

ILLAWARRA MEN'S & JUNIOR INDOOR HOCKEY

COMPETITION RULES

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The intent of these competition rules is to ensure the teams taking the field are competitive, but at the same time do not get an unfair advantage.

1 NOMINATIONS & GRADINGS

- 1.1 Team grading to be on the Indoor Hockey Competition Nomination form and shall be in the hands of the Director Competitions at least two (2) weeks before the commencement of the first (1st) competition game. Failure to complete forms may warrant them ineligible for acceptance.
- 1.2 The Director Competition Results & Statistics to check all score cards for ungraded and unregistered players and inform the Director Competitions.
- 1.3 Late player nominations may be lodged with the Director Competitions twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of a match as long as this is in line with these competition rules.
- 1.4 No player who is or has been part of an un-financial Team may transfer to another team unless permission has been granted by the Indoor Committee.
- 1.5 All submitted player grading is subject to Indoor Committee approval.
- 1.6 All applications for player re-grades are to be notified to the Director Competitions by 9.00 p.m. two (2) days prior to the next competition match. The Director Competitions shall consider applications and if necessary, shall consult two (2) other members of the Indoor Committee for consideration, before notifying the team contact of the decision.
- 1.7 All applications for re-grades are to be supported in writing, to reach the Director Competitions not later than the following respective competition night. Failure to notify in writing may result in the initial re-grades being declared void.
- 1.8 No player graded in a higher division shall be permitted to play in a lower division. All players are eligible to play in higher divisions. The Indoor Committee will have the final say as to whether a player can play in a particular division.
- 1.9 Players playing in a higher division can play for any team at any time in the higher division. Players CANNOT play for another team in the same division in which they are graded – doing so will result in a forfeit. This rule does NOT apply to goalkeepers who CAN play for any other team in the same division (for a maximum of two (2) times) if a team's goalkeeper can not legitimately play.
- 1.10 If a team legitimately can not supply their goalkeeper for Semi-Finals or Finals, any other goalkeeper playing in that division that did not make the final series can play for the team. If insufficient time (at least forty eight (48) hours) and / or evidence to substantiate the loss of a team's goalkeeper for the final series, the Indoor Committee may reject the request.

2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 2.1 The competition shall be conducted in divisions as decided by the Indoor Hockey Committee. Players shall be invited to nominate teams in each grade. Once the nominations have been received (with a core list of players), the Indoor Committee shall confirm or deny the nominated preferred division.
- 2.2 Although the competition is predominately male, either gender can participate. All players should be at a standard appropriate to their division. All female players who wish to play in the top division must first seek Indoor Committee approval before competing.

COMPETITION POINTS

Win - 3

Draw - 1

Loss - 0

Bye - 0

Forfeit – 3 (5 goals to Nil win)

3 JUNIOR COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The Indoor Committee is committed to continually improve the running and experience of Junior Indoor Hockey in the Illawarra. As such, a number of options are tried over the years to achieve a number of goals. These goals include:

- Giving players (as much as possible), an even competition to play in.
- Develop our youngest players to learn the basics of Indoor Hockey.
- Give opportunity for our more talented players to stay engaged in the game.
- Enjoyment of the game is of paramount importance.
- Being mindful of our duty of care to our young players

Development of our Junior umpires is very important so we give our keen junior players the opportunity to umpire junior games appropriate for their current skill level.

Currently, Junior Indoor Hockey is club based and age divided (i.e. Under 11, Under 13 & Under 15). Only U13 & U15 year old age groups are played for premierships.

The Indoor Committee will make whatever changes are necessary to the Junior competition to ensure it's smooth running. Suggestions for improvement are very welcome.

- 3.1 In line with our duty of care, the Indoor Committee insists that all Junior players wear mouth guards, shin pads and a left hand padded glove. It is highly recommended that players DO NOT defend the goal on a penalty corner if they are not athletically suited to do so (and wear a face mask if they are). In some cases, the first shot at goal on a penalty corner must hit the back board.
- 3.2 If a club has two or more teams in an age division, players can only play across once into **one** other team during the competition rounds (players cannot play across during Semi Finals or Grand Finals without prior permission of the Indoor committee).
- 3.3 If a club has a team in a higher age division, the lower division player can play in **one team only** of the higher division as many times as required (eg U13 player in an U15 team).

4 TEAM CONTACT & TEAM CAPTAIN OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 Each team contact shall be responsible to collect and pay all fines and dues on the date, as stipulated by the Indoor Committee. Failure to do so will result in the loss of competition points gained while being un-financial.
- 4.2 The captains shall ensure a list of their players are on the results sheet (adding those not listed) before the commencement of their match.
- 4.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Duty Team on each court to ensure the Game Cards has been fully completed and signed. This means that both captains (or team representative) and both Umpires names are listed.
- 4.4 Each team shall nominate at the beginning of the season, a minimum of two (2) players from each team, who are willing to umpire if required.
- 4.5 Each team shall supply one (1) competition Indoor ball per match.
- 4.6 Teams must take the court in consistent uniforms that are approved by the Indoor Committee. If uniforms are deemed to be too similar for the Umpires to distinguish, the first named team on the draw will provide an appropriate alternative shirt.

5 TEAM DUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

The first named team on the draw in the Illawarra Men's or Junior competition must supply **ONE** person to sit on the duty table during the entire game. A second person from the other named team can also sit on the duty bench but this is not compulsory.

Note: Failure to supply a duty person to carry out the listed duties below will incur a one (1) competition point penalty regardless of their competition standing (eg. If a team has not gained any competition points yet they will be on minus 1).

The one or two people (one from each team) will be responsible for the following.

5.1 5 minutes before the game

Have the team captains complete player names on the Game Cards (where the players name is not listed). Goalkeepers must be clearly marked on the Game Cards.

5.2 Before the game

- 5.2.1 Make sure the game starts on time (regardless whether umpires are ready yet).
- 5.2.2 Hand the Game Cards to the Umpires to inspect. Discuss with the Umpires any requirements they may have, such as signals to be used for time out (time out can be called but the clock will not be paused other than for the finals series), length of player suspensions etc. Adjust score, board clock and set goals scored to zero

5.3 During the game

- 5.3.1 Record details of goal scorers on Game Cards. Assist Umpires if requested to manage players/ coaches/ managers on team benches. Manage suspended players, if requested by Umpires. Temporarily suspended players will sit on a chair next to the Duty table on the same side as their team bench.
- 5.3.2 Adjust score board as required, for goals scored and half time
- 5.3.3 Ensure interchange players names are added to the Game Cards before they go onto the court
- 5.3.4 Ensure that suspended players are marked on the Game Cards

5.4 After the game

- 5.4.1 Ensure Umpires complete suspension details if necessary and sign the Game Cards. Ensure captains (or team representative) sign the Game Cards. Place the Game Cards in any folder provided.

6 INJURED PLAYERS' INSURANCE

Each affiliated team is responsible for ensuring that their listed members are current field players (i.e. for the winter Field Hockey season just completed) & registered with a hockey association adequately covered by an Injured Players' Insurance scheme. New players or players that have not played Field Hockey with a club affiliated with Hockey Australia in the current year, MUST fill out an Illawarra Men's Hockey Registration form and pay the applicable Hockey NSW Player Registration and Insurance Fee.

This Illawarra Registration Form MUST be filled out by the second game the player plays in the Competition (download from www.indoorhockey.org.au)

7 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- 7.1 The team with the most points at the end of normal competition rounds shall be the Minor Premiers. In the event of two (2) or more teams being equal on points, the team with the highest goal difference shall be the Minor Premiers. Goal difference is defined as goals for, minus goals against.
- 7.2 In the event of the teams still being equal, the following conditions will apply in order until a winner is determined.
 - 7.2.1 The team with the highest goals for
 - 7.2.2 The team with the lowest goals against
 - 7.2.3 The team who won the most when playing each other
- 7.3 These rules apply to the determination of all team placing within the competition.
- 7.4 The leading teams shall play off for the Premiership in each division as detailed in the current year's competition draw. This may vary between divisions.
- 7.5 Each team must play with a shirt that is the same for each player in that team. The shirt of one team must be different than that of the opposing team in any game. If the shirts are the same or very similar, the second named team on the Draw must use an alternate strip.

8 SEMI FINALS & GRAND FINALS

- 8.1 The following will apply unless specifically noted on the competition draw. Please note: Semi Finals & Grand Finals may not always be played.
- 8.2 In Semi Finals, if the result is a draw at full time, five (5) minutes extra time each way shall be played following a three (3) minute break. There shall be no interval between the periods of extra time. If still a draw, the result of the match will be awarded to the team highest on the Competition Points Table, at the completion of the preliminary round(s).
- 8.3 In Grand Finals, if the result is a draw at full time, five (5) minutes each way extra time shall be played following a five (5) minute break. There shall be no interval between the periods of extra time. If the match is still a draw, then an additional five (5) minutes extra time each way

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under sudden death conditions (1st team scoring a goal wins the match) shall be played with no interval between the periods of extra time. If still a draw, a stroke off will apply consisting of 5 strokes to both teams and the team scoring the most goals winning. If still a draw, a sudden death stroke off will be played. The sudden death stroke off will be undertaken by only five team members from each team.

- 8.4 A player must be registered by the half way point of the competition and have played at least one game to be eligible to play in the competition after the half way point. For a player to continue playing in the competition, that player must always be able to play at least half the round games in the competition.
- 8.5 If a player through special circumstances can not meet these requirements, written application (with at least 1 weeks notice) may be made to the Indoor Committee for exemption from this competition rule.

9 ABANDONED, POSTPONED OR DEFERRED MATCHES

- 9.1 The umpires shall decide if a match should be abandoned because of lack of light or the condition of the playing courts, provided no decision has been previously made by the Indoor Committee.
- 9.2 If a match is abandoned during play for any reason other than that in Rule 9.1, an Indoor Committee decision regarding rescheduling of the match shall apply. The relevant team contacts shall be notified as soon as the details are confirmed.
- 9.3 Under no circumstances shall a match be postponed if no umpires are available. The captains or players delegated by them shall act as umpires. Details of any missing umpires are to be noted on the game cards.

10 MINIMUM PLAYING STRENGTH OF TEAMS

- 10.1 A captain may request five (5) minutes grace if a team cannot be fielded. When this time elapses, the team will forfeit the match. A minimum team consists of at least three (3) players plus a properly equipped goalkeeper.
- 10.2 If a team receives a forfeit it shall be entitled to use of the appointed court for the period of the scheduled match.

11 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Judiciary Committee shall comprise of up to five (5) members of the Indoor Committee with a quorum of 3 (three) members.
- 11.2 It shall be the duty of the Committee to enquire into any charges of misconduct against a member of the Indoor Hockey Competition or associated person.
- 11.3 If the charge is proved, the Committee shall take such disciplinary action as it deems necessary.
- 11.4 Any member so suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Indoor Committee, provided that such an appeal must be received within seven (7) days of the notice of the suspension and will only be dealt with on the grounds of severity, or new evidence, provided such an appeal will be heard within three (3) days of written application being received by the Director of Indoor. The Indoor Committee ruling shall be final. A player shall not be permitted to play pending an appeal.
- 11.5 If a player receives a Red Card, the player will receive an automatic ONE (1) round suspension and the umpires must allocate a number of points depending on the seriousness of the offense. A points guide is supplied with the score card. If an Indoor Committee member believes the offense warrants greater attention, a Judiciary committee meeting will be arranged and the player will be notified by phone and email (if applicable) within three (3) days of the offence with the details of when that player will be required to front the Judiciary and the nature of the charge. The player CANNOT play in a competition match until the Indoor Judiciary Committee has met to discuss the seriousness of the charge.
- 11.6 The player has the right to appear before the Judiciary Committee to discuss the circumstances of the Red Card. In this situation, the player must inform the Chairperson, Director of Indoor, Director of Finance or Director of Competitions, IN WRITING (includes e-mail which must be followed up by direct telephone contact), by 4.00pm three (3) business days immediately following the issuing of the Red Card if they require their case heard before

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the Judiciary Committee. The Committee will convene a Judiciary hearing as soon as possible after receiving the correspondence.

- 11.7 Any Indoor Committee Member shall have the power to cite any player, whether or not their game is currently being played. This would only occur after the player was appropriately warned that to continue with their current behavior or action will lead to a citation and subsequent appearance in front of the Indoor Judiciary.
- 11.8 Examples of behavior or actions that may warrant a citation are:
 - 11.8.1 Continued audible profane language.
 - 11.8.2 Audible verbal criticism of an umpire's decisions.
 - 11.8.3 Verbal or physical abuse of any Indoor committee member or Umpire.
- 11.9 The Judiciary Committee shall notify the team contact of the date that the person is to appear, such appearance to be within six (6) days of the citation or offence (eg. Red card). Any person failing to appear before the Judiciary Committee, when required to do so, shall be suspended from playing or barred from entering the Indoor Stadium until such time as the person does appear.
- 11.10 Any team playing a suspended player will be fined three (3) competition points. The team contact shall be notified of any suspensions before the next competition match.
- 11.11 Umpires will allocate a number of points depending on the seriousness of each Yellow (min 2 max 5 points) and Red (min 5 max 10 points) card issued. Once a player has reached a total of 10 points from the points allocation – the player is suspended for ONE (1) competition round. For every 3 additional points accumulated by the offending player a further ONE (1) round suspension is added to the penalty
- 11.12 If no points are listed by the umpire, it will be assumed the minimum points will apply.
- 11.13 Red Card points allocated will be added to a player's accumulated Yellow Card points.
- 11.14 In addition, if a player reaches a total of 10 points or more, that player MUST appear before the Judiciary Committee to discuss the situation.
- 11.15 If a player is given a second yellow card for the same offence during the match, the Umpire must issue a Red Card to the player and the player is suspended for the remainder of the match. Points received for both Yellow Cards must be recorded on the Match Game Cards. The automatic 1 round suspension would only apply if both Yellow cards were adjudged as 5 point offenses (unless the player has accumulated other points which now total over the 10 point total).

12 INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

- 12.1 Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of ten (12) players per match (including a goal keeper), a maximum of six (6) on the court (including a goal keeper) at any one time. All interchanges shall be under the rules of the current FIH Indoor Hockey Rules book (unless otherwise stipulated by the Indoor Hockey Committee)

13 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 13.1 The Indoor Selection Committee (consisting of the Illawarra Indoor Coaching Coordinator, appointed coach & one senior Indoor Committee member) shall select representative squads and teams as and when directed by the Indoor Committee. Such squads and teams shall be chosen from all players competing in the Illawarra Indoor competition. The Indoor Committee may consider other players not playing in the Illawarra Indoor Competition on the basis of previous loyalty to Illawarra Indoor Hockey (in this case, players must register with Illawarra Indoor Hockey and pay the appropriate IMH Inc. levy). Any player not available for selection shall notify the Indoor Committee of their unavailability.
- 13.2 Current players registered with Illawarra Men's Hockey Incorporated as their home association (to play either Field or Indoor Hockey) will not be approved by the Indoor Committee to play for another Indoor Hockey team at any state Indoor Hockey Championship in the same division as an Illawarra Indoor Hockey Team. Any requests for transfer must be made in writing to the Illawarra Indoor Hockey Committee (via the Chairperson) giving reasons for the request.
- 13.3 Team Coaches and Team Managers will be called for as early as practical prior to the New South Wales Indoor Championships and will be appointed by the Indoor Committee. Team Coaches & Managers are to arrange trial & training matches (in conjunction with the Indoor

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Committee) prior to the New South Wales Indoor Championships in each year. Coach & Manager Positions will be held for the one championship, after which positions will again be made available.

- 13.4 Team Coaches and Team Managers will be required to write a brief account of the NSW State Championship they attended and email their report to the Indoor Director which will then be made available to other Illawarra Indoor committee members. The purpose of the report is for historical reasons as well as feedback to the selectors on players or the committee on processes that worked and that may need improving.
- 13.5 Players will be required to pay such costs as stipulated to cover expenses for representative fixtures.
- 13.6 The Selectors, in conjunction the team coach, shall appoint a team captain and vice captain (if applicable). In the event of a coach being a member of a representative team, the coach shall automatically become captain.
- 13.7 Team Managers shall be responsible for the conduct of team members, and shall be responsible for such disciplinary action as may be necessary, and shall report on the conduct and discipline of the team to the Indoor Committee (in writing after the championships). Team Managers are also required to carry out all administrative details for the championship (such as players having correct playing uniform, player names on game cards, etc.)

14 PENALTIES

14.1 Penalties will apply for each offense:

- Failure to umpire or supply an appropriate umpire as stipulated by the draw.

Penalty: LOSS OF ONE (1) COMPETITION POINT.

- A team playing a suspended player.

Penalty: LOSS OF COMPETITION POINTS GAINED FOR THAT MATCH.

Their opponents shall be awarded the points for the match and the match classified as a forfeit.

- Failure to fill out the list of players on the supplied score sheet **OR** including players on the sheet and showing them as played when they did not play.

Penalty: LOSS OF ONE (1) COMPETITION POINT.

- Captains (or team representative) must ensure the team sheet is signed after their game.

Penalty: LOSS OF ONE (1) COMPETITION POINT.

- Teams failing to perform the Team Duty responsibilities for their respective game.

Penalty: LOSS OF ONE (1) COMPETITION POINT.

15 UMPIRES

- 15.1 The Illawarra Indoor Committee strongly support our Indoor umpires. Any physical or verbal abuse of our umpires will be dealt with by the Indoor Committee swiftly and firmly.
- 15.2 All umpires will be re-reimbursed for matches controlled as per the current Indoor Umpires Incentive Scheme. The amounts will be consistent and may vary from year to year based on the current Indoor Hockey budget allocation. In the 2009 season the payments will be \$20 per game per umpire for Super 4, \$15 per game per umpire for A division & B Division & \$10 per game per umpire for C division. Junior competitions will be paid \$5 per umpire per game (U11 will be paid at \$5 per game as only one umpire is required).
- 15.3 All payments will be made immediately after each game. Umpires need to print their name on the game card before getting paid then find Warren Gale (Director of Indoor / Competitions) for payment.
- 15.4 **IMPORTANT:** All allocated umpires **must** arrange **their own** replacement if unable to carry out their Umpiring responsibility. The replacement umpire must be of an adequate standard (i.e needs to confirm with the Umpiring Coordinator that the replacement umpire is appropriate). Failure to organise an adequate replacement will result in a fine equal to the payment that would have been made.

16 COMPETITION RULES

- 16.1 These Competition Rules have been created to ensure a consistent approach to the administration of Indoor Men's & Junior Hockey in Illawarra. They are not intended to be all encompassing, and can be added to (or amended) by at least three (3) members of the Indoor Committee if the circumstances justify the change. Justification is at the sole discretion of the Indoor Committee.
- 16.2 Any change will be dealt with on a case by case basis and does not automatically imply precedence for any future circumstance.
- 16.3 New copies of these Competition Rules will only be issued during a competition if deemed appropriate by the Indoor Committee.
- 16.4 An updated copy of the Competition Rules is available on the Indoor Hockey Web Site via www.indoorhockey.org.au