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RULES OF PLAY

The Preamble - The Spirit of Hockey

Hockey is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact it should be played not only within the Rules of Hockey and the Rules of Play, but also within the Spirit of the Game.

Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

Although the major responsibility for ensuring the Spirit of the Game, including fair play, is complied with during matches rests with the captains, all persons associated with the game including players, officials, umpires, parents and supporters also have a responsibility for ensuring the Spirit of the Game is complied with at all times.

1.0 Governing Rules

- 1.1 The Rules of Play of the Sunshine Coast Hockey Association Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "SCHA" or the "Association") shall form the By-Laws of the Association. Members of the Association shall be governed by these Rules and such others as may from time to time be passed in accordance with the Constitution of SCHA.
- 1.2 The Rules of Play shall be formulated by a Rules of Play Sub Committee which shall meet, unless otherwise directed by Management Committee, PRIOR TO OR after the Annual General Meeting each year and shall submit to the Management Committee recommendations of the Rules of Play for the following year.
- 1.3 The Rules of Play Sub Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate per each affiliated Club, Sub Association, Associate Association and Kindred Association and the current Convener for the Rules of Play together with the Association President, Secretary and Treasurer and Management Committee Members who shall by virtue of office be ex-officio members. The Association President or nominee shall be the Convener who shall have no voting rights except when there is a tied vote. The Convener shall then vote in the negative.
- 1.4 Recommendations of the Rules of Play shall be adopted in part or whole and shall be presented to a Management Meeting of the Association for ratification prior to the commencement of the upcoming season.
- 1.5 Upon such ratification by the SCHA Management Meeting, no changes shall be made during the upcoming season, except where a Management Meeting of the Association approves the changes to cover unforeseen circumstances. Any such changes are to be as minimal as possible and should endeavour to follow the intent of the original Rule. Any such changes shall follow the process of a By-Law change per Clause 30.1 of the Constitution.
- 1.6 (a) Management Committee is to:
 - (i) Administer these Rules; and
 - (ii) Interpret these Rules in accordance with Clause 1.6 (e) of these Rules;

Provided that in the carrying out of these functions, the Management Committee is to seek clarification from the Rules of Play Sub-Committee through the Convener as to the purpose of any Rule where there is any doubt as to the meaning of the Rule.

- (b) The Association Secretary shall advise all Clubs in writing of any matter that the Management Committee has determined amounts to a breach of the Rules. Such advice is to be given within seven (7) days of the Management Committee making such a determination.
- (c) Where a Club or a person is adversely affected by such a determination of the Management Committee, the Club or person shall have a right of appeal to a Judiciary Committee. Such appeal is to be instituted by lodging a written notice of appeal with the Association Secretary within fourteen (14) days from the date on which advice in the preceding sub-rule has been received by the Club or has come to the notice of any person adversely affected by such determination.
- (d) A right of appeal may be exercised on any or any combination of the following grounds:-
 - (i) There has been a mistake of fact;
 - (ii) There has been a mistake in respect of the interpretation of a Rule;
 - (iii) There has been a breach of due process;
 - (iv) There has been a denial of natural justice;
 - (v) New evidence, which was not known to the Management Committee or Rule of Play Sub - Committee at the time it made its determination, is available.
- (e) In the interpretation of the Rules of Play, the interpretation which will best achieve the intent of the Rules and which will best promote the Spirit of the Game is to be preferred to any other interpretation. If any point in dispute is not covered by these Rules, the decision is to be made in accordance with fairness, good conscience, sportsmanship and the Spirit of the Game.

1.7 Duties:

(a) Canteen

Unless alternative methods of operating the canteen are implemented by the management committee, then nominated clubs shall be placed on a duty roster system so as to provide volunteers to work in the canteen. Minimum age of volunteers will be 14 years. All volunteers must record their attendance in the canteen register.

(b) Technical Bench

Unless alternative methods of operating the technical bench are implemented by the management committee, then nominated clubs shall be placed on a duty roster system so as to provide a representative to fulfill technical bench duties. Club representatives must sign in. Minimum age of volunteers will be 18 years. All technical volunteers must record their attendance in the technical register.

2.0 Duties of Sub Committees

2.1 Sub Committees shall be formed with responsibility in the following areas:-

- (a) Competitions;
- (b) Umpires & Technical;
- (c) Grounds;
- (d) Marketing/Media;
- (e) Planning & Development;
- (f) Sports Development;
- (g) Events
- (h) Finance

2.2 The Competitions Committee:

The Competition Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate per affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associated Association or Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Presidents shall be ex-officio members. The Competitions Committee shall meet as

required by the Management Committee. The Competitions Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Competitions Committee shall:-

- (a) Recommend a yearly structure for pre-season, fixture season, summer, inter-city and any other competitions conducted by SCHA to the Competitions Convenor who will prepare a program of fixtures, semi-finals and finals for all competitions which shall include dates, times, field allocations and any other requirements. All competition draws to be prepared by the Competition Convenor on the approved program;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Management Committee relating to such structure and program;
- (c) Provide to Management Committee one week prior to winter fixture season commencing a complete fixture draw for the first four (4) weeks of fixtures;
- (d) Provide to Management Committee by completion of the first four (4) weeks of the fixture competition a complete fixture draw for the current season;
- (e) Have responsibility for all amendments and changes to the competition draw to account for postponements and alterations;
- (f) Advise Management Committee in relation to:-
 - (i) Suitability of and allocation of times and details of matches;
 - (ii) Any other matters relating to competitions, fixture draws, semi-finals and finals.
- (g) Liaise with the Umpires & Technical Committee in relation to the fixture draw and any other matters relating to competitions.
- (h) Liaise with the Grounds Convener in relation to suitability of and allocation of fields and grounds.
- (k) Liaise with the Marketing/Media Committee in relation to:-
 - (i) Promotion and marketing of pre-season, fixture competitions, summer, inter-city, state championships, any other competitions and special events;
 - (ii) media information, preparation for publication of fixture programs, results and feature articles for pre-season, fixture competitions, summer, inter-city, state championships, any other competitions and special events.
- (l) Liaise with the Events Committee in relation to the Umpires and Technical allocations and any other matters relating to Clause 2.2
- (m) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.2.

2.3 The Umpires & Technical Committee:

The Umpires Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate per affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associated Association or Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Presidents shall be ex-officio members. The Umpires Committee shall meet as required by the Management Committee. The Umpires Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Umpires Committee shall:-

- (a) have responsibility for umpire and technical officer allocations to pre-season, fixture season, summer, inter-city and any other competitions conducted by SCHA;

- (b) have responsibility for coaching and development of umpires and technical officers;
- (c) have responsibility for the examining and testing of all umpires and technical officers;
- (d) provide Management Committee with recommendations for appointments of umpires to accompany representative teams to inter-city and State Championships. Appointments shall be approved by the Management Committee;
- (e) promote and develop access to zone, state and international level umpiring experience for umpires and technical officers;
- (f) shall be responsible to the Management Committee and shall be responsible for matters concerning umpires and technical officers including umpires examination, field tests, lectures and coaching.
- (g) Maintain a list of umpires nominated by affiliated clubs in accordance with the Rules of Play and make recommendations as to suitability for umpire allocations;
- (h) Provide advices in relation to rules changes and interpretations and experimental rules and interpretations;
- (i) maintain stocks of umpire's equipment;
- (j) Liaise with the Competitions Committee in relation to umpire allocations for pre-season, fixture competitions, summer, inter-city, and any other competitions;
- (k) Liaise with Hockey Queensland Umpires Mentors concerning the development of umpires and technical officers within SCHA;
- (l) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.3.

2.4 Grounds Committee:

The Grounds Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate per affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association and Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents and Ground Convener shall be ex-officio members. The Grounds Committee shall meet as required by the Management Committee. The Grounds Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Grounds Committee shall:-

- (a) Have responsibility to improve, maintain and develop SCHA grounds, facilities and equipment;
- (b) Implement planning and development plans for SCHA grounds, facilities and equipment;
- (c) Ensure all fields are marked and prepared ready for play;
- (d) Ensure the suitability of fields, facilities and equipment to be used by SCHA;
- (e) Have responsibility for determining the playability of all grounds owned, leased, rented or used by the Association;
- (f) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.4;

2.5 Marketing/Media:

The Marketing/Media Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate from each affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association and Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members. The Marketing/Media

Committee shall meet as required by the Management Committee. The Marketing/Media Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Marketing/Media Committee shall:-

- (a) Have responsibility for liaison with media to promote the objectives of SCHA;
- (b) Assist in the establishment and maintenance of lines of communication within SCHA;
- (c) have responsibility for promotion and marketing of pre-season, fixture competition, summer, inter-city, state championships, special events and any other competitions conducted by SCHA;
- (d) Liaise with Admin for media information, preparation for publication of competition schedules and programs and umpire allocations;
- (e) Liaise with Admin for preparation and publication of SCHA newsletter;
- (f) Provide Admin with updated information for SCHA web-site;
- (g) Liaise with all Sub-Committees in relation to Clause 2.5 (a) to (f);
- (h) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.5.

2.6 Planning & Development:

The Planning and Development Committee shall consist of one (1) delegate per affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associated Association or Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members. The Planning & Development Committee shall meet as required by the Management Committee. The Planning and Development Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Planning & Development committee shall:-

- (a) Have responsibility for short and long-term planning for future development of SCHA.
- (b) Implement planning and development plans for SCHA grounds and facilities;
- (c) Promote and develop the interests of SCHA;
- (d) Foster and develop contacts within business, government and other organizations which may assist SCHA in the pursuit of its goals.
- (e) Liaise with the Grounds Committee in relation to Clause 2.6;
- (f) Liaise with the Marketing/Media Committee in relation to Clause 2.6;
- (g) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.6.

2.7 Sports Development:

The Sports Development Committee shall consist of one (1) Delegate per each affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associated Association or Kindred Association and the Association President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members. The Sports Development Committee shall meet as required by the Management Committee. The Sports Development Committee shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Sports Development Committee shall:-

- (a) Have responsibility for preparation and implementation of short and long-term plans for development of SCHA players;
- (b) Have responsibility for preparation of operational guidelines for the Regional Coaching Director, and SCHA representative and club coaches, managers and umpires and technical officers;
- (c) Ensure the Regional Coaching Director, and SCHA representative coaches submit a suitable coaching plan and are implementing a coaching program which complies with the goals and objectives of SCHA;
- (d) Supervise, co-ordinate and monitor operation of programs of the Regional Coaching Director, and SCHA representative coaches;
- (e) Liaise with the Regional Coaching Director, representative coaches and club coaches and provide assistance in the form of resources;
- (f) Ensure programs and practices are in place for continuing development of SCHA representative coaches and club coaches;
- (g) Foster the development of coaching programs in schools, clubs and other organizations;
- (h) Develop a resource library for the Regional Coaching Director, SCHA representative coaches and club coaches;
- (i) liaise with Hockey Queensland and QAS coaches;
- (j) Have responsibility for preparation and implementation of guidelines for:-
 - (i) Selection of representative teams;
 - (ii) Time lines for selection of representative teams;
 - (iii) Review SCHA policy and guidelines of all representative players and officials.
- (k) Liaise with representative team selectors in relation to selection processes and procedures and supervise the operation of selection panels;
- (l) Prepare team lists and present to Management Committee for ratification;
- (m) Supervise the operations of teams and managers;
- (n) Liaise with representative team managers to ensure travel, uniforms and all other team arrangements are in accordance with SCHA policy and guidelines;
- (o) Ensure that SCHA representative teams are selected, prepared, equipped, coached and transported in a professional and suitable manner;
- (p) Liaise with all other Sub-Committees in relation to Clause 2.7;
- (q) Provide a monthly written report to Management Committee in relation to Clause 2.7.

3.0 Records Secretary

3.1 The Records Secretary shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Records Secretary shall keep a register of all players registered with the Association which shall include particulars of players, divisions in which they are registered and matches in which they have played.

- 3.2 The Records Secretary shall enter and keep in the record books of the Association and liaise with the Secretary regarding any matters concerning the following:-
- (a) The results of all matches played in all divisions;
 - (b) The points allocated, results and goal scores in all matches played in all divisions;
 - (c) The results of all other matches played by Association representative teams;
 - (d) A record of all umpire reports in all matches which shall be recorded in the records report;
 - (e) A record of all umpire charges in all matches which shall be recorded in the records report;
 - (f) A record of "Best and Fairest" points for each senior division;
 - (g) A record of notified and un-notified forfeits;
 - (h) A record of all breaches under the Rules of Play.
- 3.3 The Records Secretary shall keep a total of points allocated to each club with a minimum of four (4) teams which complete the season. At least one of these four teams shall be a junior team (i.e. entered in a fixture competition for players under seventeen (17) as at 31 December of the previous year). The records secretary shall provide to Management Committee at the end of fixtures a rank order of these clubs. Ranking shall be calculated by dividing the total number of points allocated to each club by the total number of teams entered in the fixture competition by that club.
- 3.4 The Records Secretary shall keep all team cards from all matches played as evidence of match results, players taking part and umpires officiating in the SCHA office;
- 3.5 The Records Secretary shall provide a weekly written records report to the Secretary and Rules of Play Convener in relation to Clause 3.2 (d), (e), (g) and (h) and any other pertinent matters;
- 3.6 The Records Secretary shall provide to Secretary at the end of all competitions, complete records of the results of all matches, the points and goals allocated, the records of registrations, de-registrations and re-registrations of players and the results of allocation of best and fairest points for organisation of semi-finals and finals;
- 3.7 The Records Secretary shall liaise with all other Sub-Committees in relation to Clause 3.0.

4.0 Uniforms

- 4.1 All Clubs must forward a description of their proposed playing uniform for each team (i.e. shirt, shorts/skirts and socks) at the time of their application for affiliation of the Association, and subject to the approval of the Management Committee, the same shall become the registered uniform. Such uniforms may be altered from time to time only with the consent of the Management Committee.
- 4.2 Players are to be in their registered teams' approved uniform within three (3) weeks of the player's registration with the Association.
- 4.3 After this period, any Club permitting a member to play in other than its registered uniform and the player himself shall be deemed guilty of an infringement of these Rules. The offending player may be barred from the match by the Umpire or Technical Officer (pursuant to Clause 4.2).

- 4.4 The Captain of each team shall be clearly identified (eg arm, sock band or ribbon of contrasting colour) and be recorded on the team card.
- 4.5 Hard peak headwear is prohibited to be worn in all SCHA competitions whether it is worn with the peak towards the front or the back.
- 4.6 The Management Committee may designate particular competitions or divisions in which players must be identified with a player number, sponsor identity or other detail. Management Committee shall notify clubs in writing of this requirement and of the form and positioning of the required information.
- 4.7 Players in division one (1) must be identified with a player number on their shirt which shall be a minimum height of 200 mm and be positioned in the centre of the back of the shirt.
- 4.8 Dress Code – Socks are to be worn pulled up. Playing shirts must meet skirts/shorts.

5.0 Nomination and Registration of Teams/Players

- 5.1 (a) Entry to the SCHA fixtures shall be open to affiliated Clubs, Sub Associations and Kindred Associations.
 - (b) Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations and Kindred Associations shall nominate teams to particular divisions by a date to be determined by Management Committee.
 - (c) Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations and Kindred Associations shall nominate to the Association Secretary on a team nomination form such details as required by Management Committee.
 - (d) Acceptance of entry of teams shall be subject to agreement to abide by the Rules of the SCHA.
 - (e) \$200 non-refundable registration fee per team entered, This fee will be deducted from the team costs. If a team is withdrawn from the competition during the season they forfeit the teams registration fee.
 - (f) Failure to register before the first fixture match, results in a team participating in the competition but being unable to accrue any points for a period of the divisions first fixture round (when all teams have played every other team in the competition)
- 5.2 Divisions
- (a) Management Committee will determine the division of any and all teams in the fixture competition.
 - (b) Divisions will consist of a minimum of four (4) teams or as otherwise determined by Management Committee. There shall be no restriction on the number of teams in each division.
 - (c) Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations and Kindred Associations shall have an as-of-right entitlement to enter a team to any division of their choice.
 - (d) A Club may nominate more than one (1) team in a senior division provided that the Club has nominated a team in the senior division below if one exists.
 - (e) A Club may nominate more than one (1) team in junior divisions.
- 5.3 (a) Each club shall nominate on a Hockey Net team registration form such details which shall include the surname, given name, date of birth and address of each person whom such Club desires to register, together with the division to which it is desired that each team shall play. The

team registration form shall be accompanied by a SCHA membership form for each registered player.

- (b) An application form for new registration of players must be lodged with the Secretary or Nominee by 12.00 noon on the Monday after the weekend fixtures. A copy of the application form shall be retained by the applicant club. The new registration form shall be accompanied by a SCHA membership form for each registered player.
- (c) All senior and junior teams in all divisions must have a minimum of seven (7) primary registered SCHA players in their registered eleven (11) players.

5.4 Senior

- (a) The minimum number of players required to register a senior team in SCHA fixtures shall be eleven (11) for all senior teams other than the lowest ranked senior team entered by each club which shall be seven (7).
 - (i) **Division one (1) Men may register nine (9) players in each nominated team. (for the purpose of rebuilding teams)**
- (b) Senior teams shall consist of a maximum of sixteen (16) players at any time during a match provided that player's names are added to the team card before they take the field in any match.
- (c) **Senior players shall only be registered with one (1) club at any one time and shall not play for any other club no exemptions granted.(subject to clause 5.4 (d)).**
- (d) **In the event of a club being unable to field a team in Division One (1), the Management Committee may allow players from one club to apply to play in Division One (1) with another club. The team so formed must be nominated by the sponsoring club. All relevant fees shall be charged to the club registering the team. All players shall wear the registered uniform of the club registering the team. Application for approval shall be in writing from the player's club and the sponsoring club and shall be considered by Management Committee at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting.**
- (e) Clubs shall stipulate their lowest ranked senior team if a club has more than one (1) team in the same division.

5.5 Registered Player

- (a) Senior teams are required to maintain a minimum of eleven (11) registered players at all times. A club may register more than eleven (11) players in a team. **(subject to clause 5.4 (a)(i))**
- (b) Players who are re-registered to a lower division are not considered to be part of the original registered team from the time of approval of re-registration.
- (c) Players that are re-registered to a lower division must be replaced by another registered player to make up the minimum number of players required.
- (d) **Players registered in a Division three (3) team may only play three (3) fixtures in a Division one (1) team and then would become ineligible to play down in the Division three (3) team.**
- (i) **Where a club does not have a Division two (2) team, that club would be exempt from clause 5.5 (d) and players would be eligible to play down to Division three (3).**

5.6 Junior (J1, J2 and J3 Divisions)

- (a) All divisions in the junior competition are required to register nine (9) players in each team nominated.
These registered numbers need to be maintained through out the fixture season.
- (b) Players under five (5) years of age are not eligible for registration in any junior divisions.
- (c) Juniors are players who have not attained the age of 17 years before **1st January** (eg: a player who turns 17 on or before 31st December of the year prior to the season is ineligible for Junior Competition).
- (d) The J3 division is only open to players if they have not attained the age of 12 years before the year of the competition commencement. (eg: a player who turns 12 on or before 31st December of the year prior to the season is ineligible for J3 Competition).
- (e) Clubs may apply for special dispensation for players who are one (1) year older than the rule 5.6 (d) dictates to play in the J3 division. Application for such approval shall be in writing on the relevant form, from the player's club. The Management Committee shall consider such applications at the next scheduled management meeting. Clubs shall receive written notification from Management prior to player playing in the J3 division. The Management committee retains the right to request clubs to re-register such players into a higher grade upon their reaching a suitable playing standard.
- (f) Players eligible to play in the J3 division may be registered in J1 and J2 division. If so registered they shall not be eligible to play in any lower junior division.
- (g) Junior players may play up into senior's competition. (Provided the player has attained the age of 13 years as at 31 December in the year prior to the competition).
Clubs may make application to the Management Committee for approval for players under the age of 13 years to play in the senior's competition. Application for such approval shall be in writing on the relevant association form, from the player's club and shall be accompanied by written parental consent. The application shall be considered by the Management Committee at the next scheduled management meeting. Clubs shall receive written notification prior to the player taking the field in the senior division.
- (h) Junior players (U17) may play a maximum of three (3) matches in any one fixture week.
- (i) Junior teams shall have unlimited substitutes at any time during the match provided that player's names are added to the team card before they take the field in any match.
- (j) In the event of a club being unable to field a team in a particular junior division, the Management Committee may allow players from one club to join with players from other clubs. The team so formed must play as a team from one club and be registered as such. Application for approval shall be in writing from the player's club and the sponsoring club and shall be considered by Management Committee at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting. All fees shall be charged to the club registering the team. All players shall wear the registered uniform of the club registering the team.
- (k) Management Committee may allow a junior player wishing to play in junior and/or senior competitions to play for a club other than his/her registered club where their registered club does not have a junior or senior team in a particular division. Application for such approval shall be in writing from the player's club and the sponsoring club and shall be considered by Management Committee at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting. Clubs shall receive written notification prior to the player playing for their sponsoring club.

- (l) No player registered in the J3 competition is able to play up into the J1 competition.
- (m) U15/U18 SCHA representative players who have played in any representative team within the twelve (12) months prior to the start of the winter fixture season are ineligible to play in J2 Division.**

5.7 State Representatives – Senior and Junior

- (a) Any player who has been selected (or chosen as a Shadow player) in a National, State or State Country team at an U/18 level or higher (excluding the Veterans Competition) , in the twelve (12) months prior to the start of the winter fixture season is only eligible to play in Division One (1) in the senior competition.
- (b) Any Junior players who have been selected in a National or State team, including School, Shadow or Talent identified, at U15 level or higher within the twelve (12) months prior to the start of the winter fixture season shall not be eligible to play Division 3 in the senior competition.
- (c) Any Junior players who have been selected in a National or State team, including School (12 and under), Shadow or Talent identified, at U13 level within the twelve (12) months prior to the start of the winter fixture season shall not be eligible to play J3 in the junior competition.**
- (d) Should a second club team be introduced to a Division, at a point in the season whereby more than 50% of the seasons fixtures have been completed, players registered in the existing team shall be able to re-registered into the second club team.
- (e) Clubs may seek special dispensation from clauses 5.7 (a), (b) and (c). Application for such approval shall be in writing on the relevant form to the Management Committee. The application shall be considered by the Management Committee at next scheduled management meeting. The club will receive written notification of the outcome

5.8 Registrations (Senior)

- (a) All teams must have a minimum of eleven (11) registered players except in the lowest nominated team which is able to have a minimum of seven (7) registered players.**(subject to clause 5.4 (a) (i).**
- (b) Senior players may play in a division/s higher than that in which they are registered. There is no limit to the number of times a player may play up into a higher division. Once a player is registered with a particular team (see Clause 5.6) in any senior division, the player may not play in any lower senior division without the prior written approval of the Management Committee. Application for such approval shall be in writing from the players' club and shall be considered by Management Committee at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting. Clubs shall receive written notification prior to the player playing in any lower division.
- (c) Clubs may apply for a senior player to be re-registered in a lower division by applying to Management Committee in writing stating the reason for such application. Management Committee will consider such application at the next scheduled Management Meeting.

Such re-registration shall not be permitted in the last seven (7) fixtures of the competition.

- (d) Senior players who apply for and receive re-registration approval to a lower division must play at least two (2) consecutive fixtures or until the completion of fixtures in the competition in that

division only (ie. the one to which they have been re-registered) prior to playing in any higher division. Should there be subsequent approved applications for re-registration to a lower division for the same player within the same competition, the requirement for the player to play consecutive fixtures shall increase to four (4) or until the completion of the fixtures in the competition in that division only (ie the one to which they have been re-registered) prior to playing in any higher division.

- (e) Junior players who are not a registered player in a senior team and are not part of the registered 11 in that team are not restricted by the rules set out in Clause 5.8 (b) and (c).
- (f) Junior players who are a registered player in a senior team and are part of the registered 11 in that team are restricted by the rules set out in Clause 5.8 (b) and (c).
- (g) Clubs may demote a maximum of two (2) players to a team playing in the division immediately below that in which they are registered in any fixture round. If Clubs choose to demote a player/s they must also promote an equal number of replacement players from the said lower division. Such lower registered player/s (if promoted) is/are not permitted to participate in the team in which they are registered for that fixture round. Players will not be allowed to be demoted in the last seven (7) weeks of the relevant competition. It should also be noted that if the higher registered team has more than the minimum of eleven (11) players registered, they are still required to promote the equivalent number of players from the lower division team if they demote higher registered players.

A loss of points for failure to replace or for playing in both competitions shall be incurred. All players must be clearly indicated on the game card.

- (h) \$200 non-refundable registration fee per team entered, This fee will be deducted from the team costs. If a team is withdrawn from the competition during the season they forfeit the teams registration fee.
- (i) Failure to register before the first fixture match, results in a team participating in the competition but being unable to accrue any points for a period of the divisions first fixture round (when all teams have played every other team in the competition).

5.9 Player Movement Between Two or More Teams in the Same Division (Seniors and Juniors)

- (a) Where Clubs have two (2) or more teams in the same division, the Club shall register each player in a specific team.
- (b) Clubs with two (2) teams registered in the same grade will be permitted to play a maximum of two (2) players across into the other team in any fixture round. Each individual player may not play across more than two (2) times in the fixture season."
- (c) At the commencement of the finals, once a player plays into one team in a higher division where the player's club has more than one team in the same division, that player cannot play into any other team in that same division for the duration of the finals.
- (d) Clubs may apply for re-registration of players by applying in writing to Management Committee. Management Committee shall consider such application at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting. Such re-registration may not occur in the last seven (7) fixtures of the competition provided that a Management Meeting of the Association has the power to approve a re-registration during the last seven (7) fixtures of the competition in exceptional circumstances which include circumstances where a person has been prevented from playing because of a long-term illness or injury. Clubs shall receive written notification prior to the player playing.

- (e) In the event of one division being split into two separate divisions (e.g. division 2 into division 2 and division 3) after the commencement of fixtures, Clause 5.8 shall apply.

5.10 De-registration

- (a) Clubs may apply for de-registration of players who cease to play for the club. No refund of fees and/or charges shall be due.
- (b) Clubs who have de-registered a player from SCHA may apply for a subsequent new registration for that player.
 - (i) If the application is to the player's original team, they should apply in the normal manner for a new player registration in accordance with Clause 5.3 (b).
 - (ii) If such registration is to a lower division than the originally registered division, then the new registration will not be granted for a period of two (2) fixtures.

Provided that if the player has not played in a fixture in the current season in the originally registered division, then the new registration to a lower division is to be granted immediately.

5.11 Player Eligibility for Semi-finals and Finals

- (a) A player must have taken part in a minimum of six (6) fixtures for his/her registered team to be eligible for any finals match. If a player has not participated in a minimum of six (6) fixtures for his/her registered team, but has participated in a minimum of six (6) fixtures for a team in a higher division, then that player will be eligible for any finals match for the team in the higher division.
- (b) Players eligibility for finals is subject to Clause 5.9(b). Any special circumstances shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- (c) Where a team has fewer than eleven (11) registered players for a match during the final series and has no lower senior division or eligible junior players, the Club may apply in writing to the Management Committee for approval for a player to play in a particular semi-final and/or final from the Club's other team in that division.
- (d) Application for such approval shall be in writing from the player's club and must be received by the Association Secretary at least one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the final's match in question. The application shall be considered by the Management Committee. Clubs shall receive written notification prior to the player playing. Such approval such apply for that match only.

5.12 Player Transfer to another Club or Association

- (a) A player shall not transfer during any one season from one (1) Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association to another without obtaining from the Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association written consent prior to playing for another Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association. Consent in writing must be obtained from the Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred and/or from the Association of which such player is a member before such transfer is considered.
- (b) A club may refuse consent for the transfer of a player from an Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association to another Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association where such player has not discharged all financial obligations to that Affiliated Club, Sub-Association or Kindred Association. No Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association shall give such consent for a transfer while that player is under suspension, ban or any other order.

- (c) Where the written consent relates to a transfer between Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations, Associate Associations or Kindred Associations within SCHA during any one season, such written consent shall be lodged with the Association Secretary by 12.00 noon on the Monday after the weekend fixtures together with a new registration form and SCHA membership form.
- (d) If a player desires to transfer from one Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association to another during any one season and is unable to obtain written permission to do so from his original Affiliated Club, Sub-Association or Kindred Association, he shall have the right to refer the denied request to the Management Committee who shall make a determination after an examination of all aspects of the case from all parties.
- (e) All players have an open clearance at the end of any one season provided all financial obligations to their Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association have been met and no un-discharged suspension, ban or any other order applies to that player.
- (f) Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations, Associate Associations and Kindred Associations shall provide to Management Committee prior to the commencement of each fixture competition, a list of all un-financial players with that Affiliated Club, Sub-Association, Associate Association or Kindred Association.
- (g) Management Committee shall provide to all Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations, Associate Associations and Kindred Associations prior to the commencement of each fixture competition, a list of all un-financial players with SCHA together with a list of un-financial players provided from Hockey Queensland and/or other affiliated Associations, Affiliated Clubs, Sub-Associations, Associate Associations and Kindred Associations.
- (h) All such un-financial players shall be ineligible to be registered until all financial obligations have been discharged and Clause 5.12 (a) applied.

5.13 Age Eligibility Veterans

- (a) Players who shall attain the age of thirty-five (35) years during the year are eligible to play in men's and women's Veteran's Competitions.**

5.14 Hook in2 Hockey Players

Players under five (5) years of age are not eligible for registration. All Hooked in2 Hockey players are required to be registered in the Association Register for registration and insurance purposes.

5.15 Dual Registration

- (a) Players who are registered with more than one Association are only eligible to participate in SCHA fixtures after they have complied with Clause 5.15 (b) and (c).
- (b) Players seeking primary dual registration shall apply to the Association Secretary on the Hockey Queensland dual registration form after endorsement by the Primary Club. Primary dual registered players may participate in fixtures once registered by their Primary Club.
- (c) Players seeking primary dual registration must submit a dual registration form after endorsement by the Primary Club by 12noon on the Monday following the second fixture played by the player in the player's registered team.
- (d) Players seeking secondary dual registration shall apply to the Association Secretary on the relevant Hockey Queensland dual registration form after endorsement by the Primary Club, Primary Association and Secondary Club and receive written approval prior to participating in any fixture, once registered by their Secondary Club.

5.16 Representative Commitments

- (a) A club which has four (4) or more registered players from any one (1) team unavailable for any scheduled fixture due to SCHA, SCR Schools, State or National hockey representative duties as a player, coach, umpire or manager and is unable to field a team of eleven (11) players from the registered team list and eligible team lists in lower divisions may apply to the Management Committee for an alteration to the scheduled fixture time. Such application shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing by 5.00 pm at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled fixture except in exceptional circumstances which shall be determined by the Management Committee and should include supporting documentation. Approval shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Management Committee where Clubs are unable to field a team i.e. where there are no eligible players in a lower division.
- (b) Management Committee shall give seven (7) days written notice to both clubs of the details of the rescheduling of the fixture.
- (c) Should the application to reschedule a match be approved and the four (4) registered players not fulfill their representative commitments, the offending team shall be required to show cause as to the reason why the match should not be declared a forfeit.
- (d) Nomination forms and deposit payments
 - (i) Representative player nominations shall be lodged with SCHA secretary prior to the closing date.
 - (ii) Players selected for a representative team traveling to a championship by air will be required to lodge a deposit to SCHA office as specified in Schedule A within 7 days of their team being ratified and posted on the SCHA web site.
 - (iii) Within 7 days of Representative team being named on the SCHA website, subject to the provisions of clause (d) (ii) players must complete all required player representative forms. Players shall forward these forms together with the non-refundable deposit in accordance with Schedule A, to SCHA Secretary. The SCHA receipt issued will signify acceptance of the selection. Failure to keep to this time schedule may result in alternative players being selected.
 - (iv) All player representative money shall be handled by the SCHA. An invoice will be sent from the association to players for all representative costs less any deposits paid.
 - (v) Refund of deposit may be given
 - i. In exceptional cases for players with extenuating circumstances. Application for such refund shall be via written application by their clubs to the Management Committee. Such application shall be accompanied by supporting documentation and shall be considered by Management at the next scheduled Management meeting. Clubs shall be notified of the management decision in writing.
 - ii. Where SCHA fail to send a team. Should reasons for the team withdrawal be due to nominated players becoming unavailable, players that have withdrawn shall not be eligible for refund.

5.17 Teams added to the Competition

- (a) Teams may be admitted to the competition upon application to SCHA management. Applications must be in writing from the Club to Management Committee a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to commencement of fixture round, and shall be considered at the next scheduled Management Committee meeting.

- (b) The admitted team/s shall be liable for SCHA team fees and charges on a pro-rata basis and all Hockey Queensland Registration and Insurance fees. (Calculations to be based on the percentage of the weeks remaining in the scheduled fixtures at the time of application). SCHA membership fees shall be paid as for new members.
- (c) The admitted team will be allocated no points and goals/for against on admission until commencement of the next fixture round.
- (d) Teams may not be admitted to the competition during the last round of fixtures in that division.

5.18 Teams replacing Teams in the Competition

- (a) Teams may be admitted to the competition during fixture rounds only as a replacement team for a team which has withdrawn. Such replacement shall be directly into the same division as the withdrawing team. The replacement team will be allocated no points and goals for/against on admission until commencement of the next fixture round. All completed fixtures which have been played against the withdrawing team in the incomplete round shall retrospectively be treated as a bye.
- (b) Teams which have withdrawn may apply to Management Committee for consideration of the waiver of some or all of SCHA team fees. In considering the waiver or reduction of charges to such teams, all Hockey Queensland Registration and Insurance fees shall be applied. SCHA membership shall be paid as for new members. The relevant clubs which entered the teams into the competition shall be financially liable for the obligations created by nominating and registering a team.
- (c) Players from a withdrawn team shall not play for any other club until Clause 5.12 has been complied with.
- (d) In the event of a team withdrawing without replacement, any fixture previously played or scheduled to be played against the withdrawn team in any uncompleted fixture round shall be considered a bye.

6.0 Fixtures

6.1 Duration of Fixtures

- (a) Duration of play for fixtures, semi-finals and finals shall be thirty (30) minutes each half. The duration of all matches shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee. There shall be a minimum of ten (10) minutes between fixtures.
- (b) Fixtures shall not continue past the scheduled finishing time. Fixtures shall be timed by central timing except as decided by Management Committee. The siren shall signal to umpires that the timing of each half of the fixture has commenced and ceased. The umpire's whistle shall signal the commencement/cessation of play.
- (c) Penalty strokes and penalty corners awarded before the umpire's whistle to signal the cessation of play at half or full time shall be completed prior to the commencement of timing of the half time break.
- (d) No extra time shall be allowed for injuries in fixtures.

6.2 Late Start

At the scheduled match time, teams who have not taken the field shall be given a warning by the umpire, technical bench or match controller. A subsequent warning shall be given five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time. If seven (7) players of the team, which must include a goalkeeper, are not on the field after ten (10) minutes, an un-notified forfeit will be declared against the offending team/s. **Forfeits must be notified on the match card by the umpires.** Notwithstanding this, teams must take the field immediately when seven (7) registered players which must include a goalkeeper are present.

6.3 Postponed Fixtures

Where a total of three (3) un-played fixtures in any division have accumulated (eg postponed through unplayable ground conditions, etc), any further postponed fixtures shall be declared as draws. Where possible, postponed fixtures shall be played on turf the following week during allocated club training times and shall be played in chronological order. Where a postponed fixture cannot be rescheduled prior to the end of the final fixture of the competition, it shall be declared a draw. This shall be determined by the Management Committee.

For the purposes of player eligibility for finals (5.11) postponed fixtures shall be deemed to be played on the day which they are played rather than the original date from which they are postponed. Cards should be submitted to SCHA records officer.

6.4 In the event of a match being suspended due to unplayable ground conditions, the match shall be suspended for a maximum period of fifteen (15) minutes. The match may be recommenced at any time the grounds are deemed playable during this period. A warm-up period of a maximum of five (5) minutes may be required if play has been suspended for a period of fifteen (15) minutes if requested by either team.

6.5 In accordance with Clause 6.4, any match where a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes playing time has not been completed, the match shall be replayed.

6.6 In accordance with Clause 6.4, if a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes of the actual game time has been played and the game is abandoned, the current scores shall be declared as the game result.

7.0 Points

7.1 Points awarded for fixtures shall be three (3) points for a win or non-offending forfeit and one (1) point for a draw. No points shall be awarded for a loss or an offending forfeit.

7.2 No points shall be awarded to either team in the event of an offending forfeit by both teams forfeiting in the same fixture.

7.3 Teams who play fixtures at times and venues not specified by Management Committee without prior approval shall not accrue points and shall be declared an un-notified forfeit.

7.4 **All forfeits by Senior teams will incur a three (3) point demerit penalty. These three (3) points will be deducted from the forfeiting teams premiership points.**

7.5 Equality of points.

The method of decided upon positions if teams are equal on points at the completion of fixtures shall be as follows:-

- (i) Goal balance: goals "for" less goals "against"; If a tie still exists
- (ii) Highest number of goals scored in the rounds; if a tie still exists
- (iii) count-back (results of fixtures in rounds).

8.0 Forfeits

8.1 Artificial Surface Matches and Grass Field Matches

In the event of a team forfeiting a scheduled fixture match, the forfeiting team's club shall be levied the amounts in accordance with Schedule A for such forfeits if they do not notify the Association Secretary in writing of their intention to forfeit at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled fixture time. Such levies shall be paid to the Association Secretary and the relevant levies shall be credited to the non-offending club's account. The offending club shall have the right of Appeal to Management Committee for consideration of such levy to be decreased or waived where extenuating circumstances exist.

8.2 In the event of a team forfeiting a scheduled fixture match, the forfeiting team's club shall be levied the amounts in accordance with Schedule A plus an additional amount equivalent to the relevant SCHA turf fees for both teams for such fixture if such club does not notify the Association Secretary of their intention to forfeit at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled fixture time. If the forfeit is notified as required above, then the club shall be levied an amount equivalent to the relevant SCHA turf fees for both teams for that fixture.

The offending club shall have the right of Appeal to Management Committee for consideration of such levy to be decreased or waived where extenuating circumstances exist.

8.3 In the event of a team having one (1) scheduled fixture scheduled within twenty-four (24) hours of another scheduled fixture, teams wishing to forfeit without penalty shall notify the Association Secretary of their intention to forfeit by 5.00pm on the day prior to the second scheduled fixture. A notified forfeit shall be recorded against the offending team and a notional goal score of 0-3 recorded. The non-offending team shall be awarded the points for winning the match and a notional goal score of 3-0 recorded.

8.4 Teams shall maintain a minimum of seven (7) registered players on the field for the duration of any match. Should a team be unable to do so, the match will be declared a forfeit by the umpire/s in favour of the opposing team at the time when a team is unable to maintain a minimum of seven (7) registered players. A notified forfeit shall be recorded against the offending team and a notional goal score of 0 - 3 recorded. The non-offending team shall be awarded the points for winning the match and a notional goal score of 3 -0 recorded or may keep its own goal score for that match which shall apply to both teams.

8.5 In the event of an un-notified forfeit where no play has commenced, an un-notified forfeit shall be recorded against the offending team and a notional goal score of 0- 5 recorded. The non-offending team shall be awarded the points for winning the match and a notional goal score of 5-0 recorded.

8.6 Registered players in the team receiving the forfeit will be credited as having played the match for the purposes of eligibility for finals (5.11).

9.0 President's Cup – (Division 1 and Division 2 only)

9.1 The President's Cup shall be played by the two teams with the highest number of points at the completion of the first round of fixtures. If teams are equal on points, Clause 7.5 shall determine positions.

9.2 The President's Cup shall be scheduled as determined by the Competition's Sub-Committee at the completion of the first round and no later than the end of the second round of fixtures.

9.3 The President's Cup shall be determined by the result of the second round fixture between the two eligible teams.

- 9.4 To be eligible to play in a President's Cup match, players must have played a minimum of 50% of their registered team's fixtures prior to that team's qualification for the President's Cup match. For all other players Clause 5.7 applies.

10.0 Finals

10.1 All other Divisions shall have Finals as indicated below.

- 10.2 For the Senior competition, where there are more than four (4) teams in a division and for the Junior Competition, where there are four (4) or more teams; there shall be Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals.

10.2.1 The Semi-Finals shall be between the first and second teams (Semi 1) and the third and fourth teams (Semi 2) in accordance with the points table at the end of fixtures.

10.2.2 The Preliminary Finals shall be between the losers of Semi Final 1 and the winners of Semi Final 2.

10.2.3 The Grand Final shall be between the winners of Semi Final 1 and the Preliminary Final.

- 10.3 Where there are four (4) teams, other than in the senior Division One Competition or the junior competition, the team with the highest number of points in accordance with the points table at the end of the fixture competition, shall have direct entry to Grand final.

10.3.1 The preliminary final shall be between the second and third placed teams in accordance with the points table at the end of the fixture competition.

10.3.2 There shall be no semi finals.

The format for all Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals shall be as follows:

- 10.4 In the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time in Semi Final or Preliminary Final matches in all divisions, a sudden death extra time shall be played (see clause 10.8)

If at the end of "sudden death extra time" the scores are still even, then the winner shall be the team higher on the points table at the end of the fixture competition.

- 10.5 In the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time in Grand Final matches in all divisions, a "sudden death extra time" shall be played (See Clause 10.8).

- 10.6 In Grand Final matches, in the event of scores still being equal at the conclusion of "sudden death extra time"

(a) In Juniors J1 and J2 and Senior divisions, a penalty stroke competition shall be played to determine the winner (See Clause 10.9).

(b) In the J3 division, both teams shall become joint major premiers.

- 10.7 Finals shall be timed individually with time out as indicated by umpires (injury, suspension, penalty strokes, etc).

10.8 "Sudden Death Extra Time"

(a) For a team having a player under temporary suspension at the end of normal time, the offending team shall play with one (1) less player for the duration of the player's temporary suspension. For a team having a player under permanent suspension at the end of normal time, the

offending team shall play with one (1) less player for the duration of sudden death extra time. Team numbers shall not include any player/s under suspension red or yellow card. Temporarily suspended players or substitutes may take the field at the end of their suspension time.

- (b) At the conclusion of normal playing time, there shall be a break of three (3) minutes.
- (c) For the first six (6) minute period of “sudden death extra time”, each team shall nominate nine (9) players including a goalkeeper to take the field.
- (d) After the first six (6) minute period, there shall be a two (2) minute break. Teams shall remove two (2) players and change ends for recommencement.
- (e) For the second six (6) minute period of “sudden death extra time” only seven (7) players from each team, including a goalkeeper shall take the field.
- (f) After the second six (6) minute period, there shall be a two (2) minute break. Teams shall remove two (2) players and change ends for recommencement.
- (g) For the third six (6) minute period of “sudden death extra time” only five (5) players from each team, including a goalkeeper shall take the field.
- (h) Normal interchange rules shall apply during “sudden death extra time”.
- (i) “Sudden death” means the match shall conclude once the first goal has been scored and the scoring team wins the match.

10.9 Penalty Stroke Competition

- (a) Five (5) players from each of the two (2) teams, chosen by their respective captains from the players listed on the team card, but excluding any player who is under suspension shall take part.
- (b) The captains shall choose five (5) players of their own team and shall determine the order in which their own players shall take each penalty stroke against one and the same goalkeeper of the other side (unless incapacitated).
- (c) The umpires shall choose the goal to be used and toss with the captains to decide which team shall take the first penalty stroke.
- (d) If no decision is reached after the first series of strokes, a “sudden death” procedure will operate, consisting of a further series of penalty strokes by the same group of players, in any sequence. The team from which a player has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the next series.
- (e) The first team to score more goals than their opponents from an equal number of strokes shall be the winner.
- (f) The team manager, goalkeepers and nominated stroke takers only shall enter the field of play during the penalty stroke competition. All these persons will remain outside the 23 meter area unless a player is authorised by an umpire or technical bench official to take or defend a penalty stroke.

11.0 Team Cards

- 11.1 Team Cards shall be provided by the Association. The same team card format shall be used for all matches in all divisions.

- 11.2 Team cards shall be completed and submitted to the Records Secretary for all competitions including Hooked in2 Hockey, Veterans, Pre-Season and Summer competitions in the appointed method.
- 11.3 In relation to Clause 12.8 (o), the Records Secretary shall take responsibility for all team cards at the completion of matches once lodged in the appointed method.
- 11.4 Team Captains are responsible for legibly and accurately completing team cards and submitting them to the technical bench/umpires before the commencement of each match. At the completion of the match, the captain's signature is agreed verification of the match results.
- 11.5 Team Captains may record on the reverse of the team card, the name and/or club of an allocated umpire who fails to officiate at an appointed match and the name and/or club of an umpire who substitutes for an appointed umpire who fails to officiate at an appointed match.
- 11.6 Alteration to Team Cards
If a player recorded on the team card does not take part in the match, the team captain shall, immediately after the match, ask the match umpire to strike off the player's name and any names so removed must be approved by the signature of both umpires.
- 11.7 No other alterations or additions to team cards shall take place. Subject to Clause 5.4(c) and 5.6(e).
- 11.8 In the event of a forfeit (notified or un-notified), the non-offending team may submit a team card for the purpose of player eligibility. The team card must be received by the Association Secretary or nominee by 12.00 noon on the next Monday following the date of the forfeit.

12.0 Umpires

- 12.1 Each club must nominate their club Umpire Coaching Co coordinators (UCC) and a list of suitable umpires with their team lists.
- 12.1 (a) Club Umpire Coaching Coordinators shall submit to the Management Committee a list of eight (8) umpires as least 1 week prior to the first scheduled fixture.
- 12.2 The nominated umpires shall be graded by the Umpire Coaching Co-coordinators to umpire at the level of their nominated division or competence. Each club shall maintain one (1) nominated umpire per team throughout fixtures and finals.
- 12.3 Umpires shall be appointed to specific games by the Umpires Coaching Co-coordinators. Any changes to nominated umpiring duties must be approved prior to the match by the Umpire Convenor, Association Secretary or Association President. Umpires shall not be changed during matches except for illness or injury.
- 12.4 Failure to maintain the availability of approved umpires may result in the club being fined an amount to be determined by Management Committee.
- 12.5 Failure to Officiate
Where the nominated umpire fails to officiate, that umpire's club **may** be fined an amount in accordance with Schedule A attached with repeat offences by the club resulting in incremental increases to the initial fine. The fine for failure to umpire/officiate **may** be incurred if the nominated umpire or appropriately qualified substitute is not present within five (5) minutes of the scheduled start time of the match.
- 12.6 Clubs may apply to Management Committee for consideration for relaxation of the conditions of the abovementioned Clause 12.2.

12.7 J3 Division matches must be umpired by nominated umpires. Clubs may apply in writing to the Management Committee to nominate appropriately qualified junior umpires to umpire J3 Division matches which shall be subject to approval by the Management Committee. Such junior umpires may be required to be supervised by a Club senior umpire.

12.8 Umpire's Responsibilities

- (a) To umpire all matches in accordance with the Rules of Hockey and any applicable SCHA rules.
- (b) To ensure that goalkeepers shall wear over any upper body protectors a shirt or garment of a colour different from that of their own team and of their opponents.
- (c) To ensure that goalkeepers must wear secured protective headgear except when taking (not defending) a penalty stroke. Appropriate protective headgear (a helmet incorporating fixture full-face protection and cover for all the head including the back and the throat is strongly recommended). If the team does not produce a player with a helmet, then an un-notified forfeit shall be declared against the offending team/s within the time frame of Clause 6.2.
- (d) Goalkeepers are also strongly recommended to wear other protective equipment at all times. The following are permitted for goalkeeper's use only (upper and lower body protectors, leg guards, kickers, hand protectors, and protectors for thigh, upper arm, forearm, elbow, neck and groin).
- (e) To ensure all match details at the top of team cards are fully and accurately completed prior to the commencement of each match.
- (f) To issue a warning to teams who have not taken the field and to declare a forfeit. (See Clause 6.2, 8.4 and 8.5).
- (g) Both umpires shall jointly award points for best and fairest players in all senior fixtures. All players playing in senior fixtures including juniors are eligible. The points shall be recorded on one (1) of the team cards for each fixture. One set of points shall be allocated per senior fixture (i.e. 3-2-1). Umpires are advised that players who receive yellow and red cards during a fixture shall not be considered for any best and fairest points for that fixture.
- (h) To record on the team card players out of uniform (see Clause 4);
- (i) To record on the Incident Report form all green, yellow and red cards issued and the details of the incident.
- (j) To record the name and/or club of an allocated umpire/s who fails to officiate at an appointed fixture on the reverse of the team card and the name and/or club of an umpire who substitutes for an appointed umpire who fails to officiate at an appointed fixture.
- (k) To record all goals awarded, the result of the match and the score of the match.
- (l) To sign the team card and print name and club.
- (m) To initial all alterations to team cards.
- (n) To ensure all players recorded on the team card take part in the match. If a player recorded on the team card does not take part in the match, the umpire shall immediately after the match after consultation with the team captain strike off the player's name and any names so removed must be approved by the signature of both umpires.

- (o) To ensure both team captains sign the card. Umpires are advised it is the team captain's responsibility to verify that the match results as recorded on the team card are correct.
- (p) To ensure that team cards are lodged in the appointed method.
- (q) All comments and charges are not to be noted on the back of the team card, but are to be submitted separately in writing on the Incident Report form.

12.9 Allocations

12.9.1 Junior Games

Allocation of umpires for junior games will be conducted by the Umpires Convenor and Junior Umpires Mentoring Panel to a club team level. Club Umpire Delegates will be responsible for the allocation of appropriately qualified umpires to umpire junior games. The Club Umpires Delegates must provide a list of allocated umpires **72 hrs** prior to commencement of games to the Umpires Convenor. The Umpires Convenor and representatives from the Junior Umpires Mentoring Panel will be available should Club Umpire Delegates require any assistance or advice regarding assessment and qualifications of umpires.

12.9.2 Senior Games

Allocation of umpires for senior games (excluding Division One) will be conducted by the Umpires Convenor and Senior Umpires Mentoring Panel to a club team level. Club Umpire Delegates will be responsible for the allocation of appropriately qualified umpires to umpire senior games. The Club Umpires Delegates must provide a list of allocated umpires **72 hrs** prior to commencement of games to the Umpires Convenor. The Umpires Convenor and representatives from the Senior Umpires Mentoring Panel will be available should Club Umpire Delegates require any assistance or advice regarding assessment and qualifications of umpires.

12.9.3 Division One Games

Allocation of Division One Games will be conducted by the Umpires Convenor and Senior Umpires Mentoring Panel. Club Umpire Delegates must supply the Umpires Convenor with at least two umpires per Division One team, who are appropriately qualified to umpire Division One (or with mentoring will be able to umpire Division One games).

Prior to receiving payment for umpiring Division One games all Division One umpires will be required to complete the following before 30 June 2011:

- attend an Umpires Rule Education session;
- complete the Sunshine Coast Hockey Ed Level 1 Umpires Coach Course; and
- complete the online theory components of Hockey Ed to a minimum of Community Level.

12.9.4 Penalties for Umpires

It is the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor (Division One) and Club Umpire Delegates to ensure umpires are provided with sufficient notice of umpiring allocations. Where possible umpires are to be notified seven days prior to the weekend games.

The Umpires Convenor (Division One) and Club Umpire Delegates will assume all umpires are available to umpire each week unless notification is received prior to allocations. It is the **umpires' responsibility** to notify the Umpires Convenor (Division One) or Club Umpire Delegates as soon as they know they are unavailable to umpire. Should an umpire become unavailable after allocation of umpires is completed, it is the **umpires' responsibility** to notify the Umpires Convenor (Division One) or Club Umpire Delegates a **minimum of 48 hours** prior to commencement of the game. It is the **umpires' responsibility** to provide the Umpires Convenor (Division One) or Club Umpire Delegates with a suitably qualified alternate umpire.

Should an umpire not fulfil their umpiring obligations on the day of games, the following penalties will be incurred.

- Junior and Senior Games (excluding Division One) – Club teams will be allocated to umpire games by the Umpires Convenor and Mentoring Panels. Club Umpire Delegates will allocate umpires for games. Where the allocated umpires do not fulfil their umpiring obligations, the **allocated club teams will have one point removed from their overall points tally.**
- Division One Games – Individuals will be allocated to umpire games by the Umpires Convenor and Senior Mentoring Panel. Where the allocated umpires do not fulfil their umpiring obligations, the **individual player will be suspended from participating in the next round of games.** Should a Division One umpire not play within the Sunshine Coast Hockey Association, **the umpire shall be fined personally \$50.**
- Division One Games – Where the allocated umpires do not fulfil their umpiring obligations for the third time during the season, the **individual player will be suspended from participating in the next three rounds of games (inclusive of finals).** Should a Division One umpire not play within the Sunshine Coast Hockey Association, **the umpire shall be fined personally \$150.**

An appeals process will be established for umpires and clubs who believe they have substantial cause to evade the above penalties. Any umpire appealing the decision for penalties incurred will be required to provide a signed statutory declaration.

13.0 Rules of Hockey for Association Matches

The Association conducts all matches in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey recognised by the FIH and Directions to Umpires issued by Hockey Australia.

- 13.1 For the first round of J3 division fixtures, one coach per team shall be allowed between the 25 m lines. Further rounds to be played without on-field coaching assistance.

14.0 Grounds

- 14.1 Unplayable ground conditions shall be determined by Management Committee or authorized personnel.

15.0 Breaches and Consequent Penalties

- 15.1 Definition of breaches within the Rules of Play is set out hereunder:-

- (a) Player has not complied with SCHA's registration and insurance requirements;
- (b) Team has not complied with Clause 5.5 (a) and (b) "Registered" Player;
- (c) Player playing ineligibly in higher division;
- (d) Player playing ineligibly within the same division;
- (e) Player playing ineligibly in a lower division;
- (f) Player playing ineligibly in accordance with Clause 5.11(a) Player Eligibility for Semi-Finals and Finals;
- (g) Player playing ineligibly in accordance with Clause 5.12 (a), (c) and (h) Player Transfer to Another Club or Association;
- (h) Player playing whilst under a suspension, ban or other order;
- (i) Any other ineligibility as determined by Management Committee.
- (j) Any unsanctioned alteration of any team card.

- 15.2 Breaches as set out in 15.1 (b) to (j) will attract the following penalties:-

- (a) Teams in which a player plays in breach of Clause 15.1(a) to (j) inclusive shall be deemed to have lost that match. The match shall be awarded to the opposition team (non-offending).
- (b) Teams in which a player plays in breach of Clause 15.1(a) to (j) inclusive shall have a notional goal score of 0-3 recorded.
- (c) Teams (non-offending) which accrue premiership points as a consequence of Clause 15.2 (a) shall, in addition to being awarded the points relating to that match, be awarded a notional goal score of 3-0 or may keep its own goal score for that match which shall apply to both teams.
- (d) If both teams are in breach of 15.1(a) to (j) inclusive in the same match, both teams shall have a notional goal score of 0-3 recorded.
- (e) In relation to 15.1 (j) only, teams shall forfeit all premiership points as well as goals for and against up to and including that match.
- (f) **All forfeits by Senior teams will incur a three (3) point demerit penalty.**

These three (3) points will be deducted from the forfeiting teams premiership points.

15.3 Any player playing in breach of the "Rules of Play" of the SCHA and defined under Clause 15.1 (a) to (j) inclusive shall be subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The player shall be recorded as having played that match for insurance purposes.
- (b) The player shall not be recorded as having played that fixture for eligibility for finals.

16.0 Player Conduct Breaches and Consequent Penalties

16.1 Offences – Cards

(a) Green Card

Green card issued to a player during the match

Penalty – 2 minute exclusion from the match

(b) Yellow Card

Yellow card issued to a player during the match

Penalty – No less than 5 minutes exclusion from the match at the umpires discretion.

(c) Red Card

Red card issued to a player during the match

Penalty – Immediate exclusion from the match and its surrounds and the player will be called before the judiciary as required under the SCHA rules of play. A player will be suspended from all club and representative matches for a minimum of one (1) week which must include a minimum of one (1) fixture match for the player's registered team. (A bye does not constitute a fixture match).

16.2 Warning cards issued to Players by umpires shall be recorded as follows;

Green = 2 points; Yellow = 4 points; Red = 12 points.

Points are cumulative for the duration of the season including semi-finals and finals, but shall lapse at the end of the season. Once a player has received a total of twelve (12) points, that player shall be automatically suspended for the next fixture match due to be played by his/her team in the season.

17.0 Other Competitions

Other competitions shall apply to Management Committee for consideration for exemptions of these Rules.

18.0 Safe and Responsible Behaviour

18.1 All persons entering the grounds do so at their own risk. The grounds shall be determined to be the entire leased area including the turf and grass fields.

18.2 Parents are responsible for their children's supervision at all times.

- 18.3 All animals including dogs are not permitted to be brought on to the grounds without the permission of Management Committee.
- 18.4 Glass bottles and any other objects or articles, which in the opinion of Management Committee may represent a danger or an undesirable influence, are not to be brought on to the grounds.
- 18.5 Due to Liquor Licensing Regulations, all forms of alcohol are prohibited from being brought on to the grounds.
- 18.6 Due to Liquor Licensing Regulations and Maroochy Shire Council Lease, all forms of alcohol are prohibited from being consumed in all areas other than the designated areas approved by the Liquor Licensing Commission. This includes the turf and surrounds at all times.
- 18.7 **Smoking Regulations**
- 18.8 Management Committee may ask any person to remove himself/herself and his/her property at any time.
- 18.9 Strictly only eligible players and officials for each respective team shall be permitted to enter the turf area and surrounds in all competitions prior to, during and after each match. Children and any other members other than eligible team players and officials are prohibited from entering the turf area and surrounds. Suitable footwear is to be worn by all persons entering the turf for ALL training and matches.
- 18.10 During all turf matches, team officials are to remain with the dug out area.
- 18.11 During all matches, the team manager only is permitted to enter the field if directed by the First Aid Officer in the case of an injury. The First Aid Officer shall be directed to enter the field by the umpire for all matches.
- 18.12 All persons are prohibited from remaining within five (5) metres of the back lines excepting those players under suspension who shall remain behind their own goal net if the match is being played on grass fields or shall remain on the technical suspension bench if the match is being played on turf.
- 18.13 A written record of all incidents of abuse of appointed SCHA officials including Management Committee members, Umpires, Technical Officials, Representative Coaches, Representative Managers, Representative Selectors, employees, shall be kept and submitted to the Management Committee for their consideration of any further action. This record shall be accumulative.

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GLOSSARY

A fixture week shall mean the Association's sanctioned matches in all rounds for which points are awarded in a competition. Fixtures do not include semi-finals and finals. Fixtures do not include matches in pre-season, summer or intercity competitions. A bye in a draw does not constitute a fixture. No points shall be awarded for a bye.

A match shall mean the Association's sanctioned fixtures, semi-finals and finals included in pre-season, summer, intercity and fixture competitions.

A round shall mean the Association's sanctioned fixtures whereby each team plays each and every other team once in a division. Rounds do not include semi-finals or finals.

A fixture week shall mean all association fixtures played in a seven day period Monday to Sunday.

A competition shall mean the Association's sanctioned program of matches which shall include fixtures, semi-finals and finals.

A season shall mean the Association's sanctioned fixture competition which shall include semi-finals and finals.

Schedule A

To be read with Rules of Play.

Players deposit for Representative Team Nomination

- Player Representation Team Nomination Fee – \$50.00 per player
- Player Representation Team Nomination Fee (Air Travel) - \$100.00 per player
- Player Representative Levy \$5.00 per player

Match Forfeits

- Grass fields

First offence \$75.00

Second offence by same team \$125.00 per match with \$50 increments per forfeit thereafter.

- Artificial Surface

First offence \$75.00

Second offence by same team \$150.00 per match with \$50 increments per forfeit thereafter.

Team Nomination Registration fee \$200.00

Late Team Nomination fee \$400.00 (\$200.00 to be deducted from Team Registration costs; remaining amount to be collected by SCHA for late fee)