

**Minutes from the ISCH Men's Field Competition Committee general meeting on Monday 1 February at 6.00 pm at the Illawarra Hockey Stadium**

**Present:** Garry Bull (ISCH Board member, acting Co-ordinator), John Pemberton (Secretary & Registrar), Janet Cowan (Fixtures), Tyson Street (Officiating), Keith Maywald & Darren Coombes (Albion Park), Michael Thomas (Dapto), Anthony Gibson & Paul Haddon (Fairy Meadow), Brendan Gilmore (Kiama), Glen Isedale & Mark Stafford (Mittagong), Ben & Ashleigh Wright (Robertson), Leo Hughes (University), Wes Johnston (West's & ISCH Finance Director).

**MFCC positions:**

- Garry will act as MFCC Co-ordinator in an interim capacity only. He stressed that the committee must appoint a Co-ordinator before the competition starts.
- John will hold the roles of Secretary and Registrar.
- Tyson will continue as Officiating Co-ordinator.
- Janet agreed to be the new Fixtures Convenor.

**Preliminary team nominations:**

	1s	2s	3s	4s	5s	home
Albion Park	1	1	1	2	1	CR
Dapto	1	1	1	1		LM
Fairy Meadow	UniFalcons	1	1		1	LM
Kiama		1	1	1	1	CR
Mittagong	1					Welby
Robertson	1	1				CR
University	1	1	1	2	2	Uni
West's	1	1	1	1	1	LM
total	7	7	6	7	6	

**Comments:**

1 Mittagong nominated to play in the 2016 1<sup>st</sup> grade competition. The meeting delegates agreed that a 7 team 1<sup>st</sup> grade competition was desirable and recommended that the ISCH Board invite Mittagong to play in the 2016 ISCH 1<sup>st</sup> grade competition.

**Action: Garry to present the MFCC recommendation to the next ISCH Board meeting**

2 Robertson noted that with Mittagong re-entering the competition that they may not be able to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team – decision by the next meeting.

3 Dapto plan to nominate four teams yet at this stage they are unsure if they will nominate in 4ths or 5ths.

4 Mittagong cannot guarantee a reasonable match time on Sundays at Welby Field. SHHA allocates women's matches to Sundays and likely times for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade men's matches would be either 7 pm or 8.30 pm starts. Mittagong suggested their home matches be played on Friday nights at a time acceptable to the visiting teams (i.e. any time on Fridays available at Welby Field). With the 2016 draw reverting to three home & away rounds (7 team cycle), the visiting teams would play once or twice only at Welby Field during the season. The meeting was in general agreeance of Mittagong Friday night home games with starting times for further discussion at the next meeting.

### **Final team nominations – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Season Calendar:**

Wes discussed the 2016 draw plan calendar (start on Sunday 19 March) noting that for round 3 (Australian U15 championships at LM) matches will be played at CR, Uni & Welby as will be the case for round 12 (NSW O45s at LM on Sunday).

#### **Competition Format:**

The meeting stressed the importance of both 1sts and 2nds playing in a 7 team cycle. This allows Mittagong to play in the 1sts slot with Kiama in the 2nds slot (and Robertson to play 1sts & 2nds) along with the Albion Park, Dapto, Fairy Meadow, University & Wests teams cycles.

Robertson noted that SH cricket finals are played on 19 & 20 March and requested either the bye or they play on Friday night 18 March in round 1.

#### **2016 team fees/Budget:**

Wes presented the 2016 draft ISCH Budget (to be presented to the next ISCH Board meeting for acceptance) noting that team fees should be \$2884 maximum per team. The fees have increased by \$147 per team from 2015 fees due to the lack of ISCH major sponsor and a small increase in field hire charge. The total may be reduced if the MFCC agreed not to proceed with an annual presentation night (decision at the next meeting).

Umpire payments will be the same as 2015 i.e. \$40 in 1sts, \$30 2nds, \$20 3rds, \$15 in 4ths & 5ths. Umpires will be paid once again by the weekly voucher. Mittagong agreed to use the voucher scheme for SHHA umpires payments.

For further discussion – should the clubs give their umpire voucher to the Technical Officer to pay both umpires at the conclusion of the match (rather than umpires chase up the team captains)?? Mittagong confirmed that TOs will be appointed to their Welby matches.

#### **2016 registration process:**

Wes discussed the 2016 online registration process which is now active i.e. players may register online now.

The registration method is similar to 2015; however, last season player payment included payment of BOTH HNSW and ISCH fees upon registration (by ticking the payment box).

HNSW have decided to separate the payment options and now players have to tick TWO payment boxes – one for HNSW and one for ISCH.

Wes suggested each club should produce a registration template on their online portal or club website to explain the new procedures for new and re-registering players. He suggested clubs look at the Wests web site wording for information.

HNSW fee per senior player \$120.06

ISCH fee per seniors player \$44 (same as last season).

Clubs can add an on line club fee payment option (by adjusting "subscription types"); however, there is an additional 4.4% fee paid to IMG for each transaction.

**General meeting dates:**

- Monday 7 March at 6.00 pm at the Illawarra Hockey Stadium – final team nominations due.
- A mid June meeting – time & date TBC
- An early August meeting – time & date TBC

**General matters:**

1 A reminder that all players must be registered before they play. All players must also be graded before they play and grading sheets (a copy under forms on the ISCH web site) must be sent to John before round 1 matches.

2 Anthony noted that UniFalcons will send a request for a gradings rule variation ASAP – for discussion at the next meeting.

John Pemberton  
Secretary