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## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM From the office of the Team Manager

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**RE: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM  
2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CAMPAIGN**

This invitation is open to all female ice hockey players who are Australian citizens 15 years of age and over.

This letter serves to give you the initial information available at present with regards to the National Women's Team (NWT) plans for 2017 in regards to selection.

Following the successful championship win at the 2016 Women's World Championships Div II (Group B) earlier this year in Spain, Australia will now be promoted to the division above (Div II, Group A) for 2017.

IIHF are yet to announce tournament dates or the host city's location for the 2017 championship, these details should be known by IHA in the coming months. What we do know is that Australia will be competing against The Netherlands, South Korea, Great Britain, North Korea and Slovenia in 2017.

In preparation for the 2017 World Championship Campaign the NWT coaching staff are seeking expressions of interest from players wishing to join the training and development program in the lead up to the Elite Performance Camp scheduled to be held later this year.

*The 2017 NWT selection and training process will be staged as follows:*

- **Stage One:** Players will be selected into the training program after the application phase is completed at the end of August 2016.
- **Stage Two:** Players in the stage one training program will then be invited to attend the Elite Performance Camp to be held late 2016, performance pending.
- **Stage Three:** The selected 2017 NWT will travel to a pre-worlds training camp prior to attending the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championships IIA.

If you wish to nominate for the 2017 NWT please do so now by sending your expression of interest to Emma Poynton, NWT Team Manager ([ep500@me.com](mailto:ep500@me.com)) by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Your application will be submitted to coaching staff Lindsay McAlpine and Stu Philips for consideration and if accepted into the 2017 program you will be contacted and supplied with the training program requirements.

Once selected into the 2017 program, and when confirmed by IIHF and IHA, you will be forwarded information about the domestic Elite Performance Camp, the 2017 Pre-World Training camp and 2017 World Championships.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Poynton directly: [ep500@me.com](mailto:ep500@me.com) or 0402 460 500.

Regards,

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