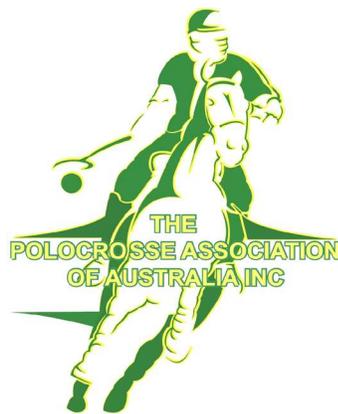


# PAA

## TOP GUN

# Coaching Clinics

The PAA offers the best of the best to help build skill, confidence, horsemanship, relationships and most important of all – have fun!



# SPORTAUS

# Introduction

Polocrosse was first played in 1938. The pioneers of our sport have taken polocrosse from paddocks to an international sport now played world-wide via the World Cup Series. There was no better platform to showcase of our sport than the 2019 World Cup held at Morgan Park, Warwick Australia.

The objective of this proposal is to showcase our elite players to all members of polocrosse, no matter their ability or grade, whilst enabling our elite players to give back to the grass roots of our fabulous sport.

The Polocrosse Association of Australia (PAA), like many equestrian sports, relies on grants and membership fees to operate. There has always been a push, which has come to fruition in the recent Australian team campaign, to ensure there is not an undue financial burden placed upon the selected PAA Open team members, Manager, Coach or Umpire - this is something Polocrosse Australia is very proud of. However, the significant cost of funding our top players, the Top Guns of our sport, should not come at the expense of grass roots members. The PAA recognises there are 5,000 members who all pay the same membership in our sport which is of course non-professional. This proposal is the first of several planned initiatives to ensure our representative Open Team is funded into the future. This proposal also enables our Open Australian players, the best of the best, the opportunity to upskill and mentor all players.

# Coaching Proposal

## *Giving back to the members:*

The PAA would like to offer the State Associations the opportunity to harness the Open Squads polocrosse expertise. It is proposed that the Top Guns, working over a weekend, will partner with a Club, Zone or State Association to stage an event aimed at coaching and mentoring interested members. Event organisers should work on a minimum of 30 participants that will be paired with three Top Gun coaches. Events may be scaled up at a ratio of one to ten i.e. 40 participants to four Top Guns.

These Top Gun fundraising events, for our Open players, will be charged at a rate of \$80 (\$40 a day) per participant. Funds will directly contribute to the Australian Open Squad.

## **Coaching Weekend - How will it work?**

States/Zones/Clubs are requested to submit their preferred dates and venues by February 2020, (then by November for the following year) to ensure squad members are available and allow Clubs plenty of time to make sure they have enough numbers via the following Request Form. Squad members will work with Jodie Hall, National Manager of Coaching and Sandra Weston, PAA Director to get the Top Gun clinics

locked in. Event organisers are also required to source travel and accommodation arrangements for the Top Gun squad and loan horses where required.

## **Payment**

The PAA Treasurer will directly invoice the hosting club. It is at the discretion of the host club how much they charge per head to allow for stabling, catering, etc.

It is suggested that a minimum of 30 participants with three Top Gun coaches is the optimum number for these weekends however if host clubs wish to scale this please contact Sandra Weston to discuss. PAA recommend having extra coaches for more than 30 participants. The money raised from your club's efforts will go into the Open Squad preparation account. This money will be used for Open Squads ONLY for expenses such as travel, accommodation, fuel, food etc. Squad members, in conjunction with the team managers and coach, determine how funds raised are expended.

See you at the Top Gun Clinics.

*Sandra Weston*

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