

CAIRNS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO RULES FOR 2020

Board Implemented Change

1. Change from S1/S2/S3/S4 to U18A&B and U14A&B. Rule 4.

Competitions Committee Recommendations, Adopted by Board

2. Added wording around clubs needing to provide a reason to Competitions Committee for approval if they are unable to name a minimum of eight players in each team they register. Rule 5(a).
3. Additional wording to clarify difference between casual and visitor and to clarify number of games for visitors and casual players. Rules 5(g) and 5(h).
4. Removal of old wording re visitors needing to play 12 games, as this is now redundant.
5. Removal of ability to register masters with one club and play C grade for another. This now falls under the blanket rule of applying to the Board for special consideration.
6. Removal of wording re Atherton players wanting to play B grade for Tomahawks and A grade for a Cairns club. This would fall under dual registration blanket rule.
7. Added wording to team uniform to include playing shirt, playing shorts/skirt and club socks as well as shin guards and joggers. Rule 5(n).
8. Removed wording around a player needing to play "half a game plus 10 minutes" to avoid a forfeit. Rules 6 (a) (iii) and 6 (b) (iv).
9. Changed P12 to five players. Rule 7(b). **Need to confirm with Junior Committee.**
10. Changed P34 to seven players. Rule 7(c). **Need to confirm with Junior Committee.**
11. Clarified times to name Top 5/7/9 for A grade. Rule 8(a).
12. Added wording to clarify that A grade can change their teams from Top 5 to Top 7 and Top 7 to Top 9, but Top 9 is final. Rule 8(a)(iii).
13. Added wording to somehow identify Top 9 in database (suggested using a * or (9) after their name). Rule 8(b).
14. PLAYING UP...this is the big one. Essentially, we have now said any player can play three games per week, with only a few restrictions. Rule 10.
15. Changed Masters age to "turning 34" in line with HQ. Rule 11(a).
16. Removed wording re time cap on short corners, as we do not police this.
17. Added wording in Rule 12 (c) (v) to add start of the game includes the start of a quarter (not just start of halves).
18. Consistency for extra time in finals. All preliminary and semi-finals have 5 mins each way extra time golden goal. Draw = higher team going through. All GFs have 5 mins each way extra time golden goal then to shoot-outs (except P56 do not do shoot outs). Rule 13(c) and (d).
19. Consistency for stroke/goal in shootouts. Previous rules had some divisions being awarded an automatic goal for an infringement by a goalkeeper, with others getting a stroke. Now all will have a stroke. Rule 13(f)(viii).
20. Added wording on definition of "participating in a game" for the purposes of finals eligibility. Rule 13 (g) (iii).
21. Rejigged numbering and wording in rules 14-16 around breaches, code of conduct and judiciary just to clarify how our system works. (Note that CHA/Board are working on updating the Judiciary Terms of Reference, Complaints Policy and Codes of Conduct). Note: this has not resulted in any actual change to the rules, just reworded and renumbered.