

SECTION 5

COMPETITION

RULES

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I. Terms of Reference

Unless the contrary intention appears from the context of a rule:

- "Club" means a club nominated to the Association.
"Competition" means a competition of hockey matches.
"Match" means a hockey match played between two teams under the control of the Association for competition points.
"Team" means a team of a club

II. Registration of New Members

- A. Each prospective player is required to be registered to be a registered player with Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. All players must also be registered and financial players with Hockey New South Wales via <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/23/org> before taking the field for their first competition match. Additionally, a player is not eligible to play for a club unless they are a member of the Association.

III. Association Register of Members

- A. To enable the Public Officer - Records Director to compile the Register of Members, each club must submit player information as requested on the Association's Team Registration Form to their respective Sub Committee of the Association who will in turn forward to the Secretary of The Association.
- B. Unregistered players. A club fielding in any competition match, a player who has not been registered as per *II Registration of New Members* shall at the discretion of the Match Committee, forfeit that match and the opposing team will be awarded the three competition points and a win by three goals to nil.

IV. Transfers

- A. A player who
1. Having completed the current season as a financial member of a club does require a written clearance from that club before playing with another club next season. The club/player requesting the clearance must submit this clearance request in writing to the secretary of the player's previous club. Once the clearance request has been received the request is to be finalised prior to the next playing/competition round.
 2. Has taken the field for one club but wishes to transfer from that club within Manning valley Hockey Association Inc. to another club in the current season should:
 - a. apply in writing to the Chairperson of the Match Committee of the Divisional Sub Committee for a permit to play for another affiliated club in the Association;
 - b. supply such particulars as may be required by the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Junior Match Committee, and;
 - c. be cleared in writing by their former club as per IV Transfers point 1. A copy of this letter is to be forwarded to the person/club making the request and to the Chairperson of the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Junior Match Committee.

Prior to being granted a clearance to play by the Manning Valley Hockey Association Junior Match Committee.
- B. The Match Committee of the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Junior Match Committee shall consider each application for a transfer within a maximum seven days of its receipt.
- C. In the event of any dispute the Chairperson of Junior Match Committee shall immediately advise the club and players concerned as to when the final decision is to be made on their application to transfer so that they may present evidence to either support or reject the application to transfer.

- D. The final decision on the application to transfer shall be made by the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Junior Match Committee and their decision in all cases will be final.
- E. A player registered and financial with another Association is eligible to play in competitions conducted by the Association. This player must show proof of Hockey New South Wales registration.

V. **Player Registration**

Team Registrations

- A. Each club shall nominate in writing the number of teams and their grades they desire each to compete in for the competition of that year. Closing date for team nominations will be the set at AGM each year.
- B. Each club will annually register, in duplicate, on the Association's official Registration Form, the names and residential addresses, the players in each club and any other particulars that may be required. One copy of the Registration Form will be given to the Secretary of the Association.
- C. The Registration Forms of the Divisional Sub Committee shall indicate all players and separately the players whose registration is conditional on the receipt from the Match Committee of that Sub Committee, a permit to transfer.
- D. Acceptance of registration will be at the discretion of the Sub Committee.
- E. The closing date for all fully completed team registration forms will be the fourth playing Saturday of the Winter Competition.
- F.
 - 1. Team nominations will be accepted as per players listed and the numbers of players to be registered in each team will be as per following:
 - A. Under 7's - A minimum of (5) five players and a maximum of (10) ten players.
 - B. Under 9's - A minimum of (6) six players and a maximum of (12) twelve players.
 - C. Under 11's – A minimum of (6) six players and a maximum of (12) twelve players.
 - D. All full field competitions – A minimum of (8) eight players and a maximum of (16) sixteen players.
 - 2. A. A player can only play for one club and one team in any division.
- G. Any players wishing to join a club following the lodgement of the initial team registration forms must complete an Application for Membership Form (refer to Section 6 - Forms) and lodge it with the Manning Valley Association Junior sub Committee Registrar and before their first competition game. If this rule is breached, the offending team shall be penalised three competition points for each match where the offence has occurred.
- H. Each team nomination for all junior competitions shall require a minimum of one accredited umpire. This accredited umpire cannot be duplicated across team nomination sheets.
- I. Each team nomination shall require the nomination of a suitably qualified team coach.

VI. Team Lists

For each competition match during the season:

- A. Team officials shall compile a printed team list, including Christian name and Surname in the appropriate space and signed by each player's on an approved Match card prior to taking the field which shall be handed to the umpires before the match. At the end of the match the card shall be signed by both team captains, umpires and then team officials and placed in the box provided in the Club house by the umpires immediately following the match.
- B. The Match Committee may impose a penalty as they determine for any breach of the preceding rule.
- C. The Association shall be obliged to check the Team Lists against player registrations.
- D. No player shall play in more than two competition matches on any one competition round as written on the competition draw.

VII. Conditions of Play

- A. Subject to these Rules, matches will be played under the control of the Association according to current FIH (Federation of International Hockey).
- B. Matches shall be played on grounds and at times arranged by the Association.
- C. The Chairperson of the Match Committee shall have the power to alter the time, date, or place of any match, but they shall advise the club of such alterations as soon as practicable. All appeals against the Chairperson of the Match Committee, where it is felt that insufficient notice was given as to any alteration in the time, date or place of any match will be heard by the Sub Committee.
- D. Any junior team that forfeits on three or more occasions in a season will be ineligible for the final series.

VIII. Wet Matches

- A. The Field Director of the Association, chairperson the junior match committee or chairperson of the junior Sub Committee shall determine if games are to be cancelled due to wet weather. Where possible, an announcement regarding cancellations shall be made over appropriate media as soon as possible. The Match Committee will make every effort to arrange for rescheduling cancelled rounds.

IX. Substitution

Substitution of players during a game for any reason will be permitted.

- A. Each team is allowed to substitute during the game as often as required using all of the players that they are allowed to register. (No substitute shall be permitted for a suspended player during the suspension.)
- B. Where a goalkeeper, who must wear full protective equipment as per FIH Rules, is nominated by a team, they shall be attired in such a way as to be easily distinguishable from the remainder of their team and their opponents. (Exception to this rule refer to Rule XI Part D.)

X. Competitions

- A.** Competitions shall be conducted in such grades as from time to time promulgated. The junior competition is to be played in Divisions 1, 2 3 and 4, if needed, as set out by the Sub Committee in ages as at the 1st January.
- B.** (1) All competition teams must have a fully attired goal keeper on the field at all times. In the event of an injury or permanent suspension of the goal keeper, reasonable time will be permitted to provide a fully attired replacement goal keeper, however there will be no time out during this period.
- (2) In the event that a goal keeper receives a temporary suspension, the captain as named on the match card will substitute the goalkeeper and serve the suspension as determined by the umpire.
- C.** The Match Committee shall grade players when required by the Association.
- D.** Matches will commence and end on time as per draw as officiated by the match day timekeeper.
- E.** Duration of matches shall be as follows:
- 1. Under 7's & Under 9's** – (2) two periods of 15 minutes with a (5) five minutes half time break.
 - 2. Under 11's** – (2) two periods of 20 minutes with a (5) five minute half time break.
 - 3. Division One & Division Two** – (3) three periods of 20 minutes with two separate (3) three minute break at the end of each, twenty minute period.
- F.** Format of matches shall be as follows:

1. Under 7's –

These matches will be played as non competition matches under the guidelines of the Hockey New South Wales *Stick2Hockey* initiative.

Teams will consist of (6) six field players at any time on a (¼) quarter field with no fully attired goalkeepers permitted.

These teams and matches will be of mixed gender.

Rules Synopsis

A. All rules are to be the same as the 2015 FIH Rules of Hockey EXCEPT

* The ball cannot be raised above shin pad height in play.

* No reverse side hits known as "tomahawks".

* During a '16 yard hit' or free hit at the top of the circle the opposing team (team without the ball) has to retire to halfway while the free hit is being taken. This will provide the team with the ball time and space to allow passing options out wide to get the ball out of defence effectively. This will prevent strong teams from dominating one end of the field.

B. There will be NO penalty corners at U7s.

* If the ball hits a defending foot in the circle it will be a side line ball or free hit outside of the circle.

* The ball must be passed first before entering the circle.

2. Under 9's –

These matches will be played as non competition matches under the guidelines of the Hockey New South Wales *Stick2Hockey* initiative.

Teams will consist of (6) six field players at any time on a (¼) quarter field with no fully attired goalkeepers permitted.

These teams and matches will be of mixed gender.

Rules Synopsis

A. All rules are to be the same as the 2015 FIH Rules of Hockey EXCEPT

- * The ball cannot be raised above shin pad height in play.
- * No reverse side hits known as "tomahawks".

B. There will be NO penalty corners in Under 9s.

- * If the ball hits a defending foot in the circle it will be a side line ball or free hit outside of the circle.
- * The ball must be passed first before entering the circle.

3. Under 11's - These matches will be played as competition matches under the guidelines of the Hockey New South Wales *Stick2Hockey* initiative.

Teams will consist of (8) eight field players at any time on a (1/2) half field and this must include a fully attired goalkeeper on the field at all times.

These teams and matches will be of mixed gender.

Rules Synopsis

A. All rules are to be the same as the 2015 FIH Rules of Hockey EXCEPT

- * The ball cannot be raised above shin pad height in play
- * No reverse side hits known as "tomahawks".

B. Penalty corners will consist of 4 attackers and 3 defenders (inclusive of GK).

- * ALL remaining players must be withdrawn to the defending team's circle at the opposite end of the field until the ball is played.
- * The corner will be played out like a standard penalty corner with the ball being pushed out from the back line to the attacking players at the top of the circle.

4. Division One & Division Two-

These matches will be played as competition matches under the control of the Association and umpired according to current FIH (Federation of International Hockey) and including any Hockey Australia, Hockey NSW and/or Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. amendments to those rules.

Teams will consist of (11) eleven field players at any time on a full field and this must include a fully attired goalkeeper on the field at all times.

These teams and matches will be of same gender.

Full details on the *Stick2Hockey* initiative by Hockey New South Wales can be located on the link below.
<http://www.hockeynsw.com.au/Game-Development/Stick-2-Hockey>

XI. Attire

- A.** All players are to be correctly attired in nominated club uniform.
- B.** An application in writing, by a club, specifying the name and uniform of that club, applying for admission to a competition conducted by the Sub Committee shall be signed by the Secretary of that club and shall be lodged with the secretary of the junior Sub Committee for consideration by the Sub Committee.
- C.** A player shall be given two playing games to acquire a uniform conforming to regulations.
- D.** No player in the junior competition shall take the field as goalie without wearing protective equipment as per FIH Rules.

XII. Match Points

Points shall be awarded on the result of each competition match as follows:-

- A.** For a win or a win on a forfeit four (4) points.
- B.** For a draw two (2) points.
- C.** For a loss one (1) point.
- D.** For a forfeit or a bye zero (0) points to the team who are declared as forfeiting the match.
- E.** (1) For a team winning on forfeit four (4) points, with a 3 goals to nil recorded. Also, a completed match card must be submitted by the team receiving the forfeit.

(2) If a match is played and is later deemed a forfeit and the team who received the forfeit scored more than 3 goals then the original amount of scored in the match will stand for the winning team only and no goals will be recorded to the forfeiting team.

XIII. Match Cards

- A.** The Association shall supply official match cards, each team will be required to provide a completed match card prior to the commencement of the match (as per VI Team Lists A) and alone shall be considered in the compilation of the Competition Points Table. The correct completion of the match cards is the responsibility of the team Captain and team official from each team.
- B.** The team with full names is to be printed on the match card and must be signed personally by each player playing in the match prior to taking the field. Any player whose name and signature appears in full on the match card will be deemed to have participated in that match and will be recorded as having done so by the Junior Sub Committee Registrar.
- C.** At the completion of the match the umpires will ensure that the match card is fully completed and signed by the captains of both teams who participated in the match and both team officials.
- D.** The field umpires are to ensure a completed match card with scores, goal scorers, player's full suspension details and best & fairest points (3-2-1) is lodged in the Match card box immediately following the match. It is important all injuries are accurately recorded on the match card, including, details of the injury, how injury occurred and any treatment received on the field. Please note that Best & Fairest points are to be allocated to players on the field regardless of the age division they are registered in.
- E.** Missing match cards or match cards with missing or incorrect scores will be deemed NO SCORE until the score has been verified in writing by both teams who participated in the match. In the case of conflicting scores, the score will be recorded as 0-0 and no points will be awarded. The Junior Match Committee will notify the club or clubs in writing outlining the issues concerned. A completed match card then must be lodged to the Junior Sub Committee secretary within 7 days of having received this notification. If a completed match card is not received within 7 days then no points will be recorded for the match.
- F.** Players not participating in a match as a result of representative commitments must have this recorded clearly on the match card at the time of the match to be credited with the game in relation to player eligibility for Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals. Other players absent from the game but recorded on the match card must have a clear line through their name.
- G.** Representative commitments are deemed as players, umpires or officials (coach, assistant coach or manager) participating in the following tournaments (including trials and training) : Australian team commitments, Australian or NSW Country team commitments, NSW Primary and Secondary School Representative Carnivals, Official New South Wales team commitments or State Championships where a player is representing Manning Valley Hockey Association.

- H.** For teams playing in non competition matches (Under 7's and Under 9's) each team will be required to provide a completed match card with full names prior to the commencement of the match. Any player whose is not recorded on the match card will be deemed as not having played in that match. The completed match card shall be signed by both the umpires and team officials and lodged in the match card box immediately following the match. It is important all injuries are accurately recorded on the match card, including, details of the injury, how injury occurred and any treatment received on the field.

XIV. Forfeits

- A.** Any team intending to forfeit must notify the Chairperson of the Mens Match Committee within 48 hours prior to scheduled match time. It is the responsibility of the forfeiting team to notify in writing, the Chairperson of the Junior Match Committee, the opposing Captain/Coach and the Junior Umpire Co-ordinator.
- B.** Matches or match points shall be forfeited if:-
1. A team is more than ten minutes late in taking the fields following the official commencement of play, or has less than the minimum as follows.
Full field competitions – a minimum of (6) six players and a fully attired goal keeper.
Half Field competitions – a minimum of (4) four players and a fully attired goal keeper.
 2. A team plays an unregistered player or plays a registered player of another club within Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc.
 3. In any Semi Final, Final or Grand Final, a team plays a player not qualified to play in that match as per current junior playing rules.
 4. It is so determined by the Junior Match Committee following a breach of a playing, competition rule or resolution of the Association.
- C.** Any team who forfeits three (3) or more competition matches will be ineligible to compete in the finals series.

XV. Claims and Forfeits

- A.** A claim for a forfeit shall be made in writing by the Secretary of the claiming club to the Match Committee within four days of the match.
- B.** When a forfeit occurs the Match Committee has the authority to deduct points.

XVI. Ground Fees and Forfeited Match

- A.** When a forfeit has been claimed and granted the forfeiting team may be charged double turf fees and the opposing team may receive a credit for the amount involved unless notification is given to the Match Committee 48 hours prior to the named match.

XVII. Deferment of Matches

The Match Committee will determine if a match that has been deferred (by a Field Director, or the umpires or team captains of that match) will be played.

- A. To be able to defer a game that team must have a minimum of three (3) representative players/officials unable to play the competition game set down in the original competition draw. *Representative commitments are deemed as players, umpires or officials (coach, assistant coach or manager) participating in the following tournaments (including trials and training) : Australian team commitments, Australian or NSW Country team commitments, NSW Primary and Secondary School Representative Carnivals, Official New South Wales team commitments or State Championships where a player is representing Manning Valley Hockey Association.*
- B. Applications for deferment of games must be made in writing and given to the Match Committee Chairperson or Nominated person **14 days** in advance of the scheduled competition match.
- C. The Match Committee will set down a date and time for the deferred game to be played. These deferred games shall be played as directed by the Match Committee and under the normal competition rules.
- D. The Match Committee will determine if a match that has been deferred will be played.

XVIII. Final Matches

An official time-keeper is to be appointed by the Match Committee for Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

A. Position of Teams

At the end of the competition rounds in each grade the position of teams on the point score list shall be determined by the number of points gained by each team in those rounds with the proviso that:

- 1. Where points are equal, goal differences ascertained by subtracting goals against from goals for a team, shall determine the position of those teams being equal on the points score table.
- 2. Where goal differences are also equal the following methods shall be used to determine positions,
 - a. Goal averages;
 - b. Results when the teams last met in the competitions;
 - c. Play-off or stroke off as determined by the Match Committee.

B. Order of Play

1st will play 2nd and 3rd will play 4th. The winner from 1st and 2nd qualifies for the Grand Final. The loser from 1st and 2nd and the winner from 3rd and 4th qualify for the preliminary final.

In the event of a three (3) team competition, the team finishing 1st will automatically qualify for the grand final, while teams two (2) and three (3) will play in a preliminary final.

The winner from the preliminary final then qualifies for the Grand Final.

C. Eligibility for Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals

No player may play in any Semi-Final, Final or Grand Final unless they have played in at least five competition matches during the current season or 30% of the games as per the draw, whichever is the lesser. Games recorded as missed due to representative commitments are to be counted as matches played. Forfeits received also to count as matches played for eligibility for semi-finals, finals and grand final purposes only.

D. Playing the Semi Final and Finals

In the Semi Finals and Finals matches the playing time shall be in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey, provided that:

1. If at the end of the allotted playing time the scores remain equal two additional periods of ten minutes duration, with a change of ends between each but no interval period, will be played. Prior to the start of the first ten minute period each team will reduce their on field numbers to ten players with a further player being removed at the start of the second period.
2. If at the end of the second period of ten minutes the scores are still equal and following a 3 minute interval, two (2) further 5 minute periods shall be played until a goal is scored.

These two (2) periods will be of five minutes duration with a player being removed at the start of each period. There will be no interval period.

At the end of the fourth period of extra time the scores remain equal, the match will be awarded to the team that finished higher on the competition points table in the regular season.

3. Half Field Hockey - Games shall be 20 minutes each way. If at the end of the allotted playing time the scores remain equal two additional periods of (5) five minutes duration, with a change of ends between each but no interval period, will be played. Prior to the start of the first (5) five minute period each team will reduce their on field numbers by one field player. If at the end of this time and scores remain equal the team that was the highest on the competition points table advances to the next game (Refer to XVIII - Part A).

E. Playing Time for Grand Finals

In the Grand Final the playing time shall be in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey, provided that:

1. If at the end of the allotted playing time the scores remain equal two additional periods of ten minutes duration, with a change of ends between each but no interval period, will be played. Prior to the start of the first ten minute period each team will reduce their on field numbers to ten players with a further player being removed at the start of the second period.
2. If at the end of the second period of ten minutes the scores are still equal further periods shall be played until a goal is scored.

These periods will be of five minutes duration with a player being removed at the start of each until a minimum of seven players remain on the field.

At the end of fourth period of extra time if scores remain equal the two teams will become joint premiers.

3. Half Field Hockey - Games shall be 20 minutes each way. If at the end of the allotted playing time the scores remain equal and following a (3) three minute break, two additional periods of (5) five minutes duration, with a change of ends between each but no interval period, will be played. Prior to the start of each first (5) five minute period each team will reduce their on field numbers by one field player. If at the end of the second period of ten minutes the scores are still equal and following a 3 minute interval, a further single (5) five minute period will be played with no additional reduction of field players and will be played on a golden goal format. If at the end of this time and scores remain equal the teams will declared as joint premiers. .

XIX. Injuries and Time Out

- A. There will be no time out for injuries, substitutions, etc during round matches throughout the season, semi finals and finals matches.
- B. During the grand finals only will time out for injuries will be permitted.**
- C. Any player who sustains an injury and bleeds is required to immediately leave the playing field. The player is not permitted to resume playing until the bleeding has stopped or a suitable occlusive dressing (*being a bandage or dressing that closes a wound and keeps it from the air*) has been applied.
- D. No player is able to continue in a match with an open wound that breaks the skin until a suitable occlusive dressing (*being a bandage or dressing that closes a wound and keeps it from the air*) has been applied.
- E. In the event of blood spillage onto the playing surface or in the dugout, the spillage will be cleaned up. A “blood spill” kit should be available for each synthetic playing field. If not, call Duty Director of Manning Valley Hockey Association.
- F. No player should be treated for an injury on the playing surface unless there are extenuating circumstances where it is deemed unsafe to move the injured player.

XX. Umpires

- A. Each Club will be required to nominate two (2) accredited umpires per team registered in all full field junior competitions. This accredited umpire cannot be duplicated across team nomination sheets.
- B. The Junior Match Committee / junior umpire coordinator will notify the matches and umpire will be required to umpire, the time they are to umpire and the ground the match is to be played at.
- C. Failure to umpire may result in a penalty at the discretion of the Junior Match Committee.
- D. A club playing such a disqualified player will result in the team that the player played in forfeiting the game and the game will be awarded to their opponents as per Rule XIV - Forfeits.

XXI. Payment of Fees and Levies

Payment of fees and levies to the Association will be as follows:

- A. Each prospective player is required to be registered to be a registered player with Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. All players must also be registered and financial players with Hockey New South Wales via <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/23/org> prior to taking the field for their first competition match. Also, a player is not eligible to play for a club unless they are a member of the Association.
- B. All Teams must be finalised by the fourth playing week-end** as set down in the draw. Names and fees must be forwarded to the Secretary of Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. by the **fourth playing** week-end or players will be regarded as unregistered. These will be forwarded to junior Sub Committee registrar.
- C. After the 30th June any players joining the Association will pay full insurance costs, full NSW affiliation fees but will only have to pay 1/2 of the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Membership fees.

XXII. Representative Teams (*Applies to all field and Indoor representative teams*)

- A.
 - 1. Coaches and Managers of all Teams (Competition & Representative) must be Financial Members of the Manning Valley Hockey Association and Hockey NSW.
 - 2. All players trialling and or/playing for representative teams (Competition & Representative) must be Financial Members of the Manning Valley Hockey Association and Hockey NSW.
 - 3. All costs incurred by players, coaches, managers and other officials attending representative fixtures are to be met prior to attendance at the said event.

- B. All players, coaches, managers, other officials and parents must comply with the terms of the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. Junior representative field and indoor team's procedures manual.

MVHA Junior Rep Team Manual - Information for Players, Managers, Selectors and Parents in regard to Teams Representing MVHA Junior Teams

A copy of this document can be located on the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. website.

http://www.manningvalleyhockey.org.au/policies_and_guides.php

XXIII. Meetings

- A. Junior Sub Committee meetings will be held as determined by the committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm in the Club House.

- B.
 - 1. Clubs are to provide (1) one delegate for each junior competition division in which they have teams registered to the junior Sub Committee meetings or lose one competition point for each club team in that competition division.
 - 2. For clubs with teams nominated in non competition divisions (under 7's & under 9's) each club will only be required to provide one delegate to represent all non competition teams registered in their club.