



HOCKEY WA RULES 2005

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HOCKEY WA GENERIC RULES

1. Definitions

In these rules, unless contrary intention appears:

- “Association”, “WAHA”, and “Hockey WA” all refer to the name of the Western Australian Hockey Association Incorporated.
- “By laws” as previously referred to are now known as rules.
- “CEO” refers to the Hockey WA Chief Executive Officer.
- “Club” means any Club or Association, or any other group within Australia or overseas controlling the playing of field hockey, according to the rules of FIH Rules Board.
- “Competition” means the open-age (senior) competition played during the winter season and controlled by Hockey WA.
- “Delegation of Authority” refers to authority delegated by the Board to the Chief Executive Officer.
- “Division” or “Committee” refers to a Committee that is set up by Hockey WA to carry out delegated functions or powers of Hockey WA.
- “EPC” refers to the Elite Performance Committee.
- “FIH” refers to the international Hockey Federation.
- “First Division” Refers to the highest grade in men and women's competition conducted under the auspices of Hockey WA. This includes the references to Goundrey Cup, Goundrey League, Premier League, Classic League, and State League 1. (Note: the exception Promotion / relegation rules in “competition men” also refers to State League First Division being 1B and 1C).
- “Fixture Week” refers to the period from Friday to Thursday inclusive.
- “HA” refers to Hockey Australia.
- “HAHPP” refers to the Hockey Australia High Performance Program.
- “HockeyNet” refers to the online membership / competitions package used by Hockey WA.
- “Policy” refers to guiding principles set down and endorsed by the relevant Committee, Division, Board or Council of Hockey WA.
- “Regional Division” refers to the Country Division.
- “Team” means a number of players registered with a club and designated by that club to represent it in a scheduled match in the competition.

2. Application

- 2.1 Rules 1 - 28 apply to all hockey games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA.
- 2.2 Rules 29 - 44 relate specifically to Senior Competitions.
- 2.3 Rules 45 - 50 relate specifically to Women's Veterans Competitions.
- 2.4 Rules 51 - 55 relate specifically to Men's Veterans Competitions.
- 2.5 Rules 56 - 72 relate specifically to Junior Competitions.
- 2.6 Rules 73 - 86 relate specifically to Indoor Competitions.
- 2.7 Rules 87 - 97 relate specifically to State Country Weekend Championships.
- 2.8 Rules relating to HAHPP policy, selection of players, coaches, officials and imported players for all State teams (excluding indoor, veterans and country) are governed by policy from the Elite Performance Committee of Hockey WA.
- 2.9 Rules relating to selection of players, coaches, officials and imported players for all State Veterans teams are governed by policy from the Veterans Committee of Hockey WA.
- 2.10 Rules relating to selection of players, coaches, officials and imported players for all State Indoor teams are governed by policy from the Indoor Committee of Hockey WA.
- 2.11 Rules relating to selection of players, coaches, officials and imported players for all State Country teams are governed by policy from the Country Committee of Hockey WA.

3. Notice

3.1 Information to be supplied

3.1.1 Each Club and Regional Association shall by 15 February in each year, or in the case of any change within 10 days, provide the Hockey WA office with the following information in writing:

3.1.1.1 The name, address and telephone number (business and private) of the President and Secretary;

3.1.1.2 A postal address to which notices or correspondence can be sent;

3.1.1.3 An email address to which notices or correspondence may be sent.

3.2 Giving Notice

3.2.1 If any information, notice or demand is:

3.2.1.1 Delivered or mailed to the postal address of the Club or Regional Association, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club or Regional Association 4 days after delivering or mailing to that address;

3.2.1.2 Sent to the email address of the Club or Regional Association, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club or Regional Association 4 days after being sent to that address;

3.2.1.3 Faxed, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club or Regional Association if shown as successful on a fax transmission report.

3.3 Data base

3.3.1 By 30 May each year Clubs shall supply to Hockey WA the specified information required by Hockey WA in respect of all of its current players, coaches and officials;

3.3.2 The specified information shall be supplied in a format nominated and advised by Hockey WA from time to time;

3.3.3 The specified information required shall include the person's first name, surname, residential address, postcode and date of birth;

3.3.4 If a club fails to comply with this rule it shall be liable to payment of a fine as set down in the fines schedule (refer to 5.11) for each team entered by it into the Hockey WA winter competition. Before a fine can be imposed Hockey WA must give the club at least 21 days prior written notice that this rule has not been complied with.

4. Finance

4.1 Affiliation fees set by Council

4.1.1 The affiliation fees and levies payable to Hockey WA shall be determined by the Council. The affiliation fees and levies may be related to the number and grade of teams nominated by a Club. In the event that the Council shall fail to determine the affiliation fees by 15 March in any year then the affiliation fees that applied during the preceding financial year shall continue.

4.2 Reduction

4.2.1 Hockey WA may reduce the affiliation fees payable for a team when it considers appropriate.

4.3 Payment of Instalments

4.3.1 One half of the affiliation fees shall be payable no later than 2pm on the first Tuesday in June. The balance of the affiliation fees shall be paid no later than 2pm on the last Friday in July.

4.4 Withdrawals

4.4.1 When a team nomination is withdrawn by a Club and written notification is received by Hockey WA at least 21 days prior to the beginning of the winter season for that team then the nomination and/or affiliation fees for that team shall be as set out in the Fines schedule (refer to 5.13 through to 5.16).

4.5 Levies

4.5.1 Levies, team nomination fees and State Team nomination fees shall be payable on the date determined and advised by the Board from time to time.

4.6 Fines

4.6.1 All fines shall be payable by 5pm on the 28th day following the date on which they were imposed.

- 4.7 Surcharge
- 4.7.1 In the event that a Club or Regional Association fails to pay an affiliation fee, levy or fine in full by the due date for payment then a surcharge as per the fines schedule (refer to 5.12) shall also be payable.
- 4.8 Late Payment
- 4.8.1 If a Club or Regional Association fails to pay to Hockey WA:
- 4.8.1.1 An affiliation fee, nomination fee, levy, fine or surcharge in full within fourteen (14) days following the due date of payment; or
- 4.8.1.2 Any other money that is due and owing by it within thirty (30) days following the due date of payment; and
- 4.8.1.3 Such failure continues for a period of fourteen (14) days after the date on which Hockey WA makes demand in writing to the Club or Regional Association for payment of the amount outstanding then the Club or Regional Association shall not be eligible to score points in any game played by a team of that Club or Regional Association in any competition conducted by Hockey WA until such time as the amount outstanding is paid in full.
- 4.9 Unfinancial Player
- 4.9.1 If a player fails to pay to Hockey WA any money that is due and owing by the player within thirty (30) days following the due date of payment and such failure continues for a period of fourteen (14) days after the date on which Hockey WA gives notice in writing to the player and the player's last known Club or Regional Association then:
- 4.9.1.1 The player shall not be eligible for selection in any Hockey WA team;
- 4.9.1.2 That Club or Regional Association shall not be eligible to score any points in any game in which the player shall play for it until such time as the amount outstanding is paid in full; and
- 4.9.1.3 Hockey WA will not grant a clearance for that player to a Club in any other State of Australia.

5. Fines Schedule 2005 (includes fees)

- 5.1 If a team or a player contravenes a Rule for which no specific penalty is provided for then the club shall be liable to a fine of up to \$200.00 as determined by Hockey WA.
- 5.2 Failure of a Club/Association to be represented at a meeting. \$25.00.
- 5.3 Failure to notify intention of a forfeit. \$25.00.
- 5.4 Failure to be in registered uniform. \$25.00 per player.
- 5.5 Late, incomplete or incorrect match report sheet. \$25.00.
- 5.6 Failure to umpire senior and junior grades;
- 5.6.1 First two offences - \$60.00 per umpire
- 5.6.2 Next two offences - \$80.00 per umpire
- 5.6.3 Any further offences - \$100.00 per umpire.
- 5.7 Frivolous complaint. \$60.00.
- 5.8 To lodge a protest. \$25.00.
- 5.9 Failure to notify Hockey WA of number/player changes for First Division program. \$25.00 per player.
- 5.10 Failure to change uniform to alternate strip. \$25.00 per team.
- 5.11 Failure to supply all specified member information for the data base. \$25.00 per team.
- 5.12 Surcharge for late payment of affiliation fees, levies or fines. 10% of amount due.
- 5.13 Team withdrawal (in writing) within 21 days of fixtured games commencing. 50% of team nomination fee.
- 5.14 Team withdrawal (in writing) after fixtured games commence and within 21 days after fixtured games commence. 100% of team nomination fee.
- 5.15 Team withdrawal (in writing) after 21 days of fixtured games commencing and up to 42 days of fixtured games commencing. 50% of team fees.
- 5.16 Team withdrawal (in writing) after 42 days of fixtured games commencing. 100% of team fees.
- 5.17 Forfeit of First Division (Goundrey Cup or Goundrey League) game. \$1000.00.
- 5.18 State Country Weekend Championship team withdrawal (in writing) within 7 days of fixtured games commencing. 50% of team fees.

- 5.19 State Country Weekend Championship team withdrawal (in writing) after fixtured games have commenced. 100% team fees.
- 5.20 Failure to enter match results into HockeyNet by required time. \$25.00.
- 5.21 Failure to enter required player details into HockeyNet by required time. \$25.00.
- 5.22 All fines are 10% GST inclusive.

6. Admission of new Clubs

- 6.1 The Hockey WA Board shall ratify the entry of new Clubs.
- 6.2 Application for admission of a Club shall be made in writing to Hockey WA.
- 6.3 Applicants shall be given a copy of the WAHA Constitution, the Rules of Hockey WA and the member protection policy; and in the application for admission, must agree to be bound thereby.
- 6.4 When applying for admission, a Club shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, uniform and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.

7. Powers and Duties of Clubs

- 7.1 Clubs and Regional Associations do not have the power to represent Hockey WA.
- 7.2 Clubs shall comply with the requests of Hockey WA.
- 7.3 Clubs and Regional Associations shall comply with:
 - 7.3.1 The Constitution of WAHA;
 - 7.3.2 The Rules of Hockey WA; and
 - 7.3.3 The member protection policy as adopted by Hockey WA and amended from time to time.

8. Resignation of a Club

- 8.1 Any Club wishing to resign from Hockey WA shall intimate its intention in writing to the CEO.
- 8.2 If a Club is forced to disband before the close of a season, all matches played by its teams shall be cancelled and, providing it is financial with Hockey WA, its members may then be registered with other Clubs.
- 8.3 If unfinancial, the Council shall levy those individual members applying for re-registration.
- 8.4 No Club shall be allowed to use the name of the disbanded Club, unless that Club accepts the responsibility of any debts owing to Hockey WA by the disbanding Club.
- 8.5 If a Club resigns before the completion of the season, all matches played by any of that Club's teams shall be cancelled (refer to Rule 21.7 for individual team withdrawal).

9. Protests and Disputes Tribunal

- 9.1 Composition
 - 9.1.1 The Tribunal shall be comprised of three members:
 - 9.1.1.1 One of whom shall be a legal practitioner or magistrate; and
 - 9.1.1.2 Two of whom shall be either past or present members of the Board or persons who are or were Club officials.
 - 9.1.2 A pool of approximately 10 people shall be nominated to be called upon to sit on the Tribunal or to hear complaints as requested by Hockey WA.
- 9.2 Appointments
 - 9.2.1 The CEO shall select persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting. The CEO shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal. A person shall not sit on the Tribunal if that person or that person's Club or Regional Association is involved in the complaint or matter before the Tribunal or is related to any of the parties.
- 9.3 Complaints
 - 9.3.1 The Tribunal shall hear any complaint or deal with any matter referred to it by Hockey WA.

9.4 Powers of Tribunal

- 9.4.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:
- 9.4.1.1 Require the attendance of any person before it;
 - 9.4.1.2 Administer an oath and hear evidence;
 - 9.4.1.3 Re-open or re-hear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;
 - 9.4.1.4 If any person shall fail to answer any questions or shall act in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of hockey administered by Hockey WA for a period not exceeding 12 months;
 - 9.4.1.5 Impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on any person, Club and/or Regional Association who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;
 - 9.4.1.6 Suspend any person from playing in a game of hockey for any period and/or impose a fine not exceeding \$2,000 on any person or Club or Regional Association who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened this Constitution, any Rules of Hockey WA, contravened the Rules of the game of hockey, brought the game of hockey into disrepute or failed to comply with any order or direction of the Tribunal;
 - 9.4.1.7 Order the forfeiture of a game of hockey;
- 9.4.2 If a complaint is lodged in writing at the Hockey WA office within 7 days of the date upon which the incident, the subject of the complaint, took place with a request that it be referred to the Tribunal, Hockey WA shall cause a meeting of the Tribunal to be convened as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter and shall forthwith cause the persons and Clubs concerned to be advised of the substance of the complaint and the time, date and venue of the meeting of the Tribunal.
- 9.4.3 If the Tribunal determines to suspend any person from playing in a game of hockey for any period greater than 12 months, the suspension for the period exceeding 12 months shall not become effective until the determination has been ratified by the Board.
- 9.4.4 All decisions of the Tribunal shall be reported to the Board and the Board shall give effect to the decision. Each decision shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Board. Hockey WA shall cause all persons and Clubs concerned to be notified of the Tribunal's findings and shall cause the nature of the complaint to be published, the decision itself and any other relevant facts unless the Board considers such publication is to be undesirable.

10. Country

- 10.1 Regional Associations, through affiliation with Hockey WA, may be represented by a voting delegate at Hockey WA Annual General, Council and Special Meetings.
- 10.2 To enable annual affiliation, each Regional Association shall pay to Hockey WA by 1 May each year an annual subscription, as determined by the Board and approved by Council.
- 10.3 Each Regional Association shall advise in writing to Hockey WA before 1 March each year, the names, addresses and contact telephone numbers of its Office Bearers.
- 10.4 An annual Country Delegates Meeting will be held by 31 December each year as called by the Hockey WA Country Committee. 2 delegates from each Regional Association may attend, however, it is compulsory to have at least 1 delegate attend or a fine as per the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.2) shall be imposed. Each Association has 1 vote.
- 10.5 Additional Country Delegates meetings may be called by the Hockey WA Country Committee if required.

11. State Country Weekend Championships

- 11.1 An entry fee per team shall be charged.
- 11.2 A nomination fee must accompany each entry.
- 11.3 All Regional Associations and players must be financial with Hockey WA at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Championship.
- 11.4 These Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 87 - 97.

12. Representative Teams

- 12.1 All State Representative players and team personnel shall comply with the policies and contracts for selection, eligibility, and other guidelines as set by the Elite Performance Committee or other relevant committee in the case of Indoor, Country and Veterans teams.
- 12.2 To be eligible for selection in an underage team, each player must be under that age as at 1 January in the year of the Championship.
- 12.3 To be eligible for selection in a Women's Veterans overage team, each player must have attained that age as at 1 January in the year of the Championship.
- 12.4 To be eligible for selection in a Men's Veterans overage team, each player must have attained that age as at 31 December in the year of the Championship.
- 12.5 Country State teams selection shall comply with the rules contained in Attachment S of the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual.
- 12.6 All State Team Managers shall have jurisdiction over all members of their respective Team Personnel.
- 12.7 All persons selected, shall pay to Hockey WA a fee determined annually by the Board and governed by the Policy on State Team Account Finalisation.
- 12.8 All other costs are the responsibility of the individual.
- 12.9 All State representatives must be financial with Hockey WA 10 days prior to departure.
- 12.10 Only affiliated metropolitan Clubs contribute to the Hockey WA Interstate Working Account.

13. Racial and Religious Vilification

- 13.1 No member of the association, or any of their members, or any hockey player shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified") on the basis of that person's race, religion, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- 13.2 In the event that it is alleged that a member has contravened Rule 13.1, procedures as outlined in the HA Member Protection Policy as adopted by Hockey WA and amended from time to time shall be followed.

14. Uniforms

- 14.1 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from Hockey WA. Each Club shall advise any change to its registered uniform to the Hockey WA Office by 1 March each year. A coloured photograph/illustration of the 'new' design is to be submitted to the Hockey WA Office for approval.
- 14.2 Each new Club shall apply to register its uniform by forwarding to the Hockey WA Office by 1 March in the year of the Club's first season a coloured photograph/illustration of the design for approval.
- 14.3 If the playing uniforms of both teams in a game are so similar that it may lead to a possible confusion, the second named team in the game shall wear a contrasting uniform (shirt and/or socks). Failure to wear alternate colours will incur a fine as per the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.10).
- 14.4 For all First Division, 2A, SL2, and indoor competitions, the playing uniform is to be numbered. The number is to be on the back of the shirt/body suit, positioned so as to be clearly visible when the shirt is tucked in. The number is to be in a contrasting colour to the shirt and be at least 20 cm high.
- 14.5 In all competitions, goalkeepers are to wear an overshirt that is of a colour contrasting to the shirt colour of both teams.
- 14.6 No player shall take part in a match except in the registered and approved by Hockey WA uniform of their Club.
- 14.7 Technical officers (or umpires where there is no technical officer) must record on the match report sheet, all players not in registered uniform and the Club shall incur a fine as set in the Fines schedule (refer to 5.4). Any special exception to the rules as to playing in uniform shall be at the discretion of the technical officer (or umpires where there is no technical officer).
- 14.8 When in uniform, no player shall behave on any occasion in a manner which reflects discredit to Hockey WA.

- 14.9 Breach of rule 14.8 may invoke expulsion of the player, players or Club concerned from Hockey WA.

15. Match Reports / Results

- 15.1 A match report system of result checking shall be used.
- 15.2 Each team is responsible for providing a match report book (triplicate booklet) for each match in which they play. Hockey WA will provide the match report booklets to Clubs prior to the commencement of the season.
- 15.3 Each team shall complete a match report which shall record:
- 15.3.1 The result of the match played;
 - 15.3.2 A list of players (both surname and first names) from the team completing the match report;
 - 15.3.3 Details of misconduct cards received by individual players;
 - 15.3.4 Details of goalscorers (compulsory for First Division only);
 - 15.3.5 Details of player roles (goalkeepers = GK, 15 minute rule = *, state replacement players = S and permit = P. Multiple codes may be entered); and
 - 15.3.6 Names and Hockey WA ID numbers of umpires who officiated.
- 15.4 The original match report must be forwarded by each team to the Hockey WA office.
- 15.5 The original match report must be received by the Hockey WA Office by close of business on the next working day following the fixture being played.
- 15.5.1 Failure to comply shall result in a fine as set in the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.5).
- 15.6 Should the original match report not reach the Hockey WA Office within 7 days of the completed fixture, then a further penalty of loss of points (ie 0.1 point) shall be imposed on the team concerned.
- 15.7 The duplicate copy of the match report is to be given to the opposition team immediately following the match.
- 15.8 The triplicate copy of the match report remains in the match report book.
- 15.9 The results of any matches played prior to Saturday evening must be phoned through to the Hockey WA office between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Saturday.
- 15.10 The result of the match must be entered into HockeyNet by the first named team in the fixture by 11.00am on the first business day after the fixture is played.
- 15.10.1 Failure to comply shall result in a fine as set in the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.20).
- 15.11 Specified team match details must be entered into HockeyNet by the respective teams by 9.00am on the Thursday after the fixture is played.
- 15.11.1 Failure to comply shall result in a fine as set in the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.21).
- 15.12 Specified team match details shall mean:
- 15.12.1 Player names (first name and surname);
 - 15.12.2 Player's shirt numbers (in grades that require them);
 - 15.12.3 Misconduct cards received by individual players;
 - 15.12.4 Goalscorers (compulsory for First Division only);
 - 15.12.5 Player roles (goalkeepers, permit, 15 minute rule and state replacement players); and
 - 15.12.6 Umpire's names and Hockey WA ID numbers.
- 15.13 If a team disputes the information entered by the opposing team an appeal must be made in writing and submitted to the Hockey WA office within fourteen (14) days of the match.
- 15.14 In the event of the false recording of a name on a match report the offending team shall forfeit the fixture and shall be penalised a further three (3) points.
- 15.15 For the purposes of qualifying for Challenge Cup, or Finals fixtures, the player who plays under the false name and the player (if any) under whose name they have played, shall both be deemed not to have played on that day in that round of fixtures.
- 15.16 The Hockey WA office shall check the figures weekly and keep a tabular record of the results, which will be published regularly in an Association distributed publication or website.
- 15.17 Where any breach of the Rules is evident according to the details on the match report, Hockey WA shall apply the prescribed penalty.

- 15.18 The details of the imposition of any penalty will be forwarded in writing to the club(s) involved. If a club wishes to appeal against the imposition of any such penalty, then an appeal is to be made in writing and submitted to the Hockey WA office within fourteen (14) days.

16. Blood Rule

- 16.1 If a player sustains an injury, which causes bleeding, then the player must leave the field and cannot return until the bleeding has ceased and the wound is adequately covered. In line with FIH guidelines, blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before returning to the field.

17. Players

- 17.1 Teams can comprise of up to 16 players of which a maximum of 11 players (including any players who have been suspended by the Umpires) may be allowed on the field of play at one time. Players may be interchanged at any time except during penalty corners.
- 17.2 'Playing member' shall be defined as:
- 17.2.1 A person who is financial with a Club for whom they played for the previous season.
- 17.2.2 A person who has commenced playing for, or has been registered as, a playing member of a Club in the current season.
- 17.2.3 A person who has been cleared to another Club after the end of the previous season and whose transfer details have been supplied to Hockey WA, notwithstanding that the player may not yet have commenced playing with such Club.
- 17.3 Provided the player is eligible to play in any competition match, a new member shall be deemed automatically approved if their name appears on the match report of the player's first match and their details (as per rule 3.3.3) have been entered into HockeyNet at least two business days prior to the team match details being entered into HockeyNet.
- 17.4 A person shall not be a Playing Member of more than one Club at any one time, without the approval of Hockey WA except when that person is a member of a school team or a veterans midweek team with one Club and in any other senior team of another Club.
- 17.4.1 Where a person is a Playing Member of two Clubs according to rule 17.4, the senior Club must notify Hockey WA so that approval can be noted in HockeyNet.
- 17.5 Where any player is suspended by their club or by another association for misconduct and Hockey WA is advised by their club or the other association, then the player shall not be permitted to participate in any hockey game conducted under the auspices of Hockey WA for the duration of their suspension.
- 17.6 Hockey WA competitions are gender specific:
- 17.6.1 To play in a men's or junior boy's competition a player aged 12 years or over must be male,
- 17.6.2 To play in a women's or junior girl's competition a player aged 12 years or over must be female.
- 17.7 To play in a Women's Veteran's Competition a player must be aged 35 years or over at 1 January of that year.
- 17.8 To play in a Men's Over 40's grade a player must be at least 40 years old by 31 December in that year and so on for other Men's over-age grades.
- 17.9 A HAHPP/Hockey WA Draft will be held each year. The draft will occur between the HAHPP, Hockey WA and First Division Clubs. The Rules and Guidelines for the Draft will be forwarded to Clubs by Hockey WA when available from the HAHPP.

18. Player Transfers

- 18.1 A club ("New Club") cannot play a player who has previously played for another club ("Former Club") in Hockey WA competition unless Hockey WA is notified by 5.00pm on the Thursday prior to the player's first game that:
- 18.1.1 An office bearer of the Former Club has given its prior written consent; or
- 18.1.2 The New Club has given at least three (3) working days written notice to the Former Club.

- 18.2 Any such intended transfer must be effected at least two matches prior to the first Semi Final.
- 18.3 If the Former Club is owed fees or equipment by the player it may object to the player playing for the New Club.
- 18.4 To object the Former Club must give written notice to the New Club and give written notice to Hockey WA. An objection can only be made within fourteen (14) days following the date on which written notice was given to the Former Club.
- 18.5 As from the day following the objection the New Club cannot play the player without the written consent of the Former Club or the approval of Hockey WA.
- 18.6 Hockey WA will not give its approval unless it is satisfied that there are no fees or equipment owing to the Former Club.
- 18.7 Hockey WA may enquire into the bona fides of any transfer if it is believed that such a transfer is to be temporary only and in its discretion, may refuse to approve the transfer if it considers that such transfer is not bona fide.
- 18.8 Hockey WA shall not consider an objection made by anyone other than the Former Club.
- 18.9 Any notice sent by fax to a club at its nominated contact shall be deemed to have been received at the time it was sent according to the fax transmission report.
- 18.10 Any notice sent by email to a club at its nominated contact shall be deemed to have been received only if a confirmation receipt or reply is received. It is the responsibility of the sender to check and ensure written confirmation of receipt is received.

19. Conduct of Matches

- 19.1 Subject to these rules all games must be played on the date and time and at the ground nominated unless the prior approval of Hockey WA is obtained.
- 19.2 Should a team be left to play a fixture with 7 or more players absent due to hockey commitments for HA, Hockey WA, HAHPP or School Sport WA, then consideration will be given for the fixtures to be rescheduled to an appropriate time. A written request for such a reschedule must be received by Hockey WA at least ten (10) days prior to the original fixture date as published.
- 19.3 For a match, each team shall provide at least one (1) white hockey ball of standard requirements in serviceable condition, to the satisfaction of the Umpires. A coloured ball may be used with the agreement of both teams and both umpires.
- 19.4 No team shall commence play with less than seven (7) players and one of these players must wear secured protective headgear.
- 19.5 A team with less than eleven (11) players may add extra players during the progress of the game until the full complement of eleven (11) is reached.
- 19.6 Where the weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory or due to any other extraordinary circumstances a game may be postponed if both captains agree or, failing agreement, one captain and both umpires agree. If the game does not start or if less than twenty (20) minutes playing time are played, the game will be replayed in full, otherwise it will be completed. Any turf fixture that is postponed or not completed will be replayed at a time and venue determined by Hockey WA. Any grass game that is postponed or not completed will be replayed on the following Sunday afternoon at a venue to be determined by Hockey WA. Hockey WA may, at its discretion, alter the time and location of any postponed fixture.
- 19.7 A postponed or replayed game due to Rule 19.6 shall be deemed to have been played on the day originally appointed.
- 19.8 If during the course of a match a team declines to continue the game or to take it up where it left off, or if at anytime during a match the number of its players on the field is fewer than seven (7), this team shall be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team to have won the match with the score standing at the time or by a score of 5 – 0 whichever is the greater with respect to goal difference.
- 19.9 Hockey WA may appoint technical officers to control matches in any grade. The function and powers of the technical officers are as outlined in the HA Australian Championship Operations Manual and as determined from time to time by Hockey WA.

20. Penalties

- 20.1 Should a team playing an ineligible player win or draw a match, the penalty shall be forfeiture of the match. The points shall be allocated to the opposing team and in addition, the team shall be penalised a further three (3) premierships points. If the team lost the match it shall be penalised three (3) premierships points. A score of 5-0 shall be recorded against the team which forfeits the match.
- 20.2 If a Club records a player in the first eleven on two different match reports involving two matches in the same fixture week (Friday – Thursday as detailed in Hockey WA's calendar of events), then that player becomes an ineligible player in their second match.
- 20.3 Should the opposing side also have fielded an ineligible player, then neither team shall receive any points and a 5-0 loss shall be recorded for both teams.
- 20.4 A player who plays under a false name and the person whose name that player plays under shall be deemed not to have played in the game for the purposes of qualifying for Finals and Challenge Cup.
- 20.5 If a team plays an ineligible player or records a false name on the match report in a Final or Challenge Cup, it shall lose the game.
- 20.6 If the Hockey WA Board believes that there is good cause for doing so, then it may reinstate some or all of the premierships points, which have been penalised under 20.1, 20.2 or 20.3.
- 20.7 The penalties shall be subject to the Fines Schedule for that year (refer to 5.5).
- 20.8 If a team or a player contravenes a Rule for which no specific penalty is provided for then the club shall be liable to a fine as set in the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.1).

21. Residential Requirement

- 21.1 A player cannot play in a game for a Club unless:
 - 21.1.1 the player has played in a game in any Hockey WA competition within the previous 12 months; or
 - 21.1.2 the player has played the majority of their senior games in Western Australia; or
 - 21.1.3 the player has been residing in Western Australia for 21 continuous days immediately prior to that game; or
 - 21.1.4 the Club has obtained the prior approval of Hockey WA. An application for approval must be lodged at the Hockey WA office at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the game.
- 21.2 When considering an application in respect of a HAHP player, Hockey WA shall take into consideration the provisions of any agreement made between Hockey WA and the HAHP.

22. Forfeits and Withdrawals

- 22.1 A team intending to forfeit must notify the Hockey WA Office, the umpires, or Club responsible for umpiring and phone contacts (or one of the Club officers listed in the Fixture Book) of the opposing Club, 48 hours prior to the fixture. Failure to notify all required personnel shall incur a fine as set in the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.3).
- 22.2 The fine for failure to do so will not apply if a team attempts to field a side but finds, on arrival at the ground, that they do not have the required minimum number of members present.
- 22.3 If a team does not have at least seven (7) players on the field at any time then it shall forfeit the game.
- 22.4 If a team is not ready to commence a game within ten (10) minutes of the nominated starting time, it shall forfeit the game.
- 22.5 If a team forfeits a game, it shall be deemed to have lost the game nil goals to 5. The opposing team shall be credited with three (3) premierships points.

- 22.6 When a team withdraws from a game after the game has started, it will be deemed to have lost the game. If the team was losing at the time of the forfeit goals scored for and against each team shall stand or a 5 goals to nil result shall be awarded to the opposing team, whichever results in a greater goal difference to the non forfeiting team. If the team was winning at the time of the forfeit, a 5 goal to nil result shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 22.7 When a team is withdrawn after the commencement of the season all points and goals scored in games involving that team prior to its withdrawal are to be cancelled.
- 22.8 When a club has more than one team in a league and wishes to withdraw a team from a grade, it must withdraw the lowest grade in which it is represented in that league.
- 22.8.1 This Rule does not apply to teams, which are in different leagues (the leagues are State League and Metropolitan League).
- 22.8.2 This Rule does not apply to Veterans Grades.
- 22.9 Should a club forfeit a game they will be responsible for all associated costs including administrative, ground hire and umpiring charges.
- 22.10 Should a club forfeit a First Division game then the club shall also be subject to a fine as set out in the fines schedule (refer to 5.17).

23. Umpiring

- 23.1 Clubs shall provide umpires as directed by Hockey WA.
- 23.2 When a Club is designated to provide an umpire or umpires for a game and that Club fails to provide such umpire or umpires for that game then the Club shall be subject to the fines for each umpire not provided as set out in the Fines schedule (refer to 5.6).
- 23.3 All Umpires, when appointed by their Club, shall endeavour to wear appropriate clothing or official umpiring dress, unless advised by Hockey WA.
- 23.4 An umpire appointed by a Club to perform allocated umpiring duties, must have played at the level equal to, or higher, than the grade of the appointment unless the umpire is an accredited umpire or permission has been obtained from Hockey WA.
- 23.5 Umpires appointed by Hockey WA shall be given precedence over all other umpires at any match and shall wear the prescribed uniform.
- 23.6 An appointed umpire or technical officer shall be considered as a delegate with the authority of Hockey WA during the progress of a match and proper respect is due to them.
- 23.7 In the event of excessive harassment of an umpire by coaches, Club officials or supporters, the technical officer (or umpires where there is no technical officer) shall have the power to stop the game, call both captains and ascertain whether the offending person(s) is a coach, Club official or supporter.
- 23.7.1 If a supporter, the person must be ignored and the game continued.
- 23.7.2 If a coach or Club official, name and Club should be written on the match report and captain asked to warn offender that if harassment persists, the game may be suspended and allocation of points shall be decided by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.

24. Misconduct Cards

- 24.1 Demerit points in all grades other than juniors will accumulate at the rate according to the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual;
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| Green Card | 0 points |
| Yellow Card | 5 points |
| Red Card | 10 points |
- 24.2 If a player receives a second temporary suspension (second yellow card) in a game they are not permitted to take any further part in the game.
- 24.3 A player who accumulates ten (10) demerit points will be disqualified from playing in the next game for which they are available. A player shall be deemed to be available for a game unless they are:
- 24.3.1 Unable to play because of injury;
- 24.3.2 Participating in an Australian Championship or Australian Hockey League game;
- 24.3.3 Participating in an Australian Representative Team, or
- 24.3.4 Serving a suspension imposed by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.

- 24.4 Points will accumulate over eight (8) fixture dates (including eligible teams for Challenge Cups and all Finals).
- 24.5 A record of the given cards and demerit points will be kept by the Hockey WA office.
- 24.6 In the event of a player receiving a red card the umpire concerned must submit a report on the incident to the Hockey WA office within 48 hours of the offence occurring.
 - 24.6.1 The player will be suspended for the next following fixture for which they are available according to Rule 24.3; and
 - 24.6.2 The player will face a tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred.
- 24.7 Following a disqualification under this rule all demerit points shall be removed from the players' record.
- 24.8 If at the end of the season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply from the commencement of the following equivalent season (i.e. winter competition disqualification applies from commencement of next winter competition not indoor) unless otherwise advised by Hockey WA.

25. Premiership

- 25.1 No member of any affiliated or associated body shall institute any hockey Challenge Cup or prize competition without the prior authority of Hockey WA.
- 25.2 The Premiership table shall be established by awarding teams three points for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 25.3 The team finishing first at the completion of the qualifying games in each grade is the Minor Premiership (or name to be determined by Hockey WA) pennant winner for that grade.
- 25.4 Where two teams have played in an equal number of fixtures and have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions on the premiership table shall be decided:
 - 25.4.1 Firstly, on the number of matches won;
 - 25.4.2 Then, on goal difference. Goal difference is determined by subtracting the goals scored against a team from the goals scored by it (eg. 40 goals scored by the team and 20 goals conceded by the team, gives a goal difference of +20);
 - 25.4.3 Then if still equal, by the most number of goals;
 - 25.4.4 Then if still equal, by the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the season;
 - 25.4.5 Then if still equal, by the tossing of a coin.
- 25.5 Where the teams have played in an unequal number of games, the position of teams on the premiership table shall be decided on percentages. A team percentage is arrived at by dividing the points scored by the possible points and multiplying the result by a hundred (eg. games played = possible points 30, points scored = 15. Percentage $15/30 \times 100 = 50\%$). This clause shall not apply to a team which has played three or more games less than that team having played the most number of games.
- 25.6 Clubs querying or wishing to correct the premiership table must do so in writing to Hockey WA. Changes will not be made without confirmation from involved clubs.
- 25.7 Should an error on the premiership table not be queried or otherwise corrected within two weeks of the date of publication of that premiership table, the premiership table may be deemed to be correct.

26. Tie Breakers

- 26.1 If the score in a Challenge Cup or finals game is level at the end of normal time then, after a five (5) minute rest, umpires will toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to re-start the match. Two periods of up to 7½ minutes of extra time, in between which teams must change ends, without a rest period, shall be played.
- 26.2 The first team to score a goal in extra time shall be the winner of the game.
- 26.3 In the event that the score is still level at the end of the two periods of extra time then a penalty stroke competition will take place.
- 26.4 In a penalty stroke competition five (5) players from each team shall take a penalty stroke alternatively.

- 26.5 Permanently suspended (red card) players are ineligible to take part in a penalty stroke competition.
- 26.6 The umpires, after consultation with the Team Captains and Technical Officer if present, shall choose the goal to be used and shall toss a coin with the captains, the winner having the choice to take or defend the first penalty stroke.
- 26.7 Each goal keeper shall defend for their team unless unable to do so, in which case another player may replace them. This player must wear approved goal keeping equipment.
- 26.8 The competition will cease once an outright winner has been established.
- 26.9 In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be started with the same players and shall feature "sudden death", which shall mean that the winner shall be the first team to have scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of penalty strokes has been taken by each team. The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team captain has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In this second (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke. The team which defended the first stroke of the first series shall not defend the first stroke of the second series.

27. Reports

- 27.1 A player may be reported by the umpire or opposing team captain if they have:
 - 27.1.1 Disputed the decision of any umpire;
 - 27.1.2 Used insulting or abusive language before, during or after the match;
 - 27.1.3 Performed a deliberate act contrary to fair play;
 - 27.1.4 Caused interference or attempted to cause interference with the control exercised by an umpire during a match; or
 - 27.1.5 Acted in a manner likely to bring discredit on the game of hockey.

28. Change of Rules

- 28.1 In accordance with clause 18 of its constitution the Board of Hockey WA may, from time to time, make, alter and repeal the Rules of the Association.
- 28.2 Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in these rules, if the Board is of the opinion that there is good reason for not following the provisions of these rules then the Board may at its discretion vary the application of any of the rules.

SPECIFIC SENIOR COMPETITION RULES

29. Application

- 29.1 Rules 29 - 44 apply specifically to all senior games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA (including Veterans competitions except where specifically excluded).

30. Grading

- 30.1 The Board of Hockey WA shall cause the Senior Metropolitan Winter Competition be divided into:
- 30.1.1 A First Division (Goundrey Cup and Goundrey League grades)
 - 30.1.2 A Mens and Womens State League
 - 30.1.3 A Mens and Womens Metropolitan League
 - 30.1.4 A Mens and Womens Veterans Midweek League
 - 30.1.5 A Mens Veterans League (Saturday)
- 30.2 The Goundrey Cup shall have eleven (11) metropolitan teams and the Goundrey League shall have nine (9) teams at the commencement of the competition. Non-metropolitan teams may be included in the Goundrey Cup and Goundrey League from time to time as determined by the Board. All other grades in any League shall, as determined by the Board, have at least nine (9) teams wherever possible and play two (2) rounds of fixtures.
- 30.3 Hockey WA shall have the power to consider and act upon any request in writing from a Club, for promotion or relegation of that Club's team(s) from one grade to another.
- 30.4 No less than four (4) weeks from the beginning of the season, Hockey WA shall circulate to all member Clubs, a list of all nominated teams set out in their grades.
- 30.5 Any Club disagreeing with the grading of any of its teams in that list for that year shall appeal to Hockey WA within seven (7) days of notification of the grading.

31. Two games in a week

Preamble – the intent of the asterisk rule is to allow a lower graded player to participate in a higher grade team for development purposes whilst not missing out on the player's regular full game. It is not designed to be used to give teams an undue advantage by allowing them extra players to be used as substitutes.

- 31.1 Subject to these rules, no player is permitted to play in more than one game in any fixture week.
- 31.2 These rules do not apply:
- 31.2.1 When more than one game in the same grade is scheduled to be played during the same week, or
 - 31.2.2 When one game is a junior game and the other is a senior game, or
 - 31.2.3 To the Veterans Midweek Leagues.
- 31.3 These rules shall not prevent a player from playing two games in the same fixture week:
- 31.3.1 As an "Asterisk" player;
 - 31.3.1.1 Each Club may select up to five players (hereinafter called asterisk players) from the same or lower graded team, who may play in a higher graded team as substitutes.
 - 31.3.1.2 These asterisk players may not enter the field of play during the first fifteen minutes of the game unless substituting for a player who is in the opinion of both umpires, injured during the game to such an extent as to prevent the player from either immediately resuming their part in the game because their injuries require immediate attention off the field or prevent that player from taking any further part in the game.

- 31.3.1.2.1 Where an umpire requires a player to leave the field during the first fifteen minutes because of bleeding, and no other players are available to substitute, the player may be replaced by an asterisk player only for the period of time required to meet the guidelines on bleeding (rule 15.1).
- 31.3.1.3 The asterisk player (s) must be clearly indicated on the higher grade match report sheet by an asterisk (*) in the player role column.
- 31.3.1.4 Use of the asterisk rule is only permitted if the higher grade team has eleven (11) or more players, not including the asterisk players.
- 31.3.1.5 Use of the asterisk rule is permitted in the final series.
- 31.3.2 As a "State Replacement" player;
 - 31.3.2.1 The player is playing in place of another player who is absent as a result of that player being a member or official of a recognised National or State team or squad, and is participating in, or travelling directly to or from, an official activity with that team or squad, provided that;
 - 31.3.2.1.1 One team in which the player plays in that round is the team in which the absent player usually plays, and;
 - 31.3.2.1.2 The other team in which the player plays in the same round is:
 - 31.3.2.1.2.1 The team in which that player has played in the last two weeks before that replacement game, or;
 - 31.3.2.1.2.2 A lower graded team than the team in which that player has played in the last two weeks before that replacement game, or;
 - 31.3.2.1.2.3 With the permission of Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
 - 31.3.2.2 The replacement player (s) must be clearly indicated on the higher grade match report sheet by an "S" in the player role column.
 - 31.3.2.3 Use of this rule shall be limited to six matches per player being replaced per season unless permission has been obtained from Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 31.3.3 As a "Permit" player;
 - 31.3.3.1 Goalkeeper permit "A" (automatic) – A player may take the field in one of the games as a goalkeeper and in the other game as a field player.
 - 31.3.3.1.1 If a player plays as a field player and a goalkeeper throughout the season, that player can qualify for two finals, BUT can only qualify in a final for the position in which the player has played in that grade throughout the year (for example if a player has played as a goalkeeper in SL4 and a field player in SL5 they cannot play as a goalkeeper in a SL5 game).
 - 31.3.3.2 Goalkeeper permit "B" (automatic) – A player in the Metropolitan League may play two (2) games in the same fixture week if that player assumes the role of goalkeeper in both Metropolitan League games.
 - 31.3.3.3 Veterans League (Saturday) permit (automatic) – A player may play two (2) games in the same fixture week if one game is in the Metropolitan League and the other is in the Veterans League (Saturday) or if both games are in the Veterans League (Saturday);

- 31.3.3.3.1 A team cannot use this Rule if it fields more than eleven (11) players in the second game;
- 31.3.3.3.2 This Rule is not used to obtain an unfair advantage;
- 31.3.3.4 In exceptional circumstances, Hockey WA may grant permission for a player to play in two games in a fixture week. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 31.3.3.5 The Permit player must be clearly indicated on the second match report sheet by a "P" in the player role column.
- 31.3.4 Asterisk, State replacement and Permit players must be identified to the umpires and opposition captain before the start of play.
- 31.3.5 A player cannot be an asterisk or State replacement player in the last four rounds of the season (before the start of the finals) unless that player has played at least half of that player's games during the season in that lower grade or in a grade below that lower grade.
- 31.3.6 If in any way a Club contravenes this rule, then the asterisk, State replacement or Permit player (s) becomes an ineligible player in that player's second or later fixtured match regardless of the grade and the appropriate penalty will be applied (refer rule 20).

32. Challenge Cup

- 32.1 The top two teams at the completion of the first round in each grade (except Womens Veterans League) shall play in the Challenge Cup (or name to be determined by Hockey WA) for that grade at a time and location to be determined by Hockey WA.
- 32.2 All players in a Challenge Cup team must have played at least three (3) games in the first round of that season for the club.
- 32.3 In addition, to be eligible to participate in a Challenge Cup, each player:
 - 32.3.1 Must have played two (2) games in that grade or lower in the last two weeks of the first round; or
 - 32.3.2 Must have played at least half their games in the first round for that grade or lower; or
 - 32.3.3 Must obtain permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 32.4 For purposes of Challenge Cup criteria, the Veterans League competitions are stand-alone competitions and have no bearing on player eligibility.
- 32.5 In the event of an ineligible player playing in a Challenge Cup fixture, the penalty shall be forfeiture of the fixture in which the breach occurred.

33. Finals

- 33.1 The top four teams (in all grades other than Goundrey Cup, 2A, 1B and 2B grades) at the completion of the qualifying games shall play in the final series.
- 33.2 The final series shall comprise:
 - 33.2.1 The third and fourth placed teams shall play in the first semi final;
 - 33.2.2 The first and second placed teams shall play in the second semi final;
 - 33.2.3 The loser of the second semi-final and the winner of the first semi final will play in the preliminary final;
 - 33.2.4 The winner of the second semi final will play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final.
- 33.3 In the Goundrey Cup, 2A, 1B and 2B grades the top five teams at the completion of the qualifying games shall play in the final series. The final series shall comprise:
 - 33.3.1 The fourth and fifth placed teams shall play in the elimination final;
 - 33.3.2 The second and third placed teams shall play in the qualification final;
 - 33.3.3 The winner of the elimination final will play the loser of the qualification final in the first semi final;
 - 33.3.4 The first placed team will play the winner of the qualification final in the second semi final;

- 33.3.5 The loser of the second semi final will play the winner of the first semi final in the preliminary final;
- 33.3.6 The winner of the second semi final will play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final.
- 33.4 For purposes of Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Final criteria, the Veterans League competitions are stand-alone competitions and have no bearing on player eligibility.
- 33.5 In the event of an ineligible player playing in a Semi Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final fixture, the penalty shall be forfeiture of the fixture in which the breach occurred.

34. Qualifications for Finals

- 34.1 To play in a final, a player must have played at least three (3) fixtures prior to the semi finals for the Club in the senior competition (excluding Veterans Leagues) in that season. In addition, a player:
 - 34.1.1 Must have played in that grade or lower in each of the last four (4) weeks of the season; or
 - 34.1.2 Must have played at least half their games for the season in that grade or lower; or
 - 34.1.3 Must obtain permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.

35. Eligibility for Players Playing Twice

- 35.1 15 minute rule (asterisk players) – Only the lower grade shall count towards Challenge Cup and finals eligibility.
- 35.2 Replacing a State Representative – Only the lower grade shall count towards Challenge Cup and finals eligibility.
- 35.3 Permit Player – Both games shall count towards Challenge Cup and finals eligibility.

36. First Division (Goundrey Cup and Goundrey League)

- 36.1 Each First Division team shall lodge with Hockey WA a list containing the names of its proposed eleven (11) starting players and its proposed interchange players and their shirt numbers by 10.00am on the business day immediately preceding the game (refer to 5.9).
- 36.2 No player may enter the playing arena without the consent of the Technical Officer unless they are wearing their team's correct playing uniform and they display the correct number on their shirt.
- 36.3 Except in exceptional circumstances, players not in the shirt advised, or not on the list forwarded, who play in the fixture will be deemed to not be in the designated uniform for the purpose of this rule and shall incur a fine as set in the Fines schedule (refer to 5.4).
- 36.4 The captain or manager of each team must accurately complete the match sheet clearly indicating the starting eleven (11) and return it to the Technical Officer at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start time of the game. The minute of the match that an interchange player enters the pitch for the first time shall be entered on the card by the Technical Officer.
- 36.5 The Technical Officer shall allow up to a maximum of 10 persons on a team bench during a game including the coach, assistant coach or manager, any medical staff and up to five reserve players.
- 36.6 The Technical Officer can require any person on a team bench who engages in loud or offensive behaviour to withdraw from the playing arena.
- 36.7 In all First Division games the first named team shall be responsible for providing ball persons.

37. Grading Of Players

- 37.1 A player may play in any grade for which they are qualified provided that when that player's normal team has a bye, they cannot play in a lower grade unless permission has been granted by Hockey WA. Application for permission must be in writing and submitted to the Hockey WA office at least 48 hours prior to the fixture. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 37.1.1 This Rule shall only apply after the first 3 weeks of the season.
- 37.2 For the purposes of these Rules the leagues of Hockey WA in descending order are State League, Metropolitan League, Veterans Midweek Leagues and Veterans League (Saturday).
- 37.2.1 Divisions within leagues shall be graded numerically with sub-divisions being further graded alphabetically (i.e. 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A and so on with 1B being the highest grade in this example).

38. Promotion Relegation (Women's Competition)

- 38.1 At the conclusion of the final round of fixtures each season, the following criteria will be applied to all grades within the State League in the following order:
- 38.1.1 If the team finishing lowest on the premiership table has achieved greater than 20% of the total points available, then that team retains that grade.
- 38.1.2 The team having the highest position on the premiership table that does not have a team in the grade immediately above it, and achieves 75% or greater of the total points available, providing 38.1.1 has not occurred, will be automatically promoted and the team lowest on the premiership table in the grade above it, is automatically demoted.
- 38.1.3 The team having the highest position on the premiership table that does not have a team in the grade immediately above it, has the right to challenge the team lowest on the premiership table in the grade above, providing that team has achieved less than 20% of the total points available. The order of eligibility for promotion will be in descending match ratio to minimum of 40%.
- 38.1.4 To win the Intergrade Challenge and achieve promotion; a team must win the game in normal playing time (70 mins).
- 38.2 Intergrade Challenge
- 38.2.1 Where Hockey WA has agreed that any grade may play an Intergrade Challenge at the end of the season, either for promotion to a higher grade or relegation to a lower grade, then the Intergrade Challenge shall be played as per the eligibility rules of the Challenge Cup competition set out in these Rules, provided however, that HAHPP scholarship holders, other than WA athletes, are not eligible to play in an Intergrade Challenge.
- 38.2.2 All State League Intergrade Challenges shall take place within one week of the Grand Finals. The team to challenge must notify the Hockey WA office in writing by the Wednesday following the conclusion of the final round of fixtures. Date, venue and time will be notified to both Clubs by the Hockey WA office and will only be changed in exceptional circumstances in consultation with both teams.

39. Promotion Relegation (Men's Competition)

- 39.1 The team finishing last at the end of each season in the Goundrey Cup shall (subject to rules 39.2 and 39.3) be relegated to 1B grade with effect from the commencement of the following season.
- 39.2 If Southwest Strikers shall finish last in the Goundrey Cup at the end of 2004 or 2005 season then it shall not be relegated from the Goundrey Cup. In that case the team finishing second last in the Goundrey Cup shall be relegated to 1B grade.
- 39.3 In the event that a vacancy has occurred in the Goundrey Cup prior to the commencement of the following season then no team shall be relegated from the Goundrey Cup.
- 39.4 The highest placed team in 1B grade at the end of each season shall be promoted to the Goundrey Cup with effect from the commencement of the following season.

- 39.5 The team finishing last at the end of each season in 2A grade shall (subject to rule 39.6) be relegated to 2B grade with effect from the commencement of the following season.
- 39.6 In the event that a vacancy has occurred in 2A grade prior to the commencement of the following season then no team shall be relegated from 2A grade.
- 39.7 The highest placed team in 2B grade at the end of each season shall be promoted to 2A grade with effect from the commencement of the following season.
- 39.8 The team finishing last at the end of each season in 3A grade shall (subject to rule 39.9) be relegated to 3B grade with effect from the commencement of the following season.
- 39.9 In the event that a vacancy has occurred in 3A grade prior to the commencement of the following season then no team shall be relegated from 3A grade.
- 39.10 The highest placed team in 3B grade at the end of each season shall be promoted to 3A grade with effect from the commencement of the following season.

40. Men's State League

- 40.1 State League shall be divided into first, second and third divisions.
- 40.2 The first division shall be comprised of such numbers of grades as the Board in its discretion shall determine and such grades shall be numbered 1B grade, 1C grade and so on.
- 40.3 The second division shall be comprised of such numbers of grades as the Board in its discretion determine and such grades shall be numbered 2A grade, 2B grade and so on.
- 40.4 The third division shall be comprised of such numbers of grades as the Board in its discretion determine and such grades shall be numbered 3A grade, 3B grade and so on.
- 40.5 A Club which has a team participating in the Goundrey Cup grade shall not have a team which participates in first division without Board approval.
- 40.6 A Club shall not have more than one team in either first division or second division without Board approval.
- 40.7 At the end of the season two teams shall be relegated from each grade in the first division to the immediately lower grade in that division. Provided however that if a vacancy occurs in that grade prior to the commencement of the following season then only one team shall be relegated from that grade and only one team shall be relegated from each lower grade of that division. Such number of teams shall be promoted to the immediately higher grade in that division as shall be required to fill the vacancy occurring in that immediately higher grade.
- 40.8 At the end of each season two teams shall be relegated from each grade in the second division (other than 2A grade) to the immediately lower grade in that division. Provided however that if a vacancy occurs in that grade prior to the commencement of the following season then only one team shall be relegated from the grade (other than 2A grade) and only one team shall be relegated from each lower grade of that division. Such number of teams shall be promoted to the immediately higher grades in that division as shall be required to fill the vacancies occurring in the immediately higher grades.
- 40.9 At the end of each season two teams shall be relegated from each grade in the third division (other than 3A grade) to the immediately lower grade in that division. Provided however that if a vacancy occurs in that grade prior to the commencement of the following season then only one team shall be relegated from the grade (other than 3A grade) and only one team shall be relegated from each lower grade of that division. Such number of teams shall be promoted to the immediately higher grades in that division as shall be required to fill the vacancies occurring in the immediately higher grades.
- 40.10 If a new Club wishes to participate in the State league then its team or teams shall be allocated to such grades in either division as the Board shall determine, provided that it will not be higher than C grade in either division unless the Board considers that there are special reasons for doing so.

41. Men's Metropolitan League

- 41.1 The Metropolitan League shall be comprised of the following grades.
- 41.1.1 Metropolitan 1A
 - 41.1.2 Metropolitan 2A
 - 41.1.3 Metropolitan 2B
 - 41.1.4 Metropolitan 3A
 - 41.1.5 Metropolitan 3B
 - 41.1.6 Metropolitan 3C
 - 41.1.7 Metropolitan 3D
 - 41.1.8 Metropolitan 4A
 - 41.1.9 Metropolitan 4B
- Or, such other grades as the Board from time to time determines.
- 41.2 At the end of each season the team finishing last in metropolitan 1A grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 2B grade and the team finishing second last in Metropolitan 1A grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 2A. At the end of each season the team finishing last in Metropolitan 2A grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 3B grade and the team finishing second last in Metropolitan 2A grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 3A grade. At the end of each season the team finishing last in Metropolitan 2B grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 3D grade and the team finishing second last in Metropolitan 2B grade shall be relegated to Metropolitan 3C.
- 41.3 Provided, however, that if a vacancy shall occur in a Metropolitan grade prior to the commencement of the following season then only the team finishing last shall be relegated from that Metropolitan grade. If two or more vacancies shall occur in a Metropolitan grade prior to the commencement of the following season then no team shall be relegated from the Metropolitan grade. Such number of teams shall be promoted from the corresponding Metropolitan grades as shall be required to fill the vacancy occurring in the higher grade.
- 41.4 If the result of application of the preceding rule will be that a Club shall have more than one team on any one Metropolitan Grade or in the opinion of the Board there is good reason for not following that procedure then the Board may in its discretion alter the application of that rule in such manner as it considers reasonable.

42. Other Leagues

- 42.1 The Veterans Leagues shall be comprised of one or more grades and the qualification for playing in those leagues shall be as set down by the Board from time to time.

43. Eligibility for Promotion (Men's Competitions)

- 43.1 Eligibility of a team for promotion at the end of a season shall be determined the following order:
- 43.1.1 Minor Premiership Pennant Winner
 - 43.1.2 Winner of the Grand Final
 - 43.1.3 Second on the Premiership points table
 - 43.1.4 Third on the Premiership points table

44. Situations not covered by these rules

- 44.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Senior Rules shall be referred to Hockey WA and determined in conjunction with rules contained in the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual.

SPECIFIC WOMENS VETERANS COMPETITION RULES

45. Application

- 45.1 These rules apply to all Women's Veterans games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA. These rules cover the specific differences to the general rules applying to all Senior and Veteran's competitions (1 – 44) and take precedence where any discrepancies occur.
- 45.2 These Women's Veterans rules only apply to women's veterans hockey games.

46. Qualification

- 46.1 A club may only have one team in Division 1 of the Women's Veterans competition. In all other divisions there may be multiple teams from the same club.
- 46.2 Players are free to move between their club's teams in the various divisions for rounds 1 – 3 of the competition.
- 46.3 The division in which the player plays in round 4 of the competition, or their first match following round 4 if they did not play in round 4, will be deemed to be their graded division for the remainder of the season.
- 46.4 A player may not play in any other division other than their graded division without prior permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA shall only give permission if it is satisfied that it will not result in an unfair advantage.

47. Promotion / Relegation

- 47.1 At the conclusion of the season the lowest placed team in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 and the highest placed team from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1.
- 47.2 In the event that this may result in a club having more than one team in Division 1 the application of this rule may be altered by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee.
- 47.3 The final determination of teams in the competitions will be made by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee.

48. Two games in a week

- 48.1 No player is permitted to take part in more than one Veterans game in any week.

49. Underage players

- 49.1 In special circumstances, clubs may apply to Hockey WA for permission for players over the age of 32 to participate in the Women's Veterans competition. Hockey WA shall only give permission if the club can demonstrate that it will not result in an unfair advantage.

50. Qualifications for finals

- 50.1 To play in a Women's Veterans final, a player:
 - 50.1.1 Must have played at least three (3) Women's Veterans fixtures prior to the semi-finals for the Club in that division in that season; or
 - 50.1.2 Must obtain permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA shall only give permission if the Club can demonstrate that it will not result in an unfair advantage.

SPECIFIC MENS VETERANS COMPETITION RULES

51. Application

- 51.1 These rules apply to all Men's Veterans games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA. These rules cover the specific differences to the general rules applying to all Senior and Veteran's competitions (1 – 44) and take precedence where any discrepancies occur.
- 51.2 These Men's Veterans rules only apply to men's veterans hockey games.

52. Leagues

- 52.1 Competitions will be conducted in the Veterans Midweek League and the Veterans League (Saturday).
- 52.2 For the purposes of determining player eligibility the Veterans Midweek League will be deemed to be the higher grade / competition.
- 52.3 The Veterans Midweek League is a competition in the Over 40 age group and any others determined by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee from time to time and ratified by the Hockey WA Board.
- 52.4 The Veterans League (Saturday) is comprised of competitions in the Over 40, Over 50, Over 55 and Over 60 grades as determined by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee from time to time, and ratified by the Hockey WA Board, and in divisions that are dependant upon nominations in any year.
- 52.5 The final determination of teams in the competitions will be made by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee.

53. Qualification

- 53.1 A Club may only have one team in any grade or division of the Veterans Midweek League.
- 53.2 A Club may only have one team in the following grades of the Veterans League (Saturday):
 - 53.2.1 Over 40 Division 1;
 - 53.2.2 Over 40 Division 2; and
 - 53.2.3 Over 50 Division 1
- 53.3 In all other divisions of the Veterans League (Saturday) there be multiple teams from the same Club.
- 53.4 In the event that nominations are received in excess of positions available in the competitions of the Midweek League, preference will be given to Club team nominations and / or the lowest ranked team from the previous season and the new nominees will be required to submit information as requested by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee including Veterans League gradings, rankings and details of planned personnel including coaches, captains and players. If considered necessary the Hockey WA Veterans Committee can call for a play off to take place.

54. Promotion / Relegation

- 54.1 In Over 40 Division 1 and Over 50 Division 1 the lowest placed team at the conclusion of the previous year's season will be relegated to Division 2 and the highest placed team from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1.
- 54.2 In all other divisions (including Division 2) the lowest two teams will be relegated to the next lower division and the two highest placed teams in the lower division will be promoted.
- 54.3 In the event that this may result in a Club having more than one team in Over 40 Division 1, Over 40 Division 2 or Over 50 Division 1 the application of this rule may be altered by the Hockey WA Veterans Committee.
- 54.4 In the event that the Veterans Midweek League has more than one division, rules 54.1 to 54.3 shall apply.

55. Underage Players

- 55.1 Teams in the Over 40 Midweek competition may include three (3) field players and a goalkeeper who are in the Over 35 age group.

SPECIFIC JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

56. Application

- 56.1 These rules apply to all junior games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA. These rules cover the specific differences to the general rules applying to all Senior and Veteran's competitions (1 – 44) and take precedence where any discrepancies occur.
- 56.2 These Junior Rules only apply to junior hockey games.

57. Definitions

- 57.1 In these Rules unless there is something in the context inconsistent therewith:
- Age Group Means the whole age group (i.e. Under 15).
 - Grade Means the specific grade within the age group (i.e. Under 15 B).
 - Division Means the specific division within the grade of the age group (i.e. Under 15 B Blue).
 - Grading Games Refers to games played in the first three weeks of the season in the Under 11 grades. In all other Grades grading games are those conducted prior to the commencement of the season.
 - Round Games Refers to all games conducted prior to the commencement of the finals series except in the Under 11 grades where round games are all games played after the first three weeks of the season.
 - Final Games Refers to all games in the finals series (semi, preliminary and grand) conducted for all Grades except Under 11 grades.
 - Season Refers to all games including grading, round and final games.
 - Player Refers to any player regardless of their position, includes field players and goalkeepers.
 - Regular Grade Means the grade in which a player has played 50% or more of his total Hockey WA junior competition games for that Club in the current season, determined at the completion of week five of the season.

58. Age Groups & Grading

- 58.1 Hockey WA conducts junior competitions in the following age groups:
- 58.1.1 Under 11,
 - 58.1.2 Under 13,
 - 58.1.3 Under 15, and
 - 58.1.4 Under 17.
- 58.2 1st January is the date for determining whether a player qualifies to play in a particular age group for that year. Hockey WA may in special circumstances allow a player to play in an age division below the player's age.
- 58.3 All players in the respective age groups who turn 12, 14, 16 and 18 years of age, respectively, between the 1st day of October and the 31st day of December in the year of competition have the option to play one age group down in the current season.
- 58.4 The grading process will be governed by policies and guidelines from the Hockey WA Junior Committee.
- 58.5 Under 13, 15 and 17 Grades:
- 58.5.1 A paper grading process will be conducted by a Grading Committee formed by the Hockey WA Junior Committee.
 - 58.5.2 Grading games may be organised by the Grading Committee if deemed necessary.
 - 58.5.3 The A grade competitions shall have eight (8) teams and play two (2) rounds of fixtures followed by a three weekend finals series.
 - 58.5.4 All other grades (other than Under 11) shall have eight (8) teams wherever possible and play fourteen (14) games in the minor round of fixtures followed by a three weekend finals series.

- 58.5.5 Hockey WA shall circulate to all Junior Clubs, a list of all nominated teams set out in their grades for the Under 13, 15 and 17 age groups, no less than four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the season,
- 58.5.6 Any Club disagreeing with the grading of any of its teams in that list for that year shall appeal to Hockey WA within seven (7) days of notification of the grading.
- 58.6 Under 11 Grades:
- 58.6.1 A paper grading process will be conducted by a Grading Committee formed by the Hockey WA Junior Committee.
- 58.6.2 All Under 11 competitions shall have eight (8) team grades wherever possible.
- 58.6.3 Hockey WA shall circulate to all Junior Clubs, a list of all nominated teams set out in their Under 11 grades no less than four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the season,
- 58.6.4 Any Club disagreeing with the grading of any of its teams in that list for that year shall appeal to Hockey WA within seven (7) days of notification of the grading.
- 58.6.5 Grading games (no points), fixtured by Hockey WA, will be conducted for the first three weekends of the junior season and at the end of these three weekends grades will be finalised and fixtures circulated to Clubs.
- 58.6.6 The Under 11 fixtured season will commence on the fourth weekend of the junior season and continue for fourteen games.
- 58.6.7 No finals games will be held in Under 11 grades, the Premiership pennant will be awarded to the team finishing on top of the ladder after the last competition round.
- 58.7 Hockey WA shall have the power to consider and act upon any request in writing from a Club, for changing that Club's team(s) from one grade to another.

59. Umpires

- 59.1 When a team is required to supply an umpire the Club shall ensure that the umpire is of a competent standard and conversant with the current rules.
- 59.2 A Club, which fails to supply an umpire when required, is liable to a fine as per the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.6).
- 59.3 An umpire shall not coach during the playing of a game.

60. Equipment

- 60.1 Protective headgear is compulsory for goalkeepers.
- 60.2 Goalkeepers must not take part in the match outside the half of the field they are defending, except when taking a penalty stroke.
- 60.3 It is highly recommended that all players wear a mouth guard and shin guards.
- 60.4 It is highly recommended that all teams have first aid equipment.
- 60.5 In all grades, no player can play wearing a hard peaked cap.

61. Two Games in a weekend in round games

Preamble – The intent of this rule is to ensure teams do not have to play short or forfeit games due to player unavailability. The rule is not intended to be used to allow players to participate in higher grades for development purposes.

- 61.1 A player is not eligible to play in more than one round game on a weekend unless authorised by these Rules.
- 61.2 A player can play in another age group or grade which is in addition to the player's regular grade on the same weekend if all of the following requirements are satisfied:
- 61.2.1 The other game is in accordance with the Hockey WA Junior Committee's Policy regarding eligibility for two games in a weekend, unless the prior permission of Hockey WA is obtained. Permission will only be given in special circumstances;
- 61.2.2 A team cannot have more than 3 players who are not playing in their regular grade unless the prior permission of Hockey WA is obtained. Permission will only be given in special circumstances;

- 61.2.3 The match report for the game which is not in the player's regular grade shall have details of the player's regular grade recorded on it and a "D" entered in the player role column;
- 61.2.4 When a game is not in the player's regular grade, the coach of the other team is advised of this fact prior to the start of the game;
- 61.2.5 The player has played in 2 junior games in the same weekend on fewer than 7 occasions during the season or the prior permission of Hockey WA is obtained. Permission will only be given in special circumstances;
- 61.2.6 A team cannot use more than 12 players in a game in which one of its players is not playing in that player's regular grade and that player plays in more than one game on the same weekend unless prior approval of Hockey WA is obtained.
- 61.3 A player who plays in one game as a goalkeeper may also play in another game as a field player on the same weekend. The requirements of Junior Rule 61.2 do not apply in this case, however a "D" must still be placed in the player role column on the match report of the player's second game.
- 61.4 A player can play in a junior game and a senior game on the same weekend.
- 61.5 A player cannot play in a junior game and a senior game on the same weekend with different clubs or in two junior games on the same weekend with different clubs unless the prior written approval of Hockey WA is obtained.
- 61.6 Approval is not required to play in a junior game and a senior game with different clubs on the same weekend when the junior team is a school team.

62. Games

- 62.1 Unless both teams agree, games must be played on the date, at the time and at the ground nominated. If the date of a game is changed, a team can only use players who were eligible to play on the date nominated.
- 62.2 When weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory, a game may be postponed or abandoned by agreement between both umpires and at least one of the teams. A team can only use players in the replayed fixture who were available and eligible to play in the original fixtured game.
- 62.3 A postponed or abandoned game shall be replayed in full at a time and venue mutually agreed between the teams and failing agreement then at a time and venue nominated by Hockey WA.

63. Length of games

- 63.1 All Under 11 games shall be comprised of 2 halves of 25 minutes each.
- 63.2 All Under 13 games shall be comprised of 2 halves of 30 minutes each and
- 63.3 All other games shall be comprised of 2 halves of 35 minutes each.

64. Under 11 Grades

- 64.1 The rule against dangerous play shall be strictly enforced in Under 11 grades.
- 64.2 In all Under 11 grades, other than Under 11A the coach may be permitted to move around the field, between the 23 metre lines, provided that play is not interrupted or disrupted and that the presence of either coach is not intimidating to the players or to the umpires.
- 64.3 Coaches are not permitted on the field during finals in any grade.

65. Misconduct

- 65.1 Bad language and/or bad behaviour by a player during a game shall be penalised by the umpire with a misconduct card for either a warning, temporary or permanent suspension from the game.
- 65.2 In the event of a player receiving a red card (permanent suspension) the umpire concerned must notify the Hockey WA office (note on the match report is sufficient). The player concerned will be suspended for the next following fixture and may also face the Hockey WA Protests and Disputes Tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred.

- 65.3 In the event of serious misconduct a report shall be made to the Hockey WA office.
- 65.4 All Clubs, players and team officials shall agree to abide by the Hockey WA Codes of Behaviour. Any Club, player or team official considered by Hockey WA to be in breach of any of the Codes of Behaviour may be fined or suspended or otherwise penalised as decided by the Hockey WA Protests and Disputes Tribunal.
- 65.5 The following personnel shall have the power to report any player or team official for misconduct or any breach of Hockey WA Rules:
- 65.5.1 Either umpire officiating on the match in question;
 - 65.5.2 An official Umpires' Coach or Junior Mentor whilst in an observing capacity;
 - 65.5.3 A member of the Hockey WA Junior Committee;
 - 65.5.4 A member of the Hockey WA Board;
 - 65.5.5 A Hockey WA employee;
 - 65.5.6 A Club Executive member of the opposing team (on Club letterhead).

66. Challenge Cups

- 66.1 The Challenge Cup will be awarded to the highest placed team on the Premiership Table after the first completed round of fixtures.

67. Finals

- 67.1 A final series shall be played in all Grades except Under 11 grades at the conclusion of the round games.
- 67.2 The final series shall comprise:
- 67.2.1 The third and fourth placed teams shall play in the first semi-final;
 - 67.2.2 The first and second placed teams shall play in the second semi-final;
 - 67.2.3 The loser of the second semi-final shall play the winner of the first semi-final in the preliminary final;
 - 67.2.4 The winner of the second semi-final will play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final.
- 67.3 In all grades, if the score is level at the end of normal time in a finals game (other than a grand final) then:
- 67.3.1 Up to 7 ½ minutes of extra time shall be played each way. The first team to score a goal in extra time shall be the winner of the game;
 - 67.3.2 If the score is still level at the end of extra time then the highest placed team on the Premiership Table at the end of the round games shall be the winner.
- 67.4 If the score is level at the end of normal time in a grand final, then:
- 67.4.1 Up to 7 ½ minutes of extra time shall be played each way. The first team to score a goal in extra time shall be the winner of the game;
 - 67.4.2 In all Under 17 grades, if the score is still level at the end of extra time then a penalty stroke competition will be played according to current FIH guidelines.
 - 67.4.3 In all Under 15 grades, if the score is still level at the end of extra time then the highest placed team on the premiership table at the end of the round games shall be the winner.
 - 67.4.4 In all Under 13 grades, the premiership shall be shared.
- 67.5 To qualify to play in a final in all Under 13 and 15 grades, a player must:
- 67.5.1 Have played in at least four Hockey WA junior games for that club in the current season or obtain the prior permission of Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained; and
 - 67.5.1.1 Have played in that division or lower (but in that age group) for the player's last four games; or
 - 67.5.1.2 Have played at least half the player's total number of games in the current season in that division or lower; or
 - 67.5.1.3 Obtain the prior permission of Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.

Preamble – The intent of Junior Rule 67.6 is to prevent the displacement of regular Under 17 players during the finals series for the inclusion of “better” regular Under 15 players whose teams are not participating in finals matches.

- 67.6 To qualify to play in a final in an Under 17 grade, a player must:
- 67.6.1 Have played in at least six round games in that grade or lower (but in the Under 17 age group) for that Club in the current season; or
 - 67.6.2 Obtain the prior permission of Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 67.7 If a team is required to supply an umpire for a final then the umpire shall not be a parent or sibling of a child in that team or the coach of that team.
- 67.8 If a team supplies an umpire for a final in contravention of Rule 67.7 then Hockey WA may cause that team to lose the game.
- 67.9 A player may not play in a final in more than one grade or division on the same weekend without the prior approval of Hockey WA. Approval will only be given in special circumstances.

68. Penalty Strokes

- 68.1 No penalty strokes shall be awarded in any Under 11 game.

69. Boys Playing In Girls Competition

- 69.1 A team playing in a game in a girls grade may include up to two boys who have not yet attained the age of 12 years (as at the date of the match) in that game provided that no more than 12 players play in that team and provided further that the boys' regular grade is no higher than Under 13 Regional.
- 69.2 There is no restriction on the number of girls playing in a team in a boy's grade, however in all age groups other than Under 11 they do so at their own risk and the child's parent must give consent (in writing) to the Club before she may participate.

70. Two Teams In The Same Grade

- 70.1 Where a club has two or more teams in the same grade or division where they exist in that grade, then a player can only play for one of those teams following the fifth weekend of the season unless the prior consent of the Hockey WA is obtained.

71. Disputes

- 71.1 Any protest or appeal against any Junior Rule shall be referred to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal of Hockey WA.

72. Situations Not Covered By These Rules

- 72.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Junior Rules shall be referred to Hockey WA and determined in accordance with the Hockey WA Senior Competition Rules (28-44).

SPECIFIC INDOOR COMPETITION RULES

73. Application

- 73.1 These rules apply to all indoor games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA. These rules cover the specific differences to the general rules applying to all Senior and Veteran's competitions (1 – 44) and take precedence where any discrepancies occur.
- 73.2 These Indoor Rules only apply to indoor hockey games.

74. Grading

- 74.1 The Board of Hockey WA shall cause the Indoor State League Competition to be divided into:
 - 74.1.1 A Men's and Women's Super Six,
 - 74.1.2 A Men's and Women's Second Division, and
 - 74.1.3 Other divisions as required.
- 74.2 The Super Six competitions shall have six (6) teams at the commencement of the competition and shall play two (2) rounds of competition. All other grades in the League shall, as determined by the Board, have at least four (4) teams and play at least two (2) rounds of fixtures.
- 74.3 A Club shall not have more than one team in a Super Six competition.
- 74.4 Hockey WA shall have the power to consider and act upon any request in writing from a Club, for promotion or relegation of that Club's team(s) from one grade to another.

75. Teams

- 75.1 Nominations will only be accepted from teams affiliated with an existing Hockey WA affiliated club.
- 75.2 Nominations will not be accepted unless endorsed by the club president.

76. Players

- 76.1 Teams can comprise of up to twelve (12) players of which a maximum of six (6) players (including any players who have been suspended by the Umpires) may be allowed on the court at one time. Players may be interchanged at any time except during penalty corners.
- 76.2 No team shall commence play with less than four (4) players and one of these players must be nominated as the goalkeeper.
- 76.3 A team with less than six (6) players may add extra players during the progress of the game until the full complement of six (6) is reached.

77. Two games in a week

- 77.1 Subject to these rules, no player is permitted to play in more than one game in any week.
- 77.2 These rules shall not prevent a player from playing in two games in the same week:
 - 77.2.1 If one of those games is in the Super Six and the player takes the field after at least eight (8) minutes of playing time has elapsed in the Super Six game; or
 - 77.2.2 If one of those games is in the Super Six and the player takes the field in the Super Six match as a replacement for another player who is, in the opinion of both umpires, injured during the game to such an extent as to prevent him from either immediately resuming his part in the game because his injuries require immediate attention off the field or prevent him from taking any further part in the game.
- 77.3 This Rule cannot be used in the last three (3) fixtures of the season or during any finals fixture without permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 77.4 These Rules shall not operate to prevent a player from playing in the Under 21 or Under 18 team as well as their regular club team.

- 77.5 Starting players from Super Six divisions may not participate in a Division Two fixture under any circumstances.

78. Forfeits and withdrawals

- 78.1 When a club has more than one team in a league and wishes to withdraw a team from a grade, it must withdraw the lowest grade in which it is represented in that league.
- 78.2 If a team is not ready to commence a game within 5 minutes of the nominated starting time, it shall forfeit the game. Forfeiture of a game will incur a fine as per the Fines Schedule (refer to 5.3).

79. Qualification for finals

- 79.1 To play in a final, a player must have played at least two (2) fixtures prior to the semi-finals for the Club in that season. In addition, a player:
- 79.1.1 Must have played in that grade or lower in each of that player's last three (3) games of the season; or
 - 79.1.2 Must have played at least half of that player's games for the season in that grade or lower; or
 - 79.1.3 Must obtain permission from Hockey WA. Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.

80. Grading of players

- 80.1 A player may play in any grade for which the player is qualified provided that when that player's normal team has a bye, then that player cannot play in a lower grade. This Rule shall only apply after the first 3 weeks of the season.
- 80.2 For the purposes of these Rules the grades of Hockey WA in descending order are.
- 80.2.1 Super Six
 - 80.2.2 Division 2

81. Premiership Tables

- 81.1 If the Under 21 or Under 18 teams are participating in the competition their round games shall be included in the Premiership Table but they are unable to participate in finals or win the competition.
- 81.2 Where two teams have played in an equal number of fixtures and have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions on the premiership table shall be decided:
- 81.2.1 Firstly, on the number of matches won;
 - 81.2.2 Then, on goal difference. Goal difference is arrived at by subtracting the goals scored against a team from the goals scored by it (eg. 40 goals scored by the team and 20 goals conceded by the team, gives a goal difference of 20);
 - 81.2.3 Then if still equal, by the most number of goals;
 - 81.2.4 Then if still equal, by the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the season;
 - 81.2.5 Then if still equal, there shall be a penalty shoot out between the two teams at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first final.

82. Finals

- 82.1 The top four teams at the completion of the qualifying games shall play in the final series (subject to Rule 82.2 and maintaining that the Under 21 and Under 18 teams are unable to qualify for finals). The final series shall comprise:
- 82.1.1 The first and fourth placed teams shall play in the first semi-final;
 - 82.1.2 The second and third placed teams shall play in the second semi-final;
 - 82.1.3 The winners of the semi-finals will play in the grand final.

- 82.2 In the event that a Division has less than six teams participating, at the completion of the qualifying rounds, the first placed team shall play the second placed team in the Grand Final (there shall be no semi-finals). Note: Although the Under 21 team is unable to compete in finals, they still count as a team for the purposes of this rule.

83. Tie Breakers

- 83.1 If the score in a finals game is level at the end of normal time then two periods of up to five (5) minutes each of extra time shall be played. The first team to score a goal in extra time shall be the winner of the game.
- 83.2 In the event that the score is still level at the end of the two periods of extra time then a penalty stroke competition will take place as per the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual.

84. Court Controller

- 84.1 Hockey WA shall appoint a person to act as Court Controller for every game. The Court Controller is responsible for supervising the conduct of the game.
- 84.2 Each team and every player in each team shall comply with the directions of the Court Controller.
- 84.3 The Court Controller can require any person on a team bench who engages in loud or offensive behaviour to withdraw from the playing arena.

85. Misconduct cards

- 85.1 Rule 23 does not apply to Indoor competitions.
- 85.2 If a player receives a temporary suspension (yellow card) in a game, the player shall sit at the seat designated by the Court Controller.
- 85.3 If a player receives a second temporary suspension (second yellow card) in the same game, the player is not permitted to take any further part in the game.
- 85.4 For the purposes of these Rules a permanent suspension (red card) is the equivalent of three temporary suspensions (three yellow cards).
- 85.5 A player who receives three temporary suspensions during the season will be disqualified from playing in the next following game (Super Six or Division Two) for which they are available.
- 85.6 A player shall be deemed to be available for a game unless they are:
- 85.6.1 Unable to play because of injury;
 - 85.6.2 Participating in an Australian Championship or Australian Hockey League game;
 - 85.6.3 Participating in an Australian Representative Team, or
 - 85.6.4 Serving a suspension imposed by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.
- 85.7 Following a disqualification under this Rule all temporary suspensions shall be removed from the player's record.

86. Situations not covered by these rules

- 86.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Indoor Rules shall be referred to Hockey WA and determined in conjunction with rules contained in the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual.

SPECIFIC STATE COUNTRY WEEKEND CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

87. Application

- 87.1 These rules apply to all State Country Weekend Championship games played in competitions conducted by Hockey WA. These rules cover the specific differences to the general rules applying to all Senior and Veteran's competitions (1 – 44) and take precedence where any discrepancies occur.
- 87.2 These State Country Weekend Championship Rules only apply to State Country Weekend Championship games.

88. Organisation

- 88.1 The Women's and Men's State Country Weekend Championships will be organised by sub-committees appointed by the Hockey WA Country Committee.
- 88.1.1 No less than twelve (12) weeks prior to each of the events the Hockey WA Country Committee will call for interested people to nominate for the organising sub-committee.
- 88.1.2 The Hockey WA Country Committee convenor will have the option of convening the sub-committees, if the convenor is not available then a member of the respective sub-committee will be voted to be its convenor.
- 88.1.3 Each sub committee will consist of up to four (4) members (including the convenor).
- 88.2 Hockey WA will appoint an Umpire's Co-ordinator for the Championship.

89. Nomination

- 89.1 Hockey WA will send out nomination forms no less than two (2) months prior to the commencement of the Championship.
- 89.2 Nominations will close twenty eight (28) days prior to the commencement of the Championship.
- 89.3 A nomination fee (as set by the finance committee) will accompany each nomination. No nomination form will be accepted without said fee.
- 89.4 A team withdrawing their nomination after the closing date will incur a fine as per the fines schedule (refer to 5.18 & 5.19).
- 89.5 Special fixturing requests must be in writing and submitted with the nomination form.
- 89.6 No less than two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the Championship, Hockey WA will circulate fixtures (via email) to all Regional Associations.
- 89.7 Regional Associations wishing to nominate players for selection for representative sides must complete the required forms prior to the first game of the Championship. Player nomination without all details supplied will be ineligible for selection.

90. Teams

- 90.1 A nominated team may consist of up to sixteen (16) players.
- 90.1.1 Each team shall select eleven (11) players for a game.
- 90.1.2 Five (5) other players from the same Association or a lower division may be selected and their names must appear on the score card as 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.
- 90.1.3 These players are eligible to play in the first (1st) eleven of a lower division on the same day.
- 90.2 A Veterans competition will be run in conjunction with the State Country Weekend Championships.
- 90.3 The Veterans competition is classed as a separate competition and players may play in the starting 11 (eleven) for a team in each competition (i.e. Vets and Div 3), providing it is for the same Regional Association.
- 90.4 Where two teams from the same Association are in the same division, each team will be regarded as a separate entity and players are not interchangeable.

91. Eligibility

- 91.1 All players must be registered with a Regional Association and be a regular player in that Regional Association's competition.
- 91.2 Individual players who are registered players in the metropolitan competition (except players from South West Strikers, Peel, Mandurah and any other Regional Association team that participates in the metropolitan competition) are ineligible to play in a State Country Weekend Championship unless the prior approval of Hockey WA is obtained in writing.
- 91.2.1 Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Regional Association can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained. Requests must be received by Hockey WA at least two (2) weeks prior to the event except in exceptional circumstances.
- 91.3 Any player in the squad for the South West Strikers, Peel, Mandurah (and any other Regional Association team that participates in the metropolitan competition), who wishes to represent their Regional Association in a State Country Weekend Championship must have resided in that country area for at least four calendar months prior to the Championship or have gained the written approval of Hockey WA.
- 91.3.1 Hockey WA will not give permission unless the Regional Association can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained. Requests must be received by Hockey WA at least two (2) weeks prior to the event except in exceptional circumstances.

92. Competition

- 92.1 All games to be governed by the current FIH Rules of Hockey; except where modified in these rules.
- 92.2 The competition will be conducted in Divisions of eight (8) teams where possible.
- 92.2.1 Each Division will be split into two (2) Pools of four (4).
- 92.2.2 Each Pool will play one round of fixtures followed by crossover matches:
- 92.2.2.1 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B (Game 1)
 - 92.2.2.2 1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A (Game 2)
 - 92.2.2.3 3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B (Game 3)
 - 92.2.2.4 3rd Pool B v 4th Pool A (Game 4)
- 92.2.3 Division finals will be played as follows:
- 92.2.3.1 Grand Final – Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2
 - 92.2.3.2 3rd v 4th playoff – Loser Game 1 v Loser Game 2
 - 92.2.3.3 5th v 6th playoff – Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 4
 - 92.2.3.4 7th v 8th playoff – Loser Game 3 v Loser Game 4
- 92.3 Where there are not enough teams to make Divisions of eight (8), a round robin competition will be conducted:
- 92.3.1 Seven (7) team Division - each team to play each other once, no finals.
 - 92.3.2 Six (6) team Division - each team to play each other once, no finals.
 - 92.3.3 Five (5) team Division – four (4) qualification games, finals of 1st v 2nd, 3rd v 4th for final positions.
 - 92.3.4 Four (4) team Division – three (3) qualification games, semi finals of 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd with the winners of each semi final playing each other in the Grand Final and the losers playing each other for third position.
- 92.4 Final games that are a draw will be determined by a penalty stroke competition conducted as per FIH rules.
- 92.5 Each game will consist of two (2), thirty (30) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time break. Teams will change ends at half time.
- 92.6 All games will start and finish by a central siren.
- 92.7 If a team is not ready to commence a scheduled fixture on time; they will forfeit the match 5 goals – nil.
- 92.8 Time will not be stopped for injuries. Injured players should be substituted immediately. In the case of serious injury and the player cannot be moved, the game shall cease and the score at the time of the stoppage will stand.

- 92.9 If umpires need to interrupt a match (eg. because of atmospheric conditions) that match shall be resumed as soon as possible, not necessarily on the same pitch under the following conditions:
- 92.9.1 The match must commence from the time of its interruption and be completed up to the agreed full time; the score on the resumption being the one standing at the time the interruption took place.
 - 92.9.2 On resumption, the substitution of players regulations shall apply as though there had been no interruption of the match.
 - 92.9.3 If the game is unable to be rescheduled then the score at the time the game was stopped will stand.
- 92.10 The Premiership table shall be computed by giving three points for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 92.11 Where two teams have played in an equal number of fixtures and have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions on the premiership table shall be decided:
- 92.11.1 Firstly, on the number of matches won;
 - 92.11.2 Then, on goal difference. Goal difference is arrived at by subtracting the goals scored against a team from the goals scored by it (eg. 40 goals scored by the team and 20 goals conceded by the team, gives a goal difference of 20);
 - 92.11.3 Then if still equal, by the most number of goals;
 - 92.11.4 Then if still equal, by the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the round games;
 - 92.11.5 Then if still equal, by the tossing of a coin. (The Convenor shall toss the coin with the two captains).

93. Uniforms

- 93.1 All players are required to play in the nominated Regional Association's uniform. Failure to do so will incur a fine.
- 93.2 Where team colours clash, the team nominated second on the fixture are to change shirts and socks. It is the responsibility of teams to check this well in advance. Any team not changing may be required to forfeit at the discretion of the Convenor.
- 93.3 All goal keepers are required to wear mandatory headgear as per the FIH rules of hockey.
- 93.4 It is strongly recommended that all players wear shin pads and mouthguards.
- 93.5 No player can participate in a match whilst wearing a hard peaked cap. Only caps with a soft brim may be worn.
- 93.6 Correct footwear to be worn for turf games.

94. Match Cards

- 94.1 First named team to collect the match card from the Championship office prior to the game.
- 94.2 Team managers or captains can complete match cards in the Championship office prior to the game.
- 94.3 Players' names on the scorecard will determine their eligibility for that division.
- 94.3 Match cards to be checked and signed by captains.
- 94.4 Captain of first named team to return the match card to the Championship office straight away.

95. Umpires

- 95.1 All teams will be required to supply umpires for games during the Championship.
- 95.2 Umpires provided by Regional Associations for team umpiring commitments should be of an appropriate standard for the game allocated.
- 95.3 An umpires / players discussion will be conducted during the Championship. Regional umpires will be required to attend.
- 95.4 Failure to supply an umpire for an allocated fixture will incur a \$50.00 fine per umpire.
- 95.5 Regional Associations entering a team in Division One must nominate one experienced Level 1 or B Badged umpire (or higher) with their team nomination or it may not be accepted.

- 95.6 All other teams must nominate one Level 1 or C Badged umpire (or higher) with their team nomination or it will not be accepted. One umpire may be nominated for two teams and may be assessed for upgrade if required.
- 95.7 Regional Associations may nominate umpires to be assessed for "C" badges / NOAS Level One Practical if no one in their region is qualified to assess these umpires.
- 95.8 Regional Associations unable to cover their allocated umpiring duties may ask the Umpires Co-ordinator for assistance. A fee may be charged.
- 95.9 The Umpire's Co-ordinator will allocate umpires who request to be assessed and coached to games where possible.

96. Disputes

- 96.1 All intentions to protest to be noted on match card.
- 96.2 Any team with a match dispute must submit the protest in writing to the Championship office within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game.
- 96.3 Disputes will be heard by the convenor of the organising sub-committee with two other co-opted people to adjudicate.
- 96.4 The disputes committee decision will be final.

97. Situations not covered by these rules

- 97.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these State Country Weekend Championship Rules shall be referred to Hockey WA and determined in conjunction with Hockey WA Senior rules and rules contained in the HA Australian Championships Operations Manual.