



Parkes Hockey Incorporated

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 1-1 Membership fees will be set annually with the first instalment paid prior to the first round commencing.

MEETING FINES

- 2-1 Each team who fails to have at least one (1) representative present at meetings shall be fined \$20.00 for non-attendance. The fine must be paid prior to the next PHI meeting. If a 2nd meeting in succession is missed, the fine will be doubled and three (3) competition points will be deducted from the team.

COMPETITIONS

- 3-1 Parkes Hockey Incorporated shall hold a winter competition for all men, women and junior players. This competition shall be held during the months of March through to September.
- 3-2.1 The Executive shall at their discretion hold summer and/or pre-season competitions.
- 3-2.2 The Executive shall, at its discretion and approval of the teams concerned, commit Association or Club teams to other external competitions (e.g Western Premier League, Western Masters League). Such teams are to be bound by the rules and by laws of that external competition.

PLAY

- 4-1 Members of PHI shall play according to the current HNSW Rules and subsequent changes of those rules will automatically apply where the Association can viably facilitate them.

FEES

- 5-1 The fees for each winter competition shall be determined at the first (1st) monthly meeting after Hockey Australia/Hockey NSW determine their fees.
- 5-2 Payment of fees shall be made in two (2) instalments as follows:
- a. First (1st) instalment of fees are to be paid online via Revolutionise before the player takes the field for their first (1st) competition game.
 - b. Second (2nd) instalment of the remaining fees to be paid six (6) weeks into the competition before the player takes the field for the sixth (6th)

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- competition round.
- c. Receipts of payment will be automatically generated through Revolutionise.
- 5-3 Any player failing to pay the prescribed fees shall not take the field until all outstanding fees are paid. Any team found to be playing unfinancial players will lose the points awarded for that game and three (3) goals.
- 5-4 Turf fees shall be set each year at the first (1st) general meeting after the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 5-5 Umpire fees shall be set at the first (1st) general meeting after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be paid to the umpires at the completion of the regular season. All umpire fees for semi finals, finals and grand finals shall be paid to the umpires on the day of the semi final, final and grand final.
- 5-6 Any refund of paid fees will be at the discretion of the Executive.

TURF RULES - (Competitions, Training, etc)

- 6-1 Every user of the turf may be billed for turf use.
- 6-2 Teams wishing to book the turf for training must submit a request in writing to the turf booking officer prior to the start date the turf is required and not before December of the previous year.
- 6-3 Teams may be required to change booking times/time slots if requested by the Executive members due to the noise curfew and/or demand for the turf.
- 6-4 No-one is to be playing on the turf during half time and between games.
- 6-5 All players must wear appropriate turf shoes when using the turf.
- 6-6 There is no smoking or vaping at all inside the hockey complex and no glass bottles are to be brought into the complex. Anyone found to be breaching these rules may be barred or suspended.

UNIFORMS

- 7-1 All teams must have uniforms registered with PHI and a description of the uniform to be worn by each team is to be given to the secretary with the nomination forms before it can be used in competition play.

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- 7-2 Any clash of uniforms shall be settled by the team who obtained and registered their team uniform last, having to play in a different colour on that day.
- 7-3 All teams must be in full uniform within three (3) weeks of the competition commencing.
- 7-4 No player shall wear track pants, except the goalkeeper. Should players wear tights/skins, a skirt or shorts must be worn over the top.

MATCH CARDS

- 8-1 Match cards shall be made available at control prior to the commencement of matches. All players must sign the match card prior to taking the field. Any team that receives a forfeit will have their whole team deemed available, therefore the game counts towards the six (6) games required for finals. Players in the forfeiting team do not receive a game towards the six (6) games.
- 8-2 Match cards shall be kept by control and scores entered on them. Umpires must sign cards and enter/check any suspensions before they leave the ground. Umpires must also enter best and fairest points for the match.
- 8-3 All injuries and treatment must be recorded on the match card.

UMPIRE DUTIES

- 9-1 All umpires shall be responsible to supply all their own umpiring equipment.
- 9-2 Senior teams are required to pay umpire fees per game and these fees are incorporated into the annual fees.
- 9-3 Junior teams shall be exempt from umpire fees.
- 9-4 Umpire payments will be set at the first monthly meeting each year. Money shall be paid at the end of the regular season and after each game during the final series.
- 9-5 Any player not meeting their umpire commitments shall be suspended from playing one competition week. If an umpire is a non-playing umpire that does not meet the umpire commitment, the team contact shall be suspended from playing one competition week.
- 9-6 Any club who fails in their junior umpire commitments shall be fined \$50.00

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per umpire.

- 9-7 Umpires shall adhere to accepted standards of conduct as recommended in the NSW Rules of Hockey. In the event of a breach of standards of conduct, and following a written complaint to PHI by a captain or captains of the teams involved in the game in which the breach occurred, the umpire involved shall be required to appear before the Judiciary Committee which may recommend an appropriate penalty. Written complaints must be received within 72 hours of the alleged offence.
- 9-8 No junior shall be permitted to umpire Senior matches unless prior approval is sought from the Senior or Junior Umpire Convenor.

POINT SCORES

- 10-1 In all official matches, points shall be awarded as follows:
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| a. | Win | 3 points |
| b. | Draw | 2 points |
| c. | Loss | 1 point |
| d. | Forfeit | 0 points |
| e. | Bye | 0 points |
| f. | Washout or unfinished game | 2 points |

FORFEITS

- 11-1 Any team that forfeits shall be liable for a fine of \$50.00 unless 24 hours notification is given to umpires/control duties/opposing team and Men's/ Women's Director.
- 11-2 Teams receiving the forfeit shall receive 3 win points and receive 3 goals.
- 11-3 Teams shall require a minimum of 7 players at all times and shall be permitted five (5) minutes after the start of the game to commence play. Teams do not require a goalkeeper.
- 11-4 Teams playing illegal players shall forfeit that game. Points shall be allocated as per By Law 11-2.

SEMI FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

- 12-1 No player shall be permitted to take part in a premiership semi final, final or grand final match unless they have played at least six (6) competition matches with that team.

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- 12-2 The semi finals shall be decided each season, for men and women, depending on team numbers.
- 12-3 In the event of a washed out semi final or final, the game shall be rescheduled to be played within seven (7) days.
- 12-4 In the event of a rescheduled washed out semi final the team on the highest points at the end of the competition shall proceed directly to the grand final. The 2nd team will play the 3rd team in the final. The team in 4th position will drop out of the final series.
- 12-5 In the event of a draw at the end of the match in any of the finals series, the match result will be determined by a penalty shoot-out.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 13-1 Disputes regarding conduct of games and registration of players must take the form of an official protest to PHI within 72 hours.
- 13-2 No player shall play that is not a member of PHI.
- 13-3 Teams playing unregistered player shall lose all points received during the period of playing the unregistered player and shall forfeit all goals.
- 13-4 All team lists must be submitted to the Grading Committee Chairman prior to the competition starting, including all player details.
- 13-5 Any player wishing to play must be registered with their club and his/her name submitted to the Grading Committee and given a clearance to play by that Committee. Notice must be received by the Grading Committee prior to being eligible to play.
- 13-6 Any player transferring from one club to another must obtain a clearance from their previous club and submit it to the Grading Committee Chairman before they can play with the new club. This clearance must be submitted to the Executive.
- 13-7 PHI Grading Policy
 - a. All players will receive a grading of A or B, therefore no top 9 will be required.
 - b. Teams will supply suggested grading of players.
 - c. A grading panel will be formed to review and confirm player gradings. The Grading Committee will first meet 2 weeks prior to the competition

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- commencement date and again 1 week before if required.
- d. The grading panel will be a 5 or 7 member panel with a 4:3 gender ratio.
 - e. Teams can ask for a review of grading with a written submission.
 - f. All reviews/requests must be lodged and finalised by Round 6.
 - g. Any player with an A grading must be registered with and actively playing in an A grade team.
 - h. No A grade player will be permitted to play in B grade unless they meet one or more of the following clauses:
 - players turning 45 (women) and (50 men) in that season, on or before grand final date;
 - A graded goalkeepers are permitted to play as field players in B Grade
 - i. All A grade players who qualify for B grade games, excluding goalkeepers, will have player restrictions when playing in B grade. These include:
 - not allowed in the attacking 25;
 - not permitted to be involved in defensive or attacking penalty corners;
 - cannot take penalty strokes or penalty shoot outs.
 - j. A grade players registered with a club that consists of one or more B grade teams will only be permitted to play in one B grade team within their club. Conversely, B grade players will only be permitted to play in the A grade side attached to their club.
 - k. Single entity teams are only allowed to be affiliated with one A or B grade team and this team cannot already have an existing affiliation with another A or B grade team.
 - l. B grade players will be permitted to play unlimited games in A grade.
 - m. To be considered as having actively played in A grade, A grade players must have played 6 or more A grade matches to be eligible for finals in B grade.
 - n. All players must be registered with one team and will not be permitted to slide between teams in the same grade.
 - o. A grade teams who have two or more B grade teams can only be affiliated with a maximum of two of these B grade teams.
 - p. Once a player subs up or down between grades they will not be permitted to play in any other team.
 - q. B grade sides cannot have more than 2 eligible A grade players listed on a match card and no more than 1 on the field at any one time.
 - r. Clubs who field 2 or more teams in one grade, but do not field teams in both A and B grade are not permitted to play up or down with another team.
 - s. If a B grade player qualifies for their B grade team they qualify for the final series with the A grade team by playing only one A grade game.
 - t. Any player registered in an A grade team who has been graded B can

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sub down to only one of their club's B grade teams as often as required.

- u. All exemptions are to be submitted to the Grading Committee for approval/decline and must be received one week prior to the monthly meeting before the final series commences. This is so the Grading Committee's decision can be tabled at the meeting for members to be able to submit a protest if they disagree with the decision before finals start.
- v. Any team nominated at the commencement of the season can only change club affiliation prior to the second week of competition. If they are unable to complete the season, the team is to fold and individual players can request to transfer to another club/team.

13-8 Once registered with a team in the local competition, Premier League players may play only with that team in local competition matches for the remainder of the season. Any player over 18 years of age that plays a premier league match can no longer drop back 2 grades, unless a special exemption is granted by the executive. Any player that is under 18 years of age and plays five (5) games or more in the premier league competition will be graded as a premier league player. This clause may be waived for under 18 (junior) players and goalkeepers following discussion at a grading meeting as the need arises.

13-9 Players who are 45 years (women) and 50 years and older (men) are automatically graded as a B grade player.

ABANDONMENT OF MATCHES

14-1 Provision will be made for matches to be postponed in light of prevailing weather conditions with the decision to be made by the Executive Committee.

14-2 In the event of storms with lightning, the umpires and/or Executive Committee will be responsible for calling players from the field in accordance with the relevant Hockey NSW policy which states, "The lightning safety code is based on the 30/30 rule which calls for play to be stopped when the lightning/thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less i.e. the time the lightning is 10km away and the next strike has a 'significant risk' of hitting the people who have seen the lightning and heard the thunder. Play should not commence until 30 minutes after the latest lightning strike and thunder."

14-3 If during a match of the senior competition, there is an injury or there are weather conditions prevailing that would make the continuation of such match or matches dangerous to the participants the following decisions and results should apply:

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- a. If at least 75% of any match has been completed, the remaining time of such match should be abandoned and the score at such time should be treated as the final result of the said match. The time at which the match is abandoned shall be noted on the card and endorsed by the umpires and team captains.
- b. Any matches commenced and then abandoned prior to the 75% of time being played, and any matches scheduled after the announcement of the abandonment of competition for the day, should be played at a time and on a day designated by PHI with the participating teams being given where possible at least five (5) days written notice of the scheduling of such a match.
- c. The results of any matches fully completed prior to the decision to abandon matches shall stand as indicated on the match card at the completion of such matches.
- d. Any full round of competition postponed due to the prevailing weather conditions will be scheduled at a time designated by the Executive Committee.

GENERAL

- 15-1 All teams shall be required to supply at least one (1) white dimple ball per game.
- 15-2 All fundraising by clubs carried out at the ground must first obtain permission from the PHI Executive Committee.
- 15-3 All clubs shall be rostered for control and canteen duties and each club that fails to meet their commitments shall be fined \$50.00 per duty.
- 15-4 Teams wishing to play off the day must:
- a. play the match before the next round commences;
 - b. inform the match committee;
 - c. be responsible to hand in the match card to the match card holder;
 - d. arrange your own umpires.
- If a scheduled match cannot be played before the commencement of the next round, the deferring team will be deemed to have forfeited.
- 15-5 Point system for suspensions:
- a.

Yellow Card	5 points
Red Card	15 points
 - b. Each player shall be permitted fifteen (15) points and once a player has reached the fifteen (15) points, they will receive an automatic one (1) week suspension.

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- c. Players receiving a red card shall be penalised as per PHI Constitution (Section 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6)

15-6 A, A reserve I junior teams in the PHI junior competitions are required to field
a goalkeeper. For junior teams, the goalkeeping gear shall be provided by PHI.

15-7 All players that are under 18 must wear mouth guard and shin pads unless they have a medical certificate stating otherwise.

15-8 When there is a contradiction to these By Laws, PHI may refer to the Hockey NSW Policies and Guidelines.