

# **BYLAWS**

## **DUBBO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

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## **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. Board of Management (Board): means the governing body of Dubbo Hockey Association Inc.
- 1.2. By-Laws: means the By-Laws of Dubbo Hockey Association Inc. Appended to the Constitution. They are additional rules which generally deal with internal and administrative matters and activities of Dubbo Hockey Association Inc. By-Laws are to assist with the orderly management and operations of activities undertaken by the Association. By-Laws are subordinate to the Constitution and must not be inconsistent with the Constitution.
- 1.3. Constitution: means the Constitution of Dubbo Hockey Association Inc.
- 1.4. Standing Committee(s): means the appointment of members or other persons who have relevant knowledge and experience to an established committee determined by the Board of Management. Any committee established by the Board shall only exercise such powers and have such rights and obligations as the Board in its absolute discretion directs. Examples are, and not limited to, Men's' Committee, Women's' Committee, Junior Committee
- 1.5. "Competition" refers to the entirety of all grades (if applicable) within each of the Senior Women's competition, the Senior Men's competition and the Junior competition, whichever is relevant.

## **2. GENERAL**

- 2.1. Pursuant to the authority invested in the Dubbo Hockey Association Inc. Board of Management by Section 10.1 of the Constitution the following By-Laws have been approved to govern the Standing Committees created by the Board of Management and the management of the competitions conducted by the Standing Committees.
  - 2.1.3 The Board of Management Secretary to receive a weekly remuneration for the weeks during the winter hockey season to an amount determined at the February Board Meeting. This remuneration amount is to be paid monthly.
- 2.2. The Association shall effect and maintain insurance as required under the Act, together with any other insurance, which may be required by law or regarded as necessary by the Association.
- 2.3. The income and property of the Association shall be used only for promotion of the objects of the Association and shall not be paid or transferred to members by way of dividend, bonus or profit.

- 2.4. Association colours shall be sky blue and white subject to approval by Hockey NSW.
- 2.5. In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation or implementation of these Bylaws, the decision of the Board of Management shall be final.
- 2.6. The Registrar of the Association shall perform the following duties:
  - 2.6.1. Keep an accurate record of all competition point scores and table them at Board of Management and General Meetings.
  - 2.6.2. Prepare a list of fines in accordance with the By-Laws and submit to the Board of Management at Board meeting and General Meetings
  - 2.6.3. Assist each Standing Committee with the preparation of the Fixtures for each grade in each Winter competition.
  - 2.6.4. Check score cards weekly and compile Best and Fairest point lists for each player.
  - 2.6.5. Maintain a register of Premier League players registered with the Dubbo Hockey Association and the number of games played in the Premier League competition.
  - 2.6.6. Submit complete point scores for annual report.
  - 2.6.7. Submit all match results
  - 2.6.8. Keep all records relating to registration of players, Associate Members and Life Members.
  - 2.6.9. Supply a list of forfeits to the Treasurer once a month for billing.
  - 2.6.10. Supply to the Treasurer a list of umpires due for payment at the conclusion of the hockey season noting the provisions as to completed match cards contained within these bylaws.
  - 2.6.11. Keep all computer records as required by HNSW (registrations) in approved computer system.

### **3. COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees of the Association shall be as follows:

- 3.1. Men's Committee - Vice President (Men's Convenor) plus one committee member from each Club that nominates a team in the Men's Winter Competition. '
- 3.2. Women's Committee - Vice President (Women's Convenor) plus one committee member from each Club that nominates a team in the Women's Winter Competition.
- 3.3. Junior Committee - Vice President (Junior Convenor) plus one committee member from each Club that nominates a team in the Junior Competition.

## Responsibilities of the Standing Committees

- 3.4. The Women's Committee, the Men's Committee and the Junior Committee shall hold a planning meeting on or before 31 January each year. Each Committee will advise the Board at the February General Meeting their requirements for the upcoming winter season and the Board will consider the issues presented by each Committee and their decision on these issues shall be final. The requirements to be advised by each Committee are to include:
  - 3.4.1. The competition structure for the upcoming winter season
  - 3.4.2. The maximum and minimum number of players to be contained on team sheets for the upcoming winter season
  - 3.4.3. The proposed time slots for competition games.
  - 3.4.4. The proposed days and times slots for the competition Grand Finals.
- 3.5. Each Committee will meet monthly during the competition and within the period 7 days prior to each Board Meeting and General Meeting and shall provide a written report to the subsequent Board/General Meeting for discussion. The report shall include any issues that the relevant Committee requires ratification from the Board. The Report shall be incorporated in the Minutes of the Meeting.
- 3.6. The Quorum of a Committee Meeting will be half of the total number of members plus one. A member of a Committee who is unable to attend a Meeting is permitted to nominate a delegate from their Club to attend on their behalf so long as the Convenor is notified of the delegate (by email) no less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
- 3.7. The Convenor and relevant committee are responsible for the co-ordination of the nomination and selection process for all representative teams applicable to their competition and shall, at their discretion, form selection committees to assist where numbers deem it necessary.
- 3.8. The Convenor of each Committee shall also submit an Annual Report to the Secretary of the Association by a date to be nominated by the Board of Management.
- 3.9. Nominations for the above committees to be provided to the Secretary of the Association after the Annual General Meeting and before the Board Meeting in December of each year.

## 4. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 4.1. The position of Coach, Manager and Umpire for Representative Team(s) shall be by appointment by the relevant Committee. All selected officials must be registered with Hockey NSW either as a player or non-playing official. A representative team that has under 18's in that team requires all team officials to supply a working with children check to DHAI before they can take up the position.

- 4.2. Persons elected as umpires of the Association Representative Team(s) shall be advised that part of their duties is to attend the final 3 coaching sessions as set down for their relevant team.
- 4.3. The Manager of the representative team will determine a budget which will allocate the costs of attending equally between the team members. The Budget will be submitted to the relevant Committee at least 6 weeks prior to the representative carnival date or at the team selection date, whichever is earlier, and will thereafter be provided by the relevant Convenor to the Treasurer of the Association.
- 4.4. To be selected in any Dubbo Hockey Association representative team, players must be registered with the Association.
- 4.5. No player who holds a primary registration with the Dubbo Hockey Association shall be given a clearance to play for another association at state championships except in the following circumstances:
  - 4.5.1. Dubbo Association is not entering a team in the relevant state or ½ state championship.
  - 4.5.2. The player has tried out for the relevant Dubbo Association team and was not selected.
  - 4.5.3. If a player plays with another Association without a clearance from the relevant committee an immediate 4 round suspension will be applied with the DHAI competition.
- 4.6. The Dubbo Hockey Association will meet the payment of all Accommodation costs for representative teams at first instance and the Association will be reimbursed by the team no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the team's departure.
- 4.7. All Monies owing by any Association representative player or official for accommodation, transport or other amounts determined by the Association and/or team manager, must be paid in full no later than seven (7) days before the date of the team's departure.
- 4.8. No player or official will be allowed to depart Dubbo without first signing appropriate forms (including prohibited employment form or Working with Children Checklist). Such forms are to be lodged with Secretary prior to departure.
- 4.9. These forms are to be held by the team manager, and a copy supplied to the Secretary, in a timely manner, after the completion of the competition.
- 4.10. At the completion of the representative carnival, the manager is to provide the Association with a written report including listing the results of the team, any awards won, and a financial report. Report to be submitted within one (1) week of return from the carnival.

## **5. TEAM/CLUB NOMINATIONS**

### **5.1. The Association shall not;**

5.1.1 accept the nomination of teams from any club of less than twelve (12) members (minimum of eleven (11) players).

5.1.2. accept the nomination of Junior teams from any club with a total membership of less than the minimum number of players plus one required in the junior competition in which the team is being nominated.

5.2. Team nominations for competitions shall close on the date stipulated by Association. Such nominations shall be delivered to or posted (emailed) to the Secretary.

5.3. The Board reserve the right to accept or reject the nomination of any team when received for failing to comply with the requirements of the Association.

5.4. Club Secretaries must supply the Association with an updated list of all Club office bearers' addresses, telephone numbers & email addresses, if applicable, at the commencement of each season. (Email preferred)

5.5. All team nominations must include a Working with Children Check form for team officials, including trainers, where there are players under the age of 18 registered in that team. All team trainers, managers, coaches and umpires must be registered with Hockey NSW and DHA as either a player or non-playing official.

### **5.6. Women's competition:**

5.6.1. Team registration forms must be completed and team sheets are to be completed in line with the guidelines recommended by the Women's Committee that are subsequently ratified by the Board.

5.6.2. Forms are to be submitted to the Association Secretary by the date stipulated by the Association.

5.6.3. Each team is to have their 7 best players plus two (2) sub-restricted players on the team sheet and premier league having 11 restricted. Premier League restrictions can be reduced at the discretion of the Board.

### **5.7. Men's competition:**

5.7.1. Team registration forms must be completed and team sheets are to be completed in line with the guidelines recommended by the Men's Committee that are subsequently resolved by the Board.

5.7.2. Forms are to be submitted to the Association Secretary by the date stipulated by the Association.

- 5.7.3. Each team sheet is to have their 7 best players plus two (2) sub-restricted players on the team sheet and premier league having 11 restricted. Premier League restrictions can be reduced at the discretion of the Board.
- 5.8. Junior competition:
  - 5.8.1. Team registration forms must be completed and team sheets are to be completed in line with the guidelines recommended by the Junior Committee that are subsequently resolved by the Board.
  - 5.8.2. Forms are to be submitted to the Association Secretary by the date stipulated by the Association.
- 5.9. In relation to player restrictions, the following process applies:-
  - 5.9.1. The nominating club will indicate the proposed restricted players on the team sheet.
  - 5.9.2. The relevant Committee will meet within one week of receiving the team nominations and will review the players nominated as being restricted in each team.
  - 5.9.3. The Committee will either approve or amend the restrictions in each team sheet.
  - 5.9.4. If a club disagrees with an amendment to the restrictions made by the relevant committee the issue will be tabled at the next scheduled Board Meeting for determination. The relevant committee's imposed restrictions will apply pending the Board's determination.
  - 5.9.5. The relevant Committee can review the restrictions within a team at any time during the season however a club must be provided with at least 1 weeks' notice in writing of any further amendments to the restrictions on that team.
  - 5.9.6. If a restricted player does not take the field for that team for 4 consecutive rounds, the relevant Committee will nominate a replacement restriction from one of the pre-nominated sub-restricted players.
  - 5.9.7. Any player who, during the relevant winter season takes the field for a Premier League team on more than two (2) occasions, is automatically restricted to play in the highest grade offered by DHA Inc irrespective of whether they are a named restricted player on the relevant team sheet, unless prior written approval is sought by the player's competition club and granted by the relevant committee and subsequently ratified by the board prior to the player taking the field for a lower grade.
  - 5.9.8. Premier League Players are permitted to play in their relevant junior age competition.

- 5.9.9. In the event of only one grade being available no team shall play more than 2 players from the premier league team list back in this grade in any week further to this no restricted premier league player will be allowed to play (as per rule 5.63 premier league will need to submit a team sheet with restricted players).
- 5.10. No player may register or appear on more than one senior team registration and one junior team registration sheet unless prior approval has been given by the relevant committee.
- 5.11. No player may play for two clubs within the same competition.
- 5.12. Player's registration must be paid in full, by the date stipulated by the Association and prior to taking the field for the player's first competition game.
- 5.13. Clubs that fail to supply information under Clause 5.1 – 5.12 will have their affiliation suspended until the information is supplied.
- 5.14. Any Premier League team that is affiliated with the Dubbo Hockey Association is required, within 48 hours of the conclusion of each Premier League match, to provide the Registrar of the Dubbo Hockey Association with a list of all players that took the field for that game.
- 5.15. Association run competitions: - from time to time the Association may co-ordinate and run additional competitions to cater for specific groups (including but not limited to summer competitions, Super 9 competitions, Over 35s competitions, indoor competitions) which shall not be club based. The registration of players and teams in Association run competitions shall occur in the manner set by the Board. A player is permitted to register to play in a team in an Association run competition in addition to any other senior and/or junior competition without being in breach of Clause 5.9 and/or Clause 5.10 or any restrictions contained within Clause 9.

## **6. AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1. The Age of any player will be taken as at the 1st January of that year.
- 6.2. The Minimum age of any player will be four (4) years old.
- 6.3. No player under the age of twelve (12) may participate in any senior graded competition without the approval of the relevant Senior committee and the subsequent ratification of that decision by the Board. Furthermore, all juniors aged 13 and below playing in senior competition must play in the relevant junior grade to qualify, unless prior approval given by the Board.

## **7. REGISTRATIONS**

- 7.1. No player shall be eligible to compete in any Association competition or training session or social competition until his/her registration is completed online with NSW Hockey at least 24 hours prior to his/her first match or training session.



- 7.2. One hundred percent of the registration fees set by the Dubbo Hockey Association are payable on registration by the individual player and these fees are to be paid in the manner advised by the Treasurer of the Dubbo Hockey Association at the February General Meeting.

## **8. TRANSFERS**

- 8.1. A person may not transfer from one club to another if they are unfinancial with the club from which they are transferring. A list of all unfinancial members from each club is to be presented to the Association prior to/at the February General Meeting in the current year. Players not on these lists will be deemed to have clearance from that club in subsequent seasons. If a player wishes to transfer from one club to another within the season, a clearance form must be sought from the club from which they are transferring, and the following additional clauses apply.
- 8.2. Two Executive members of the club concerned must sign the clearance form. One signature must be the secretary of that club.
- 8.3. All signed clearances must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association forty-eight (48) hours prior to the player playing their first game with his/her new club.
- 8.4. If transferring from another Association, a transfer form from that Association will be required, and must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association forty-eight (48) hours prior to the player playing his/her first game and dual registration is to occur with the Dubbo Hockey Association prior to taking the field for the first time.

## **9. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- 9.1. Matches shall be played at times arranged by the Board of Management and approved by the relevant committee.
- 9.2. Teams failing to appear on the field after five (5) minutes of elapsed time will lose 1 goal to the opposing team. If after a further five (5) minutes play has not commenced, a forfeit will be declared, unless other arrangements have been arranged in accordance with Clause 9.1.
- 9.3. Teams who forfeit a match will be responsible for the payment of match fees for both teams.
- 9.4. Where a team wins on a forfeit but has been given forty-eight hours' notice of the forfeit: the forfeiting team pays their own game fees, but are not liable for the non-forfeiting team's fees, and the following will apply:
- 9.4.1. The Captains are to sign the game card within seven (7) days. All players in the non forfeiting team will be recorded as having played this game.
- 9.4.2. In the event that the forfeit takes place at the time of the advertised game, only those players who have signed the game card at the time of the declaration of the forfeit will be recorded as having played the game.

- 9.4.3. Teams giving a forfeit will have no players recorded as having played the game.
- 9.5. No team shall take part in an 11 a side match with less than seven (7) players, (juniors only: one of which must be a fully equipped goalkeeper). As soon as seven (7) players are available within five (5) minutes of the advertised starting time of the match, play must commence. For any competition with less than 11 players then the minimum numbers to begin the match will be set by the relevant committee prior to commencement of that competition.
- 9.6. Each match must cease at the time scheduled subject to the rules of Hockey.
  - 9.6.1. In the event of unforeseen circumstances (eg. Power blackout / light) the complex manager or umpires may abandon the game.
  - 9.6.2. Should the game have less than ten (10) minutes remaining, the game will be declared completed.
  - 9.6.3. If the event occurs more than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled completion time of the game, the Convenor and relevant committees will be responsible for scheduling a rematch.
  - 9.6.4. The rescheduled game will be deemed as being played in the original round.
  - 9.6.5. Personal player penalties suspensions take precedence and will void the players' eligibility to play in the rescheduled match.
- 9.7. A player may play in two competition matches within the same competition in the one round subject to clause 9.8.
- 9.8. Where a player participates in more than one (1) match in one round:
  - 9.8.1. A restricted player cannot play across a grade or down a grade. A breach of this sub-clause shall forfeit the match for the team in which he/she played illegally.
  - 9.8.2. A maximum of three unrestricted players may play down and across in a grade for a team within their club other than the team in which they have been registered.
  - 9.8.3. The player must play for the team they are registered with, if they are unable to do so they can only play one (1) game in that round subject to these guidelines.
  - 9.8.4. The player must play in consecutive grades of the Association unless the player is substituting in a higher grade than the one in which they are registered.
- 9.9. On the provision of prior written approval of the relevant committee and the subsequent ratification of the Board, a restricted player designated as Goalkeeper (GK) on a team sheet, is allowed to play as a field player in another team within their registered club.
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- 9.10. No Junior team that plays in a points based competition is allowed to take the field unless their Goalkeeper is wearing protective equipment including pads, kickers, face mask, helmet & chest protector (FIH rule 2.2 to be adopted re GKs – senior teams only).
- 9.11. All clubs must supply the Board of Management with diagrams and written description of their proposed playing uniform for approval in the event that there is a proposed change to the uniform.
- 9.12. Requests for deferred games due to representative commitments, can be made when 4 or more players & officials of the representative squad will be absent.

## **10. MATCH / SCORE CARDS**

- 10.1. The captain of each team shall furnish to the Umpires the names of his/her team members taking the field prior to the match along with their player numbers. Names including substitutes shall be written on the match score card with the captains' name being identified on the card with (c) recorded after it.
- 10.2. Each player must sign next to their printed name PRIOR to taking the field.
- 10.3. Late players must ensure that their name and signature is added to the game card before participating in the match. They must sign before taking the field regardless of the time.
- 10.4. The captain is to ensure names and signatures are correctly recorded on the card before signing at the end of the game. The game should start with all persons taking the field having signed the card. Playing of an unlisted, unregistered and/or unfinancial player will result in a forfeit being declared and a fine (to the Club) of up to \$100 may be applied.
- 10.5. Subject to Clause 12.2, Captains and Umpires must sign their names in the appropriate space on the score cards at the conclusion of each match. Failure of the captain to sign the card will result in a loss of three (3) points and a fine (to the Club) of up to \$100.
- 10.6. Failure of the umpire to sign and complete the card (including the allocation of Best and Fairest Points, the issue of personal penalty cards and the listing of injuries) will result in the umpire not being financial compensated for their umpiring of that game.
- 10.7. The Association will provide all match cards.

## **11. UMPIRES**

- 11.1. All senior teams will be required to provide the names of a minimum of three (3) umpires and one can be a learner umpire who may be designated games in another competition (additional nominations are encouraged) per team to fulfil all their umpiring requirements throughout the season.
- 11.2. The relevant Committee will appoint the umpires for their competition; and provide information sessions that is mandatory for umpires to attend.

- 11.2.1 The relevant Committee will appoint technical officials for their competitions; and a list of duties will be provided.
- 11.3. The nomination to umpire does not carry with it a guarantee of a minimum number of allocated games or an allocation to a particular grade of game.
- 11.4. Failure to comply with an allocation to umpire will result in a loss of three (3) points for the team & three (3) goals will also be deducted from the teams point score and in the event that further umpire duties are not fulfilled a \$500 fine and the possible expulsion of that team from the competition shall occur and all players on that team sheet shall be declared un-financial players until the fine is met.
- 11.5. Subject to 10.6 above, the Association will provide financial compensation to the umpires.
- 11.6. The amount of compensation allocated to the umpires of each game in each competition shall be set by the Board and announced at the February General Meeting.
- 11.7. Umpires will be paid the compensation at the conclusion of the season and subject to confirmation by the Registrar of compliance with Clause 10.6.

## **12. MATCH POINTS**

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

12.1.1.	For a Win or by forfeit	Three (3) Points
12.1.2.	For a Draw	Two (2) Points
12.1.3.	For a Loss	One (1) Point
12.1.4.	For a Bye	Nil Points
12.1.5.	For a loss by forfeit	Nil Points

In the event of forfeits, the team gaining the forfeit shall be credited with a 3-0 win and the team giving the forfeit will be awarded a 0-3 forfeit.

- 12.2. Where a team protests the result of a match the Captain DOES NOT sign the card but writes on the card - PROTEST PENDING.
- 12.2.1. The captain or their representative then LODGES A WRITTEN REPORT with the Secretary of the Association within 48 hours of the said event.
- 12.2.2. In the event that a written report is not submitted within the above mentioned time frame, the protest is withdrawn and the card will be deemed to have been signed by the captain.

### **13. PERSONAL PLAYER PENALTIES (CARDS)**

- 13.1. Cards shall be issued at the discretion of the umpire in line with the rules of hockey and have the following penalties:
  - 13.1.1. Green card – one (1) point - two (2) minute suspension – with no substitution.
  - 13.1.2. Yellow card – four (4) points - minimum five (5) minute suspension - time to be determined by the umpire - with no substitution.
  - 13.1.3. Red card – ten (10) points - Mandatory Suspension for the remainder of the game and a requirement to vacate the complex immediately - with no substitute.
- 13.2. If a player accumulates 10 points then they receive an automatic one (1) week suspension, except if there was a red card where the suspension would be a minimum one (1) week with further penalty as decided by the judiciary panel.
- 13.3. All cards are to be recorded on the game card with written details – Green, Yellow and Red Cards, and the relevant offence.
- 13.4. Upon a player receiving a red card, or be suspended due to accumulation of points they will be automatically ineligible for the Best and Fairest Award for that season.

### **14. JUDICIARY PANEL**

- 14.1. Judiciary Panel to be composed of five (5) neutral people as selected by DHA Board following the call for Expressions of Interest and the members of the Judiciary Panel shall be announced at the February General Meeting. The Members of the Judiciary Panel must hold a current membership of the Dubbo Hockey Association. The appointment will commence on 1 March each year and conclude on 28/29 February the subsequent year. The Judiciary Panel shall be chaired by a member of the Dubbo Hockey Association Inc. Board.
- 14.2. In the event of a red card being issued, the following process will apply:-
  - 14.2.1. The Judiciary Panel of at least three (3) members (each able to declare independence from the subject player) should be convened before the player's next available competition round. The Panel will be convened by the relevant Convenor.
  - 14.2.2. The Judiciary Panel should refer to HNSW Judiciary guidelines in regards to recommended penalties to be imposed.
  - 14.2.3. The Judiciary Panel will provide a written report to the relevant Committee and the Board as to the determination reached and any recommendations to the Board as to whether any Code of Conduct breach requires investigation.
  - 14.2.4. The player and their Club will be notified of the outcome of the Judiciary Panel either at the conclusion of the Panel meeting or no later than 24 hours following the Panel meeting. The notification will be in written form. The Board and relevant

Committee will be advised in writing (email preferred) of the determination reached by the Judiciary Panel.

- 14.2.5. The player has a right of appeal from the Judiciary Panel to the Board and written notice of the appeal is to be provided to the Board within 3 days of the determination made by the Panel.
- 14.2.6. The Appeal process will not involve the gathering of new information and the Board will review the decision made by the Judiciary Panel based only the material available to the Board at that
- 14.3. A round shall mean a round of games during the playing season in which Association controlled matches would have been available to the suspended player in their registered team, and any suspension may extend into a subsequent season before being terminated, if necessary. Byes do not count as a week when applying a suspension.
- 14.4. Please note HNSW Suspension Policy – a suspension from one affiliated hockey body applies to all affiliated hockey bodies.

## **15. FINALS**

- 15.1. The team with the most points at the end of all rounds shall be the minor premiers, in the event of two (2) teams or more being equal on points; the team with the highest goal difference shall be the Minor Premiers.
- 15.2. The goal difference shall be worked on the following basis:-
  - 15.2.1. Subtracting the goals scored against from the goals scored for by a team arrives at goal difference. Where teams are level on goal difference, the team scoring the most goals shall be declared the winner. If after this determination, if the teams are still equal a play-off will be conducted.
- 15.3. The final series shall be played in the following manner:-
  - 15.3.1. Competition for four (4) teams or less - Grand Final 1st Versus 2nd
  - 15.3.2. Competitions with five (5) teams
    - Final 2<sup>nd</sup> Versus 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Grand Final 1<sup>st</sup> versus Winner of Final
  - 15.3.3. Competitions of Six (6) to Nine (9) teams
    - Major Semi 1<sup>st</sup> Versus 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Minor Semi 3<sup>rd</sup> Versus 4<sup>th</sup>

Final Loser of Major Semi versus Winner of Minor Semi

Grand Final Winner of Major Semi versus Winner of Final.

15.3.4. Competitions for ten (10) teams or more

Qualifying Semi 2<sup>nd</sup> Versus 3<sup>rd</sup>

Elimination Semi 4<sup>th</sup> Versus 5<sup>th</sup>

Major Semi 1<sup>st</sup> versus Winner Qualifying Semi

Minor Semi Loser of Qualifying Semi versus Winner of Elimination Semi

Final Loser Major Semi versus Winner Minor Semi

Grand Final Winner Major Semi versus Winner of Final

- 15.4. As per Hockey NSW Field State Championships Operations Manual for that current year. In the event of a competition with less than 11 players as per 9.5, the reduced player numbers will be determined by the relevant committee.
- 15.5. In the event of junior competitions the team finishing higher on the ladder will be declared the winner should there be no result at the end of extra time.
- 15.6. The shoot outs are to be undertaken in line with the rules contained in the current NSW Field Hockey Championship Operations Manual.

## **16. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS**

- 16.1. No player in the Senior men's and Senior women's competition may play in any finals series match unless he/she has played a minimum of 5 games in a competition up to 16 rounds or a minimum of 7 games in a competition of more than 16 rounds with his/her registered team during the current season.
- 16.2. If playing down a grade in the finals, the player must have played a minimum of 5 games in a competition up to 16 rounds or a minimum of 7 games in a competition of more than 16 rounds for the lower grade team.
- 16.3. If playing across in the same grade in the finals, the player must have played a minimum of 5 games in a competition up to 16 rounds or a minimum of 7 games in a competition of more than 16 rounds for the other team in the same grade.
- 16.4. No junior player may play in any finals series match unless he/she has played at least five (5) competition rounds with his/her registered team during the current season.

## **17. DRAW**

- 17.1. The Draw for the competition will be published on the Associations website.
- 17.2. A weekly draw will be forwarded by email to Club Secretaries.

## **18. UNFINANCIAL**

- 18.1. Registration fees must be paid as directed by the Board of Management
- 18.2. Match Fees must be paid in the following manner:
  - 18.2.1. All clubs will be billed six (6) weeks after the competition commencement for all competition round match fees, of which fifty percent (50%) is due payable eight (8) weeks.
  - 18.2.2. Remaining fifty percent (50%) is due four (4) weeks after first payment.
  - 18.2.3. Dates for payments to be determined by competition start dates and announced at the February General Meeting.
- 18.3. Additional payments and fines will be invoiced on a monthly basis, which is due and payable within 7 days.
- 18.4. In the event of a club failing to pay monies owing by the due date the Club shall forth with be deemed to be unfinancial at the earliest possible date after money is due. The Association Treasurer shall give to such unfinancial club notice in writing by certified mail addressed to the Secretary of the club at his/her last registered address. Should outstanding moneys not be paid to the Treasurer within seven (7) days of posting of such notice the unfinancial club shall not score any points for any of its teams in any games played until the outstanding moneys are paid. Unless:
  - 18.4.1. Where a club or team disputes the amount of the fine or payment, notification must be made in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the invoice to the Treasurer and Secretary. Clause 18.4 will be held in abeyance until the Executive makes a decision.
  - 18.4.2. Where the fine or payment is upheld by the Executive, payment must be made within seven (7) days of notice of such or all penalties will stand.
  - 18.4.3. Where the amount is altered, the new amount payable due either by 30 days from date of original invoice or within 7 days.
- 18.5. Any Club owing monies by the 30th September will be ineligible to compete in the Dubbo Hockey Association Competition in the following year, Unless the Club makes payment of a bond to be determined by the Board of Management. This payment will be in addition to all other payments outlined in Clause 18. The bond will be held until the end of the current season, and will be credited to the club only after all monies owing have been paid.



## **19. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

### **19.1. Eligibility**

19.1.1. All affiliated clubs financial with the Dubbo Hockey Association Inc.

19.1.2. Only teams playing in an officially run competition of the Dubbo Hockey Association, in which all clubs can participate.

### **19.2. Points Score**

19.2.1. The trophy to be awarded to the club gaining the most points from the following allocations.

19.2.2. Competition points score recorded by the Fixtures Committee, at the completion of the last competition round of matches. Clubs with more than one team in the one grade may accumulate points gained by both teams.

#### **19.2.3. Multiply factor for points**

19.2.3.1. Minor Premiers	Multiply by 2
19.2.3.2. 2nd Place	Multiply by 1.75
19.2.3.3. 3rd Place	Multiply by 1.5
19.2.3.4. 4th Place	Multiply by 1.25
19.2.3.5. 5th Place and below	Multiply by 1