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Welcome to the new polocrosse season of 2017.

To begin this report I would like to congratulate the following people for the NSW Coach of the Year and NSW Team Manager of the Year.

NSW Coach of the Year – Brad Wamsley.

NSW Team Manager of the Year – Louise Parkinson

Both Brad and Louise are outstanding members of our coaching/managing community, they are positive role models to their players in all respects demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, leadership qualities, team image and a positive attitude.

They are both organised, committed and dedicated to their team's development at all levels.

This year when selecting for the Coaches award we decided to make open an award for Team Manager also, as we felt that they do a lot of work and for this they should be equally awarded and recognized for the work that they put in. The coaching panel also set out criteria and procedures for the selection of these awards. These are available for viewing upon request.

2017 season for the coaching / managing community will be constant again with one International/State event being New Zealand v NSW in the U21 Mixed competition to be held in New Zealand.

There is also three State Events being the Albury Junior Classic, Barastoc Challenge and the Upper Hunter Show. Also not forgetting our demonstration of the fantastic Sub Junior competition at the Royal Sydney Show.

2017 coaching clinics have currently commenced and leading the way are Central West Zone, North West Plains Zone, South West Slopes and Hunter Valley Zone. Following up later on will be Southern Highlands Zone and Western Districts zone. Great organisation and fantastic coaching ensures that they will only get bigger and these schools are vital to our growth in our sport and it is important to support these events.

For all those wanting to do their Coaches Accreditation we will be running a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Course once a year. Each year it will alternate from the southern zones to the northern zones. In 2017 the Level 1 Coaching accreditation course was to be run in the south however will be postponed due to lack of numbers, which doesn't meet the criteria of running the course. We will look at one later on in the year possibly in the North and if this occurs then one will be held in 2018 in the South.

Logbooks are due yearly on the 31st of December. Logbook collection historically has been untimely and inefficient collection of data. Therefore we introduced a trial survey program with the Zone Coaching Directors in 2016. Following this we now have put the electronic logbook system to the test with every coach having the opportunity to try.



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There has been minimal glitches which is great and any problem that has been found will be sorted for the 2017. This system we hope will take the pressure and workload of the Zone Coaching Director and the State Coaching Director.

However, please remember that you don't have to use the electronic version if your uncomfortable with that process but please ensure that you log books are in by the 31st of December each year to your Zone Coaching Director.

I am currently working with the Australian Coaching Director to put together a proposal to change the way we deliver our accreditation. I feel that from all the feedback I have received in the past 12 months since taking on this position that people would like a more time efficient easier to access accreditation system. I feel that at least 40% of the current course could be done online prior to the accreditation course which would cut down the time away from home/work factor. Options also include doing part accreditation at particular carnivals which again works for a lot of time poor people. If you have any thoughts in regards to improving delivery of this accreditation please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great season and I look forward to seeing you around the fields.

Kind Regards

Christie Hunt

NSW Coaching Director