

# Illawarra District Hockey Inc

## JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

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## **1. REGISTRATIONS & GRADINGS**

1.01 No player can play for more than one (1) Club during the season unless approval has been granted by the Board.

All club players, coaches and officials must be registered with the IDHI.

All adults associated with Junior Club Teams or Representative teams must complete the relevant Child Protection forms.

Individual player registration forms must be in the hands of the Registrar (48) forty eight hours before the commencement of their first (1st) competition game.

Team gradings to be on the Association form and shall be in the hands of the Registrar forty eight (48) hours before the commencement of the first (1st) competition game. Failure to complete forms shall warrant them ineligible for acceptance.

1.02 The Registrar will check all score cards for ungraded and unregistered players.

1.03 Late registrations may be lodged with the Registrar forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of a match.

1.04 Registrations of all players shall cease to be effective at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. No registrations will be accepted after the 30th June, unless approved by the Board. No player shall be registered with more than one club affiliated with Illawarra District Hockey Incorporated.

1.05 No player of an unfinancial club may transfer to another club unless permission has been granted by the Board.

1.06 All submitted player gradings are subject to Junior Competition Sub Committee approval.

1.07 All applications for player regrades are to be notified to the Registrar by 9.00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next competition match. The Registrar shall consider applications and if necessary he shall consult two (2) other members of the Junior Competition Sub Committee for consideration, before notifying the club of the decision.

All applications for regrades are to be supported in writing, to reach the Registrar not later than the following Thursday. Failure to notify in writing shall result in the initial regrades being declared void.

1.08 Where a club has two (2) or more teams in the one (1) age division, players must be graded in individual teams. In addition, each team is entitled to play a maximum of two (2) players from the other team in that age division in their particular match in each round. Players may only play across twice in a season. Where a junior competition is divided into grades no player may play across from a team in a higher grade to a team in a lower grade. Written application seeking exemption for this By-Law must be made to the Junior Competition Sub Committee.

1.09 All team gradings and registrations are available for inspection, upon application in writing to the Junior Competition Sub Committee by any affiliated club.

1.10 Designated goalkeepers may apply to the Registrar for an additional grading to allow them to play as a field player in grades other than those allowed by their goalkeeper grading. This additional grading shall be viewed by the By-Laws as a separate player in every regard except for By-Law category 11 (Judiciary Committee) under which the gradings shall be seen as joint. To distinguish between the two gradings, when playing as a goalkeeper this must be appropriately recorded on the match card, otherwise the field playing grading shall be applied.

1.11 Junior Players can play a maximum of four (4) competition matches per week to include a maximum of 2 Senior matches and a maximum of two (2) competition matches per day.

Representative matches are not included in this restriction. Written application seeking exemption for this By-Law must be made to the Junior Competition Sub Committee by the Thursday preceding the match

## **2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

2.01 The competition shall be conducted in age divisions as decided by the Board. The player's age for the age division is that at 1<sup>st</sup> January annually. Clubs shall be invited to nominate teams in each age division. Once the nominations have been received, the Junior Competition Sub Committee shall decide in which grade the nominated teams shall play.

2.02 In junior competitions, players may only play in their own age division and the next higher age division. Under no circumstances may a player play in a lower age division or two age divisions higher. The Junior Competition Sub Committee on application from a club may grant permission for exemption from this by-law.

2.03 Clubs must seek the approval from the Junior Competition Sub Committee in order to amalgamate in an age division and only where each Club has insufficient numbers to field a team in its own right. In order to constitute an amalgamated Club team, there must be at least 3 registered members from each of the amalgamating Clubs. Once approval has been gained for amalgamation, the amalgamated Club may draw players as required from lower age divisions of either of the amalgamating Clubs without the prior approval of the Junior Competition Sub Committee.

2.04 In Under 11 matches, the team Coach **only** is permitted inside the fence (or on the artificial surface where no fence exists) for the purpose of providing guidance to players new to the full field game. The coach must position themselves so that they do not interfere with play or the umpires vision of the game. Once the Under 11 competition is split into divisions or during semi finals the Coach shall remain off the field of play at all times and is restricted to the sideline area on the side of the field where the duty official is located and is not allowed on the backline areas in the highest division. Coaches may remain on the field for lower divisions.

### **2.05 Duration of matches**

- (i) Juniors – 30 minutes each way with a 5 minute interval for halftime
- (ii) Modified/Minkey – as determined by the BOM

2.06 Illawarra District Hockey Incorporated has adopted the Hockey NSW policy that all players **MUST** wear properly fitted mouth guards (recommended that mouth guards be fitted in accordance with guidelines from the Australian Dental Association) and moulded approved shin pads in all IDHI competition matches and all club and IDHI training sessions.

Players seeking exemption from wearing a mouthguard must supply a suitable letter from their dentist or doctor to the Board.

2.07 All jewelry items including ear rings, necklaces and plastic armbands must be removed or taped over and facial piercings must be covered up for all competition matches.

2.08 Representative players who have played for the Illawarra A team at the NSW championships during a particular field hockey season are not permitted to transfer to another club for the following field hockey season unless that club team finished lower on the competition points table than the players current club team in their age group. Written application seeking exemption for this By-Law must be made to the Junior Competition Sub Committee.

### **3. COMPETITION POINTS**

- 3.01 Win - 3
- Draw - 1
- Loss - 0
- Bye - 0
- Forfeit - 3

3.02 The Junior Club Championship competition will be determined by summing for each Club the points gained in competition matches in Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 15's & Under 17's.

Modified/Minkey results shall not count towards the Club Championship.

### **4. TEAM & CAPTAIN OBLIGATIONS**

4.01 Each team shall pay all fines and dues on the date, as stipulated by the Board, under penalty of loss of competition points gained while being unfinancial.

4.02 It shall be the responsibility of the last Duty Team of the day to forward the day's results to the Registrar and to send the Result Sheets to the Registrar by the following Monday.

4.03 Each club shall nominate at the beginning of the season, a minimum of two (2) players from each team, who are willing to umpire if required.

4.04 Each team shall supply one (1) ball per match.

4.05 Teams must take the field in colours registered with the Association. Any temporary change of colours shall be subject to the approval of the Junior Competition Sub Committee. Any player failing to comply with this, shall not be allowed to participate in a game until he is correctly attired. Playing shirts are to be numbered on the back of the shirt, with numbers at least 15 cm high.

4.06 Duty Team Responsibilities

1. At least 5 minutes before the game

a. Have the team captains complete player names and shirt numbers on the Result Sheet. Goalkeepers must be clearly marked on the Result Sheet.

2. Before the game

a. Hand the result sheet to the Umpires to inspect. Discuss with the Umpires any requirements they may have, such as signals to be used for time out, length of player suspensions etc. Adjust scoreboard clock and set goals scored to zero

3. During the game

a. Record details of goal scorers on Result Sheet. Assist Umpires if requested to manage players/ coaches/ managers on team benches. Manage suspended players, if requested by Umpires

b. Adjust scoreboard as required, for goals scored, time outs and half time

c. Ensure interchange players names are added to the Result Sheet before they go onto the field

d. Ensure that suspended players are marked on the Result Sheet

4. After the game

a. Ensure Umpires complete suspension details if necessary, add Player of the Year points and sign the Result Sheet. Ensure captains sign the Result Sheet. Place the Result Sheet in the folder provided in the Bench Officials room.

4.07 Match Results Sheets.

4.07.1 Match Results Sheets, in an approved format, will be provided by IDHI for each competition match.

4.07.2 Team Captains or nominated team managers only must complete a team list, in BLOCK LETTERS on the approved Match Result Sheet before the commencement of the game. No player is to take the field if their name and playing number are not listed on the Match Result Sheet.

4.07.3 Only players who intend to or are capable of taking the field to be part of the game are to be listed on the Match Results Sheet. The Player's shirt number must be recorded adjacent to their name.

4.07.4 Up to 16 (sixteen) players or intending players may be listed.

4.07.5 The team captain or manager must nominate on the Match Result sheet the starting 11 (eleven) players which must include a designated goal keeper.

4.07.6 The Technical Official (where appointed – otherwise the “home team”), and/or Umpires are responsible for recording the match results, including goals scored and any players or team officials suspensions. The Match Results Sheet must be signed by the Technical Official (where appointed), and both Umpires.

4.07.7 At the conclusion of the match, the team captains or managers must strike out the names of any players listed on the Match Results Sheet, who did not take the field.

4.07.9 The team captains or nominated managers shall sign the completed match sheet. It is both team's Captains' responsibility to ensure all appropriate match sheet details are correct and completed legibly, including completion of all details required by the umpires.

4.07.10 Once a match sheet has been signed by both captains or managers, no further adjustments or changes can be made. A signed sheet is considered as the final record of the match.

4.07.11 Any team proved to have nominated a player or players as having played in match where they did not take the field shall be penalised competition points and may be subject to further penalties as determined by the Board.

4.07.12 A breach of the Match Result By-Law (19) may also incur fines and or penalties as set out in By-Law 15: *Fines*.

## **5. INJURED PLAYERS' INSURANCE**

Each affiliated club is responsible for ensuring that their registered members are adequately covered by an Injured Players' Insurance scheme. All clubs are required to notify the Association of the applicable insurance coverage at the commencement of each season.

## **6. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

6.01 The team with the most points shall be the Minor Premiers. In the event of two (2) or more teams being equal on points, the team with the highest goal average shall be the Minor Premiers.

6.02 The four (4) leading teams shall play off for the Premiership in each grade as follows:

SEMI FINAL	1 v 2 and 3 v 4
FINAL	Loser 1 v 2 plays Winner 3 v 4
GRAND FINAL	Winner 1 v 2 plays Winner of Final

6.03 In the event of teams being level on points, to decide the first four (4) places, goal averages shall be taken into account. The goal averages shall be worked on the following basis: Goals for divided by goals against.

Where teams are level on goal averages, the team scoring the most goals shall be declared the winner.

In the event of forfeits, the team gaining the forfeit shall be credited with a 3 - 0 win, and the other team a 0 - 3 loss.

## **7. SEMI FINALS, FINALS & GRAND FINALS**

7.01 In Semi Finals and Finals, if the result is a draw at full time, **five (5) minutes** extra time each way shall be played following a five (5) minute break **under sudden death conditions (1<sup>st</sup> team scoring a goal terminates the match)**. There shall be no interval between the periods of extra time. If still a draw, the result of the match will be awarded to the team highest on the Competition Points Table, at the completion of the preliminary rounds.

7.02 In Grand Finals, if the result is a draw at full time, **five (5) minutes** each way extra time shall be played following a five (5) minute break **under sudden death conditions (1<sup>st</sup> team scoring a goal terminates the match)**. There shall be no interval between the periods of extra time. If still a draw, the result of the match will be awarded to the team highest on the Competition Points Table, at the completion of the preliminary rounds.

7.03 A player must play in a minimum of 50% of the rounds throughout the year to qualify for semi finals, finals and grand finals. The number of rounds representing 50% for each *age division* is determined by dividing the number of matches played by each team (available rounds) in the season by two (rounding up to a whole number).

If a player through documented injury/illness or representative duties to Illawarra District Hockey or one of its parent bodies can not meet this requirement, written application may be made to the Junior Competition Sub Committee to reduce for that player the available rounds used in the calculation by the number of weeks that an exemption is granted for.

In addition, all players must play in a minimum of five (5) matches in a particular age division or below to qualify for that age division or above in the semi finals, finals and grand finals.

## **8. ABANDONED, POSTPONED OR DEFERRED MATCHES**

8.01 Subject to rule 9.01, the umpires shall decide if a match should be abandoned because of rain or the condition of the playing fields, provided no decision has been previously made by the Junior Competition Sub Committee.

8.02 If a game is not played due to wet weather or the condition of the playing fields under By Law 8.01, the Junior Competition Committee shall decide if the match is to be rescheduled, and if so, the date, time and venue it shall take place.

8.03 If a match is abandoned during play due to the weather, the team leading at the time shall be the winner. However, if the Junior Competition Committee considers that insufficient time had been played in the match, the Junior Competition Committee can decide to reschedule that match.

8.04 If a match is abandoned during play for any reason other than that in Rule 8.03, a Junior Competition Committee decision regarding rescheduling of the match shall apply.

8.05 Under no circumstances shall a match be postponed if no umpires are available. The captains or players delegated by them shall act as umpires.

**8.06 Adoption of the Lightning Safety Code** -The lightning safety code calls for play to be stopped when the lightning/thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less. i.e. the time between when the lightning is seen and the thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less. This means that the lightning is 10 km away and the next strike has a “significant risk” of hitting the people who have seen the lightning and heard the thunder. Play should not commence until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and thunder.

8.07 Where both participating teams in a match mutually agree to defer a game they must both notify the Junior Competition Subcommittee at least 7 days prior to the scheduled match date advising the agreed date and time that the match will be rescheduled to. It will be responsibility of the participating clubs to supply match officials for the rescheduled match. All rescheduled matches must be played at least 14 days prior to the commencement of semi finals or the splitting of a competition into divisions.

## **9. MINIMUM PLAYING STRENGTH OF TEAMS**

9.01 A captain may request five (5) minutes grace if he is unable to field a complete team. When this time elapses, his team consisting of at least seven (7) players must take the field or forfeit the match.

9.02 If a team receives a forfeit it shall be entitled to use of the appointed ground for the period of the scheduled match.

## **10. TROPHIES**

Perpetual trophies shall be awarded to the Minor Premiers and a maximum of sixteen (16) individual awards to all premiership winning teams. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Junior Competition Sub Committee.

## **11. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

11.01 The Judiciary Committee shall comprise of at least five (5) members with a quorum of 3 (three) members.

11.02 It shall be the duty of the Committee to enquire into any charges of misconduct against a member of the Association.

11.03 If the charge is proved, the Committee shall take such disciplinary action as it deems necessary.

11.04 Any member so suspended shall have the right to appeal to a combined meeting of the Board and the Judiciary Committee, provided that such an appeal must be received within 14 days of the notice of the suspension and will only be dealt with on the grounds of severity, or new evidence, provided such an appeal will be heard within three (3) days of written application being received by the Board. The Board ruling shall be final. A player shall not be permitted to play pending an appeal.

11.05 If a player receives a Red Card, the player CANNOT play in a competition match until the Judiciary Committee has met to issue the relevant penalty. The player will receive an automatic ONE (1) round suspension and the umpires must allocate a number of points depending on the seriousness of the offense.

However, the player has the right to appear before the Judiciary Committee to discuss the circumstances of the Red Card. In this situation, the player must inform the Junior Competition Sub Committee, IN WRITING, by 4.00pm on the Tuesday immediately following the issuing of the Red Card that they require their case heard before the Judiciary Committee and the Committee will convene a hearing as soon as possible.

11.06 The Judiciary Committee shall have the power to cite any player who has been temporarily suspended one (1) or more times, at their discretion, dependant upon the nature of the offences. The Judiciary Committee shall notify the club secretary of the date that the player is to appear, such appearance to be within fourteen (14) days of the last known offence. In the event of a result card being 'Late', the appearance shall take place within seven (7) days of the club being notified. Any player failing to appear before the Judiciary Committee, when required to do so, shall be suspended until such time as he does appear.

11.07 Any team playing a suspended player will be fined three (3) competition points. The club shall be notified of any suspensions before the next competition match.

11.08 Umpires will allocate a number of points depending on the seriousness of each Yellow and Red card issued. Once a player has reached a total of 10 points from the points allocation – the player is suspended for ONE (1) competition round. For every 2 additional points accumulated by the offending player a further ONE (1) round suspension is added to the penalty

Red Card points allocated will be added to a players accumulated Yellow Card points.

In addition, if a player reaches a total of 10 points or more, that player **MUST** appear before the Judiciary Committee to discuss the situation.

If a player is given a second yellow card for the same offence during the match, the Umpire must issue a Red Card to the player and the player is suspended for the remainder of the match. Points received for both Yellow Cards must be recorded on the Match Result Sheet. The automatic 1 round suspension would only apply if both Yellow cards were adjudged as 5 point offenses (unless the player has accumulated other points which now total over the 10 point total).

## **12. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS**

Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of sixteen (16) players per match a maximum of eleven (11) on the field at any one time. All interchanges shall be under the control of the umpires.

## **13. TEAM FORFEITS**

*Forfeits will occur for any of the following reasons:*

13.01 If a team fails to take the field after five (5) minutes grace, requested by its captain, has elapsed or when called upon to do so by the umpires.

13.02 If a team takes the field with less than seven (7) players. In the event of both teams fielding less than seven (7) players neither side shall be entitled to claim competition points for the match. The umpires must notify the Registrar within five (5) days of such an occurrence.

13.03 If a team plays an unregistered player or a registered player of another club affiliated with Illawarra District Hockey Incorporated.

13.04 Any team proved to have contravened By-Law 13 shall be penalised competition points and pay the ground hire charges and umpires fees for that match.

13.05 A team that forfeits a match will receive no competition points.

## **14. FINES**

*The following fines and penalties will apply for each offense of the following:*



15.01 Failure to have at least one (1) club delegate at a Junior Committee Meeting.

**\$100.00 FINE.**

15.02 A team playing an unregistered, or ungraded, or suspended player.

**AN INITIAL FINE OF \$10.00, AND LOSS OF COMPETITION POINTS GAINED PER MATCH.**

Their opponents shall be awarded the points for the match and the match classified as a forfeit.

15.03 Failure to pay fines and dues on the date stipulated.

**LOSS OF COMPETITION POINTS GAINED WHILE UNFINANCIAL.**

The points taken away shall not be awarded to their opponents.

15.04 Failure to forward the Results to the Registrar and to send the Results Sheets in the Registrar in the specified time (By-Law 4.03).

**\$10 FINE.**

15.05 For a contravention of any part of By-Law 1.08 (Grading Restrictions) OR By-Law 12 (Interchange) OR By-Law 13 (Forfeits).

**LOSS OF COMPETITION POINTS GAINED PER MATCH.**

Their opponents shall be awarded the points for the match and the match classified as a 3-0 win for the winning team and a 0-3 loss to the losing team.

15.06 Failure to supply one (1) ball for a match (By-Law 4.05).

**\$5 FINE.**

15.07 Clubs failing to supply an umpire to a match after the Club had been appointed to that match.

**\$25 FINE.**

15.08 Clubs failing to perform the Duty Team responsibilities for a match after the Club had been appointed to that match.

**\$25 FINE.**

## **15. UMPIRES**

16.01 The IDHI invite the Officiating Committee to appoint umpires to all matches played in the Illawarra competition, and games played by our Association within our district.

16.02 Badged umpires shall be re-reimbursed for matches controlled as per the current Umpires Incentive Scheme.

16.03 Players given yellow cards shall go directly to a safe place determined by the Umpire but not to or to the vicinity of his/her team's dugout or assembly position. If there is a central officiating position, the player will retire there, otherwise to a safe neutral position as determined by the umpire where he/she will wait until summoned back to the field by the Umpire. No person other than an Association Official or an Umpire may approach or converse with the suspended player while he/she remains suspended. For U13 age and younger players the team coach/manager is allowed to approach & converse with the suspended player in the designated safe area

Players who receive a red card will proceed immediately to the dugout, collect their clothing and playing equipment and leave the dugout or assembly position immediately.”

## **16. COMPETITION RULES**

17.01 These Junior Competition Rules may be amended or rescinded wholly or in part at a Junior Competition Meeting by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote, provided that at least fourteen (14) days notice of any motion to amend or rescind shall be given in writing to all persons entitled to attend and vote at that meeting.

17.02 Officers of the Association and member clubs and bodies shall each be supplied with complete and correct copies of these Competition Rules from time to time and with suitable amendment advises immediately after minor amendments are approved.

## **17. CONSTITUTION**

18.01 Junior Competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with these Competition Rules and any Constitution clauses adopted to govern such, subject to any amendments passed at General Meetings so called to deal with such amendments.

18.02 Amendments, variations, rescissions or additions, either wholly or in part shall be dealt in accordance with the same provisions and conditions as applying to these Competition Rules and the Constitution of the Association.