

Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association Inc

WAGGA WAGGA COMBINED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC (WWCHA)

PLAYING RULES

The Board may review and update the Playing Rules from time to time, as it sees fit.

Any member of Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association Inc may, by written application, request the Board to vary the Playing Rules.

All such applications shall be discussed at a General Meeting following which any proposed change will be resolved at a meeting of the Board.

All approved changes shall be distributed to members via a formal revision to the Playing Rules.

The Rules of the Association now take precedence over International Hockey Rules. If there is a conflict the latest Rules of the Association will apply.

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A. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

1. *WWCHA* wishes that all users enjoy their participation at the hockey facility in a safe environment.
2. For the safety and comfort of all users of this facility please observe the following:
 - a. No smoking in the facility.
 - b. No glass is to be taken into the facility.
 - c. No dogs are to be allowed into the facility.
3. Entry to the facility is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Bad language will not be tolerated.
 - b. Positive comments that motivate and encourage participation are encouraged.
 - c. Harassment of players, coaches, officials or other spectators will not be tolerated.
 - d. Effort and performance is to be encouraged.
 - e. Criticism or ridicule of performance will not be tolerated.
 - f. Co-operation with players, coaches, officials and other spectators is encouraged.
 - g. Intoxication or consumption of alcohol at junior events will not be tolerated.
 - h. Intoxication at events will not be tolerated.
 - i. Decisions of officials and coaches will be respected.
 - j. The rights, dignity and worth of all people regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background will be respected.

Player / Athlete Code of Behaviour

As a player of WWCHA you are required to comply with this policy. You must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct and in any role you hold within WWCHA.

1. Behave in a sporting manner at all times to all players, officials and spectators.
2. Don't make detrimental statements in respect of the performance of any match officials or umpires.
3. Play by the rules at all times and ensure that the game of hockey is not brought into disrepute by your actions.
4. Do not engage in inappropriate and/or physical contact with players or officials during the course of play.
5. Accept responsibility for all actions taken. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring that you play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of showing due diligence in abiding by the rules and adhering to the officials decisions.
6. Adhere to the Anti-Doping Policy advocated by HNSW.
7. Do not bet on the outcome or on any other aspect of a hockey match or competition.
8. Do not try to achieve a contrived outcome to a match or competition, or otherwise improperly influence the outcome or any other aspect of a match or a competition.
9. Do not show unnecessary obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval (by action or verbal abuse) towards an umpire or match official as a consequence of his or her decision or generally.
10. Abstain from the use of tobacco and the consumption of alcoholic beverages while in the playing/representative uniform.
11. Adhere to HA racial and sexual vilification policy.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
13. Don't do anything which adversely affects or reflects on or discredits the game of hockey, WWCHA, or any squad, team, competition, tournament, sponsor, official supplier or licensee, including, but not limited to, any illegal act or any act of dishonesty or fraud.
14. Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language and/or making obscene gestures which may insult other players, officials or spectators.

Parent / Guardian Code of Behaviour

1. Parents/Guardians shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
2. Parents/Guardians shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
4. Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
5. Never publicly criticize umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
6. Support skilled performances.
7. Show respect for opponents.
8. Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
9. Do not throw any object.
10. Barrack in a positive way.
11. Leave the area tidy and free from litter or other mess.
12. Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
13. Never ridicule mistakes or losses.
14. Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
15. The umpire may issue a warning to the team captain, of the spectators which are breaking the code of behaviour, If such actions continue then as per rule of Hockey the umpire may suspend the Captain from playing with the award of a yellow card.
16. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your children and team-mates. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards you children and team-mates from other sources whilst they are in your care.
17. Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes. This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.
18. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
19. Be a positive role model for your children.

Coaches, Managers, Team Officials Code of Behaviour

As a coach, manager or team official of WWCHA you are required to comply with this policy. You must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by HA, a member association or an affiliated club and in your role as an Official held during a competition sanctioned by WWCHA:

1. Treat all players with respect at all times.
2. Behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times to other coaches, officials, players and spectators.
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
4. Avoid situations that may lead to a conflict of interest.
5. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
6. Make no detrimental statements in public in respect of the performance of any match officials or umpires.
7. Promote a climate of mutual support amongst the players. Encourage players to respect one another and their worth within the team.
8. Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
9. Determine, in consultation with the player, what information is confidential and respect that confidentiality.
10. Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
11. Adhere to the Anti-Doping Policy advocated by HA.
12. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
13. Recognise individual differences in players and cater to these as best you can.
14. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players. Provide a training program which is planned and sequential. Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation, seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education and be open to other people's opinions.
15. Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language and/or making obscene gestures which may insult players, officials or spectators.
16. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectator Code of Behaviour

As a spectator watching an event that is conducted or sanctioned by WWCHA, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct.

1. Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behaviour.
2. Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and fellow spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
4. Respect the umpires' decision. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or match official and do not show dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire or match official's decision in an abusive or unreasonable fashion.
5. Support skilled performances and show respect for opposition teams and players.
6. Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
7. Leave the spectator area tidy and free from litter.
8. Do not ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support.
9. Acknowledge all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time to enable the conduct of competition.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. Should an umpire believe that such code of behavior is not being adhered too then that umpire may issue a spectator with a red card requiring that spectator to immediately remove themselves from the Jubilee Park complex including car parking (Don't think we have jurisdiction over car park), whereby that spectator will be subject to Clause (J) discipline.

B. CLUB DELEGATES AT GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Clubs are requested by the Board to provide 2 delegates to each general meeting. The normal expectation would be for the elected Club President and Club Secretary to be present, however the Clubs may nominate delegates.
2. For Clubs who only have one team in the WWCHA Competition, the Board asks that one Delegate be present at General Meetings.
3. Board Members are not to be included as Club Delegates.
4. Each club is to notify the secretary of WWCHA of their voting delegate prior to any meeting.

C. FINANCE

1. Financial Policy – Rationale

The WWCHA is a not for profit community sporting organization, and relies heavily on the funds derived from membership and match fees to ensure a high quality, safe and structured environment in which members can participate.

This policy has been developed to ensure that WWCHA may continue to maintain facilities and resources essential to its existence through the timely collection of fees and charges.

2. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges for each financial year will be determined by the Treasurer and approved by the Board and made available prior to the close of entries for the winter competition. **See Appendix 1**

3. Payments - Membership Fees

It is the responsibility of the club or team to ensure that membership fees for their club or team are paid by the due dates as listed in section Payments – Club and Team.

It is the responsibility of a club to notify WWCHA of any member who has not fulfilled their membership fee's prior to the completion of the respective season.

WWCHA will forward the un-financial members as notified to Hockey NSW.

WWCHA may deny any member from playing in a WWCHA sanctioned event for non-payment of fee's at the Boards discretion.

4. Payments - Representative Fees

All fees must be paid to the Treasurer or Team Manager **7 (seven) days prior** to departure for the carnival unless a signed agreement to pay has been submitted to the Treasurer.

The Board of WWCHA may make payment arrangements between representative players and WWCHA. Should such arrangement not be followed then that person will be dealt with as a player with outstanding membership fees.

- a. Fees – Club and Team - An entry from any club or team will not be accepted whilst monies are outstanding from previous competitions, functions or any other debts incurred by the said clubs or teams at the Boards discretion.
- b. Turf Fees (match fees and training fees) will be invoiced to individual clubs monthly by WWCHA with payment required within 30 days. If any club does not meet this date the President & Treasurer of the offending club will be notified and asked to meet with the Board. Such penalty or action requested by the Board shall be binding.

- c. **May 1st** of each hockey season will be nominated as the date the Hockey NSW payment is to be received to WWCHA. If any club does not meet this date the President & Treasurer of the offending club will be notified and asked to meet with the Board. Such penalty or action requested by the Board shall be binding.
- d. **June 30th** of each hockey season will be nominated as the date for the Wagga Wagga component payment to be received to WWCHA. If any club does not meet this date the President & Treasurer of the offending club will be notified and asked to meet with the Board. Such penalty or action requested by the Board shall be binding.
- a. **December 1st** of each hockey season will be the nominated date whereby all outstanding monies are to be finalised to WWCHA. Non compliance to this date will result in that particular club not participating in the following years WWCHA season until payment of outstanding monies is received or at the Boards discretion.
- b. Should a Club or Team not make any of the above payments at the above stated dates, (re 10, A.4.c, A.4.d, and A.1.a above) the Club or Team will not receive any points (either Competition Points or Club Championship Points) until they have made the appropriate payment at the Boards discretion.
- c. Any Club or team who has unpaid fees (as per 10, A.4.c, A.4.d, and A.1.a above) cannot participate in any part of a Finals Series until all outstanding fees are paid.
- d. Where a Club or Team has unpaid fees (as per 10, A.4.c, A.4.d, and A.1.a above) the Board may impose a fine of 10% of the value of the unpaid fees at the Boards discretion.
- e. Should extenuating circumstances exist the Board should be notified in writing so that the Board can make a determination.
- f. Umpires are not to receive any umpiring payments from WWCHA until all monies owing for representative duties have been finalized.
- g. No player to be accepted into a representative team until all previous representative payments have been received

D.WWCHA – ANNUAL AWARDS / TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

The following awards and trophies maybe to be presented annually at the Boards discretion.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Womens

Donated by Norris's Coaches

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Men's

Donated by Keven GEAGHAN

UMPIRE AWARDS

Most Improved Junior Umpire
 Junior Umpire of Year
 Most Improved Senior Umpire
 Senior Umpire of Year
 Technical Achievement

OLIVE McWHINNEY MEMORIAL SHIELD

Person who has contributed time & or talents to WWCHA recognised for encouragement

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Junior Boy

Junior Girl

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Junior Girl

Junior Boy

Mens Div 3

Womens Div 3

Mens Div 2

Womens Div 2

Mens Div 1 - David Mumford Memorial Trophy

Womens Div 1

E. COMPETITION

1. General

- a. The competition shall be run in Divisions and shall be played in rounds.
- b. There will be men's, women's, junior and social/veterans competitions (where possible).
- c. Any women playing in men's competitions will do so at their own risk.
- d. The Board will determine the number of Divisions and rounds to be played in a competition.
- e. The Board may change the number of Divisions and rounds to be played in a competition at anytime if in the opinion of the Board circumstances warrant a change.
- f. Each Senior match will comprise of two 35 minute halves.
- g. Each Junior match will comprise of two 25 minute halves.
- h. All matches will have a 5 minute break between each half.
- i. For a game to commence, each team shall have a minimum of 5 uniformed players.
- j. A match will be deemed a forfeit if 10 min from the commencement by the umpires a team cannot be fielded. A forfeiting team will be deemed to have lost 10 – 0 unless that team is from the same club in which case a 3-0 score line will be recorded. Also see (5) Forfeiting a Match, (6) Claiming a forfeit, (7) Point scoring for matches.
- k. Should a match start late, the match can be shortened at the discretion of the Officiating Panel or the umpires appointed to the game.
- l. Points will be awarded for each match.
- m. At the completion of the Competition rounds a Finals Series will be played in each Division to determine a Premier in each Division.
- n. Failure of a club to do their umpiring duties will result in:
 1. First offence: Loss of two (2) competition points for offending team
 2. Second offence: \$40 fine to offending club
 3. Third offence: \$80 fine to offending club & 1 match suspension to captain of offending team.

2. Training

- a. all clubs can train in the circles during the first full calendar week of the month.

3. Team Scorecards

- a. All team scorecards shall be completed in full by the team players. (eg legible writing and signatures)
- b. Failure to comply with a) will result in the loss of one (1) competition point.
- c. Scorecards must be available to the recorder no later than the last scheduled game on that day.
- d. All players must sign the match card before taking the field.

4. Deferring Matches

- a. Matches may only be deferred when a team has 3 or more nominated players of that team in the specified division on representative duty for WWCHA in either state of Country Tournaments.
- b. The team may apply in writing to the Board for a deferment no later than 48 hours after the fixture has been notified to the public or two weeks prior to their scheduled match.
- c. Should the Board agree to a deferment, the Board will reset the time for the deferred match to be played.
- d. Should a club wish to defer a match for which they are not eligible for the automatic representative duties deferment (rule a), then a club may request a deferment for a match, with reasonable explanation as to why a team of the minimum number of players cannot be fielded on the day of the proposed match
 1. The club must present their case to the Competitions panel in writing no later than 2 weeks prior to the proposed date or 48 hours after notification of the draw has been provided to the clubs.
 2. the opposition club will be advised of the request from the Competitions panel, and will agree in writing to the deferment or must give reasonable explanation why they cannot field a team of minimum players on another day suitable for both teams.
 3. Malice or negative behaviour towards deferments will not be tolerated and all should continue to try and conduct themselves with respect for the game and enjoyment of the game.

Deferral request form is located on the following website:

http://waggahockey.com.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=Display_Image_Listing&CategoryID=24820&OrgID=11004

5. Abandoning Matches

- a. If a match is stopped due to severe weather conditions, technical failure or medical emergency within the first half of the game, play will be abandoned at the discretion of the umpires and the Board will determine a replay time.
- b. If the match is abandoned in the second half the result will stand as recorded on the scorecard at the time play was ceased – there will be no replay.
- c. If a Grand Final match is abandoned for any reason, and a “no result” is declared, joint premiers will be awarded.
- d. The HNSW rules relating to lightening will be adhered to.

6. Forfeiting a Match

- a. Any team forfeiting a game shall notify their opponent and the Board of their intention to forfeit 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of the match.

- b. The forfeiting team shall lose all points for that game.
- c. Any team that forfeits is liable to pay full ground fees. (That is, their opponents ground fees in addition to their own ground fees)
- d. A team that forfeits any of the last 5 games of the season may be excluded from the Finals Series. The enforcement of this rule is at the discretion of the Board.

7. Claiming a Forfeit

- a. A team may claim a forfeit providing that –
- b. They have taken the field at the scheduled playing time. As directed by the umpires.
- c. Five or More All players have signed the scorecard.
- d. Five or More All players are in suitable uniform.
- e. The opposing team has not taken the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled playing time. Of the commencement of play as deemed by the umpires.
- f. The umpires and team captain sign the score card and return it to the recorder.

8. Point Scoring for Matches

- a. For a win - three (3) points.
- b. For a draw - one (1) point.
- c. For a loss - nil (0) points.
- d. For a bye - nil (0) points.
- e. For a forfeit - three (3) points and a three (3) goals to nil win for the opponents. Ten (10) goals to nil or three (3) goals to nil win should the team come from the same club; to the opponents.

9. Determining Final Team Standings in each Division

- a. The teams shall be ranked according to the number of points scored during the rounds of the Competition.
- b. Each team shall be ranked from position one down to the last ranked position.
- c. The team ranked at position one shall be declared Minor Premiers of the Competition.
- d. If two or more teams tie, the rankings shall be determined by goal average.

10. Determining Goal Average

- a. The goal average shall be determined as follows - goals for, minus goals scored against, divided by the number of games played. The team with the higher goal average will be ranked above the other team.
- b. In the event of teams having the same goal average, the team with the greater number of goals will be ranked higher.
- c. In the event of teams having the same number of goals, the result may be determined on a count back of competition games between the teams.
- d. In the event that teams are still equal, the Board may determine a date and time for a deciding game to be played. The winner of such a game would be ranked higher. (One on one competition OR Stroke off? Instead of game)

11. Final Series

- a. A regular Finals Series will consist of Qualifying and Elimination Finals and a Grand Final.
- b. Where a Division has less than four (4) teams, the Board will determine a suitable, alternative Finals Series.
- c. All finals matches will have a minimum of 1 Technical official

- d. All finals matches that end regular time in a draw will continue to a penalty shootout immediately following a 5min break in play.
- e. All time-outs signalled by umpires will also stop the clock.
- f. Any injuries requiring a manager to enter the field of play – injured players MUST leave the field for a minimum of 2 minutes
- g. ALL teams must have a clearly marked captain on the field at all times during the match.

Additional notes

- a. Umpires will ask players to remove jewellery they deem to be unsafe
- b. All sticks will be checked before each match by a member of the OC
- c. The umpires will NOT suddenly become uniform Nazi's!!! If you have played in that all year we will let you play!
- d. There will be no spectators to enter the field during the half time break (already being enforced)

12. Qualifying and Elimination Finals

Finals may be played between the top four teams in each division.

Week One Finals

Major Qualifying Finals and Elimination Finals

- a. Teams in positions 1 and 2 will play in the Major Qualifying Final.
- b. The winner of the Major Qualifying Final will progress to the Grand Final.
- c. The loser of the Major Qualifying Final will play in the Minor Qualifying Final in Week Two.
- d. Teams in positions 3 and 4 will play in the Elimination Final.
- e. The winner of the Elimination Final will play in the Minor Qualifying Final in Week Two.
- f. The loser of the Elimination Final is eliminated from the Competition.

Week Two Finals

Minor Qualifying Finals

- a. The winner of the Elimination Final and the loser of the Major Qualifying Final play in the Minor Qualifying Final.
- b. The winner of this match qualifies to play in the Grand Final.
- c. The loser of this match is eliminated from the Competition.
- d. In the event of a drawn game in either Week One Finals or Week Two Finals there will be a 5-minute break in play, and then a Shoot Out Competition will be played to determine the victor.

13. Grand Final

- a. Any team who has a player suspended during the match will not be permitted to use that player until that suspension is served as deemed by the umpire, such suspension shall include extra time and penalty shoot-out. Any team who has a player suspended during the match must not use that player in any further capacity. That is, a suspended player cannot play in any extra time period or be involved in a penalty shootout.
- b. At the end of regular time if the scores are still drawn, following a 5-minute break in play, a Shoot Out Competition will be played to determine the Premier. The Shoot Out Competition will be conducted as per the Appendix 5 in the HA Tournament Regulations (Outdoor Competitions – 2013).

F. LODGING A PROTEST

1. Any Protest that may arise from a match should be lodged with the Board within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
2. A Protest must be written and signed by the complainant.
3. A fee of \$50 is payable to WWCHA upon the lodgment of a protest.
4. The \$50 fee is non refundable.
5. After the Board has received notification of a Protest, the Board will nominate a time to consider the Protest.

G.PLAYERS, TEAMS AND GRADING

1. A player may seek exemption from any rule of Part G (Players, Teams and Grading) by written application to the Board.
2. The Board will consider any application for exemption from any rule of Part G (Players, Teams and Grading) on the merits of the application taking into account:
 - a. The benefit or otherwise to WWCHA.
 - b. The benefit or otherwise to the individual concerned.
3. No player can play for more than one club during the season.
4. All club players, coaches and executive members must be registered with the WWCHA.
5. All individual player registrations with HNSW/WWCHA must be completed prior to the commencement of their 1st competition game.
6. If any team fields an unregistered player that team will be penalised with a forfeit and the player will receive an automatic suspension of 1 round.
7. A player wishing to play with a new club, either with the WWCHA or any other association, is required to obtain a clearance from their previous club. This clearance will then need to be lodged with the WWCHA Board. After the Board has considered the clearance, the player will be notified of the Board's decision in writing.
8. In normal circumstances a club will be bound to give a player a clearance unless –
 - a. The player owes the club outstanding fees.
 - b. The player has retained possession of club property.
9. Should a clearance be refused by a club, the player may approach the Board to convene a hearing to decide the matter.
10. A player may not change clubs after 3 competition rounds unless –
 - a. The player has obtained a clearance from the club that they have been playing for.
 - b. The player provides a written request to the Board accompanied with the clearance from the club.
 - c. The Board approves the change.
11. If a player plays a competition match under another person's registration name, both the player and the club will be penalised.
 - a. The penalty to the player will be a 4-week suspension for each match played.
 - b. The penalty to the club will be a forfeit for every competition match that the player has played in under the false name.
12. A player must play at least 50% off all games during the competition rounds in a particular team and division to be eligible to play in that Finals Series. Should a player not be eligible for a Final Series, but wish to play in a Final Series, the Club can lodge a written application with the Board. The Board will make a determination based on the application and will notify the Club of the outcome.
 - a. To achieve 50% of Games you must round up. If competition is 18 games you must play 9. If competition is 17 games you must play 9.

Exemption Form is located on the following website:

http://waggahockey.com.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=Display_Image_Listing&CategoryID=17725&OrgID=11004

13. A club with only one team must have at least 11 registered players to take part in a competition.
14. Clubs must have a minimum of 9 nominated players per team per division, excluding exempted players.

- a. Players nominated in a division are eligible to play one division higher, but cannot play in any division lower, the penalty for playing a nominated player in a lower division will be a forfeit to the team involved.
 - b. If a club does not have a team in the immediate division higher, players are eligible to play in the next available higher division.
 - c. No player who was nominated in division 1 in the previous season will be eligible to play in division 3 in the following season, without prior written approval from the board.
 - d. No Club can field two or more teams in a division unless they have at least one team in the division immediately above.
 - e. No club can field three or more teams in a division unless they have at least two teams in the division immediately above.
15. A player nominated in a lower division may play three games in a division that is two divisions higher than their registered division. Exception – see rule A.14.b
 16. If a player nominated in a lower division plays more than three games in a division that is two divisions higher, they will be re-nominated one division higher than their initial registration.
 17. Nominated player names shall be at the recording officer prior to the 3rd competition round of the season.
 18. All player nominations are subject to approval by the WWCHA board members and/or the competitions panel.
 19. If a player doesn't play for 4 consecutive playing rounds they must be removed from the player nominations and replaced with another player.
 20. Non-compulsory changes in nominations must be approved by the board. All compulsory changes must be sent to the board/competitions director prior to the next competition game.
 21. Players can only play in one team per division.
 22. The recorder shall keep a record of matches where players have played more than one division higher.
 23. Any WWCHA player who wishes to represent at a State Championship other than for WWCHA must forward a letter seeking clearance to the WWCHA Board. The Board will consider the application and provide a written response to the player taking into consideration the current HNSW policy for such occurrence

H. UNIFORMS

1. All clubs must submit details of their colours and details with WWCHA. The Board must approve any changes.
2. Any printed advertising on shirts may not be any larger than 10cms.
3. Numbers are acceptable and advisable is possible.
4. In the Women Competitions all players must wear a skirt of their club colours.
5. In the Women Competition if bike shorts or shorts are worn underneath the skirt they must be the same colour as the skirt or black.
6. Hockey is a dangerous sport All players in all competitions are advised to wear shin guards and mouth guards. Players who do not wear shin guards and mouth guards. Do so at their own risk and are required to provide an indemnity form to WWCHA and NSW. Form is located on the following website:
http://waggahockey.com.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=Display_Image_Listing&CategoryID=17725&OrgID=11004
7. Team Captains must wear an identifying feature (preferably either tape or ribbon)
8. Where there is a clash in uniforms the team listed 1st in the WWCHA draw will be required to wear an alternate strip. The alternate strip should be in uniform colour.

I. OFFICIATING

1. Objectives & Role of the OC

- a. The OC is responsible to the WWCHA, Board of Management ('the Board') for the effective and efficient administration of umpiring and technical matters for all competitions controlled by WWCHA.
- b. The OC shall also oversee the implementation of Association and State Officiating programs and advise and provide recommendations concerning this to the Board.
- c. The objectives of the OC include, but are not limited to:
 1. To increase the participation of technically accredited personnel.
 2. To develop the quality of officiating by increasing the numbers of accredited Umpires, Umpire Coaches and Technical Officials
 3. To raise the awareness of all hockey participants to the roles of Umpires, Umpire Coaches and Technical Officials.
 4. To raise the awareness of all hockey participants to the availability of access to the career paths relevant to Umpires, Umpire Coaches and Technical Officials.
 5. To continue to maintain and develop a framework for Association based umpiring levels of accreditation and access to State and Australian accreditation.
 6. To liaise with the Financial Panel in the preparation of budgets.
 7. To oversee the Code of Conduct for officials.
- d. The roles of the OC include, but are not limited to:
 1. To provide seminars and courses to meet identified needs.
 2. To administer Association and State theory and practical assessments.
 3. To appoint umpires for the control of all games controlled by WWCHA.
 4. To select and support officials to attend championships/carnivals – such appointments to be ratified by the Board.
 5. Other responsibilities as may be directed by the Board, or as adopted by the OC for its own benefit – with Board approval.

2. Appointment of the Committee

- a. The OC is appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the OC Board representative.
- b. Members will serve for a period of one year.
- c. Members will be eligible for re-appointment.
- d. The OC is to be comprised of a Board representative and not less than two or more than six other members.
- e. At least 50% of the Committee members are to be umpires, umpire coaches or technical officials, qualified to a minimum Hockey Ed Development level in at least one of the disciplines.
- f. The OC may appoint sub-committees. Sub-committee members need not be members of the OC.

3. Meetings

- a. The OC is to meet as required to ensure the efficient and effective administration of umpiring and technical matters for WWCHA.

4. Umpire Nominations from Clubs

- a. Each team must provide an umpire for their own umpiring duties. That umpire does not have to play for that team, but must be able to umpire that division competently. Such assessment of competent is to be made by the OC. Each team are to nominate their umpires prior to the commencement of the game to the OC and have these umpires approved to carry out these appointments. All umpires should be rated regularly by the OC to determine what grade they are competent and capable of controlling.
- b. Failure of a club to do their umpiring duties will result in a loss of two (2) competition points. Clubs will have to be notified which team is responsible for supplying umpire.
- c. The OC will notify clubs in writing of unsuitable umpires for relevant grades. An opportunity for development will also be offered.

5. Match Control – Umpires

- a. Umpires are appointed to be the sole arbiters of the rules of hockey.
- b. No dispute may be made relating to an umpiring decision relating to the rules of the game.
- c. Umpires are to administer games in accordance with the *Rules of Hockey* as published bi-annually by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and in accordance with the current competition rules as provided in writing from the OC.

6. Match Control - Technical Officials.

- a. Where a Tournament Director, Technical Officer or Judge is appointed to officiate at a match; those duties normally assigned to such officials are to be undertaken.
- b. Additional tasks, as agreed with the appointed umpires, may be undertaken, as agreed by the Board from time to time.

7. Match Cards

- a. All players must sign the match card before taking the field.
- b. At the conclusion of each match, umpires are to ensure that the match cards are completed accurately, and are to sign the card with their printed name and signature.
- c. Fraudulent entries on match cards are the responsibility of clubs and will be dealt with by the Board.
- d. These details include: the date of the game and the teams; correct number of players; correct goals scored; any injuries that occur; all cards given (red, yellow, green) and the reason for the cards; best and fairest 1-3 is completed; both captains and both umpires sign the card.

8. Suspensions and Reporting

- a. All suspensions, temporary or permanent, are to be recorded on the Match Card, indicating the name of the player suspended, the reason for the suspension and the time period of the suspension.
- b. Where a player is permanently suspended (that is, a 'red card'), both umpires are to provide a written report to a member of the OC within 24 hours outlining the circumstances of the awarding of a "red card".
- c. Each umpire is to make their report without consultation or collusion.
- d. Upon receiving reports from umpires a disciplinary hearing will be organised by the board unless deemed unnecessary by the OC.
- e. Both umpires involved in the match should be prepared to attend the disciplinary hearing to provide evidence
- f. If the OC deem a hearing unnecessary they will notify the board within 12 hours of receiving reports by both umpires

9. Umpire and Technical Management

- a. Grading.
 - 1. The OC is the sole authority for determining the grading and suitability of any umpire nominated to officiate at WWCHA fixtures.
 - 2. The OC will take into consideration the relevant accreditation including Hockey Ed level, current badge held of the umpire, and the umpires assessed performance in approving the umpire nomination.
- b. Match Appointments.
 - 1. The OC is the sole authority in making umpiring and technical appointments to any match controlled by WWCHA, including competition finals.
 - 2. The OC may make such consultations as it deems necessary in making appointments, and may delegate these responsibilities to an approved sub-committee.

- c. Representative Appointments.
 - 1. The OC is to nominate suitably qualified umpires to represent WWCHA at representative matches carried out by the WWCHA.
- d. Umpire Briefing.
 - 1. The OC is to provide a briefing to all umpires of the Rule Changes and Directions for that year within the first two weeks of the normal competition.
- e. Umpiring Assessments.
 - 1. The OC is to provide practical coaching and lectures for umpires, players and coaches within the WWCHA.
 - 2. The OC is to arrange for testing of practical badges in accordance with Hockey NSW directions and maintain a register of badges awarded and any NOAS Accreditation gained.
- f. Umpire Payments.
 - 1. Umpires are to be paid in accordance with 12. Umpire Payments.
- g. Umpire Uniforms.
 - 1. All umpires are to make every attempt to comply with the uniform requirements as recommended by the OC.

10. Trophies

- a. The OC may award the annual trophies as per Section D. **WWCHA – Annual Awards / Trophy Presentations**
- b. The method for awarding the annual trophies is to be determined by the OC. The OC may make a sole determination, or may consult as it determines.

11. Panel Umpires – Future Developments of the OC

- a. The OC is to advise the Board in writing of the nominated Panel Umpires.
- b. There is one panel for each division.
- c. Each panel shall contain a number of umpires equivalent to the teams nominated in that grade plus an extra two Umpires.
- d. Umpires in each panel are to be graded according to performance in the WWCHA competition.
- e. The junior panel and the lowest senior panel may contain as many umpires as available.
- f. Each panel may be reviewed at the discretion of the OC with notice to the Board.
- g. Umpires shall be paid according to their designated panel, despite the grade they are nominated to umpire.

12. Umpire Payments

- a. Umpire fees are only paid to those Umpires who fully complete the match card to a standard that is approved by the OC ie signed on players match the card, goals are correctly recorded, cards and details are recorded, injuries and details are recorded, best and fairest 1-3 are recorded, both captains and umpires have signed the card.
- b. Junior Umpire payments will be made by the Board at the end of June and at the end of the season, supplied by the OC. This payment will be adjusted at the end of the season if the umpire achieves a State badge or upgrades their qualifications

Umpire payments – refer to Appendix 2

Local rule Variations – refer to Appendix 3

OC Programs / Training – refer to Appendix 4

Local Umpire Badge Register 2010 Appendix 5

Nominated Team Umpires 2010 Appendix 6

J. DISCIPLINE

1. Definitions

In these Playing Rules:

- a. "Board" means the Board of WWCHA.
- b. "Board Member" means the Board Member responsible for the Disciplinary Panel.
- c. "Panel" refers to a Panel formed to consider alleged charges.
- d. "Hearing" refers to the actual meeting where the alleged charges are heard.
- e. "Participant" refers to a person present at a Hearing, whether the person is defending or alleging charges.
- f. "Match" means any game of hockey played under the control of WWCHA; or any match that a WWCHA team plays in.
- g. "Person" may be player, coach, manager, spectator, parent or guardian; or any person from another Association i.e. player, coach, manager, spectator, parent or guardian

2. Functions

- a. To carry out the functions specified in this By-Law under the guidance and direction of the Board Member and the Board.
- b. To enquire into, investigate, hear and determine any question or matter arising out of a match or of misconduct occurring during the course of any match, as referred by the Board.
- c. To enquire into, investigate, hear and determine any breaches of by-laws or misconduct as referred by the Board.

The functions of the Disciplinary Panel are:

- a. To carry out the functions specified in this Playing Rules under the guidance and direction of the Board Member and the Board. Refer to 1:8.d
- b. To enquire into, investigate, hear and determine any question or matter arising out of a match or of misconduct occurring during the course of any match.
- c. To enquire into, investigate, hear and determine any breaches of Playing Rules or misconduct referred to it by:
- d. The Board.
- e. Any member of WWCHA.
- f. Any member of another affiliated Association.
- g. Any other person.

2. Appointment of the Disciplinary Panel

- a. The Disciplinary Panel is appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Board Member responsible for the Disciplinary Panel.
- b. Members will serve for a period of one year.
- c. Members will be eligible for re-appointment.

3. Disciplinary Panel Nominations

- a. Each Club is encouraged to nominate members for service on the Disciplinary Panel.
- b. Any such nominations are to be forwarded to the Board for consideration.
- c. The Board shall notify each Club as to the outcome of each nomination.
- d. The Board shall have the power to remove any Disciplinary Panel member from the Disciplinary Panel as it sees fit.

4. Procedure for Laying a Charge

- a. In a match where an Umpire, or other person(s), alleges a charge of misconduct, the allegation will be considered in the following manner:
- b. In a match where an Umpire, or other person(s), alleges a charge of allegation will be considered in the following manner:
 1. The Umpire(s), or other person(s), will notify the Officiating Committee in writing of the alleged incident within 48 hours of the alleged incident occurring.
 2. Upon receiving reports from umpires or other persons a disciplinary hearing will be organised by the board unless deemed unnecessary by the OC.
 3. All reports will be forwarded to the disciplinary panel.
 4. The Disciplinary Panel will contact the person's Club through their Club President and Secretary to advise the time of the Hearing.
 5. The Disciplinary Panel will send relevant documentation to the charged person's Club President and Secretary and the Umpiring and Officiating Panel.
 6. The Club President and Secretary will be responsible for forwarding copies of all documentation to the charged person.
 7. The Club President and Secretary will be responsible for alerting the charged person to the time of the Hearing.
 8. All Hearings will be held in the Club Room of WWCHA, unless all parties are informed that another venue will be used.
 9. Should the OC deem a hearing is unnecessary Wagga Hockey will notify all relevant parties within 12hours. A full report and reason will be provided by the OC at the next scheduled Wagga Hockey meeting
- c. In any other case where a person alleges a charge of misconduct, the charge may be laid in the following manner:
 1. The person will submit a written report to the Board within 48 hours of the alleged incident.
 2. The Board will decide whether a Hearing should be set.
 3. If a Hearing is not set, the Board will forward an explanation to the person stating why a Hearing was deemed not necessary.
 4. Should a Hearing be deemed as necessary, the Disciplinary Panel will contact the reporting person and the person alleged of misconduct to inform them of the time of the Hearing.

5. Eligibility to Play Subject to Hearing

- a. A person is eligible to participate in all matches until a Hearing has been held to consider any alleged charges.

6. Forming a Panel

- a. Where a Panel is to be formed, it shall be the duty of the Board Member to ensure so far as is practicable that:
 1. The Panel is formed prior to the actual Hearing.
 2. The Panel will comprise a minimum of three members.
 3. The Panel members shall be deemed as "neutral" by the Board Member.
 4. The Panel is to be approved by the Board of WWCHA

7. Withdrawing a Charge

- a. Where a charge is withdrawn, all parties shall be notified as soon as practical

8. Participants Rights

- a. Participant rights at a Hearing include the following:
- b. The Participant can appear alone. (Total = 1 person)

- c. The Participant and an Advocate can appear. (Total = 2 people)
- d. Should the Participant not appear, two Advocates may appear. (Total = 2 people)
- e. Any junior person (under age 18 years) must have a parent or guardian present at Hearing, and may also have an Advocate. (Total = 3 people)
- f. Any Participant may provide signed written statements from other parties to support their position.
- g. Any Participant providing signed written statements will provide 4 copies of each statement; one for each member of the Panel and one for the opposing Participant.
- h. An Advocate is not to be a Solicitor or a like person.

9. Hearing Procedure

- a. The Hearing will consist of only the following parties:
 - 1. The Panel – 3 people minimum.
 - 2. The Participants, if present.
 - 3. Any Board Members, if present.
 - 4. Any Disciplinary Panel Members, if present.
- b. Any Board Members or Disciplinary Panel Members who attend a Hearing, but are not on the Panel, attend only as observers.
- c. The Panel may hear and proceed with any charge if either party of Participants is not represented. (ie Nil attendance)
- d. At the commencement of the Hearing a briefing will be given on proceedings.
- e. The Panel will read the charge to the charged person and ask for their plea.
- f. If the plea is 'Guilty' the Panel moves to 11) Plea of Guilty.
- g. If plea is 'Not Guilty' the Panel moves to 12) Plea of Not Guilty.

10. Plea of Guilty

- a. Procedure on acceptance of guilty plea:
- b. Evidence taken to ascertain severity of guilt.
- c. The Panel will receive any signed written statements.
- d. Any prior offences are to be made known to the Panel.
- e. At conclusion of evidence, the Panel shall be given sufficient time to consider their verdict.
- f. After considering the evidence, the Panel will inform all Participants of the verdict.

11. Plea of Not Guilty

- a. Procedure on plea of not guilty:
- b. The Panel will be given any signed written statements from all Participants
- c. The Panel will hear evidence from the Accusing Participant.
- d. The Panel will allow the Defending Participant to ask questions. All questions are to be asked through the Panel.
- e. The Panel will hear evidence from the Defending Participant.
- f. The Panel will allow the Accusing Participant to ask questions. All questions are to be asked through the Panel.
- g. The Panel may ask questions of either Participant at any time.
- h. At conclusion of evidence, the Panel shall be given sufficient time to consider their verdict.
- i. After considering the evidence, the Panel will inform all Participants of the verdict.

12. Powers of the Panel

- a. After the charge(s) has been heard and considered by the Panel, all parties will be informed of the Panel's decision.
- b. The Panel may impose such penalties as it thinks fit. These penalties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Reprimand a player, person, or club.

2. Issue a warning to a player, person, or club.
3. Place a Suspended Sentence over a player, person or club.
4. Suspend a player, person, or club.
5. Fine a player, person, or club.
6. May order the loss of competition points for the team or club of the person charged.
7. May impose competition penalty points against a team or club.
8. May order the replay of any match.

13. Reporting after the Hearing

- a. The Panel shall provide a written report to the Board on its findings.
- b. The Panel shall provide a written report to the charged person's Club President and Secretary on its findings.
- c. The Club President and Secretary are to notify the charged person that they have received confirmation of the person's suspension or exoneration.
- d. The Secretary of WWCHA is to notify Hockey NSW of any game suspensions incurred.

14. Appeal for Re-Hearing

- a. Where a Hearing has been conducted and the Panel has come to a decision, all parties have forty-eight (48) hours to lodge an appeal. with the Board.
- b. The Board shall consider any such appeal and shall decide whether a Re-Hearing should be granted.
- c. Should a Re-Hearing be granted, only one of the original Panel members may be a member of the Re-Hearing Panel.
- d. Should an Appeal be dismissed, the Board shall provide a written report to the appealing party's Club President and Secretary, and the President of the Board, stating why a Re-Hearing has not been granted.

15. Penalty for a Club using a Suspended Person

- a. The person's Club President and Club Secretary are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the person's suspension.
- b. Any Club Team using a suspended person shall be deemed to have lost any match in which the person has participated. That is, competition points will be awarded to the opposing team, and the match result will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposing team.
- c. The Club President and Secretary may be called before the Board, or be asked by the Board for a written explanation, as to why a suspended person was allowed to participate in a match. The hearing may impose further penalty as it sees fit.
- d. The suspended person may be called before the Board, or be asked by the Board for a written explanation, as to why they participated in a match while under suspension. The hearing may impose further penalty as it sees fit.

K. PENALTY POINTS SYSTEM

1. The following point system will apply: Green Card = 2 Penalty Points; Yellow Card = 5 Penalty Points; Red Card = 10 Penalty Points.
2. The Penalty Point System will operate in all WWCHA Competitions and will continue until the Competition has been completed. (ie Normally the Grand Final)
3. Once a player has accumulated a running total of 11 points they will be automatically suspended for one (1) week and may be called to a Hearing.
4. If a player is suspended, the Disciplinary Panel will contact the player's Club President and Secretary informing them of the suspension.
5. It is the duty of the Club President and Secretary, and the Officiating Committee Board Member, to contact their player to inform them of the suspension.

6. It is the duty of the Club President and Secretary to ensure that the player serves their suspension.
7. After serving a one-week suspension 11 points will be deducted from the player's running total of points.
8. Penalty Points will be deducted at the rate of one point for each week that WWCHA plays a competition round (*Exception – see Playing Rules i) below)
9. Should a player be "carded" during a competition round, there will not be a one point deduction in that player's Penalty Points for that week.
10. The Penalty Points System will be managed by the Recorder and a nominated Disciplinary Panel member.
11. Club Presidents and Secretaries will have the contact details of the Recorder and the Disciplinary Panel member managing the Penalty Points System.
12. Club Presidents or Secretaries may request details of their own club players Penalty Points at any reasonable time from either the Recorder or the Disciplinary Panel member.
13. Penalty Points may be reviewed by the Disciplinary Panel during the competition season. (An example of this would be where a player has been called before a Disciplinary Hearing)
14. Should the Disciplinary Panel believe that a review of a player's Penalty Points may be warranted, the Disciplinary Panel will contact the Board.
15. At the 1st January of any calendar year penalty points will be returned to zero.

L. ACTION TO BE TAKEN SUBJECT TO RED CARD

1. Any person at a match will, on being shown a red card, remove him/herself from the dugout, field and the surrounding area for the remainder of the game.

M. SUSPENSIONS Penalty Point & Disciplinary Hearing

1. Suspensions shall be until a certain date.
2. Any suspension not fully completed during the current year will be carried over into the following year until the suspension has been fully completed.
3. Suspensions will include exclusion from all representative, non-social and social matches.
4. The Recorder and the Disciplinary Panel will maintain an ongoing record of all suspensions incurred.
5. Any person who is under suspension shall not be allowed in the dugout during the term of their suspension.
6. Any person who is under suspension will be allowed to attend Club or Representative training.
7. Any person who is under suspension will be allowed to attend Club or Representative matches as a spectator.

N. ELIGIBILITY FOR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHY

1. A player shall be ineligible to be awarded any Most Valuable Player Trophy presented by the Association if they have incurred either a total of 11 Penalty Point Suspension or a Disciplinary Hearing Suspension during the competition in which they are playing.

O. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The points from all teams for all clubs will be tallied to determine the club champions.
2. There will be a men's club championship a women's club championship and a junior's club championship awarded each outdoor season
3. The points received from division 1 teams throughout the season will be multiplied by 3
4. The points received from division 2 teams throughout the season will be multiplied by 2.
5. The points received from division 3 teams throughout the season will remain the same.
6. The points received from the junior divisions will remain the same
7. The club with the most points, once all points scored have been tallied, will be deemed the club champions.

P. PLAY THE WHISTLE

1. Play the Whistle is an initiative to encourage competing hockey teams, team officials (off field staff) and spectator groups to play in the true spirit of the game.
2. The spirit of the game encompasses demonstrating behaviour that is outlined in the codes of behaviour.
3. Teams that demonstrate the true spirit of hockey will be rewarded with points corresponding to their degree of fair play at the end of each match.
4. The allocation of points will be decided by the 2 umpires and technical officials and recorded on the match report.
5. An award will be given to the team with the highest number of points accumulated at the end of the championship.
6. Points for each team are awarded as follows:
 - a. 3 POINTS: Exceptional behaviour was demonstrated by the team, coach, manager and spectators. The game was played in the true spirit of hockey.
 - b. 2 POINTS: The game was played in good spirit by the team. The players, coach, manager and spectators all demonstrated overall good behaviour and adhered to their codes of behaviour.
 - c. 1 POINT: The match was incident-free however the team played with less than ideal spirit. One or more players, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated less than ideal behaviour however were not in breach of their code of behaviour.
 - d. 0 POINTS: The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators created a hostile atmosphere. Behaviour was less than acceptable and was in breach of one or more codes of behaviour.
 - e. Minus 1 POINT: The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated unacceptable behaviour which interfered with the conduct of the game.

Q. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM DOCUMENT

1. Introduction

This document provides general policy and guidelines on representative squads/teams as well as duties and responsibilities of the Coaches, Selectors, Managers, other officials and players.

Codes of Behaviour at Point A should be followed.

2. Interpretation and Amendment

- a. Interpretation of this document shall be by the Board and shall be binding on all members.
- b. Amendments to this document shall be made by the majority of the Board.

3. Appointment of Selectors, Coaches and Managers

- a. Coaches and Managers shall be appointed, following a nomination period in which they nominate a preferred team. In the result of two/or more people nominating the specific team; the Representative Manager will contact both parties asking if they would fill another vacancy (if available). In the case this is not resolved the Board will vote to decide.
- b. Selectors if required for teams will be appointed and approved by the WWCHA board and Representative Panel.
- c. The Manager and Coach shall be aware that their positions are voluntary and no direct payments of any kind shall be made by WWCHA to the Selectors, Managers or Coaches for services rendered.
- d. According to current policies of WWCHA the costs of transportation and accommodation of team officials at Championships and Carnivals shall be the responsibility of WWCHA.
- e. No expenses shall be incurred without prior approval.

4. Representative Teams

- a. The Board will decide which Representative squads/teams will represent WWCHA.
- b. The players shall be responsible for their fares, accommodation and meals while representing WWCHA in all indoor and outdoor representative competitions.
- c. Team personnel other than those approved for payment by the Board will receive no financial assistance from WWCHA.
- d. All representative teams shall wear the official WWCHA uniform/colours of black, red and white.
- e. The details of such uniform shall be decided by the Board and presented to Hockey NSW for approval.
- f. Each new representative player is to purchase their own playing uniform.
- g. Goalkeepers shall wear a contrasting coloured shirt and shall have a number on the front and back of the shirt.
- h. Players named in the representative team selected (as per item 6e) will be required to make a \$100 nonrefundable deposit towards their fees within seven (7) days of the announcement of the team.
- i. All individual WWCHA representative players will be required to have their respective representative fees for attending/participating in championships and or carnivals paid in full seven (7) days prior to championship or carnival date. Exemptions can be requested via the Finance person prior to championship or carnival.

5. Nominating for Representative Teams

- a. To be eligible for selection in a WWCHA representative squad/team, player must fill in a representative nomination form (Attachment 1).
- b. To be eligible for selection in a WWCHA representative squad/team, and to continue to be eligible to represent WWCHA, players must be a member of a WWCHA Team/Club and have paid WWCHA registration fees.
- c. To be eligible for selection in a WWCHA Under Age team, players must be under age on 1st January in the year of the competition.
- d. To be eligible for selection in a WWCHA Under Age team, players must represent their own WWCHA age group before selection in another age group.
- e. Players of WWCHA Team/Club membership will be provided preference in selection of a WWCHA representative squad/team.
- f. Players nominated within their age group will be provided preference in selection of a WWCHA representative squad/team over younger players nominating to higher age groups.
- g. Players shall be considered for inclusion in representative squads/teams on the basis of their performance in matches, trials and their attendance at representative training.

6. Selection for Representative Teams

- a. WWCHA age group squads will be formed from nomination forms (Attachment 1) and first trial/carnival day facilitated by Representative Manager.
- b. Players are able to withdraw nomination from the representative team in the immediate two week period after HNSW announce championship dates and venues. Player names and details will be retained for other events such as player unavailability Steakhouse Cup and other team events.
- c. If there are too many players for a WWCHA representative team and a second team cannot be formed (including coach and manager); selection process will occur.
- d. The Selection Panel for Representative Teams shall consist of at least two (2) Members:
 1. One Member will be from the Board; normally this would be the Representative Team Board Member.
 2. One Member will be the appointed Coach of the respective team.
 3. Other people can be appointed to the Selection Panel, subject to Board approval.

- e. The selection process will include a formal trial as well items stated in 5g after the squad has been formed.
- f. Representative team of between 14-16 players will be selected no later than 1 month prior to the first carnival. Two shadow players will also be selected.
- g. The Selection Panel shall have the authority to rescind the selection of a player in a WWCHA representative squad/team on the basis of evidence of medical conditions, failure to adequately attend training program sessions, unfinancial status to Hockey NSW or unsuitability to represent WWCHA. The player concerned shall have the right to be present and/or represented by a person of his / her choice when such evidence is presented and considered.
- h. If a player needs to be added or withdrawn from a team/squad, the Selection Panel will consult with the Board regard the matter.

7. Duties of Coaches

- a. Once appointed each Coach shall become familiar with the requirements set out in this document.
- b. Each Coach shall perform such duties as the Board directs.
- c. Each Coach shall have a deliberative and casting vote in the selection of the final team.
- d. Each Coach shall select the Captain and the Vice Captain for the team.
- e. Each Coach shall accompany the team to the relevant event.
- f. Each Coach shall be responsible for the selection (in conjunction with Assistant Coach, if appointed) of the team for all games during the relevant Championship or Tournament, subject to the fitness of the players as determined by the Manager and or Doctor if necessary.
- g. Each Coach shall submit a written report to the Board within 21 days of completion of the event, outlining the success or otherwise of the selection program, the training program and the team's performance at the event including any other relevant issues or recommendations.
- h. Each Coach shall submit a detailed confidential report, if warranted, on team/player behaviour, preparation, any problems etc. to the Board Chairperson, within 7 days of the completion of the Tournament.
- i. A confidential report on a player by the Coach shall be made available to the player concerned before consideration by the Board; such player to have the right to attach a personal statement to the report.
- j. A confidential report on individual players shall be restricted to the Board and future years' coaches, selectors and managers as determined by the Board.
- k. Guidelines for Coaches are in Attachment 2 – HNSW Code of Conduct.

8. Duties of Manager

- a. Once appointed the Manager shall become familiar with the requirements set out in this document.
- b. The Manager shall perform such duties as the Board directs;
- c. The Manager shall obtain a copy of the technical requirements provided by Hockey Australia (relevant Championship Operations Manual).
- d. The Manager shall within 7 days of the close of the event where necessary submit a detailed financial statement to the Board outlining all monies expended and collected along with supporting documentation (tax invoices).
- e. Each Manager shall submit a detailed confidential report, if warranted, on team/player behaviour, preparation, any problems etc. to the Board Chairperson, within 7 days of the completion of the Tournament.
- f. The Manager shall submit a confidential report on a player by the Manager/Management team shall be made available to the player concerned before consideration by the Board; such player to have the right to attach a personal statement to the report;

- g. Such reports on individual players shall be restricted to the Board and future years' coaches, selectors and managers or the Discipline Committee as determined by the Board.
- h. The Manager shall submit a written report to the Board within 21 days of the completion of the event outlining administrative issues, travel, accommodation, player behaviour and other general issues and recommendations.
- i. The Manager shall submit a written report (no longer than one A4 page) suitable for the Annual Report including the final results of tour and a general narrative with specific mention of any selections in high representative teams.
- j. The Manager/Management team has the power to take whatever action is appropriate to ensure the proper conduct of the team prior to, and subsequent to a team being assembled for or dispersed from a recognized competition.
- k. Should an extraordinary circumstance arise which is not covered in the Manager's responsibilities, then the matter together with the Manager's, Coach's and Selectors' (if appropriate) recommendations shall be directed to the Board where action shall be considered.
- l. Representative Team Managers Duties are in Attachment 2 – HNSW Code of Conduct.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Nomination Form (for all nominating players)

Attachment 2 – HNSW Code of Conduct players and team officials (manager to provide to all)

Attachment 3 – HNSW Code of Conduct junior umpires (manager to provide to all)

Attachment 4 – Personal Medical History Form (manager to provide to all)

Attachment 5 - HNSW Coach Identification Form (submit at Managers meeting at Field State Championship)

Attachment 6 - HNSW Age Eligibility Wavier (if required – submit to NSW through Representative Manager)

Attachment 7 - HNSW Amended Umpire Nomination Form (as directed by Officiating Manager submit to NSW through Representative Manager)

Attachment 8 – HNSW Mouth Guard wavier (if required – submit to NSW through Representative Manager)

Attachment 9 – HNSW Pick up Roster (only to be used by the Representative Manager)

HNSW forms are found on [NSW Hockey website](#) or supplied through representative manager

R.APPENDIX

Appendix 1

Association Fees Schedule 2010

	NSW	WWCHA	WWCC	Total
U9	\$17.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$40.00
U11	\$44.00	\$4.50	\$11.50	\$60.00
U15	\$44.00	\$26.50	\$11.50	\$82.00
U18	\$44.00	\$49.50	\$11.50	\$105.00
Senior	\$80.00	\$53.00	\$17.00	\$150.00

Turf Fees

Training Fees

Turf Hire

Lights

Canteen Hire

Appendix 2

Umpires that do not hold a current Hockey Ed accreditation will have the opportunity to earn a points system payment scheme. The main reason for implementing this payment schedule is the lack of opportunity for umpires to gain the relevant practical experience and umpire at a standard high enough locally to fulfil the provisions to obtain the badge they desire.

All umpires officiating in WWCHA competitions that do not hold a Hockey Ed Level 1 or 2 Accreditation who are NOT on named commitments will be subject to the following levels of payments. Umpires who currently hold a Local or Community accreditation will be automatically assessed as a Bronze level umpire and can immediately start the accumulation of points. Umpires who hold a current Level 1 or 2 Hockey Ed accreditation will automatically assessed as a Silver level when not umpiring a named commitment.

Learner – Umpires that are learning to umpire and have not completed the practical assessment for Bronze. The OC is to assess these umpires

Bronze – Umpires that have been assessed as competent officiating and who maintain their qualification by accumulating points as set out in the table below

Silver – All umpires who have met the requirements for Bronze and have gained the required experience points set out in the table below and have been assessed as competent by the OC. They must also attend one umpires meeting throughout the year.

Gold – All umpires who have met the requirements for Silver and have accumulated the points to get to this level will be assessed and deemed suitable to umpire the desired grade.

Platinum – All umpires who have met the requirements for Gold and have accumulated the points required and are currently umpiring the top grade of WWCHA competently as assessed regularly by the OC

Level	Points
To Achieve Bronze	0
To Maintain Bronze (per season)	10
To Achieve Silver	40
To Maintain Silver (per season)	50
To Achieve Gold	60
To Maintain Gold (per season)	70
To Achieve Platinum	100
To Maintain Platinum (per season)	110

Umpire accreditation point allocations –

Grade	Points
C Grade	3
B Grade	5
A Grade	10
Umpire meetings	10

The payment schedule is as follows
Bronze - \$5 per game

Silver - \$10 per game
Gold - \$15 per game
Platinum - \$20 per game

- The OC can revoke any accreditation given at any time with a vote. In the case of a tie, the OM will have the casting vote. The umpire will receive a written confirmation and reason for the revoked accreditation
- Umpires will be paid based upon the points they have at the end of the round matches (finals do not count towards points)
- Each umpire that fails to maintain their level will be demoted 1 level per season.
- A named member who fails to appear for an umpiring duty will be deducted 1 match fee
- Clubs who fail to provide an umpire will be deducted 2 competition points as per WWCHA Playing Rule Section A.1.b

Amendments from 16/3/2015

1. Umpiring fess for junior games.
 - a. All under 16, under 13 and under 11 be paid \$5 cash in hand per game each week
2. All umpires who umpire junior matches will be paid \$5 per game (regardless of level gained). Those also umpiring seniors will earn payment points to their senior games.
3. Umpires who regularly fall short of the uniform requirements without making an effort to acquire the correct uniform may not be paid for their umpiring commitments as deemed by the Officiating Committee
 - a. This ruling is not applicable for a last minute request for an umpire when the match is due to commence

Appendix 3

Local Rule Variations 2010

A. Back stick Tomahawk

As per the Hockey NSW recommendations all under 13 competitions and below “any powerful hit on goal using the reverse edge of the stick” shall result in a 16 yd hit to the opposition and a warning to the player of the danger involved with the shot, this shot is disallowed.

B. Goalkeepers

All full field junior hockey competitions shall have a fully padded goalkeeper. For 2010 Junior Mixed Hockey Competitions shall have the option of playing a goalkeeper, such goalkeeper to be fully padded.

C. Goal Keepers – Senior Competition

In the senior competition the rules regarding goal keepers as stated in the “FIH laws of Hockey” shall apply; however if a team wishes a player to act in the role of goalkeeper other than as a fully padded goalkeeper – and that player is under the age of 18 years at that time, written consent from the players parent/guardian must be provided to the Board of WWCHA prior to the player assuming such a role.

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14.2. Breaking at Penalty Corner

1. Until the ball has been played, no attacker other than the one taking the push or hit from the back-line is permitted to enter the circle and no defender is permitted to cross the centre-line or back-line.
2. For any offence of this rule by a defender, the offending player(s) shall be required to go beyond the centre-line and cannot be replaced by another defender.
3. For an offence of this rule by an attacker who enters the circle before the ball is played, the offending player(s) shall be required to go beyond the centre line.
4. The player who pushes or hits the ball from the back-line must not feint at playing the ball.
5. For an offence of this rule the offending player shall be replaced by another attacker.

E. Stick above the shoulder rule change will be permitted for all grades from U13 and above for WWCHA

Appendix 4

OC Programs / Training

- a) Each team shall have at least three team members sit for the NSWHA or local theory umpire's exam each year.
- b) All players registered in Division 1 must sit for a NSWHA or Local umpire's exam each year if they have not previously attained a pass of 70% in the papers in the previous three (3) years.
- c) To administer Association theory assessments to all Division 1 and other divisions as required.

Appendix 5
Local Umpire Badge Registration

Appendix 6
Nominated Team Umpires

Appendix 7
Application for Membership of Association