

Brisbane Kings Inline Hockey Club



EVENTS

Events include competitive games (eg SEQ junior league, King of the Rink, State Titles) and training sessions (general and specialist).

GAMES

General

A 'sanction' will cover the game events (for example the South-east Queensland (SEQ) junior league, King of the Rink and State Titles competitions), and should be made available to all participants beforehand. Ensure you are familiar with the specific requirements associated with the event including age eligibility and participation eligibility in finals etc.

Specific events are covered by their own objectives and priorities (for example, social/fun, representative selection) and players nominate to participate in these events on that basis.

In participating in the SEQ junior league competition, the objectives of BKILHC are to enable and maximise the involvement of all players, of varying skill levels and experience, who are considered sufficiently proficient to participate as competitive inline hockey members of Skate Australia Inc.

The approach to game planning and player arrangements will be agreed at the beginning of the season. For example with the scenario of one larger team per division, younger players will not (or are very unlikely to) have the opportunity to "play up" and the focus will be on maximising equal time for team players. With the scenario of two smaller teams per division, the exact arrangements will be agreed on a season-by-season basis, however the general objective is to maximise player time in their own age division, for example, limit teams to 8 players. The number of players required for (and therefore paying additional fees for) playing will also balance maximising opportunity to further develop skills and ensuring sufficient eligible players to meet any sanction requirements at playoffs and finals. As a result, the fees for training and playing in a higher division may be significantly less, where a roster system applies, as playing up in every game may not be a "right".

SEQ junior league team selection

Member feedback and numbers of sufficiently proficient prospective players will determine whether the club proposes to submit 1 or 2 teams per division in the SEQ junior league competition each year.

Where BKILHC is submitting more than one team in a particular division, in developing team composition parameters will include:

1. As a non-negotiable - maintaining siblings on the same colour team (meaning teams cannot be fully A and B graded due to variations in experience and capabilities)
2. Spread of goalies
3. Coordination of coaches and players eg where coach is also a player, and ensuring appropriate spread of coaching experience
4. Even spread of players suited to / with a preference for "playing up"
5. Specific requests / preferences of parents, players and coaches (that are to remain confidential)
6. Continuity of teams - so players progress each year with the same team mates through the junior league, where desired

7. Even spread of players with position preferences, however, the objective at club level is to facilitate players exposure to all available positions (forward / defence / goalie) in order that they may experience these options in determining where they may wish to focus their skills at higher levels.

Procedures at games – parents

Parents please support your child's team, manager and coaches by following these procedures:

1. Please email, text or phone your team manager if your child will be absent from a game.
2. Ensure your player reports to their manager on arrival at the rink and takes a full water bottle with them to the bench (or hand to manager for younger players).
3. Players aged 16 years and under are not to be left unattended at the rink, if you leave, ensure you allocate responsibility for decision making to another parent / adult carer etc, for example in the case of serious injury.
4. Please sit in public areas, safely back from the net, and do not pass areas marked for players/coaches/officials only.
5. Encourage your child when they may feel less enthusiastic eg in taking on alternate roles where required to enable a viable team, and help them in understanding their 'fair role' when they may wish to have greater participation eg promoting equal amount of time on the rink across experience and abilities / opportunities to play up.

Procedures at games – players

1. Arrive in plenty of time and report to your manager on arrival.
2. Be fully dressed and ready for coaches address and warm up 10 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR GAME.
3. Ensure you have and are wearing all your protective gear correctly and have a water bottle. Do not remove your helmet while on an unprotected bench.
4. Follow the advice of your coach and manager while on the bench. Do not leave the bench during the game, including at half time. If you need water or have a problem with your equipment or are unwell/injured advise your manager.

TRAINING SESSIONS

General

The following policies and procedures have been developed for the safety of you and your child and to ensure all participants get the most out of the available training sessions.

The purpose of the training sessions is to enable players to develop individual and team skills and get to know and develop as a team with their co-players and coaches.

Regular attendance is encouraged to assist both the individual player and their team and coach to realise these objectives.

If an 'excess' of potential players to play up exists at any point on game day, the coach has the discretion to nominate players based on positive training attendance, while taking into account (ie not penalising) legitimate absences.

Procedures at training – parents

1. Please email, text or phone your team manager if your child will be absent from training, that way we don't worry about you, and the coach and manager understand your absence.
2. Players are not to enter the rink until their names are marked off on the attendance register. As this is the record of attendance for insurance purposes, please ensure this is completed before your child enters the rink.
3. Players aged 16 years and under are not to be left unattended at the rink, if you leave, ensure you allocate responsibility for decision making to another parent / adult carer etc, for example in the case of serious injury.
4. Please sit on the kiosk side rather than the bench side, for your safety and to enable clear access to bench areas for players and coaches. Stay the required distance back from the nets.
5. Only players, coaches and required/invited officials are to enter the bench area (ie past the skate hire counter) during training sessions, again for safety and to enable unimpeded access to and management of training sessions. Please ensure others - younger siblings for example, do not enter this area. If a

player requires assistance in the bench area, for example to borrow equipment from the storeroom, please speak to a team manager or member of the Management Committee for assistance. Do not pass water bottles on to the rink.

6. If you have an enquiry or issue you wish to raise while at the training session, please direct this to your team manager or a member of the Management Committee, who will then raise this with the coach if required. As the coach is obliged to be on the rink running the training session for the safety and benefit of all players in a timely fashion, please avoid conversations immediately beforehand that may hinder this.

Procedures at training – players

1. Game rules http://skateaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2014_ILHA_Rule_Book.pdf apply during training sessions, for example, players may receive a penalty as 'time on the bench' for contravening rules or instructions. So the penalties that apply are:
 - a. MINOR penalty (such as tripping, not listening to coach) - sit for 2 minutes
 - b. MISCONDUCT penalty (such as intentionally tripping another player, deliberately ignoring the coach) - sit for 10 minutes
 - c. MAJOR penalty (such as intentional harm of another player) - sit for remainder of training session
 - d. GAME MISCONDUCT penalty (such as official abuse of coach or threatening another player) - removed from training session and ordered to get changed.
2. Players cannot participate in a training session with players more than one age division above or below them (ie as per sanction for games) eg an U9 and an U13 player cannot train together, and an U11 and an U16 player cannot train together. This policy may be reviewed in specific circumstances eg at end of season if participation rates are low (for drills only, not for scrimmage events).
3. Follow the instructions of coaches at all times. See Code of Conduct for further details.
4. When off rink, please follow all directions of managers, BKILHC Management Committee members and rink owners. Players are not to play with pucks off rink for safety of others. Skate centre rules apply off rink.
5. Be ready to take the rink at your allotted time. Take your drink bottle bench-side. Do not take your water bottle on to the rink. Preferably you should not need to leave the rink/bench-side during your training session. Remember, you only have a limited training opportunities, so make the most of them.
6. Ensure you are wearing all protective gear while on the rink. Goalies, if you need to remove either your helmet, blocker or catcher, move off the rink first, do not remove any equipment while in the net area.