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Welcome to the 2016 Season. This newsletter is to, hopefully, keep everyone informed and educate umpires on some of the rules of hockey. If you wish to have any rule clarified, please contact me on whaumpiring@gmail.com or see me at the games.

U14 Boys and Girls

Normal rules apply for both boys and girls (even though they go across the field). Which means that they are all required to have a goalie. In the case that they both do not have a goalie we apply the rule that hitting will be allowed but only slap hitting in the CIRCLE. This will be for an initial period only until teams can find a goalie.

U18's

The Charlesworth Short Corner has been removed due to discrepancies in how to play it at half and full time. We go back to short corners with the rule that any shot, drag flick or flick has to be lower than the backboard the whole way. If it is higher than this, it results in a free to the defensive team.

Approx: 46 cms



Green Cards

This year the Whyalla Hockey Association is utilising the Green Card 2 minute rule for minor offences. If you are given a green card, you need to remove yourself from the ground and press one of the buttons on the Box. It would be ideal for you to press the button on your team's side.

Your 2 minutes does not start until you press the button.

Umpires: You do not call time when issuing a green card and generally an explanation is not given. If the player while running off the ground touches the ball or interferes with play



they are causing a professional breach and you can upgrade it to a **Yellow Card**.

When issuing green cards please also be aware of the time on the scoreboard as this is not a full proof method as it cannot be stopped for half time or injury time. As this is also an honesty system if they enter the field before the alarm is sounded you can then be given a **Yellow Card**.

Free Hits inside the 23 Metres

Rules that have been played in previous years are still correct. **The change is inside the dotted 5 circle.**

At an attacking free hit awarded within 5 metres of the circle, the ball cannot enter the circle until it has travelled at least 5 metres or it has been touched by a defending player. **On this basis, defenders who are inside the circle within 5 metres of the free hit are therefore not interfering with play (you can be standing on top of the circle 1 metre away) and may also shadow around the inside of the circle a player who takes a self-pass, provided that they do not play or attempt to play the ball or influence play until it has either travelled at least 5 metres or alternatively has been touched by a defending player who can legitimately play the ball. Players inside or outside the circle who were 5 metres or more from the point of the free hit at its award are not allowed to move to and then remain in a stationary position within 5 metres of the ball as the free hit is taken.**

Other than indicated above, any playing of the ball, attempting to play the ball or interference by a defender or an attacker who was not 5 metres from the ball, should be penalised accordingly.

Following a time stoppage after the award of an attacking free hit inside the 23 metres area, upon the re-start all players other than the player taking the free hit must be at least 5 metres from the ball.

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