



Manning Valley Hockey Association Incorporated (MVHA)

Senior Competition and Playing Rules Version 2: 2018

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1. Terms of Reference

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

Term	Definition for senior competition and playing rules
BOM	Board of Management, elected officials, of MVHA
Club	A club affiliated with MVHA
Coach	Individual coach of a team of a club in MVHA or representative team of MVHA
Competition	The total number of hockey matches including finals within one season as designated by the published hockey draw
Draw	Published series of rounds outlining times and dates and fields for hockey competition
Field Player	Any player taking the field in a team within MVHA competition
FIH	Federation International Hockey
Final Series	Includes all semi-final, final and grand final matches at the end of a season
Goal Keeper	Fully padded player playing as specific position within a team
Manager	Individual managing a team of a club in MVHA or representative team of MVHA
Match	A hockey match played between 2 teams under the control of MVHA
Match Card	The official record of a game played between 2 teams under the control of MVHA
Match Committee	Committee of elected persons representing all clubs that performs duties including but not limited to organising MVHA matches and competitions.
MVHA	Manning Valley Hockey Association Incorporated
Player	Person playing in senior competition of MVHA
Registrar	Elected official who records and performs duties including but not limited to recording all MVHA results from submitted match cards.
Round	A series of hockey matches clearly defined in the published draw
Season	A complete competition, usually but not always beginning in March and ending in the following September
Senior	Person or competition involving players over 13 (or 18) years of age
Team	A team representing an individual club or MVHA
Technical Official	Person officiating at hockey match
Umpire	Person umpiring a hockey match

2. Executive Positions

- A. All executive positions for the Senior Competition are to be filled at the MVHA AGM prior to the beginning of the competition each season. These are to include a Men's and Women's Registrar, Club Match Committee Representatives, Judiciary and Grading Review Panel representatives.
- B. Clubs should nominate two representatives for the senior match committee.
 - a. The Senior Match committee for that year will elect a chairperson and secretary and any other positions they require from the club nominated members.
 - b. The Senior Match Committee will adhere to the Match Committee Charter as endorsed by the MVHA Board of Management.
- C. Each club must nominate up to two (2) Judiciary Panel Members to the MVHA Board.
- D. Each club must nominate one (1) Grading Review Panel Member to the MVHA Board.

- E. The Registrars for the senior competitions will be elected from individual nomination to the MVHA Board.
- F. President and Secretary Meetings of MVHA will be attended by Board Representatives and the Presidents and Secretaries of each club playing in MVHA senior competition.
- G. All committee positions must be filled by financial members of MVHA but may be held by non-playing members.
- H. All Clubs have one vote per club, with the Chairperson of each Committee having the deciding vote if required.

3. Meetings

A. Meeting Venue

The Senior Match Committee and Presidents and Secretaries meetings will be held at a time and venue to be decided at the MVHA Annual General Meeting

B. Meeting Delegates

Each Club is required to have at least one (1) delegate present at each Senior Match Committee meeting. These delegates are to be identified prior to the commencement of the meeting. Failure by a club to have a delegate in attendance will result in the loss of vote on that night, with decisions made on the night recorded as final.

C. The Senior Match Committee and Presidents and Secretaries meeting quorum consists of a minimum of five (5) clubs represented.

D. In exceptional circumstances, a club may make an application in writing to the Chairperson of the committee concerned prior to the following meeting for reconsideration of a decision. The letter must state facts in support of the application.

E. Manning Valley Hockey Association Meetings Summary

Meeting	Minimum Delegates required	Where /when	Feedback Mechanism
Board of Management	10 Members written nomination for office bearers and/or from the floor at MVHA AGM	Monthly/ MVHA Clubhouse	President and Secretaries. NSW Hockey Minutes posted on website Newsletter
Presidents and Secretaries	BOM representative. 2 representatives per club	Monthly with date to be decided at MVHA AGM	Clubs Board of Management
Senior Match Committee	2 per club	Representative to be chosen by clubs. Meeting date/ frequency decided by MVHA Board and then committee	Clubs, BOM, Presidents and Secretaries
Judiciary Committee	2 per club only with 3 persons to be selected per hearing	As required and organised by Judiciary Convenor	Judiciary Convenor/ BOM Clubs Involved
Grading Review Committee	1 per club	As required and organised via notification from the Board or from	Clubs, Senior Match Committee, BOM

		the Senior Match Committee	
Meeting	Minimum Delegates required	Where/ when	Feedback Mechanism
Carnival Committee and other as directed by MVHA Board	As requested	As required	Presidents and Secretaries BOM

4. Association Register of Members

- A. To enable the Public Officer to compile the Register of Members, each club must submit player information as requested on the MVHA Team Nomination Form (Appendix II) then forward electronically to the MVHA Secretary, Treasurer and appropriate Registrar. This form must be submitted by the date set by the BOM.
- B. Unregistered Players – A club fielding in any competition match, a player who has not been registered shall, at the discretion of the Senior Match Committee, forfeit that match (Refer to Rule 20 Forfeits).
- C. If an invoice is sent to a club by the Association Treasurer and is not paid by that club within two (2) months from the date the invoice is sent, that club will be deemed to be immediately unfinancial and therefore ineligible to compete in any hockey competitions that are conducted by Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc until such time as the outstanding amount is paid, or payments are being made to the satisfaction of the Board of Management. Interest may be charged on any outstanding amounts owing after thirty days from the date the invoice is deemed to have been received. The interest charges will be at the discretion of the Board of Management of Manning Valley Hockey.

5. Registration of Members

- A. All players and officials in Manning Valley Hockey Association (MVHA) must be registered members of MVHA and a current financial member of Hockey NSW.

6. Player Transfers

- A. A player who
 - a. Having completed the current season as a financial member of a club does not require a clearance from that club before playing with another club.
 - b. Has taken the field for one club but wishes to transfer from that club to another club in the same season or has played for a club in any Association other than MVHA during the preceding season should:
 - i. Apply in writing to the Chairperson of the Senior Match Committee for a permit to play for an affiliated club in MVHA.
 - ii. Supply information as may be required by the Senior Match Committee, and
 - iii. Supply a clearance letter from their former club or Association and forward this to the Chairperson of the Senior Match Committee, prior to being granted

permission or taking the field for the other club. The penalty if the player takes field is Forfeit as per Rule 4 Part B and Forfeit Rule 20.

- B. The Senior Match Committee shall consider each application for transfer within seven (7) days of its receipt.
- C. In the event of any dispute the Chairperson of the Senior Match Committee shall immediately advise the club and player/s concerned as to when the final decision is to be made on their application to transfer so that the player/club 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 Senior Match Committee and their decision in all cases will be final.
- E. In exceptional circumstances, a club may make an application in writing to the MVHA Board of Management prior to the following meeting for reconsideration of a decision. The letter must state facts in support of the application.
- F. A player registered and financial with another association and Hockey NSW is eligible to play in the MVHA competition once they have become financial members of MVHA.
- G. Each club is to submit a list of all players requiring clearance to the Registrars and Senior Match Committee Chairperson at the end of each season. Clubs must also forward a list of non-financial members to the Association Treasurer within two (2) weeks of the season Grand Final.

7. Team Registrations

- A. Each Club in MVHA shall forward in writing the MVHA Team Registration Form provided in Appendix I, to the Senior Match Committee the number of teams and their respective grades they are nominating for each team to compete in for that competition year. **Closing date for Team Nominations will be twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming MVHA competition.**
 - a) A \$100 per team nomination fee is to be received from all clubs in the senior competition. This payment will be deducted from the club's total registration fee due to the MVHA for the season. This fee will be forfeited by the club if the team is pulled from the competition after the season draw has been done. **This fee is payable with the Team Registration due twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the start of the competition.**
- B. Completed Team Nominations, including full details of all nominated players, must be completed on the Team Registration Form and emailed to the Association Secretary at secretary@manningvalleyhockey.org.au seven (7) calendar days prior to round one (1) of the competition. A copy of the Team Nomination Form is available from the MVHA website. A copy is also included in Appendix II.
 - a. Failure of a club to submit the completed team nomination will result in that team being ruled as "unregistered" and the Forfeit Rule will apply. Refer Rule 20 Part C section b.
- C. Two (2) competent umpires must be nominated by clubs for each team nomination. The nominated umpire's names and details must be completed on the Umpire nomination form (Appendix III) and be forwarded to the MVHA Umpire Director and the Senior Match Committee **seven (7) days prior to round one (1) of the competition.**
- D. For the purpose of Team Nominations:
 - a. a minimum of 11 players must be nominated per Team.
 - b. A maximum of 18 players can be registered in any team per club.
 - c. Competitions in the MVHA Senior Competition shall be known as:
 - i. Highest Grade – Division 1
 - ii. Second Highest Grade – Division 2
 - iii. Third Highest Grade – Division 3

- iv. Fourth Highest Grade – Division 4 and so on depending on team nominations received in any playing season competition.
- v. When an inter Association Senior Competition is active it shall be known as Premier League.
- E. Each club must nominate their **top eleven** (11) players (minimum) in their highest graded team.
- F. In all other grades that clubs are nominating teams in, clubs must nominate a minimum of eleven (11) players in each team
- G. If a player nominated in a team does not play four (4) consecutive scheduled matches with the team they are registered, then that player will need to be replaced but will remain registered with that team.
- H. No frozen player can play in a division lower than the grade that they have been nominated as frozen in for that season. Exception to this rule is goalkeepers; refer to Rule 8 – Player Registration, Section I-part b.
 - a. If a frozen player plays in a division lower than the division in which they have been nominated, then the Forfeit Rule (Rule 20 Part C section c) will apply.
- I. Player lists, identifying nine (9) frozen players for all clubs and teams in all divisions of the MVHA Senior competition must be completed and submitted to the Senior Match Committee and appropriate competition Registrars one (1) week before the commencement of the first competition game.
 - a) The following is an example of a team player list

Division 1 Team (or team in the highest grade):

Nominate 9 players as division 1 (or highest division)

Nominate 2 players graded Div 2 (or from the next lower division) – these players are subject of the rule 8 section J.

Division 2 Team (or next highest grade):

Nominate 9 players (excluding the 2 players in the higher division/Div 1) as Division 2.

Nominate 2 players graded Div 3 (or from the next lower division) – all players nominated in the Division 2 team will be subject to rule 8 section J.

- J. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may make application in writing to the Senior Match Committee for special consideration in relation to Section 7. The letter is to state the facts and evidence to support the club's application. Clubs will be notified of the Senior Match Committee's decision ideally within 48hours and no longer than 7 days from receipt of the application.

8. Player Registration

- A. It is the individual player's responsibility to register with NSW Hockey Online.
- B. Players may register for one (1) club and (1) team only in the MVHA senior competition in any season. For transfers within clubs refer to Rule 6.
- C. If a club has more than one team in any division, no player may play across a division.

- D. A player must be a minimum of thirteen (13), or turning 13 in that year of competition to qualify to play in MVHA Senior competitions. Players between thirteen (13) or turning thirteen (13) and fifteen (15) or turning (15) during the playing season must sign a waiver. (Appendix IV). The waiver must be signed by the player's parent/guardian, the Club for which they wish to register and play and approved by the MVHA Board before the player takes the field in MVHA senior competitions.
- E. No player shall play in more than two competition matches in any one competition round.
- F. Players who are currently, or who have been in the past two (2) years, a State, Territory or National Open or Under 18 representatives, excluding Masters, must be registered to play in the Associations highest grade.
- G. The club and or team must submit a completed New/Late Player Registration Form along with registration fees to the Association. The new players name and details must also be forwarded to the appropriate competition registrar. New/Late Player Registration Form is to be lodged with the MVHA Board Duty Officer for that day.
 - a. No new player can take the field until his/her registration forms have been completed lodged and is financially registered with HNSW and MVHA. If this rule is breached the offending club team will be considered to have played an unregistered player and rule 4B shall apply.
- H. A Grading Review Committee shall be formed if required to grade players in MVHA.
 - a. The Grading Review Committee reserves the right to regrade players at any time during the competition as directed by the Senior Match Committee or Board.
 - b. Any player may be permitted to be graded as a Goal Keeper and/or as a field Player separately.
- I. Once a player has played 7 (seven) matches from the date of their registration, in a higher division/ grade, they will automatically be graded to the next highest grade. As soon as practicable, the appropriate Registrar will notify the Club when this occurs.
- J. If a frozen player plays in a lower grade than they have been nominated in the Forfeit Rule (Rule 20) will apply.
- K. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may make application in writing to the Senior Match Committee for special consideration in relation to Section 8. The letter is to state the facts and evidence to support the club's application.

9. Eligibility for Finals – Teams and Players

- A. For the purposes of finals eligibility, a player will qualify for only one (1) Division for each round. A player's qualification for any round will be determined by the highest Division that players name appeared in full on the match card during a senior competition round.
 - a. If a player plays in a match in a grade higher than he is graded to substitute for a player involved in qualifying* representative commitments, then he/she will not be recorded by the Registrar as playing in the higher grade for this match only.
 - b. It is the responsibility of the Captain of the Team with the player concerned to note on the match card the player registered in the team on representative commitments and the player who is playing up a grade to fill in that position for the match. Failure to accurately note on the Match Card by the Captain will result in Rule 9A applying to that player for that match.

- *players, umpires, officials participating in Australian team, NSW State League; NSW High School and age representative teams, Open and Masters State Championships where player is representing MVHA in a hockey capacity.
- B. Subject to the rules 7, 8, 9 and 13, semi-finals, finals and grand final matches of MVHA Senior competition will be played according to the Rules of Hockey adopted and issued under the Authority of Hockey Australia.
 - C. To qualify for the final series a player must have played a minimum of 50% of matches and a minimum of 5 matches from point of registration as determined in the competition draw.
 - D. Additionally, for players to be eligible to play in the final series, a player must have played the majority/ three (3) of their last five (5) games in their qualifying division.
 - E. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may make application in writing to the Senior Match Committee for special consideration in relation to Section 9. The letter is to state the facts and evidence to support the club's application.

10. Suspensions

- A. If a player receives three (3) yellow cards in a season on receipt of the third card the offending player will automatically receive a one (1) match suspension, six (6) yellow cards during the season then it's a two (2) match suspension, eight (8) yellow cards within a season then a three (3) week suspension. The suspension is to be served the following match or round after they have been notified.
 - a. The Registrar must inform the Club, Umpires Convenor and Player in writing of the card breach as soon as practical.
- B. For comprehensive suspension and misconduct penalties refer to MVHA Judiciary Procedures 2011. Appendix V

11. Competition and Match Duration

- A. The Chairperson of the Senior Match Committee, in consultation with the Committee members, shall have the power to alter the time, date or field of any match, but they shall advise the affected clubs and Turf Director of such alterations as soon as practicable.
- B. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may make application in writing to the Senior Match Committee for special consideration in relation to Section 11A. The letter is to state the facts and evidence to support the club's application.
- C. MVHA senior competition round matches shall be played in divisions as set down in the competition draw created and promulgated by the Senior Match Committee.
- D. The draw shall be published as soon as practicable stating match dates, times, assigned field, Teams playing, Umpires assigned and Technical Official required.
- E. Time allocated to matches is as follows:
 - a. Senior competition matches 2 x 35-minute halves with a 5-minute half time.
 - b. Matches will commence and end at the allocated time as per the draw. (Exceptions as per FIH Rules eg Penalty Corners and Penalty strokes). Teams must vacate the dugout area as soon as practicable after the completion of their match.
 - c. Teams may enter the dugout area as soon as practicable after it has been vacated by teams participating in the previous match.

- d. There is no time out for injuries, substitutions, lost balls etc during round matches during the season.
 - e. Players may take the field any time during the match as long as they have had their name recorded on the match card and have signed the card.
 - f. The Registrar/s will maintain a point score of results according to the match cards received.
 - g. The Registrar shall not be obliged, but should check the team lists against players registrations.
- F. If there are eight (8) or more teams nominated in a division then the Senior Match Committee may consider creating another division or allocating teams to another division to create equity across the divisions.

12. Substitutions

- A. Substitution of players during a game for any reason will be permitted according to FIH rules section 2.3. A team shall comprise of the maximum number of sixteen (16) players.
- B. Each team can substitute up to 5 players during the game as often as required.
- C. Player substitutions should occur at the halfway mark.
- D. No substitution shall be permitted for a suspended player during the period he/she is suspended.
- E. If an injured player is attended to on the field by off field personnel then that player must leave the field for a minimum of 2 minutes
- F. Play is stopped for substitution of goal keepers but not for other substitutions.
- G. Only an injured or suspended defending goal keeper may be substituted, without undue delay, with a player with goal keeping privileges during a penalty corner.
- H. The technical official observes and maintains correct substitution procedures are observed during a match.

13. Final Matches

- A. An official Technical Official is to be appointed by the Senior Match Committee for semi-finals, finals and grand finals.
- B. Position of Teams
At the completion of all competition rounds for the season in each Division 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:
 - a. 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 point score table.
 - b. Where goal differences are also equal the following methods shall be used to determine positions,
 - i. Goal averages
 - ii. Results when the teams last met in the round game of the competition
 - iii. Play-off or stroke off/ penalty shoot-out as determined as appropriate by the Senior Match Committee.

- c. Once the final point score of the teams, at the end of the competition, is established they will be ranked from First (1st) through to the last team on the point score.

C. Order of Play

- a. Semi Final matches: First (1st) plays Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) plays Fourth (4th). The winner of the match between 1st and 2nd qualifies for the Grand Final. The Grand Final is played at least two (2) weeks after the semi-finals or as designated on the competition draw.
- b. Preliminary Final: The loser from the match between 1st and 2nd and the winner from the match between 3rd and 4th. The preliminary final is played the week after the semi-final or as designated on the competition draw.
- c. The winner from the Preliminary Final then qualifies for the Grand Final.
- d. In the event of a three (3) team Division, the team finishing First (1st) will automatically qualify for the Grand Final, while teams finishing second (2nd) and third (3rd) will play in a Preliminary Final. The winner of 2nd and 3rd will then qualify to play in the Grand Final.
- e. The time date and field assignments of all final matches will be designated by the Senior Match Committee at the beginning of the competition and displayed on the draw/s.

D. Game Times for Semi-Finals and Finals

Senior Competition Semis/ Final
35 min halves 5 min half time
Draw at end of regular time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min break after regular time. • 2 players dropped off (9 per team) • Additional 2 X 5 min periods with a change of ends but no break between end change.
Still even after extra time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 min break • 2 players dropped off (7 per team) • Additional 2x5 min periods with a change of ends but no break between end change. • Golden Goal in this 2 x 5 min extra time
Still even after extra extra time
Match awarded to the team that finished highest on the regular competition points table

E. Game times for Grand Finals

Senior Competition Grand Final
35 min halves 5 min half time
Draw at end of regular time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min break after regular time. • 2 players dropped off (9 per team) • Additional 2 X 5 min periods with a change of ends but no break between end change.
Still even after extra time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 min break • 2 players dropped off (7 per team) • Additional 2x5 min periods with a change of ends but no break between end change.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Goal in this 2 x 5 min extra time
Still even after extra extra time
Penalty shoot out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 players per team, then if still even • Golden Goal penalty shoot out

- F. During the Final series (semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals) time out for injuries will only be permitted in the case of serious injury and will be up to the discretion of the umpire/s the time will be allocated at the conclusion of the respective half.

14. Wet Matches

- A. The Turf Director or Duty BOM member if present, of MVHA in conjunction with the field umpires shall determine if games are to be cancelled due to wet weather.
- a. Where possible, an announcement regarding cancellations shall be made over appropriate public media and electronic media as soon as possible.
- B. The Senior Match Committee will meet within 14 days and advise affected clubs in writing as soon as practicable of the rescheduled times for the matches to be played.

15. Adverse Weather Conditions

- A. The Turf Director or Duty BOM member if present, of MVHA in conjunction with the field umpires shall determine if games are to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- B. In the event of lightning in the area, the Hockey NSW lightning safety code should be adhered. The full code is in Appendix VI
- C. If a match begins, and due to adverse weather, it deteriorates to the point where it is deemed too dangerous to continue, then the following will apply:
- a. If the match must be abandoned before forty-five (45) minutes of game time has elapsed, then the remaining time of this match is to be played at a time scheduled by the Senior Match Committee.
- b. The Senior Match Committee will meet within 14 days and advise affected clubs in writing as soon as practicable of the rescheduled times for the remaining match time to be played.
- c. The match card will be signed by umpires, the technical official and captains with the time remaining clearly recorded. This match card will be the match card used for the completion of the rescheduled match.
- d. Only players from the original match card will be eligible to take part in the rescheduled match.
- D. If the match must be abandoned after forty-five (45) minutes of game time has elapsed but before full time is signalled, the match will be deemed completed, and the score at time will be recorded as the final score.
- a. The match card will be signed by umpires, the technical official and captains with the time remaining clearly recorded.
- E. If the match cannot commence on time due to adverse weather conditions, the match may be delayed up to twenty-five (25) mins, before it is abandoned.

- a. If the match can begin within and including twenty-five (25) minutes from the scheduled match start time then the time remaining should be divided equally into two (2) halves with limited half time.
 - i. The umpires and team captains will need to agree on the start and break time prior to commencement of play.
 - ii. At the completion of play the match will be deemed completed and the score will be recorded as the final score.
 - iii. The match card will be signed by umpires, the technical official and captains with the starting time clearly recorded.
- F. If no play commences due to adverse weather, the match will be abandoned and the match card will be signed by umpires, technical official and captains with the time and reason for the game abandoned clearly recorded.
 - a. The Senior Match Committee will meet within 14 days and advise affected clubs in writing as soon as practicable of the rescheduled times for the match to be replayed.
- G. In the case of extreme hot weather teams and/or umpires may request to play quarters with a drink break. The final decision will rest with the umpires.
 - a. Recommended temperatures for cancellation of games is a sustained temperature of 37°C. Refer to Hockey NSW Hot Weather Policy. Appendix VII

16. Serious Injuries and Other Time Out

- A. There will be no time out for non-serious injuries during round matches.
- B. For serious injuries where it is deemed unsafe for the player to be moved, Rule 15 Adverse Weather Conditions, Section C, D and E will apply.
- C. Any player who sustains an injury and bleeds is required to leave the playing field as soon as safely possible to do so. The player is not permitted to resume playing until the bleeding has been stopped or a suitable occlusive dressing has been applied.
 - a. Any player with blood on their clothing is not permitted to take the pitch. As per FIH Rules
- D. In the event of blood spillage onto the playing surface or in the dugout, the spillage will be cleaned up by the Technical Official and umpires. A “blood and body fluid spill” kit should be available for each synthetic playing field. If not, notify the Duty MVHA BOM representative at the hockey centre.
- E. 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.
- F. Recommendation for players participating when pregnant are in accordance with the document “Participation of the Pregnant Athlete in Contact or Collision Sports”; Sports Medicine Guidelines. In a “confirmed” pregnancy, participation is only recommended during the first trimester. Hockey NSW Pregnancy Policy, January 2013. Appendix VIII
- G. It is mandatory, unless a medical or dental exemption is supplied to the MVHA secretary and WH&S Officer, that all players wear the appropriate protective equipment for their personal safety. This includes appropriate footwear, shin guards and mouth guards. Face guards, gloves and plastic goggles are recommended but not compulsory.
- H. It is recommended that players, umpires, officials and spectators use appropriate sun protection such as hats and sunscreen.

17. Attire

- A. All players must be attired in the uniform as specified by the club which they are registered with.
 - a. Team or club colours must be registered and approved by the Senior Match Committee.
 - b. New teams/ clubs or changes to existing club uniforms shall only be permitted after an application in writing has been submitted to the MVHA secretary. The application must specify the name of the club and include complete uniform colours, including shirt, shorts, skirts and socks. The application will be considered by the Senior Match Committee. The club/team will then be notified of the approval or any changes required for complying with MVHA.
- B. A player shall be given three (3) playing games to acquire a uniform conforming to regulations.
- C. A team must be in uniform by the fourth (4th) playing week.
- D. Captains must be easily identified on the field.
- E. Only soft peaked caps to be worn on the field
- F. Under no circumstance is there to be jewellery or bobby pins worn. If jewellery is unable to be removed it must be taped. Exceptions are medi alert jewellery.
- G. Fit bits/ wrist fitness trackers may be worn if covered by a sweat band.

18. Match Points

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

A.

Match Outcome	Senior Competitions
Win	3 points + goals for and against
Draw	2 points + goals for and against
Loss	1 point + goals for and against
Bye	0 points + 0 goals
Forfeiting Team	0 points + 0 goals
Forfeited Team	3 points + 3 goals

- B. If a match is played and is later deemed a forfeit for any reason and the team who receive the forfeit scored more than three (3) goals then, the original amount of goals scored and recorded on the match card will stand and be recorded with the win, and no goals (0) will be recorded to the forfeiting team.

19. Match Cards

Match cards are legal documents that record the outcome of any incidents and the final score in a competition round match of MVHA, they must be filed with the Registrar/s within seven (7) days from the completion of the match.

- A. The MVHA shall supply official Match Cards which shall be correctly filled in and alone shall be considered in the compilation of the Competition Points Table. The correct completion and filing of match card in the match card box at the completion of the match is the responsibility of the umpires.

- B. The first team on the draw is responsible for providing the match card for that game and completing the generic details (Date, Time, Teams, Field).
- C. Both teams must, complete the match card player list and individual players personally sign the match card prior to individual players taking the field. The names and signatures MUST be legible and the persons regular signature. Once completed the match card is kept by the Technical Official in the dugout.
- D. Any substituted player playing out of their registered grade (Refer to Rule 8C) must have their grading, as they have been registered marked beside their name.
- E. Any player whose name and signature appears in full on the match card, and who takes the field of play, will be deemed to have participated in that match and will be recorded as having done so by the Registrar/s
- F. Players recorded on the card as playing will be checked by the Technical Official on Duty. If a player is listed on the match card and has signed the match card but fails to take the field at any time during the game then they will be recorded as not playing by the Technical Official.
- G. No player may take the field during the match if they are not on the team list or have not signed the card.
- H. At the completion of the match the technical official/ umpires will ensure that the match card is fully completed and signed by the Captains of both teams who participated in the match. To fully complete the match card must have:
 - a. Goals scored and recorded against individual players
 - b. During game suspensions received and recorded against individual players
 - c. Best and Fairest points awarded across all players on the field
 - i. Best and fairest: 3 points; 2 points and 1 point.
 - d. Any injuries/ incidents that occurred during match on the back of the card. If no incidents/injuries strike through and sign.
- I. Once the Match Card is signed by the Umpires and Technical Official it is completed and no further details may be added.
- J. Filing of the completed match card is the responsibility of the umpire.
- K. Missing match cards or match cards with missing or incorrect information or scores will be deemed NO SCORE until the missing information has been verified in writing by both teams and /or umpires who participated in the match. In the case of ongoing conflicting information, the match will be recorded as 0-0 and no points awarded to either team.
 - a. The Senior Match Committee will notify the club/s in writing outlining the issues relating the match card. The club/s must then respond within seven (7) days to the match committee/s addressing the issues raised. Failure to receive a response from the club/s within this time will result in the match being awarded NO SCORE. The match committee/s decision will be final.
 - b. If a resolution is deemed unsuitable to a club/s please refer to MVHA Judiciary Procedures 2011 in Appendix V for the appropriate Grievance Procedure.
- L. The team list including signatures recorded on match cards can, if required, be photographed if the following are observed:
 - a. Only the team list of the club taking the photo can be photographed
 - b. Only the manager, coach or captain of the team may take the photo.
 - c. No junior cards or junior names can be photographed unless previous permission is given.

20. Forfeits

- A. Any team intending to forfeit must notify the Chairperson of the Senior Match Committee at least 48 hours before the scheduled match. It is the responsibility of the match committee chairperson to notify in writing the opposing team and relevant umpires and technical official.
- B. A claim for a forfeit after the match has been completed must be made by the secretary of the claiming club/s to the match committee/s within four (4) days of the date the match was played.
- C. Matches or match points shall be forfeited if:
 - a. In lieu of any adverse weather conditions or wet weather rules applying a team is more than ten (10) minutes late in taking the field.
 - b. A team plays an unregistered player or plays a registered player of another club within MVHA.
 - c. A team in a lower division plays with any frozen player registered in a higher division.
 - d. Clubs with 2 or more teams in any single division play players in the wrong team within that division.
 - e. Team plays with a player currently serving a suspension.
- D. When a forfeit occurs the Registrar/s has the authority to allocate the appropriate points.
- E. Any team who forfeits more than three (3) competition round matches within a season will be ineligible to compete in any final series for that season.
- F. When a forfeit has occurred, the forfeiting team will be charged. If the Senior Match Committee Chairperson receives notification of the forfeit greater than forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled match the forfeiting team will be fined their match fees only. If notification is received less than forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled game, then the forfeiting team will be charged double match fees.

Note: Forfeiting club to notify other club as well as match officials

21. Deferments

- A. To be able to defer a game that team must have a minimum of three (3) registered representative player/ officials unable to play the competition game set down in the current competition draw.
 - a. Representative commitments are deemed as hockey players, umpires or officials (coach, assistant coach, manager or technical official) where they are representing MVHA in a hockey capacity.
- B. Application for deferment of games must be made in writing and given to the Senior Match Committee Chairperson fourteen (14) days in advance of the scheduled competition match.
- C. The Senior Match Committee will set down a date and time for the deferred game to be played.
- D. The Senior Match Committee will determine if a match that has been deferred will be played.
- E. Deferred games will be played as directed by the Match Committee/s and under the normal competition rules.

22. Umpires and Officials of Matches

- A. Each club shall nominate a minimum of two (2) qualified umpires per team when nominating their teams at the beginning of each season.

- B. The Senior Match Committee in conjunction with the MVHA Umpire Convenor, will assign umpiring and technical official duties when creating the competition draw.
- C. Failure to complete a nominated umpiring commitment as assigned on the competition draw will incur a penalty of a loss of two (2) competition points deducted from the team noted on the match card as not supplying the umpire.
- D. Failure to complete a nominated Technical Official Duty, as assigned on the competition draw will incur a 2 point per failure team penalty.
- E. Umpires shall be remunerated a minimum of twenty dollars (\$20) by the teams that they are umpiring, once the match card has been completed.
 - a. The payment will be made directly after the game they officiate at.
- F. Umpires in MVHA must wear appropriate clothing which consists of a high visibility (eg orange/yellow/pink) shirt, dark pants or skirt and appropriate footwear. Wet weather flouro yellow jackets are available for all umpires at the MVHA Clubhouse.
- G. Any complaint or issue raised about umpiring must be made in writing within four (4) days to the Secretary MVHA, addressed to the attention of the Umpire Convenor MVHA. No verbal complaints will be addressed.
- H. Umpire grading is conducted by qualified umpire assessors. It is the individual club's responsibility, as part of their Duty of Care to their club members, to nominate suitably competent umpires.
- I. No umpire can umpire two (2) consecutive senior games on any one day of a competition round.
- J. Substitution of umpires during a match should only occur if the umpire succumbs to an injury and is unable to continue.

23. Representative Teams

- A. The selection panel for representative player selection shall consist of a minimum of five (5) selectors in total with one selector being the coach of the team being selected.
- B. All players, coaches and officials trialling and /or playing or officiating for representative teams must be:
 - a. A registered player of MVHA
 - b. A financial member of MVHA
 - c. Play and or officiate in the MVHA competition
 - d. A previous player in the MVHA and currently be registered with NSWHA
 - e. Hold a current Working with Children Clearance if required.
- C. All costs incurred by players attending representative fixtures are to be met prior to attendance at the said event.
- D. All Coaches must have a current Level 1 Coaching Accreditation with Hockey NSW.
- E. All coaches and Managers of Representative teams that involve children/ minors must have a current Working with Children clearance.
- F. Managers shall liaise with MVHA Treasurer to ensure correct procedures and payments are followed for expenses incurred by representative teams. Money collected by team managers and coaches must be passed on to the MVHA treasurer as soon as possible.

24. MVHA Codes of Conduct

- A. All members and spectators must comply with MVHA Codes of Conduct whilst at the Hockey Centre. Failure to comply will result in personal/ team or club penalties being applied. For further guidance refer to MVHA Code of Conducts on the MVHA website and the MVHA Off Field Disciplinary Breach Guide 2016 in Appendix IX and Revised Judiciary Procedure in Appendix V
- B. If a club does not fulfil its assigned rostered duty. The club will be fined \$100 per failure. This will be invoiced by the MVHA Treasurer.
- C. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may make an application in writing to the Board via the association secretary for consideration. The application must include supporting evidence and be made no more than four (4) days after the unfulfilled duty.

25. Grievance Procedures

- A. For all grievance procedures not covered within the above MVHA Senior Competition Rules and subclauses please refer to the MVHA Revised Judiciary Procedure attached in Appendix X

26. MVHA Senior Competition Rules Review and Rewrites

- A. Periodically throughout the season rules and subclauses may need to be addressed. Any request for such a review or rewrite must be received in writing and addressed to the MVHA Secretary for discussion and action via the MVHA Board. If deemed necessary the MVHA Board of Management will then initiate the appropriate people to conduct any corrections.
- B. Failing any requests as per section 26A the MVHA Senior Competition Rules will be reviewed at the first meeting of the MVHA Presidents and Secretaries meeting after the Annual General Meeting of MVHA.

27. MVHA Senior Competition and Playing Rules Appendices

Appendix I: MVHA Team Registration

[MVHA Team Registration Form](#)

Appendix II: MVHA Team Nomination Form

[MVHA Club Team Nomination Form](#)

Appendix III: MVHA Umpire Nomination Form.

[MVHA Umpire Nomination Form](#)

Appendix IV: MVHA Age Waiver Form

[MVHA Age Waiver: Juniors playing in Senior Competitions](#)

Appendix V: MVHA Judiciary Procedures 2011

Link to MVHA web page to follow – Adobe acrobat file to follow



Revised Judiciary Proc 2010 pg1.pdf



Revised Judiciary Procedure 2010 pg 2.pdf



Revised Judiciary Procedures pg3.pdf



Revised Judiciary proc pg4.pdf

Appendix VI: HNSW Lightening Safety Code

[HNSW Lightening Safety Code](#)

Appendix VII: HNSW Hot, Wet and Cold Weather Policy and Sun Protection Guidelines

[HNSW Hot, Wet and Cold Weather Policy](#)

[HNSW Sun Protection Policy](#)

Appendix VIII: HNSW Pregnancy Policy

[HNSW Pregnancy Policy](#)

Appendix IX: MVHA Off-field Disciplinary Breach Guide

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MVHA Disciplinary Breach Code 2016.pdf

28. Amendment Record:

2017 rules amended at Presidents and Secretaries Meeting 11th September 2018.

List of 2017 Rule Changes Summary:

2017 Rule	Amended	Deleted	Added	Reviewed & No Change	Comments and summary of change
4C			X		BOM initiated rule for unpaid accounts
7A	X				Increased time; included fine
7B	X				Increased time; included forfeit fine
7E				X	
7G				X	
7H	X				Forfeit rule added
7I	X			X	Example added; further discussion on specifics of grading
8C		X			
8H	X				Part A only – added MVHA rego requirement
8I				X	
8J	X				Finite number matches
9C	X				Clarified
9D	X				Clarified
19 L			X		Photography of match cards
20F	X				Monetary fine
21C				X	
22D	X				Change in penalty
24			X		Duty failure fine

For a more thorough explanation please refer to President and Secretary Meeting Minutes 11/9/18 or Board of Management Meeting 18/9/18.