



## WWCHA April 2024 Agenda

**Date:** 22/04/2024

**Time:** 7:30PM

**Location:** Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

**Chaired by:** Liz Cronin

**Board Membership:**

President: Liz Cronin

Secretary: Jenna Rowe

Competitions Manager: Amy Smart

Officiating Officer: Zac Tinning

Representative Manager: Carla Bailey

Facilities Manager: Ken Larkin

Treasurer: Karen Boyd

Development: Lauren Gailey

Events : Lara Laurent

**Club Membership with Voting Privileges:** Cavaliers, The Hockey Ducks, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Rosellas, Royals.

## Present (A-Z):

### Board Members:

### Club representatives:

Club	Representative	Role
Cavaliers		
CSU		
Harlequins		
Lake Albert		
Rosellas		
Royals		
Scorchers		

Apologies: Lauren Gailey

### **Absent:**

## Members Present :


## Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past and present and upcoming. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

## Votes

- **Voting for the updated WWCHA Playing Rules (*See Competitions Update*)**
- **Voting for lowering the number of Nominated Division 1 Men for all clubs, combined with the Vote for an exemption for Harlequins Division 1 Men to nominate 5 players. (*See Competitions Update for details*)**

- Voting for the Proposed Goalie pool (*see Competitions Update for details*)
- Voting for Exemption Requests (*see Competitions Update*)
- Voting for Div 3 Men's mixed team - Financial (*See Treasurer's Update*)
- Voting for alternate Harlequins Uniform Div 2 Men.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted:

Seconded:

Comment:


## Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress	Update
Missing Minutes 2023	Liz/Jenna	ongoing		Uploading old minutes that jenna has found

## Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
Exemption request	Lake Albert/Luke Geaghan	Email	11/04/2024	<i>See Competitions Update</i>
Exemption request	The Hockey Ducks/Amy Smart	Email	15/04/2024	<i>See Competitions Update</i>

## Competitions Update - Amy Smart

- WWCHA Playing Rules Update
  - Please see the playing rules update [here](#)
  - The following sections are still under construction (represented with )
    - Conduct of Games (Juniors and Social) (finalise before start of juniors)
    - Officiating (finalise before start of season (24th April))
    - Code of Conduct, Complaints and Disputes (finalise before start of season (24th April))
    - Awards criteria - TBA
  - The word-version of the rules will be stored in the Wagga Hockey Google Drive for any future updates.

Vote to adopt the updated version:

Delegate	Vote
Club - Cavaliers	
Club - Harlequins	
Club - Hockey Ducks	
Club - Lake Albert	
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- Men's Competition Proposal

1. Division 1 Men

- a. Harlequins have requested for a nominated 4-5 people in their division 1 team. They do not have the numbers for the required 9.
- b. Harlequins have two division 2 teams that appear to be true division 2 teams. I.e. it would be an unfair competition for other division 3 teams if either team were moved into div 3. They would be able to fill their div 1 team from two division 2 teams. Moving the Development Div 2 team to Div 1 would inhibit Harlequins ability to coach and mentor these in-between players to be ready to move into Division 1 in the next year or so.

2. Division 3 Men

- a. Royals and Ducks have enough players for more than one team each, but not enough for two teams.

- b. Harlequins will not be submitting a division 3 team.

The competitions panel have discussed the possibilities. We propose that all Division 1 Men teams are allowed 7 player nominations, with Harlequins still supplying 5 nominated players. This is based on the precedent set with Rosellas Division 1 being approved for 5 nominated players in previous seasons. If Harlequins are able to recruit any more players this season, they will be reviewed; if they are Div 1 quality, Harlequins minimum nominated players will increase by one, up to seven to align with the other clubs.

The 7 nominated players for each division 1 men's team will allow clubs to move a few players down to help get division 3 off the ground. We are proposing that the extra players in division 3 in Royals Cavaliers and Ducks can be merged into a Dolphins team.

Juniors that are old enough to move into Division 3 have also been approached.

One last option is to make Division 3 9-a-side for the first few weeks, with the hopes that people seeing that Division 3 has started will bring in more players. Once the player numbers have stabilized, we could increase the competition back to 11 a side upon consensus.

<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Vote - Div 1 Men 7 nominations</b>	<b>Vote - Div 1 Men Harlequins Exemption</b>	<b>Vote - Div 3 Men - 11 a side or 9 a side?</b>
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- GoalKeeping Pool Proposal

With the intention to promote goalkeeping, to give more opportunities to our current goalkeepers and those who like to play both GK and field we would like to propose a Goalkeeping Pool. This will also take into consideration that Goalkeepers are not available every week and take some pressure from them. The purpose of the Goalkeeper Pool is an 'emergency supply' when dedicated goalkeepers are away or sick.

1. WWCHA Playing Rules currently state that a player cannot play for another club or team in the same division. Clubs may submit a list of players into the goalkeeper pool, with an exemption request for this rule at the start of the season.
2. Any Goalkeeper can nominate themselves into the goalkeeper pool. A goalkeeper is not required to participate in the goalkeeper pool.
3. Teams are encouraged to nominate their own Goalkeeper. The Goalkeeper pool may be used when the nominated goalkeeper is unavailable.
4. A Goalkeeper from the pool that is not nominated in the club cannot play during the finals series.
5. A Goalkeeper that is nominated in the pool must be assigned a division. Normal rules would apply. E.G. If a goalkeeper is nominated in Men's Division 2, they may only assist teams that are in Men's Division 2 or 1, they are not allowed to play in Men's Division 3.
6. A team is not required to use a goalkeeper from the pool if they do not have a goalkeeper available.

For further discussion:

- Should the goalkeeper pool only apply to Div 2 and lower? I.E. Clubs may only use goalkeepers from their own lower divisions to fill in for Div 1 Goalkeepers?

**Vote to use the Goalkeeper pool for the 2024 season:**

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- Draw update:
  - Draft draw to be available on the website by the general meeting for review (based on all votes being approved). If all votes and exemptions are passed, we will have:
    - 4 x Div 1 Men's Teams
    - 5 x Div 1 Women's Teams
    - 6 x Div 2 Men's Teams
    - 4 x Div 2 Women's Teams
    - 4 x Div 3 Men's Teams
    - 5 x Div 3 Women's Teams
  - First game will be on Wednesday 24th April between LACU and Ducks Div 2 Women as a deferred match due to Under 18s Girls occurring during the first round.
- Player Exemption Requests
- exemption for Callum Atwell to play Div 3 Men Dolphins and Div 2 Men Royals, Nick Bamford from Royals to play div 2 with cavs and div 1 with Royals
  - Lake Albert are seeking an exemption for Hamish Curtis and Scott Curtis to play in Division 3 Lake Albert and Division 2 Cavaliers, exemption request for Lane Haymen and Ned Mackay to play Div 1 for Lake Albert.
  - The Hockey Ducks are seeking an exemption for the following players to play in the Dolphins Div 3 Team (if they wish to), while also being included in the nominated players for Cavaliers Div 2 Men
    - Hamish Gommersall
    - Hugh Murrell
  - The Hockey Ducks are seeking an exemption for the players in the Dolphins Div 3 Team to play up to their Div 2 team:
    - Phillip Stone
    - Andy Brunskill

- Aaron Basei
- Andy Manglesdorf
- Scott Piesley
  - With the exception being Greg Smart, who we request to play into Cavaliers Div 2 Men as their goalkeeper.

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- Other exemption requests
  - The Hockey Ducks: The university has yet to transfer our funds to your newly established Incorporation. We are unable to purchase any supplies until this occurs, or once we start receiving enough funds from membership fees. We do not have any socks for new players. We would like to request that the Duck teams are allowed to play in non-uniform socks until we are able to purchase more. We will do our best to source spare socks from current players for a game, but if not possible, we will request that players wear the same colour that does not clash with other colours.



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## President Update - Liz Cronin

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## Secretary Update - Jenna Rowe

- Secretary Update

## Officiating Officer Update - Zac Tinning

- Officiating Update

## Representative Manager Update - Carla Bailey

- Representative Update

## Facilities Manager - Ken Larkin

- Facilities Update
- Scorchers Update

## Events Manager - Lara Laurent

- Events Update

## Treasurer Update - Karen Boyd

- Division 3 Men Dolphin's team proposal
  - Clubs will not be charged turf fees for the combined team to ensure that the Div 3 men's competition can get off the ground.

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- Treasurer Update

## Development Manager - Lauren Gailey

- Junior Training to be completed with the clubs - how will this be managed?
- Development Update

## New Business

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**Meeting closed:**

**Next Meeting:**

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Liz Cronin (President/ Chairperson)

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Jenna Rowe (Secretary / Minute Taker)