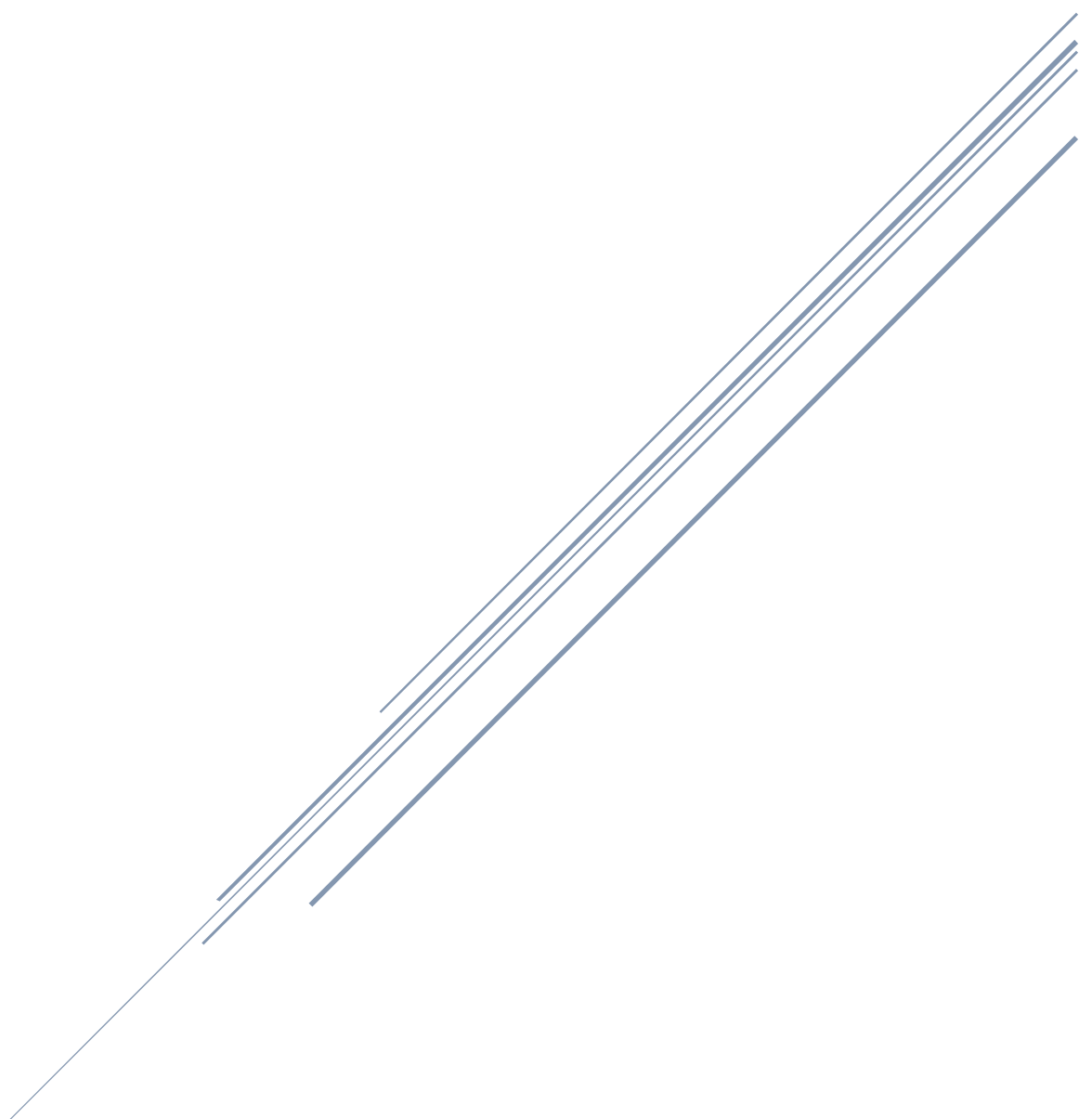


**CAIRNS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**2019 Competition Rules Version 3 (Feb 2019)**



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**1. PREAMBLE**

- i. Member Clubs and CHA members all acknowledge and agree with Cairns Hockey that these rules are intended to protect the integrity of Cairns Hockey competitions and those who participate in a manner that is equitable, inclusive and supporting fair play recognizing that each affiliated club is working towards the advancement of hockey in the region.
- ii. Cairns Hockey , its Members including Clubs have as its paramount consideration the development and delivery of a competition framework that support Fair Play and Equity to all members and participants.
- iii. Cairns Hockey will work with Clubs and members to find a fair and reasonable solution 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. Cairns Hockey has modified introductory program named “P1 2, P3 4” competition. There are separate provisions governing the P program as it’s known. Indoor and Summer 6’s outside of these rules. 2.

**2. CHA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and AFFILIATION**

- i. The Board of Cairns Hockey is empowered under the Cairns Hockey Constitution to manage these rules. These rules can be changed by the Board of Cairns Hockey at any duly constituted meeting of the Cairns Hockey Board.
- ii. In relation to the competition rules of Cairns Hockey, the Cairns Hockey Board is empowered to adjudicate the rules and if breaches are found, to make decisions and impose penalties including but not limited to fines, loss of competition points or any other penalty as deemed appropriate.
- iii. The Cairns Hockey Board recognize the Competitions Committee as the Board committee tasked to manage the competition on behalf of Cairns Hockey and has confirmed its Terms of Reference. The Cairns Hockey Board delegates its authority across the administration of the rules and the imposition of penalties to the Competitions Committee as per the Terms of Reference.

- iv. Cairns Hockey shall publish on the Cairns Hockey website a register that summarizes the **approved** requests – date and details from Clubs for special consideration under these rules and the respective decision date and details and this will be updated in a timely manner. Clubs can access this information from the website.
- v. Cairns Hockey Clubs shall have the ability to appeal any decision of the Competitions Committee provided the Cairns Hockey Operations Manager receives this appeal in writing setting out clearly the reasons for the appeal within 48 hours of the decision being published. The appeal will be heard within 3 days of Operations Manager receiving the appeal. The Board can appoint and empower a Board representative to address the any appeal on behalf of the Board. The Board or its representative will not upset any decisions of the competitions committee unless it is manifestly excessive or manifestly unfair and/or prejudicial in the circumstances. The Club has no appeal from the decision of the Board. The Operations Manager will advise the Club within 24 hours after the Board has made the decision and shall place any appeal decisions on the register and publish accordingly
- vi. If the Competitions Committee is unable or unwilling to make any determinations in accordance with these rules, the chair of the competitions committee shall ask the Operations Manager to refer the matter to the Cairns Hockey Board for a determination. This determination will be made within 2 days and will be notified to clubs and the decision placed on the register and published in accordance with these rules. The Clubs have no appeal against the decision of the Cairns Hockey Board.

#### Affiliation

- vii. The Board of Management of the Association may, in this document, be referred to as the Association.
- viii. 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.
- ix. Application for Affiliation - A club desirous of becoming affiliated with the Association shall make written application together with a lodgement fee to be set by The Board of Management 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.

- x. 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).
- xi. 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 CHA Board
- (ii) Time to Pay Fees - The CHA Board 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 CHA Board each year.
- (iii) Financial Consideration -The CHA Board shall, before determining the amount of the annual fees, will consider the proposed budget to the Board 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 Cairns Hockey and if no extension has been approved in writing by the CHA Board , 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 - Any 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 CHA Board or its delegate shall determine otherwise in its absolute discretion.

#### 4. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

i. Unless otherwise stipulated by CHA Board , 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 Cairns Hockey will confirm specific primary divisions in each year depending on growth strategies being delivered.

#### 5 REGISTRATIONS

##### 5.1 Team Registration

##### i. The Initial Team Registration

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

Cairns Hockey requires each Club on or before a date set by Cairns Hockey each year to commit where possible to register a minimum of 8 players in each team in each grade except A Grade unless otherwise stipulated in these rules and special age specific requirements.

Cairns Hockey 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 Cairns Hockey in writing setting out in detail the extraordinary circumstances and the Cairns Hockey Board will thereafter consider the request at its absolute discretion and notify the Club of its decision in a timely manner.

Following receipt of particulars of teams proposed to be entered by the clubs, Cairns Hockey 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. Cairns Hockey may, in its discretion, arrange trial matches to assist it in arriving at decisions in this matter

**ii. Late Submission of Teams**

Cairns Hockey may, at its discretion, permit the entry of teams after the date above subject to acceptance of terms and conditions it deems reasonable in the circumstances.

**iii. Cancellation of Acceptance of Teams**

Cairns Hockey may, at its discretion, cancel the acceptance into competition 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 in its absolute discretion. The Club will be notified, in writing, of any such reason in a timely manner

**iv. Registration of Players**

Cairns Hockey 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 Cairns Hockey competition, event or authorized game either full field or modified hockey are to be registered financially through the national database in use at the time in accordance with Hockey Queensland direction.

- (b) All other membership is to be registered in accordance with Cairns Hockey 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) Unless cleared to do so, once you have played in a competition round for 1 team in one grade, you are no longer eligible to play for another team in that same grade
- (e) Cairns Hockey shall charge a player registration fee to be advised to Clubs by Cairns Hockey Board a reasonable time prior to the season beginning. The Cairns Hockey Registration fee may be collected by the clubs on behalf of the Cairns Hockey and shall pay to Cairns Hockey as directed. All payment transactions are to be recorded in the Cairns Hockey Database.
- (f) On receipt of the directed payments in (d) above, the player's registration will be accepted
- (g) The player is free to choose any club to register for a team provided the necessary clearances are completed if transferring from another club.
- (h) Any player can only be registered to play for one club in any one year with the exception of players who has registered in Masters' Division with one club and registered and plays C Grade with another club. Any other application must be made to the Cairns Hockey Board before the end of March 2019 and a determination will be made and this determination will be final.
- (i) The player will be responsible for payment of the club component of the fees to the chosen club.
- (j) Should Cairns Hockey be advised by any Hockey Australia affiliate that there are proven 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
- (k) All transaction fees and/or dishonour fees imposed by financial institutions will be the responsibility of the player

**v. Refusal of Applications**

Cairns Hockey shall have the right to refuse registration to any player for any reason it deems reasonable and shall notify the player of the reasons for the refusal.

## **vi. Clearances**

- (a) Any player who has played for another club at any time in the previous three (3) seasons in the Cairns Competition, or any other Australian Hockey 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 Cairns Hockey 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 to the secretary of 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**

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

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

To be eligible to play semi- finals and finals a player who registers as a visitor must play a minimum of 12 games (including visitor games) in their registered grade or any other grade they choose to play in accordance with Cairns Hockey rules.

## **viii. Dual Registered Players**

Any player who wishes to play in the Cairns Hockey 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 Cairns Hockey component before receiving approval to play and may be required to furnish proof of full financial membership to the primary Cairns Hockey. 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 Cairns Hockey.

**ix. Unregistered Players**

- (i) No Club shall play an unregistered player. The definition of “unregistered player” in these rules includes-
  - (a) a player who participates in any teams in any authorized Cairns Hockey game or fixture, who is not registered or is suspended or ineligible to play under these Rules
  - (b) or is the subject of any penalty recognized by Cairns Hockey
  - (c) or plays without permission in a grade of the Cairns Hockey competition contrary to these rules

(ii) The team in which the unregistered player participates will be classed as forfeiting and the rules relating to forfeit shall apply. The Club may be liable for a penalty for being in breach of these rules as determined by Cairns Hockey Board.

**x. Unregistered Players without Clearance**

When Cairns Hockey detects a breach of these rules, the club concerned shall be notified of such breach and the player is suspended from participating in any Cairns Hockey authorized competition or games until Cairns Hockey is satisfied that the player is cleared to play. The obligation is on the club to make application to Cairns Hockey to obtain such clearance. Cairns Hockey can ask for any information it deems reasonable to make the determination. If the player continues to participate, the player and the club shall be liable for a penalty imposed by the Cairns Hockey Board

**xi. Transfer of Players Between Clubs**

No player shall transfer from one club to another without a CLEARANCE from the first-mentioned club. Provided however, that if Cairns Hockey 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 upon an application by the aggrieved player.

### **SPECIAL RULE**

**Atherton players who wish to B Grade for Tomahawks and A Grade for a Cairns Club must follow the following process-**

**(i) The player must pay the Cairns Membership Fee for A Grade and after registration must then make a request to Cairns Hockey in writing to be eligible to play for Tomahawks B Grade- if accepted, no further membership fee is required.**

#### **xii. Special Circumstances**

Cairns Hockey may on application, in writing 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 Cairns Hockey.

**Such notice must be delivered to the Competitions Committee Chair and the Cairns Hockey Board empowers the Competitions Committee is assess each application, make a decision and advise of the decision.**

#### **xiii. Team Uniforms**

Each affiliated club will be required to register their club colours with Cairns Hockey and make application to Cairns Hockey for their consent to change any part thereof.

**Cairns Hockey and the Clubs are committed to supporting a culture within Cairns Hockey that shows respect, pride and strong community values.**

**Respecting the official club uniform is of paramount consideration and unless a player has permission to 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 at the absolute discretion of the Cairns Hockey Board.**

## **6. TEAM STRUCTURE**

### **Number of Players Per Team Senior and Master's competitions**

- a. In the Senior and Master's competitions, a team can consist of 16 players.
- b. Only a maximum of 11 players can be on the field at any one time.
- c. At the start of the game a minimum of 8 players must take the field otherwise that team forfeits the game. If the number reduces below 8 due to injury the game can continue as a competition game. If a player/s starts and leaves the field after the start and in the opinion of the tech bench or umpire that player or players only started to avoid a forfeit the game will be forfeited. To avoid a forfeit a player must play at least half the game plus 10 minutes.
- d. There is no requirement for a kitted or specialised goalkeeper to be part of the team. (see below)

### **Number of players per Secondary Division (S4 to S1)**

- a. In Secondary Division a team can consist of 16 players.
- b. S Division – fully kitted goal keeper is compulsory, however maybe substituted under FIH Rules
- c. Only a maximum of 11 players can be on the field at any one time.
- d. At the start of the game a minimum of 8 players must take the field otherwise that team forfeits the game. If the number reduces below 8 due to injury or suspension the game can continue as a competition game.

## **7. SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS AND AGED TEAMS**

The CHA Board 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) The P Hockey Program is an introductory staged program which needs flexibility to develop. It is designed to be our introductory program and the junior coordinators committee is entitled to make

recommendations from time to time to continue to develop this Program.

- (ii) Each team nominated in a P1-2 Division should consist of six (6) players and a permitted number of substitutes.
- (iii) Each team nominated in a P3-4 Division should consist of nine (9) players and a permitted number of substitutes.
- (iv) Each team in a P5-6 Division should consist of eleven (11) players and a permitted number of substitutes.
- (v) Cairns Hockey will advise all clubs prior to the start of the season in each year a direction advising the numbers and rules of the respective year's primary program.

### **8 A GRADE TEAM NUMBERS**

- (i) Cairns Hockey and all Clubs have agreed that the clubs will provide their top nine players staggered over three rounds.
  - (a) Round 1 they will name top 5 players,
  - (b) Round 2 will increase to top 7 players
  - (c) Round 3 the final 9 top players will be nominated.

Players named in the top 5, top 7 and top 9 will be eligible to play A Grade competition only except for S1 players nominated above who will play S1 and A Grade only.

- (ii) Games participation by top players will be constantly reviewed by The Competitions Committee.
- (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 PLAYERS**

- (i) 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 Competitions Committee. Any determination by the Competitions Committee will be confirmed in writing and sent to the Operations Manager and this determination will be placed on the

Registry of Determinations published on CHA website and can be accessed by all clubs and members.

- (ii) Clubs can appeal the decision of the Competitions Committee if the Club believes the decision of the Competitions Committee was manifestly unfair and manifestly prejudicial in the circumstances by submitting to the Operations Manager in writing the reasons for the Appeal within 2 working days of receiving notice of the decision. The Cairns Hockey Board will hear the appeal within 3 working days of receiving the appeal and will notify the Club of the decision in a timely manner.
- (iii) Regrade Forms- The regrades of team members are to be submitted to Cairns Hockey using the appropriate form. All regrade forms must be dated and signed.
- (iv) 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 Cairns Hockey Operations Manager for decision by CHA Board forthwith.
- (v) 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 Competitions Committee who will determine and advise the club in a timely manner and place the determination on the register and publish on the website
- (vi) Clubs can appeal the decision in (v) if the Club believes the decision of the Competitions Committee was manifestly unfair and manifestly prejudicial in the circumstances by submitting to the Operations Manager in writing the reasons for the Appeal within 2 working days of receiving the decision . The Cairns Hockey Board will hear the appeal within 3 working days thereafter and will notify the Club of the decision in a timely manner.

## **10 PLAYING UP**

**For this section a division consists of grades S4 to S1 or C Grade to A Grade (Senior divisions) and includes the Masters division.**

**P5 – 6 is mentioned in its own entity.**

**For this section a competition round is defined games played from Friday to Thursday in any one week.**

- (i) The general rule is any player registered in a grade can play up only one grade at any time (See section 4(i) for grade progression)
  - (ii) Except players registered in S3 can play in either S2 or S1
  - (iii) Except players registered in S4 can play S3 or S2
  - (iv) Except players registered in Masters can play in A, B, or C grade.
  - (v) Players registered in S2 can play up in either C Grade or B Grade but not in A grade
  - (vi) Subject to these rules, Players registered in S1 and not nominated in top 5, top 7 or top 9 can play in any 2 of the senior grades excluding Masters.
  - (vii) If a S1 registered player plays in the A Grade competition, they are then prohibited from playing any further games in C Grade.
  - (viii) Once a S Registered Player plays in a competition where a club has 2 teams competing in the same grade, rule as follows is applicable. Registration of Players, Individual Players iv (d)
  - (ix) Any player can play a maximum of 2 games in the Division they are registered in, in any competition round. Included in the two games tally is the grade the player is registered in regardless if their team played a game, was involved in a forfeit or had a bye. Exceptions to this for double headers or rescheduled games.
  - (x) Players registered in S2 can play can play in S1 and one senior division in any one round. If they do not play in S1 they can only still play either C or B Grade.
  - (xi) *S1 Boys must be Under 18 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year and must be registered at school Year 12 or less.*
  - (xii) *Players registered in S1 Boys and currently in Year 11 or 12 can play in any Senior Grade.*
  - (xiii) *Players registered in S1 Boys and in Year 11 or 12 will be ineligible to return to play S1 once they have participated in any A Grade game. For the purpose of the rule - participated includes noted on a game card whether taking the field or not.*
  - (xiv) Above-mentioned rules apply to P5 – 6. Whilst an athlete can only play one game in the higher Division the game played can be no more than two (2) grades higher than their registered grade.
- xii. Individual exceptions to this section can be made direct to Cairns Hockey Competitions Committee as required.
- xiii. Cairns Hockey shall publish on the Cairns Hockey website a register that summarizes the approved requests – date and details from Clubs for special

consideration under these rules and the respective decision date and details and this will be updated in a timely manner. Clubs can access this information from the website

## **11 AGE LIMITATIONS**

- (i) 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 or older in the current season. THIS MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON MASTERS SUBMISSION AS TO AGE CHANGES IN 2019
- (ii) To play in the senior division (Grades A to B) a player must be turning 14 years of age in the current year.
- (iii) To play in S1 or S2, a player must be Under 18 years of age or less as at 1<sup>st</sup> January of the relevant year.
- (iv) To play in the S3 and S4, a player must be under 14 years of age as at 1 January in that calendar year or currently in school in grades 7 or grade 8

## **12 COMPETITION AND MATCHES**

### **(a) Control of Matches and Grounds**

- i. Cairns Hockey shall be responsible for all matters in connection with Cairns Hockey approved activities on Cairns Hockey approved grounds other than those connected with the normal duties of umpires officiating at matches, and it shall be empowered to take action deemed necessary in the interest of the game generally.
- ii. Each member of the Board of Management including Cairns Hockey staff as approved by the Board in each year is empowered to request that any player, players or spectators vacate the premises at any time from any part of the Cairns Hockey 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 Cairns Hockey. If a suitable date is not available, Cairns Hockey will decide what action is to be taken. Cairns Hockey will decide whether the grounds are suitable for play or not and notify clubs.

## **(b) Fixtures**

- i. Cairns Hockey shall determine the program of the matches for each grade and divisions of Cairns Hockey and shall be responsible for publishing this weekly.
- ii. All fixture matches shall be played on such day at such time as Cairns Hockey approves. The yearly draw once accepted by Cairns Hockey 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 (including substitutions) in the format determined at the time by Cairns Hockey.
- iv. A team may add players to the team sheet up to 10 minutes after scheduled commencement of the game. After 10 minutes the team sheet will be deemed final and no more players can be added.
- v. There are no allocated team benches. Managers shall prior to a game agree to which bench their team will take. If they cannot agree the team named first on the competition draw will be allocated Bench "A"
- vi. Special rules for the P1 2, P3 4 shall exist. Cairns Hockey shall from time to time make amendments as and if required after consultation with the clubs.

## **(c) Play Time**

- i. All times will be centrally controlled where possible.
- ii. All A & B Grade matches will be played in two halves of thirty minutes each and an interval of a minimum of five minutes unless otherwise authorized by Cairns Hockey shall be allowed between such halves.
- iii. Time cap on short corners. This time cap applies to A Grade only. From the time the corner is awarded each team shall have 40 seconds to be set for the injection to take place. 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



- iv. All C Grade, Masters and S division games shall be played in 2 halves of 30 minutes. times will be subject to other policies.
- v. P1 2, P3 4 and P5 6 divisions will have time of play set through the Competitions Committee on recommendation of the Junior Committee 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 Cairns Hockey in conjunction with the Masters Management Group.
- vii. Games are to start when the central time reaches zero and the game clock starts counting down. This is for the start of either the first or second half. If one team is ready the umpire can award that team a free hit and the game starts immediately. If both teams are not ready at the start time when one team has eight players on the field the umpire is to award that team the ball and blow to start the game.
- viii. In all circumstances, Cairns Hockey Board may change these times if required in the best interest of the hockey competition.

**(d) Rescheduling Games**

- i. If a team wishes to reschedule a game. The requesting team shall approach the opposing team and seek their response to the change in date/time. An application in writing shall then be made to Cairns Hockey at least five days before the scheduled game outlining the reason and opposing team's response and with a suggested date for rescheduling the game. Cairns Hockey will either approve or request the game be played on the stated date/time.
- 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.

### **(e) Win and Draw**

During the fixture competition three (3) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw and a loss zero (0) points.

### **(f) Forfeit**

- i. A forfeit is defined under this rule when a team after ten minutes after the scheduled start time cannot field 8 players or a team cannot maintain 8 players during the match (Injured or suspended players from the match can be counted as one of eight) or when a team advises Cairns Hockey in writing that they cannot field a team at that time.
- 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. The Club/Team giving the forfeit will be liable for the game fees of both teams or in the event of both teams forfeiting, game fees will still be levied against both clubs/teams.
- iv. If a team has two forfeits in one year the club may be asked to show cause why the team should remain in the competition.

### **(g) Team Withdrawal**

In the event of any team notifying Cairns Hockey 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. Cairns Hockey will thereafter 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 "P1 -4 Divisions.

**(b) Semi- Finals**

Unless otherwise advised by Cairns Hockey, the following method of deciding semi-finals and finals will be used in all grades and divisions of Cairns Hockey. 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 full time Game in Grand Finals -**

For A, B and S1 grades two periods of five minutes will be played with the first team scoring being declared the winner. Golden goal. If tied at the end of the two periods a penalty shoot-out format will commence to determine the winner.

For Masters, C Grade, S2, S3, S4 and P5-6 two periods of 5 mins will be played out. The winner will be the team with the most goals at the end of the two periods. If tied at the end of the two periods a penalty shoot-out format will commence to determine the winner. P5 6 will not continue to penalty shot outs the team on top of the ladder will be declared the winner.

The Penalty Shoot-Out format:

- (i) The format of the shoot-out is alternate one-on-one challenges between a player and the opposing goalkeeper.
- (ii) Five (5) players and a goal keeper 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 Cairns Hockey 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 a penalty stroke will be awarded against a goalkeeper committing any infringements.

- a. Penalty stroke may be taken by ANY member of the 5-designated shoot out players or the goalkeeper.
- (ix) In shoot outs for Masters, C Grade, S2, S3, S4 if the goalkeeper commits any infringement than a goal will be awarded
- (x) If a foul is committed by the attacking player the challenge ends and no goal awarded.
- (xi) Each shoot-out begins at the 22m line and the ball is brought into the circle for scoring. The player with the ball has 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.
- (xii) If a player including the goalkeeper has committed a foul within the 8 seconds – the umpire can still award the appropriate penalty after the 8 seconds has expired.
- (xv) The challenge shall be under the control of the two field umpires and the technical officials.
- (xvi) The time keeping umpire shall be positioned centre field on the 22m line with his back to the play.
- (xvii) 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.

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

- (i) The player must be fully financial with the Cairns Hockey
- (ii) A player who has played six round games, by the end of the round games or a date set by the Cairns Hockey, in the grade they have participated in is eligible to play in finals round (including the semi-finals) in those grades only.
- (iii) A player who first registered as a visitor and chooses to be registered as a full player must have played 12 round games (including any visitor games) in their registered Grade to be eligible to play in finals. Normal Cairns Hockey eligibility for finals rules apply to any other grade in which they participate.
- (iv) A round game is: -

A CHA game which a player is named on the official recording system and took the field.

#### **14 . BREACHES AND PENALTIES**

##### **ACCUMULATIVE POINTS SYSTEM**

- i. 2 points will be allocated against the player/official receiving a green card
- ii. 5 points will be allocated against the player/official receiving a yellow card
- iii. Once a player/official reaches 15 points they will receive an automatic one- week suspension to be served the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture. There is no appeal against this suspension
- iv. Points keep accumulating and a player/official will receive the next automatic one- week suspension when 25 points is accumulated to be served the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture There is no appeal against this suspension.
- v. Points keep accumulating and a player/official will receive the next automatic one -week suspension when 30 points is accumulated to be served the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture. There is no appeal against this suspension
- vi. After the 30point suspension is served, the player will be suspended when they have attained 35 points and every 5 points thereafter. The suspension shall be served the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture.
- vii. Red cards would be dealt with by the Judiciary.

##### **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

Any player which commits anything listed in table one under Rules/breaches or anything listed in rule 14 rules during a game or either prior to or after the conclusion of a game as a result of a game commits a breach of the CHA rules and can be brought before the tribunal.

##### **Red Card Offences**

- A player who receives a red card during a game must leave the playing field and the CHA grounds

immediately and not return or stay in the vicinity for the remainder of the day. This is regardless of

- having any further games, umpiring, managing, coaching or other official duties.

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

#### 15 JUDICIARY - UNDER REVIEW

All processes, rules and regulations in relation to the Cairns Hockey Judiciary will be set out in the Cairns Hockey Judiciary confirmed by the Cairns Hockey Board every year and published on the web site.

This will include a Table of Breaches and Penalties

OPERATIONS MANAGER will publish on the Cairns Hockey website a Registry of Judiciary Decisions so all clubs and members can access directly.

#### 16. CODES OF CONDUCT

All processes, rules and regulations in relation to the Cairns Hockey Codes of Conduct will be set out in the Cairns Hockey Codes of Conduct confirmed by the Cairns Hockey Board every year and published on the web site.

Any alleged breaches of the codes of conduct can be referred by the Board to the Judiciary Committee for their special consideration

#### 17. OFFICIATING - administered through Officiating Committee

#### 18. HIGHER PERFORMANCE/REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS AND ACADEMY UNDER REVIEW

All rules and regulations regarding the Judiciary and its process can be found in 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.

Table one

	Rule/Breach	Penalties
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(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.
	<b>Misconduct Offences</b>	
(xi)	Dangerous tackle	One (1) to five (5) weeks suspension

## 15. UMPIRES

Matters regarding umpiring and technical officials and its process are administered through the Officiating Committee and the Cairns Hockey codes of conduct.

## 16. REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Matters regarding representative programs and its process can be found through the Representative Handbook and the codes of conduct

## 17. CODES OF CONDUCT

Codes of Conduct relating to Cairns Hockey Cairns Hockey is set out on the Cairns Hockey website.

## 18 RULES AND BYLAWS

### **a. Alterations to Competition Rules**

The competition rules may be changed by the Cairns Hockey Board. The Cairns Hockey Board will notify all clubs of the change and post on the website. The Cairns Hockey Board will review and modify the Competition Rules to maintain the effectiveness of the said rules. All Clubs will be notified of any changes in a timely fashion.

### **b Interpretation Disputes**

Should any dispute arise over the interpretation of any rule, final arbitration will rest with the Cairns Hockey Board. The final resolution will then supercede any previous rule. 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 rather than in isolation.

### **e. Notifications of Changes to By-laws**

All associated bodies will be notified in writing of alterations to the Competition Rules. 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 sent by email to the to the last address of the player as registered with the Cairns Hockey. All correspondence to clubs will be sent to club secretary as advised.

All correspondence in relation to these rules should be sent to [rkd@cairnshockey.com.au](mailto:rkd@cairnshockey.com.au) or [office@cairnshockey.com.au](mailto:office@cairnshockey.com.au) depending what matter it refers and copy in [ops@cairnshockey.com.au](mailto:ops@cairnshockey.com.au) to ensure these matters can be addressed in a timely manner.

