



CANTERBURY JUNIOR HOCKEY
KWIK STICKS U13s (11 a-side) Boys 2017

- Age Level:** Year 7 & 8 pupils
- Team Size:** 11 players, including a fully-equipped goalkeeper with a maximum team size of 16 players. Rolling substitutions are permitted. Teams will be required to have a minimum of 13 named players prior to commencement of competition.
- Player eligibility:** Clubs & Schools may not select players who have represented Canterbury for another Club or School in the prior season.
- Field Size:** Games are played on full-sized artificial surfaces.
- Game length:** Games are 2 x 25minute halves with a 2-minute half-time.
- Rules:** Standard FIH Rules of Hockey.
- Umpires:** All teams will be umpired by scheduled umpires from the Junior Umpiring Group.
- Coaching:** Emphasis on developing techniques within a game context (pressure & competition); passing & receiving skills including on the reverse side of the body; elimination skills including dribbling to set up a pass or goal shot; defensive skills including the ability to delay and engage; develop tactical awareness including creating space (width & height) on attack and reducing space on defence (protecting the critical area); develop an understanding of positional roles & responsibilities; and the requirements and execution of set plays.
- Entries:** Entry forms will be sent out in March 2017.
- Default:** No defaults of games will be accepted. The draw will make allowance for Representative requirements.

Lower grade year 7 or 8 players must be used to fill team positions
- Structure:** Each year the final competition structure will be confirmed by the Junior Management Committee (**JMC**) based on the number of entries, available weeks in the season and relative strength of the entries.

The standard structure will typically involve a grading round, a Major Championship round and a knockout finals round/Minor Championship.

The final structure will be motivated by the desire to provide a competition which sees all teams competing with teams of like ability whilst optimizing turf use.

**Seeding:**

In line with the wider CHA strategy of fostering player pathways through strong club allegiances entries are prioritised as follows:

- 1) Club A teams – a 'club' is defined by having an open grade team of the same gender competing in Div 1 or higher of the CHA open grade competition and be delivering the Fun Sticks programme;
- 2) Club B teams and school teams are considered of equal standing.

In addition:

- 3) All teams entering must have a minimum of 4 teams entered/participating in lower grade/division to enter. This requirement applies to first team entries only. For sake of clarity lower grade/division includes other teams in the 11 aside competition;
- 4) All entries must provide one Youth Umpire (under 19 years of age and school year 9 or higher) for the Junior Umpiring Group; and
- 5) All teams entered must have coaches who have attended a CHA coaching course within the last 24 months.

In an event where there are more entries than places for the Division 1 Grade a seeding system is applied based on the prior year's championship round.

Any team that did not participate in the prior year's competition will be treated as a new team and seeded in the Division 2 Grade.

Dispensation

Should any Club or School have issues complying with and of the requirements they should contact the Junior Management Committed: Ben@hockeycanterbury.co.nz