



2015 April NEWSLETTER

An update from our April 2015 Board of Management Meeting held on the 23rd March 2015 and other information of interest.

1. Working With Children Update

Clubs are reminded that they must keep details of all WWC Numbers for auditing purposes.

“ Hockey NSW takes this opportunity to remind all Association and Club Executives, Officials, Coaches and other concerned parties of the importance of having an up-to-date Working With Children Check. Apply here: <https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>” HNSW

2. Under 13 Association Coach

Janeen Watts has been appointed coach of Association's Under 13s girls

3. Junior Umpires are required for 2015 Season

Umpires for Division One Boys are required. Each match will have the same umpires for the whole hour and a half. They will receive \$15 each. In 7s and 9s the coach must have a whistle and blow it when necessary.

4. Hook in 2 Hockey Program for 2015

The program be run from May 2nd until July 4th and then from 18th July until 25th August. Dates and times are on the web page and MVHA Facebook. To support the program the Association will purchase a *Hook in2 Hockey* banner, two dozen soft compound junior hockey balls and a few more pop up goals.

5. Junior Canteen and Match Duties.

Timing: The 11s, all Division 2 and Division 1 girls will be centrally timed.

The 7s and 9s will be controlled by an air horn

The Division 1 Boys will be controlled by their umpires.

The Junior and canteen rosters are on the MVHA Facebook page

6. Message from Hockey NSW

As the 2015 field hockey season has now begun, **all players** should now be registered with Hockey NSW.

Please be advised that all unregistered players are **playing at their own risk** as they are not covered by insurance, effective 1st April, 2015.

It is imperative that all players are registered prior to taking the field and a SportsPass membership card be provided as per the **NO CARD, NO PLAY** policy.

7. Marshalls for hockey matches

The BOM is aware of issues associated with the directive from HNSW that we roster Marshalls to oversee hockey matches. We have sort information from other associations who have this program in place to develop a policy that is not onerous on club members, fair to all, satisfies HNSW as our our Duty of Care to our members. More on this soon.

8. Dugout Personnel.

The only people that should be in dugouts during matches are fully attired players, team coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and physios and third officials. Signs will be displayed in dugouts to reinforce this policy. I have personally seen situations where hockey balls have entered the dugout at speed and could be extremely dangerous for people particularly young children who may not be watching the match. It is recognised that players often have their young children with them and it is suggested that they make arrangements for their children to be looked after by a responsible adult who is not involved in the match.

9. TLF and wet weather

As everyone is aware the TLF field is at the end of its anticipated "life". ie Shock pad and seams are deteriorated. In the event of it being extremely wet weather no matches will be allowed on the field to help protect it.

10. Report for O/50 NSW Mens Masters Championship Moorbank, 2015

Manning travelled to Moorbank to contest the 2015 O/50 A Div. State Titles on the 17th April.

Though understrength and with only 12 players the team performed above expectations until injury and fitness took its toll.

Captain, Phil Walters led the team with confidence and patience given the team was playing in a division well above its expectations.

Phil should also be congratulated on his organisational work in getting the team to Moorbank.

Friday Game 1 vs. Sutherland Suth4- Manning 1

Game 2 vs. Goulburn Goulburn 4- Manning 0

Game 3 vs. Illawarra Illawarra 7 – Manning 0

Game 4 vs Bathurst Bathurst 5- Manning 2

The relegation game on Sunday was played against Coffs Coast from pool A2. Manning was no real match for them at this time. Too few players and too many walking wounded. Manning lost to old friends Coffs but will remain in A division as Sydney won both A and B Division.

Many thanks to Gary Gay and his wife Margaret, who worked tirelessly during the weekend as Managers.

Report prepared by Peter Frappell that I have summarised.

11. Manning Valley Representative Teams

It is important that the association receives a report and team photograph after teams have competed at a championship. These will be included in our Annual Report that is being prepared by BroonyFuller.

We wish our Under 18 Boys Team all the best for their campaign to win their division at the State Championships to be held at Narellan this weekend. Our Under 18 Girls Team will compete in Newcastle next weekend and we also wish them the best in their campaign.

12. HNSW “Health Check” of the association and its member clubs

It will be very soon but as yet no date. HNSW will provide a written report on what we are “lacking in”??

13. Mens Division Secretary

The secretary’s position is vacant due, unfortunately due to Richard Johnson having to resign from the position. Any takers??.

14. May Board of Management Meeting

26th May 2015 at 6pm at Taree Hockey Centre Club House.

15. Turf Sweeper

The association will need to purchase a new sweeper for the turf as the old one is beyond repair.

16. Additions to Fences at Northern End of Turfs

Completed and financed from Recreation Centre “ User Pays” funding.

17. PinkSports Day

Hockey NSW will be participating in Pink Sports Day in aid of breast cancer at this year’s Under 18s Women’s State Championships held in Newcastle on the 8th – 10th May, 2015. Our team is purchasing bucket hats to support the fundraising.

18. Draws for 2015

They all should be completed. The match Committees have had a difficult time this season due mainly to the early start to the season as a result of easter being early. They have had to redo draws several times. The draws have been put on Association’s Facebook page and will be put on the new IMG Web site ASAP by Craig and his” helpers”. This program will allow the draws to be access from smart phones ,tablets and computers. Also teams will be able to enter data at the completion of a match and hopefully reduce the Registrars work load. Points tables will be calculated automatically and be able to be viewed.

19. Canteen Roster

The final roster had to wait until the draws were completed. The roster is completed and has been circulated. Thank you again to all the members who do their duty in such a happy and competent manner.

John

30th April 2015 NB: Any feedback on the report would be appreciated