

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

24th July 2017



Date: Monday 24th July 2017
Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Location: Jubilee Park Club Rooms
Chaired by: President
Board Membership: Ken Larkin (President), Carla Bailey (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Sam Arnold (Competitions), Kate Wickson (Development), Andrew Barron (Officiating), Sharon Smith (Representative).
Club Membership with Voting Privileges: Cavaliers, CSU, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Mustangs, Rosellas, Royals

Agenda

1.0 Present

2.0 Apologies:

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 June 26th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes (located on WWCHA website)

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1				
4.2				

5.0 Correspondence In

Nil

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 2018 Competition Structure
- 6.2 Umpiring Commitments
- 6.3 Use of media policy
- 6.4 Umpire Shirts

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	Attached
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7.2 Administration	No Report
7.3 Treasurer	No Report
7.4 Competitions	Attached
7.5 Officiating	Attached
7.6 Development	No Report
7.7 Representative	No report
7.8 Events	No report
7.9 Facilities	No report

8.0 Club Reports

Cavaliers	No Report
CSU	No report
Harlequins	No report
Lake Albert	No report
Mustangs	No report
Rosellas	No report
Royals	No Report

Next Meeting: 28th August 2017

Attachments

6.3



Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association

Use of Media Policy at Jubilee Park Hockey Complex

WWCHA will follow the current policy set down by Hockey Australia. That is:

In Australia, generally speaking, there is no law restricting the photography of people (including children) in public spaces as long as the images are not:

- indecent (such as 'up skirt' or 'downblouse' photographs taken covertly in change rooms or toilets);
- being used for voyeurism or made for the purpose of observing and visually recording a person's genital or anal region;
- protected by a court order (eg. child custody or witness protection);
- defamatory; or
- being for commercial purposes (person's likeness is used to endorse or entice people to buy a product).

In addition Clause 6.2 of the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy outlines that individuals and associations, 'wherever possible', obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used.

The reason the words 'wherever possible' are deliberately included in the clause is to acknowledge the practicality issues involved in this process. It is not always practical or possible to complete this task.

Note: Child means under the age of 18

WWCHA also requires that where a media device is being used, the device must be placed/held in a position that does not create danger (e.g attached to a player) to any player, official or spectator, or impede the progress and/or outcome of a match.

Club and Association officials including coaches must be vigilant in ensuring that these policy guidelines are adhered to.

Failure to do so will be addressed by the board of WWCHA for further action.

Prepared By: Ken Larkin
2019

To Be Reviewed: June

Checked By: Carla Bailey

Date Prepared: 30 June 2017

WWCHA- Presidents Report-24 July 2017

Thank you to everyone who attended the officiating meeting on Friday 7th July 2017.

The conversation and points raised give me a sense of comfort that we all know what needs to be done to address the current player behaviour issues.

As I outlined on the night this is about leadership not only at board level but also at club level but more importantly leadership during games.

Our next step is to make sure our umpires clearly understand their code of conduct and the application during games.

I look forward to seeing an improvement in our player behaviour as well as consistent umpire interpretation and application.

Our next even on our calendar is the Packham Cup which will be on Sunday 13 August 2017.

The canteen roster has been sent out early so that clubs can plan ahead to ensure their commitment is met. Its not a big ask on the day but help from all clubs is essential to ensure the day is a success.

After many attempts we have finally been able to discuss the proposed Wagga Master Games with officials to understand what is planned and also the expectation of WWCHA.

It has been decided by the board that given:

- . late/short notice of what is required from WWCHA
- . the amount of planning required to ensure the competition is both credible and successful
- . timing of the competition
- . resourcing expectation the would be placed on WWCHA

that WWCHA will not be participating in the 2017 Wagga Masters Games.

We have been advised but the organisers, that the games will be held again in 2019 and there is a commitment to engage WWCHA much early in the planning process.

Ken Larkin
President
WWCHA

WWCHA- Competitions Report- 24 July 2017

Competition 2018

Over the past month it has been increasingly obvious that the current senior competition format cannot go forward into the next season unless there is a significant increase of players in each team.

The current rule which states that clubs must nominate 9 players minimum to form a team is too low and the alarming trend of the number of players playing more than one team (ie in 2 divisions) actually sells the competition short. It is alarming when clubs are unable to have eleven players in their top team at the start of the game each week, let alone have players on the bench. Clubs are struggling to meet their club commitments with umpiring and there is constant changes to nomination lists.

Teams are hugely having a high turnover of players and the players used per team is a concern when other teams are using more players in comparison to CSU who struggle with players placements and holiday break periods.

Players Used Per Team

Club	1	2	3	Players*		1	2	3	Players*
Cavaliers		25	26	24					
CSU	24	29	32	36		21	25	20	48
Harlequins	25	24	17	32					
Lake Albert	27	30	19	29					
LAC United							21	17	22
Rosellas						23	23	21	51
							20		
Royals	20		19	28		16	22	19	45
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In comparison from two seasons ago – 2015, the results are enough to question

2015 (Seniors) Men – 211, Women – 261 (Total – 472)

2017 (Seniors) Men – 150, Women 168 (Total – 318)

Almost a 33% drop in players in 2 seasons since moving to Saturday Hockey.

Overall for 2017, there is 197 players that have played more than one division (team) in Seniors out of 318 (almost 62%). Take away, all the players who are in the top side for each club and not playing in another divisions anywhere else and the figure increases to almost 78% for players doubling up.

The change in senior format would be for both men and women competition to drop back to 2 divisions. Each men club would field one team in each division with possibly CSU to field a 2nd team in the lower division with 5 and 6 teams in the respective competitions

On the women competition, the four current Division 1 teams would be joined by LAC United, with the 3 other clubs fielding 2 teams each lower division with one LAC United team for a 5/7 split.

Player restrictions would be any player who has played more than 3 games in Division 1 in 2017 could not play in the lower Division in 2018 unless prior approval from the competitions panel/WH board even in the opening 3 rounds. (ie nominated all nominated Division 1 and 2 players are now in the top Division unless approval is seek before the start of the season.)

The fixed Division 1 timeslots would have to change to accommodate the new structure. The argument of new competition format it requires teams in all divisions to actually having to qualify for finals and a wide variety of competition with more teams as opposed where four of the six divisions only having four teams.

The drawback does meaning player in the bottom end of the current Division 3 competition face stronger players in the new Division 2, but this falls back upon clubs making the right call and ensuring stronger players in current and making the teams especially in the women competition as equal and balanced as possible.

But there is this culture in Wagga which started when players began in Juniors, that players are always playing for more than one team each week regularly.

Failure to supply an umpire

Last round (Round 14), 2 men clubs failed to supply umpires throughout the day despite be warned by WH board members, this is not acceptable.

From the competition rules under Competition and Officiating
Competition:

Failure of a club to do their umpiring duties will result in:

- a) First offence: Loss of two (2) competition points for offending team
- b) Second offence: \$40 fine to offending club.
- c) Third offence: \$80 fine to offending club & 1 match suspension to captain of offending team.

(The captain to be fined will be the current captain on the card, for that round should a team miss their umpiring duty)

Umpire Nominations from Clubs

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.

- 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.

On that basis, including the information for the season so far the following teams will lose points: -

CSU/Rivcoll

- Division 3 Women - lost of 2 competition points - failed to supply an umpire in Round 12 (3W - Rosellas Vs LAC United fixture)

Harlequins

- Division 1 Men - lost of 2 competition points - failed to supply an umpire in Round 10 (U/16 match)
- Division 3 Men - lost of 2 competition points - failed to supply an umpire in Round 14 (3M - Cavaliers Vs Lake)

Lake Albert

- Division 1 Men - lost of 2 competition points - failed to supply an umpire in Round 11 (U/16 match)
- Division 2 Men - lost of 4 competition points, \$40 fine, - failed to supply an umpire in Round 11 (U/16 match) and Round 14 (2M - Harlequins Vs Cavaliers)
- Division 3 Men - lost of 2 competition points, - failed to supply an umpire in Round 14 (3M - CSU vs Harlequins)

All teams need 9 players minimum in each team to qualify for finals. Any player outside of this needs to submit and complete the player exemption form with the necessary supporting documentation to Wagga Hockey email before been decided upon. ie All clubs must have 9 players minimum in each team before the start of finals.

Documentation to be submit by 14th August (for the monthly meeting on the 28th August).

WWCHA- Officiating Report- 26 June 2017

- umpire meeting regarding code of conduct & other problems will be organised asap

notes to take out of meeting regarding player behaviour

players & coaches/managers are not to engage with an umpire during or after a game in regards to calls made during the game.

there are other pathways (email a report through to wagga hockey board and can be dealt with accordingly)

- player behaviour generally was better over the last 2 weeks. still a couple of players hassling umpires over decisions made, players were dealt cards accordingly.
- club umpiring duties are not being filled, can all clubs please make sure you have somebody organised to fill these games as it is hard to keep games moving when we have only one umpire on the field. please pick up your game.