other therapists to manage player wellbeing.
- Retaining a record of treatments and advice provided to members of the contingent.
- Contributing to a high quality and enjoyable experience for individual players and the team as a whole.
- Providing a written report to HA Women's Masters Council after the event.

The Medical Officer will not be responsible for treating tour participants for minor ailments, eg. sore throat, cold & 'flu.

Essential Criteria:

- Hold appropriate professional qualifications, Sports Medicine an advantage
- Ability to work under pressure and manage a variety of demands
- Ability to communicate effectively with players and officials
- Ability to build and work in a team environment
- Understand the importance of maintaining confidentiality
- A work philosophy and attitude which reflects the core values of HA being leadership, integrity, excellence and inclusion
- Awareness of and willingness to abide by FIH and HA policies and procedures including Codes of Conduct

Remuneration: The role is voluntary and self funded. Medical Officers will be expected to provide treatment and advice to players and officials free of charge.

Workplace Health & Safety:

The massage therapist is responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient rest time, meal times, etc, during each day. Any concerns in this regard should be discussed with the team manager/s or massage team leader.

Performance Review

The HA Women's Masters Council will review performance after each event.

As a nominating Medical Officer, I confirm I have read the Position Description, understand its content and agree to work in accordance with the requirements of the position.

Medical Officer's Name

Medical Officer's Signature

Date