

Maryborough & District Hockey Association Inc



**Core Cup 2020**  
Rules of Play

#### TEAM NOMINATION FEE

Team Name, contact person, and uniform colours are to be lodged on the appropriate form, accompanied by \$150.00 fee by 22 February 2020. The draw will be emailed to team contacts as soon as possible after the closing date.

#### PRIZE MONEY

The winning teams in Open Men and Women will each receive \$500.  
The winning teams in Masters Men and Women will each receive \$500.

#### TEAM PERSONNEL

Team Personnel is to be provided by each team prior to commencement of their first match. Teams may have a maximum of 16 players.

**Note:** Players must play at least one round robin match to play in the finals.

#### PLAYER INSURANCE

2019 Player Insurance is valid until the start of the 2020 season. Players who did not play in 2019 will need to complete **2019-20 Off-Season Summer Registration** and pay the fees. Go to the following link:

<https://regofarm.mygameday.app/#/0010I000021dglhQAI/a2G0I000000NHeiUAG>

#### AGE REQUIREMENTS

The following age requirements will apply:

- Open – players must turn 13 years of age in 2020, no upper age limit
- Masters – players must turn 35 in 2020 or 45 in 2020 (depending on division nominated), no upper age limit. Near age may be approved at MDHA discretion.

#### GAME DURATION

Length of games to be advised once team nominations have closed. (Games will be 1 period only). Central timing will be used for all games. No injury timeouts.

#### TEAM FORMAT

A maximum of 9 players per team will take the field in a match. Each team is permitted to interchange at any time at the halfway line as per normal FIH Rules. Teams are not required to have a goalkeeper.

#### GOALKEEPERS

Teams may play with a Goalkeeper. However, if they choose to forgo a goalkeeper they may play with 9 field players.

#### UMPIRES

Each team is required to leave an umpire on the field following their match. The MDHA will provide umpires for the first matches on Friday 28 February 2020.

#### GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

All other Rules of Hockey apply in accordance with FIH Rules.

#### POINTS

- Win: 3 points      Draw: 1 point      Loss: 0 points
- Failure to umpire will incur a 3 point penalty.

#### ROUND ROBIN MATCHES

Following a series of Round Robin Matches, Finals will be played. Depending on the number of teams in each division the format may be as follows:

- 2 Pools of 4 teams – 1<sup>st</sup> in each pool will play in the Final. All other teams will have 1 final match after the Round Robin is completed eg 2<sup>nd</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> etc.
- 1 Pool of 4 teams – The finals will be between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams after the Round Robin is completed. All other teams will have 1 final match after the Round Robin is completed eg 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 1 Pool of 5 or 6 teams – The winner will be first past the post after the Round Robin is completed.

In the event of a draw for seedings, the winner shall be the team with the greater goal difference. If still a draw, the team with the most goals “for”. If still a draw, toss of a coin.

#### Draws in Finals:

In the event of a draw in a final, there will be a Shootout Competition as per Rules for HQ State Championships.

*Good Luck to all teams. We hope you enjoy your weekend.*