

BRISBANE WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
LIFE MEMBER

SONYA FISHER



My involvement with hockey started quite late as I didn't pick up a hockey stick until I was 31. Because I had umpired in other team sports, after a few years of playing, I volunteered to umpire and with the support of Lyn Thomas and Cheryl Kann, I progressed and attended my first HQ Championship as a BWAHA umpire in 2002. The next year I joined the BWAHA U&TC! Through attending State Championships, I started to learn technical officiating and in 2013 I was appointed as a Tournament Director to HQ and HA Championships. The same year I had to give up playing (a highlight of my limited 'playing career' was playing for NT 35s at the HA Women's Masters in Darwin in 2006), but I continue to umpire and tech at BWAHA fixtures and tech at HQ , HA and WMH events.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED: 2019

BWAHA

Umpire – U13 State Championships: 2002

U&TC: 2003 2004 (Chair) 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 (C) 2010 2016 2018 (C)
2019 (C) 2020 (C) 2021(C) 2022 (C) 2023 (C)

Umpire – Veterans Southern Cross: 2003

Umpire – Veterans State Championships: 2003 2009

Umpire – U18 State Championships: 2003 2004

Umpire – Open State Championships: 2005

Senior Management: 2004 – Current

Financial Management, Grants, Sponsorship, Marketing Portfolio: 2011– Current

Special Projects: 2009

Vice President: 2010

Treasurer: 2010 (apt midyear) – current

HockeyZone/(briZHockey) Portfolio: 2015 – current

Turf Umpires Steward: 2009 – 2013

Masters Umpires Steward: 2018

Constitution Committee: 2021–current

Committees

Hockey Queensland

Finance & Administration: 2009–2011

Technical: 2014–2018, 2021, 2022–current

Indoor: 2020 2021 2022

World Masters Hockey

Technical Committee: 2019–current

Executive Board: 2020–current

Appointments

HQ

Umpire Coach U15G 2006

Judge U18W 2010

Umpire Coach Vets Women 2011

Assistant Tournament Director Masters Women State Championships 2012

Tournament Director Masters Women 2013

Tournament Director U18W 2013

Technical Manager Women's Masters 2014

Technical Manager Women's Masters 2015

Technical Manager Super League Men 2015

Tournament Director U18W 2015

Tournament Director Super League 2016

Tournament Director U18M 2017

Tournament Director U15B Indoor 2017
Tournament Director Super League Men & Women 2018
Tournament Director Super 6s / U21s Indoor challenge (M/W) 2018
Tournament Director U15M Indoor 2018
Tournament Director Super 6's Indoor 2019
Tournament Director U13 Girls Indoor 2019
Tournament Director U13 Boys Indoor 2020
Technical Manager U13 Girl's Indoor 2020
Tournament Director U18 Indoor 2020
Tournament Director Women's Masters 2021
Technical Official Big Hockey Hit Out 2021
Tournament Director Super 6s Women Indoor 2021
Technical Manager Women's Masters 2022
Tournament Director U18W 2022
Tournament Director U18W Indoor 2022
Technical Manager Women's Masters 2023
Technical Official Big Hockey Hit Out 2023
Tournament Director U13B 2023

Hockey Australia

Umpire Women's Masters 2007 – 2011, 2015
Umpire Women's Masters Tri-Series Event NZ 2009
Judge U21Women 2010
Umpire Trans-Tasman Masters AU 2010
Judge AHL Men's Finals 2010
Technical Official U18W 2011
Judge U18M 2012
Umpire Trans-Tasman Masters NZ 2013
Tournament Director U13G 2014
Tournament Director U15G 2015
Tournament Director U15G 2016
Technical Official AHL (Women) 2016
Tournament Director U18W 2017
Technical Official AHL 2017
Tournament Director Women's Masters 2018
Technical Official AHL 2018
Assistant Tournament Director U18 Men & Women Indoor 2018
Tournament Director Masters Indoor Challenge (Men & Women) 2018
Technical Official U21s 2019
Tournament Director Women's Masters Championships 2019
Judge HockeyOne 2019
Tournament Director Women's Masters Indoor Challenge 2019
Assistant Tournament Director U21 Indoor Championships 2020
Tournament Director Women's Masters Invitational 2022

Tournament Director Women's Masters 2022
Judge HockeyOne 2022
Technical Official Trans-Tasman Masters 2023
Tournament Director HA Women's Masters 2023
Assistant Tournament Director / Technical Official HA Men's Masters 2023

World Masters Hockey

Umpire, Masters World Cup, Rotterdam 2014
Tournament Director, Masters Indoor World Cup, Hong Kong 2019
Assistant Tournament Director, World Cup Capetown (postponed) 2020
Tournament Director Asian Continental Championship, Hong Kong 2023

Awards

Lyn Thomas Shield: 2003

Qld Senior Badge: 2003

Qld Technical Judge: 2003

Qld Advanced Badge / Level 2 Umpire: 2005 – current

HA Level 1 Technical Official: 2005

HA Level 2 Technical Official: 2011

HQ Tournament Director's Certificate: 2013

BWHA Senior Volunteer of the Year: 2013

Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Australia Day Sports Award: 2014

Hockey Queensland Volunteer of the Year: 2015

BWHA Highest Technical Officer: 2017 2018 2019 2021 2022

HQ Technical Official (Nix-Thomas Award): 2018

HA Level 3 Technical Official: 2019

HQ Association Technical Official: 2020

Event Volunteer Roles

2018 Commonwealth Games – Technology & Timing Hockey

2020 Tokyo Olympics (postponed and then foreigners not allowed to attend in volunteer capacity) – Field of Play Hockey