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Junior Development

As part of the Polocrosse Association of Australia (PAA) Junior Development Program - *Polocrosse Squad* – the PAA asked 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 Squad will consist of 18 Junior Players from around Australia; the squad will be selected by December 2008.

The Squad will have the opportunity to participate in a week long boot camp 19 – 26 January 2009 in Sale, Victoria, in a non-Nationals Year, effectively taking the place of the Junior Elite Camp for that 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 then select and announce an Australian Junior Team from the Squad. This Team will then play in a Test Match with South Africa from 10 – 12 April 2009, in conjunction with the Sale Club Tournament.

The PAA will contribute significantly towards the Boot Camp and Test, however as is common practice with the Junior Elite Camp we will ask State Associations to contribute a minimum of \$500 per participant to cover the cost of air travel to the Boot Camp. We realise that some States will have more than three Juniors participating, however we hope you view this additional financial commitment ultimately benefitting to your State.

Yours Sincerely

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on behalf

Polocrosse Association of Australia Board

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Congratulations to our Australian Team Winners of the United Kingdom V Australia Test July 2008

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