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His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC (Retr)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Mr. Max Walters, A.M., M.B.E

Dear Polocrosse Junior

Polocrosse Association of Australia Junior Squad – Polocrosse Squad

As part of the Polocrosse Association of Australia (PAA) Junior Development Program - *Polocrosse Squad* - we are asking all eligible Juniors between the ages of 12 and 16 in the year 2009 to nominate for the PAA Junior Squad 2009.

The PAA Junior Squad will be established to develop and train Juniors for Elite Level Polocrosse.

The PAA Australian Selectors will work in conjunction with State Junior Development Officers and State/Zone/Club Selectors to identify juniors that possess the attributes that could enable them to be part of the Squad. The talent identification will be undertaken by Selectors who will undertake this activity at the Australian National Championships, State Championships, Zone Championships and other Club level Polocrosse events.

The Squad will consist of a number of Junior Players from around Australia, the squad will be selected by December 2008.

It is envisaged that the Junior Squad will be an ongoing initiative of the Polocrosse Australia, and will .

The Squad will have the opportunity to participate in a week long **boot camp** (venue to be announced December 2008). The Boot Camps will be held in a non-Nationals year. The format will involve the establishment of mixed playing teams; the teams will be coached and trained in personal fitness, diet, nutrition, horsemanship, game tactics and strategies. At the conclusion of the Camp there will be a round-robin competition. The one week program will be run on Australian rules. The Horse draw will be based on a similar plan that was used at the World Cup - using allocated Pool Horses (each team will be allocated upon arrival at the Boot Camp).

The emphasis upon round-robin is not the winning of the final – but displaying the skills learnt during the boot camp. The Australian Selectors will select and announce an Australian Junior Team from the Squad that may play in a test match (subject to arrangements with another country).

If you would like to nominate for the Junior Squad 2009 please complete: Nomination Form; Terms & Conditions; Questionnaire and post to:

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Please return by 30 June 2008 as late nominations will not be accepted.

Yours Sincerely

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