



2018 Local Competition Rules

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PREAMBLE

The Hockey Wanganui Association supports New Zealand Hockey and Sport NZ in eliminating verbal and physical abuse of umpires by players, team management and supporters (Local Good Sports).

All enquires to HWI are to be directed through the respective club secretary /club contact. Any formal requests are to be submitted in writing to the HWI Operations Manager.

Entries to the competition is open to all Affiliated members of HWI

GENERAL

1.0 The HWI turf area (inside the fence), is a smoke free area.

No smoking within the perimeter fence is permitted.

1.1 Vehicle parking is at the owners risk and HWI accepts no liability for any damage or loss that may occur.

1.2 No rubbish is to be left in the Turf area including the dugouts

1.3 Please keep changing rooms tidy and clean from rubbish

1.4 Hockey balls pose a significant risk and do on occasion travel beyond the turf and perimeter fences. To ensure the safety of everyone around you please keep your eye on the ball.

1.5 While every effort is made to ensure player and spectator safety, individuals must take due care to ensure their own safety and that of others.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

There is no "Guest Player" capability for competition

2.0 All teams that participate in the Hockey Wanganui Local Competition and/or in the Wanganui / Manawatu competitions must complete team registration via IMG system. This includes all Men's, Women's, Secondary Teams.

2.1 Team registration through IMG system is to be received by the office of HWI by the 2nd playing game round, unless the HWI Fixtures Committee specifies another date. If not adhere to, this may result in the teams competition games being recorded as a default until registration is complete.

2.2 Additional players may be included in a team, but must be in writing and received by the Operations Manager prior to that player participating in a game. New Players may register up until 4 playing games prior to semi-finals.

2.3 All school students are required to be registered for a school team. Allowances will be made in situations where the school are unable to field a team due to numbers, or if a school accepts that the student is not required.

2.4 All entries to a competition is only open to HWI affiliated players, no exceptions unless by mutual agreement. Up to 20 players may be registered for each team.

2.5 Playing of non-registered players will be deemed a default by the offending team. The non-offending team will be awarded these points, with a 4-0 score line.

2.6 No team shall play any player under suspension by the judicial committee.

2.7 If a player is transferring from another affiliated club or another Association in New Zealand, then it is also necessary to submit to HWI a completed Transfer Form prior to the new player participating in any fixtures

2.8 No player shall be registered for more than one club or school and no player shall play for a team other than the one they are registered for.

The 'A' team in each club/school is to name a minimum of 12 players that are not permitted to play down grades or for another team in the same grade.

The 'B' team and/or subsequent teams can name 3 players called 'floaters' that can play for their club/school in one other team (Floaters must be named on registration and listed the team they float for approved by HWI). Named floaters will not be subject to the "play 3 or more games for a higher team, then you are required to be registered for that team" rule.

- a) The Floating rule also applies to affiliated teams that are registered in other competitions
- b) This rule is not to prevent any other player playing up grades/teams.

Exceptions

2.9 Player wanting dispensation must put the request in writing stating reasons for consideration. This must be emailed to the Operations Manager who will then put the request forward to the fixtures committee for an outcome. Players will be notified of result within 15 working days of the receipt of the request to the committee. For any unapproved application; the player will be treated as an unregistered player and team penalties will apply.

2.10 Registered players in all Secondary School teams are also eligible to be registered with an Affiliated Club. They are then considered a full member of that affiliated club and therefore play-up opportunities will exist for them. It is not permissible to play for a club and school team that play in the same grade/division.

2.11 A school player may play in the school competition in one Association and club competition in another Association. Consequently the player is then registered with the Association to which his/her school team is affiliated.

2.12 Players registered in a DIV 1 team can apply to play in a DIV 2 team.

Representative Player Eligibility:

2.13 Any player playing for a representative team must be registered with a club/school team within the region and must make themselves available for the Wanganui first before being eligible to play rep. hockey outside of the region.

2.14 All players who **PLAY** their club or school hockey in the Wanganui and Wanganui / Manawatu competitions and are affiliated to HWI and who wish to play at a representative level **MUST** trial for Wanganui Representative Teams. If they are not selected for the Wanganui they are then able to trial for another province, provided that NZ Hockey Federation tournament rules allow guest players at their respective age group level.

COMPETITIONS

3.1 All matches shall be under the control of HWI.

All matches are controlled from rules of the following:

• FIH Rules.

• New Zealand Umpires Handbook.

• Wanganui Association Rules.

Association's code of conduct which is aligned with HNZ

3.2 Local Competitions format to be decided by Fixtures committee prior to the start of each season.

3.3 Umpires: If a team fails to provide an umpire to the allocated game a \$50.00 fine may be imposed.

3.4 Game Points:

Win = 3 points

Draw =1 point

Defaulted Game; winner to receive 3 points and 4-0 result.

3.5 Results: Umpires are required to text result of umpired game, as well as cards issued (player name, card colour and points given), and any medical (ACC) incidents through to the HWI "results number", as well as complete scorecards. Results of the games will be available on the website the following Wednesday.

TEAM CARDS

4.0 Team cards to be filled in prior to game commencement and may not be added to during the game. Only players entered on team card may participate in that game.

4.1 There is to be no more than sixteen players entered on the team card.

4.2 Full players names must be on card, if not complied this may result in loss of points.

4.3 Completed team cards are to be returned to Gonville turf's main office (purple door) or may be left in box provided at Collegiate turf after the completion of a game.

4.4 Team cards not received by HWI staff will incur loss of any points received from that game.

4.5 Umpires are to ensure that all results are accurately recorded on each team card. Any ACC incidents or card penalties must also be noted on the card. The card must be signed by BOTH umpires at the completion of the game. Please remember to also text the result to the HWI "results number",

DEFAULTS, POSTPONEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS & PROTESTS

5.0 Teams requiring a game change (date, venue, time) may apply in writing to the Operations Manager, any application must be received 7 days prior to fixture concerned.

5.1 Any team or club that is unable to full fill any engagement in competition matches shall notify the Operations Manager at least 48 hours before the game, failure to do so may result in all turf fees payable for that match being the responsibility of the defaulting team.

5.2 Any team may apply in writing to the Operations Manager for a game deferral if, 3 or more players are involved with coaching, playing or administrative duties of HWI or on a school exchange. Applications must be received 4 weeks before the game is scheduled to be played.

5.3 Any protests must be in writing and lodged with the Operations Manager within Twenty-four hours of the completion of the match from which the protest arises.

TEAM UNIFORMS

6.0 Players other than goalie to be dressed uniformly in registered colours.

Goalie is to wear a different colour shirt from both teams and umpires on the field.

6.1 Team or teams having similar colours may be required by HWI to provide an alternative strip.

6.2 Changes to team uniforms are to be approved by HWI to avoid colour clashes as much as possible

PENALTIES and JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

7.0 Personal penalty points shall be awarded to players as per the FIH Rule book

7.1 The club that the Player is registered for will be notified if they receive 9 or more points in the season

7.2 If a player receives 12 points within a season may be required to appear in front of a judicial hearing, or in lieu of the hearing a one match stand down may be given.

7.3 The Judicial committee shall be a subcommittee of the HW Fixtures Committee convened as required.

7.4 The judicial committee shall have the power to act without a formal protest being lodged, should it consider such action to be justified in the best interest of the game.

7.5. Any player having received a permanent suspension (red card) or a fourth yellow card in the same season may be required to appear before the Judicial Committee.

7.6 The Judicial Committee must convene within five days following a reported incident.

7.7 Any player with a judicial hearing pending cannot play in any hockey match until after he/she has appeared if required before the judicial committee and an outcome has been determined.

7.8 Any umpire showing a red card to a player must inform the Operations Manager within twenty-four hours of the offence and provide a written report within 48 hours. The Operations Manager will then convene the judicial committee.

7.9 Umpires written reports will be reviewed by the judicial committee prior to the hearing. The committee will then request meetings with the players concerned and the umpires if deemed necessary.

7.10 Any player appearing before the judicial committee is required to have a support person with them.

7.11 Any Judicial Committee decision must be notified to HWI Fixtures Committee within twenty-four hours post the hearing. HWI will then notify player's club within 48 hours of the decision and then club is required to notify the player concerned ASAP.

7.12 The Judicial committee has the right to impose whatever penalty it sees fit and this decision must be minuted at the next Board Meeting.

7.13 Following a suspension, the player will have the points reduced on their record to Six (6).

7.14 All players will start each season with zero (0) points. A season is defined as either the Regular (winter) Season or Summer Season

FEES

9.0 All team fees associated to the related season will be payable in full, by date set by HWI.

9.1 Unpaid team fees will result in HWI informing the Club (that the team belongs to) that they are required to instruct the aforementioned team; that it is prohibited from playing until such time that the debt is cleared or arrangements made for payment of outstanding fees

9.1.1 If a team/club defaults on the payment arrangement then the following may happen:

A) The defaulting team loses all its points from the season and/or.

B) The defaulting team is prohibited from playing until such time that the debt is cleared in full.

9.2. Players that are un-financial will be ineligible for selection in representative teams. (It will be up to the clubs to inform HWI of members that are not financial)

TURF

8.0 All players must wear regulation footwear that must be free from dirt before entering the turf.

8.1 No food, drink (except water), or spitting on the turf.

8.2 No persons other than on-field members of playing teams and umpires are allowed on the turf whilst the game is in progress.

8.3 Substitutions must be done in a timely manner. Waiting players must ensure they clear of the game and umpire while awaiting the substitution. The player leaving the field must exit to the dugouts as quickly as practical.

8.4 Only players, coaches and team management may be in the dugout during a game.

8.5 All players shall enter and exit the turf via the player's entrance at the dugouts.

8.6 Teams to vacate turf / dugout area immediately following their game in order to allow the next game to proceed.

8.7 Any player showing blood must immediately leave the turf in order to attend to the wound, they may only return to the field after the wound is covered adequately.

8.8 Any person found wilfully damaging the turf or associated equipment will be liable for all cost relating to repair of the damage in addition to any other penalty the HWI may impose.

8.9 Sharp objects to be removed or taped e.g. rings, bracelets, goalies buckles.

8.10 All field player substitutions are to be made near the centreline on the dugout side of the turf.

8.11 Abuse and Foul Language

Players Coaches, Managers or Team Officials who are abusive or use foul language on or in the vicinity of the field of play may be temporarily suspended and points awarded in respect to cards issued for offences. Umpires are to use their discretion as to the appropriate length of the suspension, with a 5-minute minimum applicable. These cards will be recorded and the players who consistently offend may be required to appear before the Judicial Committee who may impose whatever penalty/suspension they consider appropriate