CAIRNS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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1. PREAMBLE

i. The Association and its affiliated Clubs and members all acknowledge that it is the overall intention of these rules to protect the integrity of the Association competition and those who participate in a manner that is equitable, inclusive and recognizing that each affiliated club is working towards the advancement of hockey in the region.

ii. The Association and the affiliated clubs undertake to manage and regulate this competition ensuring fairness to all members, understanding of the challenges Clubs and members may have from time to time and respectful that all clubs and members are acting bona fides and in good faith.

iii. The Association will work with Clubs and members to find a fair and reasonable solution taking into account all of the above however it is recognized that if conduct is contrary to the rules and the spirit of good faith and bona fides, this conduct is not to be accepted and decisions will be made affirming this premise.

iv. The Association has a pilot program across Primary and Introductory Programs and named "P" competition. As this is part of a pilot program there are separate provisions governing the "P" program outside of these rules.

2. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and AFFILIATION

i. The Board of Management of the Association may, in this document, be referred to as the Association.

ii. The Board of Management has delegated its authority in relation to the administration of these Competition Rules to the Operations Manager. The Operations Manager may refer a matter to the full Board of Management for decision. The Operations Manager is approved to perform the functions of the role the Board of Management.

iii. Application for Affiliation - A club desirous of becoming affiliated with the Association shall make written application together with a lodgement fee of $100.00 to such effect to the Association with the application being signed by the President and Secretary of the applicant club. This application and resultant fee must be made and paid 4 weeks prior to commencement of the winter hockey season.

iv. Acceptance of Affiliation- The Board of Management may, by a resolution of a majority of members present, admit such applicant club to affiliation with the Association. An affiliated club must have two (2) men's teams and two (2) ladies' teams in the Senior Divisions in addition to two (2) boys' teams and two (2) girls'

teams in any of the S1/S2 Boys, S1/S2 Girls, S3 and S4 Girls and Boys, (P program are accepted as part of a pilot program).

v. Responsibilities of Affiliation - Upon admission to affiliation with the Association, a club shall become liable to the provisions of the Association Constitution and Competition Rules and shall pay such fees and subscriptions as are provided for in these said rules.

3. FEES

(i) Payment of Fees - At times and in such manner as set by the Board of Management

(ii) Time to Pay Fees - The Board of Management may accept the payment of such fee in instalments at such times as it shall direct, but such fee shall be paid in full by a date set by the Board of Management each year.

(iii) Financial Consideration -The Board of Management shall, before determining the amount of the annual fees, will consider the proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee for the year concerned.

(iv) Failure to Pay Fees - If any dues payable under the provisions of these Rules are unpaid by the date specified by the Association and if no extension has been approved in writing by the Board of Management, the teams for which such fees are not paid shall forfeit all points gained for matches played during the period that such fees remain unpaid.

(v) Fines - All fines imposed and charges due shall be punctually paid within 7 days of notification of such fine, and any Club neglecting to pay any fine imposed, or charge due, shall be under a disability to compete in any match until such fine or charge be paid unless the Board of Management or its delegate shall consider such neglect to be of a minor or temporary nature.

4. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

i. Unless otherwise stipulated by Board of Management, the following competition Divisions will be played

Men's Competition		**Women's Competition**	
Senior Division		**Senior Division**	
A Grade	A	A Grade	A
B Grade	B	B Grade	B
C Grade	C	C Grade	C

Masters Division		**Masters Division**	
Masters Men	MM	Masters Women	WM

Secondary Division		**Secondary Division**	
Secondary - Under 18	S1	Secondary - Under 18	S1
Secondary – Under 18	S2	Secondary – Under 18	S2
Secondary – Under 14	S3	Secondary – Under 14	S3
Secondary – Under 14	S4	Secondary – Under 14	S4

The Association will confirm specific primary divisions in each year depending on growth strategies being delivered.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 Team Registration

i. The Initial Team Registration

Each affiliated club shall, on or before a date set by the Association each year, give to the Association, notice in writing listing the number of teams to play and the divisions. This information will be added to the current season Registry.

The Association requires each Club on or before a date set by the Association each year to commit where possible to register a minimum of 9 players in each grade unless otherwise stipulated in these rules (for example Top 9 in A Grade) and special age specific requirements. The Association appreciates that from time to time there might be extraordinary circumstances preventing the club from registering in accordance with this requirement and the Club may make a special request to the Association in writing setting out in detail the extraordinary circumstances and the Board of Management will thereafter consider the request.

Following receipt of particulars of teams proposed to be entered by the clubs, the Association shall admit or refuse admission to such teams into competition for the season, and may determine in which grades of the competitions such teams shall play. The Association may, in its discretion, arrange trial matches to assist it in arriving at decisions in this matter

ii. Late Submission of Teams

The Association may, at its discretion, permit the entry of teams after the date above.

iii. Cancellation of Acceptance of Teams

The Association may, at its discretion, cancel the acceptance into competition fixtures of any team at any time, because of insufficient numbers of players available to the teams, for non-payment of subscriptions or fees or for any other reason deemed to be sufficient. The Club will be notified, in writing, of any such reason.

iv. Registration of Players

The Associations Database will be the sole record for a player, supporter, member and Sponsor registrations and will for the purposes of these rules contain the complete Register of Players.

Individual Players

(a) All players playing in an identified CHA competition full field hockey are to be registered financially through the national database in use at the time.
(b) All other membership is to be registered in accordance with Board of Management directions.
(c) Subject to any other rules to the contrary, a player must be turning 14 years of age in the current year to be eligible to play Senior Hockey Division in Cairns
(d) The Association shall charge a registration fee to be advised to Clubs by the Board of Management a reasonable time prior to the season beginning. The Association Registration fee shall be collected by the clubs on behalf of the Association and shall pay to the Association as directed. All payment transactions are to be recorded in the Association Database.
(e) On receipt of the directed payments in (d) above, the player's registration will be accepted
(f) The player is free to choose any club to register for a team provided the necessary clearances are completed if transferring from another club.
(g) Any player can only be registered to play for one club in any one year with the exception of players who have registered in Masters Division with one club and registered C Grade with another club. There are no other exceptions.
(h) The player will be responsible for payment of the club component of the fees to the chosen club.
(i) Should the Association be advised by any Hockey Australia affiliate that there are outstanding fees, the player named must pay all outstanding

fees incurred prior to the current season, in addition to the current fees, before a registration will be accepted

(j) All transaction fees and/or dishonour fees imposed by financial institutions will be the responsibility of the player

v. Refusal of Applications

The Association shall have the right to refuse registration to any player for any reason it deems sufficient provided that the reason is given for the refusal.

vi. Clearances

(a) Any player who has played for another club in the previous three (3) seasons in the Cairns Competition, or any other Australian Hockey Association affiliate, will need to provide a clearance from their former club.

(b) Any player listed by their former club as un-financial from the previous three (3) seasons will not obtain a clearance until these matters have been resolved and the Association receives confirmation in writing.

(c) Statutory Declaration- In lieu of a clearance, a statutory declaration signed by the player and witnessed, shall be acceptable. The declaration shall state the name of the last club played for and that the player has no obligation to the club. A copy shall then be forwarded by the record secretary to the previous club. If the previous club disputes the information on the declaration, the player shall be suspended until the dispute is resolved.

vii. Visiting Players

The Association has authorized a special class "visiting players". This class is outlined in the fee structure and are for bona fide visitors. A player may play up to 5 games if registering under this category but only after registration has been paid and received by the Association. No clearances are required but these players cannot already be a registered member of the Association.

Any Player wishing to play more than 5 games will need to pay usual Association fees unless they obtain special exemption from the Association. Special exemptions can be on terms and conditions set by Board of Management.

If a player who registers as a visitor wants to register as a full member, they must play a minimum of 12 games (including the games played as a visitor) to be eligible to play in semi- finals and finals.

viii. Dual Registered Players

Any player who wishes to play in the Association competition under a dual registration arrangement, must be currently registered with Hockey Queensland (including payment of the full player insurance cover). They will be required to pay the Association component before receiving approval to play and may be required to furnish proof of full financial membership to the primary association. The player may be required to pay a club component at the time of registration.

Board of Management may from time to time and upon request in writing, change any dual registration requirements believed to be in the best interests to the Association.

ix. Unregistered Players

No club shall allow to play in any teams in any competition fixture, any player who is not registered for the club in the team concerned or play a player from another grade who by the rules of the Association, is not eligible to compete in that grade. The offending team will forfeit three (3) points and the offending Club may incur a fine or penalty as directed by the Board of Management.

x. Unregistered Players without Clearance

When the Association detects a breach of these rules, the club concerned shall be notified that the player is suspended until the player is registered or clearance received.

xi. **Transfer of Players Between Clubs**

No player shall transfer from one club to another without a CLEARACE from the first-mentioned club. Provided however, that if the Association shall be satisfied that such REFUSAL is unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld, it may approve of the transfer in the absence of consent from the first-mentioned club.

xii. Special Circumstances

In special circumstances, the Association may on application, grant permission of any player to play in any grade at any time.

A club must apply by giving reasonable notice in writing (usually not less than 5 days) to the Board of Management. Such notice must be delivered to the Operations Manager.

On receiving such an application, the Board of Management shall meet to consider whether to grant the request by the club. The Board of Management shall have the power to grant the request if-

(k) The Board of Management considering the request consists of no less than 4 members;

(l) At least 3 members of the Board of Management vote in favour of the request.

xiii. Team Uniforms

Each affiliated club will be required to register their club colours with the Association and make application to the Association for their consent to change any part thereof. The Association and the Clubs are committed to supporting a culture within the Association that shows respect, pride and strong community values. Respecting the official club uniform is of paramount consideration and unless a player has permission not be playing in full official club uniform, all players (with the exception of a goalkeeper) will be expected to comply. Clubs and Teams may incur penalties for non-compliance.

6. TEAM STRUCTURE

Number of Players Per Team

(a) In the Secondary, Senior and Masters competitions, a team can have a maximum of 11 players and a minimum number of 8 players on the field at any one time.

(b) In Senior and Masters competitions, a team can have a maximum number of 5 substitutes – no requirement for a goalkeeper to be part of the 5 substitutes.

(c) In Secondary Division a team must contain a specialized goalkeeper subject to these rules a team can have a maximum of 5 substitutes provided one of the 5 is a goalkeeper. If there is no goalkeeper, then the team can have a maximum of 4 substitutes.

(d) With the exception of (c) above, the playing of a regulation goalkeeper is encouraged and supported in all divisions. If however a goalkeeper is not played at any time, please refer to the FIH Rule book provisions

7. SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS AND AGED TEAMS

The Board of Management may authorize specialized local rules for any identified specialized division from time to time. Specialised Divisions shall be permitted to lesser numbers per team and modified rules as directed.

(i) In 2017 the P Hockey Program is a modified introductory staged program which needs flexibility to develop. It is designed to be our introductory programs and the junior coordinators committee is entitled to make recommendations from time to time to continue to develop this Pilot Program.

(ii) In 2017 each team nominated in a P-2 Division should consist of six (6) players and a permitted number of substitutes.

(iii) In 2017 each team nominated in a P3-4 Division should consist of nine (9) players and a permitted number of substitutes.

(iv) In 2017 each team in a P5-6 Division should consist of eleven (11) players and a permitted number of substitutes.

(v) The Association will advise all clubs prior to 5th March in each year a direction advising the numbers and rules of the respective year's primary pilot program.

8 A GRADE TEAM NUMBERS

(i) The Association and all Clubs have agreed that by 31st March in each year, the Clubs shall name a minimum of 9 players and these players will be eligible only to play in the A Grade competition. No players registered in S1 or S2 can be named in the Club's Top 9.

(ii) Players registered in S1 and S2 subject to these rules can play in C Grade, B Grade or A Grade.

(iii) Any changes to these players must be submitted for approval through CHA no later than 10am on Thursday of the current playing week.

9 GRADING

(i) Re- Grade - No player registered in one grade shall be eligible to play in a lower grade unless prior application has been made in writing and permission granted by the Operations Manager.

(ii) Regrade Forms- The regrades of team members are to be submitted to the Association using the appropriate form. All regrade forms must be dated and signed.

(iii) Regrade Timeframes- Any request for regrade should be received in writing no later than Wednesday in the current week of playing. The acceptance/rejection of the regrade will be advised to the club representative within 24 hours via email. Appeal to a regrade rejection, should be submitted to the Association.

(iv) Number of Regrades - Only one (1) regrade per player is accepted in any one year as of right. If you require any additional regrades, please make your request highlighting the extraordinary circumstances in writing to the Association. The Association will make a determination and advise the club within a reasonable time.

10 PLAYING UP

(i) Any player is entitled subject to these rules to play a maximum of 2 games in their registered Division as per clause in any competition round and a maximum of 3 games in the competition in which they are eligible to play in total in any one competition round.

(ii) In any one competition round, a player who is registered in S1 and played in S1 in that competition round is entitled to play up to 2 additional games in the Senior Division without requiring special permission. Players in Senior Divisions can only play in the grade immediately above unless permission is received from CHA.

11 AGE LIMITATIONS

(i) In order for a team to play in the Master's Division Men's or Women's Divisions, the team must consist of players that are turning 35 in the current season.

(ii) Subject to these rules, a player must be turning 14 years of age in the current year to be eligible to play Senior Hockey Division in Cairns

(iii) In order to play in the division named S1 or S2, a player must be Under 18 years of age or less as at 1st January in that calendar year.

(iv) In order to play in the S3 and S4, a player must be Under 14 years of age or less as at 1 January in that calendar year or currently in school in grades 7 and/or grade 8

(v) Players registered in S3 may play in S1 or S2 subject to these rules. No player registered in S3 can play A or B Grade without special permission from the Association

(vi) Players registered and playing in S4 can play in S3 or S2 but cannot play in S1 subject to the rules above.

(vii) Players registered and playing in S4 and S3 can play in C Grade but would require special permission to play in any other Senior Division.

(viii) Players registered in S1 and S2 who are turning 14 in the current year are eligible subject to these rules to play in C Grade, B Grade or A Grade.

12 COMPETITION AND MATCHES

(a) Control of Matches and Grounds

i. The Association shall be responsible for all matters in connection with control of players on all association approved grounds other than those connected with the normal duties of umpires officiating at matches, and its shall be empowered to take action deemed necessary in the interest of the game generally.

ii. Each member of the Board of Management including the Operations Manager and RCD is empowered to request that any player, players or spectators vacate the premises at any time from any part of the association grounds if they believe they are being disruptive, abusive or interfering with members or other people's enjoyment.

iii. In the event of the grounds being unfit for play the match will be postponed to a future date to be arranged by the Association. If a suitable date is not available, the Association will decide what action is to be taken. The Association will decide whether the grounds are suitable for play or not and notify clubs.

(b) Fixtures

i. The Association shall determine the program of the matches for each grade and sections of the Association and shall be responsible for publishing this weekly.

ii. All fixture matches shall be played on such day at such time as the Association approves. The yearly draw once accepted by the Association can only be changed with the consent of the Board of Management or its delegate and any such changes shall be notified to the clubs and advertised on a suitable notice board.

iii. Before the commencement of each match, each team shall complete a list of the players in his/her team (including substitutions). Electronic game cards or the equivalent notations must be made against players

who are not participating. This list must be handed to the official controlling the match prior to the commencement of the match. The penalty for failure to correctly complete the game card will be a loss of 3 points.

iv. At the scheduled start of the game, no team shall take the field with less than eight (8) players unless provided specifically in these rules. Teams must maintain 8 players (injured and suspended players can be included as part of the 8 players for the purposes of this rule). Teams may add players at any time during their match subject to these rules. The team shall write the names of any additional players on the team card.

v. Special rules for the P1/2, P3/4 and P5/6 shall exist. The Association shall from time to time make amendments as and if required after consultation with the clubs.

(c) Play Time

i. All A Grade and B Grade matches will be played in two halves of thirty - five minutes each and an interval of a minimum of five minutes unless otherwise authorized by the Association shall be allowed between such halves.

ii. Time cap on short corners
   - This time cap applies to A Grade only.
   - 40 seconds allowed for defence and attack to play the corner.
   - If the defensive team is not set within the 40 secs a player is sent to the half way and if the attacking has not taken the corner within the 40 secs the defence will be awarded a free hit.
   - The disengaged umpire would keep the time

iii. All C Grade, Masters and Secondary games shall be played in 2 halves of 30 minutes

iv. All times will be controlled and kept by the timekeeper and will be subject to the heat and other CHA policies.

v. P1/2, P3/4 and P5/6 divisions will have time of play set by the Junior Coordinators as per a recommendation to CHA and will not be greater than thirty minutes each half and a suitable break period at half time.

vi. Masters' competition will have time of play set by the Association in conjunction with the Masters Management Group

vii. In all circumstances, the Board of Management may change these times if required in the best interest of the hockey competition.

(c) Rescheduling Games

i. No games may be rescheduled without agreement from the two respective Club Presidents in writing and approved by the Association no less than 8 days before the match is to be played.

ii. Any matches rescheduled without approval will be recognized as forfeiture for both teams and both teams will be liable for turf fees for the standard scheduled game which was not played.

iii. No games may be rescheduled post the commencement of the final round. Any games not completed by this time will be considered a forfeiture for both teams and both teams will be liable for fees for the standard scheduled game which was not played.

(d) Win and Draw

During the fixture competition three (3) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw.

(e) Forfeit

i. A forfeit is defined under this rule when a team at the scheduled start time and a max of 5 min thereafter cannot field 8 players to begin the match or a team cannot cannot maintain 8 players during the match subject to these rules.

ii. Any team receiving a forfeit shall be credited with three (3) points and shall be treated as having scored four goals to nil. Any team giving a forfeit shall be treated as having lost the game four goals to nil. In the event of two opposing teams giving a forfeit the points scored by each team shall be nil and the goals scored shall be nil.

iii. Any team will be asked to show cause why the team should remain in the competition after two (2) forfeits in any one season with cancellation of the team after the third (3) forfeit.

iv. The Team giving the forfeit will be liable for the game fees of both teams or in the event of both opposing teams agreeing to a forfeit, game fees will still be levied against both teams.

(f) Team Withdrawal

In the event of any team notifying the Board of Management or its delegate of its having withdrawn during the season at any time prior to the completion of the first round, all matches played or to be played by that team shall be deemed as forfeits. The Association or appointed representatives will evaluate a fair and equitable system that will be as impartial as possible to all teams in the competition

13 FINALS

(a) **No Finals** - Finals rounds will not be played for Divisions "P -4 Divisions and Junior Committee will make recommendations to the Board on playing of finals in "p5-6".

(b) **Semi- Finals**

Unless otherwise advised by the Association, the following method of deciding semi-finals and finals will be used in all grades and divisions of the association. All grades must consist of at least four teams.

(c) Five Teams or More - The leading four teams (4) in each grade of five (5) or more teams play off in the semi-finals.

(i) Semi-final No. 1 No.1 team Vs No.2 team (5 team or more competition)

(ii) Semi-final No.2 No.3 team Vs No.4 team (5 team or more competition).

(iii) The winner of semi-final No. 1 goes to the grand final. The Loser of semi-final No. 1 plays the winner of semi-final No.2 in the final

(iv) The winner of the finals plays in the grand finals

(d) Four Team Competition

(i) In all four (4) team competitions, first place at the end of the regular season goes directly into the grand final, the second and third placed teams play off in a semi-final, the winner going into the grand final.

(e) Drawn Games – Senior, Masters and Secondary Divisions - Semi-finals and Preliminary finals

(i) At the conclusion of ordinary time for Semi-finals and Preliminary Finals, should the scores be tied, an extra five minutes each way will be played. If the result is still a drawn game, the team leading on points in the competition will be declared the winner. Should both teams be equally placed, the goal difference will decide which team is to be declared the winner to advance to the final. Should the goal difference be of equal value, the team with the highest total number of goals scored will advance to the final. Normal rules will apply during periods of extra time.

(f) Drawn Game in Grand Finals -

If scores are tired at the end of the game an extra 5 mins each way to be played. before going to shoot outs in all grades.

For A, B and S1 grade the 5 mins each way will be golden goal. For Masters, C Grade, S2, S3 and S4 the 5 mins each way will be played out.

The Penalty Shoot-Out format only comes into effect should there be a tied score-line after extra time in A, B and S1 Grand Final and after regulation time in all other grades.

(i) Where scores are still level after the match has been played (on completion of regulation time and extra time where the rules apply) then the winner will be determined by a penalty shoot-out. The format of the shoot-out is alternate one-on-one challenges between a player and the opposing goalkeeper.

(ii) Five (5) players from each team must be nominated for the penalty shoot-out prior to the shoot-out commencing. A toss of a coin will decide which team goes first and the one-on-one challenges will be taken alternately and in the order as nominated.

(iii) The field of play for the shoot-out is defined in an area bounded by the side line and the back -line up to the 22 metre mark.

(iv) All players other than the 5 designated players involved in the shootout and the goalkeeper must remain in an area past the half way line and must not in any way influence the shootout

(v) Officials designated to the shootout will advise the players involved in the shootout where to stand on the pitch.

(vi) The rules in the force in the game of hockey as authorized by the Association shall be played in the shootout.

(vii) If the score is still level after the 5 shoot-outs, each team will continue to alternately take one-on-one challenges on a sudden-death basis.

(viii) In shoot outs for A, B & S1 grade the FIH rules will apply to the goalkeeper committing any infringements. .

a. Penalty stroke may be taken by ANY member of the 5 designated players in the attacking team for strokes or the team goalkeeper.

b. Any accidental breach by the defending player will result in the shoot-out re-taken

(ix) In shoot outs for Masters, C Grade, S2, S3 and S4 if the goalkeeper commits any infringement than a goal will be awarded

(x) Each shoot-out begins at the 22m line and the ball is brought into the circle for scoring. The player with the ball has exactly 8 seconds to put the ball into goal. The player with the ball may take more than one shot at goal. However once the ball goes out of the field of play or the 8 seconds expires, the challenge ceases.

(i) If the umpire has made the decision within the 8 seconds – it is recognized as a decision even if it is awarded after the 8 seconds has expired

(ii) The challenge shall be under the control of the two field umpires and the technical officials.

(iii) The time keeping umpire shall be positioned centre field on the 22m line with his back to the play. He shall signal commencement of time and end of time.

(iv) The "scoring" umpire shall be responsible for the awarding of a goal or infringement. The Technical Official shall ensure that each challenge is made consistent with the previously advised list.

(ii) **Eligibility to play Finals rounds**

(i) Subject to the specific rules relating to visiting players, a player to be eligible to play in a finals round must have played a minimum of six games in the grade they are registered by the end of the round games or a date set by the Association.

(ii) A player shall be deemed to have played if and only if:-

1. The player is named on the card; and

2. The player takes the field during the course of the game of hockey.

3. The player must be fully financial with the Association.

14 . *BREACHES AND PENALTIES*

Yellow Card Suspension

- A player receiving 3 Yellow Cards in any one season will result in that player being automatically suspended from playing the next CHA local competition match.
- After the player serves the automatic 1 match suspension above, every yellow card that player receives thereafter will result that player being automatically suspended from the next CHA local competition match

PLEASE NOTE; Above applies to cards received as the result of an individual act by the player receiving the card. Cards received by Captains as a result of a team breach will not apply. It is the obligation of the Umpires to ensure that a notation is made on the results sheet if a yellow card is a Captains Card so this can be noted accordingly.

Audible Swearing

Swearing of ANY kind heard by ANY umpire under the rules will be an automatic GREEN CARD. If there is a second breach for the same offence the penalty would be a YELLOW CARD

RED CARD OFFENCES

Players receiving a Red Card will be subject to the rules and penalties as set out below.

All rules and regulations regarding the Judiciary and its process can be found in Schedule 1 hereto. If a person contravenes Cairns Hockey Rules including the behaviour set out below then that person may be asked to attend a Judiciary hearing in accordance with these rules and Schedule 1 hereto.

	Rule/Breach	Penalties
(i)	Disputing an Umpires decision	One (1) to three (3) weeks suspension
(ii)	Personal abuse of an Umpire	Two (2) to six (6) weeks suspension (abuse may include obscene, insulting, indecent language and/or behaviour)
(iii)	Threatening an Umpire	Eight (8) to twelve (12) weeks suspension
(iv)	Striking at a player by another	First offence One (1) to ten (10) weeks, second offence Eleven (11) to Twenty (20) Weeks suspension

	player (fighting, punching etc.)	
(v)	Striking at a player with a hockey stick (recklessly, dangerously)	Five (5) to twenty (20) weeks
(vi)	Deliberate striking at a player with a hockey Stick	Minimum one (1) year first offence, second offence life suspension
(vii)	Assault of an Umpire	Minimum two (2) year first offence, second offence life suspension.
(viii)	Deliberate striking an Umpire with a hockey Stick	Life suspension.
(ix)	Contempt of the Judiciary or Judicial Process (includes intimidatory behaviour towards or intimidatory phone calls to an umpire).	Ten (10) to Twenty (20) weeks suspension.
(x)	Deliberately lifting the ball at or near another player.	One (1) to Ten (10) weeks suspension.
	Misconduct Offences	

(xi)	Dangerous tackle	One (1) to five (5) weeks suspension

15. UMPIRES

All rules and regulations regarding umpiring and technical officials and its process can be found in Schedule 2 hereto

16. REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

All rules and regulations regarding representative programs and its process can be found in Schedule 3 hereto

17. CODES OF CONDUCT

Codes of Conduct relating to Cairns Hockey Association is set out in Schedule4 hereto

18 RULES AND BYLAWS

a. Alterations to Rules (Constitution)

When any alteration is made to the Rules of the Association (Constitution), the Board of Management or its delegate shall advise all clubs within 7 days and notify the office of Fair Trading within the required notification period.

b. Alterations to By-laws and Competition Rules

The By-laws and competition rules may be changed as per set in the Rules of the Association. The Board of Management will review and modify the By-laws to maintain the effectiveness of the By-laws. All Clubs will be notified of any changes in a timely fashion.

c. Interpretation Disputes

Should any dispute arise over the interpretation of any rule or by-law, final arbitration will rest with the Board of Management. The final resolution will then supercede any previous by-law. This will be notified to all clubs in a timely fashion

d. Glossary of Terms

Glossary of Terms and any other explanatory notes that may be issued from any committee are included as interpretative tools only and are to be read in conjunction with the appropriate rule or by-law rather than in isolation.

e. Notifications of Changes to By-laws

All associated bodies will be notified in writing of alterations to the Rules and by-laws. All associated bodies will receive a link to follow to be able to download a copy for their records.

f. Correspondence

All correspondence required by these rules or in relation to these rules will be deemed to be duly given if send by prepaid post, or emailed to the last address of the player as registered with the Association.