

**ISCH Men's Field Competition Committee****Minutes****5 March 2015****7:00pm****ICU Stadium**

**ATTENDEES** Wes Johnston (West's Illawarra), Warren Gale (Chairperson), Janet Cowan (Secretary), Michael Thomas (Dapto Delegate), Kiama Delegate), Brendan Gilmore (Kiama Delegate), Matt Davis (University Delegate), Anthony Gibson (Fairy Meadow Delegate), Tyson Street (Officiating), Keith Maywald (Albion Park Delegate).

**Agenda Items****WELCOME**

Warren welcomed everybody to the meeting and advised that we should only need to meet as a full committee at least 5 times in the season.

**APOLOGIES**

Garry Bull (ISCH Board Member) Jason Collett (Albion Park Delegate)

**1: Positions Vacant** The following two positions are still vacant and need to be filled. Nominations from the floor will be taken. Matt Davis has agreed to take on the role of Fixtures. The Registrar position remains vacant but Warren has asked if there would be two other people that could assist him that would be helpful.

| <b>2:</b> | <b>Team Nominations</b> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|           | Club                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
|           | Albion Park RSL         | 1               | 1               | 1               | 2               | 1               |
|           | Dapto                   | 1               | 1               |                 | 1               | 1               |
|           | Fairy Meadow            | 1               | 1               | 1               |                 | 1               |
|           | Kiama                   |                 | 1               |                 | 1               | 1               |
|           | Robertson               | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|           | University              | 1               | 1               | 2               | 1               | 2               |
|           | West's                  | 1               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 1               |
|           | <b>Total</b>            | <b>6</b>        | <b>6</b>        | <b>5</b>        | <b>6</b>        | <b>7</b>        |

It was suggested to ask Shoalhaven if they wanted to enter any teams in our competition. It was noted that Shoalhaven may want to concentrate on getting their own competition up and running this year. To make is even University and Kiama were asked if their teams would like to move to other grades. University would move one of their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teams to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Kiama would move their 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Matt advised that it would not be a problem. Brendan advised that he would have to take it back to his club and would advise Janet ASAP. If Kiama agree then the competition will run with 6 teams in all Grades.

**3: Draft Illawarra South Coast Hockey Field Hockey Competition Rules**

Copies were emailed to all clubs seeking feedback. The following is the Committee's recommendations – to be forwarded to the ISCH Board.

2.8 replace Veterans with Masters

2.10 Fix the terminology for Child protection which is now Working With Children Check

3.1 Remove the 48 hour registration cut off and replace with prior to the players 1st match

4.2.1 add: Where a club has two (2) or more teams in their second lowest grade the club can either have one team in that grade with a minimum number of nine (9) registered players or have two (2) teams with a minimum number of ten (10) registered players.

4.2.6 Add: Late requests prior to a match can be approved by the Competition Registrar or their delegate for new players to be graded where ISCH is their home association and these players shall be graded in addition to the minimum number of graded players per team.

4.2.10 Remove the resubmission limit for men's competitions

4.2.13 Delete this clause as the 9 players in the second lowest grade achieves this.

5.7 Restrict this item to a players own age group, especially important for men's masters or too many rounds will need to be rescheduled.

5.11 please reword as we want players to be able to wear fit bit bracelets etc but don't want beaded jewellery and items that could cause a danger to players if dropped on the field or involved in a player collision.

5.13.6 Add ,once a team takes the lead they must have a fully padded goal keeper on the field.

6.4 This is the area of our greatest concern. WE DO NOT WANT DROP OFF , we want our sport to be inclusive and having played an entire season of 11 a side hockey want that to continue through the semifinal series thus giving participants the ability to be on the field rather than excluding them. Drop off is not mentioned anywhere in the FIH rules of hockey and has no place in full season hockey where participants have played each other multiple times.

For Grand Finals only in senior hockey we support the addition of a penalty shootout if the scores are still level after extra time.

7.5 They should also have to leave the Spectator areas

9. Can the board please create a judiciary suspensions policy for consistency in application, this should reflect the ability to reduce a sentence for 1st time offenders and players with good disciplinary points records.

9.1 Add the judiciary representative from the club of the accused player shall be a non-voting member of the judiciary.

9.4 Change: 48 hours of issuing the red card to 48 hours of the issuing of the suspension. Add: Where a player requests a judiciary hearing and they do not attend an additional round shall be added to their suspension and the ability to appear before the judiciary lapses.

9.6 For the 1st year of operation we like to see all players from 2014 start with their points from that year but this should be capped at 5 points.

We also support the junior committees suggested changes that effect our competitions:

1 - Add a definition for a padded goalkeeper so that there is no confusion

5.13.7 Change this to a maximum of 2 junior games in any day and remove the 4 games in a week.

#### **4: Officiating**

##### **Rules to be used in all matches**

The ability to take attacking free hits, awarded within 5 metres of the edge of the circle, from the point of the offence. The change states that the ball still has to travel at least 5 metres before it can be played into the circle, or alternatively has to be touched by another player of either team, other than the player taking the free hit.

The second change concerns the re-start, after the ball has unintentionally been played over the back-line by a defender or deflected by a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, and no goal is scored. Play will now be re-started with the ball on the 23 metre line and in line with where it crossed the back-line. (Long corner rule change)

Green card – 2 minute penalty – No points, Yellow card – 5 minute penalty or discretion of Umpire – 2 points, Red card – Leave the playing and spectator area immediately – 5 points.

Breaking on short corners. The player breaking either attacker or defender will leave and go to halfway

and take no further part in the corner.

The 10 metre forward on rule has been deleted.

Sticks be above the shoulder are permitted in first grade, only if not in a dangerous situation.

Reminder to all participants and spectators of our Code of Conduct. Remind players that comments are not to be made

Umpires will be allocated down to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade this year as well as Technical Officials

An Umpire briefing night will be held during the season for all clubs. For all accredited umpires that do not attend the briefing will have \$50.00 deduction from your incentive payment at the end of the year.

## **General Business**

Games fees should be \$2737.00 this year. Home grounds for clubs will be:

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|-----------------|------------|
| Albion Park     | Croome Rd  |
| Kiama           | Croome Rd  |
| Dapto           | Unanderra  |
| University      | University |
| Wests Illawarra | Unanderra  |
| Fairy Meadow    | Unanderra  |
| Robertson       | Croome Rd  |

Friday night games for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade both Men and Women is an option that was put forward. Any clubs that would like some Friday night games please advise ASAP for the draw can be finalized.

Starting day will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

Meeting Closed.  
Next Meeting TBA.

Janet Cowan  
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Men's Field Competition Committee  
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