

# **ILHQ Senior League Policies and Procedures 2023**

## **Playing up / Changing Divisions**

Floor players can play 4 games in a higher division but must move up to that higher division on playing the 5<sup>th</sup> game.

From season to season, a player may move more than 1 division up or 1 division down from the previous season.

## **Goalie Substitutions**

Super League, AAA, AA, A:

Teams may use goalies from a lower division or from within the same division provided both captains agree, and officials (referees and scorer) have been informed prior to the start of game (must be noted on scoresheet).

Where a goalie is being used from within the same division, a forfeit will result when no agreement has been reached between captains and/or referee and scorer have not been informed

B Grade:

B league may use a goalie from within the same division (without opposing team approval) or a lower division (Jnrs 16U), provided the goalie is at least 15 yrs of age.

## **Finals Eligibility**

The onus is on the team captain to monitor their team compliance with player exemptions and qualifications for playoffs etc. An official may alert a captain to a potential discrepancy in eligibility and notate this on the game sheet for investigation by the Referee in Chief - it is at the captain's discretion if and how they continue with the game and team composition, acknowledging the potential for a forfeit.

Eligibility for playoffs is when a player/goalie has participated in 50% plus 1 game in that division for that team during the season. In the event of an odd number of total games, eligibility requirements will be rounded down ie 50% +1 of 17 games would be 9 games.

Requests for dispensation should be made in writing to [ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com](mailto:ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com) as early as possible in the season. No requests will be considered less than 2 weeks before the playoff games commence for that division.

## **Player Substitutions**

Senior teams who have 4 or less floor players may enlist players from teams in the same division to build their team to 5 floor players.

- In times of extreme heat the head referee may at their own discretion (after consultation with the captains), relax this to 6 players on health and safety grounds.

- In the interests of facilitating a competitive and viable game, a team may on occasion request substitutes to make up to 6 floor players - this is permitted (i.e. without causing an exemption) at the opposing team's discretion where the opposing team captain agrees. This is to be clearly communicated with the officials and notated on the game sheet.
- As players from a lower division can play 4 games in a higher division, these players are not calculated as part of the maximum 5. For example a team has 4 players, it may enlist 1 player from the same division and any number of players from a lower division.

Should a team need substitutes on a regular basis ILHQ may work to include additional permanent players on the team or require a team amalgamation.

To provide development opportunities for younger players, Junior and Junior A league aged players, playing in the senior league, but not in the SL division, may nominate to join a pool of substitute SL players. Players in this pool are not limited to a maximum of 4 games in SL.

## **Forfeits**

To support the viability of rink operators, all forfeits (regardless of when notified) require the forfeiting team to pay the rink hire for the missed game.

Full game fees for both teams must be paid by the forfeiting team for any cancellations with less than 2 weeks' notice under Digi Skate's new forfeit policy.

Should a team need to forfeit a game, as much prior warning (no less than 2 weeks) should be provided in writing to [ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com](mailto:ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com) to avoid inconvenience to the opposing team and enable games to be rescheduled with other teams if necessary.

Payments are to be made via bank transfer, or to the scorer, prior to the commencement of the team's next game.

Should a forfeit be made at the end of the season, payment of the forfeit fee must be made via bank transfer for the team to be included in the draw for the subsequent season.

## **Game Fees**

All teams are to pay the game fee to the scorer before the commencement of the game. Payment can be made either by Eftpos (one payment per team) or in Cash.

- Full season game fees may be paid in advance. Contact [ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com](mailto:ilhskatequeensland@gmail.com)

## **Player Transfers During the Season**

A player may move from one team to another (either within the same division or between divisions, if in accordance with the relevant policy). When transferring between teams, ILHQ are to be provided written advice of the move and that is to include both the existing and receiving team, who are to agree to the transfer.

## **Player skill level and Safety**

Players may elect to play in a certain division/team for a variety of reasons.

For example, to play with friends or family, to mentor younger/less experienced players, or due to other commitments the evening that a certain division plays on suits them better. There is the flexibility to accommodate some breadth of skill levels in a division.

More skilled players are to play in a manner appropriate to the skills of the division. Intimidating or aggressive play will not be tolerated (and players playing both ice and inline are reminded to modify their playing style and avoid body checking).

As the season progresses, should a player be clearly too skilled (or not skilled enough) to play in a division and there are concerns this may impact on their and other players' safety or enjoyment of the game, then they may be asked to relocate to a division that better aligns with their skill level.