

Port Lincoln Hockey Association

By Laws



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PLHA Competition By-Laws

Part 1 Preliminary

1.1 Commencement

- (a) These By-Laws commence on 16 February 2016
- (b) These By-Laws replace all By-Laws previously made about the matters covered by these By-Laws.
- (c) All penalties handed down under previous By-Laws will continue to be recognised by the PLHA.

1.2 Definitions

The following definitions apply in these By-Laws:

Business Day means any day except a Saturday or a Sunday or any other public holiday in South Australia.

PLHA means the Port Lincoln Hockey Association.

Board means the PLHA Board established under the PLHA Constitution.

Club means any club affiliated with the PLHA and participating in any PLHA competition.

Constitution means the PLHA constitution.

FIH means the International Hockey Federation.

Fixture means the schedule of matches detailing the times and venues published to Hockey Net.

Hockey Net means the online recording system used by the PLHA to record Information including registrations, match fixture and results.

Hockey SA means the South Australian Hockey Association Inc.

Playing Permit means a permit granted under rule 27.

Representative Player means a player selected to represent Port Lincoln, Country West, State of Australia or Australia as a player, official or umpire at a hockey championship or activity recognized by PLHA.

Rules of Hockey means the official FIH Rules of Hockey.

Schedule means the PLHA Schedule of Fees, Fines and Local Rules

1.3 Interpretation

When any circumstances arise for which no provision is made by these By-Laws or there arises reasonable doubt as to the interpretation of the By-Laws or procedure to be adopted the Board, having regard to the By-Laws, will direct what shall be done.

1.4 Application of these By-Laws

These By-Laws are binding on all members of the PLHA and other persons or organizations that submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the PLHA. An Alleged breach of a by-law received in writing by the Board shall be dealt with by the Board.

1.5 Delegation

The Board may delegate, in writing, any of its powers in relation to these By-Laws to such other persons or groups of persons as it sees fit.

Part 2. The Code of Conduct

2.1 All members

All members of the Port Lincoln Hockey Association – players, coaches, officials, spectators and guests agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and the relevant Guidelines for Participation.

- (a) I will behave in a sporting manner at all times to all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- (b) I will help to ensure that every game is played in the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- (c) I will not make detrimental statements in respect of the performance of any match officials, umpires or players.
- (d) I will abide by the rules of hockey at all times and ensure that the game of hockey is not brought into disrepute by my actions.
- (e) I will not engage in inappropriate and/or physical contact or verbal abuse with players, officials or spectators during the course of play.
- (f) I will acknowledge all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time to enable the conduct of competition.
- (g) I will adhere to the Policies advocated by Hockey Australia, and Hockey SA, as they apply to this competition.

2.2 Guidelines for Participation – All

- (a) Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
- (b) Accept responsibility for all actions taken. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of showing due diligence in abiding by the rules and adhering to the officials decisions.
- (c) Adhere to the Policies advocated by Hockey Australia, as they apply to this competition, including Anti-Doping, racial and sexual vilification and any other relevant policy as may be introduced from time to time.
- (d) Not do anything which adversely affects or reflects on or discredits the game of hockey, Hockey Australia, any member State Association, the Port Lincoln Hockey Association, club or any squad, team, competition, tournament, sponsor, official supplier or licensee, including, but not limited to, any illegal act or any act of dishonesty or fraud.
- (e) Not try to achieve a contrived outcome to a match or competition, or otherwise improperly influence the outcome or any other aspect of a match or a competition.
- (f) Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.

(g) Avoid situations that may lead to a conflict of interest.

(h) Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.

2.3 Communication

It is the responsibility of every Member to ensure adequate access to communications from the Association. For the purposes of these By-Laws, all electronic communications will be deemed to have been received at the time they were sent.

Part 3 The PLHA Competitions

3. Senior Competition Establishment

3.1 There will be separate senior competitions for female and male players. These competitions will be single gender competitions.

Senior competition grades

3.2 The Senior Competitions may be conducted in grades. The following By-Laws apply if there is more than one grade:

Naming of grades

3.3 The highest grade will be called A Grade, the second highest B Grade etc.

Team nominations

3.4 The first nominated senior team for each club must nominate in the highest grade of the senior competition. Clubs may then nominate any subsequent teams in any grade.

Veterans Grading

3.5 Veterans players must be at least the age of thirty five (35) to play in any veteran's competition.

4. Junior Competition Establishment

4.1 The PLHA will have a Junior Competition.

Junior competition grades

4.2 The junior competition will be conducted in age restricted grades. These grades will be determined annually by the Board taking into consideration matters including (but not limited to) available player numbers, club requests, player development.

4.3 The junior competition will include modified rules junior grades.

4.4 The junior grades and any modified rules for the current year will be published in the Schedule.

Proof of Age

4.5 A player's age for the purpose of determining their eligible age grade is taken from the 1st January of the relevant year.

4.6 Clubs must produce sufficient proof of age of any player taking part in the junior competition and modified rules junior competition if requested by the Board.

Age dispensations

4.7 Clubs wishing to field players who do not meet the age requirements may seek a playing permit under by-law 27.2.

4.8 Players granted a permit under by-law 4.7 are not eligible to play in a higher age grade while such a permit remains in place unless permission from the Board.

Junior playing seniors

4.9 Junior playing seniors grades are not exempted from senior rules and need to follow all the same rules as senior players with a signed permission form from their parents before playing.

5. Other Competitions and Programs

5.1 The PLHA may have other competitions and programs (eg Hook in2 Hockey, Masters, Summer Hockey)

5.2 The format of any other competitions and programs will be determined annually by the Board and may consist of male, female, junior or mixed divisions.

5.3 Any rules of any other competitions and programs will be determined annually by the Board.

6. Team Entry

Application

6.1 Any Club may apply to enter a team or teams in a competition. Applications to be on the prescribed form (if any) by the PLHA, include all information the PLHA requests and be submitted with the affiliation fee set in the schedule before the date prescribed by the PLHA for that purpose.

6.2 The Board may accept or refuse an application under by-law 6.1 in its discretion.

Late Team Entry

6.3 The Board may permit the late nomination of a team into a competition at its discretion.

7. Team Withdrawal

7.1 A Club may withdraw a team from a competition by written notice to the PLHA Board at any time. After the start of a competition the team to be withdrawn must be the lowest ranked team.

Consequences of withdrawal

7.2 Subject to by-law 7.4, if a Club withdraws a team under by-law 7.1 after the closing date for nominations that Club may incur a fine as published in the Schedule.

7.3 If a Club withdraws a team after the third competition week of the season it will not be entitled to a refund of any money due or paid to the PLHA.

Exemption for modified rules teams

7.4 By-law 7.2 does not apply to a Club's withdrawal of a team in any modified rules junior grade provided notice of the withdrawal is given prior to the third competition week of the season.

Results

7.5 The following rules apply if Club withdraws a team under rule 7.1 after the start of a competition:

The point in the season where all teams have played each other once will be known as the mid-way mark.

(a) Where a Club withdraws a team prior to the mid-way mark, the result of all completed matches played against the withdrawn team shall be removed and recorded as a bye.

(b) Where a Club withdraws a team after the mid-way mark, the result of all completed matches played against the withdrawn team up to the mid-way mark shall remain, and all completed matches played against the withdrawn team after the midway mark shall be removed and recorded as a bye.

8. CLUB LEVIES

8.1 The amount levied to each team for each club, as set by the PLHA Schedule must be paid to the Association Treasurer by the dates set.

Omission of Unfinancial Clubs

8.2 In the event of a Club failing to pay any fees on the due date it shall be deemed to be unfinancial and the President and Treasurer of such Club shall be so notified in writing forthwith the teams of the club shall not score any premiership points until the fees due are paid. The last time for payment for a club to become financial shall be 2 o'clock in the afternoon of each Friday to enable points to be scored the following round. The copy of the electronic mail sent by the Treasurer shall constitute proof of delivery of the notification.

8.3 Any fine imposed on a club or player, by the PLHA Board shall be payable within fourteen (14) days of the receipt. In the event of a club or person failing to pay the fine on the due date Bylaw 8.2 will be enforced.

Part 4 Registration

9. Players Annual registration

9.1 No player shall take part in any competition match for a Club unless and until he/she is a registered player with that Club in that year.

Registration form

9.2 A player must be registered with a Club using the form prescribed by the PLHA for that purpose and include all information the PLHA requests.

9.3 Subject to any rules in the schedule. Games that are played whilst not registered will not be recorded and will not count towards qualification for major round matches and the club will be recorded with a forfeit for each match an unregistered player took part in.

Registration with More than One Club

9.4 No player shall register with more than one Club during any one season without the approval of the Board. A player who has not registered with a Club for 5 years may register with another club without a clearance.

Registration with Another Association

9.5 Players registered with other Associations may play in the PLHA provided they comply with all other requirements of these By-Laws.

Registration with more than one club (dual registration)

9.6 A player shall be deemed to have dual registration in the competition if they are registered with more than one Club for the purpose of playing in such different competitions; and provided they are not playing with each Club in the same competition.

9.7 A player must be registered with a Club via the process prescribed by Hockey SA for that purpose.

10 Clearances

10.1 Subject to By-Laws 9.4, a player that is registered with a Club, or has been registered with a Club at any time in the previous five (5) years (**Current Club**), must obtain a clearance before being registered with another Club (**New Club**). No clearance shall be granted between PLHA clubs during 1st of July till 1st of October.

Clearance process

10.2 The New Club must apply for a clearance under by-law 10.1 using the form and process prescribed by the PLHA for that purpose.

Granting or refusing an application

10.3 The Current Club must approve the New Club's clearance application under by-law 9.1 unless the relevant player has failed to meet a financial obligation to the Current Club, or is yet to comply with a disciplinary sanction by the Current Club or the PLHA.

Timing and notice of the decision

10.4 The Current Club must grant or refuse an application under by-law 10.1 before the date that is Five (5) Business Days after it receives the application, and provide written notice of its decision to the New Club and the PLHA using the form and process prescribed by the PLHA for that purpose.

Right to appeal

10.5 The New Club may appeal the Current Club's refusal of an application under by-law 10.1 by written notice to the PLHA Board.

Coaches, managers and officials

10.6 Coaches, managers and officials must meet the registration requirements prescribed by the PLHA.

Part 5 Conduct of Matches

11. Playing Rules

11.1 Subject to by-law 11.2, all matches must be conducted in accordance with:

- (a) The FIH Rules of Hockey;
- (b) Directions to Umpires or interpretations adopted by Hockey SA;
- (c) Experimental rules declared by FIH to be mandatory;
- (d) Experimental rules adopted by Hockey Australia;
- (e) Any variations or other rules adopted by the PLHA and published in the Schedule for the relevant year.

11.2 The Board may vary the playing rules in by-law 11.1 to suit local conditions, by written notice to Clubs accordingly.

12 Team Composition

Minimum number of players

12.1 No team shall take part in a competition match with less than seven (7) players at the commencement of the match.

12.2 A team that does not field the minimum number of players under by-law 12.1 within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the match will forfeit the match and by-law 21.4 will apply.

13 Captains

13.1 One player of each team must be appointed as captain

13.2 A replacement captain must be appointed when a captain is suspended.

13.3 Captains must have a "C" written by their number on the card. Captains are responsible for the behavior of all players, coaches and supporters of their team and for ensuring that substitutions of players on their team are carried out correctly.

13.4 A personal penalty is awarded if a captain does not exercise these responsibilities.

14 BENCHES

Maximum number of persons

14.1 There must not be more than eight (8) people on the team bench at any one time, including the team manager, coach, assistant coach, physiotherapist and substitute players.

Interchange

14.2 Interchange of players is only permitted at the point the half line touches the sideline on the side of the field nearest the area allocated for the team bench. If the interchange point is unclear then the interchange point will be the point determined by the Umpire(s).

Entering the field of play

14.3 No persons other than field players, players with goalkeeping privileges, goal keepers and umpires are permitted on the field during the match without the permission of a umpire, unless there is a stoppage in play, and then only with the permission of an Umpire. No spectators are allowed inside the playing area (fence line) at all times.

14.4 Coached are to stay within their halfway line (where box is on turf) and the 25yd line closest to them (they are not to walk the sideline or be behind goals), this is the same for grass matches.

14.5 Coaches in junior matches listed in the schedule may enter the field of play at any time during a match, provided the coach is identified to an Umpire prior to the start of the match and identified again if there is a change of coach during the match.

14.6 In the Junior Competition, one person may go to the aid of an injured player at any time. As far as possible, subject to the injured players best interests, a person entering the field of play under this rule must consult with the Umpire(s) before entering the field of play.

15 Bleeding

15.1 If a player is bleeding then that player must leave the field of play as soon as possible and must not re-enter until the bleeding has ceased and the wound is adequately covered. Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re- entering the field of play.

15.2 If there is blood on the field of play then it must be cleaned straight away. During this cleaning there must be a time stoppage of play.

Serious injury

15.3 Injuries to players that require or are likely to require hospital treatment or treatment by a doctor (for example, serious bleeding, fractures, and suspected fractures) must be reported by team managers or Coaches on the match card.

16. Starting a match

Start time

16.1 Except with the permission of the Board all competition matches must be played on the day and at the time and venue and set out in the fixture. Any teams not playing in accord therewith shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and by-law 21.4 will apply.

Procedure for starting a game

16.2 Procedure

A match will start by:

- (a) The umpires calling both teams to the centre of the ground for the traditional greeting of three cheers for the opposing side; and

(b) The opposing captains tossing a coin for choice of attacking goal direction for the first period of play (the second period of play shall be to the opposite goal) or first possession of the ball; and

(c) The Umpire(s) sounding a whistle to signal the start of the match.

When a match may be delayed

16.3 The start time of a match may be delayed by up to ten (10) minutes if

(a) in the opinion of the umpires in control of the match, the condition of the grounds, weather, lighting or equipment would make it unsafe or impractical to start the match at the scheduled time.

(b) A team is waiting for a player doing an umpire commitment.

16.4 If unsuitable conditions can be rectified with the ten (10) minutes then play must commence forthwith; if not then the game must be abandoned.

17. Temporarily halting play

17.1 Play may be halted by up to ten (10) minutes during a match if, in the opinion of the umpires in control of the match, the condition of the grounds, weather, lighting or equipment would make it unsafe or impractical to continue the match.

17.2 If unsuitable conditions are rectified with the ten (10) minutes then play must continue forthwith; if not then play must be abandoned.

18. Abandonment

Consequences of abandonment

18.1 The final result for an abandoned match will be:

(a) A draw for both teams if the match was abandoned before half time with a score of 0 - 0; or

(b) The score at half time if the match was abandoned after half time.

18.2 If a final match is abandoned it must be reported to the Board for rescheduling and replayed in its entirety with the same players unless with the approved by the Board.

19. Team refusing to continue play

19.1 If, during the course of a match, a team refuses to continue the game the following will apply:

(a) The team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and by-law 21.4 will apply;

(b) A report will be prepared and by the Board under by-law 55 and a Judiciary hearing conducted.

20. Match duration

Time keeping

20.1 The Umpires have sole responsibility for time keeping of any match. However the umpires can delegate responsibility to a time keeper or to a technical official.

Duration

20.2 The match durations for each competition will be published in the Schedule.

Consequences of delay or interruption

20.3 Time may be added for delays or interruptions but the match must conclude no later than five (5) minutes before the scheduled start time of the next match to be played on the same field.

20.4 If the start of a match is delayed then equal time must be deducted from each period of play such that the match will end no later than five (5) minutes before the scheduled start time of the next match to be played on the same field.

21. Forfeits

Prior notice

21.1 A Club that intends to forfeit a match must, before 5pm on the day before the match, provide notice accordingly to:

- (a) the secretary of the Club of the opposing team;
- (b) the PLHA Director of Competition ;
- (c) the PLHA Umpire's Coordinator

21.2 Notice under by-law 21.1 should be by telephone and followed up by written notice.

Order of forfeiting teams

21.3 A Club that intends to forfeit a senior grade match must forfeit from its lowest grade team upwards.

Consequences of a forfeit

21.4 Unless the Board directs otherwise:

- (a) if one team is in forfeit of a match, then a win will be recorded for the opposition team, with a score of 5-0, or, where the margin is greater than 5 goals, the actual score;
- (b) if both teams are in forfeit of a match, then a 5-0 loss will be recorded for both teams.
- (c) No players from a forfeiting match will have Best and Fairest votes recorded for that match against their name.
- (d) In addition to any other penalties imposed, a forfeit will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule.

22. Match cards

Distribution

22.1 The PLHA will provide a suitable match cards for each competition for Clubs to complete for each game.

Completion

22.2 Clubs must ensure match cards are completed fully and accurately for each competition match (excluding any modified rules junior grade match).

Details

22.3 Match cards must contain the following details:

- (a) date, time and place of the match;
- (b) Grade and names of the teams competing;
- (c) Full names and playing shirt numbers of all players who participated in the match (names of players who do not take the field should be marked with a DNP ((Did Not Play)));
- (d) The result of the match;
- (e) All goal scorers;
- (f) Player roles (goalkeeper, captain, permit player);
- (g) 15 Minute Rule players (if any);
- (h) Names and signature of umpire(s) who officiated and technical official where present;
- (i) Details of any misconduct cards (Yellow/Red Card) received;
- (j) Details of any injuries occurring that prevented a player continuing in a match.

Signature

22.4 The umpire(s) must sign the card and is the only person to delete the names of any player who does not take the field. The team captains/manager must check the card and sign it as correct at the completion of the game.

22.5 The score card must be able to be read (as determined by the record officer).

Abandoned and forfeited matches

22.6 A match card must be completed for each match regardless of the outcome of the match, including abandonment and forfeit.

22.7 The reason for a forfeit or abandonment must be recorded on a match card.

Conclusive evidence

22.8 For all purposes a signed match card is conclusive evidence of the facts it records.

Falsification

22.9 The team of a player or Official that falsifies information in a match card will forfeit the match.

22.10 Any person involved in the falsification information in a match card may be dealt with by the PLHA Board or referral to a Judiciary hearing.

22.11 If both clubs agree in writing, or PLHA Board deems it appropriate, a completed match card may be altered to correct an error made.

23. Hockey Net

Match results (scores)

23.1 The result of every Competition match, must be accurately entered into PLHA designated match recording system, no later than 12.00 noon on the first Business Day following completion of the match.

Disputing results and/or details

23.2 A Club that participated in a match may dispute the result and/or details of the match entered into Hockey Net by written notice to the Board within 5 Business days following completion of the match.

23.3 The PLHA Board will resolve the dispute by reference to the copy of the match cards or referral to a Judiciary hearing.

Team list audits

23.4 The PLHA may, in its discretion, audit all or any team lists and match details entered in Hockey Net and may require Clubs to explain any irregularities in those team lists and match details.

Part 6— Anti Stacking and Permits (trial for 2016)

24. Anti Stacking Senior Grades

24.1 First Game

A player can play in any team for their first game of the year.

A Grade Players List

24.2 After the first game each A grade club will identify seven (7) named players in each senior team those named players will not be permitted to play in a lower grade.

24.3 The Competition Committee (made up of a nominated representative from each club and the Director of Competition) will meet and review the Named Players List and make any adjustments they feel necessary. Clubs will then be notified of the changes to Named Players by the Director of Competition

25. Playing more than one match in a round

Juniors playing in more than one grade

25.1 A junior graded player may play in more than one junior grade match in the same round provided that the matches played are in and above their age groups.

25.2 Subject to by-law 4.9 and 25.3 a junior graded player may also play in the senior competition in the same round.

Limit

25.3 A player must not play more than one (1) match in the senior competition in any round of matches, whether in the same or a different grades, unless one or more of the following apply:

25.3.1 One match is played exclusively as a goalkeeper and another match is played exclusively as a field player;

25.3.2 The player has a playing permit subject to by-law 27

25.3.3 The second match is played under by-law 26 (15 Minute Rule);

26. Fifteen (15) minute Rule

26.1 Each team will be allowed a maximum of three (3) fifteen (15) minute players these players will be known as asterisk players.

26.2 Where there are eleven players to start the game the three asterisk players may not participate during the first 15 minutes of the first half, unless there is an injury substitution.

26.3 When there are less than eleven players to start the game any of the three asterisk players may start the game. The remaining asterisk player/s who has not started the game may not enter the field of play during the first 15 minutes of the game, unless there is an injury substitution.

26.4 The 15 minute player must be clearly indicated on the match card by an asterisk on the match card.

26.5 The umpire or technical bench will be the person making sure the requirements are met with the 15 minute or the injury sustained during the game.

26.6 A player is only an asterisk player seven times in a season in a higher grade and five times in a lower grade during the minor round.

Finals Matches

26.7 The use of the 15 Minute Rule is allowed in finals matches. However, no player may play under the 15 Minute Rule in finals if they have played more higher grade games than lower grade games during the season.

27. Permits

Permits Committee

27.1 The Competition Committee (made up of a nominated representative from each club and the Director of Competition) will form a Permits Committee prior to the commencement of each competition season.

Purpose

27.2 A Club may apply to the PLHA Permits Committee for a Playing Permit to allow a player:

27.2.1 to play in a grade below the player's eligible grade (either because of Current Team or age criteria);

27.2.2 to play in finals for a team for which the player has not qualified;

Application procedure

27.3 A Club must apply to the PLHA Permits Committee for a Playing Permit, no later than 3pm on the day before the match is to be played.

27.4 The Permits Committee will decide eligibility by majority vote and advise the Secretary of each club of such decisions.

Validity

27.5 A Playing Permit is only valid for the player and the match/es and team for which it was granted.

27.6 A player granted a Playing Permit cannot play under the 15 Minute Rule.

27.7 A Playing Permit granted under by-law 27.2.1 (to play in a lower grade) becomes invalid if a player plays in a higher grade.

Notes in relation to permits

These notes are for guidance only and do not form part of the By-Laws.

The permits committee has the option to grant an exemption to the normal qualifying rules for finals where exceptional circumstances exist). Absence due to state representation will also be considered. However, permits will not be granted for players who have not played at least 4 matches in the competition season.

Permit decisions to allow a junior to play in a lower grade will only be based on exceptional circumstances such as the player having a disability, OR the physical

size of the player (substantiated by evidence) OR the player's birth date is within the month preceding 1st January of the current year and the player's club does not have a team in the age group the player would be eligible for.

A player that has not –participated in the required number of minor round games to qualify for the major round due to injury-a medical certificate may be required.

A player that has not participated in the required number of minor round games to qualify for the major round due to moving into the region part of the way through the season.

28. Playing an ineligible player

Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered, uncleared, overage or otherwise ineligible player in any competition match will be deemed to have forfeited that match and by-law 21.4 will apply.

Part 7 The Minor Round

29. Fixture

Senior draw

Each team in a competition will play each other team in at least two rounds of matches, subject to the discretion of the Board.

30. Premiership points

Allocation

Premiership points allocated for matches played in the minor round are two (2) premiership points for a win including receiving a forfeit ; one (1) premiership point for a draw; and no premiership points for a loss (including a forfeit).

Part 8 Finals

31. Ranking at the end of the minor round

31.1 Should any teams have equal premiership points at the end of the minor round their final position at the end of the minor round will be determined as follows:

- (a) The team with the highest goal difference (goals for minus goals against) shall be ranked highest.
- (b) If the goal difference is equal, the team with the greater number of goals for shall be deemed the higher placed team.
- (c) If the greater number of goals is equal, the aggregate of the goals in the minor round matches between these teams shall be used to determine the higher placed team.
- (d) If the teams are still equal, a penalty stroke competition in accordance with by-law 35.2 must be conducted as soon as possible to determine the higher placed team.

31.2 The team ranked highest will be awarded Minor Premier for the year for each grade.

32. Major Round

Finals sequence

32.1 The teams shall compete for the premiership in a Major Round in the following sequence:

- (a) Elimination Final: 3rd v 4th
- (b) Qualification Final: 1st v 2nd
- (c) Preliminary Final: Loser Qualification Final v Winner Elimination Final
- (d) Grand Final: Winner Qualification Final v Winner Preliminary Final

32.2 The Winner from the Grand Final will be Premiers for the year in each grade.

33. Player Eligibility

Minimum games

33.1 A player will only be qualified to play finals for a team in a grade if they have played at least the following number of minor round matches (whichever is lower):

(a) Junior Competition team: at least four (4) minor round matches, or one-third of the total scheduled matches in that junior grade team; Junior need to qualify separately for finals in each age group grade.

(b) Senior Competition team: at least five (5) minor round matches, or one-third of the total scheduled matches in any grade of the Senior Competition;

Majority of games - Senior Competition

33.2 Subject to by-law 33.1 (b) where there is more than one grade in the senior competition a player (including a junior qualified player) is qualified for the senior grade in which they played the majority of their minor round senior competition matches.

Eligibility to play in grade(s) above

33.3 A player who qualifies for finals is eligible to play in the grade qualified and any higher grade above the grade for which the player has qualified.

34. More than One Game

34.1 A player must not play more than one senior competition match in each finals round, unless:

(a) they are a 15 Minute Rule player under by-law 24, or

(b) one match is played exclusively as a goalkeeper, another match is played exclusively as a field player, and the qualification criteria under by-Law 33 have been met for both roles.

(c) They have required a Permit under by-Law 27.

35. Drawn finals matches

Determination of drawn matches

35.1 If a finals match is drawn, the winner of the match shall be determined as follows:

Extra time - senior competition

35.1.1 After a 5-minute rest the Umpires must toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to restart the match. The extension will consist of two periods of 7½ minutes each in between which teams shall change ends, without a rest period.

Extra time - junior competition

35.1.2 After a 5-minute rest the Umpires must toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to restart the match. The extension will consist of two periods of 5 minutes each in between which teams shall change ends, without a rest period.

Winner

35.1.3 If a team is awarded a goal before the end of extra time it will be the winner of the match and extra time will end.

Drawn Finals match, except the Grand Final

35.1.4 Except in the grand final, if the result is drawn after extra time the team that held the higher position at the end of the minor round will be the winner of the match.

Drawn Grand Final match

35.1.5 Subject to any local rules in the Schedule, if a grand final is drawn after extra time the winner will be determined by a Shoot outs competition under by-law 35.2

35.2 Penalty Shoot-out Competition

35.2.1 If the match is still drawn after the playing of all extra time periods a series of five (5) penalty shootouts shall be played. Five players from each of the two teams, chosen by their captains from the players listed on the match card, but excluding any player who been fully suspended (Red Card), shall take part in a penalty shootout against the same goal keeper who finished the match unless he/she has been incapacitated.

35.2.2 The umpires shall choose the goal to be used; the captains shall toss for choice of start. The winner of the toss shall have the right to take or defend the first penalty shootout the sides shall then take turns to attempt to score.

35.2.3 The attacker shall stand behind the 23 metre line, in the centre of the field. The opposition goalkeeper shall stand with their feet behind the goal-line.

35.2.4 When the umpire is satisfied that both players are in the correct position, and ready, they shall commence play by blowing their whistle. The goal keeper may not move until the whistle is blown.

35.2.5 The attacker has ten (10) seconds in which to score. The 10 seconds shall be independently timed by the second umpire.

35.2.6 Whilst the ball is in the circle it is in play.

35.2.7 A breach by the goalkeeper, unintentional or deliberate, will result in a penalty goal being awarded.

35.2.8 A breach by the attacker (including starting before the whistle) will result in the end of the attempt.

35.2.9 The attempt has concluded when a goal is scored, a penalty goal is awarded, the ball has left the circle, or gone over the goal line (no matter who last hit it), the attacker or defender has breached the rules, or time has expired.

35.2.10 If, during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper/defending player is incapacitated, the goalkeeper/defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the match card. Players that have been suspended by an umpire during the shootout competition or permanently suspended (Red Card) by an umpire during the match cannot be chosen as a replacement.

35.2.11 If, during a shoot-out competition, an attacker is incapacitated, that attacker may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the match card,

unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition or permanently suspended by an umpire during the match.

35.2.12 If the game remains drawn after the first series of shootouts, a sudden death penalty shootout competition will commence.

35.3. Sudden Death Shoot-Out

35.3.1. The same five (5) players and goalkeeper/player with goalkeeping privileges must be used. The order may be changed from the first series of shoot-outs.

35.3.2. The team from which a player has taken the first shoot-out of a series shall not take the first shoot-out of the next series.

35.3.3. The first team to score more goals than their opposition from the equal number of strokes shall be named the winner.

35.3.4. If an equal number of goals are scored after the 'sudden death' shootouts, additional series of 'sudden death' shoot-outs shall be taken with the same players until a result is found.

Part 9 — Uniforms, Equipment and Grounds

36. Club uniforms Details to the PLHA

36.1 All Clubs must give the PLHA Board a current uniform design, including playing top, playing shorts/skirt and socks when registering a team.

36.2 The PLHA Board will maintain a register of official team uniforms.

Permission to change

36.3 A Club must not change its uniform design or colour during the season without the Board's permission.

Numbers

36.4 With the exemption of goalkeepers, each player in a competition team must wear a number on the back of their playing shirt. The numbers for the team must be the same style and colour and must be legible and in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the shirt.

36.5 Each player on a team must have a different number.

36.6 A club must seek approval from the PLHA Board for all of item displayed on uniforms such as graphics or lettering (for sponsor advertisement)

Recording

36.6 Numbers must be recorded against the player's name on the Match Card for each match.

Footwear

36.7 All footwear must be suitable for the playing surface on which the game is being played on.

Incorrect uniforms

36.7 A player wearing an incorrect uniform must not participate in a match without

(a) having not competed for three (3) games for their club

(b) the prior permission of the Umpires and opposition team captain.

37. Other items Recommended protective equipment

37.1 The PLHA recommends field players wear shin, ankle and mouth protection and goalkeepers wear the full range of protective equipment available defined in the rules of hockey

37.2 A face mask is permitted to be worn by a field player when defending a penalty corner or penalty stroke for the duration of that penalty corner or penalty stroke and when they are inside the circle they are defending as defined in the rules of hockey.

37.3 The PLHA permits the wearing of gloves which do not increase the natural size of hands significantly.

38. Dangerous items

38.1 Players must not wear anything which is dangerous to other players.

38.2 An Umpire or Technical Official may require the removal of any item worn by a player, whether or not the item is covered by these By-Laws, if in their opinion it might cause an injury to the player or another player.

Special permission

38.3 On application the Board may permit a player to wear extra protective clothing or equipment for medical reasons, provided the clothing or equipment is not likely to cause a danger to other players and the player can substantiate the medical reasons.

39. Communication Devices

39.1 A player on the field of play must not use or be equipped with any device to receive communications.

Filming of Games

39.2 Filming of games will need both team captains of the game approval before anyone can film a game. The filming will be for promotional or training purposes or for any other purpose appropriate.

40. Representative Team

Association Player

40.1 All players selected to play in any Association Representative Team must be a registered player of the association.

40.2 Registered player from any other Association can apply to the Board no later than one (1) week prior to the competition, for inclusion into the representative team

41 Selection of Coaches

41.1 The Board will advertise the position for the number of coaches and managers required, at a date set by the Board.

41.2 The Board will take action with the application's to certain committees groups.

41.3 The Board will notify the successful applicants in writing.

42. Uniforms

42.1 The managers of representative teams shall be responsible for distribution and collection of Association uniforms.

42.2 The **board** shall determine a hiring/cleaning fee for Association uniforms.

42.3 Players that have not returned Association uniforms can be suspended from the Association and Club matches until the uniform has been returned or replaced. Club secretaries are to be provided with a list of unreturned uniforms.

43. Ball

The first named team in the fixture is responsible for the provision of a regulation white ball in good condition for their match.

44. SAFETY AND SUITABILITY

Matches must be conducted on grounds and with equipment that are safe and suitable.

45. LIGHTING STANDARDS

45.1 Matches must be conducted in accordance with the lighting standard set by Hockey SA.

45.2 For the purposes of the lighting standard all grades and competitions will be classified as "Minor Division Club".

46. INSPECTIONS OF GROUNDS

Routine inspections

46.1 To ensure that grounds, equipment and facilities are maintained at the required standard, a system of inspections must be conducted as follows:

- (a) PLHA must inspect grounds at reasonable intervals to determine whether the ground is suitable for the competition being conducted on it. PLHA may prepare a written report detailing any deficiencies.

Inspections upon request

46.2 A Club may make a request in writing that the PLHA inspects a ground it considers unsuitable for the competition being played on it.

46.3 A request under rule 46.2 must detail the nature of any deficiencies.

46.4 PLHA must carry out an inspection requested under rule 46.2 within five (5) days of the date of the request, and must provide a written report of the inspection to each Club.

46.5 The Board will reschedule matches at its discretion to avoid unsuitable grounds and equipment.

Part 10 —Umpire

47. Club Umpires Allocation

47.1 Each Club must provide umpires for all matches as allocated in the Fixture.

Competence

47.2 Clubs must ensure Club Umpires allocated possess at least a basic knowledge of the Rules of Hockey and the responsibilities of an umpire.

Failure to provide an umpire

47.3 A Club that fails to supply an umpire will incur a fine as listed in the Schedule for each breach. In addition, after the third breach by that Club in one round all teams within that Club will lose one (1) premiership point for each breach.

Uniform

47.4 Umpires must wear a top that contrasts with the participating teams and are encouraged to wear dark coloured skirts/ pants.

Failure to attend

47.5 If an allocated umpire or umpires are absent each captain will appoint a suitable person as umpire and play will commence without delay. In Junior matches the team coach or manager will agree on a replacement.

If the roster umpire arrives after the commencement of the match, they may take the place of the replacement umpire, upon the agreement of both team captain or in the case of a junior match, both team managers.

48. Match Conduct Rules

48.1 Umpires must umpire matches in accordance with the Playing Rules defined in by-law 11 including any Local Rules defined in the Schedule.

48.2 Umpires must ensure that the By-Laws regarding uniform and equipment, conduct of matches, and player interchange are carried out correctly.

49. Administrative tasks Match cards

49.1 Prior to each match the umpires must ensure both teams have provided all information on card.

49.2 After each match the umpires must ensure the match card is complete and signed by each team captain and/or team managers and each umpire.

49.3 After each match choose together on the match card three (3) players from each team whom are their best players. These votes are for publicity purposes.

49.4 After each match the umpire will choose their three (3) best players independently and record them in order on the Best and Fairest vote card provided.

49.5 After each match the umpires must lodge the match cards with the PLHA (the PLHA will provide a container for this).

50. Reporting of umpires

50.1 A Club may lodge a complaint in writing to the Board in regards to an umpire's conduct or performance.

50.2 The Board will investigate a complaint under by-law 50 in consultation with the PLHA Umpire's Coordinator, and if it considers necessary will refer the matter to a Judiciary hearing.

50.3 A copy of the findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the umpire concerned, their Club if necessary and to the Club lodging the complaint.

51. Payment

The Board will annually determine match payments (if any) to umpires.

Part 11 —Disciplinary Matters and Penalties

52. Misconduct cards

52.1 An umpire may verbally caution, temporarily suspend (Green Card), temporarily suspend (Yellow Card), or permanently suspend (Red Card) a player, coach, manager or other team official during the course of a match as per the Rules of Hockey and up to 24 hours after the conclusion of the match under this by-law.

Green Card

52.2 A player who is issued a green card must take up a position behind the player's own goal, or in an area directed by the umpire or technical official, until permitted to resume play by the umpire who suspended them. This rule only applies to grades listed in the schedule

Yellow Card

52.3 A player who is temporarily suspended must take up a position behind the player's own goal, or in an area directed by the umpire or technical official, until permitted to resume play by the umpire who suspended them.

52.4 A coach, manager or other team official who is issued a yellow card must remove themselves from the player's bench until directed to return by the umpire or technical official who suspended them.

52.5 An umpire who issues a yellow card must ensure it is recorded on the match card.

Red Card

52.6 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued a red card must leave the field, player's bench and surrounding area for the remainder of the match.

52.7 An umpire who issues a red card must ensure it is recorded on the match card and must provide a brief written report of the incident(s) that led to the red card to the PLHA Registrar as per by-law 55.

52.8 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued a red card (but not a yellow/red) must attend a Judiciary under by-law 56 as directed by the PLHA Chairperson.

53. Action on receipt of records of yellow and red cards

Recording

53.1 The PLHA Board will ensure that yellow and red cards have been correctly recorded on the Hockey Net.

53.2 The PLHA Board will notify the Club when a player or team official has incurred 3 or more Yellow cards. However, failure by the Board to provide the notification will not affect any automatic suspension under by-law 54.

53.3 The PLHA Board will record all details of Red cards and inform the PLHA Chairperson who will convene a Judiciary under the PLHA Constitution/ Regulation.

54. Suspensions

Accumulation of misconduct cards

54.1 A player will be automatically suspended one round on the basis of the accumulation of the following number of yellow cards within the minor round:

- (a) in the first instance on the accumulation of four (4) yellow cards;
- (b) in the second instance on the accumulation of a further two (2) yellow cards; and
- (c) in the third and subsequent instances on the accumulation of a further two (2) yellow card.

54.2 At the end of each competition season all players' yellow cards will be reduced to zero, except that a Judiciary shall have the power to impose penalty points for any following competition season.

54.3 A red card during the season will count as three (3) yellow cards after they have served their suspension.

Timing

54.4 The serving of suspensions applies to all competitions in which the player participates (ie they are suspended from all games on the date/s of the suspension).

54.5 The date of the automatic suspension for the accumulation of yellow cards will generally be the following weekend, but may vary where the player's regular grade has a bye or forfeit.

54.6 In the case of a suspension following a Judiciary hearing the timing of the suspension will apply as determined at the Judiciary Committee.

Notification

54.7 For an automatic suspension under by-law 54.5 (accumulation of penalty points) the PLHA Registrar will notify the player of the date/s of suspension via his/her Club Secretary.

54.8 For any suspension under by-law 54.6 (result of a Judiciary hearing) the PLHA Chairperson will notify the person as per the PLHA Regulations.

Access to dug-out or playing area

54.9 A player, coach or other team official who is under suspension must not enter the playing area, a team dug-out, or the vicinity of a team dug-out for a match controlled by the PLHA until that suspension is served.

Ineligibility for awards

54.10 A player, coach, or other team official who is suspended during a year (either as a result of a Judiciary hearing or the automatic accumulation of yellow cards is ineligible for awards such as 'Best & Fairest Player' or 'Coach of the Year' in that year.

Penalty for non-compliance

54.11 Any Club that plays a suspended player or engages a suspended coach or team official for a match will forfeit the match and by-law 21.4 will apply; and may be subject to whatever further suspension or other penalties the PLHA decides.

55. Reports

The following procedure must be followed to prepare a report for referral to a Judiciary hearing under the Regulations:

Information requirements

55.1 A Report must contain the following information where applicable:

55.1.1 match details including date, start time, teams participating and names of umpires officiating;

55.1.2 name(s) and signature(s) of reporting umpire(s);

55.1.3 the name(s) of the reported person(s);

55.1.4 the name(s) of any witnesses;

55.1.5 a brief statement outlining the alleged misconduct. This may be accompanied by more detailed reports in separate documents including statements by witnesses;

55.1.6 in the case of an alleged misconduct against another person(s) the name of the aggrieved person(s).

56. Judiciary Hearings

Procedure

All procedures relating to Judiciary Committee hearings are detailed in the PLHA Regulations

57. Honours and Awards

Best and Fairest Awards

57.1 At the end of each match each umpires shall record votes for the Best and Fairest players on the card provided: three (3) votes for best, two (2) votes for second, and one (1) vote for third.

57.2 At the end of the minor rounds these votes shall be collated and the winner in each grade be awarded a perpetual trophy and an individual trophy. If players are equal both will be announced as joint winners.

57.3 Any suspended player will be automatically excluded from Best and Fairest Awards for that season.

Leading Goal Scorer

57.4 In the senior grades the male and female players recorded as having scored the most goals in the minor rounds shall be awarded a perpetual and an individual trophy.

Teams of the Year

57.5 At the end of the minor rounds the coach of each male and female Division One team will be asked to select a side consisting of field players, a goalkeeper and a coach from each of the other Division One teams. The 11 players and the 1 coach receiving the most nominations will be announced as the Association Team of the Year. All members of this team will be the first people asked next year to play in Association games.

Umpire of the Year (Rod King)

57.6 At the end of the minor round each club will be asked to nominate a person who is a junior umpiring. The umpire must have shown during the year that they have improved and have done an extensive amount of umpiring. Nominations shall be decided by umpire committee and consider the amount of games the nominated person has done and if they have gone to any umpire training or gain a higher level in umpiring with the winner awarded the "Rod King Best Junior Umpire Of The Year" perpetual and individual trophy.

Goalie of the year (Phil Tyler)

57.7 At the end of the minor round the goalie with the highest points for best and fairest from the senior men and women competition with the winner awarded the "Phil Tyler Best Goalie of the Year" perpetual and individual trophy.
The Player must have played a third of the season in goals and can only record votes in which they have been goal keeper.